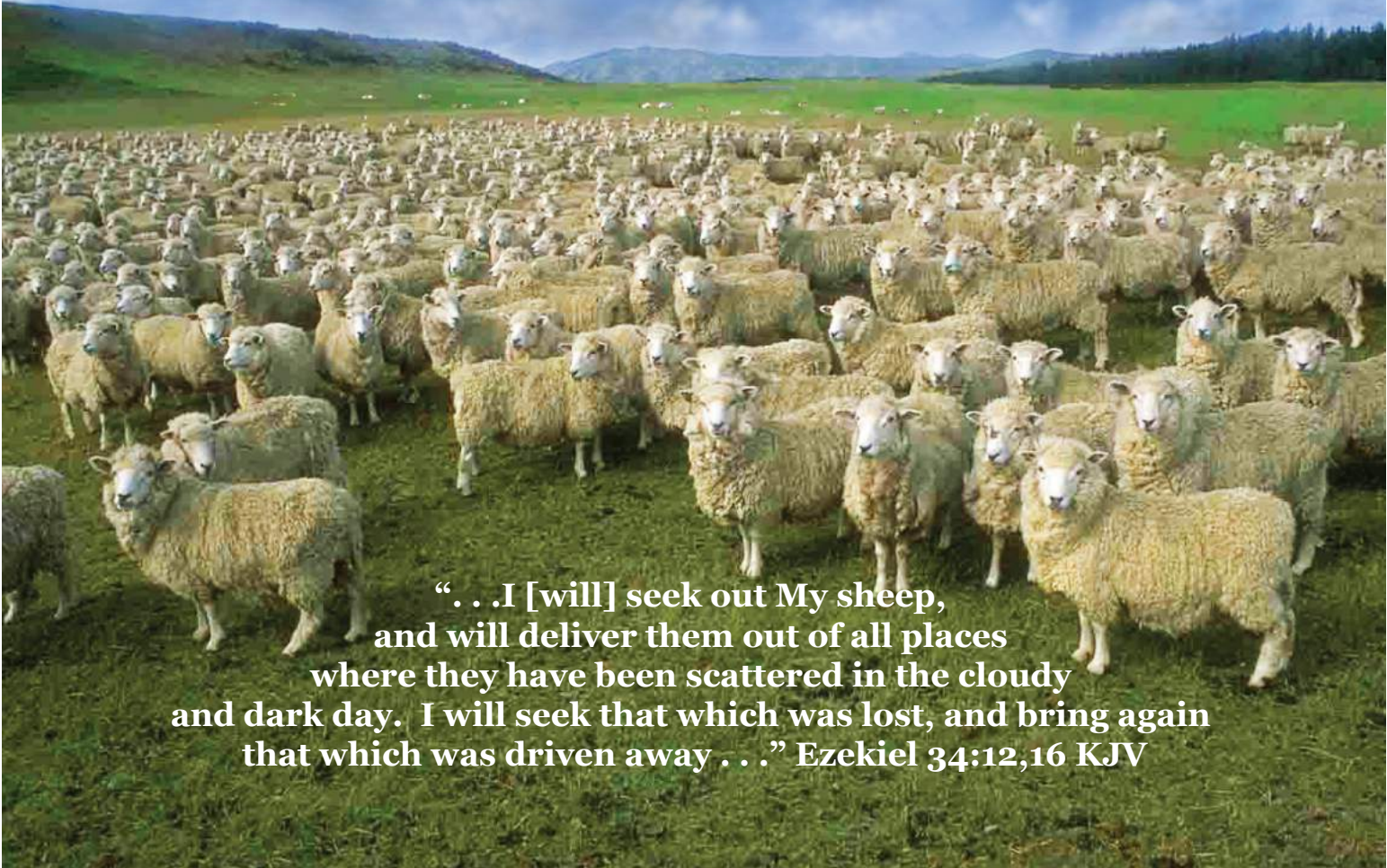


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“...I [will] seek out My sheep,
and will deliver them out of all places
where they have been scattered in the cloudy
and dark day. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again
that which was driven away . . .” Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV

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The Time We Are In, Now

Just where are we now, in the prophesied panorama of events leading to the END of this age? Both world events and occurrences in the Church indicate we are in the time mentioned in Daniel 12. In verse 2, Daniel speaks of the resurrection of saints at the time of Christ's coming.

Then he speaks of events leading up to that crowning event of history. He says: **"But thou, o Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (verse 4).**

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We have come to that time - the **TIME OF THE END!** Rapid travel, to and fro, at high speed! We are definitely in the **END TIME!** Knowledge has been increased on earth amazingly.

We have been going with increasing momentum through the age of invention, the age of science and technology, the air age, the space age and now the **NUCLEAR** age. Now, for the first time in human history, the weapons of mass destruction have been produced that can erase all humanity from the earth! In the one decade of the '60s, the fund of human knowledge **DOUBLED**.

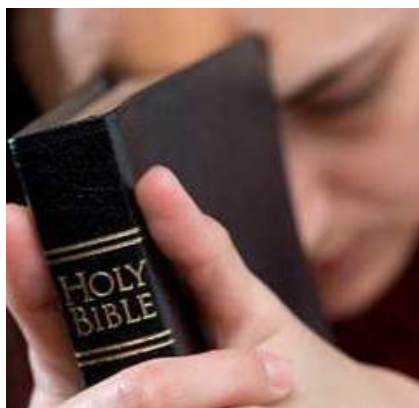
Also the world's troubles and evils **DOUBLED!** In verse 7 it is stated, "**And when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.**"

It seems indefinite as to the antecedent of the pronoun he, above. Other translations use the word they. But surely Satan is now endeavoring to scatter and even totally nullify the power God has given to His Church *[and Satan did in 1995]*. There has been a falling away, though compared to the total number, it has been minimal. And the attack of the State of California was an action calculated to **DESTROY** the Church of the living **GOD!**

Yet Jesus Christ **OUR** living **HEAD** has used it to draw us much closer to **HIM** and to one another. Our Work in the hands of Christ is **NOT YET FINISHED**, and He will not allow the Work to stop until it is finished ***[Revelation 3:7-8]***! And when will that be? It surely can't be much longer. We are certainly on the final lap, if not the homestretch - but no definite date can, of course, be set. *[this writing has become relevant in the year 2017]*



But when Daniel writes, in verse 7, **"all these things shall be finished,"** he refers back to the subject of this 12th chapter mentioned at the beginning - when the archangel Michael shall stand up (*verse 1*) (as also mentioned in *Rev. 12:7*) and Satan shall be cast down - and the GREAT TRIBULATION (*verse 1 and Matt. 24:21- 22 , Mark 13 :19-20, Luke 21:22*) from the beginning will be 3 and 1/2 years. Daniel did not understand, but the angel said, **"Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end"** (*Dan. 12:9*).



And then what - in the TIME OF THE END, into which we have entered? **"Many shall be purified and made white, and tried . . . but the wise shall understand"** (*verse 10*). WE ARE IN THAT TIME OF TRYING AND TESTING, TO BRING US CLOSER TO GOD – TO PREPARE US FOR CHRIST'S COMING, NOW! Many of us are being tried and tested as NEVER BEFORE - and for our own good! But, verse 11, from the time the daily sacrifice shall be taken away. Consider this a moment.

This does NOT imply a material temple to be built in our time in Jerusalem. It does seem to imply the Israelis may restore the daily (*twice daily*) sacrifice - possibly at the Wailing Wall. The indication is the armies of the "beast" of Revelation 17, entering Jerusalem (***Dan. 11:41, Zech. 14:2***)

[Before he died, his personal aide said Mr. Armstrong changed his mind about the building of the Third Temple; in earlier years he wrote a Temple would be built. Prophecy makes known it will be built, Matthew 24:15; II Thessalonians 2:4; Daniel 11:31, 12:11; possibly construction will begin within the next three years]

The Beast entering Jerusalem will stop this daily sacrifice. **"And the abomination that maketh desolate set up."** What is this abomination? This refers to ***Daniel***

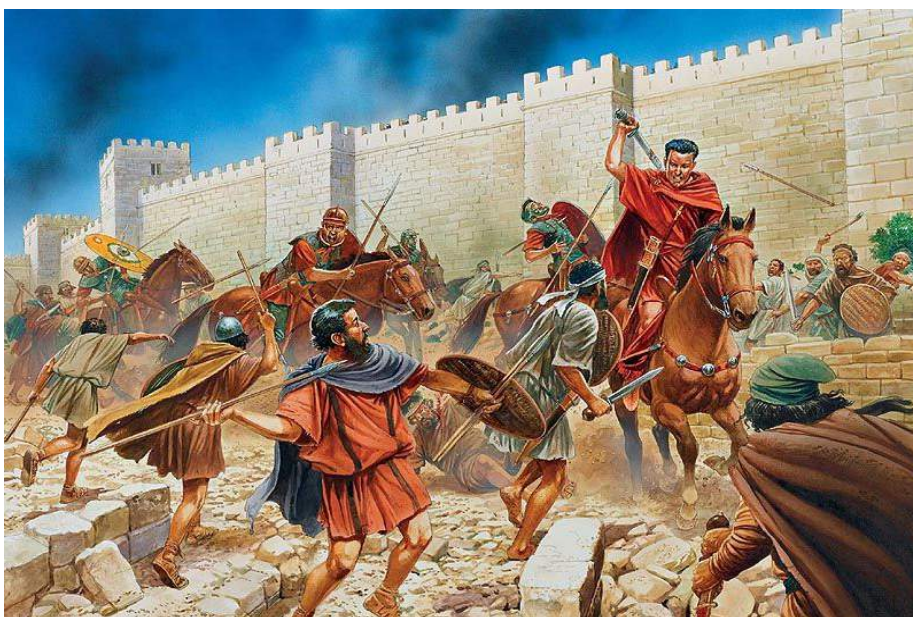
11:31 and Matthew 24:15.

In ***Daniel 11:31***, the armies of Antiochus Epiphanes were at Jerusalem, and some commentators have interpreted it as Antiochus placing a statue of Jupiter in the Holy of Holies in the temple. Not only does ***Matthew 24: 15*** also refer to this. But in a parallel New Testament Luke 21:20 speaks of the same thing as "Jerusalem compassed with armies."

[No statute or anything else was used to defile the Temple in 70 A. D.; it was destroyed and burned by the armies of Titus before this could be done]

This is the correct meaning of this "abomination." It is the armies - not a statue - that made Jerusalem desolate. From this time (Dan. 12:11) to Christ's coming will be 1,290 days.

Now, verse 12, "Blessed is he that waiteth, and



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cometh to the 1,335 days."

Never before have we understood these periods of 1,260 days, 1,290 and 1,335 days. But it seems evident, now, a blessing is pronounced on us - GOD'S CHURCH - who wait and endure until the 1,335 days - approximately 1,335 days prior to Christ's coming.

But since no one can know the day or the hour of His coming, we probably shall not be able to know the exact day that this 1,335 days begins. But apparently, that is the time when OUR WORK SHALL END.

That will be a time when the UNITED EUROPE shall appear - the revival of the medieval **"Holy Roman Empire."** We shall then be warned, and readied to be taken to a place of refuge and safety from the **Great Tribulation.**

Forty-five days later "the beast's" armies will surround Jerusalem. Thirty days later the Great Tribulation will probably start with a nuclear attack on London and Britain - and possibly the same day or immediately after, on United States and Canadian cities. The GREAT TRIBULATION, we shall then fully realize, is the time of "Jacob's trouble," spoken of in Jeremiah 30:7.

And Jacob's name was named on Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh (**Gen . 48:16**). At that time a third of the people in our nations will die, or shall have died, by famine and disease

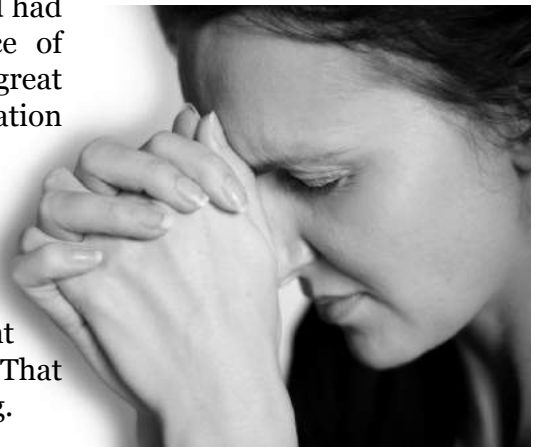
epidemics. Another third will die of the war - our cities being destroyed (**Ezek. 6:6**), and the remaining third will be carried to the land of our enemies as slaves (**Ezek. 5: 12**).

