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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 that which
was driven away. . .” *Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV*

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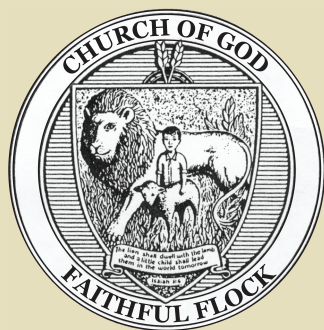
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WHAT IS NOW PROPHESED!

Will the next two decades bring human extinction—or the dawn of a new world of peace and incredible achievement?

By Herbert W. Armstrong



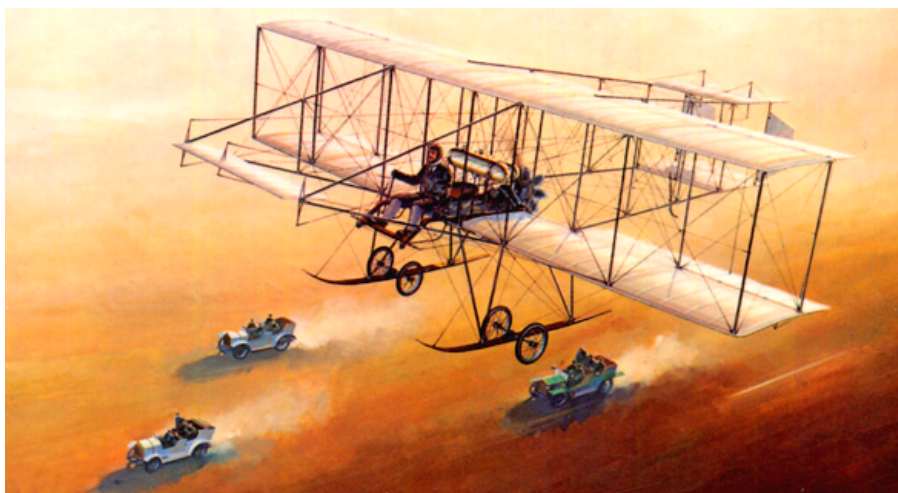
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SUDDENLY this world has become different! It was never like this before. Look at the change in the last 80 years, then LOOK at the change in the last 10. What will another 10 years be like?

When I was a boy, our family transportation was a horse and buggy. Horse-drawn streetcars had just been replaced. Telephones were rare, hanging on walls. Only a few downtown streets in cities were paved. Automobiles were a curiosity—we called them horseless carriages. They were steered with a stick instead of a steering wheel.

Gaslights dimly illuminated city streets. A man, riding horseback, rode past with a lighting stick to turn them on at dusk and again to turn them off at dawn. Our home was dimly lighted by kerosene lamps.

No man had ever flown. Orville Wright's first 12-second, 120-foot 3 flight did not occur until after I was 4 and 1/2 months into my 12th year.



Television was unheard-of. Compare this with the startling advances of the last few decades. And with the mounting racial strife in Africa,



mass demonstrations in Iran, riots, looting and mass VIOLENCE worldwide. And threat of all-out world-girdling NUCLEAR WAR.

And now, as we enter the decade of the 1980s, Russia is on the march through Afghanistan, calling up massive reserves with vast armies mounting on borders of Iran,

spearheading south to control the Indian Ocean, threatening Western Europe.

Suddenly, as we enter the 1980s, it's an entirely new

world.

Again I ask: WHAT will this world be like in another 10 years?

What Scientists Prophecy

Numerous world-famous scientists and economists see a stern picture of the future. They see- today-the masses of illiterates in India, Africa -more than half the world's population in the depths of ignorance, poverty, squalor and degradation; the population explosion and the coming food war; the breakdown of family life- the very BASIS of a progressive and thriving society; the spiraling increase in crime; the fast-spreading breakdown of law and order.

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All this they see, and tell us humanity's one great problem, now, is the QUESTION OF SURVIVAL. Ask these sober scientists and economists HOW LONG we may continue in this present trend. Some will guess, perhaps 10 more years—others think less than 10—some give us a little more. But that's only relative. It's still a question of SURVIVAL!

There Is Good News Ahead

But humanity WILL SURVIVE! There is GOOD NEWS for the future. It is reported by a major news source most people-and most scientists and " economists-have utterly overlooked. There is a Master Plan already worked out. And it will bring to this earth PEACE! There is a Master Plan to solve the vast problems of illiteracy, starvation, poverty and squalor. It entails vast agrarian reforms, economic reforms, reforms in governments, and practical plans to bring about disarmament and world peace.

Many scientists and world leaders know, in general, what it will take to bring this solution. Today, many farseeing leaders put their fingers on the one great change that can now save humanity alive. What they don't know is how to "implement it. With one voice, these men say the solution now demands a WORLD GOVERNMENT. " There is one thing wrong with this solution. That world super-government would have to be given the power of a world police force to enforce its laws, and it would

have to maintain the ONLY military force in the world—all nations would have to surrender their armies, navies and air forces to this one SUPER-STATE.

In a word, every nation would have to surrender its national sovereignty absolutely. And WHAT MAN could be accepted by all as WORLD RULER? It would, mind you, be a world POLICE STATE. Would the Soviet Union give up its struggle to harness the whole world with communism and accept an American capitalist as their world ruler? No, I'm afraid not in a thousand years!

Would the United States accept a North Vietnamese or a North Korean? NEVER! There is only one way the nations could get together on a world super-government. Within nations, each individual has to be willing to give up his personal sovereignty. He must submit to the laws of his government or suffer the consequences. Of course, individuals in all countries are given certain personal liberties, not prohibited by law.

So it must be with NATIONS—if there is to be a world super-government—if humanity is to survive! If there is to be this world super-government all individual nations must first give up their private selfish goals, their dreams of world conquest of

spreading their particular kind of government around the world. One important news magazine said this can happen only if there is "a strong Hand from someplace" that would intervene. So there is the world's dilemma.

Many leaders are agreed the world's only hope is a world super-government. At the same time, they confess frankly that world super-government is absolutely unfeasible and utterly IMPOSSIBLE! And where does that leave you? Does that leave you with nothing but gloom and doom for the future?

Two Alternatives-and Only Two

You have to face it—either there is now no HOPE—either all humanity soon will be erased from this earth—or there does exist that "strong Hand from someplace" with supernatural power to INTERVENE in world affairs—to literally take control from the human great powers of this world and to SAVE humanity from itself!

You need to wake up—and to realize this means YOUR LIFE—and the lives of your children, your family, your friends and neighbors. The one great problem facing everyone of us is HUMAN SURVIVAL. And the only alternative to extinction—soon—is world government!

I sat in the press gallery in the Opera House at the San Francisco, (California) Conference in 1945, when world

leaders were drawing up the charter for the United Nations. There I heard the leading statesmen of the world warning that this United Nations they were forming was "THE WORLD'S LAST HOPE." One hour, in plenary sessions, they were uttering this solemn warning; the next hour in group conferences with leaders from other nations they were fighting for their own special advantage.

The United Nations has proved NOT to be that super-government.

This Is Real— It Involves You

Hiding your eyes from the existing facts won't save your world for you -and YOU alive in it! This directly concerns the life of every reader of The Plain Truth-and the countless other millions who ought to be reading it. This is REAL! It's HERE! There isn't much more time! It's now far later than you think. And—yes, I realize it—this is the ONLY VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS of today's desperate situation that dares to SPEAK OUT! THIS YOU MUST FACE.



There are now two alternatives— and ONLY two.

1) Either the Creator GOD exists, and will soon, now, step in and INTERVENE in this world's affairs and SAVE ERRING HUMANITY FROM ITSELF—or:

2) Anyone of six existing causes will ERASE HUMAN-KIND FROM THE EARTH! The person who is unwilling to consider that the Creator GOD is a real, living, all-wise, all-knowing, all powerful personal BEING, has only the CERTAINTY of existing world conditions fast closing in upon him! But for the reader who is willing to listen, I give you not only your ONLY HOPE of survival, I give you your one SURE HOPE.

World's Most Accurate Newscaster

First, notice the published report of the world's number one Newscaster. This newscast was a FORECAST. And it's CERTAIN. I know, very few ever realized that Jesus Christ came as a Newsman—reporting NEWS for the future. He spoke of 20th-century world conditions-and WORLD GOVERNMENT to come. The world has misunderstood, perverted, maligned His message.

The word gospel means GOOD NEWS. And His was news for the FUTURE. He described today's violent chaotic world. In the pivotal

prophecy of the New Testament of the world's best selling Book, He graphically described the international chaos into which the world is rapidly plunging right now. He said the violence would explode into a world trouble so great, that unless God intervened, no human would remain alive.

Yet, He promised, the All—powerful God would intervene supernaturally to cut short this world chaos (**Matthew 24:21-22**).

NEW—Past, Present, Future

No book has so great a sale as the Holy Bible. And no book ever was so unread, misunderstood, maligned, distorted, misrepresented. Those who profess to use it as the source of their religion promulgate doctrines diametrically opposite from its teachings.

Few know that a whole third, approximately, of that Book is devoted to FUTURE NEWS of world happenings. News of the now soon coming peaceful and happy WORLD TOMORROW—on through CENTURY 21. It's the BEST NEWS you ever read!

We look, now, at one pivotal NEWS DISPATCH within this volume, which covers dramatically a panorama of the dominating governments, past, immediate present and future.

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Advance News Report

You never thought of this panoramic look ahead as a NEWS REPORT? It's time we recognized it for precisely what it is! And it's exciting! Incredible though it seems—and would be discredited to the contrary—notwithstanding the evidence has demonstrated conclusively that this world-news report was written between 500 and 600 years before Christ.

It concerns the king of the Chaldean Empire that ruled the Western world from 609 to 539 B.C. His name was Nebuchadnezzar. His capital was the ancient glamor city and world capital, Babylon. One night this king dreamed a remarkable and frightening dream as reported in Daniel 2.

It was one of those rare dreams that remain indelibly impressed on the mind after awaking. He thought it must have meaning. So Nebuchadnezzar called in all his astrologers, his religious leaders, magicians, his chief advisers, his wisest men. He determined to test their clairvoyant powers.

"It was a terrifying dream, yet it's gone from me," he told them. "I want you to tell me what I dreamed. If you fail, I'll know you are fakes and phonies, and I'll have you all put to death. "But even with their lives at stake, his wisest men could not tell Nebuchadnezzar what he had dreamed.

Now among other nations that had been conquered by this great Chaldean king was the Kingdom of Judah, whose capital city was Jerusalem. These Jews had been taken as captives and transported from their homes in their cities, towns and countryside to the land of the Chaldeans, where they were made slaves. But four outstandingly brilliant lads had been inducted into important government positions in Babylon. Among them was Daniel.

These four Jewish lads were seized, to be put to death along with the sorcerers, magicians and Chaldean "wise men." Daniel asked for time, promising that he would be 'able to tell the king his dream and its meaning. The four Jewish lads prayed to their God for the answer. That night it was revealed to Daniel in a vision.

Report on "What Is to Be"

