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Time Cycles—

The Good News of Tomorrow's World

Personal from the Editor
(*Herbert W. Armstrong*)
February, 1972



The 19-Year Time Cycles —What HAPPENED January 7— What My Commission IS!

I think I have told you in former letters how 19 years is a complete timecycle. Days, months, and years, as God counts time, are measured by the movements of the earth, moon, and sun in relation to each other. The earth, moon, and sun come into the same relation to one another only every 19 years.

The preaching of Christ's Gospel to the world by the Apostles covered exactly two 19-year cycles. The first 19 years was confined to Palestine and Asia Minor. The second 19 it expanded into Europe. I think I have mentioned before how Jesus began teaching His disciples in the autumn of 27 A.D., and I was converted and started being taught the true Gospel from the written Word (*Jesus was the spoken Word of God*) in the autumn of 1927—exactly 100-time cycles later.

The Apostles were ordained and started on their ministry of Christ's Gospel in the spring of 31 A.D., and precisely 100-time cycles later, late spring or early summer 1931, I was ordained and started full-time preaching Christ's Gospel. Christ OPENED THE DOOR of radio and the printing press in early January 1934. And 19 years later, in early January 1953, He opened the door for the broadcast to leap over to Europe!

Perhaps these are only remarkable coincidences with no significance, but I couldn't help think-

ing of these 19-year dates when, for the first time, I SAW Pearl Harbor, flying over it in a jet plane, exactly 19 years after my first plane ride when I first heard of the BOMBING of Pearl Harbor! Whether it means anything or not, it was interesting to me, and I thought it might be to you.

We had left Sydney, Australia, at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening, and arrived over Pearl Harbor at 7:00—in the MORNING—arriving before we started! Of course, you understand the explanation: we had crossed the international date line.

But, after this exact time cycle, it was AGAIN on SUNDAY MORNING, 19 years later, just as it was Sunday morning, 19 years before, when Pearl Harbor was being bombed.

SIGNIFICANT THINGS DID happen on January 7th! In this Personal, I want to tell you what happened—but also to make PLAIN and CLEAR:

- 1) What our Commission IS, and what it is NOT!
- 2) What are the criteria for determining through whom God is carrying out that Commission, which is HIS WORK on earth today?

Thousands know that I, personally, have been called and chosen for a very definite commission in God's service. But I have definitely NOT been called to be a PROPHET—except as that word, Biblically used, does sometimes refer to a minister or speaker—one who proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Emphatically I am NOT a prophet, in the sense of one to whom God speaks specially and directly, revealing personally a future event to happen or new truth, or new and special instruction direct from God—separate from, and apart from what is contained in the Bible and I never have claimed to be.

THERE IS NO SUCH HUMAN PROPHET
LIVING TODAY!

Now I want to tell you the TRUTH about the two 19-year time cycles, ending January 7, 1972, with a frank, straightforward explanation of where we were mistaken—and WHERE WE WERE RIGHT!

In a Co-Worker letter dated May 22nd, 1953, I wrote the following: "Listen now to an ASTOUNDING fact! God has set time running in cycles of 19 years. Just once in every 19 years the DAYS, divided by the sun; the MONTHS, marked by the new MOON; and the YEARS, divided by the revolution of the earth around the SUN, all come into conjunction.

"It took just ONE COMPLETE CYCLE of 19 years for this Work to grow from nothing until it carried the very Gospel of Jesus all over the North American continent in mighty power! That 19-year time cycle ended, and the second 19-year cycle began, during the first week of the present year, 1953!

"The very start of the second 19-year cycle marked the beginning of proclaiming this Gospel to ALL EUROPE AND THE BRITISH ISLES! It must still go to Asia, Africa, South America, and Australia."

But MORE ASTOUNDING than I had noticed, or written then: We started on the air on the little station in Eugene, Oregon, the first Sunday in January, 1934. That first Sunday was January 7.

For some time, I talked of starting also on the air in Europe during the FIRST WEEK of 1953—19 years later—not the first Sunday, but the first Wednesday. What I did not realize then, is, that one year from today—or two, or 19 years from today will NOT be the same DAY OF THE WEEK as today!

Let me add here, THAT I DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH setting the DAY on

which we started in Europe. I had negotiated to purchase time on that station two or three months earlier—late autumn, 1952. I sent over a transcribed or taped program, but for some reason, the contents did not completely conform to technical station requirements. I re-recorded the program and sent over a second transcription. Because of language barriers, I had not understood their technical requirements. Again it was rejected.

The third time the program was okayed, as were all programs thereafter for years. The station put it on at the first open date thereafter—which happened to be the first WEDNESDAY in January 1953.

But, incredible as it may sound, when later I checked with calendars, that Wednesday was January 7, 1953! 19 years to the exact SAME DAY OF THE YEAR. I checked with the Hebrew calendar.

January 7, 1934, was Sunday, Tebeth 20. Also, January 7th, 1953, was Wednesday, Tebeth 20, by the Hebrew calendar! So the door opened in Europe, NOT only the FIRST WEEK in 1953 but on the exact SAME DATE—19 years TO THE VERY DAY!

That seemed SIGNIFICANT, to say the least!

Another possible significant analogy: Jeremiah's calling as a prophet was from the 13th year of King Josiah (*Jeremiah 1:2*)—apparently 626 B.C. It seems unlikely Jeremiah would have entered his ministry without some training.

If he underwent a 3-year training, similar to the training of Christ's disciples, his actual ministry would have begun approximately 623 B.C.—(a date apparently not verifiable historically). The first phase of his ministry carried to the beginning of the siege by Nebuchadnezzar's forces on Jerusalem in 604 B.C. That was 19 years, assuming the pre-ministry training period. His ministry then continued until the

fall of Jerusalem, 585 B.C.—a SECOND 19-YEAR TIME CYCLE.

However, there is ample reason to believe Jeremiah's ministry continued into, but probably not completely through, a 3rd 19-year period with his escaping from Jerusalem and, with one of King Zedekiah's daughters, migrating to Northern Ireland, where this "King's seed" took root downward, and bore fruit upward.

If you will put yourself in my place—and in the place of my associates in God's Work—I think you may imagine how we felt! This was ASTOUNDING—yet it was FACT!

As God set the Earth, the Moon and the Sun TO MARK TIME HERE ON EARTH, each 19 years is A DEFINITE CYCLE OF TIME. Granted, there was no prophecy in the Bible specifically saying THIS WORK would be given one 19-year time cycle, at which time God would open the door for us to get His Message into Europe.

BUT, we checked the early Church. It STARTED on its mission from the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D. (**Acts 2**). The Apostle Paul said a DOOR was opened for him to get the Message into EUROPE (**II Corinthians 2:12-13 and Acts 16:8-13**).

This was in 50 A.D.—after 19 years. And there is reason to believe that the "Sabbath" mentioned in **Acts 16:13** was the ANNUAL Sabbath called the day of Pentecost—or 19 years to the day from the time the Gospel was first preached by the Church!

To us, these FACTS and probable facts were truly ASTOUNDING! There IS a definite time cycle, SET BY GOD in the earth, moon, and sun, of 19 years. That is a FACT!

It appeared probable that Jeremiah had been given 19 years for the first portion of his ministry. It was definite that he was given another

19 years for the second phase of his ministry.

It is established by prophecy that a third stage of his ministry carried INTO a third 19-year time cycle—though probably lasting only an indefinite few or several years during the 3rd 19 years.

The early Church was given 19 years for the first phase of its ministry when the door was opened to carry the Gospel to EUROPE! The same, TO THE PRECISE DAY, was true in our case! And that is FACT!

Yes, this seemed SIGNIFICANT!

It SEEMED we would have a second 19 years to get the Message "in all the world as a witness to all nations." I admit we were somewhat excited by this realization of FACT. We are HUMAN! Our hearts are IN God's Work to which He has called us. This was, to some extent, an emotional revelation.

Would YOU have the same normal human reaction had you been in our place? I think all but our prejudiced, hostile critics, who would like to see God's Work destroyed, would have reacted as we did!

I said at the beginning, "Emphatically, I am NOT a prophet."

"Now a word about what my Commission is NOT. It is NOT to become an infallible expert on or to preach chronology." again, "But we are only human, and it is natural that we should have been curious to know, as far as possible, how much time we had to GET THE JOB DONE. That, however, in fact, is not our MAIN PURPOSE, OR OUR COMMISSION—which is to proclaim Christ's Announcement of the advance good NEWS ... Our Commission is TO GET THAT JOB DONE! We have been GETTING IT DONE!"

This is the PARAMOUNT FACT our readers

and Co-Workers need to keep uppermost in mind!

Our human interest and enthusiasm about facts and indications pointing to the probable amount of time we had left is of MOST MINOR consequence compared to the BIG point of the Commission—WHICH WE HAVE BEEN GETTING DONE!

Now let me continue.

It has never been our intention to SET DATES! Time after time, I have said—Garner Ted Armstrong has said—our literature has stated—"WE DO NOT SET DATES!"

Yet, in our human zeal and enthusiasm for getting this greatest mission on earth done, we have a few times come close to it or appeared to—and that we deeply regret.

If we were not human enough to be virtually carried away with what appeared inevitable—in the light of fact and probability—we surely would not have been imbued with the energy, vitality, sense of urgency, and enthusiasm to GET the job done!

So let me give you a few actual QUOTES: In 1959, we issued a booklet, (*now out of print*) "A True History of the True Church", by Herman L. Hoeh. He said: "God ... opened a DOOR to the apostle Paul AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND NINETEEN-YEAR CYCLE by which the Gospel went to Europe (**Acts 16:9; II Corinthians 2:12-13**).

So now, just before the second coming of Jesus Christ, God has given His Church ... JUST TWO nineteen-year cycles in which to carry the Gospel to the world! The first cycle PASSED. Then God suddenly opened the door for the second cycle in January 1953, and the Gospel is now going to all the world!"

My only comment: By the end of the second cycle we HAD gotten it into all nations—and

not even six months before. We still face the question: How THOROUGHLY must all nations be reached?

The BIG POINT is—WE HAVE BEEN GETTING THE JOB DONE—and no one else on earth has!

One point remains. The question is, HOW THOROUGHLY does God intend His Work to reach the nations?

It DID take a second 19 years to get the message into all nations—but, as of January 7th, 1972, we had reached many of them ONLY SUPERFICIALLY—not intensively!

I know of no place in the Bible where, in specific plain words, this question is answered. The one possible answer is in **Matthew 24:14**, the very prophecy defining our COMMISSION for this latter day. There we are to preach and publish this Gospel OF THE KINGDOM in all the world FOR A WITNESS unto all nations. The answer may be tied up in the words "for a witness."

One commentary, on this phrase, has: "AS A WITNESS: God never sends judgment without previous warning." In **Amos 3:7** may be found a corollary: "**Surely the Lord Eternal will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.**" (**Amos 3:7**) The inference is that God's servants warn the people, as Jonah did Nineveh, of God's judgment to come.

The Work Must Reach All Nations More Intensely

If that is the meaning intended, then we must say that God does intend many nations to be warned more intensely as of now. We have gotten the Message into Japan, for example, in the past six months—but reaching only a superficial fraction of the people. To say Japan has been warned would not be the truth.

In view of WHAT DID HAPPEN, on January 7th, 1972, it seems God has revealed no uncertain language, BY THE VERY THINGS THAT HAPPENED on that day, that we must now reach all nations MORE INTENSIVELY!
(See *Mystery of the Ages—Last Commission*)

1. On that very day, the MOST POWERFUL DOOR so far opened to us, swung wide open. We had hoped for it, but not really expected it. We had no idea WHEN the answer would come.