But while this most terrible **TRIBULATION** is happening to our people, shall we of God's Church be protected? Does Revelation 3:10 mean what it says? The Unger's Bible dictionary, under article on the Great Tribulation, refers to Revelation 3:10, showing the Great Tribulation covers the whole earth. No other such time of worldwide trial and trouble is prophesied.

A Bible I formerly used had in the marginal reference of Revelation 3:10 "or, the great tribulation. " Also Revelation 12: 14 shows the Church being FLOWN into a place of safety in the wilderness. After this (**Rev. 12:17**), Satan will make war with the remnant or - Laodicean Church. That leads up to Christ's coming.

So, where are we NOW, in the panorama of prophecy? We have reached the time just before a "United States of Europe" restores the "Holy Roman Empire," under the papacy, in a union of church and state [**Revelation 13**]. The present pope, John Paul II [now, Pope Francis], could very well be the pope who will trigger this and bring it into reality. Once that third great world power is formed, our work will soon be over.

That could happen in a year, two years or five years. It could happen **SUDDENLY**, leaving the whole world aghast in **WONDER!** Right now the Iranian crisis **BIG NEWS** [also, North Korea threatening nuclear warfare on America; also the internal problems tearing the fabric apart in this once great country] . . . **The WHOLE WORLD is now ON FIRE!** This is not the GREAT TRIBULATION, but is certainly preliminary to it. It's time for intensive **FASTING AND PRAYER.**



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“The Time Has Come For Fasting and Prayer”



We are in the last days of this present world. God's Church has not been ready for Christ's coming. Here's the way to become ready.

by

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong
Good News, January 1980

OUR TIME FOR finishing the Work of God may now be very short. The new GIANT WORLD POWER of the United States of Europe - the revived "HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE" of 554 to 1814 - could conceivably now emerge to stun the whole world in WONDER within a year or two - and very possibly in five years or less. World conditions are in upheaval as never before [*very relevant today*].

The Iranian crisis, as I write, Nov. 20, could trigger a nuclear WORLD WAR III. It won't - for no such war with the U.S.S.R. is prophesied. But the Kremlin has warned Washington that any military action by the United States against Iran would be answered by Russia [*the circumstances of that time is the same today, 2017; however, more deadly with the potential threat of nuclear*

warfare with different leadership].

So a little nation, Iran, blackmails the mighty United States, burns in angry ridicule the Stars and Stripes and effigies of President Jimmy Carter - while the most powerful nation on earth stands HELPLESS! [*That ended with God placing Ronald Reagan in the office of president, **Daniel 4:25-26***]

The character, personality and actions of the Polish pope, John Paul II [*Today, Pope Francis, a Jesuit*], indicate more than possibly that he may be the pope to offer his good services to unite the nations of Europe once again. [**Revelation 13:11-18**].

European nations want, seriously, to be united. Of themselves they are unable. John Paul II [*Pope Francis*] could make it possible.

If and when that happens, the present Work of God, which He is carrying on through His Church, will quickly be finished! It now appears likely that God's present Work through us will come to an end 1,335 days before the approximate date of Christ's return in supreme POWER and GLORY! [**Daniel 12:12**]

It appears the Roman European armies will surround and take half of the city of Jerusalem 45 days later [Zechariah 14:1-2], and the GREAT TRIBULATION will begin 30 days after that. And the GREAT TRIBULATION, running parallel to the worldwide telecast of the TWO WITNESSES

(Revelation 11:3-10), will last approximately 3 and 1/2 years.

The prophesied DAY OF THE LORD will probably take place, in its first phase, during the latter part of that 3 and 1/2 years - cutting short the GREAT TRIBULATION caused by Satan's WRATH! **[Hosea 6:2]**

REMEMBER WE CANNOT SET EXACT DATES. But all signs, both in God's Church, and in the world, do indicate all this is now drawing NEARER THAN WE MAY THINK! *[The duality of history together with prophecy indicate no more than the year of 2026].*

Since I wrote the above, News flashes report Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomaini has said definitely he is going to put the remaining hostages on trial for espionage, and that he already has found them guilty. This would call for their execution. *[did not happen—they were released at the time of Ronald Reagan coming into the office as the president of the United States]*

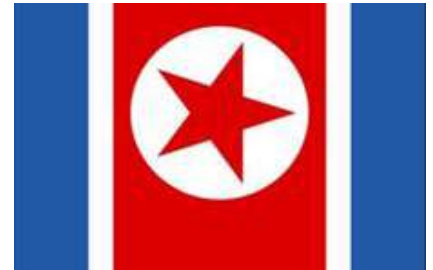
President Carter, after -counseling with congressional and State Department advisers, declares the United States will use military force if the fanatic Moslem leader in Iran carries out his threat. A group of U.S. warships are in either the Persian Gulf or the Arabian Sea, and the carrier Kitty-Hawk has been sent sailing there from the Philippines.

The U.N. charter provides for the United States to use military means to defend its diplomats in Iran. Also today members of the Shiite Moslem sect (headed by "the Ayatollah Khomaini") (about one tenth of Islam Arabs) invaded the most sacred of all Islam shrines, the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, killing some and holding others as hostages.

The Arab followers of the Islam religion are divided. The Ayatollah Khomaini, virtually a madman, may be seeking to capture the total power over the entire Islam religion. Anyway, Saudi Arabia, chief oil producer, and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt are on America's side in this. *[leadership has changed but not the objectives]*

Following all this, the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan was blown up! This whole situation is extremely SERIOUS. The whole world is aflame and in chaos. Anarchy is ruling in Iran. We are well into the TIME OF THE END!

[Though Iran continues to be a problem by becoming a nuclear power, the primary problem of today is that of North Korea threatening to use a nuclear bomb on America]



The formation of the United States of Europe - "the Beast Power" of Revelation 17 - is close at hand. And that will plunge our people and the world into the GREAT TRIBULATION, to be cut short by the DAY OF THE LORD and the coming of Christ in supreme POWER AND GLORY!

We must press on as never before to FINISH THE WORK Christ is doing through us! We must now put all else aside - make every sacrifice - to PREPARE OURSELVES for Christ's soon coming!



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How To Get Ready?

God's Church is not yet READY to meet our glorified Lord in the air. How, then, shall we get ready? The GREAT TRIBULATION will be cut short (**Matthew 24:22**) by the "DAY OF THE LORD."

That is the time of God's intervention in world affairs, leading immediately into the coming of Christ. God instructs us how to GET READY, before the DAY OF THE LORD, especially in the prophecy of Joel. Read it carefully. OBEY IT! Put it into action!

Here is God's instruction to us, NOW: **"Sanctify ye [set apart] a fast, call a solemn assembly . . . Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come . . . O Lord, to thee will I cry . . . Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the 'day of the Lord cometh,' for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness" (Joel I: 14-15,19; 2:1-2).**

Continue: **"Therefore also now, saith the Eternal, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Eternal your God: for**

he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil" (Joel 2:12-13).

The DAY OF THE LORD will not come until God moves swiftly to cut short the GREAT TRIBULATION. But, we are drawing VERY NEAR to the GREAT TRIBULATION. It probably has to be MORE than 3 and 1/2 years before the coming of Christ in POWER AND GLORY!

Yet what did Jesus warn about those who say, **"My Lord delayeth his coming"**? He pronounced woe upon them. We dare not say, "Oh well, there's at least another 3 and 1/2 years - there's lots of time yet - I'll start fasting and praying later." That would be a good way to go into a lake of fire, instead of into God's Kingdom!

Fasting and Prayer Needed in God's Church Today.

Brethren, we NEED EARNEST FASTING AND PRAYER NOW! We need to GET READY NOW - and grow constantly in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ! Some of us are too far from our God right now.

Let me tell you of a time when I came to realize that I was not close enough to God. My prayers were not being answered. ARE YOURS? I have written this before, but those of you who read it need to read it again. It was about mid-January, 1930. I had been converted less than three years. God had directly answered my prayers, but now, near mid-January, 1930, they were not being answered.



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It was near time for Garner Ted to be born. My wife was excessively anemic - seriously lacking in iron in her blood. The doctor feared she did not have sufficient strength for the delivery. He insisted she must go to the hospital. But the hospital bill for the birth of our first son, Richard David, had not yet been paid, and the hospital would not admit her until it was paid. I was without money. We were utterly without food. We burned wood in the kitchen stove, and we were completely out of wood. I had prayed.

Now I asked in desperation, "WHY doesn't God answer my prayers anymore?" I knew the reason was mine, not God's. But I didn't know the reason. The Sabbath was coming on. I decided to FAST AND PRAY until I found the answer. I fasted Friday night. Sabbath morning I continued the fast - no food - no juice - no liquids. I started Sabbath morning by praying one full whole hour.

I did not ask God to heal my wife - I asked for nothing, except for God to show me what was wrong with ME that my prayers were not being answered. Then I meditated for one hour, searching my mind, to understand wherein I was wrong. This was followed by one hour of searching the Bible to see if God would reveal to me the answer.

Then I started all over again, with one hour of prayer, one hour of soul searching meditation and one hour of searching

the Bible. This hour-by-hour program was maintained until bedtime that night. By Sunday morning I was really hungry. But I continued the hour-by-hour prayer, meditation and Bible searching.

It must have been about two in the afternoon Sunday that one of our daughters called out, "Grandpa and Grandma Armstrong are driving into our driveway!" By that time, I KNEW why my prayers had not been answered. The stress of trying to earn a living and such cares had taken my time, and I had not been as close to God as I had previously been after my conversion.

I guess the "first love" - or the "romance" of conversion - had worn off, and my mind had been taken up with material cares. I had no longer been close enough to God. But now, Sunday afternoon, this fasting and prayer and soul-searching had brought me back into CLOSENESS with God. I had been reading His many PROMISES to answer prayer in the hours of Bible searching. Now I KNEW God would hear! I did not need a long prayer now. I was very close to my Creator.

Now, for the first time in this fast, I asked Him hurriedly to heal my wife and restore the needed iron. I asked God to send us wood. I asked Him for food. I asked Him for payment of the hospital bill. I asked

Him for needed money. I asked him for a new overcoat - for I had only an old lightweight topcoat with a hole at least six inches in diameter in one side of the rear.

This prayer took no more than 18 seconds. Then I closed, saying, "You've promised to supply ALL our need, and You know what we have need of before we ask, so send whatever else You know I need." **[Philippians 4:19]**

God's Answer

Then I ran out by our garage, and my father and mother were just getting out of their car. Dad had removed the rear seat and piled kitchen-stove wood in the back of the car. Mother had a huge baking pan with cover on it, full of cooked food that needed only warming. Part of my 18-second prayer was answered while I had yet been praying!

We enjoyed a most welcome visit with my parents. On awakening Monday morning, my wife's cheeks were rosy red. The doctor was astounded! She had iron to spare! The Monday-morning mail brought the means of payment for the hospital bill, including Garner Ted's birth, in advance!

Later Monday morning, I stopped up to see my younger brother, Russell, at the gas company office. I always took my old topcoat off on entering the lobby of an office building, folding the gaping hole inside and carrying the coat on my arm.

Russell said: "Look, I know it's embarrassing for you to have to hide that hole in your coat. Today Meier & Frank's have a special sale on overcoats. Anything I charge on my charge account beginning today will not be billed until March 1, and I'll have until March 10 to pay it. You go over and pick out a good warm overcoat, and during noon hour I'll come over and have it charged."

"Oh, no, Russ," I exclaimed, "I can't have you buy me an overcoat." I was embarrassed! Then a voice seemed to say to me: "Didn't you ask Me to give you a new overcoat? Are you too proud to receive it the way I have chosen to answer your prayer?" Immediately I stopped protesting, and said, meekly, "Okay, Russ, I'll do it, and see you at noon."

That afternoon I happened to stop in at the Portland Oregonian office, to see their merchandising man, a Mr. Davidson. "Well, hello, Mr. Armstrong," he said, "you're just the man I need to see right now. The Bissel Carpet Sweeper people want you to put on a survey for them, to learn direct from consumers the amount of demand for carpet sweepers in face of vacuum cleaner competition. How soon could you do it?" "Right away," I answered. There was going to be a good-sized check for this, as soon as the survey was completed.

I went immediately to the office of the company from

which we rented our house. Our rent was past due, and they were about to get nasty about it. I told them of the survey, and they agreed to wait for the rent until I received the check.

God Knows Our Needs.

