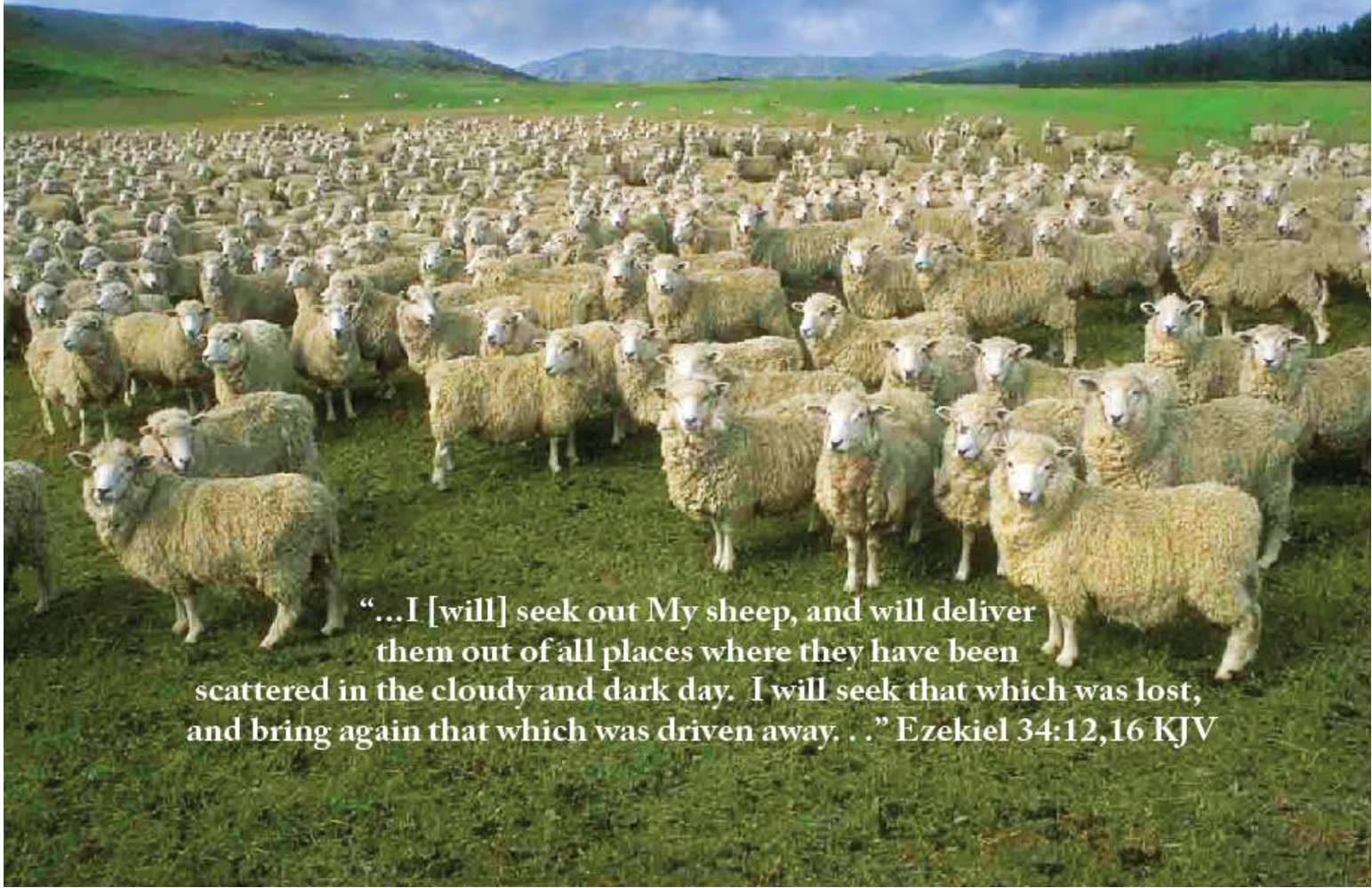


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“...I [will] seek out My sheep, and will deliver
them out of all places where they have been
scattered in the cloudy and dark day. I will seek that which was lost,
and bring again that which was driven away. . .” Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV

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Christ's Tremendous Return!



By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong 1985

Feast of Trumpets

Well, brethren, we are gathered here today on a very solemn Sabbath day. I doubt if we fully realize just how serious and how solemn it is. I hope I can make that a little more plain and simple to you this afternoon.

We are here to be reminded of the day that is a foreshadow of the most tremendous event that has ever happened in the history, not of mankind, not of this earth, but the most important event that has ever happened in the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! And I don't think you've ever realized that full scope before. I want you to realize it this afternoon.

The event we're here to celebrate in one sense is the greatest event that has ever happened in the history of the entire universe, except that God has always existed and has always lived. And that was not a beginning. There was no beginning and there will never be an ending because God was without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor shall ever have an end of life.

But I'm reminded of the time when I was advertising manager and editorial writer on a daily newspaper. And one day about four or five of us were having a little sort of a talk. They were the newsmen, the editors and the news writers, and they were discussing what would be the most astonishing and the GREATEST headline that you could possibly write on a newspaper. And one of them suggested, and by the way this was before World War II, one of them suggested "Another World War Breaks Out," the Second World War.

Another one said, "I think something else would be even more shocking, 'New York City Suddenly Blown Entirely Off the Map, New York City Totally Leveled!'"

Then another said, "Ah that's tame. He said I think the most important headline would be 'Second Coming of Christ Happened this Morning.'" Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

And they all had a big laugh, except me. I said, "You men, if you live long enough, may live to write that headline." And they didn't laugh any further because to them it was a big joke, but, brethren, I want to tell you, it's no joke!

But why could the Second Coming of Christ be the most important event that has ever happened in the ENTIRE UNIVERSE? I don't think you've heard it put that way before. I doubt if many of you understand

the real reason why it is that important.

You know I've mentioned many times how Winston Churchill said before the United States Congress during World War II, "There is a purpose being worked out here below." You know, somehow he knew there was a purpose being worked out, but and "here below," means there was a Super Power above working it out. He didn't know much about that power. He didn't know what that purpose was and very few people on earth do know. And very few people even realize there is any purpose to life or any purpose being worked out.



A Deceived and Blinded World

Now about the Second Coming of Christ, when they asked Jesus, "Teach us to pray," He gave what is generally called the "Lord's Prayer," although it isn't the real Lord's Prayer. The REAL Lord's Prayer is found in the 17th chapter of John. But He taught us to pray a few things, about four or five things there, among which was **"THY KINGDOM COME, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."**

Do you know the churches don't pray that? They don't understand that God's Kingdom has not come and is going to come. They think it's already here. They say they're in the kingdom. Some say the church is the kingdom. Some say that, well, the kingdom's something in the hearts of men. They have every kind of wrong idea, but none of them seems to understand it.

They don't understand the prophecy of Isaiah the ninth chapter, verses 6 and 7, where it says that a virgin is going to conceive and bear a Son and His name will be called, now that's in the seventh chapter of Isaiah, but the ninth chapter, that the nation Israel would have a child that would be born as a baby and would grow up and **the government would be on His shoulder**, that He would live forever and His Kingdom would last forever and ever.

They don't seem to know that that's in the Bible, and they don't understand it. They have been deceived. They just think that we live. They don't know how we came to be on earth. They don't know of any purpose in life. They think if you do good you'll go to heaven when you die, and if you do what you think is wrong, and of course YOU decide what's right and wrong for yourself, but if you do what you think and what you know is wrong, then you're gonna go to hell where you're going to burn and burn and burn and burn and never burn up and just keep burning forever, shrieking and screaming in pain forever and ever and ever.

And, of course, if that were true, then the same mothers who had gone to heaven will see some of their children down their shrieking because they seem to be able to see them and know what's going on.

Well, this world has been terribly deceived, and they just simply don't understand.

Some look at the passage in the 14th chapter of John where Jesus said He was going to heaven and He said if I go that He would come again, but they forget about His coming again. But He said in My Father's house are many mansions.

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Now if you will go to the original Greek in which that was written, you will find it means positions, occupations, positions of government. Not houses to live in, nailed out of wood or of stone or brick, but positions, and some can't understand if He went to prepare those places why we don't go onto heaven, and then He said, "I will come again and receive you unto Myself," and so **they think that when He comes He's only coming to meet us as we take off to heaven.**

They overlook I Thessalonians in the fourth chapter where it says that at that time the dead in Christ will be resurrected, and they shall rise first, and we which are alive will not prevent or precede their coming. They will rise first. And we which are alive and remain shall be instantly translated from mortal into immortal and shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to MEET THE LORD in the air.

He's not coming to meet us as we go to heaven. We're going to meet Him as He returns to the earth, but WHERE DOES HE GO? Zechariah 14 says that **that very same day we're going to meet Him in the air in the clouds and He's coming on down from those clouds and land on the Mount of Olives just to the east of Jerusalem, and they overlook that entirely.** They only read a FEW of the scriptures. They leave out the ones that would entirely . . .

made everything they had claimed and everything they believe.

A Needed Background for Understanding

But why is it of such great importance? Why do I say that it will be the greatest event in the entire universe so far? To understand that, we have to go back to the very beginning, and I want to go through it and skip through it real rapidly. We need to have a background. You need to get the whole picture. We can get little details. You can get lost in the detail if you don't know what goes around and what's on the other side. The old saying, "The bear went over the mountain." He went over the mountain to see what he could see, and the other side of the mountain was all that he could see when he went over it.

Well, most people don't know anything except what they see immediately around them. We need to go back in time. We need to go out in space. We need to get the WHOLE picture, and in that whole picture I want to give you something that perhaps you hadn't realized before quite this afternoon. I said a while ago that God and the Word, that in the Greek language is called the Logos, who was with God and was God, but another personage all together and the Logos became flesh and dwelt among us and became Jesus Christ. And of Him it is said in the book of Hebrews that He was without

father, without mother, without descent, without beginning of days or end of life. The same is true of God the Father.

Now, in Him was life. In the Father was life, and if He had life, He had movement and action, and He was doing something. Well, when Jesus was on earth, He said, "I work and My Father works." They did work, but what did they, how did they work? What did they do?



Well, we find the Bible reveals they were Creators. Now they had a job to do and there were two of them. They were two different personages and yet both were God. The Word was with God, but the Word also was God and so God is God and the Word is God.

Well, I am Armstrong, and my two sons were Armstrong, and all of my male grandsons are Armstrongs, but they're different people.

And so the Word finally became the Son of God by being born of the human virgin Mary, but He had existed from eternity with God. Now, what did they do? Way back there before He became Jesus Christ, and that was before there was any earth. That's before there was any universe. They were Creators and to create they had to think out a plan and the design and design what was to be created. They had to create whatever

was made. At first, it was spirit. I was going to say the material that anything they created was made of, but angels are not material even. They're spirit beings.