On that day, the purchase of advertising space in the ENTIRE UNITED STATES edition of "Reader's Digest" opened before us. Total circulation, 17,750,000 copies—with a readership of 50 to 70 MILLION people—by far the largest of any magazine. That is from 1/4 to more than 1/3 of ALL the people in the U.S. The first two-page ad will appear in one half of that circulation in the April number, and in the other half of the circulation in the May number! For years we have purchased advertising space in overseas editions. Now the entire U.S. is open to us!

2. On that day we received from our bankers the signed, sealed, and delivered financing for 80% of the superb new auditorium, NOW ACTUALLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION on the Pasadena campus. Since, besides being the college auditorium, for us it will also serve to honor GOD at the present Headquarters in Pasadena, it seems God assures us of a few more years at least to go, since it will take two years to complete it.

The other 20% of the financing was already on hand, received and accumulated from Co-Workers. So the financing is 100% completed! Only we still must—over several years—repay the 80%.

Since, one of the most powerful radio stations, KOA Denver, has opened time for THE WORLD TOMORROW at 7:30 every evening, seven nights a week, and for the Garner Ted

Armstrong T.V. program at noon Sundays.

Since then, the NUMBER ONE independent T.V. station in the U.S.—top rated outside the major networks—WOR, New York, has opened PRIME TIME—actually in the very center of prime time for New York—10 p.m., Sunday nights, beginning February 13th!

Yes, THINGS DID HAPPEN on January 7th! And now THE MOST POWERFUL DOORS ARE OPENING. Next watch for major openings in Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, and elsewhere.

So where are we, now, in the Work?

ALL SYSTEMS ARE "GO!" Welcome aboard! Glad you're GOING WITH us! You know, I'm reminded of the time Jesus was criticized, persecuted, and misrepresented by His enemies. He asked His disciples, "Will you also go away?"

"Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? YOU have the words of Eternal Life!"

And we in His Work, today, have those SAME WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE!

Yes, ALL SYSTEMS ARE "GO!"

With renewed energy, greater than ever before, WE PLUNGE ON TO FINISH THE WORK WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO DO!"

End of Quotes

(*MOA, 1986*)

Edits

Edits have been made in this writing of Mr. Armstrong by Alton Billingsley. Nothing was edited from the subject content. Some of his writings had been duplicated and this is where the edits were made.

Added Comment by Raymond Mills

This is interesting, Mr. Billingsley. On the <http://wgc.org> website, there about us/history page [http://wgc.org/lit/about us/history.htm](http://wgc.org/lit/about%20us/history.htm) tells the following for 1991:

"In 1991, Tkach revised the church's explanation of what it means to be born again, noting also that humans will never become Gods. He also announced a study about the modern identity of the lost ten tribes, and accepted the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Membership, attendance, and income began to decrease slowly. "

Once the Church lost view of who God was and what God's purpose was for humankind, it would seem to me to be the end of the era, no matter what else happened before or after regarding doctrines.

There would be no way to properly apply the true doctrines in a way that would make sense.

Raymond Mills—former webmaster
End of Quotes

The Death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong



Footnote—by Alton Don Billingsley

An Added Time Cycle

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986. At that exact time, Jesus Christ closed the door to the Gospel at the time of his death.

Jesus Christ re-opened the door to the Gospel the night of the beginning of the last Day of Unleavened Bread, April 20, 2006.

As many would count this as 20 years, as did I, but when considering the year not being counted as year zero, between the two centuries, it would appear, though I may be wrong, that it is actually 19 years—a 19-year time cycle.

It would also appear, based on the above writings by Mr. Armstrong, this would be another 19-year time cycle, in which Jesus Christ reopened the door to the Gospel and the Ezekiel Warning Message while beginning His Work again—with the same man He used during his life-time ministry while using the Recorded Works of the life-time ministry of Mr. Armstrong on our websites, freely offered and given to the Church of God Faithful Flock.

At the same time Christ opened the door to the publication of the Philadelphia Remnant Magazine, which is considered a combination of the former Plain Truth and Good News Magazines

It would appear the 19-year time cycles will eventually connect with the time of the coming of Jesus Christ—though not sure.

In the interim, our responsibility is to be moving forward with the gospel until it is completed (***Daniel 12:7***). Then the baton will be relayed to the two witnesses to complete it.

Matthew 24:14 “**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**



TRUTH

“You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor.”

Exodus 20:16



Due to Eve being enticed by the serpent to eat from the Tree of Good and Evil, then followed by Adam, this world's foundation was founded on deception and lies while ignoring the ninth commandment.

The following article makes this very clear:

ARTICLE: NATION AND WORLD, April 18, 2016, Stockton Record, CA:

“We all lie, Politicians more so.

This is the season of lies. We watch with fascination as candidates for the world's most powerful job trade falsehoods and allegations of dishonesty ...

News organizations such as the Associated Press and PolitiFact dedicate enormous resources to separating candidates' truthful wheat from their dishonest chaff. But if we've come to expect office-seekers who seem truth-averse, many of us have given little thought to our own fibs and how they compare with politicians' deceptions.” End of Quotes



The Devil has this world in his hands through his deceptive tactics to fulfill the hurt and death

of mankind, ignoring honesty and truth, as the following Scripture makes known.

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Dishonesty

Lying, Stealing, Shoplifting, Student Cheating

A roving reporter asked this question, “What is honesty?” Three of the five replies were:

- (1) Waitress: “Honesty is anything you can tell and get away with.”
- (2) Pipe fitter: Honesty is the best policy if it works.”
- (3) Metal worker: “Honesty in this day and time is unheard of.”

10 Percent Consider Honesty Important

Several years ago, a survey by LOOK magazine produced some disturbing clues to the mood of Americans toward the lying, cheating, and stealing rampant in the American way of life.



“LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE INTERVIEWED FELT THAT HONESTY WAS A PRIME REQUISITE FOR SUCCESS.” ...

The LOOK reporters “asked questions about cheating—in school, in business, and between husbands and wives, about the things the people would do if they were sure they wouldn’t be caught. ...

“Who am I to say what is right and wrong?’ This casual remark by a young woman in Pennsylvania summed up an attitude that reporters found prevalent from coast to coast. ... Would you fake an insurance claim? ‘It depends on the amount,’ said a garage mechanic. ... is it wrong to break a law? It depends ...’ said a young woman.

In a New York community, 60 percent of the people interviewed said they lied to their spouses and 50 percent to their children. ...

LYING FOR BUSINESS REASONS IS CONSIDERED PART OF THE GAME and, by many, a greater part than ever before. ‘I’m bargaining for my clients, and I have to get them the best possible deal,’ said an Illinois divorce lawyer. ‘The type of job I got, you have to tell lies to protect the boss,’ said a court bailiff in the same town. ...

“An advertising man summed it up: IN THE PURSUIT OF THE DOLLAR, ANYTHING GOES.” (*LOOK*, March 29, 1960).

The 1960s Began the Real Downslide to Dishonesty



When considering the Beatles, the Hippies, etc., one can witness the dramatic turn that began

taking place on stage that filtered into society.

The real beginning that brought society into the moral collapse that has reached its fullness today was led by the youth of America and England.

Dishonesty Began Reaching Its Peak in the 1960s

The following articles make this very clear.

103 Executives Confess

Cleveland—Is honesty the best policy in management? A survey recently conducted by Modern Office Procedures magazine leaves a big doubt as to whether a man can move up through the ranks of management solely by honest, decent methods.

“The question was put to 103 business executives: An overwhelming majority doubted whether a strictly honest policy would enable a man to rise to the top in the business world, ONLY TWO EXECUTIVES ANSWERED YES, and one of these said he knew he was being naïve” the magazine reported.

“Others interviewed in the survey said a ‘knife-in-the-back’ or ‘pulling the rug out from under the boss’ is a faster way to get to the top than hard work and honesty, PEOPLE WHO DON’T GET DIRTY DON’T MAKE IT,’ said one of the executives, “I’m not defending the practice, I’m simply stating a fact.”

Another of the business executives replied: “In 30 years, I’ve known of only three men who’ve reached executive positions cleanly, and I admit I’m not one of them.”

The higher the executive is in the management ladder, the more likely he is to do some dirty work, according to the survey by the magazine.” (*A 1961 issue of Modern Procedures Magazine*).

The Only Sin is Getting Caught

“An astute New York businessman lamented recently of one factor in the rising cost of corruption. ‘CORRUPTION IS NOW PART OF THE BUILT-IN COST OF PRODUCTION OF ALMOST EVERYTHING WE CONSUME,’ HE SAID ...

“Nobody any longer says, “Is this ethical? Is it moral?” Now all they say is, “I know it’s not ethical, but how do I get mine?” In the old days scandal would rock the nation. But now ... (*people*) are no longer shocked by the judge or politician who takes a bribe, but admire them: THE ONLY SIN NOW IS TO GET CAUGHT. In our lifetime, this great change has taken place ...’

“Is it true? Are we a corrupt nation? A corrupt people? Are we ethically, (*or*) morally insolvent? ... on all sides, there are signs of deepening moral decay within the structure of society itself.

New York is a great mirror, reflecting the nation, magnifying its faults as an optic glass enlarges a blemish. We are a city of recurrent scandals: paid scandals ... loan shark scandals, internal revenue scandals, police department scandals ... school scandals, and football scandals. ... THERE ARE PAYOFFS, BRIBES, KICKBACKS, SHAKEDOWNS ...

“N. Morgan Woods, manager of the claim’s bureau of the American Insurance Assn., says the problem was born out of our deteriorating moral standards ... ‘It began to get worse and worse, month by month, year by year. THE DETERIORATION OF MORAL STANDARDS PERMEATES EVERY SEGMENT OF OUR SOCIETY.’ ” (N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM & SON, Nov. 9, 1965).

Truth Unknown

The Roman ruler, Pilate, asked Jesus Christ:



John 18:38 Pilate said to Him (*Jesus*), “What is truth?”

Jesus Christ not only defines truth but also makes known where the truth can be found:

John 17:17 “Your word is truth.”



To the religious rulers at that time, Jesus said:

John 8:44 “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning and does

not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

To the called and chosen people of GOD, Jesus Christ made known how the truth will come and form their godly character.

John 14:16-17.

v. 16 “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that It may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.

knows It, but you know It, for It dwells in you and will be in you.”

But within this world, the little truth they have had, for the most part, has perished.

Jeremiah 7:28 “... truth has perished.”

The LORD God presents a challenge to the leadership—

Jeremiah 5:1-3 “Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, see now and know; and seek in her open places IF you can find a man, if there is anyone who executes judgment, WHO SEEKS THE TRUTH, and I will pardon her. Though they say, “As the LORD lives,” surely they swear falsely.”

v. 3 O LORD, are not Your eyes on the TRUTH.”

A WORLD WITHOUT TRUTH

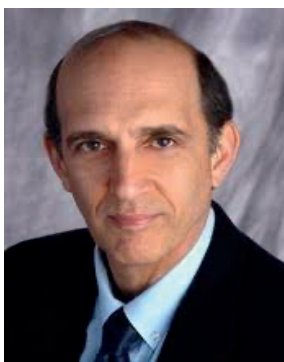
A world without TRUTH is a world without godly love—not caring for anyone, only for self. Truthfulness is not found, and justice fails.