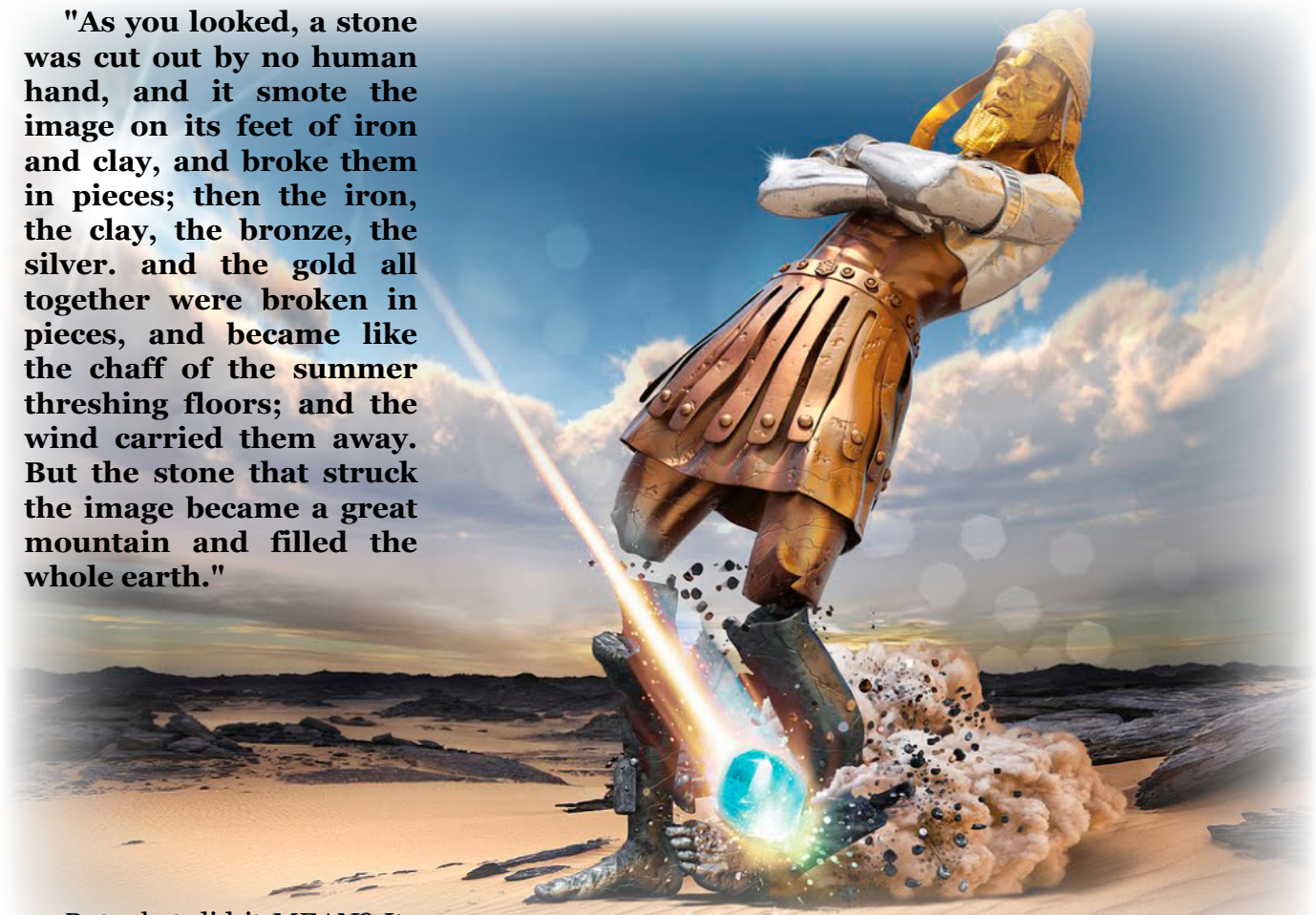
"Are you able to make known to me the dream and its interpretation?", asked the king when Daniel was ushered into his presence. "No wise men can show to the king the mystery," replied Daniel, "but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to you what is to be.

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"You saw, o king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.



"As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."



But what did it MEAN? Its MEANING was a NEWS forecast leading to the present world turmoil, and its imminent and SURE outcome! It is NEWS that vitally affects the life of every reader of The Plain Truth.

"This," continued Daniel, "was the dream; now we will tell the king its interpretation. You, o king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory . . . you are the head of gold. After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth."

Here was NEWS of the future. It was news reported in advance. And it happened! After the Chaldean Empire, the Persian Empire arose. It was inferior as a world empire intellectually, morally, and in honor of splendor and glory—as silver is LESS VALUABLE than gold. But, as silver is harder than gold, so was the Persian Empire stronger in military might.

Humanity was deteriorating. The Persian Empire fell before the swift conquering flight of young Alexander the Great, with his Greek and

Macedonian army. Alexander expanded his empire farther east and west and south—greater in military strength, more in quantity—greater in area and population ruled—but inferior in quality, as bronze is of less value than silver, yet a harder metal.

Alexander wept, it is said, because he had no more worlds to conquer. He died young. His empire was divided into four divisions, each ruled by one of his four top-ranking generals.

Now continue this most unusual form of NEWS REPORT.

The Roman Empire Came

"And," continued Daniel, "there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron' . . . " This was the Roman Empire, which swallowed up all four surviving divisions of Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire, and spread out farther besides. It was the strongest military power in world history up to that time. And the two legs symbolized the two divisions of the mighty Roman Empire- with the eastern capital at Constantinople (today called Istanbul,Turkey), and the western capital at Rome.

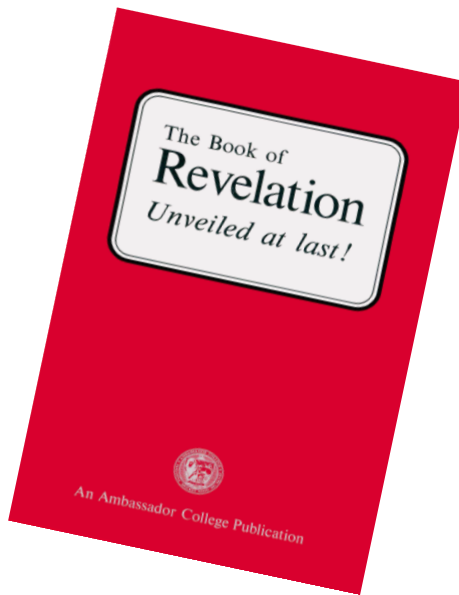
But Daniel continued: "**And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.**"

There are three other specific prophecies—FUTURE NEWS REPORTS—one in the seventh chapter of Daniel, one in the 13th and one in the 17th of Revelation, which also depict the future NEWS of this same succession of world empires. Putting all four prophecies together, it becomes plain that the toes of this image represent a last, final resurrection or rebirth—of the Roman Empire in our time!

Soon Coming United States of Europe

There is not space for details in this article. (Request our free booklet, The Book of

Revelation Unveiled at Last [www.cog-ff.com].)



But the two prophecies in the book of Revelation report clearly—*long in advance*—the fall of the original Roman Empire in A.D. 476, its restoration by Justinian in 554 and its history up to the fall of Napoleon in 1814.

Then **Revelation 17:8** shows the partial revival of this empire under Mussolini—after he took Ethiopia, adding it to Italian Somali land, Eritrea, Libya and Italy—officially naming it "the Roman Empire."



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These prophecies depict detailed ADVANCE NEWS of one more, last revival of this empire, yet to occur, by a union of 10 nations in Europe.

This coming "United States of Europe" is the dream of many leaders—not only within Europe, but in Britain and America. The Common Market is only its beginning. Every indication is that this ADVANCE NEWS will be current news. And it will completely STUN THE WORLD! Yet The Plain Truth has reported this news in advance for the past 46 years!

Can you envision what that will mean in the world's balance of power?

But these nations will not cling long or loyally together. The 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image pictured this United Europe millennia in advance. They will not cleave together for long, even as iron and miry clay will not. Then what shall happen? This prophecy—and others—give you the NEWS long in advance!

Then Finally—

WORLD Government

Continue ' Daniel's explanation to King Nebuchadnezzar. **"And in the days of those kings (*these then who are to unite in Europe!*) the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people . . . and it shall stand forever . . . The great God has made known to the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure"** (quoted from Daniel 2, Revised Standard Version).

This is just one of several ADVANCE NEWS REPORTS that explicitly affirm there WILL BE a world government that shall bring this war-weary earth PEACE AT LAST. Not by the help of men or of their human governments—but in spite of them. Other prophecies report, centuries and millennia in advance, almost every detail of today's rapidly worsening conditions. Humanity WILL SURVIVE! There will be a happy WORLD TOMORROW. Mortal humans do have a stern lesson to learn first. Human bungling will bring accelerated world trouble before God-ignoring humanity will be willing to learn. But WE SHALL LEARN!

Few realize that 90 percent of Biblical prophecy pertains to OUR TIME, and the time immediately ahead. And approximately a third of the Bible is prophecy! It has been

neglected utterly. It has been terribly misunderstood, misrepresented. It is tremendously important! Especially now!

Earlier in this article I said Jesus of Nazareth was the world's greatest NEWSCASTER. Many, deceiving and being deceived, have represented His teaching as a sentimental religious teaching having no relation whatever to this life, this world, its nations, its governments, its society.

THAT CONCEPT IS FALSE! Jesus' "gospel" (*and remember gospel means good news*) was actually His ADVANCE NEWS REPORT of the KINGDOM-the GOVERNMENT-of GOD, soon now to bring us world PEACE.

The KINGDOM of GOD is, Simply the world-ruling GOVERNMENT of God. It IS absolutely not a sentimental, ethereal, imaginary something "set up in the hearts of men." It is something REAL!

It is SOON COMING! And Jesus Christ was born to be the KING of that **WORLD GOVERNMENT.** (*Luke 1:30-3 John 18:36-37; Revelation 11:15; 19:11-16*). As Jesus so promised His disciples that He would return—so, now soon He will return to RULE THE WHOLE EARTH and bring us peace at last!



The Ongoing History of God's Passover

*And the LORD spoke to Moses and said,
... "These are the Feasts of the LORD,
holy convocations, which you shall
proclaim at their appointed times.
"On the 14th Day of the first Month at
twilight is the LORD'S Passover."*

Leviticus 23:1, 4-5

How important is God's Passover? When studying the holy Scriptures, its symbols represent health and life (**I Corinthians 11:23-30**). Therefore, it is a vital service for God's true people to observe each and every year in this present age, and ultimately it will be for all of repentant mankind.

Checking the Internet for the history of the Passover, many believe it began in Egypt, in the 1st month and 14th day of the month. But is this correct? This will be explored in this writing.

Passover is also called one of God's most Holy Days. In reality, it is not a holy day, but a most holy and sacred evening service that begins at twilight in the first month and 14th Day of God's sacred calendar (**Exodus 12:6**).

The First Observance of God's Passover

In this writing other areas of Holy Scripture will be explored that makes known the Passover began much earlier in time than observed by the Israelites in Exodus 12. Rather its original observance began some few years after the creation of Adam and Eve with Abel their son.

To understand the background of Abel's observance of the Passover it is needful to view it in contrast to his brother Cain's improper observance of it. And it begins with the birth of Cain and Abel:

Genesis 4:1-5

v.1 Now Adam knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain (name meaning: possession, acquisition), and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD (Hebrew meaning: the promised Seed, JHVH). Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel (breath, probably meaning worthless in comparison to Cain).

To Adam and Eve, the Seed, the true Lamb of God had been prophesied to come to offer salvation to mankind. The LORD God had said to the Serpent:



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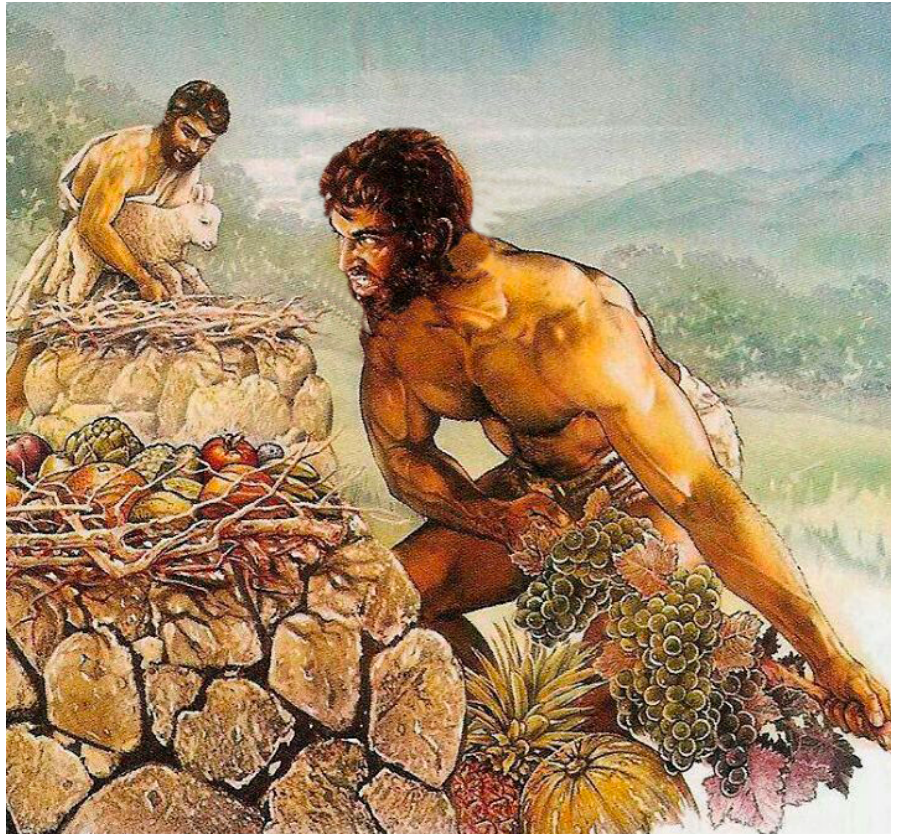
Genesis 3:15 "...