Now the first thing that the God family, and God is a family, the first thing that the God family, God and the Word, created was angels. Now if they're working to do something, they have to have some kind of relationship in the way that they work together and do it. And two cannot walk together except they be agreed. Well, they were PERFECTLY agreed. Jesus was the Word, but He said, **"I have spoken nothing except what My Father told Me to speak."** He said, **"I have kept My Father's Commandments."** He said, **"My Father is greater than I."**

At another time He thought it not robbery to say that He was EQUAL with His Father. He was EQUAL, in the family sense, just as a son may be equal to his human father. He's a human being the same as his human father is, but he's not equal in authority. And Jesus was not quite equal in AUTHORITY, but He was as a Being. And finally, AFTER He had been born human and after He had ascended up to heaven where He said He would go and that He would come again, **God had turned ALL POWER in heaven and in earth, in the ENTIRE UNIVERSE over to Jesus Christ,** but He STILL operates it and does everything He does as His Father dictates.

Two can't walk together except they be agreed. Again let me tell you, two cannot walk together except one is the

leader, the boss. People don't believe that today. God made the husband the head of the wife. You'll never find a real happy marriage unless the husband is the head of the wife. They might even get along to a certain extent. They might kid themselves they're happy, but they're not AS happy, and they don't know happiness unless they are happy in the way God intended them to be.



Now the wife is equal with her husband. She's a human being the same as he is. She's an heir of salvation the same as he is, but he is the leader. Jesus is equal with God the Father. He is God, but God is in charge. They are NOT equal in authority.

Now the first thing that They created was angels, and each angel was created separately and individually. Angels were not reproduced or born as humans are. Each one of us humans has come from a mother impregnated by a father, and it took a father and a mother to produce each one of us. Angels have no father or mother, except that in the sense of being their Creator they have been called sons of God, as you find in the first chapter of Job. But we also find in Job 38 that at the time of the creation of the earth the angels were singing and the archangels shouting for joy because this earth was made to be their abode.

Now God created the earth. Well, how did the sun and the moon get there? How did Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, the other planets of our solar system? How did they come to exist? How did our whole system which is part of a Milky Way, which is one galaxy, come to exist? And there are many other galaxies besides the galaxy of which our Milky Way is one, and our solar system is even part of that. GOD CREATED IT ALL!

And in Ephesians 3 and verse 7 I believe it is, **God created ALL THINGS BY AND THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!** So, in a sense, Jesus Christ was the Maker, but He only made by His word. He spake and it was done, and He only spoke what the Father told Him to speak. There was complete harmony and unity.

How did they live together? They lived in LOVE. Love one to the other. The Son loved the Father and obeyed Him. The Father loved the Son and when He became Jesus and was born and was being baptized and was being baptized in the River Jordan, God the Father said, "You are My BELOVED Son in Whom I am well pleased." He LOVED the Son. Jesus loved the Father and obeyed Him. There was absolute cooperation.

Now how did They live? They lived by the way of love which is cooperation, mutual respect, working together, but one in leadership. **And in the Bible we read that there is ONE LAWGIVER. Jesus Christ is not that Lawgiver. God the Father is the Lawgiver, but God the Father judges no man. He turns all judgment over to Jesus Christ the Son.** So there is organization, and there had to be organization and to have organization you have to have some sort of government. You

have to have a structure by which people operate together or you have friction and run against the other and finally anarchy and self-destruction.

Now the way they operated together was love, and love is an outgoing concern toward the other. That becomes a law because what is a law now? When I made a very short address before the graduate school of the constitutional law department of the law school of the University of Southern California, I gave them a definition of law, and I said, "I'm not a lawyer. I haven't studied your law books here, but I have studied a law book that," I said, "you may not even have in your library here, but it's the foundation of all law books. It's one called the Holy Bible, and it speaks about law from the very beginning to the very end, all the way through. And lawyers ought to know what it says about law if they want to know about law."



You know later they did look it up and found one copy of that book in the whole library of the law library of the University of Southern California? So they told us that they were ordering I think about a dozen more of Bibles.

Well, law is merely the rules of human conduct. It's a rule which if you violate it, brings with it a penalty. Now, you might call the rules of a football game, and football is just on now, I guess, the rules are a law, and if there is a violation, if a man is off side, that's a violation. They fine that team by a five-yard penalty. There are certain other violations, if they violate that law or that rule it could be 10 or 15 yards. A law brings penalty, and a law is merely rules of human performance or conduct.

Now, the first thing that God created was angels. He had a law that they should love one another, and love is an outgoing thing from one TOWARD others, of having concern for the welfare of the other. That's what it amounts to, and cooperation with the other, being a kindly feeling toward the other, not hostility, just the opposite, but rather cooperation. That was the relationship between God and the Word, and it was cooperation.

Now I've gone over all this before, and I'm going to go over some more of this because I want to come to something. So God put angels on this earth, perhaps a third of them because a third of them went wrong, and I would assume that probably those were the third that were on the earth.

Anyway, He put a super archangel, and there are three kinds of angels – ordinary angels and seraphs and then cherubs. Cherubs are the highest, and only three of them are mentioned in the Bible. If God has created more, He doesn't tell us, but He does mention the three and give us their names. They're Michael and Gabriel and Lucifer. And Lucifer is the one who was one of two whose wings had spread out over the very throne of God in God's heaven, and God's heaven, I guess you would think of it as being on a planet where gravity keeps drawing it down.



But you see originally there was no earth. There was no matter of any kind. Everything was spirit out in space, but there was a throne of God and God is Ruler.

And the very fact that God began to create others, there had to be rules that applied to their conduct one with the other so they could work together and do what they were given to do. And that means government, and the government is based on the principle of love.

Now for humans, that is given in the Ten Commandments, the first four of which

tell us how to love God, define love or that is the general principles of love toward God and the last six give the general principles of how we love neighbors. But that's only in principle, and sin is the transgression of the law, and sin is transgression of the obvious intent or principle of that law, not just the letter of the law as we understand it, and you'll read of that in the third chapter of II Corinthians, but God had to have organization.

Now when He created the earth, He created the entire universe at the same time. In Genesis 1 verse 1, **"In the beginning,"** Elohim which is

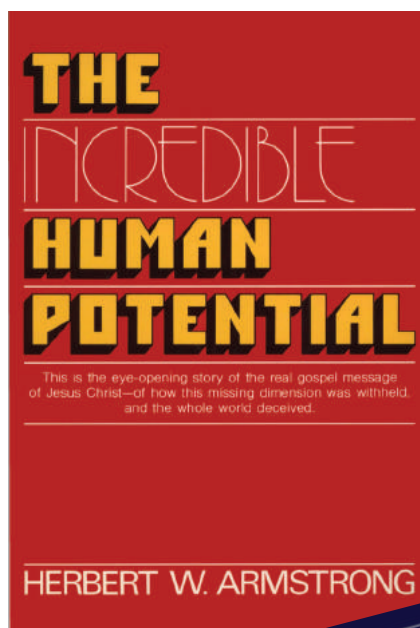
translated as the English word **"God,"** and it should be "Gods," it's in the plural, **"created the heavens,"** and that should be plural. It is in the original language as Moses wrote it, **"and the earth."**

So the heavens, everything in the whole universe was created at the same general time. Now in the second chapter of Genesis, you read about **"in the day,"** in which God created the **"heavens and the earth."** That means the ENTIRE universe, but there "day" doesn't necessarily, "day" is used in two ways in the Bible. Sometimes it's a 24-hour day consisting of a light part we call day and a dark part we call night. The seven days of the first chapter of Genesis were 24-hour days, but here it speaks of "day" in the general sense of an approximate time. That doesn't, that's without regard to whether it is 24 hours

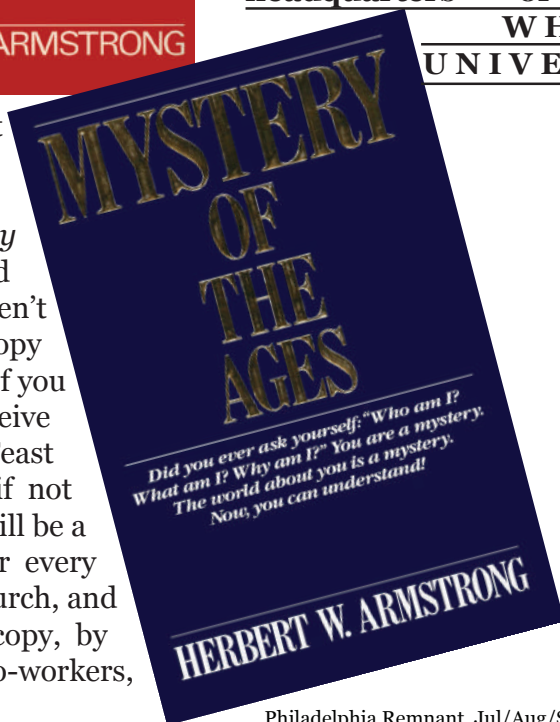


or maybe several days or it could be maybe 24 years or more. It's an approximate, general time.

God created the universe. Now, He had created the whole universe. Now we find that He put the angels on this earth, and we find a great deal of evidence in the Bible, and, of course, I've written on this. It was in the book on the human potential.



You'll also find it in the book that has just been printed [*Mystery of the Ages*], and many of you haven't received your copy as of yet. Some of you have. All will receive it at least at the Feast of Tabernacles if not sooner. There will be a copy at least for every family in the Church, and we're sending a copy, by the way, to all co-workers, too.



The Great Purpose of God

And, anyway, God had a GREAT purpose. When He created the universe, He wanted that universe perfected. Now God creates in dual stages, not all at once. It's like a woman baking a cake. She bakes the cake first, but it's not complete until she takes it out of the oven and then later puts the icing on it.

Now what she takes out of the oven, it's good as far as it's gone, nothing wrong with it. It just needs to be a little something more added to it.

So when God created the heavens and the earth He took one planet and that planet was called earth and THAT planet, God had designed and intended to become His headquarters of the WHOLE UNIVERSE!

Now I don't think you've heard that spoken of before though I think you'll find something spoken of it in the "Human Potential" book.

Now He put angels here to try them to see if they could do what He wanted done. He had created the earth and as far as He went everything that He had done was VERY good. Not ordinary good, VERY GOOD, but it wasn't complete. The icing wasn't on the cake yet.

And He put angels here on the earth. Now He intended angels to work the earth, and the earth, it comes in three different forms: the solid part of the earth which consists of rock and metals – iron, steel all kinds of metals. It consists of dirt, and it consists then of liquid which can be water, oil and various liquids, and it consists of gas, which we call air or gases. For example, one which we call H₂O or water at 212 degrees Fahrenheit it begins to be converted into steam or a gas that goes up and just goes into the air. At below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, it becomes a solid, just like rock, and we call it ice, and you know you can melt gold, you can melt silver, you can melt bronze until they flow just like thick water.