Isaiah 30:9-11.

vv. 9-11 “That this is a rebellious people, LYING children, children who will NOT hear the LAW of the LORD; who say to the seers (such as Eli—I Samuel 2), “Do not see,” and to the prophets (such as Samuel—I Samuel 4), “Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits. “Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.” Isaiah 30:9-11.

Excerpts from the Book HOW EVIL WORKS, written by David Kupelian.

WHY POLITICIANS LIE, AND WHY WE BELIEVE THEM, he wrote:



“THE MARKETING OF EVIL, I explore many manipulation techniques used to alter American attitudes toward everything from abortion to divorce to homosexuality. But there’s one technique that reigns supreme as the king of all propaganda weapons—lying. To make evil look good and good to appear evil, you have to lie. ...” End of Quotes

Scripture makes known they are self-schooled in lying.

Jeremiah 7:3 “They have TAUGHT their tongue to speak lies.”

Soncino Commentary: “Man is naturally truthful and must school himself to lie before it comes easily to him.” End of Quote

They sear their conscience—it no longer bothers them to lie.

This is also true with the world’s RELIGIONS.

In time to come, this will be recognized and acknowledged.

Jeremiah 16:19 “O LORD, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles will come to You, from the ends of the earth, and say, ‘Surely, our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable things.’

This is also true with the nations of Judah, Ephraim, and Manasseh.

It was also found in God’s true Church. The Apostle Paul wrote of this to the Ephesus Church.

Revelation 2:2 “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And You have tested those who say they are apostles and are not and have found them liars.”

God's true people have witnessed this within the Church of this end-time since 1986-1995, and ongoing today.

Consider the Corporate Churches that have rejected Mr. Armstrong. By rejecting him, they also rejected the teachings God used him to restore within the Church (**Matthew 17:10-13**)—those they disagreed with—began to live the lie.

This is Satan's strategy. And it worked.

The world and its churches are living a lie! From what has been learned from the News Media, this is also true with governmental leaders. It is true with all nations. They have taught themselves to lie, complying with political correctness and dishonesty to retain their important offices.

They lie or take the 5th when backed into a corner rather than tell the TRUTH. Because of their lies and refusal to tell the TRUTH, they have brought a terrible curse on themselves, as Isaiah makes known:

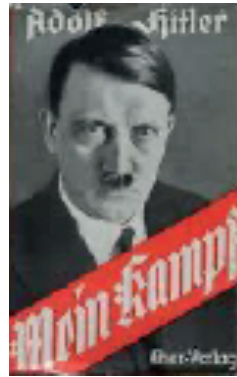
Isaiah 5:20-21.

vv. 20-21 "Woe to those who call EVIL good, and GOOD evil; who put DARKNESS for light, and LIGHT for darkness; who put BITTER for sweet, and SWEET for bitter! Woe to those who are WISE in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight!"

Similar to Belshazzar of ancient Babylon, the House of Joseph has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. He was killed by the enemy (*Cyrus-Darius, the Medio-Per-sian Empire*) that very night. (**Daniel 5:26-30**).



Further, in the book, 'HOW EVIL WORKS,' written by David Kupelian, "There's dark magic in boldly lying, in telling a "BIG LIE"—repeatedly, with a straight face, and with confidence and authority.



Hitler himself, in his 1925 autobiography, *Mein Kampf*, explained with eerie insight the fantastic power of lying.

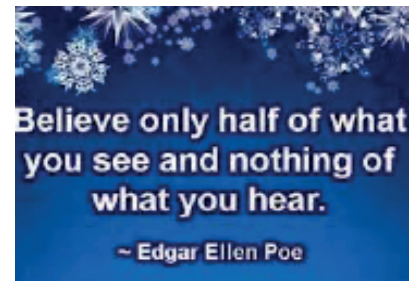
The author commented, "Truly the words of an evil genius."...

Who really wrote that book, *Mein Kampf*? Satan, the father and master of lies, used his human instrument, Adolph Hitler, to write it.

Page 16: "Hitler's principle is exactly what lying, ruthless leaders everywhere bank on to get their way with the public. Believe me; they understand all this—which is why we need also to understand."End of Quotes

God's people do NOT grasp the enormity of the kind of world in which they live! It is needful to understand it lest some could be caught up in its snares in one way or another. It would be well to consider the following saying:

"Do not believe anything you hear and half of what you see."



Remember God's people are being TESTED whether they are living the way of God's TRUTH—or yet a part of this world.

The Spirit of Truth

John 16:13 "However, when It, the Spirit of Truth has come, It will guide you into all truth ..."

The true people of God speak truthfully.

Not so with the world at large. As a result, Truth has fallen in the street.

Isaiah 59:14-15 “Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off, and equity cannot enter (*Habakkuk 1:2-4*). So, truth fails. And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.”

Hypocrisy

Hypocrisy reigns amidst rebellious and evil rulership and society worldwide.

The following article reveals the hypocrisy found almost everywhere:

WSJ Personal Journal, Monday, September 25, 2023, A13

Bosses say they want the truth. Do they mean it?



Dealing with the trickiest phrase you can hear from a manager: “I’d love your feedback.”

WORK AND LIFE

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Marchiano Loen stared at his screen for two hours. He drafted one response, then another. He begged someone in Human Resources for help. Still, the question vexed him.



What can your manager improve on?

“Oh ..., I actually have to answer,” the tech worker thought as he pondered the employee survey, “What am I going to write?”

Bosses claim they want honest feedback. Telling the truth can spark change, make your work life better, and show all your own assertiveness. Or you can get fired. (*At least it feels that way*).

Like it or not, silence is not an option. But you have to be really careful about how candid to get with the boss.

End of Quotes

In reality, it appears in most cases, they want flattery, not correction.

Lies from the Beginning of a Relationship

The average person lies three times in the first 10 minutes of meeting someone new, according to research from Robert Feldman, a professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Such superficial fibs lubricate many of our social interactions, he says, helping us fit in and getting people to like us.



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Hypocrisy Reigns

Two-Faced People Abound—

Psalm 62:4 “... they delight in lies; they bless with their mouth, but curse inwardly.”

One needs a good memory after speaking a lie and being asked to repeat it. It appears liars have no conscience—lying does not bother them.



The Need to be Re-educated

The world must be re-educated to righteousness and it has to begin with repentance:

Acts 3:19-21.

v. 19 “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of REFRESHING may come from the presence of the LORD.

v. 20 “And that He (*Father*) may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

v. 21 “Whom heaven must receive UNTIL the times of RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.”

This End Age

God witnesses to them by word, the internet, and  YouTube.

Acts 13:41 “Behold, you despisers, marvel and perish; for I work a Work in your days, a Work which you will by no means believe, though one were to declare to you (*Habakkuk 1:5*).”

The powers in high governmental offices, and otherwise, such as TV, Radio, and the printing press, suppress the truth, for they do not want to hear it and block others from hearing it as well.

Case in point: England.

The UK would not permit the gospel to be preached on radio during the 1950s.

The truth was then broadcast from what was called pirate ships just outside their territorial waters. However, they even found a way to block this as well.

God indicts them for this:

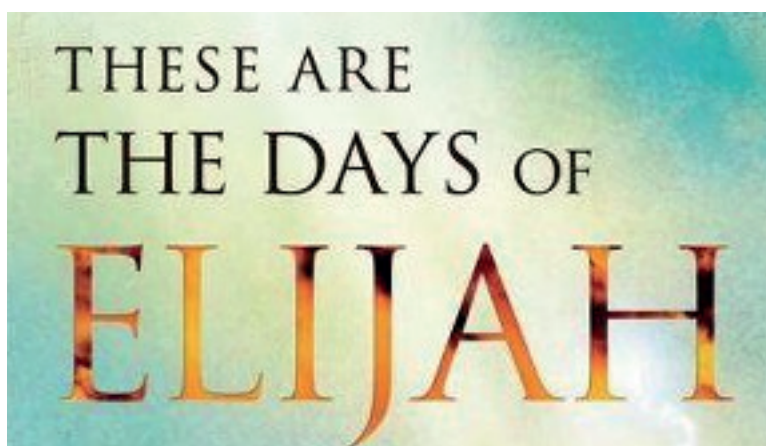
Romans 1:18 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”

The End-time Elijah

Jesus Christ sent a special man with the final warnings to rebellious Israel.

Malachi 4:4 “Remember the law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments (*Exodus 21-24*).

v. 5 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.”



Jesus Christ would use him to proclaim the Gospel to the world (***Matthew 24:14***) and the Ezekiel warning message (***Ezekiel 33:7-11***).

Habakkuk 3:2 “O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid (*Habakkuk 1:6-11*); O LORD revive Your Work in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.”

And God did revive His Work at the midnight hour—beginning in 1926.

Matthew 25:6 And at midnight a cry was heard, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom is coming, go out to meet Him!’”

Habakkuk 1:5 “Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.



It began in 1926—extremely small but grew over time to become worldwide on Radio, TV, and personal appearances before he died in 1986.

Isaiah 29:14 “Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous Work among the people. A marvelous Work and a wonder for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.”

Though he died in 1986, the Work God used him to do during his lifetime has been given to the Church of God Faithful Flock and is yet ongoing while using his recorded works and supplementing them as needed.

Some believe he finished the Work; he even felt he had before his death.

However, Scripture makes known otherwise.

Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and THEN THE END WILL COME.”

This ongoing responsibility by this Church will end possibly in two more years, 2026, the

beginning of the Great Tribulation, as Scripture makes known—

Daniel 12:7 Then I heard the man (*the angel, Gabriel, who looks like a man, Daniel 9:21*) clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for three and one-half years, and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

- Finished by the Church of God Faithful Flock.
- Then, the baton will be handed off to the two witnesses. They will witness during the final three and one-half years.

Revelation 11:3, 7, 11-12.

v. 3 And I will give power to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy three and one-half years, clothed in sack-cloth.

v. 7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcoming them and kill them.

v. 11 “Now after the three and one-half years, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them

v. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud (*not into the third heaven, but into the second heaven where Christ will have the resurrected saints to come together, to meet with Him, Revelation 15:2; I Thessalonians 4:13-17*), and their enemies saw them.

This will be the time when Jesus Christ will return to this earth.

Revelation 19:11-16.

v. 11 Now I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness, He judges and makes war.

vv. 12-13 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

vv. 14-15 And the armies in heaven clothed in fine linen, white and clean followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, and with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of the Almighty God.

v. 16 And He had on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 21:5-8.

v. 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

v. 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

v. 7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.

But for the unrepentant—

v. 8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolators, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant
Moses, Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great
trial, Of famine and darkness and
sword, Still, we are the voice in the
desert crying 'Prepare ye the way of the
Lord!'

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet
call! Lift your voice, it's the year of
jubilee And out of Zion's hill salvation
comes!

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant
David, Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world!
And we are the laborers in Your vine-
yard, Declaring the word of the Lord!

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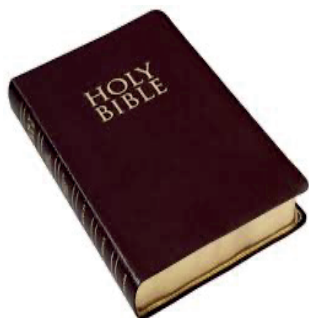
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PRINCIPLES OF LIVING

The strongest two drives within the human body are:

“Food and Sex”

In this writing, the focus will be on SEX as taught by God in His Holy Bible.