He shall bruise your head (Jesus Christ to render him powerless in time to come, his plots, plans, etc.), **and you shall bruise His heel** (implies the Messiah's death); latter part dual: first and second coming – will bruise at His second coming (Revelation 20:10).

v.2 (of Genesis 4) **Now Abel was a keeper of sheep** (as was Moses for 40 years in the wilderness, and later in time, David) **but Cain was a tiller of the ground** (a farmer, plowing the ground). **And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering** (Hebrew: *minchah*, an offering of bread or cake from) **of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.**

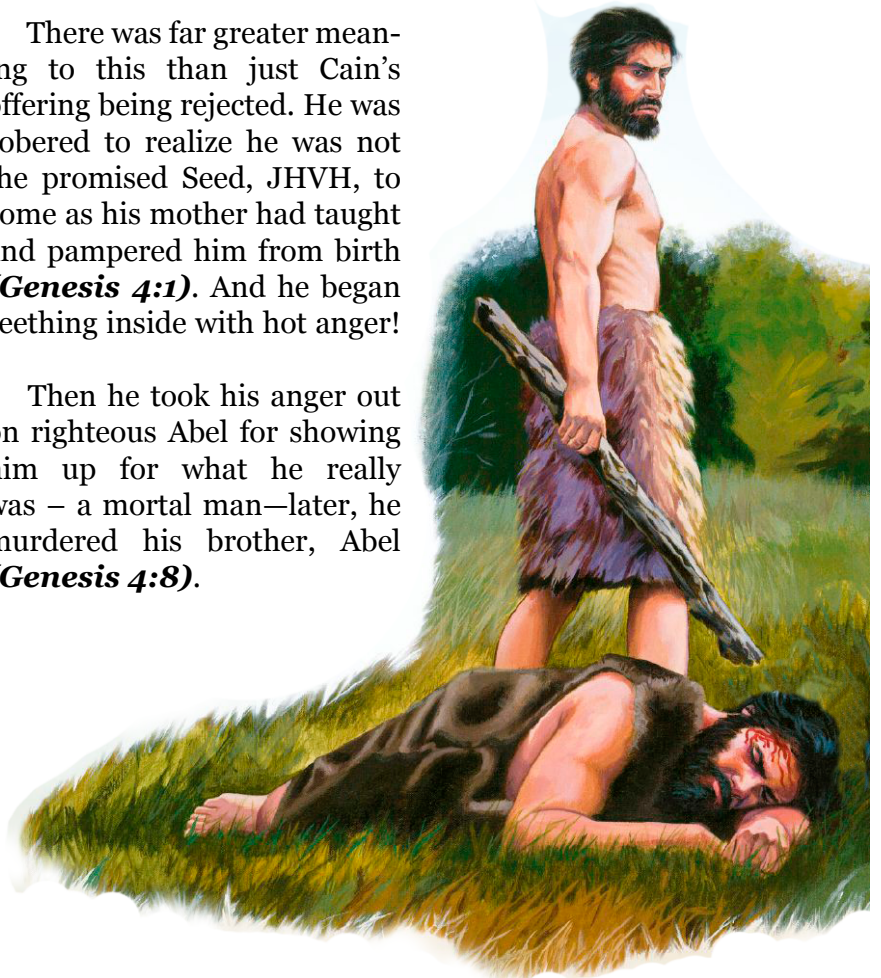
v.4 **Abel also brought** (also a *minchah*, bread or cake, in addition to the lamb) **of the firstborn of his flock** (a little lamb, – it had to be no younger than eight days old and no older than one year; a type of the Messiah—looking to that coming Sacrifice.) **and of their fat** (fat belongs to God). **And the LORD respected Abel and his offering.**

v.5 **But He did NOT respect Cain and his offering.** **And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell** (dejection due to rejection).



There was far greater meaning to this than just Cain's offering being rejected. He was sobered to realize he was not the promised Seed, JHVH, to come as his mother had taught and pampered him from birth (**Genesis 4:1**). And he began seething inside with hot anger!

Then he took his anger out on righteous Abel for showing him up for what he really was – a mortal man—later, he murdered his brother, Abel (**Genesis 4:8**).



Background

Now for some background to these offerings to God (*emphasis throughout the following writing is by this writer*): *Experimental Commentary*, **Genesis 4:2-3**: “The probability is, that this was ‘an extraordinary occasion of this kind’, when the sons of Adam, now advanced in life, and at the head of their families and then on their own appeared as the representatives and PRIESTS of their representative families, as was the practice in patriarchs times (**Genesis 8:20; 12:7-8; 13:18; . . .**) to present their oblations [*special offerings presented to God*] at the appointed place of worship . . . primitive Sanctuary for the express purpose of worship – ‘a sacred season’, well known and respected by both. . . it is plainly implied that this was ‘a certain known time’ at which both were called to worship God together either on the Sabbath or some known sacred anniversary.

Note: “A certain known time”—when considering the change in the months to make the 7th month become the 1st month in God’s Sacred Calendar in Exodus 12; thus, at this time, this was also the first month—the time of the Passover.

Consider those Scriptures that speak of the needed change to conform to the time of the Passover in Exodus 12:

Exodus 12:1-2

vs.1-2 Now the LORD spoke (*had spoken*) to

Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, “This month shall be the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

vs.3, 5 “Speak to all the Congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the 10th day of this month every man shall take for himself A LAMB. . . Your lamb shall be without blemish, a lamb of the first year. . .’

vs.6-7 Now you shall keep it until the 14th day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the Congregation of Israel shall KILL it at twilight. And they shall take some of the **BLOOD** and put it on the doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

v.13 “Now the **BLOOD** shall be A SIGN for you on

the houses where you are. And WHEN I see the **BLOOD**, I will PASS OVER you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you WHEN I strike the land of Egypt.”

Dr. Herman L. Hoeh: “Up to this time for the Hebrews this new month would have been the 7th month, now it became the 1st month of God’s Sacred Calendar.”

Experimental Commentary – cont’d: “And equally [*Cain and Abel*] brought ... a bread offering baked in the oven—this [*bread or cake, unleavened as made known in Leviticus 2:1-16*] was a thanksgiving offering for the bounty of providence.

Comment: The bread or cake, Leviticus 2:1-16: “When anyone offers a grain offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it (*it would appear*



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that Christ was anointed with it preparatory to His death, **Matthew 26:7**) . . . **Leviticus 2:2**> the priest shall burn it as a memorial on the altar with fire (*baked*), a sweet aroma to the LORD. **Leviticus 2:3**> ‘The rest of the grain offering shall be Aaron’s and his sons. It is most holy of the offerings to the LORD made by fire. **Verse 4**> ‘And if you bring as an offering a grain offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed (*spread*) with oil.

Verse 13> ‘And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt. . .”

Both offerings were presented [*fruit of the ground from which was the bread or cake offerings, and Abel’s burnt offering*] . . . at the east end of the garden [*where the cherubim were placed to prevent entrance to the garden and the tree of life*], where the symbols of God’s presence were exhibited, or, perhaps to a sacred tabernacle (*v.14*); **Genesis 3:24**.”

End of Quote

The Apostle Paul wrote of the offering given to the LORD by Abel:

Hebrews 11:4

v.4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain (*symbol of the true Lamb of God, the coming Messiah, Romans 14:23; John 4:29*), through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead

still speaks. (*Abel’s death speaks of obedience and faith*). Experimental Commentary: **Hebrews 11:4**. “. . . a more excellent sacrifice implies a previous revelation [*picturing the Master Plan of God*] . . . he came before God in the character of a sinful creature, expressing a deep sense of SIN, a spirit of humiliation [*foot washing, John 13:3-15*] and sorrow on account of it . . . “**sin lies at the door.**”

End of Quote

The Teachings of God’s Laws

The LORD God had taught Adam and Eve his laws. Cain and Abel were also taught God’s laws by the LORD and knew the transgression of it was SIN—and unrepentant sin leads to death (**Romans 3:20; Genesis 26:5; Romans 6:23**).

Abel, knowing he was a sinful man, as is all of mankind, very probably placed his hand on the lamb’s head just prior to killing it and telling God though he knew he was worthy of death because of his sins, he was offering the lamb in his stead—while picturing it as the true Lamb of God.

In time to come an Israelite would also bring a lamb or bull sacrifice before the priest, place his hands on its head (**Leviticus 3:2, 8**), and say to the priest though I am worthy

of death because of my sin I am offering this lamb or bull in my stead. To Cain the offering he brought before the LORD was only a formality due to his erroneous belief that he was the promised Seed, JHVH, and he had no need for repentance (**Genesis 4:1**). Therefore, he only brought the bread or cake offering from the fruit of the ground which he had tilled.

Genesis 4:3 The bread offering shows devotion to man—last of the ten commandments, love your neighbor as yourself.

Genesis 4:4 The burnt offering shows devotion by man to God—first of the ten commandments.

God seeing the great anger in the countenance of Cain, said to him:

Genesis 4:7 “If you do well, will you not be accepted?” meaning: in the Master Plan of God, during the Great White Throne Judgment (**Revelation 20:11-12**).

The Teaching of the Passover

Based on what the LORD had told Adam and Eve (**Genesis 3:15**), that speaks of the coming of the promised Seed and redemption, they must have been taught about the Passover as well for it teaches the redemption of sin through the sacrifice of Himself. Otherwise, how would Abel have known about it and observed it?

What is the meaning: “**By Faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice:**”—answer: a lamb that pictured the coming of the true Lamb of God.

Preachers of Righteousness

Moving forward in time: There were 7 preachers of righteousness prior to the Flood (**Jude 7**). Considering the foregoing and their walking with the LORD God, it would seem they also knew about the Passover and very probably observed it due to the LORD teaching them about it as He had taught Adam and Eve.

Scripture tells us that both Enoch (**Genesis 5:22, 24**), and Noah walked with God (**Genesis 6:9**). The other five Patriarchs must have as well otherwise they could not have walked with the LORD.

Abram and Melchizedek

The second time in early Biblical history that Scripture speaks of the Passover being observed has a background of warfare. Due to the LORD God’s blessing and help, Abram won the war and restored the captives, among them his nephew, Lot and his family.

The war and the return of the captives ended just outside the City of Salem, Jerusalem, where Melchizedek ruled as king:

Genesis 14:17-20

v.17 And the king of

Sodom went out to meet him (Abram) at the valley of Shaveh (*that is the king’s valley—this is an editorial remark inserted by Ezra*), approx. 2 city blocks from Jerusalem, cf. *II Samuel 18:18; Psalm 76:2*), **after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings with him.**

Dr. Hoeh: **Verse 17:** “This was in the 1st month and 14th day – picturing the Passover. This also pictures Christ deliverance of Abram and others from SIN. Salem city of peace –Jerusalem.” End of Quote.

There is always peace of mind after having been forgiven and delivered of sin by God.

v.18 Then Melchizedek King of Salem (cf. *Psalm 110:2, 4; Hebrews 7:1-17, ruling over the Canaanites—in the midst of His ancient enemies; Isaiah 28:10*) **brought out BREAD AND WINE** (to Abram); **He was the Priest of the God Most High** (*El Elyon, the name is associated with Christ as the Son of the Highest, Companion Bible, page 7*). Dr. Hoeh: “(Verse 18) More ceremonial at the time. A day later was designated to the Passover.”

vs. 19-20 And He blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram of God Most High possessor of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who has



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delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave Him a tithe of all.

There is no question but that Abram, partook of both the BREAD and the WINE administered by the Priest-Melchizedek; as did Jesus Christ administer the same to His disciples (**Matthew 26:26-28**).

Melchizedek/ Jesus Christ

Melchizedek has proven to be a mystery to many not understanding who He really was as King of Salem-Jerusalem. Questions to be followed with answers:

Was He just a man? If so, who were His parents? The enigma: Scripture makes known He had no parents, no genealogy. Did He just come out of nowhere—no connections with anyone? How did He come to be a King? Who crowned Him a King?

Why did He bring forth Bread and Wine? Was this a special occasion other than blessing Abram as the victor in the war? Who gave Him the right to receive tithes? If He were just a man, why was He called King of Righteousness, when Scripture makes known no man is righteous? Why was He King of Salem-Jerusalem? Who gave Him the right to give a blessing to Abram?

Very interesting questions that can only be answered from Holy Scripture. Consider the lofty titles of Melchizedek that only belong to God:

The Titles of Melchizedek:

1) Melchizedek brought forth bread and wine—This has a direct correlation with Jesus Christ who introduced the symbols of the Bread and Wine during the last traditional Passover supper that would carry hence forward into all future time.

2) Melchizedek King of righteousness --- This has the meaning of the ultimate in righteousness. Only God the Father and Jesus Christ are at that highest level of righteousness.

3) Melchizedek King of Salem---Jerusalem--- Salem, meaning peace. Peace is a fruit of God's Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you" (**John 14:27**). Melchizedek, as King of peace, was at the highest level of peace.

4) Abraham paid tithes to Him --- According to the Levitical law, Christ could not become a priest or receive tithes, but the law was changed. Judah did not have the right to become a priest, but Christ did because He was God. Christ's claim is not from a physical genealogy, but Himself as Melchizedek. **Hebrews 7:4, 6** "Now consider how great this Man to whom Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. . .but He whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him (*Abraham*) who had the promises. **Hebrews 7:14-15** "For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning the Priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arose another priest, who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. **Verse 17** "For He testifies: 'You are a priest forever according to the order (*or rank*) of Melchizedek.'"

5) Melchizedek --- Priest of God Most High (Hebrews 6:20)

6) Melchizedek had no pedigree --- Hebrews 7:3: "Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life (*if He is not Jesus Christ, who is He? What would He be doing? There is no trinity, Isaiah tells us there is only Elohim, the Father and Christ, and no other, Isaiah 45:5, 21*).