Now, there are forces in the earth. There are elements that produce electricity in the earth. There are elements that can produce GREAT power. Oil can burn. We find elements in the earth that can explode.

Now we find what they can do with an atom and that there is energy and POWER within the matter of the earth.

God intended the angels try out on the earth first before they went to the other planets and the other places in our solar system, in our galaxy called the Milky Way and in other galaxies. This was the try-out, the earth. He wanted them to work the earth and beautify it and improve the face of the surface of the earth and make it more beautiful. Instead, they defiled the earth. They ruined it, and it went into a state of decay, and decay is not a created state. God cannot, never did create anything in a state of decay.

But now while I'm on that, we find that the moon is in a state of decay. I knew all along that Mars and the other planets in our solar system are in a state of decay and when they first landed a camera in an unmanned spacecraft on the face of Mars and it sent photographs back here, we could see nothing but decay.

Now decay is not an original created condition. It has become that way. Instead of improving the earth, the angels destroyed it, and they became demons, and Satan rebelled against the government of God. The government of God would have given them the way of teamwork, of working together, of cooperation, organization to produce the result. Instead of that, there was chaos, and they rebelled

against God and against God's basic principle of government which is LOVE, and they went into competition and strife and hatred and destruction instead of construction.

... if they could finish the earth properly, then they could go to all these other planets and the entire universe and beautify it and perhaps put life forms on all these other planets and all the places in the WHOLE, VAST universe that goes farther than any astronomer even knows.



So He put one man on the earth. Now, in the beginning God had created the heavens and the earth, and He put the angels here, but a lot of things happened between that first verse and the second verse of Genesis 1. The angels had destroyed things, and the Archangel Lucifer had become Satan the devil. The angels were only a third of all of the angels that followed him. He had probably talked them into

it, convinced them, and they became demons, and they were bent on destruction and chaos and not order and beauty and joy and happiness.

And so God in six days renewed the face of the earth, and God said in the first chapter of Genesis verse 26 while He was reshaping the earth after He had brought about life and brought land out from the water, created the sun and the moon to shine on the earth,

had created fish and water animals in the seas, fowl in the air and some on the earth and land animals on the earth and even down to insects and other things.



The Creation of Man

Then God said in verse 26, **“Let Us make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness.” In other words, “Let Us reproduce OURSELVES!”** God CREATED angels, and they turned wrong. Now no one but God Himself now He knew could be depended on and relied upon NEVER to go contrary to His Law of Love and that Law of Love was necessary to work together to have the organization so that they could reclaim the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! Not just this earth alone. This earth is only a trial place and this life, when He said, “Let Us make man in Our image,” He made him with mortal life, not immortal life.

So in Genesis 2 verse 7, we read that God formed man of the dust of the ground and into the dust of the ground He BREATHED the breath of life and man, made out of the dust of the ground, became a living soul. The dust of the ground

became a living soul and now people have been deceived into thinking that man IS a soul and that a soul is spiritual. No, a soul is living matter breathing the breath of air into the circulation of blood in it, and the life comes from the blood and the breath of air.

But there is a spirit in man and God put a spirit in man, but the spirit was not enough. The man needed another spirit to go with that spirit, just like God Himself needed someone to go with Him, so there was the Word Who became Christ, and they two became one God. And God is a Family, and they’re a God Family, but they’re ONE Family, but they’re two Persons.

Now they said, **“Let Us reproduce Ourselves. Let Us make man in Our image.”** In other words, “Let’s increase Our Family.” They’d still be one Family, and we become one with God. Man was made with a spirit. If the Spirit of God comes into him, that begets him by a

process of reproduction to be reproduced as a God being and that unifies him with God. The Spirit of God joins with the spirit of man and the two join together like a husband and wife join together to form one family, and the Spirit of God joins with the human spirit of man to form one God, but only in the begettal state in this life. We’re only like an embryo or a fetus, not yet born. So God created one man, and all human life has come from that one man.

The Creation of Eve

You say, “Well, didn’t He create Eve?” Now, He made Eve out of Adam. He put Adam into a deep sleep and took out one of his ribs and turned it into a woman, and Eve came out of Adam. But they could reproduce, and they had children, and their children had children, and all those children had children, and today there are about between four and a third and four and a half BILLION of us humans on the face of the earth today [June 2017, 7.5 billion]. That’s quite a swarm of people.

Now the first man Adam had a chance to do what Satan had not done and to submit to the government of God and to organize and then he would have children, and he would organize the children into a government of cooperation, of mutual love and concern where



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they would work together in an organized way of government. And they would work the earth and do just what the angels should have done and beautify this earth.

The Garden of Eden

God gave them a sample. He took the man and the woman He had created and put them in a beautiful garden that God created called the Garden of Eden. Maybe that was to show them how the rest of the world or the earth should be made and maybe He intended them even to beautify the Garden of Eden because He commanded them to dress it and to keep it.



But Satan got to Mother Eve, and she took of the tree that she was forbidden to take of and gave to Adam, and he took of it,

too, so they simply followed Satan instead of God. God gave them permission to have of every tree in the garden except one, the Knowledge of Good and Evil, but also in that garden was the Tree of Life.

Now if they had taken the Tree of Life that was God life. The Spirit of God would have come into them. They would have been united with God and united with God they would be like Christ is united with God. And as a human being He is a Son of God and we would have become a man, Adam, would have become a son of God, a begotten son of God. He would have God's Spirit. That would have connected him with God, and God's mind would have come into him just like the mind of God can come into us.

In Philippians it says, let's see is that the fourth chapter or the third? **“Let this mind be in you which is in Christ Jesus.”** The Spirit of God coming into us is really the mind of God coming in with our spirit to join it and join us with God so we can begin to see things the way God does and to understand spiritual knowledge because the human eye cannot see and knowledge

cannot enter through the eye or the ear cannot hear nor has it entered into the MIND of man the spiritual things that God has prepared and the spiritual knowledge.

But God reveals it to some of us, but God reveals it, not the Holy Spirit reveals it. God does! But how does He reveal it? By the Spirit which after the Spirit of God is in us. In other words, without the Spirit of God you can't understand it. When God reveals, you don't understand the revealing, but with the Holy Spirit you can. But it is God Who does the revealing, not the Holy Spirit if you notice the wording in I Corinthians the second chapter and verse 10.

But then it shows in verse 11 that there is a spirit in man and no man can have the knowledge that he has and an animal can't have it and a man could not have it save by the spirit of man which is in him, that's the human spirit. In the same way, we can't understand the spiritual things except the Spirit of God is in us WITH the human spirit.

God Closed the Tree of Life

Now God gave man the chance to do what the angels had not done, but the first man turned wrong, Adam. So God closed up the Tree of Life from Adam's descendants. Cain and Abel and Seth and the others that came along, and the Tree of Life was closed except that God opened it to certain ones to prepare for something later,

the same as He is opening it to those in His Church. He's calling certain ones out of this world that has been developed, influenced by Satan and Satan held the world captive.

I'll pass over the early ones because, of course, Abel is called righteous Abel and Enoch walked with God, and there was Noah who was a preacher of righteousness, but we'll go on to Abraham because all the promises of God have come from Abraham and passed on to Isaac and Jacob and to a certain extent to Joseph and then there were the prophets of the Old Testament in the nation Israel. Now God did give them His Holy Spirit for the writing of the Bible and as a part of the foundation of what was to become His Church.

And in due time He sent the Logos who was made flesh and He became a human being and dwelt among us and became Jesus Christ, and He came as the Second Adam. He came to do what the first Adam should have done, should have received the Spirit of God and been one with God and had the love of God within him and then organize and carry on the government of God on the earth.

Jesus Christ called out a few to start the formation of the government of God in the Church. There was Peter and Andrew, and they were fishermen. Jesus walked along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and He called them, and He drafted them and He said, "Come

follow Me," and they had to forsake all and follow Him and they did.

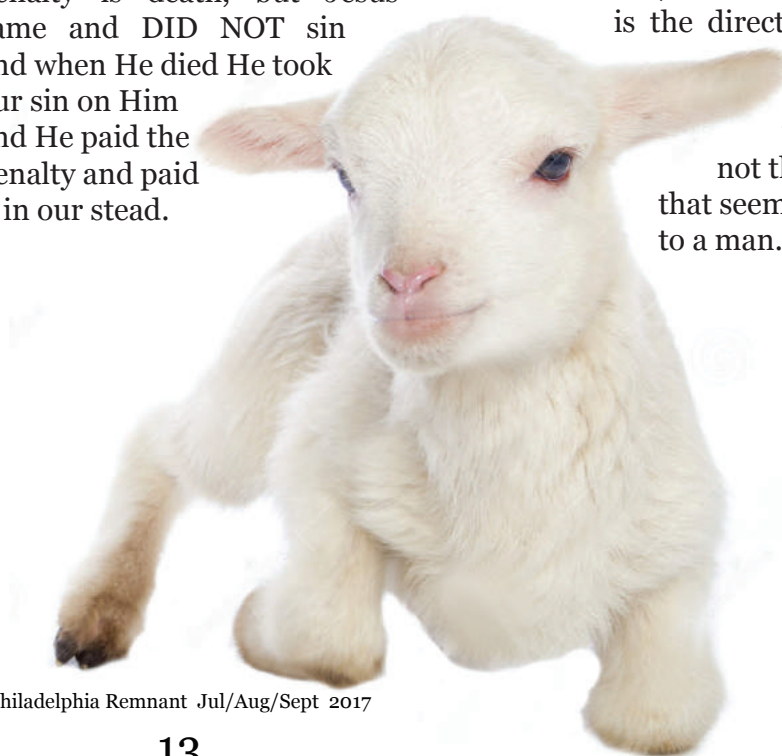
And He called 12 to start with, and He started with those 12, and He taught them for 3½ years and then He paid the price of the penalty of human sin. Now at the time God shut up the Tree of Life, which means He shut up the Holy Spirit from all flesh except those that were called for the Church, just that one exception, otherwise it's still closed to everybody else.

The Lamb of God

At that time, God said it was already decreed that Christ would come as a Lamb of God to be slain to pay the penalty in our stead because sin is the transgression of God's law. Adam had broken it. All of his sons have broken it, and the penalty is death, but Jesus came and DID NOT sin and when He died He took our sin on Him and He paid the penalty and paid it in our stead.

Then God resurrected Him from the dead. He had not sinned and now He has all the power that He originally had, which He had forsaken and given up to come down here and to start the Church, to lead us and to show us the right way and to pull us out of Satan's world and to pay the penalty in our stead that we could be reconciled back to God the Father.