This is necessary considering how the world is obsessed with it and its wrong use. Neither God nor His word is prudish about this all-pervasive subject.

The Bible is the Maker's Handbook for His product, mankind, and since sex is an important part of man's life and history, the Bible is replete with sexual instructions and examples. Almost every main character in the Bible was involved in situations that teach a lesson about sex.

God created a unique way of reproduction within marriage, especially for mankind. Sex was not only intended for reproduction but also for pleasure between husband and wife—to mutually endear themselves to each other for life.

To illustrate by example—

The LORD God appeared before Abraham and told him that he and his wife were to have a son.

Genesis 18:10-14 And He (LORD God), said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life and behold Sarah your wife shall have a son.” (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

vv. 11-12 Now Abraham and Sarah were

old, well advanced in age, and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. Therefore, Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”

vv. 13-14 And the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, “Shall I surely have a child since I am old? Is anything too hard for the LORD? ...

To fulfill His ongoing purpose, God determines when each part of His Master Plan is to fit within its place, as Scripture makes known.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything, there is a season (a fixed period). A time for every purpose under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die.

And it began with the creation of Adam and Eve.

Genesis 1:27 proclaims: “... male and female, He CREATED them.”

In ***verse 31***, God reaffirms the wisdom of His male and female creation as He looks at ALL He created and says it is “VERY GOOD.” In a naked male and female, nothing is more obvious than the sexual parts of their bodies. God saw it all and said that sex was “very good.”

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The sex organs were to be held as set apart and in honor.

I Thessalonians 4:3 “For this is the will of GOD your sanctification (*set apart to be holy and pure—Christians are also called Saints*) ... that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel (*sex organs, man, but also woman*) in sanctification and honor to marry in holiness and honor (*Living Bible*).”

In ***Genesis 4:1***, Adam "knew" Eve, which is a euphemism for having sexual intercourse. The verb "to know," however, captures much of the beautiful imagery of the purpose that sex portrays within marriage. A husband and wife in a sexual union know each other in the deepest way, and their love is bound deeper by their mutually giving act.

Back to the Beginning

The beginning of creation:

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our IMAGE, according to Our LIKENESS ... So God created MAN in His Own IMAGE, in the IMAGE of GOD He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:28 Then God blessed them (*in marriage*) and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. ...”

Meaning through them and their descendants over time.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils (transmitted the sperm cell into Adam’s children—that began with Adam) the breath of life, and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:21-25.

v. 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept, and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

v. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

v. 23 And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called WOMAN because she was taken out of man.”

COMMENT: *Mr. Armstrong: Eve was the most beautiful woman who has ever lived, perfectly proportioned and gorgeous with all of the feminine bounties of a woman that would make her attractive and appealing to man.*

Further, whatever God creates is perfect. Therefore, Adam was the most handsome and well-built man who has ever lived. To fulfill His purpose of expanding His family, God created within man and woman strong sex drives—

v. 24 Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife (*in a sexual relationship—bodies meshing together as one*), therefore becoming one flesh.

I Corinthians 6:15-18 “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!



“This is the reason that a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife, and they become one flesh.”

GENESIS 2:24

v. 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”



v. 18 “Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body (this includes all immoral acts—including masturbation).

The Refusal of Sex Within Marriage

A mate is not to use sex as a weapon against the other mate.

A woman once said in my hearing, “I know how to get even with him”—meaning she would refuse to have sex with her husband.

Scripture reveals that husbands and wives are not to refuse the sexual needs of one another but comply with the need for relief and gratification:

1 Corinthians 7:3-5, 8-9.

v. 3 “Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

v. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

v. 5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer, and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”

Though the Apostle Paul wrote in verse six that this was his own concession, not a commandment, one should remember that all Scripture was inspired and approved by God (***II Timothy 3:16-17***).

v. 8 “But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: it is good that for them to remain even as I am (the following Scriptures make known the Apostle Paul was not married and had full control over his sex drive—possibly not strong).

v. 9 “But if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion (to burn with the flame of lust. Burn: to be uneasy, troubled, frustrated).”

Virgins

Cruden’s Concordance—“an unmarried young woman who has preserved the purity of her body.

I Corinthians 7:25-40.

v. 25 “Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord, yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy.

v. 26 “I suppose, therefore, that this is good because of the present distress—that it is good for a man to remain as he is (single-unmarried).

v. 27 “Are you bound (in marriage by God) to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. But even if you do marry, you have not sinned. Nevertheless, such will have trouble in the flesh (meaning a burning desire for sex. It was said by a woman that a woman needs sex at least once a month. The same is true with a man if he is normal—as God made him).

Comment: In some respects, humanity is not all that different than the creatures regarding the need for a sexual relationship.

It should be remembered that GOD, through Christ, made all creatures and humanity with the burning desire within them for sex to fill the earth (**Genesis 1:28**).

To Eve, meaning women, throughout all generations, the LORD God said in **Genesis 3:16** “**Your desire shall be for your husband.**”

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (as it should be with man and woman).

The Crazy Focus on Sex

No MATTER what the headlines, the world news, the international traumas, the agony, the potential for world suicide, it seems that so many people have their minds on only one thing.

That one thing is sex. Just plain sex. Weird sex. Violent sex. Extramarital sex. Pre-marital sex. Amoral sex. Immoral sex. Sick sex. And—maybe once in a lifetime—MORAL sex!

What makes sex "moral" or "immoral"? Modern thinking proclaims that any act between mutually consenting adults is moral. By whose authority? If there is no God, this kind of reasoning would be understandable, even though it leads to headache and heartache.

But there IS a God, and this writing is unique in proclaiming what God says about sex. Before

any anti-supernatural bias creeps into your mind, please realize that any similarity between what God says and what most Christian churches believe about the subject is purely coincidental.

There are approximately two billion males and two billion females on earth. Sex is a fact of existence. It's how we all got here. The process that put us here is one that medical science can tell us about, one that is taught in classrooms from grade school to graduate school.

It is learned in the "gutter" among children, through all forms of media by teenagers, and by X-rated movies for anyone 17 years of age or older. But what has this knowledge taught us to do? A few of the sobering statistics should give you the answer.



The Bible is true to life about sex, not blowing it out of proportion to excite. The Bible

gives examples and overall principles and leaves the husband and wife to picture the pleasing details ("Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled," says **Hebrews 13:4**).

Is God a prude? Did He turn His eyes from the naked man and woman He had created, or did He look right at their newly created bodies and say, "That's good".

But God created a unique way of reproduction within marriage, especially for man. Sex was not only intended for reproduction but also for pleasure between husband and wife—to mutually endear themselves to each other for life.

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God's laws were set in motion to give us happiness, peace, security, plenty, and thrilling, radiant JOYS. God's laws are the gift of His love to us. God wants us to enjoy the blessings they make possible, not the cursings they make inevitable when we break them.

A thorough examination of the Scriptures reveals that God ordained human relationships as merely types of a much higher set of relationships.

God's relationship with His human creation is clearly shown to be a family relationship. He is described as our Heavenly Father (**Matthew 6:6**). This Church is our spiritual mother (**Galatians 4:26**). The Church enters into a marriage relationship with Christ (**Romans 7:4; Luke 5:34; Revelation 19:7-9**).

We are told that husbands are to be the head of the wife in the same manner Christ heads up the Church (**Ephesians 5:25**). At present, the Church is the "affianced bride" of Jesus Christ to be presented to Him as a "chaste virgin" at His return (**II Corinthians 11:2**).

Human marriage pre-figures and typifies this transcendental spiritual relationship with God and Christ! Is it any wonder that God is so particular about how such a relationship is conducted?

But what is the purpose of sex within marriage? Marital sex was given by God to mankind for three beautiful and joyful purposes.

First of all, sex in marriage was given for the reproduction of children, a God-plane FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

Secondly, marital sex was to express the deepest and most binding expression of marital love and devotion, outgoing concern for the one loved.

Thirdly, the matrimonial bond safeguards the home, family, and the stability of the nation as a whole.

God also created sex appeal. This world has perverted that term to mean only the flesh, the

body, or the shape of the sex object. But true sex appeal between a devoted husband and wife centers on the face, the mind, the heart, the intangible "romance" between two compatible sweethearts for life.



Sexual compatibility is, after all, a mental relationship. It has been said, with much accuracy, that the brain is the largest sex organ.

Compatibility of sexual techniques usually follows when two minds are each attuned to pleasing the other person. This is the essence of married love. God designed sex in humans to express love in marriage!



The love embrace, the love caress, the ardent love, talk of husbands and wives—each telling the other that he or she is the most dear, the most darling, the

most precious person on earth. The sincere ardor of earnest lovemaking BIND two people increasingly together as their life together goes forward.

Those who divorce for "mental cruelty" have given an appropriate name to the loveless sex that takes place on most marriage beds: mental cruelty. This kind of "legal rape" is as abhorrent in God's eyes as an adulterous union!

Such couples desperately need the counseling available only in a unique sexual guide combining the efforts of a minister of God and medical authorities. If the advice of this book were followed, NO marriage need end in divorce for "mental cruelty."



The name of this vital book is *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, by Herbert W. Armstrong, Dr. Robert E. Merrill, and the Ambassador College Department of Theology.

A "condensed" 236-page paperback version of the original 324-page hardbound book is available FREE to you upon your request. *(The publishers must, regrettably, refuse to send this book to unmarried minors. Although it is hoped that parents will recognize the urgency of placing this book in the hands of their own adolescent children, that must remain solely the responsibility of the parents.)*

No married couple should be without this book. No couple contemplating marriage or engaged to be married should delay reading it.

Those couples counseled for marriage by the authors of this book and who have applied for that counsel have virtually a zero divorce rate! Such successful fruits prove that the message is right and true.

If you know of such a couple in need—or if your marriage is not all it should be—be sure to secure this all-important book. It could save your marriage, as it has saved thousands of others.

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A Love Affair with Satan the Devil

The world loves Satan, the Devil, not by name but by calling him Jesus Christ or other names they consider worthy of acknowledging as holy.

Originally, he was a cherub angel—a special angel created by God and named Lucifer, later Satan.

Satan, the Devil, can transform himself into various forms: a serpent as he did with Eve, and she was enraptured with him believing what he said to her. As a result, he became her god—as Scripture tells us.

Romans 6:16: “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death or of obedience leading to righteousness?”

He can also appear as a fiery red dragon. There



are paintings depicting him as such. One transformation in particular leads to the other forms, such as his transformation as: “An angel of light” (**I Corinthians 11:3, 13-15**).

In various ways, Satan attracts the many religions of this world who worship him, whatever the image. Biblical history reveals Satan has been worshipped as a golden calf and in many other various forms as well.



In Rome, the seat of pagan worship, there are many statues supposedly of Christ, but in reality, they are of Satan, the Devil—a revered painting by Michelangelo. He wants the worship of mankind, and these statues are artistically and beautifully molded and placed in key places in the Christian nations and worshipped—not realizing they are worshipping Satan, the Devil, having been deceived into their belief and worship of him.

Scripture makes known in **Revelation 12:9** “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Further in **I John 5:19** “... the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.”

Swaying the world into making statues, some grotesque, including paintings, etc., that would continue to enrapture people to continue their love affair with him.

Satan even offered the glory of the kingdoms of this world to Jesus Christ if He would worship before him (**Luke 4:5-7**).

The Apostle Paul encountered this with many statues of the so-called gods in Athens, Greece.