Melchizedek was to Become the Messiah

When considering those Scriptures there is no question but that Melchizedek was none

other than the Messiah who was to be born into human life

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many years later (Year 4 B. C.; confirmed in Psalm 110; Hebrews 7); one and the same, just a difference in names that had special meaning as needed for those particular times.

It is also important to realize the presentation of the symbols of the Passover by Melchizedek to Abram, the Bread and the Wine, and the same symbols presented by the Messiah to His disciples during His final Passover, that both carried the same meaning of the forgiveness of sin to be given by God upon heartfelt repentance—made possible by Jesus Christ who voluntarily offered the sacrifice of Himself unto death for sin.

As a forerunner of that coming time, Melchizedek had just delivered Abram from sin, He then administered the Passover symbols, the Bread and the Wine.

To aid the understanding why Melchizedek chose Abram at that particular time to make known the symbols of the future Passover, the bread and the wine that would correlate with the New Testament Passover, the Scriptures reveal there was a very special relationship Abram had with the LORD God.

The Pre-Planned Meeting Between Abram and Melchizedek

The special calling of Abram is made known by the meaning of his name (**Genesis 17:5**, “a dialectal variant of Abram (*exalted father*), meaning the (*divine*) father is exalted, The New Oxford Annotated Bible), had great meaning at that time.” And its usage is made known in the writings of the Apostle Paul (*Romans, chapter 4*).

Scripture indicates Melchizedek had been king in Salem -Jerusalem for some few years prior to His meeting with Abram. When considering all the aspects involved regarding His very special meeting with Abram, it becomes easy to understand this had been pre-planned by the LORD from the time He would appear as King Melchizedek to reign over the Canaanites (**Isaiah 46:9-10**). It fits the timing of all the aspects involved at that time.

And His reign apparently began somewhere about the time when the LORD God told Abram to get out of that country where he dwelt with his families who worshiped idols (**Joshua 24:2**):

Genesis 12:1-4

v.1 Now the LORD had said (**Genesis 11:31**), to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your kindred and from your father’s house (*In type—those called and chosen by God in this age, when necessary to obey Him*), to a land that I will show you).

vs.2-3 “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall



be blessed (*Mr. Armstrong: The spiritual promise of grace through Christ and rulership to come, **Genesis 18:18; 22:18; Galatians 3:8,16).***)”

v.4 (of Genesis 12) So Abraham departed as the LORD has spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran.

The Plan Moves Forward

With the move of Abram to finally settle in Hebron, the plan continues with Melchizedek having begun His reign as King over the Canaanites. Like a crossword puzzle, these two moves were necessary to bring Abram and Melchizedek together at the precise time needed for their meeting and the observance of the Passover service.

The question comes to mind: why else would the LORD God appear in human form as King Melchizedek to rein over a heathen nation? There is no valid reason or Scriptural reference to think His reign and this meeting had not been pre-planned! Remember God knew the end from the beginning—all laid out through time—according to His time table (**Isaiah 46:9-10**), and this was a very important part of that plan.

This was not a chance meeting! When realizing the prominent use of Abram/Abraham by Jesus Christ (**Romans 4.**), it was essential that this meeting take place,

and Abram to have the knowledge of the Passover, and then partake of its symbols, the Bread and the Wine.

Thus, Abram would not only have come to know about the Passover, but he would also teach the vital need of observing it to His descendants. This would later connect with circumcision—a physical type of conversion (*cf. Genesis 17:10-14; Joshua 5:2-10; Romans 2:25-29*).

Since Abram dwelt in Hebron (*20 miles south of Jerusalem*), he must have known about King Melchizedek reigning in Salem-Jerusalem, but considering other factors already mentioned he had not met Him for the meeting between them had to take place at the Passover. This would involve pre-planning and perfect timing.

Salem-Jerusalem was the chosen place to end the war of sin and meet with Priest Melchizedek for the Passover (*in type and forerunner of the battle to be fought at Armageddon—in the Valley of Jehoshaphat just outside Jerusalem, Joel 3:2—at the end of a bloody warring and sinful age, and leads into the peaceful reign of Jesus Christ*).

The city God had chosen from the beginning with Abel—the garden in Eden (*meaning: delight, Jerusalem, Genesis 2:8*)—later in time

it would become the capital city of Israel. Further, it will come to be the Headquarters of Jesus Christ upon His return to this earth. And in time to come, the new Jerusalem (**Revelation 21.**) All this is real cause for wonderment at the awesome and greatness of God for the perfect timing of His Master Plan!

Question: Considering how all these factors mesh together with exact timing, why else would the LORD have chosen the name of Melchizedek for Himself, and then become king over Salem-Jerusalem during those years, and at that particular time? There is no answer other than what Jesus Christ has revealed from these Scriptures and the overview from them.

Their meeting also involved the law of tithing (*further explained by the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 7.*) that showed honor to God (*who is the giver of every good blessing*), when Abram gave a tithe to Melchizedek.

Abraham's Special Relationship with the LORD

God's relationship with Abraham was very special during that time because of his worship and obedience to all that had been asked of him by God, keeping His charge, and his laws:

Genesis 26:5

v.5 “Because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments,

My statutes (God's Holy Days are Statutes, tithes, etc.), and My laws."

Because of that special relationship, the LORD God had already revealed His Master Plan of the future – the New Jerusalem – to him.

Hebrews 11:10

v.10 *[By Faith, Abraham]* **waited for the CITY which has foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God (Revelation 21).**"

Based on the Scriptures revealing God's special relationship with Abraham, He HID nothing from him any more than He had with Adam and Eve—followed by Abel.

Abraham Believed the LORD God

The Apostle Paul wrote of the lofty promises that were made to Abraham in the following few quotes taken from the following Scriptures by referring to that very special relationship, while making known God's prominent use of Abraham, and why:

Romans 4:1,3, 11, 13, 16-18

v.1 ". . . Abraham our father (according to the flesh) . . ." **v. 3** "Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness (Genesis 15:6)." **v.11** ". . . (Abraham). . . that he might be the father of all those who believe (believing God and having faith in Him and His promises) . . ." **v.13** "The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they

should inherit the world (RSV Translation) . . . vs.16-18 " . . . the father of us all ... the father of many nations . . ."

Abraham was also called a friend of God (**II Chronicles 20:7; James 2:23**). Therefore, he figured prominently in the highest level of the Master Plan of God. Undoubtedly he will be given the highest office in God's soon-coming Kingdom—directly under Jesus Christ.

The Direct Correlation Between Melchizedek and the Messiah

The Bread and Wine offered to Abram by Melchizedek in that early history was a forerunner of the Bread and Wine introduced by Jesus Christ during the last Passover service observed by Jesus Christ before being beaten and crucified.

The very same Jesus Christ who had appeared in early history as Melchizedek, King of Salem-Jerusalem.

There was a direct correlation between that time and when Jesus Christ introduced the Bread and Wine and during the last Passover He observed before being arrested, beaten and crucified.

The LORD God, who became Jesus Christ, chose to use the name of Melchizedek to fit the occasion during that special time (**Psalms 110; Hebrews 7**). Scripture reveals He had

other names (*cf. Companion Bible, Appendix 4, Pages 6-7*), and each one was used at a particular time to fit the known circumstances.

Shortly after this meeting between Priest-King Melchizedek and Abram, history reveals Melchizedek installed another king in the ruler-ship over Canaan for there was no further need for His reign over the Canaanites in Salem. His mission and purpose as King Melchizedek had been accomplished.

Companion Bible—Genesis 14:18 'Salem'— "Called on the bricks of the ruins of an ancient city [Salem] of Palestine . . . the tablets show that Palestine was at this time in possession of Egypt, and the tablets are letters to the Pharaohs Amenophis III and IV. One is from Ebed-Tob, the successor of Melchizedek. Three times he says 'Not my father, nor by my mother installed me in this place but the Mighty King . . . the deity.'"

End of Quote.

The LORD God Visits with Abraham

Sometime later the LORD God and two of His angels appeared before Abraham. Though He is not named as such, He was the former Melchizedek (**Genesis 14:17-20**), now appearing as a Man, but in a different form as He had done at other times (*cf. Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-31*).

He stood before Abraham at noon time and accepted a meal prepared for Him and the two angels with Him by Abraham.

Later, He told Abraham that He was going to destroy Sodom:

Genesis 18:1-19

v.1-2 Now the LORD appeared to him (*Abraham*) . . . so he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold. Three men were standing by (*before*) him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground.

Due to the prominent use of Abraham by the LORD God, He made known nothing would be withheld from Abraham.

vs.17-18 And the LORD said “Shall I HIDE from Abraham what I am doing since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?”

v.19 “For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the LORD (*Passover and Holy Days*), to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.

The Promise and the Vision Given to Abram by the LORD

A close relationship with God often bring about tests and trials to humble and keep one upright before Him. The same

was true with Abraham (*cf. Genesis 22:1-18*). In vision the LORD revealed an overview of the future of his descendants and Abram was shaken by it:

Genesis 15:1-18

v.1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.

Soncino Commentary: “After these things” – “This phrase commonly joins a new chapter with the preceding. It does not necessarily imply an immediate sequence.”

End of Quote

The implication from Scripture indicates this was no immediate sequence with chapter 14, but took place sometime later.

vs.2-3 But Abram said, “Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless (*with Sarah*), and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir.”

v.4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.”

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NOTE: In effect God begins a test of faith with Abraham here. A promise that would not be fulfilled for years, when he was 100 years old (**Genesis 17:17; 21:5**, 25 years later).

v.5 Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendant be.”

v.6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Note: This verse cannot be read all by itself removed from the overall context. Abraham had already for many years been faithfully living by the laws of God. His faith in God was his motivation for this obedience to God and His laws.

v.7 Then He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.” NOTE: The land of Israel would be brought back to – “The Promised Land.” by Moses

v.8 Then he said, “How shall I know that I will inherit it?” . . .

vs.9-11 So He said to him, “Bring me a three-year-old heifer . . . and when the vultures came down on the carcasses

(vultures are birds of prey), **Abram drove them away** (Soncino Commentary: “Symbolically foreshadowing the obstacles in the way of taking possession of the land”).

NOTE: The ancient method of making a covenant was to cut an animal in half and the contracting parties were to pass through the portions of the slain animal. Thereby the parties were thought to be united by the bond of a common blood.”

v.12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.

vs.13 Then He said to Abram, “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs (Egypt, Exodus 1:1), and will serve them, and they will afflict them 400 years (Exodus 12:40, a round number, the exact number, 430 years, Exodus 12:41, counting from the time of that vision).

NOTE: 430 years from this time until Israel would come out of captivity (**Galatians 3:17**). Darkness. The nation which was to issue from him (Abraham) would have to pass through bitter times of oppression.

v.14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge (Exodus 6:6 via of the 9 plagues, the 10th one taking place during the Passover, all the firstborn of Egypt killed by

the Angel of the LORD); afterward they shall come out with great possessions (Exodus 12:36).” . . .

v.18 “On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram . . .”

Dr. Hoeh: This was the 1st month and 15th day, the beginning of the Days of Unleavened Bread—picturing leavening as a type of sin (**Leviticus 23:6-8; I Corinthians 5:6-8**).

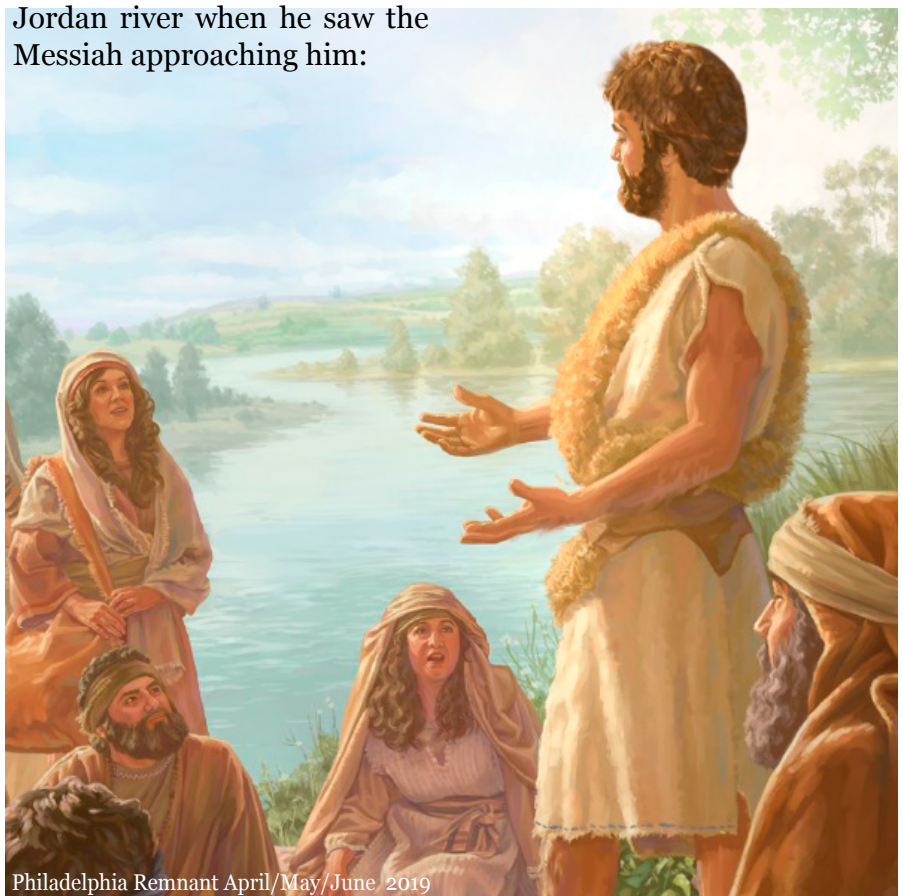
These Scriptures, previous ones, are in the context of the Passover – that speaks of the Messiah, the true Lamb of God who was to come, and take upon Himself the sins of the world (**John 3:16-17**). John the Baptizer spoke of this at the Jordan river when he saw the Messiah approaching him:

John 1:29 “. . . behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

NOTE: **Genesis 15:18**. Here God makes an agreement (covenant) with Abraham – to give the land to Abraham’s seed. Chapter 17, God makes another covenant with Abraham 15 years or so later.