Now, we're not saved by His blood, by His death. We are reconciled to God, and God is the One who has immortal life to give. But if we REPENT and if we accept what Christ did for us and accept Him as Personal Savior, and repent means that we're going to live God's way from here on. We repent of having broken it because we didn't go that way. We change our life. It means a totally changed life from here on to live BY GOD'S LAW, and God's Law is the direction of the way to live, not the way that seems right to a man.



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The Church of God

Now the churches of this world only follow the way that seems right to a man the same way as Adam did. But God formed a Church that would have His Holy Spirit, and God would come into those in the Church that He called that God the Father would draw to them, and Jesus said no man could come to God the Father THROUGH Him, no man could come to Christ except God the Father would draw them.

And so Jesus paid the penalty. He rose and went to heaven to be our High Priest and prepare positions for us as our High Priest in training us in this life so that if we overcome when He comes to rule the earth and take over the throne from Satan, we shall sit on that throne with Him. And if we overcome He will give us power, just as He has power over the nations, and we will rule them and God will set up His Kingdom, His government on the earth.

The Day of Atonement

And we're the ones that are preceding in the Church, and the Second Coming of Christ is going to be followed by the next annual Holy Day, the Day of Atonement, which means putting Satan off that throne, and Christ will sit on it.

Now when Christ comes, Satan will still be on the throne, and Christ isn't

going to have Satan put off before Christ comes, but AFTER He comes. Maybe it'll be 10 actual, literal days. We don't know. That's the way the Holy Days are arranged anyway.

Of course, it doesn't mean that Christ will come on this certain day in just so many years from now. But there is ample reason to think that things have happened that way in the fulfillment of prophecies previously in the other Holy Days, and it could happen that way, but we don't know because God has said that no man, not even Christ, knew the time or the day or the hour when Christ would come. Only the Father knows that. So we can't set any time whatsoever.

But we DO know by all signs and enough of the prophecies that we know it's now near, even at the door. It's very close to us now. We're the last generation of this world in this age.

The Resurrection of the Saints

Then Christ is to come, and when He comes the dead in Christ are going to rise first. Now, I can't tell you for certain whether that includes Abel and Enoch and Noah, but I know it'll include Abraham, Isaac and Jacob because Jesus Himself said to the Pharisees, "**You will see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.**" It will include the

prophets because they're part of the foundation of the Church. It will include those that have had the Holy Spirit of God and have been overcomer's, right down to us if we're overcomer's today.

And if we're still living the dead will come first. They will rise first at the coming of Christ. Then we'll be changed in the twinkling of an eye from mortal to immortal and rise and meet them in the air, but we're only going to meet Christ as He's on the way back to the earth! He's not meeting us. We're not going to heaven. There's not a word in the Bible that says that we will ever go to heaven. God has ordained that THIS EARTH IS GOING TO BE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNIVERSE! But we have to learn first how to work this earth and turn it into the kind of beauty that it should be.

The Philadelphia Era of the Church of God

You know there's one little comment I'd like to say right here. **We are part of the remnant of God's one true Church of the Philadelphia era.** There's another era yet to come, and I think it will only exist briefly at the most about 2½ or three years, but in any event this Church has taken what was the nearest thing to a slum in Pasadena, which is the very ground on which we're



stationed right here right now and here is in some respects the most beautiful building on the face of the earth put here. This was all slums, and the most beautiful place in Pasadena is this campus, and we have taken it, or rather Christ has taken and used us and we have submitted to Him, and He has done it, we haven't really, and turned it into beauty.

Now, that's what is going to be done to the whole earth during the Millennium and during the Millennium that we will celebrate with the Feast of Tabernacles that is soon coming up.

The Sabbath and Annual Holy Days

So God has given the Church seven annual Holy Days. Now He gave the Sabbath to man. Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man, and therefore Jesus, the Son of Man, is Lord of the Sabbath day. And so the Sabbath is the Lord's Day not Sunday.

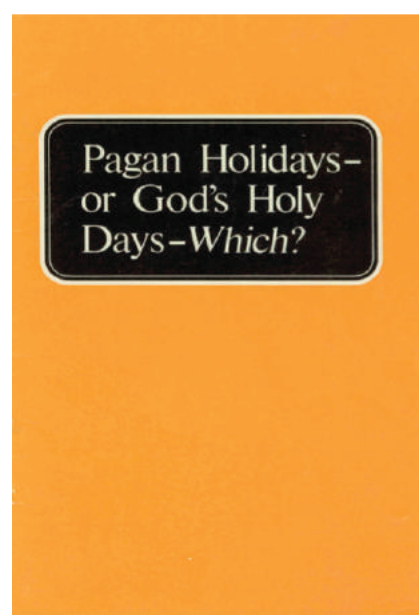
The Sabbath was given when man was made.

Man was made on the sixth day of that, what is called Creation Week, which is only a re-creation, and on the very next day God made the Sabbath for man. The first thing He made for man was the Sabbath.

But He didn't give the annual Holy Days until the Church started, and the Church was started in two phases. One was the physical, material phase of ancient Israel, and the other is the spiritual phase which is the Church of God, which started with Christ.

And so the annual Holy Days were given to ancient Israel, and they didn't know the meaning of it. God caused me to see that He had ordained these days forever, and they should be kept, and so back in the year of 1927 I saw that we should keep these annual Sabbath days, and I said, "We shall

keep these annual Sabbath days, and I said, "We shall keep them." And my wife and I began doing it. We couldn't convince anyone else to do it with us. And for about seven years, we did it alone by ourselves. But we didn't know why. We didn't know the meaning. We just knew God commanded it, and we said, "If God commands it, we're going to obey." And we'll obey first and let God show us why later.



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So later, God did show us why. These days are picturing the plan of God working out His purpose here below, which Winston Churchill talked about. It begins with the Pass-over in the spring, the crucifixion of Christ. That made possible the beginning of the Church. The Church is starting a new creation, a spiritual creation. The Church is starting the Government of God all over again!

We've had the government of man. Adam chose the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, doing what seemed right to him, relying on himself, doing what he thought was right. Oh, yes, there was good as well as evil in human nature, and man there's good in the world. Sure there are people that have ethics, good morals, good intentions, but it's all on the human level, and it is all on the self-centered level. It's a long ways from being on the high plane of the love of God which shed in our hearts alone can fulfill the law of God at the SPIRITUAL level that transcends anything that a human can have until they have the Spirit of God.

A New Beginning

But God also decreed, He decreed that Christ would come. When He closed off the Tree of Life, He decreed that it was appointed to men to DIE once and AFTER THAT the judgment. And then as we read in ***I Corinthians 15:22***, "**as in Adam all die**," because all have sinned in Adam,

"so in Christ shall ALL be made alive!" EVERYONE who has sinned and died and all that died are say under 140 years of age today because there is no one quite that old on earth.

When Jesus comes Satan will have been discredited, the Church will have been made immortal and ALL the government will be restored. In Acts the third chapter verse 19, 20 and 21, **"the heavens have received Jesus UNTIL the time of restitution of all things!"** And then He's coming back again.

Restitution means restoring to a former state or condition or restoring what had been taken away. He's coming to restore the Kingdom of God. **There was an Elijah to come and to restore things in the Church. That has happened, and what has been restored is the GOVERNMENT OF GOD and many of the truths,** at least 17 or 18 principal, vital doctrines of truth have been added to about the three that had survived in the Sardis era of the Church that they still had, but they had clung onto those three. But they didn't know about the government of God in the Church. They didn't know about what I'm telling you about today. They didn't know about these Holy Days.

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God's Master Plan

So it started with the Pass-over, then follows seven days putting sin out of our lives, but we can't do it alone without the Spirit of God and so then comes the next Holy Day, the Day of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and then comes this whole Church age and the next thing to happen after that and after this 1900-some years of the Church age is the Second Coming of Christ. And He's coming to take over the government of the earth, and He's coming to restore GOVERNMENT!

It has been restored into this Church, and **there are those that are just waiting for me to die and like buzzards they would like to come and gobble up all you people and tell you that no one else is fit to lead you but them, and they look to human charisma, someone who has a certain personality, someone who's a good entertainer, but God looks on the heart. Don't forget it, brethren.**

People are always fooled by human personality and the charisma that attracts them right to someone. That must never happen in this Church. And I'm going to do all I can to stay alive and prevent it happening as long as I can ***[II Thessalonians 2:2:7]***.

Now when Christ comes, the government will be restored and for 1,000 years we go through the time reflected and

foreshadowed by the Feast of Tabernacles, a thousand years. **I think it'll take at least three generations before we can weed out all of the evils and have a real utopia here on earth, but it'll come. It will come, and it will come comparatively fast.**

At the end of that time, Satan will be loosed for a little season at the end of the Millennium, and there's great possibility that there is supposed to be in the six thousand year period in God's plan before the Second Coming of Christ, and He's coming a little sooner than that because He's going to cut it, the Great Tribulation and this time short because there wouldn't be a human being left alive if He didn't.

And that little space that He cut short may be added on the end of the Millennium and that's when Satan will be loosed for a little while to go out and deceive those that are living and yet have not been made immortal in the last generation of that thousand years and after that, Satan and those he leads will be put away and reserved for the Lake of Fire.

And then will come the 100 years of the Great White Throne Judgment, and everybody who ever lived will be resurrected and at the end of that time God's purpose of humanity, of reproducing Himself will have been completed. And then finally the New Jerusalem is coming down. There'll be a new heaven and a new

earth, and even God the Father is coming to this earth and this earth is going to be the headquarters of the universe!

The Universe Waiting for The Revealing of the Sons of God

And according to the second chapter of Hebrews and the eighth chapter of Romans, the whole universe is in decay, waiting for the appearance of the sons of God, resurrected, and finally God's purpose in humanity completed. And earth is just a place of starting.

This life, brethren, is one of qualifying. This life is one of qualifying to reign and rule with Christ, not just to get saved, not just to get into the Kingdom, but to qualify for a big position.

And then even that and this earth then will be made as it should be and as all planets should be, and this is where we're practicing so that we can then begin to go out through ALL eternity into ALL the universe, and the Second Coming of Christ is that event, which will start everything and the government of God to doing that for the first time.

It will be the greatest event that has ever happened in the history of the UNIVERSE! Not just the history of man. Not just the history of this earth, but the greatest event that has ever happened in the history of the universe when Christ comes to take over the government of God and to rule the earth! And the earth will be the headquarters of God and from there He will rule.



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He didn't create all these planets and all this universe in vain! And it's in decay now and it is in vain, but of course a thousand years are like a day and a day is like a thousand years to God and there's a lot of time. Eternity's a long time ahead and ultimately God is going to make something beautiful out of this entire, vast universe.

Now Jesus said if we overcome, we will sit with Him on His throne. We will be given power over the nations. Are you overcoming, brethren? Examine your own self. That's something I can't do for you. I can teach you if you will listen and let it sink in. Well, keep it there and then think on it and be sure and make your calling and election SURE! Thank you, brethren.