Acts 17:16-19, 22.

v. 16 Now, while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. Therefore, he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.

v. 18 Then, certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. “What does this babbling want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods” because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

v. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new doctrine is of what you speak?”

v. 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious, for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.** Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing Him, I proclaim to you.”



This is also why Jesus Christ said the gospel must be preached to the whole world—to preach the truth of the true God as the apostle Paul preached the UNKNOWN GOD to the Athenians.

For the whole Christian world is worshipping Christ in ignorance—therefore, in vain are they worshipping Him.

The true people of God are warned:

Matthew 7:15, 21

v. 15 “Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. You will know them by their fruits. ...

v. 21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord,

Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Jesus Christ said to the religious rulers in Jerusalem:

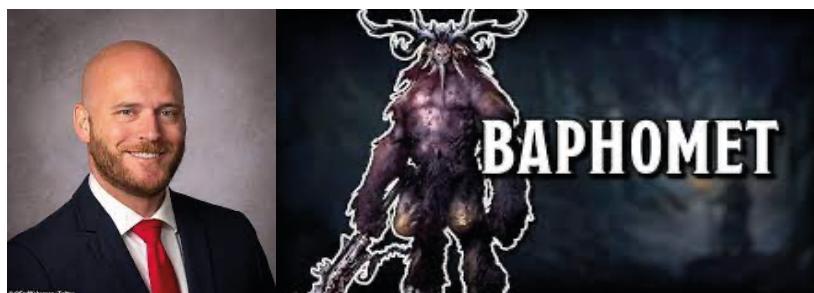
John 8:44 “You are of your father (*Satan*) the Devil and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

This makes known why the Navy vet has been charged with a hate crime for destroying a statue of Satan, the Devil—he broke off their love affair by destroying the image of Satan, the Devil.

Navy veteran charged with hate crime for smashing satanic statue in Iowa capitol gets support from conservatives.

Story by Gabriel Hays

Navy Reserve veteran Michael Cassidy received widespread support from conservatives and other notable figures after being



charged with a hate crime for destroying a satanic statue that was erected at the Iowa State Capitol.

Notable figures like Elon Musk and Chaya Raichik, creator of Libs of TikTok, came to Cassidy's defense after news of him being charged broke on Tuesday.

Many who spoke out in support of Cassidy lamented how left-wing protesters, who destroyed and vandalized statues of American historical figures, didn't face the same stiff penalties that Cassidy now faces.

Local Iowa outlets reported that Polk County prosecutors accused Cassidy—who destroyed the statue in December—of violating the state's hate crime statute and charged him.

The statue, depicting the horned demon Baphomet, was erected in the capitol building by the Satanic Temple of Iowa as a religious display and, therefore, allowed to be there during the holidays under state rules.

After destroying the statue, Cassidy was initially cited for criminal mischief in the fourth degree and released after he told security that he had destroyed the statue. The felony hate crime charge was added Tuesday because, according to a spokesman for the Polk County Attorney's Office, the evidence indicated that Cassidy destroyed the statue for religious reasons.

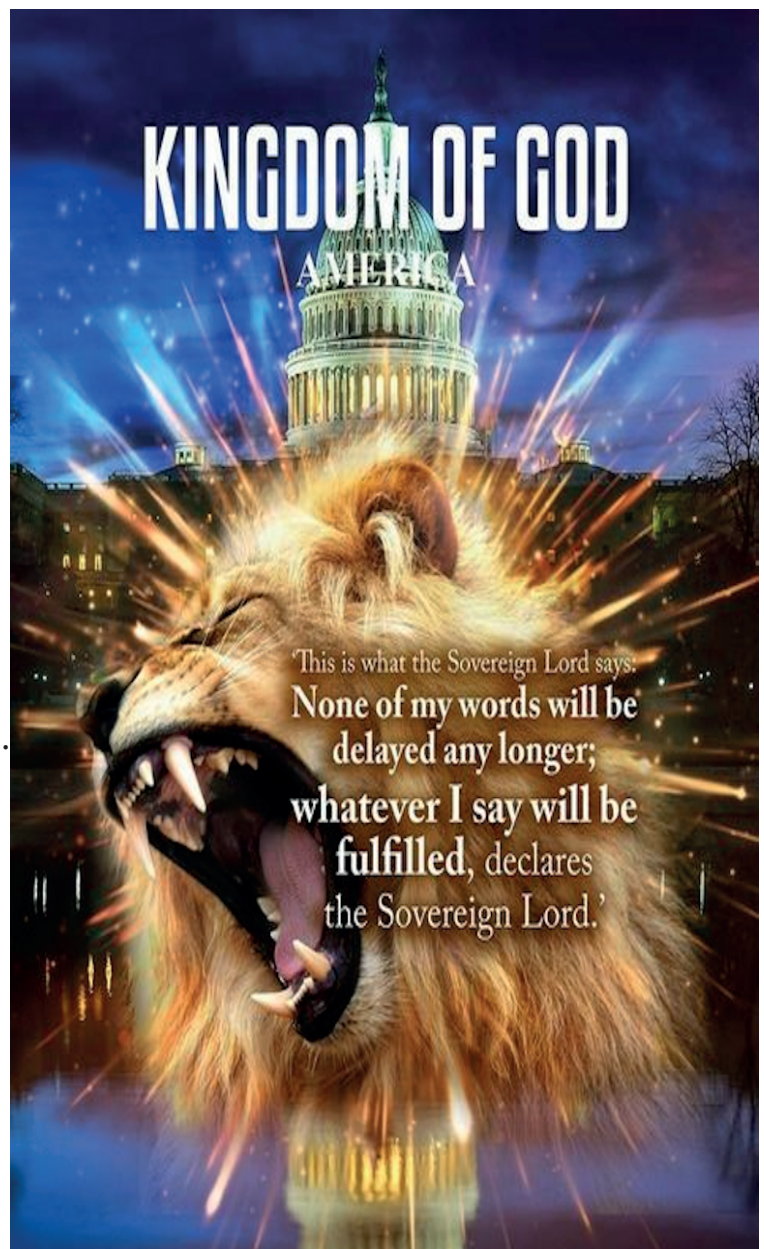
The Post Millennial Editor-in-chief Libby Emmons made a similar point, writing, "Statues of Jefferson and Washington were both torn down because of hatred by white men. But the guy who tears down a statue of Satan is charged with a hate crime." "It's now a crime in America to hate Satan," conservative digital strategist Greg Price said.

"It was never mentioned that the trans-Nashville shooter who specifically targeted Christian children committed a hate crime, but knocking over a statue of Satan is. America has fallen, and we're left to pay the price," former NCAA athlete and anti-trans activist Riley Gaines wrote.

"Hate crime?!?!? Are you kidding me? Satan has NO PLACE in our state capitol," conservative commentator Graham Allen said.

Satan should have no place anywhere in society. However, such is not the case.

Soon, Jesus Christ will return to this earth, and the love affair with Satan by the world will no longer exist. Satan will then be isolated for a thousand years (**Revelation 20:1-2**). During that time, his statues will be completely demolished—as the one by the Navy vet was destroyed in Iowa



The Passover and the Feast of Firstfruits

And the LORD said, "I have surely seen the oppression of My people in Egypt ... so I HAVE COME DOWN to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land, to a land flowing with milk and honey ..." Exodus 3:7-8

Alton B. (Don) Billingsley



In the context of God's Passover and the Feast of Firstfruits, it would be well for us to consider that as the LORD came down to this earth from His most high and holy place in heaven above to DELIVER His people, Israel, from Egypt and lead them into the Promised Land, He will also deliver the Firstfruits, His affianced Bride, from the plagues to soon befall spiritual Babylon (**Revelation 18:4-5; Jeremiah 51:6; Joshua 5:13-15**).

This coming time will be extremely stressful for God's faithful Elect. To survive its perils will necessitate having a real close knowing relationship with God and Jesus Christ. Having that closeness with God will make possible the imperative need of living active faith built on TRUST in God, His Scriptures and promises to survive these terrible times, "**such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be,**" so said Jesus Christ (**Matthew 24:21-22**).

Considering the observance of the Passover in Egypt with the one to be observed either in Jerusalem where God's Elect will rendezvous just prior to the final departure for the Place of Safety (**Jeremiah 51:6, Mathew 24:15-16**), or in Petra.

Scripture reveals this will be a time very similar to that of Egypt prior to the departure of Israel for the promised land of milk and honey.

Prophecy teaches that God's Elect people will be in the Place of Safety for three and one-half years (**Revelation 12:14**).



When we consider that the Feast of Trumpets pictures the coming of Jesus Christ back to this earth, this would imply God's Church will flee shortly before the Passover to fulfill that time period.

Egypt had been devastated by plagues from God and left in wreckage (**Exodus 10:7**). The same will be true with the House of Joseph during that same time due to the prophesied famine and disease epidemics (**Revelation 6:5-8**).

The Very Serious and Continuing Drought in America

Though the News Media do not grasp the fullness of their reporting of the accelerating DROUGHT taking place in key places in America, prophecy reveals it is leading to the prophesied famine and disease epidemics (**Joel 1; Ezekiel 6:11-14**). Considering its present and worsening seriousness there is little time left before it reaches its fullness.

Due to the severity of the famine and disease epidemics, the House of Joseph will begin experiencing unprecedented deaths on a scale heretofore never known and will grow into the many millions as prophecy makes known (**Ezekiel 5:12**).

The societies of both Ephraim and Manasseh will come to be in utter chaos and confusion, as well as the other tribes of Israel, due to the judgment of God on His people for their abominable sins (**Ezekiel 6:11-14**). Afterwards, He will have compassion for them:

"For the LORD will judge His people (Israel, and afterwards) have compassion on His servants when He SEES their POWER

is gone and there is no one remaining bond or free" (Deuteronomy 32:36; Jeremiah 30:7-9).

The Vital Importance of God's Passover

The deliverance of ancient Israel from Egypt by the LORD had a direct connection with the Passover. It would not have happened otherwise.

And to bring them into the land of milk and honey is directly associated with the Feast of Firstfruits; the Feast that pictures the Elect people chosen by God to be the Firstfruits to experience a new BIRTH into the Family of God (**John 3:3-5, 8; Ephesians 1:12-14; James 1:18; Romans 8:23**), and to become the Bride of Jesus Christ (**Revelation 19:6-9**).



Whether Jesus Christ will manifest Himself to the presiding pastor of His Church, who will be used by Him to lead and deliver His Elect from spiritual Babylon, as He did with Moses to deliver Israel, is very possible as Scriptures implies—**"... so the LORD alone led him" (Deuteronomy 32:11-12).**

It is an absolute certainty that Jesus Christ will be directly involved in every way for He has promised never to leave or forsake His people (**Matthew 28:20**).

Parallels and Dualities

It has been emphasized by God's late apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong that the Holy Bible is filled with parallels and dualities that connect with the past and Scripture bears out this fact. This is very necessary for understanding in studying the Scriptures and in the writings of articles that bear on the past as well as bringing them into the present and future as can be seen in this article.

God makes this very clear through the writings of His Prophet Isaiah:

"Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept (*doctrinal teachings*) must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little ... that they may go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught (*Isaiah 28:9-13*).

This makes known there is a lack of understanding for all but the true and faithful people of God for the Scriptures are written like a jigsaw puzzle and have to be put together correctly for understanding (*Matthew 13:10-16*).

It is also understood that when verses are taken from a chapter or lines are taken from a chapter or a line from a verse, each has to be in context and harmony with the subject.