NOTE: “Concerning Genesis 15: the Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 4 that the Covenant found here is a TYPE of the Old Covenant. That is why we see all these rituals attached to the Covenant. This Old Covenant has nothing to do with the covenant God made with Abraham in Genesis 17.”

End of Quote



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NOTE: "God made two covenants with Abraham. The one in chapter 15 resulted in Ishmael's birth. The covenant here (**Genesis 17:21**) resulted in Isaac's birth. Later the Apostle Paul compared these two covenants with Abraham in analogy to the 'Old' and the 'New' covenants in **Galatians 4:22-31**. The covenant in chapter 15 is a type of the Old Covenant.

The Covenant in Genesis 17 is a type of the New Covenant. In Galatians 4 Paul clearly contrasted these two covenants. When Paul quoted ... 'cast out the bondwoman and her son', he meant the Old Covenant is superseded by the New Covenant us *[for those in God's true and faithful Church]*. But this also means that the covenant in Genesis 15 is superseded by the New Covenant in Genesis 17.

Mr. Tkach and the Protestant world attempts to combine these two separate covenants that God made with Abraham in Genesis 15 and 17. But these two covenants are just as separate from one another as is the Old and the New. This is the point Paul makes in Galatians 4.

Mr. Tkach's explanation revolves around the Covenant in Genesis 15, which was a type of the Old Covenant as Paul explains. He is expounding the wrong covenant. The need for God's people is to focus on chapter 17." End of Quotes

The Messiah's Sacrifice Foretold in Prophecy

The Apostle Paul spoke of the prophecy that would make known His sacrifice of Himself would at a particular time be fulfilled.

Hebrews 10:5-7

vs.5-6 "Therefore, when He came into the world, He said, 'Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but A BODY You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.'"

v.7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God."

To offer Himself as a sacrifice for mankind. In effect this was to be a fulfillment of the promised SEED (**Genesis 3:15**). Isaiah the Prophet goes into detail of the prophecy of that coming time of what the Messiah would do for mankind via His beating and death by crucifixion on the stake:

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Christ's Broken and Bloodied Body

Isaiah 52:13-15

vs.13-14 "Behold, My servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men;

v.15 "So shall He sprinkle many nations, kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider."

Isaiah 53:1-5

vs.1-2 "For who has believed our report (they have heard from the true and faithful Church of God)? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form (splendor) or comeliness (appearance); and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

v.3 "He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows (experienced horrible pains while being beaten and on the stake) and acquainted with grief (sickness—very sick on the stake). And we HID, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised and we did not esteem Him.

v.4 “Surely He has **BORNE** our griefs (*sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows (*pains*); yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God (*struck down*), and afflicted,

v.5 “But He was wounded (*pierced through*) for our transgressions, He was **BRUISED** (*blows that cut in*) for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace (*welfare*) was upon Him, and **BY HIS STRIPES** we are healed.”



The BLOOD of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ's life's blood was poured out to blot out the sins of repentant mankind.

Isaiah 53:12

v.12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He **POURED OUT** His soul unto death (*life is in the blood, Genesis 9:4-5*), and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He **BORE** the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 10:14

v.14 “For by one offering (of Himself) He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”

The Fulfillment of the Symbols of the Passover

This came to pass toward the end of the human life of Jesus Christ. He spoke of it at the last Passover service He would attend before being arrested, wrongly tried, convicted, beaten and crucified.

Matthew 26:26-28

v.26 And as they were eating, Jesus took **BREAD**, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My **BODY**.”

v.27 Then He took the **CUP**, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is **MY BLOOD** of the new covenant which is **SHED** for many for the **REMISSION** of sins.”

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The Apostle Paul wrote of this in more detail along with the terrible consequences for those who would partake of it without a real grasp and understanding of its precious worth:

I Corinthians 11:23-30

vs.23-24 “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took **BREAD**; and when He had given thanks, He **BROKE** it and said, “Take, eat; this is My **BODY** which is **BROKEN** for you, do this in **REMEMBRANCE** of Me.

vs.25-26 “In the same manner He also took the **CUP** after supper, saying, “This **CUP** is the New Covenant in My **BLOOD**. This **DO**, as often as you drink it, in **REMEMBRANCE** of Me. For as often as you **EAT** this **BREAD** and **DRINK** this **CUP**, you **PROCLAIM** the Lord's death till He comes.”

vs.27-28 “Therefore, whoever **EATS THIS BREAD** or **DRINKS THIS CUP** of the Lord in an **UNWORTHY MANNER** will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself; and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.

vs.29-30 “For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to

himself, not DISCERNING the Lord's body (total sacrifice). For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep (irreverently in a light manner or not being fit or worthy of being of no worth for our healing; *Isaiah 53:5; I Peter 2:24; James 5:14-15*).



The History, Present, and Future Observance of the Passover

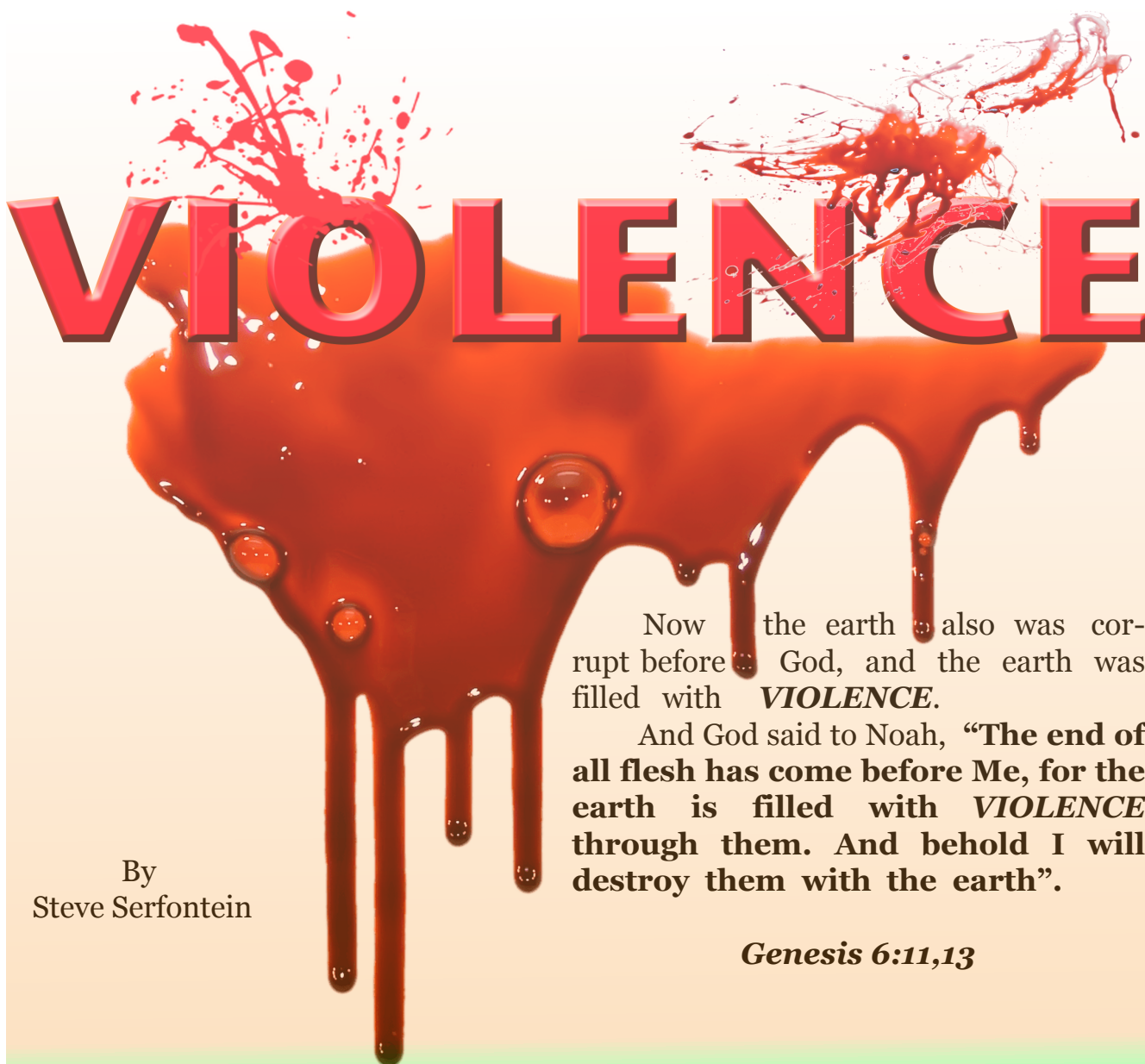
From that very early time of Abel, throughout past millennia, unto this present time, the Scriptures and the overview from them have made known the knowledge and vital importance of the observance of the Passover.

In future time all of mankind will also come to know of its precious worth that can lead to a real and lasting relationship with God, throughout the thousand-year millennium, and the Great White Throne Judgment of 100-years, and then can lead into immortality.

The Passover will continue to be preached and observed as the most important and solemn service of the whole year for it pictures the voluntary sacrifice of Jesus Christ Himself as the true Lamb of God, who came and dwelt among His people, Judah, to take away the sins of the world by crucifixion at the end of His short life of 33 and one-half years (***John 1:29; 3:16-17***).

All praise honor and glory be to God our Father and His Beloved Son Jesus Christ forever and ever for Their awesome love and desire to expand Their Family as revealed by His Master Plan, and it begins with the vital importance of God's Passover.





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Now the earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with **VIOLENCE**.

And God said to Noah, “**The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with VIOLENCE through them. And behold I will destroy them with the earth**”.

Genesis 6:11,13

And the LORD saw (as *He looked upon His creation*) that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and every imagination of the **thoughts of his (mans) heart** was only **evil continually**. . . (*Man has gone beyond the point of redemption*).

And the LORD repented that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

And the LORD said, “**I will destroy man whom I have**

created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, and the crawling thing, and the fowl of the air; for I repent that I have made them.

And behold, I, even I am bringing a flood of waters upon the earth in order to destroy all flesh---in which is the breath of life---from under heaven.

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**Everything which is upon the earth shall die”.
Genesis 6:5-7, 17.**

Bare in mind, **Satan masterminded all this evil and violence** that came about on the earth, and caused the destruction there off, through the flood, which caused the death of billions of human beings except eight---Noah who walked with God, and his family who went into the ark with him, and the animals and

creatures God instructed him to take into the Ark with him.

a man and a women (*adults*), **violence** against women



God labeled Satan for what he is, **a murderer** and **a liar** from the beginning. . . **John 8:44.**

(Emphasis mine throughout)

Violence is a significant public health problem that affects the lives of many thousands of people in our society each day.

Violence effects families, schools, and whole communities and religion. **Violence** is an adverse experience and is connected to many other forms of **evil and destruction**, as was before the flood in the days of Noah, and causes suffering in all walks of life.

It includes the breakdown of the marriage union and relationships between couples,



(*rapes and assaults*), child abuse maltreatment and neglect of children, **sexual violence**, teenage dating and bullying (*which ends in suicide*). And then there is racial riots, **another form of violence.**



Violence has a profound effect on the **young** as well as the **old**, physically and mentally.

What is violence?

Violence is the intentional use of **physical force** or power to threaten or **harm** others, young or old (of all ages).



It is not just subjected to the youth of today. That is where it begins. It typically involves children or people hurting others whether they are related or unrelated, whom they may or may not know well, or as in most cases not at all. **Violence** can take on different forms among the youth of today.