That was EVERYTHING I had asked God for Sunday afternoon - except I had asked God to send whatever else He knew was a need. Tuesday, I think it was, my youngest brother Dwight (*composer of our hymns*) drove to our house. "Herb," he said, "I want to leave my car here until you take Loma to the hospital. I was just thinking, you might have to go in the middle of the night, with no way to get there. Meantime, I want you to use the car as much as you need."

Thursday evening my sister Mary, Dwight's twin sister, came over. "Loma," she said to my wife, "I brought over a dressing gown. I don't know why. It's the strangest thing, but something made me kneel and pray this afternoon, and in my mind I heard a voice saying, clearly, 'Take a robe over to Loma!' It was repeated twice. I didn't know you needed a robe, but here it is! This was a most unusual experience. "Well, Herbert and I understand," said my wife, "I will need a robe in the hospital, but I never thought about it until now." God had sent what HE knew, before I asked Him, that we needed!

I hope this experience of mid-January, 1930, now 50 years ago, will be the means of helping some of you to take an effective step toward GETTING READY for CHRIST'S COMING!



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What Kind of Prayer?

But now what you need to know about fasting. Fasting without prayer is of no avail spiritually. There is a real physical benefit, if you understand it, but not many doctors know the physical benefits of fasting. Animals fast by instinct when physically sick. But fasting alone, without intensive prayer, will not draw you closer to God.



But what kind of prayer? Jesus gave a parable describing two kinds of prayer. "The self-righteous publican used prayer to try to convince God of his self-righteousness. **"I thank thee, O God," he prayed, "that I am so much better than this sinner beside me. I want you to realize, God, how GOOD I am. I fast often, I pay tithe, I am a very righteous man."**

But the poor sinner beside him was praying humbly: **"O God, be merciful to me a sinner. I'm not worthy even to pray to you."**

There was also the incident of a lunatic, demon-possessed

(Matt. 17:14- 17). The disciples had tried to cast out the demon, but failed. When Jesus cast out the demon, the disciples asked why they had failed. Jesus answered: **"Because of your unbelief . . . Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (verses 20-21).**

Jesus fasted at times to keep

Himself close to God the Father. Could YOU cast out a demon? I have, more than once. The first time I was asked to come to a house to cast out a demon, I first fasted and prayed. The demon had possessed a woman, kept in bed. While I was talking with others in the living room, this insane woman yelled out: "I hear you out there. I know who you are - I hear you on the radio! "

I walked into the bedroom. The crazed woman took out from under the covers a flatiron, raised her hand as if to throw it at me. I took an instant step toward her, pointing a finger directly at her, commanding, "In the name of Jesus Christ, put down that

iron. " She (the demon in her) saw I was unafraid and spoke with a voice of authority. She put down the iron. I talked with the demon a couple moments, in the same manner Jesus talked to the demon-possessed.

Then I said, with authority, "You foul demon, I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of this woman!" The woman grinned. "YOU come out!" she said saucily. I commanded her again, saying to the demon it HAD to come out, for I spoke by the authority of Jesus Christ. "I WON'T come out," answered the demon with the woman's voice. "I've been paying taxes on this place since 1929. I've got a right to stay here."

"You have NO RIGHT! Jesus Christ commands you to come out!" I replied, keeping a stern commanding voice. The woman sank into a sleep. The next morning they took her to the state hospital for the insane, as they had planned. Examining her, officials said: "Why did you bring this woman here? She's not insane. She's as sane as any of us."

I checked up. They had lived in that house much longer than since 1929. That was the year she went insane. This event occurred, as near as I remember, in 1934. I have had other such experiences, but must not take space here to recount them.

Realize Your Faults

When you fast and pray, do NOT use the time of fasting and prayer as a means of inducing God to answer your prayers. Your fasting will not compel God to jump when you crack the whip. If your prayers have not been answered, it is YOUR fault, not God's.

Fast, as I did in the example cited above, to learn where YOU have been wrong. Perhaps you asked for something you should not have asked. Perhaps you were too far apart from God, and close to this world and material problems or pleasures.

When you pray while fasting, examine YOURSELF! Discern whether your ATTITUDE has been right. Seek to draw closer to GOD and to HIS WILL. Seek for FAITH (which He will give you). Then, when you have undergone this self-cleansing, and know you are in God's WILL, believe His promises and expect your prayers to be answered.

THE TIME HAS COME for all of us in God's Church to draw CLOSER TO HIM! I hope what has been written here will help you.



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“Doom has come to you, you who dwell in the land; the time has come. A day of trouble is near, and not of rejoicing in the mountains (nations). 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.”

Ezekiel 7:7-8

***“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth.”
Joel 2:30.***

The Almighty God in heaven above is the sovereign ruler of this universe and of the nations of this earth (***Daniel 4:34-35***). Not only does He determine who are the rulers of nations (***Daniel 4:17, 25***), but He also controls their actions and intervenes in the event they try to make decisions that would affect His perfect Time Table that covers the six-thousand years allotted for this present age (***Isaiah 46:10***).

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From any point of view, when considering the problems of the nations of this world (***Matthew 24:6-8***), along with the sinful state of the Tribes of Israel, especially considering the decadent problems of the super-power nation of America, there is no question but there are only a few years left before the ***Great Tribulation***, and the end of this age, that will be brought about by the ***Battle of Armageddon***.

Red Flags of Warning

Red Flags are waving all over the country with warnings of the nearness of the ***Great***

Tribulation! Terrible times then to befall America such as has never happened before, no, or ever will again (***Matthew 24:21-22***).

Preliminary warning signs have been evident over the past few years, such as the passenger plane bombings of the Twin Towers in New York City, 9-11-01, striking the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., altogether killing about 3,000 people, but due to the infrequencies society has not learned why God permitted them to take place.

The Total Solar Eclipse of 2017

Now an even greater warning has just occurred that portends the beginning of even greater problems for the United States of America than in past years. It is the recent total solar eclipse of 2017 that covered its heartland!



Only four days later the terrible hurricane, Harvey, struck Texas and part of Louisiana. Then Irma followed on the back of Harvey with Jose and Katia threatening. Though those hurricanes are gone the damage that has been caused



by them will take a long time for the needed recovery.

Without any doubt whatsoever this recent Eclipse was designed to give an imminent warning of what is to follow before this nation comes to be no more in this age! Unless there is repentance and confession before the Creator God in heaven above, Scripture reveals there is little time remaining before the day of DOOM!

A Warning from Jerusalem:

A Warning for America—Rabbi: Solar Eclipse is Divine Warning for America
Tuesday, August 15, 2017 | Israel Today Staff

“Israeli rabbis have joined American Christian leaders in issuing a range of divine interpretations for the upcoming solar eclipse that will be visible across the United States.

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“A solar eclipse is an exceedingly rare event, and the fact that it will be entirely visible in only one country has struck many as being indicative of divine intervention. Rabbinical officials in Israel have further noted that the eclipse will occur on August 21, which coincides with the last day of the Hebrew month of Av, a day known in Judaism as Yom Kippur Katan, or the “minor” Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

“Taken together, American-born Israeli rabbi and author Lazar Brody explained the significance to ***Breaking Israel News***: “*In Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism), the sun represents the nations of the world, and the moon represents Israel. This eclipse is only over the United States.*

“That is a shout from above, saying, ‘America, get your act together, Come back to the Almighty and cast away all your legalization of what the Torah calls abominations’. Idol worship isn’t only bowing down to idols. In the US, there are people who worship homosexuality and perversion, one of

the reasons the Talmud states for a solar eclipse.”

End of Quotes

The Legalization of Abominable Sins

The legalization of these abominable sins in God’s sight began for the most part during the eight-years that President Clinton was in office (*January 20, 1993 – January 20, 2001*). In addition to other wrongful legalizations he vetoed the bill from Congress that would have stopped the late-term abortions, the horrible and excruciating painful deaths of the unborn babies as a few medical doctors have made known:

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

Dishonoring the Office of the President

Adding to his many reported indiscretions, there was no respect shown for the Oval Office in the White House that represented the highest office in the God-given country of Manasseh as noted by the quote from the article:

The Daily Mail: By [Caroline Howe For Dailymail.com](#)
PUBLISHED: 09:44 EDT, 21 June 2016 “Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky embraced, made out and had sex in just about every nook and cranny of the Oval Office . . .”

End of Quote

President Barack Obama

January 20, 2009 – January 20, 2017

During his two terms as president, Barack Obama radically changed this country to a legalized immoral society. As an example note the following quote:



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

[LGBT issues](#)[\[edit\]](#)

The [White House](#) was illuminated in rainbow colors on the evening of the Supreme Court same-sex marriage ruling.

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Obama stated on March 15, 2007, that "I do not agree...that homosexuality is immoral."[\[24\]](#) During the July 23, 2007 CNN/YouTube debate, Obama further stated that "... we've got to make sure that everybody is equal under the law.

And the civil unions that I proposed would be equivalent in terms of making sure that all the rights that are conferred by the state are equal for same-sex couples as well as for heterosexual couples.

“Obama supports expanding the protections afforded by [hate crimes](#) statutes to cover crimes committed against individuals because of [sexual](#)

orientation or [gender identity](#). Obama also called for full equality for gays during his second [inaugural address](#) on January 21, 2013:

"Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law — for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as

well." This was the first time that a president mentioned [gay rights](#) or the word gay in an inaugural address.[26][27]

End of Quotes

America Has Reached the Bottom in Immoral Values

Numerous articles on the internet make known, as bad as it came to be under the administration of President Clinton, it only paved the way for the eight years of President Obama's administration.

And his evil decisions were fully supported by the majority of Congress and the Supreme Court. Together, they brought this nation down to its lowest level of legalized abominable sins!

If that was not bad enough, inroads were made of turning this nation into a Muslim country and shut down Christianity. Christian ministers were not permitted to pray in Christ's or God's name in the military and elsewhere. *Political correctness reigned.*

The warning by the Jewish Rabbis was right on target as will be further made known by the following explanation for the eclipses.



The Total Solar Eclipse of 2017

The total solar Eclipse, August 21, 2017, covered a 70-mile swath from Oregon to South Carolina for 90 minutes and was observed by millions of people ecstatically viewing it not realizing its foreboding significance to this country, Manasseh (*its Scriptural name*).

Why its foreboding significance? The foregoing quotes regarding the sixteen years in the highest office in America by President Clinton and President Obama reveal the answers together with the curses that are now being witnessed in this nation.

The Significant Difference Between the Two Eclipses

This eclipse of 2017 revealed the glaring difference between

it and the one that took place in 1918.

To understand, Consider the history of America what it was like in 1918. Though imperfect, it had a high standard of moral values, with purpose and goals that would lead to greatness fulfilling the prophecy that Manasseh would indeed become a great country—reaching its summit of being the Super-Power Nation of the world (**Genesis 48:19**)! That prophecy came to be fulfilled during and after World War II.



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Solar eclipse of June 8, 1918

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

A total [solar eclipse](#) occurred on June 8, 1918. The eclipse was observed by a U.S. Naval Observatory team at [Baker City](#) in [Oregon](#). The painting below shows totality when the Moon prevented the Sun's rays from hitting that part of [Oregon](#). The track of the eclipse was a band across the entire [contiguous United States](#).

The following map and quotes of the 1918 eclipse from the Denver Post Newspaper, Denver, Colorado 2017, are very meaningful.

History reveals that year was the turning point in World War I for Germany began losing the war against France, Britain and America, as can be noted from the headlines in the Denver Post, "Americans pushing Germany back in [Europe]."

A Glaring Turn in Events Between the 1918 Eclipse to the 2017 Eclipse

When considering the Eclipse of 2017 taking almost the same path as the one in 1918 can begin to be understood by taking a hard look at the decadent and corrupt condition of this country in light of the teachings of God's holy laws – and then discern the enormous

and radical change in values from the Eclipse in 1918.

This is why God sent this eclipse as a Warning SIGN to try and wake up the leadership and society before it becomes too late! And its WARNING was followed *only four days later* by the record-breaking

hurricane Harvey striking Texas with massive flooding and destroying many homes.

Prior Warnings Before Calamity

Scripture makes known God never brings any major calamity on His chosen people, Israel, unless He first warns them by His use of prophets and apostles to give them the opportunity for repentance as the following Scriptures make known:

"Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, UNLESS He reveals His secret (prophecies) to His servants the prophets (cf. Isaiah 42:9). A lion has roared (Habakkuk 1:6; Revelation 13:4-5)! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:7-8).