Learning from Biblical History

Further, the Apostle Paul wrote of the past concerning ancient Israel that virtually always corresponds with the present:

"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition (*margin: instruction*), upon whom the end of the ages have come" (*I Corinthians 10:11*).

The Apostle Paul also wrote:

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience (*margin: perseverance*) and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (*Romans 15:4*).

Understanding Symbolic Language

Considering these Scriptures in the context of the near future, are also important for understanding:

- Egypt is symbolic of sin (*Revelation 11:8*).



- Ancient Babylon was an empire, however the name is also used spiritually for the mother of harlots (*Revelation 17:2*), and used for the sinful society of the House of Joseph (*Revelation 18:4; Jeremiah 51:6*).

- God refers to the House of Joseph as Sodom and Gomorrah (*Isaiah 1:10*).

- In prophecy, Jerusalem (*Judah*) is referred to as symbolic of sin (*Revelation 11:8; Luke 13:33*).

A need for the Understanding of Scriptures

This should prove to be very helpful in understanding how the happenings of ancient Israel during the Passover and their exodus from

Egypt to the Promised Land will correspond to the trials of the true Church of God in the near future. The analogy begins with ancient Israel with their preparation for the observance of the Passover in Egypt.

God's Instructions for the Observance of His Passover

The Passover that was observed at that time by ancient Israel will play a vital dual role for the coming deliverance of the ELECT of God's true Church as will be seen in the following Scriptures.

Just before the final plague to befall Egypt, Moses said to the Pharaoh:

"Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt: and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die ... then there shall be A GREAT CRY throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall it be like it again. But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move

(Margin: sharpen) **its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make A DIFFERENCE between the Egyptians and Israel. And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out" (Exodus 11:4-7).**



The Murder of the Born and Unborn

Because Egypt was responsible for murdering the newly born sons of the Tribes of Israel (**Exodus 1:15-16, 22**), the LORD God killed all of the firstborn of the Egyptians during the night of the Passover (**Exodus 12:29-30**).

Compare this to the House of Joseph who has been responsible for the murder of the unborn that runs into the many millions (*55 million in America alone*). God says vengeance is His, He will repay (**Hebrews 10:30-31**). Not only will multiple millions of the firstborn die in the near future but many other millions as well (**Ezekiel 5:12**).



The Selection of the Sacrificial Lamb

Immediately afterwards the LORD gave Moses instructions regarding the Passover that would set apart Israel as both a Congregation of God and the birth of Israel as a nation.

"Speak to all the Congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the 10th of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household ... Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year ... 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 two door posts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it ... And so shall you eat it in haste. It is the LORD'S PASSOVER.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the FIRSTBORN in the land of Egypt, both man and beast, and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

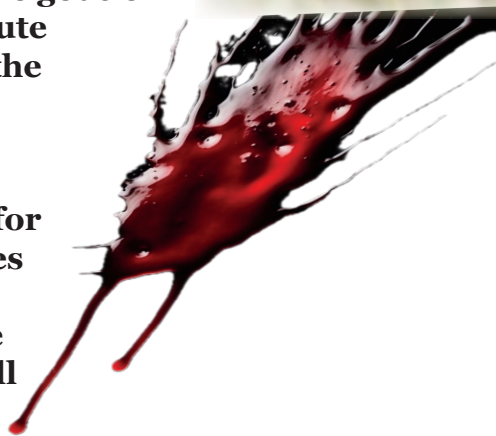
Now the BLOOD shall be A SIGN for you on the houses where you are.

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" (Exodus 12:3-7, 11-13).

The Blood from the Sacrificial Lamb

The lives of the people of Israel were spared from death due to following the explicit instructions given to them to swab the blood from a freshly killed lamb over the entrance to their homes (**Exodus 12:3-7, 12-13**).

The lamb that was chosen and killed was a type of Jesus Christ the true Lamb of God who was to take away the sin of the world by voluntarily giving His back to the whip (**Matthew 27:26**), and His life to be taken from Him on the stake by pouring out His life's blood (**Isaiah 53:12; Hebrews 10:5-6; John 1:29**).



In this manner He paid the penalty for both our physical and spiritual sins as made known by the prophet Isaiah in very descriptive detail:

Isaiah 52:13-15.

"Indeed, My Servant shall prosper, be exalted and raised to great heights (where He is today). Just as the many were appalled at Him (as such an abject person claiming to be the Messiah)—His form, beyond human semblance (made Him lose the look of a human being).

Just so He shall startle many nations (*cause to spring or rise suddenly in admiration and reverence*). **Kings shall be silenced because of Him** (*in amazement at the exaltation of the despised Servant, Psalm 72:11*), **for they shall SEE what has NOT been told them** (*at such a miraculous and sudden transformation as had never before been heard or seen*) **shall behold what they never have heard"** (*Isaiah 52:13-15 NJPS Translation*).

"... He had no form or beauty, that we should look at Him, no charm, that we should find Him pleasing. He was **despised** (*treated like an outcast*), **shunned by men, a Man of suffering, familiar with disease. As One who hid His face from us** (*so as not to behold such a repellent face*), **He was despised, we held Him of no account** (*did not know His true worth*). **Yet it was OUR SICKNESS** (*pain and disease*) **that He was bearing** (*I Corinthians 11:24, He was very sick as the result of what He had endured*), **OUR SUFFERING that He endured, we accounted Him plagued, smitten, and afflicted by God; but He was WOUNDED because of OUR SINS** (*spiritual sins*), **CRUSHED** (*blows cut into His body*) **because of OUR iniquities** (*I Corinthians 11:25-26*). **He BORE the chastisement that made us whole, and BY His bruises** (*blows cut into His body by the whip*) **we were HEALED** (*I Peter 2:24*)" (*Isaiah 53:1-5 NJPS*).

God's New Testament Passover

To **RENEW** the covenant made with God at baptism is much more than form—it has to do with **RELATIONSHIP**, believing, and living, the **TRUE** teachings of God and Jesus Christ our

Lord that including the explicit instructions regarding the observance of God's Passover. Tragically the churches that are off-track moved away from the true Passover service by accepting the satanic one put together by the apostate pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God, who coupled the bread together with the wine, teaching erroneously there is no such thing as physical sin, thus removing the blessing of physical healing that expresses the deeply personal relationship between an individual and his God.

To partake of those precious very meaningful symbols, as clearly made known in Scriptures, it is of vital necessity to refresh our memories of the true meaning of both the

BREAD AND WINE.



And to refresh the memory concerning the symbols of the **BREAD and WINE**, one should study the Scriptures related to it along with the writings of God's late apostle (*the unedited Mystery of the Ages, pages 211-213; and the booklet, The Plain Truth About Healing, 1979 publication*).

It is an absolute **MUST** that the blood of the Messiah, the true Lamb of God, upon godly repentance, covers the sins of God's true and faithful people, to be delivered from the **Great Tribulation and the second death** (*Acts 2:38; Hebrews 9:7, 11-15; Revelation 12:10-11*). The same will be true with all of mankind within God's Time table of approximately 7,100 years.

Passover— A Time of Testing

Prior to the beginning of the 4th plague, Moses made known to the Pharaoh the LORD God would begin making a difference between the sufferings of Israel and the Egyptians:

"And in that day I will SET APART the land in Goshen, in which My people dwell, and no swarms of flies will be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land. I will MAKE DIFFERENCE between My people and your people. Tomorrow this SIGN shall be" (Exodus 8:22-23).

Before the LORD God MADE A DIFFERENCE between the tribes of Israel and the Egyptians they endured and experienced very hard and trying tests. (" ... anguish of spirit and cruel bondage" (Exodus 6:9).

Though the ELECT people of God will also experience some of the same difficulties and trials as did the people of Israel, Jesus Christ will begin to make a real difference between His Elect people and spiritual Babylon just as He did at that time.

A Remarkable Duality with the Church in Jerusalem

The Passover was a time of severe testing for ancient Israel during their preparation for its observance. The same has been true each and every year for the members of God's Church from its inception and it will become more critical at this end-time with each coming year before the time of departure for the Place of Safety as did God's Church in Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

Leading up to that time the people of God suffered persecution from the Jews in Jerusalem as made known from historical writings:

Ancient History in Bible Light, The Early Roman Empire by Dorothy Ruth Miller,

page 259: "... the Christians suffered fanatical persecution from the Jews because they did not sympathize with the determination of the Jews to revolt. The Lord Jesus had by example and precept taught His disciples obedience to the temporal powers, and the teaching of Paul was the same. The persecution to which they were subjected because of their adherence to these principles was doubtless a contributing cause, two or three years later, to their removal from Judea, and their consequent escape from the horrors of the siege.



Page 260-261: *The Date of the beginning of the Siege.* The siege of Jerusalem by Titus began at the Passover season, on the fourteenth of Nisan, 70 A.D.

Fearful sights and great signs (**Luke 21:11**). Yet the Jews who suffered in the siege and destruction of Jerusalem were not left without warnings immediately preceding the siege ... (*several miraculous signs beginning in 66 A. D.*).



Again on the night of the last Pentecost (69 A.D.) ever celebrated in this Sanctuary (*Josephus recorded*) as the priests were going by night into the

inner Temple, as their custom was, to perform their sacred ministrations, they said that, in the first place, they felt a quaking, and heard a sound as of a great multitude, saying, "Let us remove hence."

Josephus adds, "But these men interpreted some of these signals according to their own pleasure, until their madness was demonstrated, both by the taking of their city and their own destruction."

The Terrors of the Siege

None of the previous calamities which had befallen Jerusalem is to be compared with this terrible siege. It lasted 134 days. The city was crowded for the Passover. The public granaries became empty. Private supplies were plundered. At length no table was spread, nor regular meal eaten in Jerusalem. People bartered all their wealth for a measure of corn, and ate it in secret, uncooked or snatched half baked from their coals. They were often compelled, by torture, to discover their food, or were still more cruelly treated if they had eaten it. Wives



would steal the last morsel from their husbands, children from parents, mothers from children; and there were instances of dead infants being eaten by their parents, so that the ancient prophecy (***Deuteronomy 28:56, 57***) in which Moses had described the punishments of the unbelieving Jews was fulfilled." ...

Page 262: **The Escape of the Christians.** Attention has been called to the fact that the Christians in Palestine took no part in the revolt of the Jews. Some time before the siege (*shortly before the Passover*), following the warning in ***Luke 21:20-22***, they withdrew to Pella, beyond the Jordan, led by Simeon, the

cousin, it is thought of the Lord Jesus, and of James the first pastor of the Church at Jerusalem ..."

The Analogy of that Time and the Future

Understanding the end-time prophecies relating to the time just before this country's demise, and the escape of God's Church, one should be able to see what took place at that time with the Christians in Jerusalem will be an almost exact parallel to the time just ahead for God's people of today. These coming years will present even greater TESTS than ever before for each one of God's true and faithful people! Whatever few years that are left the TESTS will intensify and grow even greater! We must understand this and draw near to God to have His loving protective care for each one of us (***Psalms 34:7; Hebrews 1:14; James 4:7-10***).

Disasters Striking the House of Joseph

It should be realized in view of the end-time prophecies together with the increasing frequency of disasters striking this country along with the accelerating problems in the nations of this world continuing to break all records, that we are on the very precipice of the beginning of the horrors to befall this nation and the world.

This once great nation has now begun experiencing payback from God for the terrible problems that have surfaced of late as never before witnessed by this older generation—horrible problems that will spell the end of this country and other nations of Israel!