I think if God would extend my life that I could get fairly close to it. I'm in my 94th year now, and I don't know how long God will extend that life. That's up to Him, and you brethren had better understand that. There is no guarantee that He is going to extend it on and on and on and on. I'm going to hope He will and as long as He wants to use me, I think He will, but when David was old and stricken with years at 23 years younger than I am, He let King David die, and David was a man after His own heart, and David was ruling His people.

So God determines a lot of these things. We can't by our wishful thinking do it, either, and we need to realize that and take it a little bit seriously, brethren. Your faith must not be in me. It must be in Jesus Christ. He's the Head of the Church. I'm not.



Editor's Comment: To make room for this sermon to fit into an article it was necessary to edit out a small portion from it. However, what was removed did not take away from the subject matter. For those who would like to have the complete sermon please write or call and it will be mailed to you on a CD or Cassette. Alton (Don) Billingsley





The Dawning of the End for America!!!

Personal
From the Editor
Alton B. (Don) Billingsley

History is Repeating Itself Today

Then He said to me, “The iniquity of the House of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of bloodshed, and the city full of perversity; for they say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see!’ “And as for Me also, My eye will neither spare, nor will I have pity, but I will recompense their deeds on their own head.”
Ezekiel 9:9-10

Dear Brethren,
Looking back into history from the beginning of creation and through the following centuries, while considering the present day abominable sins of the House of Joseph, and in particular Manasseh, it becomes easy to see there is no real difference from the time of

the worst of the Kings of Judah, King Manasseh (***II Kings 21:1-16***), to this present time.

Though there was a respite of time for the nation of Judah with the reign of the righteous

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King Josiah, and the temporary kings that followed, nevertheless, DOOM did befall the Kingdom of Judah (***II Kings 25:1-11***), as promised by the LORD (***II Kings 21:10-13***) for their sins had come to the full in the sight of God (*cf. Genesis 15:16*).

It should be realized there is no partiality when it comes to sin once it has reached its completeness as it did with those ancient Kingdoms (*Israel, II Kings 17:1-18, 721 B. C.*), (*Judah, II Kings 21:10-13, 604-585 B. C.*).

Numerous Prophetic Scriptures reveal DOOM is soon to befall the House of Joseph as well due to their exceedingly wickedness against the LORD God (*cf. Genesis 13:13; Daniel 8:23*).

Judgment on Israel is Near

Similar to King Manasseh of Judah who brought that nation to its lowest level in sin, so have President Clinton and President Obama brought America to its lowest level in sins and near its completeness in the sight of God.



Wickedness and moral depravity is commonplace in society along with many other abominable acts that also includes the wholesale murder of unborn babies in this mentally sick society. God used His

prophet of many years ago to speak of this end-time and of His chosen people:

Isaiah 1:4-10

v.4 “Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evil doers, children who are corrupter’s They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward.

vs.5-6 “Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head (*governmental leaders*) is sick, and the whole heart faints (*cowardly – political correctness*). From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and



Putrefying sores; they have not been closed up or soothed with ointment.

v.7 “Your country is desolate (*ravages of the disasters of nature*), your cities are burned with fire; strangers devour your land in your presence (*immigrants*); and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers (*foreigners*) . . .

v.10 “Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of God, you people of Gomorrah (*society, repent, before it comes to be too late*) . . .”



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The Wholesale Murder of the Unborn

Consider the tragic number of the unborn that hardly anyone, whether Democrats or Republicans in Congress, talk show hosts, or anyone else, hardly ever mentions these heinous cold-blooded murders any more in a positive manner.

Though Congress passed a law during the time of President Clinton term in office to prevent late-term abortions, he vetoed it:

Clinton Vetoes Ban on Procedure in Late Abortions

April 11, 1996 | MELISSA HEALY | TIMES STAFF WRITER
WASHINGTON — President Clinton on Wednesday vetoed a bill that would outlaw a controversial late-term abortion procedure, taking pains to minimize the political cost of a potentially unpopular decision . . .”

End of Quote [*the society of Gomorrah*]



Consider the number of unborn babies murdered since 1973 in this country alone:

NATIONAL STEVEN ERTELT
JAN 14, 2016 | 7:19PM
WASHINGTON, DC

58,586,256 Abortions in America Since Roe v. Wade in 1973

The Apostle Paul wrote:
“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for

whatever a man sows, that he will also reap,”
(*Galatians 6:7*).

This is true whether it is a person, a society, or a nation, as many Scriptures makes known.

The Center Piece of the Fabric is Tattered and Torn

During the past few years the center piece of the fabric, the Constitution of the United States (1779), has been virtual-

ly ripped out by the Democrats in Congress, a few moderate Republicans, and rulings by the Judiciary. They do not feel it is relevant in today’s modern societies.

In view of the many problems in society one can see what they have done has adversely affected this country in law enforcement and other areas of government as well.

The larger cities within the United States are increasingly faced with violence and murders on the streets over which the officials in government and

their law enforcement officers are rapidly losing control largely due to a politically correct society and a very liberal judiciary system (*cf. Habakkuk 1:1-4*). Jails and prisons are filled to capacity and to make possible for others to be sent to prison many prisoners are set free before their sentences are completed.

The Land is Filled with Crimes of Blood

To highlight the bloody crimes within the cities of America, consider the following quotes from the Internet:

U.S. Cities Experienced Another Big Rise In Murder In 2016

By Jeff Asher

Filed under Criminal Justice

Murder almost certainly increased substantially in the U.S. in 2016, one year after it rose at its **fastest pace in a quarter century**. End of Quote

Consider two of the major cities in America who have virtually lost control of their cities to the criminal element:

Baltimore, Maryland

Baltimore, MD. Police are beefing up patrols and canvassing neighborhoods. Baltimore City **police** are now trying a new strategy. **12 hour shifts are effective immediately and they’re going door-to-door in the neighborhoods of these homicides.**

WJZ’s Rick Ritter spoke with some residents who said

they're scared to come forward and go to [police](#) because they're afraid they too could be gunned down. The blood shed is hard to fathom. Six people killed in hours, one of them, Sebastian Dvorak, just turned 27.

They're homicide 155 and 157 in Baltimore, but the two victims' faces have a [story](#). Both were gunned down in violence that's incomprehensible. "The senselessness of this violence, I'm at a loss [of] words," said David Dvorak, Sebastian's father.

is disappearing, and the violence is incited by the leading cultural voices of the left." GOP Rep. Steve King of Iowa said over Twitter. End of quote

Republicans Under Attack

Note the following news articles regarding the recent violent attack against the Republicans and the causes that have contributed to it with possibly more to follow as the articles make known:

"A total of 30 Republican members of Congress have either been attacked or revealed that they were the victim of a death threat since the beginning of May . . ." End of Quote

The Tip of the Iceberg

Conservative speakers and writers are making known what is now being seen, as bad as it now is, will soon worsen. Though one does not want to believe the current problems will get completely out of hand, but when observing the

Chicago, Illinois

(CNN) Chicago marked 2016 as the deadliest year in nearly two decades, data released by the Chicago Police Department shows.

500 homicides. 9 months. 1 American city.

The city saw a surge in gun violence in 2016: 762 murders, 3,550 shooting incidents, and 4,331 shooting victims, according to a statement released by the department on Sunday.

CHICAGO — Seven people, including four men killed in a gang-retaliation attack at a fast-food restaurant and a pregnant woman found with a gunshot wound to the head, were gunned down Thursday in three separate incidents within blocks of each other, police said.

The latest convulsion of violence, which occurred over a 12-hour period in the city's South Shore neighborhood, comes as Chicago tallied nearly 900 murders in the past 15 months."

Chicago records 300th homicide over Father's Day weekend — just like last year

Elyssa Cherney [Contact Reporter](#) [Chicago Tribune](#)

". . . The toll was similar to [last Father's Day weekend](#) when 13 people were killed and 46 others were shot and wounded, according to data kept by the Tribune." End of Quote

Violence against the Republicans

The following excerpt from The Record Newspaper, Stockton, CA, has the following headline **Shooting starts to get political . . .** "The center of America

30 GOP Congressmen Have Been Attacked or Threatened Since May

BY: **Alex Griswold** June 22, 2017 3:16 pm

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national scene through the eyes of the News Media, one can believe the following writings are an accurate analysis of what is now taking place in society and where it could very well lead in short time to come.

Civil and Cultural Wars at Hand

WND EXCLUSIVE

MICHAEL SAVAGE PREDICTED 'VIOLENCE' BY 'MARGINALS' DAY BEFORE ATTACK

'We are at a boiling point. There's going to be a civil war'

Published: 18 hours ago

Less than 24 hours before a supporter of former Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders fired at Republican members of Congress at a baseball practice, seriously injuring House Majority Whip Steve Scalise and four others before U.S. Capitol Police took down the assailant, talk-radio host and author Michael Savage warned of violence by "marginal" people who are set to explode and "kill somebody."

Savage, the host of the nationally syndicated "The Savage Nation," was commenting on recent developments that have escalated the anti-Trump "resistance," such as comedian Kathy Griffin's ISIS-style photo shoot of the decapitated likeness of Trump and the "Julius Caesar" play in Central Park featuring the assassination of a Trump-like figure.

"I don't know how much more of this the country can take," Savage said.

"We are at a boiling point. There's going to be a civil war," he told his listeners Tuesday.

In the opening monologue prepared for his show at noon Eastern Time Wednesday, Savage said many people "think predicting things like I did yesterday is just talk; well it's not."

"I know what's coming, and it's going to get worse," he said, pointing to his 2014 book, "Stop the Coming Civil War." Savage said that in the book's first chapter, he shows how former first lady Michelle Obama, former Attorney General Eric Holder and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi were "inciting the division of classes at commencement speeches."



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He writes, on pages 4 and 5 of the book: "Why would these people put forth the message of class and racial division to graduating college seniors on the same weekend, with Pelosi further telling her audience to go out and become disruptors? Why do they do it? I'm telling you they're setting the stage for more confrontations between citizens of the United States and their government."



The battle lines have been drawn: The haves against the have-nots. The illegal aliens against hard working middle-class families. Liberals who hate the second amendment versus lawful gun owners. Climate activists whose policies cause forest fires and exacerbate drought against those who understand that the effect on human activity is negligible. Anti-Christian Communist educators against God fearing families. Republicans against Patriots."

End of Quotes



Further Writings of Cause and Effect

Note another revealing news article

Ann Coulter THE 'RESISTANCE' GOES LIVE-FIRE

June 14, 2017

The explosion of violence against conservatives across the country is being intentionally ginned up by Democrats, reporters, TV hosts, late-night comedians and celebrities, who compete with one another to come up with the most vile epithets for Trump and his supporters.