Eugene, Oregon

When seriously pondering where the beginning paths of the two total solar eclipses took place in America, they began in Oregon very close to Eugene, Oregon. This was the city where Jesus Christ raised up a special man in 1933 to begin his mission, as both an apostle



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and the promised Elijah of the end-time (*Eugene=Good-Birth*), to be used by Him to begin preaching the gospel and sounding the warnings to His people Israel that would continue throughout his life time of 52 years (***Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11***).

The Internet: "The [2017] eclipse began over the Pacific Ocean at 15:46 UTC, which corresponds to [8:46 am Pacific Time](#). Yaquina Head Lighthouse in Newport, Oregon was the [first location on continental US soil to see totality](#). The partial phase of the eclipse started here at 9:04 am local time, totality occurred at 10:15 am. Other places on the coast of Oregon did not have to wait much longer for the onset of the eclipse. For example, in [Lincoln City](#), Oregon just west of [Salem](#), the partial and total phases of the eclipse started less than 20 seconds later than at Yaquina Head.

End of Quote

Headquarters Moved from Oregon to California

From Eugene, Oregon, God's apostle moved to the city of **Pasadena** (the name Pasadena, a Chippewa **word meaning** "crown of the valley," was adopted in 1875.). It came to be the headquarters of God's apostle.

From Pasadena, California, the Work reached such great coverage over the years it blanketed America. It also reached other nations of Israel and

Gentile nations as well. Jesus Christ also enabled him to appear before the leadership of the nations of this world with the Gospel message.

The same Gospel and the Ezekiel warning message are yet being proclaimed as a witness and a warning by God's late apostle, though deceased, via of his recorded works from those years on our websites: www.cog-ff.com. However, society turns a deaf ear and blinded eye to the warning messages, if heeded, could save their lives and nation. Further, they attach no meaningful significance to what is now taking place in this country, as the result there will be the inevitable consequences to face by them.

The Harbinger of Disasters

With these things in mind, consider the recent hurricane, Harvey, that followed FOUR DAYS after the eclipse to add to its warning of end-time curses to follow:

Tropical Storm Harvey has dumped more than 15 trillion gallons of water on Texas, and counting

BY ANDREW FREEDMAN 19 HOURS AGO (9-27-2017).

"Tropical Storm Harvey has dropped more than 15 trillion gallons of water on Texas,

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triggering catastrophic, unprecedented flooding in the Houston area. The rains have broken all-time records, exceeding the rainfall totals seen during Tropical Storm Allison in 2001.

There may be no parallel available to any other rain-storm in U.S. history, based on the number of people affected, amount of water involved, and other factors, meteorologists have warned.

Due to its wide geographic scope across America's 4th-largest city, the ensuing flood disaster may rank as one of the most, if not the most, expensive natural disaster in U.S. history. . . ."

End of Quotes

The Monstrous Irma

Almost immediately thereafter came the monstrous hurricane Irma flooding Florida and reached into neighboring states, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama leaving millions without power.

Irma becomes strongest Atlantic hurricane outside Gulf and Caribbean ever recorded.

BY JENNY STALETOVICH
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SEPTEMBER 05, 2017 11:01 AM

"Irma spun into a monster storm Tuesday morning with sustained winds topping 180 mph, becoming the strongest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded outside the Gulf of Mexico

and Caribbean, [National Hurricane Center forecasters said](#) in their 11 a.m. advisor . . .”

End of Quote



Other hurricanes followed Irma with the name of Jose, and Katia. Though they are now history, people are holding their breath for the season is not yet over.

Deadly Disease Danger Remains

Though these monstrous hurricanes Harvey and Irma are now in the past the destruction and the effects of the flooding remains.

Concern has been expressed by the medical profession regarding the millions of mosquitoes having bred in the waters are carrying infectious diseases that could create further problems for the people; one bad thing after another, as the following Scripture makes known:

“It will be as though a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, leaned his hand against the wall and a serpent bit him” (Amos 5:19).

Prophecy makes known terrifying disasters will continue **(Ezekiel 7:26)**! Though there will be intervals of time in

between there will be no real letup from them. They will build to such a magnitude over the few remaining years that will baffle mankind as they are now doing with the recent hurricanes breaking all records. They will be filled with great fear and apprehension knowing there is nothing that can be done about them.

A headline in a local newspaper, The Record, 10-16-2017, **“Is this our New Normal?** California’s future may be more intense heat, fires, droughts and floods.”

End of Quote

No, end-time prophecy reveals the fury of nature will become much worse over the next few years and will be experienced in one form or another, such as: hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, fires, terrorists, etc., until its demise as a nation – possibly in 2026.

Massive Wild Fires Raging

At the same time of the hurricanes fires have been burning out of control as the following article makes known:

Massive Wildfires Burn Out Of Control In Several Western States - September 6, 2017 4:31 PM ET

Heard on [All Things Considered](#)
CONRAD WILSON

“A massive wildfire in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge is still not contained. Fires are burning out of control in California, Montana, Washington and Colorado, too. . . .”

End of Quotes



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USA TODAY 10.11.17 CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES - **Devil winds stoke hellish conditions**, by Doyle Rice.

“A brutal combination of ferocious winds and near record low humidity helps feed flames ripping through the wine country fueled the deadly wildfires scorching Northern California.”

End of quotes

The Local newspaper, The Record, 10-16-17, states, “The blazes were blamed for at least 40 deaths and destroyed some 5,700 homes and other structures. The deadly toll could climb as searchers dig through the ruins for people listed as missing. Hundreds were unaccounted for though authorities said many of them are probably safe but haven’t let anyone know.”

End of Quotes

This pretty much matches the destructive damages and loss of lives from the hurricanes in America.



An Ancient Prophecy Being Fulfilled

Though the massive fires have been contained prophecy makes known the worst is yet to come! It is realized disasters and massive fires have taken place over the years but what is now being witnessed are breaking all known records and with little time in between them. This was prophesied to take place many years ago:

“Alas for the day! For the Day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty . . . O Lord to You I cry out; for **FIRE** has devoured the open pastures (*margin: pastures of the wilderness*), and a **FLAME** has **burned** all the trees of the field.

“The beasts of the field also cry out to You, for the water brooks are dried up, and **FIRE** has devoured the open pastures” (*Joel 1:15, 19-20*).

The End Has Dawned for America

God reveals through another prophet the end-time has dawned and is rapidly approaching:

“An end has come, the end has come, it has DAWNED for you; behold it has come! Doom has come to you, you who dwell in the land; the time has come, a day of trouble is near (*Jacob’s trouble, Jeremiah 30:5-7*), and not of rejoicing in the mountains.

“Now upon you I will soon pour out My fury (*already in the beginning stages*), and spend My anger upon you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your abominations.”

“My eye will not spare (*as God did not with the six million Jews during WWII*), nor will I have pity, I will repay you according to your ways, and your abominations will be in your midst. Then you shall (come to) know that I am the LORD who strikes (*as He did with the Pre-Flood World and Sodom and Gomorrah*)” (*Ezekiel 7:6-9*).

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The Spiritual Significance of the Number Nine

There is yet another factor to be considered that adds needed understanding to particular people with major events to follow. God in heaven places great significance on numbers, such as three, seven, twelve. However other numbers can be very revealing when tied to prophecy at given times. Consider the following numbers that will be used from the Companion Bible.

The Companion Bible, Appendix 10, The Spiritual Significance of Numbers, states the following: **“NINE.** Denotes *finality of judgment*. It is 3x3, the product of Divine completeness. The number nine, or its factors or multiples, is seen in all cases, when *judgment* is the subject.”

It further makes known the meaning of the numbers, **TEN**, **SEVEN**:

“TEN denotes ordinal perfection. Another new first; after the ninth digit (*the march toward finality*), when numeration commences anew.

“SEVEN. Denotes spiritual perfection. It is the number or hall-mark of the Holy Spirit’s Work . . .”

Consider these numbers when connected with the recent eclipse:

1) The eclipse took 90 minutes to cross the United States – 9x10; **NINE**, meaning finality; **TEN** another new first. Considering the devastation that began after the eclipse, **TEN** would mean ‘Another New First’, the beginning of disasters of one kind or another that will lead to the end of this nation.

2) It covered a 70-mile swath from one end of the nation to the other, Oregon to South Carolina. 7x10=70. **SEVEN** meaning completeness, and **TEN**, ‘Another New First’, adding these numbers together in view of this end-time, has the meaning that time has run out, there is no hope for this country short of repentance.

This is made known by the following Scriptures:

“The End has come; it has dawned (new beginning to finality) for you; behold it has come . . . a day of trouble is near . . . disaster will come upon disaster . . . (Ezekiel 7:6-7, 26).

Hurricane Harvey

The hurricane Harvey followed the eclipse (*August 25, 2017*) *four days later* (*August 21, 2017*). It was unprecedented and broke all records.

The Companion Bible, Appendix 10, The Spiritual Significance of Numbers, states the following about the number four:

“FOUR. Denotes *creative works* (3+1), and always has reference to the material creation, as pertaining to the earth, and things “under the sun” and things *terrestrial*.”

End of Quote



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Creative Works

Society is now seeing the creative works in the form of the disastrous fury of nature. God in heaven above is permitting Satan the devil to strike this nation as never before. To understand, it should be remembered God permits Satan to use weather in one form or another to bring about destruction and death at times (cf. Job 1:18-19). In any case God is responsible for whatever He permits Satan to do.

End-Time Prophecy Being Fulfilled

Due to the abominable sins being committed in this country along with the violence and murders, etc., dire warnings are being given for this time by God's prophets:



“Make a chain (so none can escape), for the land is full of BLOOD (daily papers and media make this known in all cities), and the city is filled with violence (Jerusalem is often used as the capital of all Israel).

“Therefore I will bring the worst of the Gentiles (The Ten Nations of the Holy Roman Empire, with Assyria/-Germany as the lead nation, Isaiah 10:5-6), and they will possess their houses; I will cause the Pomp of the strong to cease, and their holy places shall be defiled (including the 3rd Temple).

“Shuddering (margin; horror from fear, Jeremiah 30:5-7); they will seek peace, but there will be none. Disaster will come upon disaster (this is what is now being seen and will continue with growing intensity in the following few years remaining).” Ezekiel 7:23-26

The Beauty of America has Been Sullied

America the beautiful is no longer beautiful for it has corrupted itself in its leadership and has radically changed its moral values from that time in 1918 to where it is today with



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the lowest level of abominable sins, violent murders, and law enforcement helpless to prevent them.

And though it is yet the super-power nation of the world it is so beleaguered with internal divisive problems in congress and society it is virtually helpless to deal with threatening nations, such as Iran and North Korea.

The following prophetic Scriptures play a significant dual role with this present time for the problems are exactly the same as they were at that time when the Chaldeans were on their march to destroy Judah (*Habakkuk 1:6-11*). The prophet seeing the death throes of the nation, and the imminent danger, cries out to God:

me iniquity (lawlessness), and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence is before me; there is strife, and contention arises.

“Therefore the law is powerless, and justice never goes forth (liberal judges swayed by the strong political winds of a wayward leadership and a corrupt society). For the (overwhelming) wicked surround the righteous, therefore perverse judgment proceeds (primarily due to political correctness).”(*Habakkuk 1:2-4*).

America Destroying Itself Within

Like Rome of old, America is

destroying itself within due to its internal divisions and struggles! There are the monumental national problems the President and Congress are unable to resolve due to the deep divisions within their own parties!

America is also hopelessly divided in society due to many causes. Among them is the ethnic and equality issues. Millions of illegal immigrants are living in this country and to try and remain here they march and often riots break out. These are major contributing factors for the country to implode—destroy itself (*cf. Jerusalem 64-70 A. D.*), so said Jesus Christ:

“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city



“O LORD, how long shall I cry, and you will not hear? Even cry out to you, ‘violence!’ And you will not save. Why do You show

or house divided against itself will not stand.” (*Matthew 12:25*).

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Though astonishing, and unbelievable by mankind, but nevertheless true! God especially **CREATED** the 1918 eclipse, and the 2017 eclipse with the next one to take place in 2024; each one to serve for a particular purpose.

The above map shows the paths of the total solar eclipses that covered America: June 8, 1918, August 21, 1917, April 8, 2024. By seriously viewing this map with the Three Eclipses can be very revealing when put together with what God makes known is soon to take place in this country.

The first two was designed

to enable leadership and society to see the major difference between them and make amends as did King Josiah of Judah after discovering the Book of the Law in the ruins of the Temple. Having read its curses for the disobedient, he not only repented but also made dramatic changes for the good in the kingdom (**II Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-25**).