There will come to be the deaths of multiple millions of people in the House of Joseph; tragically there will also be the deaths of many of the Elect members of God's Church, as prophecy makes known:

And it was granted to him (the Beast Power) to make WAR with the saints and to overcome them ... " (Revelation 13:7; Daniel 7:21, 25; Revelation 3:16, 19).

This coming martyrdom was foretold in Scripture:

"When He opened the 5th seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been SLAIN for the Word of God and for the testimony which they held (through the centuries). And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, UNTIL You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?' And a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them, that they should rest a little while longer, UNTIL both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed." (Revelation 6:9-11).

Survival Strength Comes From God

Knowing all the terrible horrors to be inflicted upon Him, and the strength He would need, Jesus Christ prayed so intently to His Father that— **"... His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:39-44).**

This is an example of how earnest we will have to come to be in the face of these coming trials. Trials can develop growth in perseverance through the exercise of faith in God as in



(James 1:2-6), the strength of will of faithfulness coupled with living active faith and implicit trust in our relationship with God **(Matthew 22:37-38)**. And there should be preparation taking place for them now.

The Vital Importance of God's Passover

To be under the protective caring love of Jesus Christ from all that we will soon be experiencing, we **MUST** have an ongoing relationship with our Father and Jesus Christ.

And a major **TEST** of the strength of that relationship is whether we will continue to be **OBSERVING** the true Passover and its symbols exactly in the manner prescribed

by Jesus Christ our Lord as was required by ancient Israel on the night of the Passover in Egypt.

It must be emphasized the Passover is the most important service in God's Master Plan for it pictures the agonizing beating and crucifying death of the Lamb of God who voluntarily gave His back to the whip and His life on the stake for the payment of sins for mankind **(John 3:16)**. And it must be observed according to Scripture if God's people are to have His Mark upon them for escape and survival **(Ezekiel 9:1-11)**.

Passover

The observance of the Passover by God's people during this year possibly could be the harbinger of the coming terrible times. This is a vitally important time in the life of each and every true member of God's true Church; just as it was with Israel at the time of Passover in Egypt **(Exodus 12:1-14; 21-24)**.

The Passover is the annual time of the year to once again RENEW our covenant that was made with our Father and Jesus Christ at the time of our repentance, baptism and the receiving of God's Holy Spirit (**Act 2:38; Romans 6; Ephesians 2:1-3; Luke 22:14-20; John 6:53-54**).

To RENEW that covenant is much more than form. It has to do with RELATIONSHIP, believing and living the TRUE teachings of God and Jesus Christ our Lord while fully believing in those precious symbols to be partaken of during the Passover service.

It is an absolute MUST to bring back into our memories the true meaning of what the **BREAD** (that has been rejected by churches off-track) and what the **WINE** symbolizes by studying the Scriptures related to it along with the writings of God's late apostle (*Mystery of the Ages, pages 211-213, The Plain Truth About Healing, 1979 publication*).

Departure from Egypt on the following night after the observance of the Passover, the people of Israel began their departure from Egypt. When considering the Scriptures about their departure it should also become easy to see the duality of ancient Israel at that time, and the Elect people of God today who will also depart from spiritual Egypt and Babylon.

Exodus 15:9-18.

"... the enemy said, 'I



will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw out my sword, My hand shall destroy (or, repossess) them. You BLEW with Your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters ... You stretched out Your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them

in Your strength to Your holy habitation.

The people will HEAR and be AFRAID, sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Palestinia (Philistia, Philistines, Palestine). Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling will take hold of them; all the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away (this will make possible permission for God's people to live in Petra).



Fear and dread will fall on them; by the greatness of Your arm they will be as still as stone, TILL Your people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over **WHOM YOU HAVE PURCHASED**. You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place which You have made for Your own dwelling, the Sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established. The LORD shall reign forever and ever. " (*Exodus 15:9-18*).

The Psalmist wrote further about this time in the history of Israel:

"Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power known. He rebuked the Red Sea also (as He did the Jordan River *Joshua 3:1-17*, and will again, *Revelation 12:13-16*), and it dried up; so He led them through the depths, and through the wilderness. He saved them from the hand of him who HATED them, and **REDEEMED** them from the hand of the enemy. The waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left. Then they believed His words; they sang His praise" (*Psalms 106:8-12*).

The Wave Sheaf Offering of the Firstfruits

Israel began their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land the following night after the Passover:

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I also give you, and reap its harvest (*rewards*), then you shall bring a sheaf of the Firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the Day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And you shall offer on that Day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year (*symbolic of Jesus Christ*), without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD'" (*Leviticus 23:9-11*).



Israel Entering the Promised Land

Upon entering the Land of milk and honey, Israel had to RENEW the covenant made with God through the circumcision of the flesh to continue being accepted as God's people (*Joshua 5:1-9*) Then they were counted worthy to keep the Passover:

Then the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the 14th day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho.

And they ate of the produce of the land ON THE DAY after the Passover, unleavened Bread and parched grain on the same Day" (Joshua 5:10-12).

NOTE: Sunday—beginning of new grain eaten on the morrow AFTER the Sabbath. The offering of the Wave Sheaf Offering occurred at the end of the Sabbath. Here is the introduction to the Days of Unleavened Bread. Then the LORD (*Jesus Christ*) appeared to Joshua as the Commander of His armies to make possible Israel entering and possessing the Promised Land (*Joshua 5:13-15*).



Ancient Israel the Elect People of God

The duality continues with the continual annual renewal of the Covenant the Elect people of God made with Him through the partaking of the symbols of the Passover (*Matthew 26:28*). There was also the need of Israel having to be circumcised upon entering the Promised Land.

Circumcision is also required of God's people—the circumcision of the heart (*Romans 2:28-29*) and to be accepted among the Firstfruits, that will total 144,000 (*Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-4*) who will be graced to be the Bride of Jesus Christ. The Firstfruits must be Virgins (*remaining faithful to God and His restored teachings*) while following the Lamb wherever He goes:

Then I looked, and behold, a LAMB standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000, having His Father's Name written on

their foreheads. ... These are the ones who were NOT defiled with women, for they are Virgins. These are the ones who FOLLOW the Lamb wherever He goes. These were (*had been*) redeemed (*purchased*) from among men, being FIRSTFRUITS to God and to the Lamb (*Revelation 14:1, 4*).

Self-Deception

Members MUST NOT place themselves in peril by deceiving themselves into thinking they are alright with God while being with groups they know are off course, but justifying themselves into remaining with them because they themselves are still clinging to the original teachings.

These members are on the verge of losing their virginity for they are not following the Lamb wherever He goes (*Matthew 7:13-14, 24-25; John 10:1-5*). Jesus Christ is not with off-track churches regardless of who the leader is!

To remain with them could very well take members back into spiritual darkness along with those churches. Scripture tells us: "They do not know, nor do they understand; **they walk about in darkness** (*Psalms 82:5*).



Churches Off-Track

Prophecy reveals these churches have lost their bearings! Though they think they are all right, God tells us otherwise. The time is soon coming when they and their flocks will be scattered! Where will they be then?

"For the shepherds have become dull-hearted, and have NOT sought the LORD (in truth); therefore they shall NOT prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered" (Jeremiah 10:21; 23:1-2; John 10:10, 12-13; Daniel 12:7; Ezekiel 34; James 4:7-9).

God's Counsel

Jesus Christ counsels each one of His people to examine themselves (**II Corinthians 13:5**). If you as a member are affiliated with a church that is off-track, Jesus Christ would have you leave post haste, and return to where the TRUTH that was taught and believed by God's true apostle and promised Elijah, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was the very instrument Jesus Christ used to restore His teachings within His Church (**Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11**). God's counsel is for everyone to return to what they once were taught and believed at the time:

Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the GOOD WAY is, and walk in it; then you will find REST for your souls. But they said (leaders and members of off-track churches), We will NOT walk in it. Also, I set watchmen over you, saying (Ezekiel 33:1-11), 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet (imminent warfare)! But they said, 'We will NOT listen!' Therefore HEAR, you

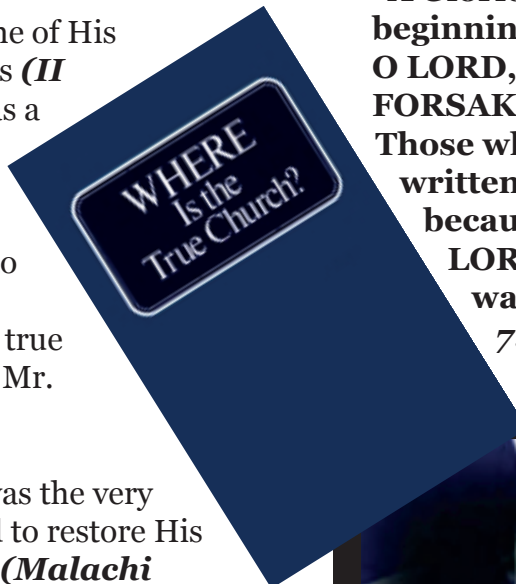
nations, and KNOW, O Congregation, what is (the evil) among them ... " (Jeremiah 6:16-18, 22-23; II Timothy 3:14).

Very Disappointing Future for the Unrepentant

Scripture makes known the unrepentant that are spiritually blinded in this age will be resurrected in the Great White Throne Judgment.

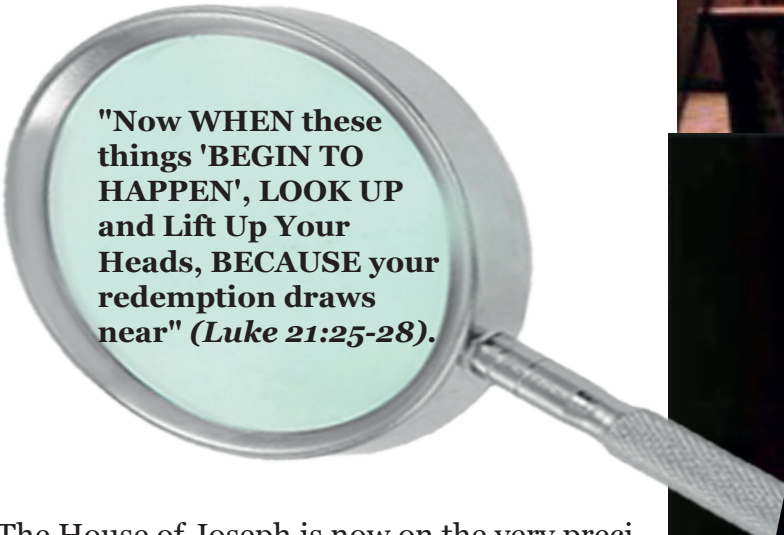
In the meantime, they will either perish during the Great Tribulation or rest in their graves until that time (**Daniel 12:2; Ezekiel 37—the GWTJ**):

"A Glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our Sanctuary. O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who FORSAKE You shall be ashamed. Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth (Malachi 4:3), because they have FORSAKEN the LORD; the fountain of living waters" (Jeremiah 17:12-14; John 7:37).