Examples include fights, bullying, threats with weapons, and gang-related violence. A young person can be in



youth violence as a victim, offender, or witness, and also Anti-Socially related.

Youth **violence** starts early in children's lives. Physical aggression can be common among toddlers.



Some children learn alternatives to using violence in solving problems and expressing their emotions before starting school. Whereas other children may remain **aggressive and become more violent.**



Other early childhood **risk factors** include impulsive behavior and poor emotional control, and a lack of social and problem-solving skills. Many **risk factors** are the result of experiencing **chronic stress**, which can alter and/or harm

the **brain development** of children from a young age.

Violence among the youth is an adverse childhood experience and is connected to **other forms of violence**, including child abuse and neglect, teen dating **violence**, adult intimate partner **violence**, sexual **violence**, and suicide.

Different forms of **violence** have common risk and protective factors, and victims of **one form of violence** are more likely to experience other forms of **violence.**

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How big is the problem?

Thousands of people experience **violence** every day. While the magnitude and types of **violence** vary across communities and demographic groups. **Violence** has a negative impact on the youth, adults, and the elderly in all communities—urban, suburban, rural, and tribal, as in Africa and the whole world.

Youth violence is common and nearly 1 in 5 high school students reported being **bullied** on school property in the last year according to statistics.

Youth violence kills and injures many every day. Homicide is the 3rd leading cause of **death** for young people ages 10-24. Each day, about 14 young people are victims of homicide and almost 1,400 are treated in emergency departments for non-fatal assault-related injuries through violence.



Youth violence is very costly. Youth homicides and non-fatal physical assault-related injuries result in more than \$21 billion annually in combined medical and lost productivity costs alone, not including costs associated with the criminal justice system, psychological and social consequences for victims, perpetrators and their families, or costs incurred by communities.

Chronic stress includes such issues as living in impoverished neighborhoods, living in dilapidated housing, frequently moving, experiencing food shortages, insecurity, experiencing racism, limited access to support and medical services, and living in homes with violence, mental health problems and substance abuse. . . According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Division of Violence Prevention.

Injuries, including all causes of unintentional and violence-related injuries combined account for 59% of all deaths among people ages 1-44 years of age in the U.S.—that is more deaths than non-communicable diseases and infectious diseases combined. Injuries through violence killed more than 199,800 in 2014—**one person every three minutes**.

Each year, millions of people are injured and survive. In fact, 2.5 million people are hospitalized, and 26.9 million people are treated in emergency departments and released each year. These people are often faced with life-long mental and physical health and financial problems. **Violence** cost the world \$14.3 trillion in 2016, according to a report by the U.N. Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).



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That figure exceeds the money spent on health globally (\$7.2 trillion in 2015). It far outpaces the \$267 billion that would be required annually to end **global hunger**.

Our communities face multiple, overlapping forms of violence and oppression in our everyday attempts to survive and thrive. These forms of violence exist internally (*within humans*), interpersonal (*between people*), and institutional levels (*between institutions and individuals*).



Three primary forms of violence that our communities experience include:

Domestic Violence: including intimate partner and dating violence; child sexual abuse, incest, and family abuse.



Hate Violence: including verbal, sexual, and physical harassment and assault; murder; media and cultural stigma; and bullying.



State Violence: including imprisonment, policing, and criminalization;

institutionalized discrimination; the denial of basic human rights such as housing, healthcare, education, and employment; deportation, occupation, displacement, genocide, torture, and military attack.

These **forms of violence** dis-empower people, weaken their safety nets, and cause **lasting** emotional, physical, social, and political damage to many lives, communities, and movements. **Violence** does not happen in a vacuum. It comes out of and is supported by **deeply-rooted systems of oppression**, which shape our institutions, beliefs, and practices.

Oppression is a form of trauma, and is passed down generationally and over time through families, communities, institutions, and culture, and eventually mushrooms into **uncontrolled violence**.

Trauma hurts the human ability to stay connected to each other, and to create healthy relationships, organizations, and communities aligned with human values.

Trauma also offers opportunities **to heal** and **transform human lives**.

The good news is all violence can be prevented. The ultimate goal is to stop violence before it starts.

In order to stop violence we need to go back in time, to the **beginning**, the starting point of all mans problems.

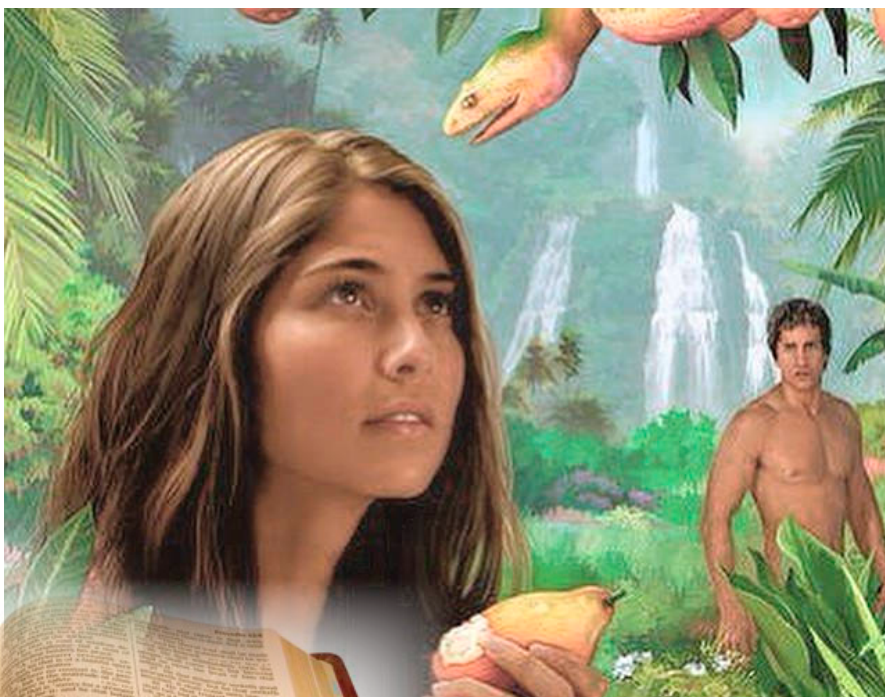
But man has rejected the knowledge of his identity and beginning, and the source thereof.



The **BEGINNING OF ALL THINGS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**. If man cannot know where and how he began, he cannot know where he is going. But, if he has the correct starting point, the rest of the way becomes clear. The **Bible**, and the **Bible alone**, gives man the correct start in understanding when and where he originated, the origins of all

elements of his universe, the world in which he lives, and society. Without that correct start, man can never arrive at the true answers to his **questions and problems**.

He will simply continue to grope aimlessly. . . "Ever learning, and never able to come to the **knowledge of the truth**."



come up with **two basic science fiction** ideas: **Evolution** and a phantom called **"PREHISTORY"**. Setting evolution aside (*the Satanic explanation of a creation without a Creator*) and consider the concept of prehistory. **"Prehistoric time"** supposedly refers to man's earliest experience **WHICH IS NO-**

WHERE TO BE FOUND IN WRITTEN RECORDS.

This concept, incidentally, has become popular only within the last century. **But, is "prehistoric time" an actual fact?**

Let the Bible answer:
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." TIME is coeval with creation because time is measured by the created heavenly bodies. The **Bible** then, provides **a record** that reaches back to the **very beginning of time!**

Modern **"scientific"** man, having dispensed with God as his **CREATOR** as superstition, is groping around in his **intellectual vanity!** In his vain search for godless explanations of **origins and beginnings**, while clinging to the idol known as **Science**, he has

The idea of "**prehistory**" or "**prehistoric time**" can't be reconciled with scripture. For there is **NO PERIOD OF TIME THE BIBLE DOES NOT COVER!** Prehistoric stems from mans so-called '**advanced intellect**', which is **shear vanity!**

The **Bible** begins **AT THE VERY BEGINNING** -- the original **PHYSICAL** creation in its entirety, the universe and heavens (*plural*) --- and the physical earth, as a **perfect creation (Genesis 1:1)**.



Time-wise, perhaps millions of years ago. It was created **perfectly**---Even the angels shouted for joy at the creation of the earth---as God is a perfectionist. . . (**Job 38:1-7**).

Now in verse 2 of *Genesis 1* we read that something happened that brought about **chaos** and **destruction** in God's perfect creation of the earth and universe.

2. And the earth was (*or became--Hebrew, "hayah"*)

without form and void, (*meaning confusion and destruction*) and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters (*analysing the end result of Satan's **violent destruvtion** and **over-throw** of God's perfect and beautiful creation through his rebellion against his Maker*). (*Emphasis mine*).

The prophet Isaiah was inspired to write. . . For thus says the LORD the creator of the heavens, He Himself is God, Who formed the earth

and made it; He established it. He created it **not in vain**, but formed it to be inhabited (*by humans*) "**I am the LORD**, and there is no other". (**Isaiah 45:18**).

The following scripture identifies with the Eternal renewing the earth after Satan's rebellion and devastation. . .

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You send forth Your Spirit, they are **created**; and You **renewed** the face of the earth. . . (**Psalms 104:30**)--- (*This sripture co-incide with Genesis 1:3-25*).

God planned for humans to inhabit the earth, and have dominion over all His creation and replenish it.

Once the face of the earth was completely **renewed** with fauna and flora and all that was needed to sustain physical life. (**Genesis 1:3-25**) God saw that it was good.

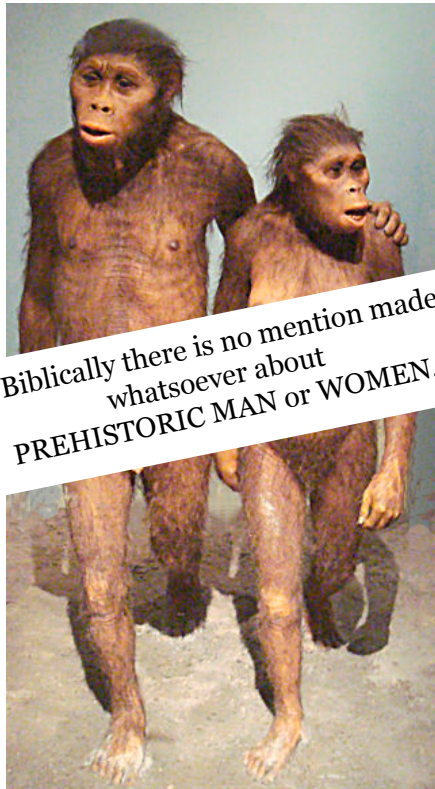
God was now ready for the next step in His creative plan.



26. And God said, "**Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of heaven and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that crawls upon the earth.**"

Verse 27. And God created man in His **own image**, in the image of God He created him. He created them **male** and **female**.

According to scripture Adam was the first mortal man created in the image of God. (Genesis:1,26-27)



Excerpts from . . . First 2500 years of history by Mr. Roy Schulz & Mystery of the Ages by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

(Emphasis mine throughout)

The WORD of God is the foundation of KNOWLEDGE of Life's PURPOSE, True Values, and the RIGHT WAY of living.



But man rejected this **foundation of KNOWLEDGE** and **chose** to live **his own way!** Let's examine some of these ways!

Experience not the Best Teacher

Does a two or three year old child learn better from experience, or from teaching with proper discipline, about the danger of running headlong into a heavy traffic boulevard in front of oncoming vehicles ?

Man, allowed free moral agency, has chosen to learn how to live and organize his civilization by his own **ideas** and **experience**---rejecting his Maker's revealed instructions. (*The Bible, His inspired Word*).

Isaiah 30:12-13.

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you have despised this Word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on them.

13. Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant.

So take note and listen first, to the VOICE OF EXPERIENCE. *IF* human ideas, theories and desires tried by **experience** is the better way, the chronicle of 6,000 years of man's efforts to find peace,

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comforts, pleasures, happiness, and a life **without violence**, ought to teach this present generation THE WAY to these desired ends. But we find only disillusionment here.

True, the lesson of **experience** has been written---in human pain, suffering and anguish through **violence**, in failures and frustrations, in human blood and death, It has brought us to our **present hopeless plight**. But the **lesson has not been learned!**

Experience has been a most costly teacher. . . But humanity paying excessively, **refuses to learn**. Human nature always has resented RIGHT WAYS, even when EXPERIENCE has demonstrated the evil results of its wrong ways. . . **HISTORY** teaches us that **EXPERIENCE** is not a good teacher, **but only the costliest!**



EDUCATION?

Next, we need to examine EDUCATION. For it is the mother that spawned the Scientists, Captains of Industry and Business, Politicians and Rulers, Leaders in this Modern Society, Theologians and religions of this world.

Today's sick, chaotic world of **violence** is the product of its leaders. They, in turn are the proof of **Modern Education**.

Education is defined as a system by which adult leaders of a society inject their philosophies, ideas, customs and culture **into the minds** of the growing generation. Education is and has been through the centuries, essentially **pagan in origin and character**.