They go right up to the line, trying not to cross it, by, for example, vamping with a realistic photo of a decapitated Trump or calling the president a "piece of s---" while hosting a show on CNN.

The media are orchestrating a bloodless coup, but they're perfectly content to have their low-IQ shock troops pursue a bloody coup . . .



On page 252 of the book, he writes: "Not since the run-up to the Civil War has the nation been more divided."

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The fake news insists that Trump's White House is in "chaos." No, the *country* is in chaos. But just like Kathy Griffin and her Trump decapitation performance art -- the perpetrators turn around in doe-eyed innocence and blame Trump."

End of quotes



The murder rate in England and Wales has risen sharply for the first time in a decade at a time when police have diverted detectives to investigate historic sex abuse and allegations against tabloid newspapers. New figures show that the number of murders and manslaughter deaths increased by 14 per cent last year bringing the annual total to 574, or 11 deaths a week.

Officials at the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said the surge was concentrated in London and the South East and described it as "peculiar". However, police sources said contributory factors may have been the re-deployment of detectives in London – where a fifth of the additional murders took place – as well as growing violence among migrants, including organized gangs . . ."

End of Quotes

Violence and Murders in Britain

Considering the kingdom of Ephraim, better known as Britain, and its smallness and population in contrast to the United States, the murders and violence are just as bad as the following news article makes known:

By David Barrett, Home Affairs Correspondent

9:13AM GMT 22 Jan 2016

Comment



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God's Coming Judgment on Israel

When considering the Holy Scriptures concerning the pre-flood world of Noah, together with Sodom and Gomorrah, both were destroyed by the LORD God with not a single person left alive in each for their unrepentant wickedness, lewdness, and moral depravity.

The same problems are currently seen and voiced from the media. As the result there is no question but the prophesied conquering of the House of Joseph by the revived Holy Roman Empire will take place in the next few years with slavery to follow (**Revelation 13.; 17.; Ezekiel 6:11-14**). God speaks of this coming time through His prophet:



Ezekiel 7:6-9

vs.6-7 “An end has come, the end has come; it has **DAWNED** for you; behold, it has come! **DOOM** has come to you (since 9-11-01 – America changed forever, progressive), you who dwell in the land; the time has come. A day of trouble is near, and not of rejoicing on the mountains.

v.8 “Now upon you I will **SOON** pour out My fury, and spend My anger upon

you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your abominations (*lewdness, moral depravity, abortions, etc.*).

v.9 “My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity (as God did not with the six million Jews during WWII); I will repay you according to your ways,

and your abominations will be in your midst. Then you shall **KNOW** that I am the LORD who strikes (as He did with the Pre-Flood World and with Sodom and Gomorrah).”

Watching and Praying Always

God's people need to be seriously watching national and world news in view of the end-time prophecies taking place amid center stage. At the same time positive action

needs to be taken as never before with all of the true and faithful members of God's one and only true Church just as Jesus Christ made known in the following Scriptures:

Luke 21:28-36

vs.28-30 "Now when these things begin to come to pass, LOOK UP and LIFT UP YOUR HEADS for your redemption draws near." Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.



vs.31-32 "So you also, when you see these happening, KNOW that the Kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.

vs.34-35 "But TAKE HEED to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of

this life, and THAT DAY come upon you unexpectedly (cf. Luke 17:26-30). For it will come AS A SNARE on all that dwell on the face of the whole earth.



v.36 "WATCH AND PRAY ALWAYS that you may be COUNTED WORTHY TO ESCAPE all these things that will come to pass (*famine, disease epidemics, destruction, martyrdom, and slavery are on the lowering horizon*), and to STAND before the Son of Man."



Building our Ark

Are we presently building our Ark (*cf. Genesis 6:13-14*)? If not, please know it will soon be too late—just a very few short years—possibly no more than ten years, or less! Will Rachel then be weeping for you if you fail to heed this admonition by Jesus Christ (*cf. Jeremiah 31:15*)?

In addition to crying out to God in prayer, the best counsel that can be offered is to study the, MYSTERY OF THE AGES—along with the study of your Bible. This will enable one to get back on track with the fullness of the true teachings of God. One should know the vital importance of having and holding onto God's truth (***John 17:17, 19***).

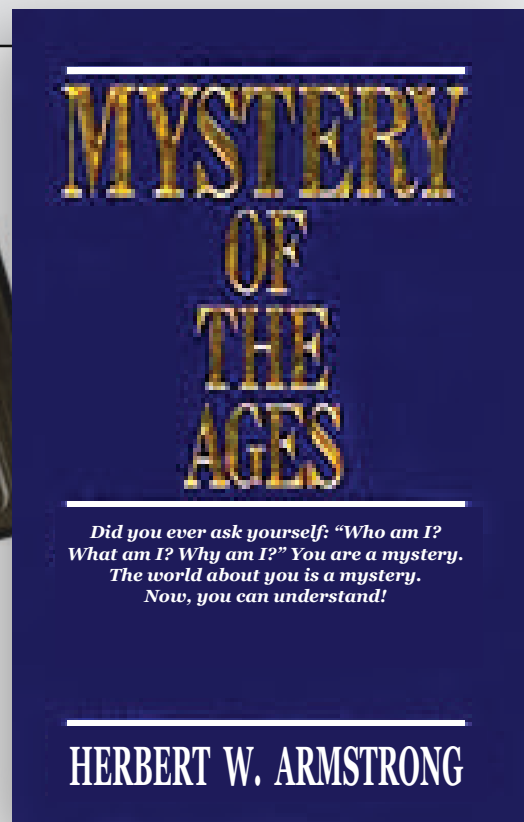
God used Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to write this book, the original unedited ***MYSTERY OF THE AGES***, ISBN 0-396-08773-6, to help His people work their way through all of the confusion of teachings from the off-track churches.

This could contribute greatly in saving your life from the worsening troublesome times now before us. Remember – Mr. Armstrong was the man Jesus Christ used to teach all of us His truth (***II Timothy 3:13-14***).

At the same time—there is a promise for the tried and proven faithful remnant of the Philadelphia Era of God's true Church that a place of protection will be made possible for them due to their faithfulness to the fullness of God's true teachings while supporting His Great Work of Preaching the Gospel, and the Ezekiel Warning Message (*cf. Revelation 3:7-13; 12:13-14*).




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God's Indictment Against His Chosen People Israel and Judah



**“But if you do NOT obey Me, and do NOT observe all these commandments,
and IF you despise My statutes, OR if your soul abhors My judgments,
so that you do NOT perform all My commandments,
but BREAK My covenant, I will also do this to you: I will appoint TERROR over you, . . .**

**I will set MY face against you, and you shall be DEFEATED by your enemies. Those
who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you . . .**

**I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation . . .
I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you.”**

Leviticus 26:14-17, 31-33

Corrective Curses and the 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av

By
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Due to the 12 Tribes of Israel having transgressed God's Laws and broken His Covenant time after time throughout their ongoing history, corrective curses came upon them primarily by enemy nations that God brought upon them with the effort of bringing them to repentance (*cf. Book of Judges*). This has continued unto this day in time.

The unsolvable curses of today that are confronting America, Britain, and the nation of Judah (*called Israel*), have a direct connection with an ancient time in their history when they rebelled against God. From that time the major curses adversely affecting them would often fall on a particular Day that is found in God's Sacred Calendar—the 9th of AB.

The Ten Nations of Israel do not know their national identity having lost it after going into captivity by the Assyrians (***II Kings 17:5-18***, 721 B. C.). They have no recollection of who they are to this day or why disasters continue to befall them.

However, the Jewish people are aware of their national identity and recognize God in name, but it has not brought about the desired changes that would end the calamities for they continue to violate His holy and righteous laws.



Reflecting on Their History

The mourning and fasting by the Jewish people on the 9th of AB should be with the realization they need to repent and return to the reality and worship of God. He would then intervene and remove any future threat of calamity from them. No more holocausts when six million Jews, men, women, children and babies, were murdered by Hitler in WWII. Sadly, it is not happening.

It should give them cause to reflect on their history when all the terrible calamities befell them and ask themselves why? The answers can be found in the Torah, Leviticus and Deuteronomy 28.

They should think about what King Josiah did after the reading of the Book of the Law (***II Kings 22:8-17***) and do as he did and return to the LORD God with all of their hearts with obedience, then there would be no more terrible calamities to befall them.



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Sadly, they love their way of life too much to make the needed changes. So the terrible tragedies that have been experienced by them in their history will come on them again according to prophecy (**Zechariah 14:1-2**).

God's Plan for the House of Israel

When the LORD God delivered the 12 Tribes of Israel from their harsh bondage in the land of Egypt (cf. Exodus 3:7-12), Scripture reveals He chose them above all the nations of the earth to perform and fulfill a special service that would come to be a blessing for all peoples on earth (cf. Exodus 19:3-6).

These promises were based on their obedience to Him and the keeping of His covenant. And they did promise God (Exodus, chapters 19 through 24). This made them very special to God:

Deuteronomy 14:1-2

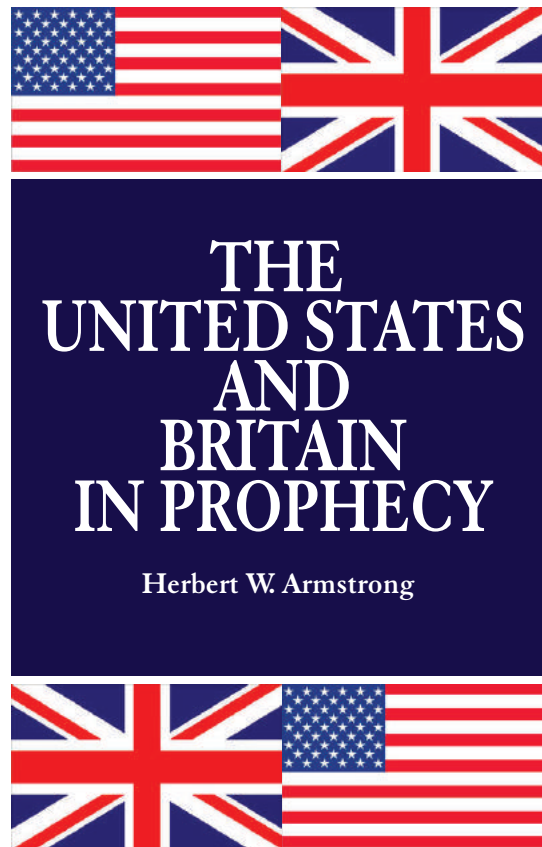
vs.1-2 "You are the children of the LORD your God . . . you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

As the wife of the LORD God they would have been used as kings and priests to teach the Gentile nations (**Exodus 19:3-6**). Also, they would have been used by God as the Center-Piece in His

Master Plan for the salvation of all of mankind. (*It needs to be added these plans for Israel will be fulfilled during the millennial reign of Jesus Christ after He returns to this earth as KING of Kings and LORD of Lords, Revelation 19:11-16.*)

The LORD God promised to take them to the Promised Land filled with rich and wonderful blessings; a land flowing with milk and honey and make of them a great nation.