Warnings from Jesus Christ through Mr. Armstrong

In addition to the heavenly signs that have already begun being seen as forerunners leading to the fullness of the Day of the Lord, no one will be able to say they were not warned over many years by God's late apostle for we are now witnessing what he preached coming to pass. In this context, Jesus Christ cautioned His people:



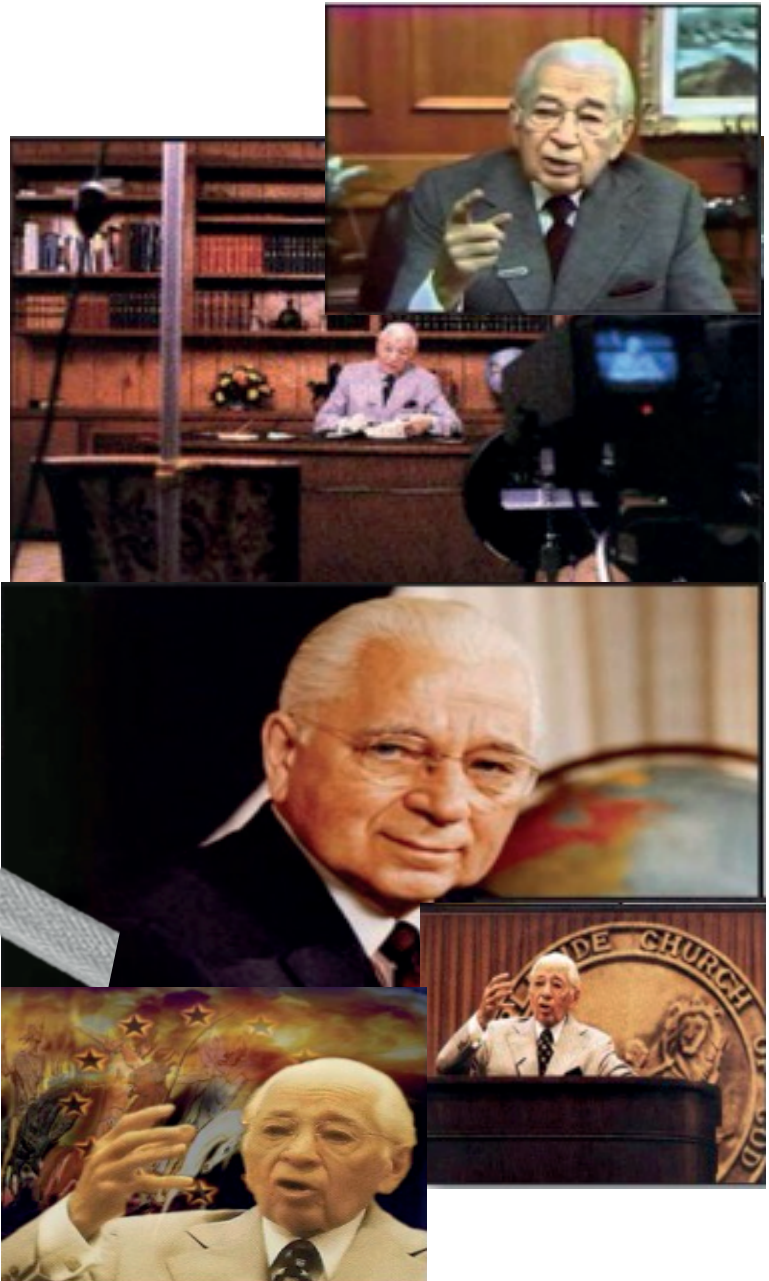
"Now WHEN these things 'BEGIN TO HAPPEN', LOOK UP and Lift Up Your Heads, BECAUSE your redemption draws near" (*Luke 21:25-28*).

The House of Joseph is now on the very precipice of terrible problems soon to surface as never before witnessed! This will spell their end as nations along with the deaths of the members of the Laodicean and Sardis Eras of God's Church! ***Revelation 6:9-11; 13:7.***

Though punishment and death will come in other ways, there is both a type and duality with the pre-Flood world of Noah, Sodom and Gomorrah, and the Jews in Jerusalem in 70 A.D., and for the very same reasons.

Jesus Christ not only used Mr. Armstrong to fulfill his responsibility as a Watchman during his lifetime ministry, but is also continuing to use him today, though dead, via his many Recorded Works on our numerous websites, while using this little, little flock, as an instrument to keep them ongoing (***Habakkuk 1:5; Zechariah 4:6; Luke 12:32.***)

NUCLEAR ATTACK



Shortly thereafter the horrendous explosive nuclear bombs will fall unexpectedly in a blitzkrieg attack that will come at a time when this nation will be unprepared (***Ezekiel 7:14-15***)! It was with these terrible things in mind, that Jesus EXHORTED His people (***Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21***), to WATCH (to be WAKEFUL, VIGILANT) in view of world news and prophecy, and to be ON GUARD that NO ONE WOULD DECEIVE US (***Matthew 24:3-5***)! In so doing, His people might be counted worthy to ESCAPE and be SAVED from these coming HORRORS (***Luke 21:36***).

FLEEING to the PLACE of SAFETY



In between the closing of the DOOR to the Gospel, and the Ezekiel Warning Message, and the nuclear attack— those counted worthy by Jesus Christ will quickly leave for the place that will have been provided for them by Jesus Christ to be spared from the worst of the



FAMINE that will then be gripping this country along with the deadly disease epidemics.

Scripture reveals in many places God's protective LOVE will be only for His true and faithful people whom He calls THE ELECT (**Revelation 3:7-13**). All others will find the DOOR CLOSED to them, to then perish as martyrs during the Great Tribulation (**Matthew 25:10-13; Revelation 6:9-11**).

ADVANCE WARNINGS FROM GOD

Please note the advance warnings from Christ through His WATCHMAN: “**Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come (Nuclear Warfare)? Who was it gave Jacob over to despoilment and Israel to plunderers (Hosea 7:9, 8:8; illegal immigrants, robbers, identity theft, etc.)? Surely, the LORD against whom they sinned in whose ways they would NOT walk and whose Teachings they would NOT obey (Hosea 5:9; 8:12; 7:12). So He poured out His WRATH upon them, His ANGER and the FURY of war. It blazed upon them all about, but they heeded not; it BURNED among them, but they gave it no thought (Isaiah 42:23-25, NJPS).**”



These advance Warnings—in the form of curses from God that have been experienced throughout this nation, in particular, and still ongoing. Warfares have continued with little respite since World War II: Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan. This country has won none of them on our own power! There also are the

CURSES in many other areas, such as: floods, drought, forest fires, the economy, loss of homes, unemployment, hospitals overflowing with the sick and dying, etc., etc. (**Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28**).

Warnings also are being given by numerous conservative writers and speakers on radio and television; they tell us there is no way this country will survive unless it changes course! They then admit this is very doubtful. Soon the **famine and disease epidemics** will be upon us and followed by the **nuclear nightmare**.

THE PLACE of REFUGE

There will be a place of refuge from this terrible firestorm: “**See, the things once predicted have come, and now I foretell new things, announce to you ere they sprout up. ... Let the desert and its towns cry aloud, the villages where Kedar dwells** (*Kedar is a people, meaning the Beouins—New Bible Dictionary, page 688*), **let Sela’s ‘INHABITANTS’ shout** (*Sela: Hebrew, Rock; Greek, Petra—Unger’s Bible Dictionary page 992*) **call out from the peak of the mountains. Let them do HONOR to the Lord, ... The LORD goes forth like a warrior ... He charges upon His enemies** (*Armageddon*). (*Isaiah 42:9, 11-13, NJPS*).

While describing this terrible time to come, the LORD God says, “**Sinners in ZION** (*the tares, Laodicean and Sardis Churches of God*) **are frightened, the godless (society) are seized with trembling: Who of us can dwell with the DEVOURING FIRE** (*Nuclear warfare on the House of Joseph*): **who of us can dwell with the never dying blaze?”** God answers: “**He who walks in righteousness, speaks uprightly ... such a one shall dwell in lofty** (*high rock walls*) **security, with inaccessible cliffs for his stronghold, with his food supplied and his drink assured** (*Isaiah 33:14-16, NJPS*).”

THE RETURN of JESUS CHRIST

“**Your eyes will see** (*from there*) **the King** (*Jesus Christ*) **in His beauty; (prior) they will SEE the land** (*Jerusalem*) **AFAR off** (*Isaiah 42:12; 33:17*).”

NOTE: *Isaiah 42:12*: Another indication of the high rocky crags of Petra from which one may look northwest (*about 90 miles*) to the Promised Land. On a clear day, one can see some of the tall buildings in Jerusalem. Petra is 20 miles from the border of Jordan and Israel.

“**Out of ZION** (*the Church in Petra*) **the perfection of beauty, God will SHINE FORTH. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a FIRE shall devour** before Him, it shall be tempestuous all around Him. He shall call to the heavens from above and to the earth, that He may JUDGE (*reward, Matthew 16:27*) **His people: (to His angels, He commands:) “Gather My people** (*Resurrection*) **TOGETHER to Me** (*Matthew 24:30-31; I Thessalonians 4:13-18*). **Those who have made A COVENANT with Me in (self) sacrifice** (*Psalms 50:2-5; Romans 12:1-2*).”

THE END TIME is NEAR

And, tragically, the vast majority of God’s Church are indifferent and sleeping! No longer do most members ever listen to the WATCHMAN God sent to us. Please know—His Recorded Works are even more relevant now than they were at the time they were recorded. Not to listen and take heed will be very sad—for most are going to have a very sad awakening—too late!!!

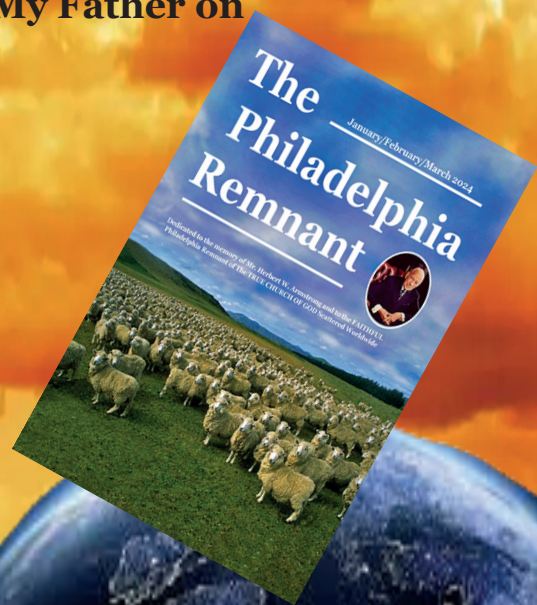
WATCHING and PRAYING

To escape these coming horrors, Jesus exhorts His people to be watching and praying (*Luke 21:36*). Further, there is great need for you to become a viable part of the Philadelphia Era of God’s Church that Jesus Christ is now using to take this final warning to Israel and His Church (*Revelation 3:7-13*). Unless a change is made, you are not headed for the Place of Safety, but rather to the **Great Tribulation**. Please watch, pray, listen, and make the right and good changes before it comes to be too late!

Jesus Christ pleads with His people today to return to the old paths with true repentance and humility in order to be spared from the terrible times ahead of us. To return is also the requirement of partaking of the true Pass-over symbols to be accepted among the Firstfruits of God's true people. The door is yet open:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone HEARS My voice and OPENS the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne ...

Revelation 3:20-22



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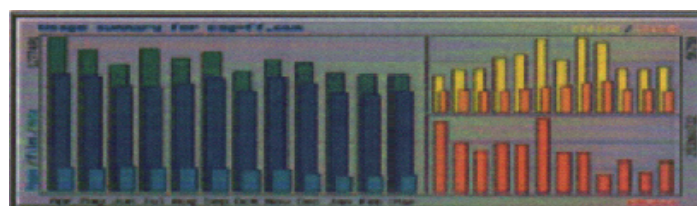
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