The last three centuries have witnessed the absorption of German "Rationalism" into the educational blood-stream. There has been a dangerous drift into material and collectivism. **God is ignored**, and **Revelation** is rejected. The ancient fad of Gnosticism--meaning "we know"--has been succeeded by Agnosticism--meaning "we don't know; we are *ignorant*." This ignorance is glorified as KNOWLEDGE. "Professing themselves to be wise, the so called "educated" have become fools. (**Rom. 1:22**).

Modern EDUCATION train students to earn a living in there professions, occupations

and vocations --- but fails to teach them *how to live!*

In modern EDUCATION we find perpetuation of FALSE VALUES, the teaching of distorted history, warped Psychology, perverted Arts and Sciences, worthless "Knowledge."

Luke 6:43-45.

43. For there is not a good tree that is producing corrupt fruit; nor is there a corrupt tree that is producing good fruit.

44. For every tree is known by its own fruit; for they do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather a bunch of grapes from a bramble.

45. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; but the wicket-man out of the wicket treasure of his heart brings forth that witch is wicket, for out of

the abundance of his heart his mouth speaks.

Just like a tree is known by its fruit. . . A Mixed-up unhappy fearful world in chaos divided against itself, filled with heart- aches, frustrations, broken homes, crime, insanity fanned by **violence**; devoid of honesty, truth and justice; now facing extinction by cosmocide, is the **fruit of modern education** (*inspired by Satan*) This decadent yet highly organized system will soon be replaced by the educational system of the **WORLD TOMORROW**. . . according to God's **PURPOSE, based on His Word**.

This educational program has already been introduced by God through His end time apostle Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong who came in the Spirit of Elijah and



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filling the office of Elijah, doing an Elijah type Work, which will spread like a mustard seed in the Millennium (*the World Tomorrow*) in only a few years from now.



Science & Technology

Man in the 60's walked and cavorted about on the MOON and since then have been talking of visiting Mars and other planets! Man since the Tower of Babel had plans of conquering the HEAVENS. Through Medical Science man has transplanted hearts and other human organs, and almost learned how to CREATE LIFE, and play God!

Wonders and more wonders are being achieved through **Science and Technology** every day, and now promises to produce a Robotic and Magic Computerized push-button dream world of leisure, luxury, and license. It dangles before this world the hope that it may



confer on humanity the means of living forever in the flesh (*physically*). . . (*Satan's lies, to Adam and Eve at the beginning, in the Garden of Eden*).

Today's **deceived** world (*Revelation 12:9*) looks with awe at **Modern Science** as the Messiah to deliver it from poverty, pain, suffering and **violence**---from the drudgery of labor---to give it the heaven of idleness and ease.

Modern Science has not revealed to humanity the **PURPOSE of life**, or explained its **meaning**, (*Instead Life is being snuffed out at an alarming rate of 56,000,000 per year world-wide through induced ABORTIONS --- according to the | Guttmacher Institute human life|---this is WHOLESale MURDER*, and the breaking of **God's Commandments**. "You shall not commit murder" (**Exodus 20:13**). Neither has Modern Science revealed **TRUE VALUES** or brought **WORLD PEACE!** It has not delivered the world from poverty, famine, disease and

unhappiness. Has it (*Science and Technology*) freed the world of broken homes, divorce, insanity, crime, and **violence**?. . . NO! In actual fact all these are on the increase (*upward spiral*) daily! This leads to disillusionment and consternation on the minds of human beings.

Science and Technology confines themselves to the realm of material and the mechanical. **True Values, the Purpose and meaning of Life, the WAY to PEACE, HAPPINESS and JOY does not enter their arena.** It is outside their field of understanding.

Let's take another look at the **fruits**. . . We find accelerating inventions and production of gadgets, labor-saving mechanisms, entertainment and amusement devices.



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But people have not been taught or educated how to put these added leisures to beneficial uses. The fruits here are increasing idleness, aversion to the happiness of work and a proper education, leading to covetousness. These are **false values**, which only increase unhappiness, evils and **violence**.



The *principal* contribution of Science and Technology has been the production of constantly more **terrifying chemical weapons of mass** destruction. At the push of a button one man can annihilate multi-pal millions of people!

An increasing segment of adolescents become frustrated, staring into the face of a **hopeless future**. Some of those of the beat generation and Hippie Culture have become our leaders in governments over the years.



Modern Since stands exposed as a **FALSE MESSIAH** ---the Frankenstein Monster able to obliterate entire continents and all of mankind through **Atomic** and **Hydrogen** Missile War-heads!

Commerce & Industry

COMMERCE and INDUSTRY reveals an astonishing production that would cause people of one and a half a centuries ago--(had

they been able to be brought back to life)--to look on it with **incredible amazement!** The modern telephone

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system of today, (smart-phones) radio, television and movies. Today's computerized and electric streamlined cars, railway systems, steamships, giant air planes and space flights---the modern gadgets (computer games), electrical devices. . . Just to name a few.

Commerce and Industry are each a fast-moving and pulsating world of high-geared activity. Not all of these productions are bad. . . But most of them are being used in a wrong way to serve *bad* purposes as well as good (*The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*). . . *Human reasoning*.

We find this vibrant, high pressure field of activity based on competition and **greed**, appealing to **vanity and wrong desires**, utilizing dishonest representation, deception, and unfair dealings.

The motivating incentive is to **give less**, while **charging more**. . . (*The same deceiving methods devised and used by Cain prior to the FLOOD*).

Is Honesty the best policy? Recent articles on the Internet reveals the views of many. An overwhelming majority doubted whether a strictly honest policy would enable a person to rise to the top in the business world. Only a very few believed otherwise. Some of the pertinent comments were ---"People who do not get **DIRTY** don't make it." "The higher the executive is in management, the more likely he is involved in **dirty work**."

In observing the world of **Commerce and Industry** we discover selfish motives, disregard for that which is good, dishonesty, and a dog-eat-dog competition with **NO TRUE VALUES** that would benefit the world in happiness and lasting joy!

Governments

When we view the governments over the people of today's modern world, we again meet with great disillusionment.

Today, as of old, many who run the governments still promise great benefits, still pose as public benefactors, while fulfilling their own ambitions in their lust for aggrandizement and power.

This modern world has produced **three forms of governments**. Each one promise peace, happiness, and prosperity for its people. We view in brief the essential factors of each of these. . . The United States and British-type "Democracy"; French and Swedish-type Modern "Socialism"; and Atheistic "Communism". All three are predicated on the theory that every individual has the right (*human rights*) to share in the results of Science and Industry, the so called modern life.

All three are based on a system of Industry, and diffusion of Education. But if we take a closer look --- we find some heads of state sincerely seeking peace, and the betterment of their people. But none is bringing peace because none knows the **WAY** to peace.

Isaiah 59:8. . . They have not known the way of peace, and their is no Justice in their ways. They have made crooked paths for themselves; (They established the International Court of Justice—a world court to arbitrate between nations) whoever goes therein shall not know peace.

Romans 3:17. . . The way of PEACE they have not known. . . Why? Verse 18 gives the answer--There is NO FEAR of God before their eyes.

Psalms 111:10. . . Tells us, The FEAR of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;



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(*Godly Wisdom*) A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever (or, he will be praised forever---Good News translation).

But all too often we also find the opposite. We find selfish greedy men of excessive vanity, ambitious in their **lust** for POWER to RULE, scheming to get their hands on the throttle of POWER for personal aggrandizement and **monetary gain**. We find graft, immorality, deceit and dishonesty, even **violence** running rampant in high government places and offices. Governments promise



PEACE---but bring **WARS!**

They promise benefits, while extracting from people the PRICE of the benefits plus excessive costs of government (See **1 Samuel 8:11- 19** . . . God's warning to His nation Israel wanting a human king over them, instead of God).

Government promises are EMPTY, while their treasuries are **full**. We fail to find here any knowledge of **life's PURPOSE**, or dissemination of the **TRUE VALUES**.

The Social Order

How does the average person define CIVILIZATION? Webster dictionary defines it as: "Advancement in social culture. A state of social culture characterized by relative progress in the arts, science, and statecraft." Antonym, "barbarism; savagery."

People today think of CIVILIZATION as highly advanced, intelligent well-ordered society which is the personification of collective HUMAN GOOD! But just **how good** is this world's civilization?

Looking back to the beginning of the 60's we have to say in shocked belief that **nothing** seems to have "progressed" BACKWARD so far and so rapidly as the world's **Social Order!**



True, the "**New Morality**" was already being talked about way back then. But today the downward plunge of morals have landed in the cess-pool.

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Public disapproval became relaxed, and the world was rapidly swinging to **unashamed ACCEPTANCE** --- even encouragement of premarital sex, adultery, pedophilia, homosexuality and other sexual perversions.



(**Jeremiah 6:15 and 8:12**).

"Were they ashamed when they had committed abominations No, they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush; therefore they shall fall among those who fall. At the time that I punish them, they shall be cast down," says the LORD.

During that same time in the early sixties **public nudity** was making its first shocking appearance gradually becoming uninhibited and drugged into acceptance, sparking more frequent **violence**.

At the same time **fashion** has moved to the forefront and brought the **mini-skirt**, the micro-minis, **“topless”** bars and restaurants began to make its appearance---and even a few **“bottomless”** and **“nude”** bars have attempted to emerge. Following on the heels of all this came the **“see-through”** fashion for women.

MODERN and POPULAR MUSIC also became tied up and **influenced** by this **sexual** revolution in the late 50's and early 60's. A trend that stems back to before the flood. . **(Genesis 4:21)**. Jubal was the developer of music. This does not mean that there had been no music before. But it means that he developed music that had a dominating influence on society. His kind of music SET THE PATTERN for all the music in his time and after *(in this end time)*.

What kind of music was it? The word **“handle”** in verse 21 means “to use unwarrantably” or to “profane.” *(number 8610 in the Hebrew dictionary of Strong's Concordance.)* Jubal was putting music to a wrong use. His music was the kind that became popular. But what is popular is almost always mediocre, as we hear on our radio every day. His music was not inspiring and uplifting; it was the type that wandered **aimlessly**.

The best example would be to think of oriental or gypsy music which is often no more

than a meandering noise. It should be pointed out that music, as we know it, did not come into vogue until after 1500 A.D. When all our modern instruments, which are highly complex, came to be invented and perfected. Jubal, however, did bring into use the two basic kinds of instruments — those which are plucked and those which are struck in order to make the sound. Jubal's music went well with a nomadic way of life—it wandered purposely and never really came to rest anywhere. *(Excerpts from 2500 years history)*

Elvis Presley became very popular and so did Frank Sinatra. The Beatles also recorded their first hit---Love-Me-Do... Which charted in the UK in 1962.



A whole new type of society has emerged---the Hippie movement rejecting and rebelling against the “Establishment,” putting a premium slovenliness, filth, “free sex,” drugs, and **violence**---same as prior to the flood. **Today six in ten Americans support Marijuana (cannabis) legalization** ---according to **FAC-TANK NEWS IN THE NUMBERS**.

The divorce rate continues to escalate. The prevailing format in television and movies of Illicit sex, **violence** and murder of **unborn infants** not only has continued, but now is reaping its harvest in **human behavior** which it influenced. Movies and videos are heading more and more towards **nudity, sex and violence**.

The Social Order today is acutely SICK It supplies no **PURPOSE** for human existence, knows nothing of **TRUE VALUES**, and has no knowledge of **THE WAY** to real **PEACE**, happiness, abundant living and well-being. If these have to be found, **we shall have to look elsewhere**.



Our schools and campuses has become epidemic. The ques-
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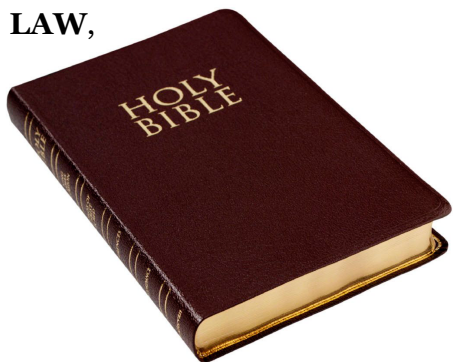
is now about-facing into savagery and barbarism, pure anarchy through **violence**.

All the categories we have examined so far is what princibly corrupted man's ways on the earth through Cain's lineage prior to the flood, and eventually brought an end to all life on the earth through the deluge, except eight people (Noah, his wife, three sons and their wives) **Genesis 6-8**. These same categories extended down through the ages brought ancient Rome to its FALL.

Today our western civilization is following that precedent, riding to its FALL, with great intensity.

Now as mentioned earlier, in order to find true happiness, peace of mind, and the true purpose for life we have **to look elsewhere!** So where do we look?

Deuteronomy 30:10 . . . If you shall OBEY the voice of the LORD your God to **keep His commandments and His statutes that are written in THIS BOOK OF THE LAW**,



(the Bible--which is a book of identity and instruction) and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** (individually and as a nation).