Then comes the final and last warning to this nation from the eclipse in 2024. For the discerning, it makes known DOOM is poised to strike with fury in only two short years from then! Even then, it can be avoided with heartfelt godly

repentance, and in no other way!

God is always knowledgeable of what is taking place within the kingdoms of mankind for the 6,000 years of this age is an open book before Him:

“Remember the former things of old, for I am God (ELOHIM) and there is no other, declaring the END from the BEGINNING, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure (He had the end in mind from the beginning).’” (Isaiah 46:9-10).

At the same time God has a perfect Time Table that matches His Ultimate Plan for the salvation of all mankind. And the first phase of His Plan covers the allotted time of 6,000 years and it has almost reached the end of it. And within that time frame there are probably no more than 14 years left before Christ returns to this earth and brings to a close this present age.

And between here and there one can see that decadent, immoral, condition of America has reached its fullness in these closing years. And the outcry of the abominable sins taking place has come up before God as they did with Sodom and Gomorrah (**Genesis 18:20**); and He is furious (**Ezekiel 6:11-14**).

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The Day of the Lord

In view of all that has been taking place in this country and the world, it is evident the Day of the Lord has already begun! And it will increase in intensity with each passing year until it reaches its fullness in one year (cf. *Luke 21:25-26*).

Afterwards, Jesus Christ will set foot on this earth and begins His millennial rule over the nations of this earth (*Zechariah 14:1-7*). *There are very few years left before His return, possibly no later than the year, 2030.* Signs are now being witnessed in the sky and in this earth making known the nearness of this coming time:

“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the LORD” (*Joel 2:30-31*).

Only the true people of God will understand what is now taking place (*I Thessalonians 5:1-11*). All others are baffled and blinded to it as were the Pharisees. And Christ indicted them for it:

“... You know how to discern the face of the sky (as do the weather forecasters today), but you cannot discern the SIGNS of the times” (*Matthew 16:3*).

Though the following Scriptures are speaking of the

fullness of the Day of the LORD what is now being witnessed are foreshadowing that coming time:

“And there will be SIGNS in the sun, in the moon (eclipses), and the stars (the totality of the eclipses block out the sun and stars are then seen as if it were night); and on the earth distress of nations; with perplexity (news reveals the scientists are baffled about Harvey and Irma – called a nuclear hurricane – no buildings safe for refuge), the sea and the waves roaring (hurricanes, tsunamis).” (*Luke 21:25*).

The Total Solar Eclipse of 2024



It is interesting to note there was a gap of 99 years between the Eclipse in 1917 and the one in 1918. Then consider the final eclipse before the demise of this nation will occur on April 8, 2024, with only a seven-year difference. This should make people think—why?

The last Eclipse will have an even greater foreboding meaning than the recent eclipse for it

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will take place during a time of heavenly signs (cf. *Joel 2:30; Jerusalem 64-69 A. D.*) amid the worsening famine and disease epidemics (*Matthew 24:7; Ezekiel 5:12*)! Together, they foretell the end of the nation. Think about the difference in coverage of the coming one in 2024, not the middle of the country as before, but this time just barely within the country as the following map reveals.

Total Solar eclipse of April 8, 2024 over Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

“The next total solar eclipse in the Americas comes on [April 8, 2024](#). Totality first touches

Mexico, enters the United States at Texas, cuts a diagonal to Maine, and visits the maritime provinces of Canada.

“From the last U.S. total solar eclipse of 1917 to cross the heartland of America, it is a relatively short 7 years to the succeeding total solar eclipse in North America that will take place April 8, 2024. Perhaps we should call this the Great North American Eclipse.”

End of Quotes

The Imminent DOOM of America

This eclipse, 2024, will occur in only seven years from the recent one in 2017. It will also cover America. However, this one will only be on the edge of it—not in the heartland as before— but just enough for it to be a SIGN of the terrifying end of the nation.

This is highly significant for it will only be two years afterwards when God will bring about His wrath on Manasseh by permitting its age-old enemy, Assyria (*modern day Germany*), as the lead nation of the Ten Nations of the Roman Empire, to bring about herdemise as a nation (**Nahum 3:12-13**). The following Scriptures make this known.

“Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath. I will give him a charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey (*Habakkuk 1:6-12*), and to tread them down like the mire of the street (*as they did the six million Jewish people during World War II*).



“Yet he does not mean so (*the people of Assyria at this present time, slumbering*), nor does his heart think so; but it is in his heart (*inherit-war-like people as history teaches*) to destroy, and cut off not a few nations (*seeking world dominion*). For he says, ‘Are not my princes (*Master Race*) altogether kings?’” (*Isaiah 10:5-8*)

Historical Duality Comes into Place with the Present

Historical duality is extremely helpful for understanding in view of the very evil and wicked, king of Judah, Manasseh (**II Kings 21:1-16**), and his prototype,

the very evil and wicked president of America, Barack Obama. Both men reigned during the closing years of each country over which they had reigned.

Manasseh was 12 years old when he became king and he reigned 55 years in Jerusalem. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

. . . Manasseh *seduced* them (*the people of Judah, as did President Obama*) to do more evil that the nations whom the LORD has destroyed before the children of Israel. And the



LORD spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, “Because Manasseh has done these abominations he has acted MORE WICKEDLY than all the Amorites (*so did President Obama*) who were

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before him, and has also made Judah sin with his idols (pagan gods, and the worship of sodomy, as did President Obama)

“Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘Behold, I am bringing such CALAMITY upon Jerusalem and Judah (as He is going to do with America, Ezekiel 6:11-14), that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle” (II Kings 21:1-12)

The Righteous King Josiah

Due to God’s perfect Time Table the fierceness of God’s great wrath did not come down on Judea at that time, nor will it occur immediately after the four-year tenure of President Trump, but God said it would be coming soon:

Nevertheless, the LORD did not turn from the Fierceness of HIS Great Wrath, with which His anger was aroused against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him (an exact duality and type of President Obama).

And the LORD said, “I will also remove Judah from My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house (Temple in which was the Ark) of which I said, ‘My Name shall be there” (II Kings 23:26-27).

Note: It is very probable that King Josiah, knowing Nebuchadnezzar would conquer Judah, had the priests and Levites to hide the Ark. It is also possible God had an angel to take and place it in the temple in heaven (cf. Revelation 11:19).

Some few years after Josiah’s death, during the reign of King Zedekiah, doom came to Judea from Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon (**II Kings 25:1-11, 21**), as it will with America.

The City of Jerusalem

Another important note to understand: As Jerusalem is often used in Scripture as the capital of all the Tribes of Israel, so this country is being used as a lesson for all of the other nations of Israel. When America falls—so will all the others fall as well, including Jerusalem and Judah to fall shortly thereafter.

Donald Trump the 44th President

Though little realized, Donald Trump was elected as the 44th president of the United States in 2016 due to President Grover Cleveland having served two separate terms, 22nd and 24th. When considering the meaning of the numbers, one should be able to see God had this planned from the beginning for this present time.

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Companion Bible, Appendix 10, the number four denotes creative works – a reference to the material creation . . . Doubling that number would be eight: it has the meaning of *regeneration*; a new beginning, or commencement. The eighth is a new first ...”

This fits President Trump perfectly: His ongoing purpose is to “*Make America Great Again!*” Like King Josiah, though not righteous, never has there been a president like him (**II Kings 23:25**), to take on all the opposition to try and fulfill his pledge.

All indications are his efforts of achieving that objective will end in failure. To fit within God’s time table, he will no longer serve as president after four years in that office. Prophecy indicates he will then be replaced by a woman president in 2020 (**Isaiah 3:12**).

Madame President Hillary Clinton (?)

Do not count Hillary Clinton out as becoming the president in 2020 (?), she will only be a bare 74 years of age, having been born on October 26, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. At the same time, please know God in heaven will determine who will fill that office as president in 2020 (**Daniel 4:17**).

She would be the 45th president (cf. **Isaiah 3:12; Nahum 3:13**). This adds up to the number **NINE** and has the meaning of *divine judgment as made known earlier in this*

writing; the final president before being conquered by the Holy Roman Empire.

Divine judgment will then prevail as it did with King Belshazzar of Babylon. He was killed and the empire was conquered in one night (**Daniel 5:1-31**)! At the completion of her six years as president of America, the leadership and the people of this nation will then be conquered and be enslaved by the revived Holy Roman Empire; historical duality will then be repeated in that coming time as the following prophetic Scriptures make known:



Now the king of Assyria went throughout the land (The Ten Tribes of Israel), and went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years. In the 9th year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria. For it was so that the children

of Israel had SINNED against the LORD their God

Yet the LORD testified against Israel and Judah, by all His prophets, every seer saying, “Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.”

Nevertheless, they would not hear but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not

believe in the LORD their God . . . (II Kings 17:5-18).

The Fatal Year of 2026

Both historical duality and prophecy indicates the demise of this country will come no later than the year 2026, and

for the very same reasons. The year 2026 will also be the 250th anniversary of America.

Though not a certainty, but when considering historical dualities with that of the Clintons with their reported backgrounds of being ruthless to achieve their goals of becoming the president, if Hillary is then elected in 2020, she would fit that of Queen Athaliah who arose and destroyed all the royal heirs and reigned ruthlessly over Judah for Six Years (**II Kings 11:1-3, 13-16**). She was the granddaughter of Jezebel.

Prophecy indicates Mrs. Clinton, or a woman like her, will be re-elected in 2024 and will serve only two years making a total of Six Years in that high office as president.

The Number Six

The Companion Bible, Appendix 10, The Spiritual Significance of Numbers, states the following about the number six:

SIX. Denotes the human number. Man was created on the sixth day; and this first occurrence of the number makes it (and all multiples of it) the hall mark of all connected with man. He works six days. The hours in his day are a multiple of six. Athaliah usurped the throne of Judah six years.

The great men who have stood out in defiance of God (Goliath and Nebuchadnezzar and Antichrist) are all emphatically marked by this number.”
End of Quote

This number SIX also marks Mrs. Clinton who has also stood out in defiance of God as did her husband and President Obama with each reigning eight years in that high office; a total of 16 years.

The Last and Final Warning of Doom

The gap of Two-Years between the 2024 eclipse and the demise of this nation in 2026 will be at the time of the development of the fullness of strength of the revived Holy Roman Empire who will then begin flexing its powerful muscles on the world stage:

And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and its deadly wound was healed (cf. Revelation 9:1-12). And all the world marveled and followed the beast (speaking of both the empire and its leader who is also called the Beast).



So they worshiped the dragon (Satan the devil) who gave authority to the Beast; and they worshiped the Beast, saying, “Who is like the Beast? Who is able to make war with him (no one,

including America at that time, cf. Daniel 2:40-43.)” And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and was given authority to continue for 42 months (also, verses 6-10) (Revelation 13:3-5).