(For greater understanding, read the original and unedited booklet, **THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY** by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong).



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Tragically their allegiance to their wonderful God did not last very long. Soon they began rejecting Him and His laws choosing rather to worship pagan gods and follow their abominable ways as did King Solomon (**I Kings 11:1-13**), and other kings after him.

The Beginning of the 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av.

History records the 9th of AB, had its beginning when the House of Israel had crossed the barren desert and was on the very verge of entering the Promised Land, but refused to go any farther for fear of the people of that land.

This was after the LORD God had Moses to send 12 leading men from the Tribes of Israel to spy out the land to reconnoiter and see all that was needed to be known about taking possession of it, then bring back some of the fruit of the land.

Upon their return the men confirmed what God had said about it was true; it was a very good and promising report.

Numbers 13:25-29, 33

vs.25-27 Then they returned from spying out the land after 40 days. Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of

the children of Israel, and showed them the fruit of the land. Then they told him, and said, “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit (*very large grapes, pomegranates, and figs, verses 23-24*).



Then the Bad Report

Then the 10 spies followed up by giving a very bad report of what could be expected once they entered into it.

Numbers 13:28

vs.28 “Nevertheless, the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

vs.30-31 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said. “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to

overcome it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.”

v.33 “There we saw the giants (*the descendants of Anak came from the giants*); and we were like

grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

The People Wept

Even though the peoples of Israel heard the glowing report of the Promised Land and all that it would offer to them after hearing what these men had said about the unsurmountable forces in that land their faith and trust in the promise of the LORD God to overcome those enemies failed; they wept.

All the miracles He had already done for them in bringing them out of the land of Egypt, crossing the Red Sea on dry ground, providing their needs while crossing the barren desert with the continued miracles of water and food never entered their minds out of fear for their lives.

Neither did the glowing report they had heard from these same men remain in their minds. Nor would they listen to Caleb and Joshua urging them to trust God who would overpower all those nations and bring them safely into the land He had promised them.

Before them was the test of faith and trust in the LORD God or believe the Ten Spies! Scripture makes known they chose to believe what they had heard from the 10 spies.

The Bad Report had its Terrible Effect on Israel

Though God’s presence was over them in the cloud above that continued to make known His enduring faithfulness they did not look up to Him; they could only focus on what they had heard as the following Scripture reveals.



Numbers 14:1-4,

vs.1-2 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night (*the beginning of the 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av*). And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only, we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in the wilderness!

vs.3-4 "Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt" (*cf. Nehemiah 9:17*).

Though Caleb and Joshua had tried to encourage the people of Israel to trust in their great and caring God failed to sway them. The people were then ready to stone them both.

It was at this time this Day of Infamy began and has been traced throughout Jewish history in particular as the following articles from the internet make known.

The Beginning of the Ninth of Av

This infamous and most tragic Day, the 9th of Av, and how it connected with other times in Israel, and in particular Judah, is outlined in the following writing.

[What happened on the Ninth of Av?](#)
[A Historical Overview](#)

The 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av, commemorates a list of catastrophes so severe it's clearly a day set aside by Gd for suffering.

Picture this: The year is 1313 BCE. The Israelites are in the desert, recently having experienced the miraculous Exodus, and are now poised to enter the Promised Land. But first they dispatch a reconnaissance mission to assist in formulating a prudent battle strategy. The spies return on the eighth day of Av and report that the land is unconquerable. That night, the 9th of Av, the people cry. They insist that they'd rather go back [*cf. Numbers, chapters, 13.14.*]

[The Jews were shocked to realize that their Second Temple was destroyed the same day as the first ...](#)

Gd is highly displeased by this public demonstration of distrust in His power, and consequently that generation of Israelites never enters the Holy Land. Only their children have that privilege, after wandering in the desert for another 38 years.

The First Temple was also destroyed on the 9th of Av (423 BCE). Five centuries later (in 69 CE), as the Romans drew closer to the Second Temple, ready to torch it, the Jews were shocked to realize that their Second Temple was destroyed the same day as the first.

When the Jews rebelled against Roman rule, they believed that their leader, Simon bar Kochba, would fulfill their messianic longings. But their hopes were cruelly dashed in 133 CE as the Jewish rebels were brutally butchered in the final battle at Betar. The date of the massacre? Of course—the 9th of Av! One year after their conquest of Betar, the Romans plowed over the Temple Mount, our nation's holiest site.

The Jews were expelled from England in 1290 CE on, you guessed it, Tisha b'Av. In 1492, the Golden Age of Spain came to a close when Queen Isabella and her husband Ferdinand ordered that the Jews be banished from the land. The edict of expulsion was signed on March 31, 1492, and the Jews were given exactly four months to put their affairs in order and leave the country. The Hebrew date on which no Jew was allowed any longer to remain in the land where he had enjoyed welcome and prosperity? Oh, by now you know it—the 9th of Av.

The Jews were expelled from England in 1290 CE on, you guessed it, Tisha b'Av

Ready for just one more? World War II and the Holocaust, historians conclude, was actually the long drawn-out conclusion of World War I that began in 1914. And yes, amazingly enough, Germany declared war on Russia, effectively catapulting the First World War into motion, on the 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av.

What do you make of all this? Jews see this as another confirmation of the deeply held conviction that history isn't haphazard; events – even terrible ones – are part of a Divine plan and have spiritual meaning. The message of time is that everything has a rational purpose, even though we don't understand it.

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Tisha B'Av a Day of Infamy

The following is another writing that speaks of the same tragic day in time:

Tisha B'Av

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Tisha B'Av (help·info) (lit. "the ninth of Av") ([Hebrew](#): תַּשְׁאָבִיב הָעֵשֶׂת or ט' באב) is an annual [fast day](#) in [Judaism](#) which commemorates the anniversary of a number of disasters in [Jewish history](#), primarily the destruction of both the [First Temple](#) by the [Babylonians](#) and the [Second Temple](#) by the [Romans](#) in [Jerusalem](#).

Tisha B'Av is regarded as the saddest day in the Jewish calendar and it is thus believed to be a day which is destined for tragedy.[1][2] Tisha B'Av falls in July or August in the [Western calendar](#).

The observance of the day includes [five prohibitions](#), most notable of which is a 25-hour fast. The [Book of Lamentations](#), which mourns the destruction of Jerusalem is read in the synagogue, followed by the recitation of [kinnot](#), liturgical [dirges](#) that lament the loss of the Temples and Jerusalem. As the day has become associated with remembrance of other major calamities which have befallen the Jewish people, some *kinnot* also recall events such as the murder of the [Ten Martyrs](#) by the Romans, [massacres in numerous medieval Jewish communities](#) during the [Crusades](#) and [The Holocaust](#) . . .

Biblical origins according to Judaism[edit]

Main article: [The Twelve Spies](#)

According to Rabbinic tradition (as seen in the [Mishnah Taanit 4:6](#)), the sin of the [Ten Spies](#) (besides [Joshua](#) and [Caleb](#)) produced the annual fast day of Tisha B'Av. When the Israelites accepted the false report that the land of [Canaan](#) (Israel) would be "impossible" to conquer, the people wept over the false belief that God was setting them up for defeat. The night that the people cried was the ninth of [Av](#), which became a day of weeping and misfortune for all time.[3]

Destruction of the Temple[edit]

Excavated stones from the Western Wall of the Temple Mount (Jerusalem, Israel), knocked onto the street below by Roman battering rams in 70 AD

The fast commemorates the destruction of the [Jewish First Temple](#) and the [Second Temple](#),[4] both of which occurred on the 9th of the [Hebrew month of Av](#), about 655 years apart.[5]

In connection with the fall of [Jerusalem](#), three other fast-days were established at the same time as the Ninth Day of Av: these were the [Tenth of Tevet](#), when the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians began; the [Seventeenth of Tammuz](#), when the first breach was made in the wall by the Babylonians; and the Third of Tishrei, known as the [Fast of Gedaliah](#), the day when Gedaliah was assassinated in the time of the Babylonians following the destruction of the First Temple. The three weeks leading up to Tisha B'Av are known as The Three Weeks, while the nine days leading up to Tisha B'Av are known as [The Nine Days](#).

Five calamities[edit]

According to the [Mishnah](#) ([Taanit](#) 4:6), five specific events occurred on the ninth of Av that warrant fasting:

- The [Twelve Spies](#) sent by Moses to observe the land of [Canaan](#) returned from their mission. Only two of the spies, [Joshua](#) and [Caleb](#), brought a positive report, while the others spoke disparagingly about the land. The majority report caused the [Children of Israel](#) to cry, panic and despair of ever entering the ["Promised Land"](#). For this, they were punished by God that their generation would not enter the land. Because of the Israelites' lack of faith, God decreed that for all generations this date would become a day of crying and misfortune for their descendants. (See [Numbers 13](#); [Numbers 14](#)).
- The First Temple built by [King Solomon](#) and the [Kingdom of Judah](#) destroyed by the [Babylonians](#) led by [Nebuchadnezzar](#) in 587 BCE ([Anno Mundi \[AM\]](#) 3175) after a [two-year siege](#) and the Judeans were sent into the [Babylonian exile](#). According to the [Talmud](#) in tractate [Ta'anit](#), the actual destruction of the First Temple began on the Ninth of Av and the Temple continued to burn throughout the Tenth of Av.
- The [Second Temple](#) built by Ezra and [Nehemiah](#) was [destroyed by the Romans](#) in August 70 CE (AM 3830), scattering the people of [Judea](#) and commencing the [Jewish exile](#) from the Holy Land that continues to this day.
- The Romans subsequently crushed [Bar Kokhba's revolt](#) and destroyed the city of [Betar](#), killing over 500,000 Jewish civilians (approximately 580,000) on August 4, 135 CE (Av 9, AM 3895).[6]
- Following the Bar Kokhba revolt, Roman commander Turnus Rufus plowed the site of the Temple in Jerusalem and the surrounding area, in 135 CE.[7]

Note: Due to a [two-year difference within the Hebrew calendar](#), the years in which the First and Second Temple were destroyed have been disputed. Though it has been accepted by most historians to refer to the most modern interpretation of the Calendar (which corresponds to the [Roman siege of Jerusalem](#) in 70 CE.)

Other calamities[[edit](#)]

Over time, Tisha B'Av has come to be a Jewish day of mourning, not only for these events, but also for later tragedies. Regardless of the exact dates of these events, for many Jews, Tisha B'Av is the designated day of mourning for them, and these themes are reflected in liturgy composed for this day (see below).