Verse 14 says, "this very WORD (*book, Bible*) should be very NEAR (*or close*) to us, in our mouth and in our heart, (*on a daily bases*) so that we may **live** according to it, and our governments can rule, or be set up according to it--- our governments have rejected the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and His rule over them, just as Adam and Eve and some of their children did!

(Emphasis mine throughout).

Luke 4:4 "Jesus said, "**It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'**" So if we have to live by this **Word** (the Bible) it has to be close to us every day of our lives.

There remains yet one more category to be examined before we conclude this matter of violence.

Religion.

Surely this is where we should expect to find, at last, in RELIGION the knowledge of life's PURPOSE, True values and the right Way.

Yet if we search deep and wide, with an open mind, we find or come across the most sickening disillusionment of all!

Shocking though it be, we find the religious organizations which profess the name

of Jesus Christ teaching the **very** opposite of what He taught, **condemning the customs He practiced---** following instead the **pagan customs He condemned**.

The churches of this world are divided and in total confusion--They have not converted, saved, or reformed any of those who follow them. But instead their followers have been dried out by the hot winds of Protestantism and Secularism. Instead of overcoming this world they have been overcome by this world, gone back or returned to their former beliefs just like a dog returning to it's own vomit (**Proverbs 26:11**).

Religion today certainly do not have the 'cutting edge', because they have thrown away the **two-edged sword**, the **BIBLE**. . .The only instruction manual to point man in the right direction towards **the true God** and the **PURPOSE of LIFE!**

According to **Pew Research Centre Religion & Public Life . . .When Americans Say they believe in God, what do they mean?**

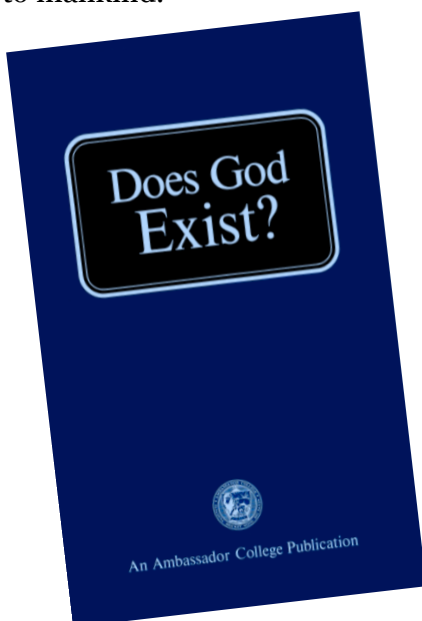
Nine-in-ten Americans believe in a higher power, but only a slim majority believe in God as described in the Bible.

Previous Pew Research Center studies have shown that the share of Americans who believe in God with absolute certainty has declined in recent years, while the share saying they have doubts about God's existence, or that they do not believe in God at all---

has increased tremendously.

To the Research Center these trends raise a series of questions: When respondents say they don't believe in God, what are they rejecting? Are they rejecting believe in any higher power or spiritual force in the universe? Or are they rejecting only a traditional Christian idea of God --- perhaps recalling an image of a bearded old man in the sky? Conversely, when respondents say they believe in God, what do they believe in?---God described in the Bible, or some other spiritual force or supreme being? **This world is in absolute confusion about God.**

In recent years much research has gone into the question of whether God really exist, or whether He is a figment of the imagination as many think He is. The **real truth** is that the **existence of God** can be PROVED beyond a shadow of doubt, and that the HOLY BIBLE is the **inspired revelation** and **instruction** to mankind.



Sadly, the churches in the western world have NOT received their teachings and believes (*practices*) from this basic AUTHORITY, (*the Bible*) as popularly believed. The **words** and **understanding** of this BOOK has been **SHUT UP and sealed until the time of the end.** (*Daniel 12:4,9*).

Rather, these churches have by **interpreting** it, endeavored to **twist** and distort by reading their human-devised teachings and practices into it! Yet, this instruction manual (*the Holy Bible*) **taken without interpretation really makes sense in how humanity ought to live!**

In it alone we find revealed the PURPOSE of human existence, the meaning of LIFE, TRUE VALUES and the RIGHT WAY!

Since 1933 marked the beginning of the closing of this age (*the time of the END, spoken of in Daniel 12*), God chose and raised up **one man** (Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong) as His **end-time servant and apostle**, who came in the Spirit of Elijah, to **restore** God's Truth which became lost. (*Jude 3* and *Matthew 17:11*)

---This had to be done before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD as a WITNESS to all the world. *Malachi 4:5* and *Matthew 24:14*.

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God revealed to Mr. Armstrong His TRUTH, His inspired WORD (*the Bible*) the FOUNDATION and starting point of ALL KNOWLEDGE to do an Elijah type work--- and to fill the **most important office on earth.**

Christ's warning for our day!

Jesus made the most astounding DUAL statement in *Luke 17:26*. He said, "Now as it was in the **days of Noah**, so also shall it be in the days of the Son of man." (*The return of Jesus Christ, to take over the kingdoms of this world*). It will be **a most violent world** at the return of Jesus Christ. . . And a world on the brink of total annihilation-- **Nuclear destruction.**

Christ goes on to say in *Matthew 24:22* "And if those days were not limited, (*cut short*) there would no flesh be saved alive; **but for the elects sake those days shall be limited**".

Yes, Regardless of man's views of the Eternal God today *Isaiah 11:9-10* is very clear on this matter. . .They shall not hurt nor destroy (*no more violence of any kind*) in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters covers the sea.

"And in that day there shall be the Root of Jesse (Jesus Christ) standing as a banner (YHWH NISSI - Exodus 17:15) for the people; to Him the nations shall seek; and His REST shall be glorious."



A New World Coming!

Whom the heavens must indeed receive until the times of restoration of all things, of which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3:21.

The return of Jesus Christ and the times of restoration are linked together, and many Bible passages point to these events happening real soon, in the next few years.

Revelation 21:5-6.

And He Who sits on the throne said, "Behold I make all things new." Then He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

And He said to me, "it is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the one who thirsts (for the Truth), I will give freely of the fountain of the water of life." . (The Holy Spirit).

Jesus Christ came into a confused and divided world, (*Satan got it into this condition*) He was begotten by God the Father (*not by a human father*), but He was human; He came as the second Adam to conquer Satan (*the present ruler of this world*) and to lay the foundation for a **New World** through God's Church (**1 Corinthians 3:11**) Christ being the conner-stone The Church is merely a **New World** Christ is preparing to rule over as King, based on God's Word, in which Satan would not be present. ---(*the World Tomorrow*).

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John 18:36.

In talking to Pilate . . . Jesus answered, "**My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight so that I might not be delivered up to the Jews. However, My kingdom is not of this world.**" (*This is still the same world*).

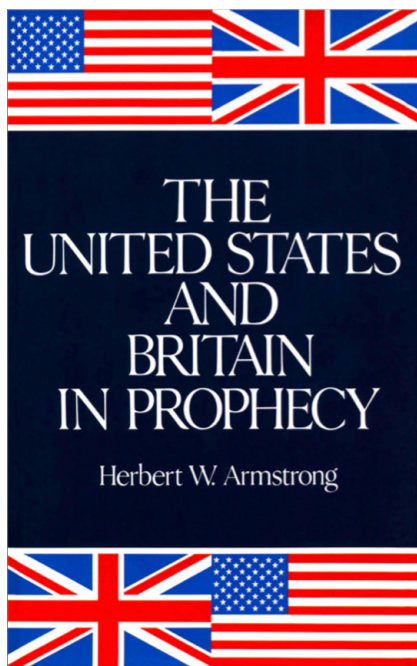
This present world was founded in the time of Satan; and, when God shut off the **Tree of Life**, and man had no access to God's **Holy Spirit**. Humanity developed a world based on the '**Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil**'; (*which God forbid them to eat from, or touch, lest they die*) (**Genesis 2:17**). And the world grew not wanting

knowledge from God.

Quoting Mr. Armstrong---
"Humanity sort of developed a sense of FEAR of God, not wanting Him to rule over them, or tell them how wrong they are. The hardest thing in the world is to admit when you're wrong, and they don't want that, they have come to the point where they do not want to change!"

End Quote.

Christ came not to reform or convert the world of Satan, or Satan. He came to start **a new and different world** such as Adam should have started. He also came to confirm the **promises** made to the fathers. A great deal about those same promises can be found in the book written by Mr. Armstrong. . . **"The United States and Britain in Prophecy"** and the Old Covenant made with Israel and the New Covenant still to be made.



The Old Covenant formed Israel as a nation. That was a physical nation, and that's as far as God has gone in the creation of man, which is all just physical and human. The New Covenant will be a SPIRITUAL Covenant that will form a spiritual nation, The Kingdom of God.

All those **called and begotten** by God into His Church will become the same as Jesus Christ is God. He is the **first born** of many brethren, and Christ was born God by the resurrection from the **dead (Romans 1:1-5)**. It's all based on the promises made to Abraham---the promises of the New Covenant.

The Church was founded only after the **death of Jesus Christ**; So it was, as explained by Dr. Hoeh, the New Testament is a witnessed WILL that only comes into effect after the death of the Testator. But even then Christ still said no man can come to Him except God the Father draws them. **(John 6:44)**.

God through His End-Time apostle explained that Christ did not come to save ANY or EVERYONE that would say, "Well, I volunteer, I would like to be saved" (*like the Protestant churches of this world teach today*). God **selects**, or **drafts** (*set apart*) those He wants to be educated and

trained SPIRITUALLY, so that they IN the new world (*which Christ has come to start*) can with and under Him **rule and teach** a new way of life through His Church. At that time Satan will be put away for the duration of a thousand years (*millennium*), and won't be here to interfere or meddle in God's plans for the New World over which Jesus Christ is going to rule as the King of kings!

Now this world of Satan (*Influenced by him*) Christ did not come to reform, convert or save it. He came to call certain ones OUT OF THIS WORLD to be the NUCLEUS of starting a NEW WORLD (the World Tomorrow), Jesus Christ is going to have a few thousand converted in the Church, beginning with Pentecost 31 A.D. The foundation of the Church (*this new world*) are the apostles and the prophets, which began with Abraham.

Jesus came to confirm the promises made to them, but they were spiritual promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (*as well as physical and material*). They can only be fulfilled through Christ.

Satan's world

Paul gives us a clear picture of this world of Satan. . .

Romans 1:16-18.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ because it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes--- (*"Power of God"---Paul is affirming the POWER of God*)

and His credibillty.) **both to the Jew first, and to the Greek.**

For therein the righteousness of God is revealed from faith unto faith, according as it is written: "The just shall live by faith."

Indeed, the wrath of God is revealed in heaven upon all ungodlyness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. (*through fase ministers*) Now why did Paul made known he was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ?

Because Satan has discredited God by making people **ashamed** of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the Good News of the Kingdom of God, (*this New Worsk coming*) which has not been preached for almost two thousand years. (**Mark 1:14-15**).

His message was about **A New World all together**, (*not just this world of Satan cleaned up and changed*). Satan has so deceived mankind to reason in their own smug complacence that this world is superior to the New World ---the Kingdom of God!

Satan through the governments of the greatest nations of this world--America and Britain--(*who became great only through the promises God made to His servant Abraham*) **rejected** God's message of the **New World coming** (*the World Tomorrow*) the truth, and all things partaining to the Eternal God and His

glory preached and proclaimed as a witness to all nations by His end-time apostle and servant Mr. Armstrong, as prophesied by Jesus Christ (**Matthew 24:14**). . .

And this gospel (good news) of the kingdom (the New World) shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come. . .(*the end of Satan's world, and of 6000 years of human misrule and misery under Satan's influence.*)

Those into God's true Church (*the little flock*) has been called and given the oppertunity to assit and work with Jesus Christ in this tremendis project to bring about this **New World** and to finish the work the Eternal God started in the **beginning**.

(Ephasis mine throughout)

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The one who overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son." (*In the family of God and live for eternity*). Can we ask for anything more?

1 Corinthians 2:9.

But according as it is written, **"The eye has not seen, nor the ear heard neither have entered into the heart of man, the things God had prepared for those who LOVE Him."**

This love came at a very **HIGH PRICE**, paid for by God the Father with the **"Life-Blood"** of His **FIRST BORN SON** as a living sacrifice. This was the only way to reconcile man to God. Satan no longer has ownership over humnity, and will be put away for ever in the **"Lake of Fire"** (*eventuially*) as there will be no place for him in the **New World Coming**.

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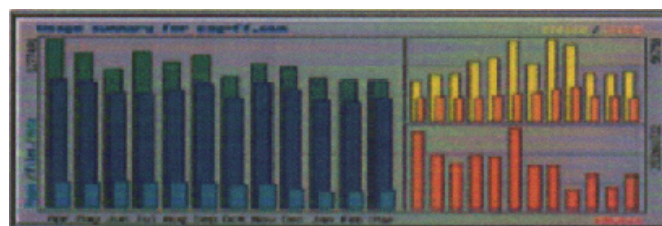
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