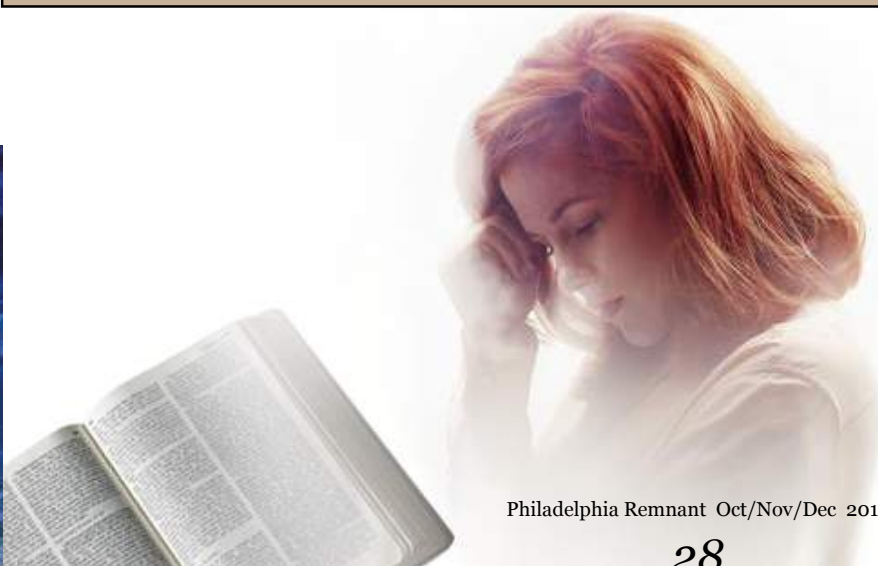
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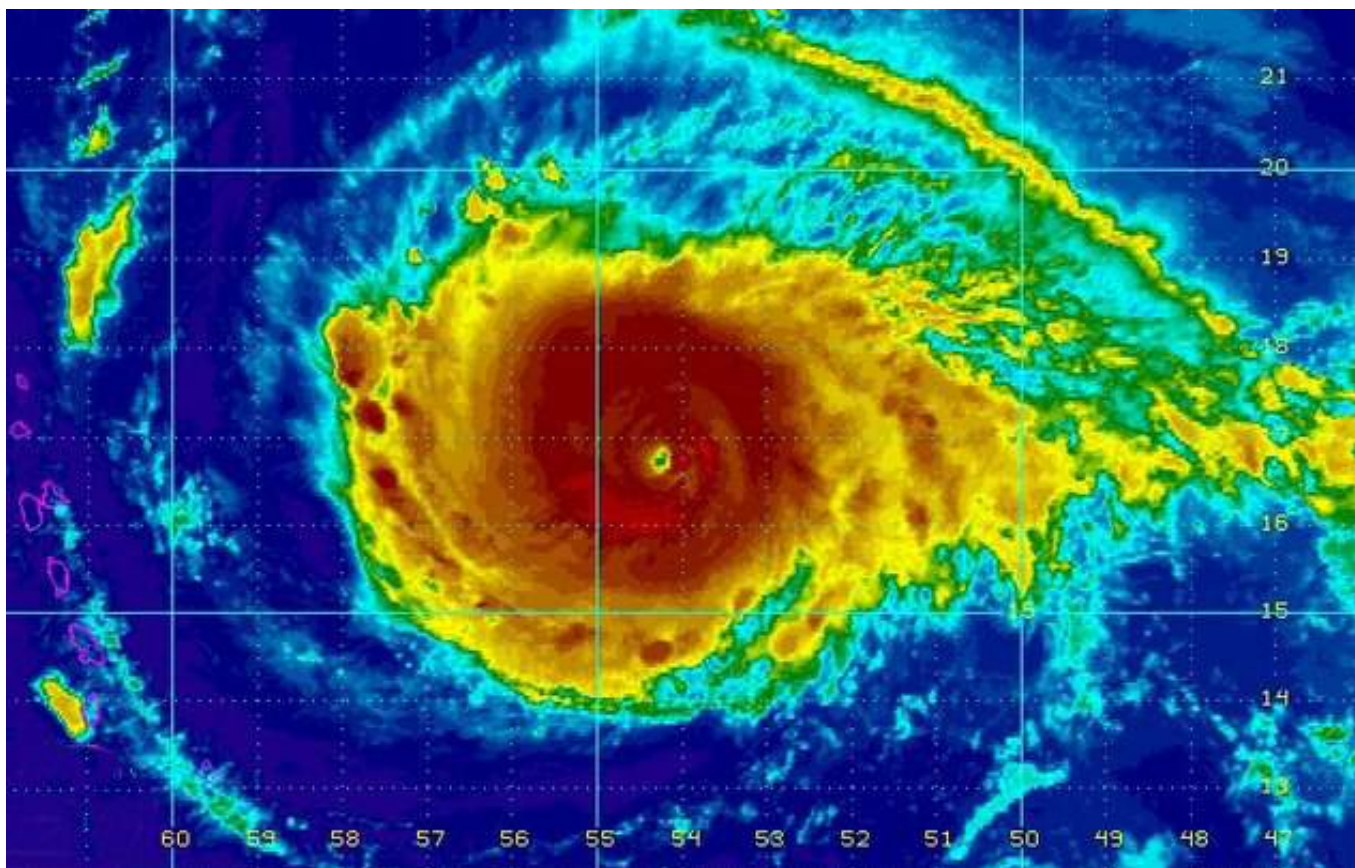
As already noted, the recent total Solar Eclipse of 2017, together with the one in 2024, has the dreaded and terrible meaning of doom for Manasseh (**Ezekiel 5:12; 7:5-9**). It is truly a time of fasting and prayer for God’s true people (**Joel 1:13-14**).

Will YOU be one of those to be spared at that time and given protection from the terrible doom that will befall America?

Jesus Christ makes known what His true people should be doing now—preparing for this coming time now—not *dillydaddling around—wake up—and draw nigh to God and Jesus Christ while there is yet time:*

“Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that will come to pass (by being taken to the place of protection, Revelation 3:10; 12:14), and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36; cf. Matthew 24:30-31).





What's *Wrong* with the Weather?

by Steve Serfontein

HURRICANE Harvey was the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Wilma in 2005, ending a record of 12-year drought in which no hurricanes of Category 3 intensity or higher made landfall in the country.

In a four-day period, many areas received more 40 inches (1000 mm) of rain as the system meandered over eastern Texas and adjacent waters, causing catastrophic flooding. With peak accumulations of 51.88 in (1,318 mm). Harvey is the wettest tropical cyclone on record in the contiguous United States.

The resulting floods inundated hundreds of thousands of homes, displaced more than 30,000 people, and prompted more than 17,000 rescues.

Harvey, the first major hurricane of 2017 Atlantic hurricane season developed from a tropical wave to the east of the Lesser Antilles, reaching tropical storm status on August 17. The storm crossed through the Windward Islands on the following day, passing just south of Barbados and later near Saint Vincent.

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Upon entering the Caribbean Sea, Harvey began to weaken due to moderate wind shear and degenerated into a tropical wave north of Colombia early on August 19. The remnants were monitored for regeneration as it continued west-northwestward across the Caribbean and the Yucatan Peninsula, before redeveloping over the Bay of Campeche on August 23. Harvey then began to rapidly intensify on August 24, regaining tropical storm status and becoming a hurricane later that day.

While the storm moved generally northwest, Harvey's intensification phase stalled

slightly overnight from August 24-25; however, Harvey soon resumed strengthening and quickly became a major hurricane and attained Category 4 intensity later that day. Hours later, Harvey made a landfall near Rock port, Texas, at peak intensity.

Harvey caused at least 71 confirmed deaths; 1 in Guyana, and 70 in the United States. Catastrophic inland flooding is ongoing in the Greater Houston metropolitan area.

Harvey is rated the worst disaster in Texas history, and expected the recovery to take many years. And economically losses are preliminary estimate at between \$70 to \$200 billion, with a large portion of the losses sustained by uninsured homeowners.

According to the Times of Israel's Daily Edition.



Harvey slammed into Texas on August 25 as a Category 4 hurricane, but brought the worst flooding to Houston and other areas as a tropical storm.

The rain totaled nearly 52 inches (1.3 meters) in some areas, and the storm is blamed for at least 44 deaths.

An official from the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston said the city's Jewish community has seen "devastating" damage from Harvey and could take years to recover.

Seventy-one percent of the city's Jewish population of 63,700 lives in the areas that have experienced high flooding, (told to JTA last week) according to Tyran Baranowski, the chief officer for the federation. That includes 12,000 Jewish seniors.

More to Come.

Hurricane Irma followed straight on the heels of hurricane Harvey, while staying just out to sea, and early on

Authorities struggled to get aid to small Caribbean islands to the east, devastated by the storm's record 185 mph (298 kph) winds earlier Wednesday, while people in Florida rushed to get ready for a possible direct hit on the Miami area.

Communications were difficult with areas hit by Irma, and information on damage trickled out very slowly.

At 8:00 a.m. on Friday, the National Hurricane Center reports Hurricane Irma has down graded to a category 4 with winds of 150 mph. Hurricane Watches are issued from Anna Maria Islands to Bonito Beach.

Hurricane and Storm Surge Warnings are in place for South Florida and the Florida Keys. Sarasota, Manatee, Hardee, and DeSoto Counties are now under constant Hurricane Watch. SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)-Hurricane Irma has at least killed 10 people and injured 23, and many more expected in the French Caribbean island territories as the dangerous Category 5 storm roared over the Caribbean, France's interior minister said Thursday 7th of September 2017.

"The reconnaissance will only start at daybreak the following day," Gerard Collomb the French Interior minister said, speaking on French radio, France Info. He also said, "the **death toll** in Saint-Martin and Saint-Bartholemy could be

Thursday headed towards the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

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much higher because rescue teams had yet to finish their inspection of the Islands. The reconnaissance will only start at daybreak the following day.”

He also said, “100,000 food rations have been sent to the Islands, the equivalent of four days of supplies”. It’s a tragedy, as both Islands will have to be rebuilt, as most of the schools have been destroyed.

Irma blacked out much of Puerto Rico, raking the U.S. territory with heavy wind and rain, following straight on the heels of Hurricane Harvey, while staying just out to sea, and early on Thursday headed towards the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Something is Radically wrong.

Drought strikes the United States---Plagues of caterpillars devour fruit trees in West Virginia and Ohio---Stink bugs invading many homes devouring and contaminating fruit and vegetables.

These are just a few recent newspaper headlines warning this nation that there is something radically wrong with the weather. Floods, 2001- Louisiana and Texas, 2005 Hurricane Katrina caused severe damage to Los Angeles county while droughts swept over many parched regions of the Southwest. The Rio Grande and other rivers almost dry.

What is wrong? What is causing these frightful hurricanes to bring death and

destructive floods in Texas, Florida and throughout the Caribbean

The Atomic and Hydrogen Bomb?

WIKIPEDIA Free Encyclopedia...North Korea has conducted six nuclear tests, in 2006, 2009, 2013, twice in 2016, and 2017. Claimed to be a hydrogen bomb (but may only be a boosted fission weapon rather than an actual staged Teller-Ulam thermonuclear weapon).



South Korean Government’s initial yield estimate is 100kt, and it detected a 5.7 magnitude earthquake, where as NORSAR Seismology Center estimate is 120 kt, based on a magnitude 5.8 tremor.

The German Federal Institute for Geo-sciences and Natural Resources estimate is “a few hundred kt”, based on a 6.1

detected tremor. The Japan Meteorological Agency also detected a 6.1 magnitude tremor.

The China Earthquake Administration also detected a 6.3 magnitude earthquake.

People are afraid of what is happening. Some Congressmen and leading politicians are demanding investigations to determine if the atomic and hydrogen tests conducted by Korea are responsible for the ominous changes in the weather. Some believe or

think by stopping these tests all will be fine. But are these Atomic and Hydrogen-bomb tests the real cause of the terrifying storms, hurricanes and droughts our nations are experiencing? Or is there a far more IMPORTANT cause that we have been overlooking?

The very reason why most people don’t understand what is happening in our atmosphere is that they haven’t

known the AWESOME POWER that controls the weather. We have been reared in a materialistic age that believes that all climate changes are due to the interaction of the huge masses of cold and heat. This idea assumes that when God created the world He set it in motion to run on its own merry course.

This teaching assumes that God has left the world and not only doesn't intervene, but can't intervene in nature.

What We Need to Know About the Weather

At this very moment, in a world filled with revolution and dynamic changes, a veritable REVOLUTION IN WEATHER is occurring!

World temperatures are changing. The climate is warming up causing drought in vast areas, with floods in others.

At this very moment weather changes are altering the energies of the great nations. For the U.S.A. there is nothing ahead but drought and periodic floods, with only a few good seasons remaining. Russia is also being slowed in her preparations for war. The great Soviet bread basket of Southern European Russia is suffering from extremely dry weather.

The Caspian Sea in Russia is lowering at an accelerating rate. Many of the tributaries of the Volga River are disappearing. This is cutting down electrical power for Soviet industrial areas, and slowing the Communist war effort. But in the

last few years in the northern regions of Russia, vast areas of fresh soil are being cultivated for the first time as a result of the warm weather.

The most astounding change, however, is taking place in Germany! Never have the Germans had more energy, more capacity to create industrial might. Why? The International Economic Research Bureau gives the answer.

"The WEATHER!"

Weather is important in determining the **ENERGY** of people. Invigorating weather stimulates work. Damp, humid weather stifles initiative, **causes laziness.**

Germany is profiting by slightly warmer weather, giving her already industrious people a prodigious capacity for work. Meanwhile, her nearest neighbors are finding that the weather is becoming too warm for maximum effort. Little wonder that Germany will once again dominate Europe, and will once again become the **power-house for a united fascist Europe.**

It's time we wake up. It's time we learn **WHY** weather changes are occurring --- and what we can do about it!

Today's REVOLUTION in WEATHER

Glaciers are unexpectedly melting because of the warmer

climate. Serious floods are occurring as the melted ice and snow crash down the river beds and overflow dykes.

But more important is the fact that glaciers provide year-round water resources for arid regions now under cultivation.

With the decrease in glaciers, water resources become depleted and droughts become more prevalent.