Other calamities associated with Tisha B'Av:

- [The First Crusade](#) officially commenced on August 15, 1096 (Av 24, AM 4856), [killing 10,000 Jews](#) in its first month and destroying Jewish communities in [France](#) and the [Rhineland](#).^{[6][8]}
- The Jews were [expelled](#) from [England](#) on July 18, 1290 (Av 9, AM 5050).^[6]
- The Jews were expelled from France on July 22, 1306 (Av 10, AM 5066).
- The Jews were [expelled](#) from [Spain](#) on July 31, 1492 (Av 7, AM 5252).^[7]
- Germany entered [World War I](#) on August 1–2, 1914 (Av 9-10, AM 5674), which caused massive upheaval in European Jewry and whose aftermath led to [the Holocaust](#).^[6]
- On August 2, 1941 (Av 9, AM 5701), SS commander [Heinrich Himmler](#) formally received approval from the Nazi Party for "[The Final Solution](#)." As a result, the [Holocaust](#) began during which almost one third of the world's Jewish population perished.
- On July 23, 1942 (Av 9, AM 5702), began the mass deportation of Jews from the [Warsaw Ghetto](#), en route to [Treblinka](#).
- Most religious communities use Tisha B'Av to mourn the 6,000,000 Jews who perished in the [Holocaust](#), including special *kinnot* composed for this purpose (see the main [kinnot](#) article) (in addition to, or instead of, the secular [Holocaust Memorial Days](#).)

On the 10th of Av the following events took place:

- [AMIA bombing](#) of the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, killing 85 and injuring 300 on 18 July 1994; 10 Av, AM 5754.
- The [Israeli disengagement from Gaza](#) starts in the [Gaza Strip](#), expelling 8000 Jews who lived in [Gush Katif](#); 15 August 2005; 10 Av, 5765.

Laws and customs[[edit](#)]

Tisha B'Av falls in July or August in the [Western calendar](#). When Tisha B'Av falls on the [Shabbat](#) (Saturday) it then is known as a *nidche* ("delayed") in Hebrew and the observance of Tisha B'Av then takes place on the following day that is Sunday. No outward signs of mourning intrude upon the normal Sabbath, although normal Sabbath eating and drinking end at sunset Saturday evening, rather than nightfall. The fast lasts about 25 hours, beginning at sunset on the preceding evening lasting until nightfall the next day. In addition to fasting, other pleasurable activities are also forbidden."

End of Quotes

Important for Understanding

Though this Day, the 9th of AB, is important for understanding in connection with end-time prophecies that are being fulfilled, it is needful to keep in mind it only speaks of the Day! One has to go to the prophecies of the end-time for the needed understanding that would then possibly connect with this Day as to when it might happen.

Considering America, this Day, the 9th of AB, does not match some of the tragic events that have already taken place in the past and present century, such as: The surprise bombing of Pearl Harbor (*Sunday, December 7, 1941*), the terrorists plane-bombing the Twin Towers and Pentagon (*September 11, 2001*).

When this most terrible and tragic time comes, and prophecy reveals it will, based on their rejection of God at the entrance to the Promised land, and their abominable sins of today, that tragic time will undoubtedly will be on that Day, the 9th of AB when the prophesied nuclear bombing takes place on both nations by the revived Roman Empire (*cf. Ezekiel 6:6; 12:20; Nahum 3:13*).



Terrible tragedies have continued to take place in both Britain and America, such as: *fires, floods, droughts, tornadoes, hurricanes, terrorists, etc.* However, they appear to be only a prelude leading to the final demise of Britain and America (Ephraim and Manasseh).



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The Nation of Judah

However, it should be realized this Day, the 9th of AB, connects more with the nation of Judah, now called Israel, than Ephraim and Manasseh. This will come to pass once again in time soon to come when prophecy indicates the Assyrians will occupy Jerusalem.

Why does it connect more with Judah? Possibly due to their continued recognition of God and their obeying in form His Sabbath and the Holy Days, while their disobedience to God and His other laws outweighs their observance of these special Days.

When viewing the historical catastrophes of the past, such as their deaths and sufferings in 70 A. D., and the six million Jews murdered by Hitler during WWII, while realizing many of those who perished had also been obeying those same laws, one can see the nation is not going far enough in turning to God and obeying Him. Therefore, disasters continue with the worst yet to come.

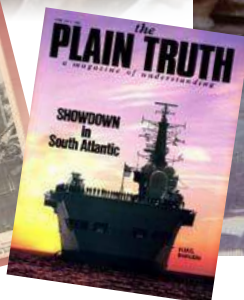
God Witnessed to Israel and Judah

Jesus Christ raised up Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to restore His Commandments and Statutes and Judgments (**Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11**). He was used to cry out about the sins of His people for their rejection of those laws on Radio, TV and in Publications (**Isaiah 58:1-5**), and the penalty that would follow unless there was repentance.

The Plain Truth was printed monthly and placed on News Stands throughout the latter years of his ministry in Manasseh, Ephraim and Judah. He also made personal visits to the leadership of those nations along with visits to other nations.

He continued to preach and write about the coming time of Jacob's trouble beginning in 1934 until his death in 1986 (**Jeremiah 30:5-7**). And by the use of his recorded works from those years, he is continuing to reach out to them via of our websites www.cog-ff.com.

Sadly, the House of Joseph has removed themselves so far from God His laws are considered as a strange thing (**Hosea 8:12, 14**), and they want nothing to do with them (cf. **Jeremiah 6:16-19**).



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End-Time Prophecies

Prophecy reveals there will also be terrible times to take place in America in the near future, possibly a civil war in this country as some are predicting based on the continued riots and rebellion taking place.

These prophecies also speak of the beginning of far worse times that will lead to that Day in time, the 9th of AB.

In the interim there will be greater curses for their not obeying the laws of God—laws that Jesus Christ used Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to restore within His Church for all those who have removed themselves from the laws and government of God (**Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11; cf. Luke 19:27**).

Corrective Punishment

Unless repentance takes place, Scripture also makes know this coming day in time will be heart-breaking for the disobedient when they find themselves having to experience the ravishing famine and disease epidemics to be followed by the Great Tribulation (**Ezekiel 5:12; 6:11-14**).

At that time Manasseh and Ephraim, with its peoples will be conquered and enslaved by the revived Roman Empire with many millions of people killed in the process by the nuclear bombing (**Ezekiel 6:12; 12:20**).

Having the 9th of AB in mind, while viewing its history in the above writings, Manasseh and Ephraim's

demise as nations in this age will take place very probably on that infamous Day. A short time later it will take place once again and for the last time with Judah (**Zechariah 14:1-2**).

The Fall of Jerusalem

When putting all of this in perspective, while considering the 9th of AB when Judah was conquered, the Temple left in ruins, and the people of Judah were sent into captivity, and considering this end-time, there is no real difference between that time and now when considering the reasons from Scriptures are the same.

If anything their turning away from God, with their internal abominable sins of the present are probably worse than ever. For example, Tel Aviv is seeking to make its city the capital of the world for homosexuals.

They were warned time after time by God's prophets, and His early apostles. This includes warnings from God's apostle of the end-time, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Sadly, they are no more heeding what God says today than the people of that time. Note God's indictment:

II Chronicles 36:15-17

v.15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people.



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v.16 But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was NO REMEDY.

v.17 Therefore, He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their Sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave them all into his hand (cf. Jerusalem, 70 A. D., Luke 19:41-44).

The date of the massacre? Of course—the 9th of Av

The Great Tribulation

Considering these writings and knowing history has a way of repeating itself, the following are the dates and years that will lead up to the conquering of Manasseh and Ephraim, possibly 2026, if not sooner, and is referred to as the **Great Tribulation**; they are being listed as a reference for the future.

Important Years and Dates to Keep in Memory

The 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av

2017 date: Sunset, July 31 – nightfall, August 1

2018 date: Sunset, July 21 – nightfall, July 22

2019 date: Sunset, August 10 – nightfall, August 11

2020 date Sunset July 29 nightfall July-30

2021 date Sunset July 17 nightfall July 18

2022 date Sunset August 13 nightfall August 14

2023 date Sunset July 26 nightfall July 27

2024 date Sunset August 12 nightfall August 13

2025 date Sunset August 2 nightfall August 3

2026 date Wednesday Sunset July 22 nightfall July 23 Thursday

(America's 250th Anniversary, God's Sabbath July 4, 2026)

2027 date Sunset August 11 nightfall August 12

2028 date Sunset July 31 nightfall, August 1

2029 date Sunset July 21 nightfall July 22

2030 date Sunset August 7 nightfall August 8

Note: The Jewish calendar date begins at sundown of the night beforehand. Thus the fast begins with sunset of the first secular date listed, and concludes at nightfall the following day.

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Prophecy Reveals the Future

It must be emphasized, though this particular Day, 9th of AB is important, it only tells you the Day after it has taken place—only prophecy reveals the future. This is what God's true people must be keeping in mind while preparing for the terrors of the future by having a close relationship with God, and keeping abreast of the News, in view of the end-time prophecies. Jeremiah wrote of this calamity to take place in the next few years:

“Alas! For that DAY (9th of AB) is great, so that NONE is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7).

Considering this coming terrible time, one should always keep in mind the admonition by Jesus Christ:

“WATCH therefore, and PRAY Always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things THAT WILL come to pass, and stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:35-36) s

Do not to be trapped by the worst that is yet to come (**Luke 21:36**). May God have mercy.

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www.cog-ff.com

Free Online Bible Study
www.cog-ff/biblestudytools

The Ten Commandments
www.10commandments.ws

What Do You Mean Born Again?
www.begotten.net

Pagan Holidays or God's Holy Days?
www.holy-days.co

Herbert W. Armstrong-Apostle of God
www.herbertarmstrong.net

Herbert Armstrong-His Life & Work
www.herbertarmstrong.info

Lost Ten Tribes of Israel
www.losttentribes.org

Prophetic Events
www.propheticevents.com

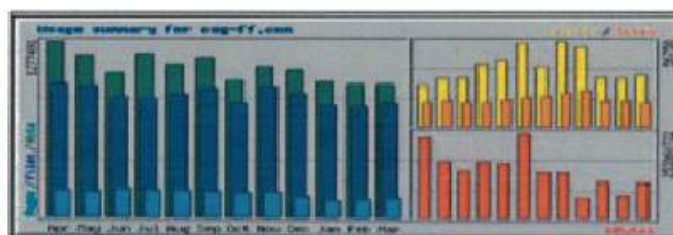
Restored Truths of God
www.restoredtruths.net

Which Day is the Christian Sabbath?
www.sabbathcentral.com

COGFF-Home School Association
www.coghomeschool.org

An Open Letter to the Scattered Flock
www.bodyofchristonline.us

Watchman for the House of Israel
www.ezekielwatchman.org



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