Forests are another factor in altering the weather. They provide natural watersheds, prevent floods, modify the extremes of climate and temperature, increase humidity, decrease evaporation, and hold and conserve soil moisture.

In America over 2/5 of the original forest area is gone! ---destroyed by man! In a lust for **quick wealth**, much of this area has been unwisely turned into farm land.

Forests reflect the heat. Farmed lands absorb heat. This absorption of heat raises the temperature of the countryside. It's no wonder that hot winds are destroying our forests at an alarming rate. And the trees that are not droughted out are **burned** in constantly increasing **forest fires.**

Without forests, rain waters become **floods.** They are no longer absorbed into the soil. The water level naturally drops. Many farming communities find that deep wells must be drilled or bored deeper! The nation today is not only preventing waters from being stored in the soil, *but we are borrowing the water of future generations by removing what little remains in the soil!*

Hurricane Maria, the Monster Storm

Hurricane Maria NOT LYING DORMANT, regained major hurricane strength as it thrashed parts of the Dominican Republic with heavy rain and high winds, according to **THE TELEGRAPH NEWS**.

Earlier, Maria had pummeled Puerto Rico, bringing "**catastrophic**" **155mph winds** and knocking out power to the island's entire population of 3.5 million.

The "**monster**" storm was the strongest to hit the US territory in nearly a century.

Leviticus 26:21-24. . .

God is talking about progressiveness, (an increase in severity)---things getting worse each seven times.

Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico at 11.15am BST in the southeast coastal town of Yabucoa and **punished** the island with **life-threatening winds** that have torn off roofs and sent doors flying from hinges.

Governor Ricardo Rossello said: "We have not experienced an event of this magnitude in our modern history."

US President Donald Trump described **Hurricane Maria** as a "**monster**", adding: "Our hearts are with you."

The second maximum strength storm to sweep through the Atlantic this month

had already killed at least nine people, and are in no way ready to slow down.

In the Puerto Rican capital San Juan windows blew out and there was widespread flooding.

Officials warned the power company's already crumbling infrastructure had been decimated and the government would have to rebuild dozens of communities that has been

Carlos Mercader, spokesman for Puerto Rico's governor, said: "This is **total devastation**. Puerto Rico, in terms of the infrastructure, will not be the same. This is something of **historic proportions**."

After crossing Puerto Rico, Maria was due to pass just north of the north-east coast of the Dominican Republic on Wednesday night and Thursday.



totally destroyed.

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Maria hit just days after the region was hit by Hurricane Irma, which ranked as one of the **most powerful Atlantic**

storms on record and left a trail of destruction on several Caribbean islands.

Whole Island of Puerto Rico now without power.

100 percent of the island, some 34 million people, are now without power, according to Abner Gomez, director of Puerto Rico's emergency management agency.

He said, "When we get outside we will find our island destroyed. The information we received is not encouraging. Hurricane Maria is a system that has destroyed everything in its wake."

According to FEMA, the US government's emergency agency, it could take days for the power to come back on in Puerto Rico, and in the US Virgin Islands, because of the nature of the geography of the islands it's a logistical challenge, so it will be a frustrating event to get the power back on.

Pain and Devastation

The mayor of San Juan broke down in tears as she spoke at a shelter. She said, "Many parts of San Juan are completely flooded. Our lives as we have known it has changed. There is a lot of pain and a lot of devastation as the streets have become raging rivers.



On the forecast track, the core of Maria will continue to move from Puerto Rico during the next several hours, and then pass offshore of the northeastern coast of the Dominican Republic early on Thursday, according to the Miami-based weather forecaster.



British Virgin Islands escape the worst of Hurricane Maria

The British Virgin islands have been "spared the worst" from Hurricane Maria, the governor has said, as the storm continues her path of devastation and destruction towards another UK overseas territory, PA reports.

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We need to wake up to the calamities we are bringing on ourselves and our children!

It is time we realize that God is not only the Creator, but is also the **CONTROLLER** and **PRESERVER** of this vast universe.

God **CONTROLS** the weather - **not man** in his puny efforts to cause rain by **seeding** clouds. But why does God allow these frightful weather conditions to destroy human life and property? What is the reason?

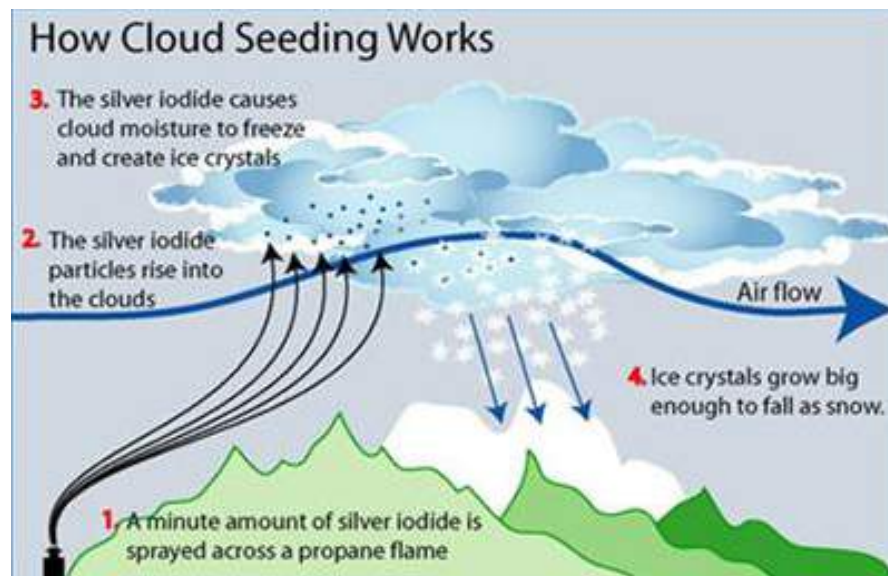
The **REVOLUTION** in weather is witnessing the mass migration of trees, grains, vegetables, bugs, fish, birds and animals to the temperate zones. England's supply of fish is greatly diminished by migration to warming northern waters. The hardwood trees of the northern U.S.A. and southern Canada are becoming sick because they can't stand the rise in temperature. Insects and diseases are increasing in areas where the established plant life can't accommodate itself to a warmer climate.

Fulfillment of Prophecy

These weather changes are only the *fulfillment of prophecy*, believe it or not! In His Mt. Olivet prophecy, Jesus warned of this revolution in nature. *Study Matthew 24 with Mark 13 and Revelation 6.*

Here it is plainly revealed that after the **false teachers** in post-apostolic days, came the **Wars** that destroyed the Roman Empire. This was followed by centuries of **drought, famine** and **floods**, climaxing 600 years ago in Europe. From 1300 to 1400 A.D. Europe suffered such **climatic storms** as have never been equaled until this present time.

For example, on January 16, 1300, half the island of Helgoland was obliterated. In the preceding century, the Indian civilizations in America, in Colorado, Arizona and the states of the great plains were droughted out. The **famine** was so terrible that in the last quarter of the 13th century the Indians, who were dependent on their irrigation systems nearly perished.



Deserts are fast expanding in the U.S.A., Africa and Asia. Severe droughts are occurring in highlands near the equator all because the climate is becoming hotter. In Africa, wild animals are deserting the forests to attack villages in a desperate search for water and food. The great Sahara is moving south, lakes are drying up and this occurs at the same time Europe is having its worst floods in 600 years! Even wild-life is on the march!



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What's Ahead in the Next Few Years?

There has been very bad dry spells in 50's with forecasts from The Assistant Chief of the United States Weather Bureau that the dry cycle will continue, with intermittent wet years. In his article in a leading farm magazine, he indicated that 1956 might become wetter, but that the following two years would be even more severe than at that time.

*But it was the coming dry cycle in the early 1970's that FRIGHTENED him, and it should have frightened us all! By that time rural city, and industrial water demands will have depleted our remaining underground water resources. With that final drought coming unexpectedly--as most droughts do, we will have no water reserves! So terrible will it become at the end now stairing us in the face that one third of the entire population **WILL DIE OF FAMINE AND DISEASE.** so God tells us through the prophets (**Joel 1:10; Ezekiel 5:12**).*

Some say it can't happen here in the United States? **BUT IT WILL! History and prophecy prove it!** Human civilization has always brought disaster to the land and death to its inhabitants. There is no exception! Do we think that we will **escape** any more than other people, or nations? God tells us, "NO, but if you do not **REPENT** you shall **all** likewise perish" . . . **Luke 13:1-4.**



Have we forgotten that the forefathers of our English speaking peoples---the "lost" ten-tribed House of Israel brought ruin upon the land of Palestine. In Abraham's day Palestine was well watered, like the garden of Eden. But by the time that God cast our forefathers out of the land, Palestine had become desolate.

Notice what happened to Babylon. Ancient Babylonia was watered by the Tigris River. The inhabitants denuded the mountains of forests; the river beds were filled with silt; fields were flooded, sweeping away irrigation works. The remainder were destroyed by invading armies. A decaying, pleasure loving nation looked to the government for help ---just as we are doing to day! *But what the people could not do for themselves, the government could NOT do either!*



Have we forgotten that vast portions of the Sahara were once **forested** and **inhabited**. Persia, and Syria, were all civilizations based upon *irrigation*, but it was through **exploitation** of this system that made this land a desert.

I have witness first hand the destruction of beautiful land and forests, with its wildlife in an area called Bushbuck Ridge in South Africa, given to some tribes to farm and build on, and in Rhodesia (*now Zimbabwe*) that was exploited by other racial tribes not native to the country, migrating from Zambia and other surrounding African countries.



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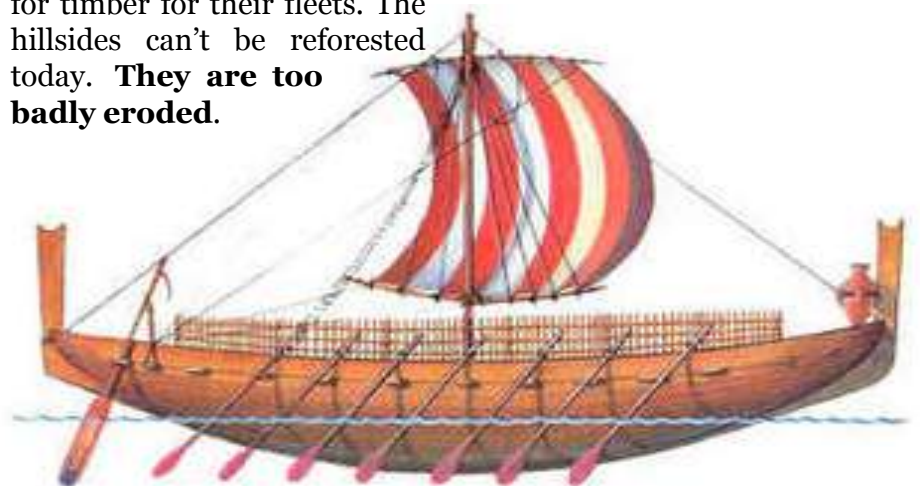
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America and Britain Going the Way of Rome

Yugoslavia, in 1952, was an amazingly dry desolate **rocky** country-side. The soil became untillable, the region dry and arid. At one time the hills surrounding the Mediterranean were heavily forested, today not a trace remains! The Romans began the destruction of the forests. The Slav inhabitants continued to denude the hill slopes. The Venetians

consumed the remaining trees for timber for their fleets. The hillsides can't be reforested today. **They are too badly eroded.**



The same process is occurring in the U.S.A. today. WE SEEM TO BE UNAWARE THAT SOIL EXHAUSTION AND EROSION HAVE PROGRESSED MORE RAPIDLY IN THE UNITED STATES THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, except perhaps South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.

Apparently we have also forgotten that the Romans knew the value of contouring, the value of grasses and legumes, the rotation of crops and organic manuring! **Simkhovitch**, a historian who wrote about the fall of Rome, said that Roman knowledge of agriculture was "fairly startling."

Yet Rome fell!



The Cause Made Plain

God revealed WHY He causes floods, droughts, tornadoes and plagues. Notice **Amos 3:7**. "Surely the Lord God, *(the One who controls the weather, because He created it)* will do nothing unless He reveals His secret unto His servants the prophets."

God has already revealed it, if we would only be willing to look for the answer, why He is bringing natural catastrophes on our nations. The answer has been revealed by the prophets to deliver to us through His Word . . . **(1 Peter 1:12)**.

(All scriptural reverences - The New English Translation)

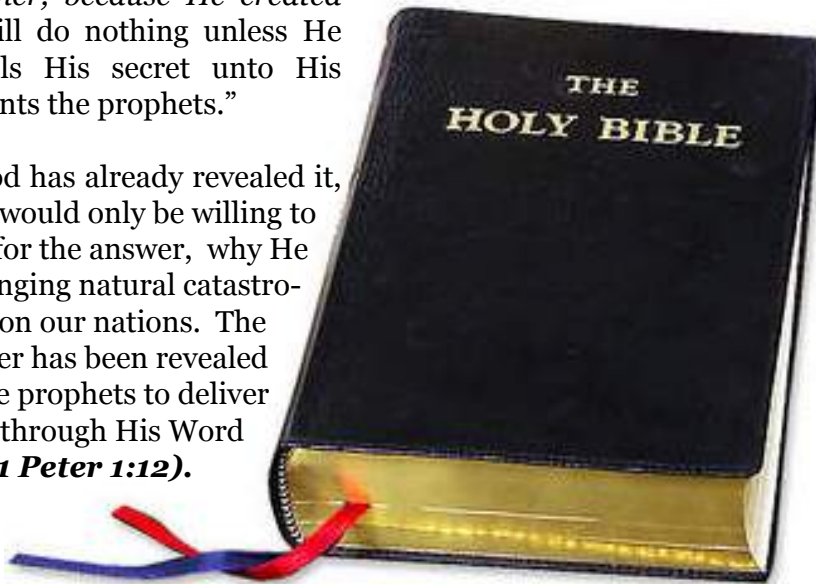
The apostle Paul wrote in **(1 Corinthians 10:11)** . . . Now all these things happened to them as **examples**, and were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages are coming.

*We should open and not close our eyes to what the prophets wrote, but **wake up** and **learn** that their writings are for **our admonition**. . . (1 Corinthians 10:11).*

Now proceed to **(Amos 4:7-9)** to see WHY America is suffering at the hands of "nature". Here is what God says to US today.

Verse 7. "And I have also withheld the rain from you,

when there were yet three months to the harvest. And I caused rain to fall on one city and caused it not to rain on another city; one field was rained on, and the field on which it did not rain dried up.



Verse 8. So two or three cities wandered to one city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to me," says the LORD.

Verse 9. "I have stricken you with blasting and mildew. When your gardens and your vineyards, and your fig trees, and your olive trees increased, the creeping locust devoured them; yet you have not returned to Me," says the LORD.

Let's not hide our heads in the sand. These things are real. *They are happening before our very eyes.* Amos' warning is not for way back then, but for

this century just before the return of Jesus Christ to come and rule this world.

Verse 12. "Therefore I will do this to you, O Israel; and because I will do this to you, **prepare to meet your God, O Israel**". . . that means the United States, Canada and Britain today. We are Israel to whom this message is directed.

God is sending these troubles little by little to correct us, to turn us from the ways that make us unhappy, to turn us as a people back to Him. It is high time we began to acknowledge God's supreme control and rulership over the creation.

What can we do as nation to avoid these increasing problems?

The Answer Is Simple

God intended His people to be happy, and prosperous.

(III John 2) Beloved I personally am praying for you, that in all respects you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul *(or spirit)* is prospering.

To insure prosperity, God revealed the plan which will make and keep us prosperous, **IF WE WILL OBEY**. Down through the ages men have **rejected** God's plan for prosperity and have submitted plans of their own based on selfishness and greed, on **taking** instead of **giving** ---the **get way** which is of Satan as to the **Give way**, which is of God.

We **FIRST** must humbly come to acknowledge of the **POWER** and **AUTHORITY** of God. We must come to understand Him as the **Almighty Giver** of prosperity and health and acknowledge our sins, as the Gentile **city of Nineveh** did. Then God will hear our prayers. He answers even those unconverted in this world if they earnestly and genuinely **cry out** to Him for help. Some drought-stricken cities in Texas, and elsewhere in the past petitioned God for help. They acknowledged **His supreme authority**. He sent them rain as He will do for all who earnestly gather together and implore His intervention.

Then **Secondly**, we must not be like Nineveh which **returned to its sins** after God spared it. God wants us to turn completely from **our ways** and **RETURN** to Him. We must **REPENT** of **robbing God**, a terrible sin that has brought a **curse** upon this whole nation (**Mal. 3:9**).

Yes, this nation is bringing hurricanes, floods, droughts, tornadoes and insect plagues upon itself, **BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN ROBBING GOD**, defying the only way that will bring a blessing, to make us prosperous and happy.

"Wherein have we robbed you?" the people ask. **"In tithes and offerings,"** God answers. Yes, the cause of the troubles is not really nature, **IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WRONG**. We are being punished and corrected to teach us

that the way to prosperity is by **giving**, not **getting**, that we need to acknowledge God as our Partner by paying the tithes that are **rightfully His** because of the manifold **material prosperity** and **blessings** He has already given the children of Joseph --- America and Britain.

Have you ever noticed that God says we ought to test Him to see if He really does control the weather? **"Prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven"**, and cause rain to fall on parched ground, "and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, and all nations shall call you blessed" (**Mal.3:8-12**).

This is God's challenge! Are we going to **DO** what He asks? But let us suppose that the nation won't heed God, that the people continue to bring storms and drought upon themselves. What can you do as an individual?

What You Can Do

Jesus had to suffer for the sins of others. Christians today suffer from the sins of the world. **"MANY are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).**

Yes, we may encounter troubles, but God has **promised** to deliver us out of every hurricane, tornado, famine, drought . But we will have to **cry to Him** for help, **turn** from our sins and **return to**



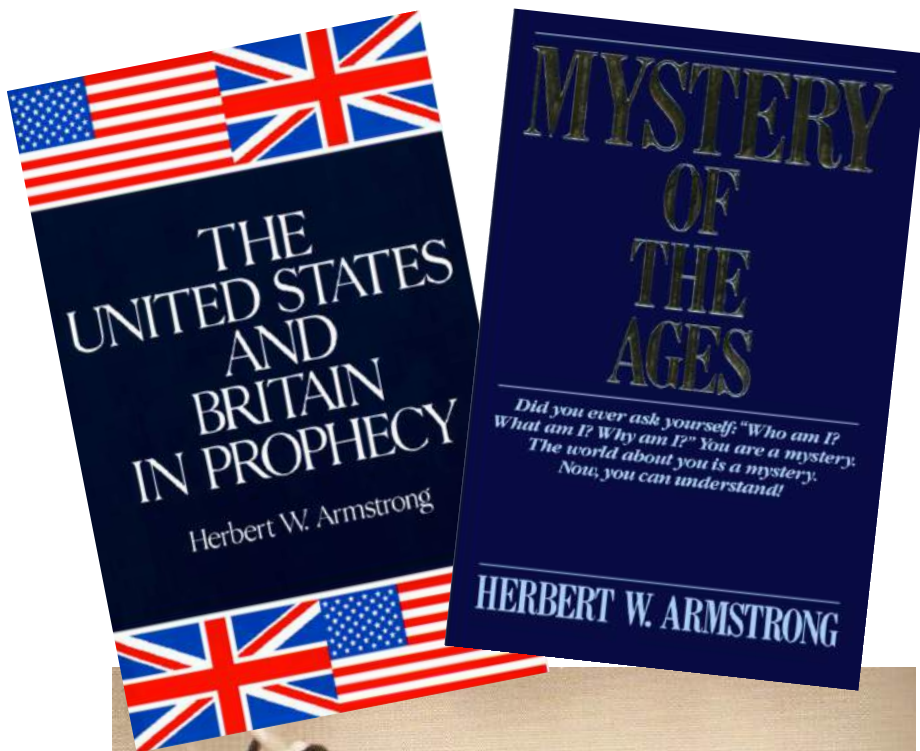
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Him by beginning to pay tithes (*one tenth*) faithfully and give offerings liberally so the nation might be spared and the special work that God is doing on this earth now, the carrying of the **true gospel to all nations** may go forth in power.

Disturbing or bad weather upsets are not new. It has always plagued man kind. It is scheduled to become *Progressively* worse until **ONE THIRD OF OUR PEOPLE** (*the children of Joseph*) **DIE OF FAMINE AND ANOTHER THIRD DIE OF RESULTING DISEASES!** UNLESS they as a nation **repents**.

In the days of the early church, when the world brought punishments upon itself for its sins, a drought struck the Mediterranean area and Palestine. God's people needed deliverance from the famine. They cried out to God and He sent them relief (**Acts 11:28-29**).

You may suffer from the sins of the world, but God will always deliver you if you remain **faithful to Him, submit to Him, trust Him, obey Him**. Always pay what you owe Him in Tithes and Offerings liberally so the **nation might be spared**, and the **WORK** that God is doing on this earth now, the carrying of the **TRUE GOSPEL** to ALL nations may go forth in **great power**.

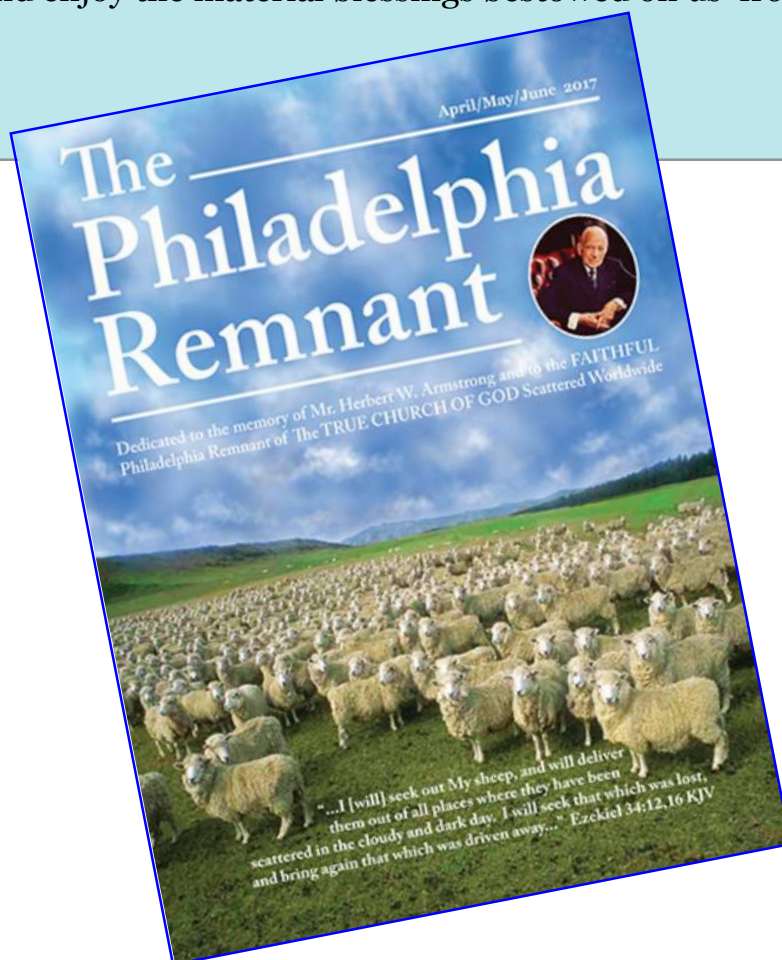


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A Final Warning

If anyone persists in robbing the Eternal God, and does not repent, someday that person will wake up to see that all he has saved is **gone**, washed away, eaten, blown away, by **HURRICANES** and **TORNADOES**. Or perhaps some morning he himself **WON'T wake up**. His neighbors will find his mangled body where the **forces of nature** carried him. But if you treasure your life and your family, ***you had better wake up***, and ask God to deliver you. Ask Him to **pardon** the hundreds of times you may have **robbed Him** despite the fact that He has given you freely *ninety percent* of all you earn or grow.

It is time we come to realize that **God is in charge and has the power to control** the forces of nature, and to intervene on our behalf ***if we obey Him***. This is the only way our nations (***America and Britain***) can remain prosperous and enjoy the material blessings bestowed on us from heaven.



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www.10commandments.ws

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www.holy-days.co

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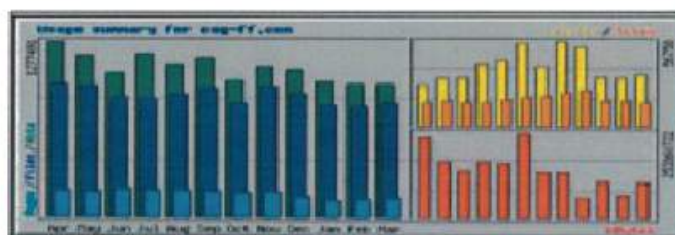
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