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One of the teachings in the Bible is a little hard for the average thinking mind to understand.

James tells us to count it all joy when trials, ordeals, and reverses beset us. Troubles a JOY? That's pretty hard to accept, isn't it? And, for the average person, a lot harder to put into practice.



Few find any pleasure, let alone JOY, in the obstacles and troubles they encounter. Yet this Biblical teaching says we ought so to count them. There is a reason, although few understand it.

In one of the Psalms, you'll read that the righteous are going to have to bear many afflictions. But, it promises, the Eternal will deliver us out of them all—if we believe and trust Him!

Again, it is through much tribulation that we must enter the Kingdom of God. WHY? There's a reason!

Now consider another Biblical teaching hard for some to understand.

Several years ago, I wrote an article, now available in booklet form, *What Do You Mean—Born Again?* In the ***fifth chapter of Ephesians***, you find a husband-wife relationship pictured as corresponding to Christ and the Church.

Scriptural teaching assures us that, at His coming, Christ is going to marry the Church. Also, the Scriptures teach that the Church will, at His coming, be born of God, by a resurrection of all who have died, and the instantaneous conversion from mortal to immortal of those then living (***I Corinthians 15:50-53***).

So, one-man reasons: Could a full-grown MAN marry an infant girl baby, just born? If those in the Church are to be just then born of God, how can they marry Christ before they grow up?

This, too, seems difficult for some to comprehend. Yet the answer to James' teaching—the UNDERSTANDING of what James really means, is also the answer to this seeming inconsistency.

There is a third seeming inconsistency hard for some to understand. About a year and a half ago in this column I explained how, contrary to the thinking of many, a Christian may—and too often does actually commit sin after he is converted. He should not, of course. But too often, he does, and yet he still remains a Christian. The true explanation of James' teaching, first mentioned above, is also the explanation of this experience.

So, let's understand!

WHY were we born in the first place? What is the real PURPOSE of human life?

God Almighty the Creator is reproducing Himself! As truly as we mortal humans have been given the power to reproduce ourselves—to bring forth progeny in our own image, born with our very nature—even so, the Great God is bringing forth sons in His image, born with His very divine nature!

The very PURPOSE of our existence is that we are begotten as God's children and become BORN of Him.

Human reproduction is the very type of spiritual reproduction. What God created at the time described in the first chapter of Genesis was a physical creation.

You'll find nothing spiritual there. In physical man, made of the dust of the ground, God created the MATERIAL with which He may mold, shape, form, and create the spiritual being.

He pictures us as the clay, Himself as the Potter—forming us into the spiritual image of His designing. Now human reproduction, I say, pictures spiritual reproduction.

Each human, since Adam and Eve, started from a tiny egg called an ovum, the size of a pinpoint. It was produced in the body of the mother. The egg is incomplete of itself. It has a life of only about 48 hours, according to some authorities. Unless fertilized by the life-giving sperm cell from the human father within that limited lifetime, it dies.

Each human, spiritually speaking, is like an egg. The average human lifetime is said to be 70 years. Adam was created incomplete, and each of us was BORN INCOMPLETE—that is, we were made to need the Holy Spirit of God. And unless, within our limited lifespan of some 70 years, we are begotten of God—by His Spirit, which is HIS IMMORTAL DIVINE LIFE, entering to impart eternal life to us—we shall die—and that shall be the end—except that God has appointed a resurrection of all who have

lived, and for those who reject His gift of eternal life, the final second death in the lake of fire.

But, in the case of the human ovum, once fertilized as a begotten human, the egg—now called an embryo—is kept within the body of the mother and is nourished and fed material food through her and protected by her. Here it must grow, being fed physically through the mother, large enough to be born. After a number of weeks, the embryo is called a fetus, and at birth, it is a human baby.

In like manner, the Bible calls the CHURCH the “mother of us all.” That is the mother of Christians—those begotten of God. It is the function of the Church to protect and feed, spiritually, on the spiritual food of GOD'S WORD, those begotten children of God, so that we may GROW SPIRITUALLY, in the divine character, ready to be born.

Surely, this is a wonderful comparison. Yet types and antitypes are not always alike in every detail.

When a physical baby is born, it is not ready for marriage. When the spiritual child of GOD is born, he will be fully mature for the spiritual marriage. How can this be? This is what one thinking man could not see.

The unborn human fetus is only growing physically. At birth, the human baby knows nothing. He is helpless. He must be taught. He must learn. He is born merely with a mind capable of learning, knowing, and thinking. He is not yet of mature size physically OR mentally. Many do marry who are still entirely immature spiritually and/or emotionally.

But we do assume that one has reasonable maturity physically and mentally before marriage. In the human this development



takes place in the human state after the human birth.

Therefore, the human baby is not ready for marriage at birth.

But the spirit-born are different!

Just as the fertilized ovum—the embryo, which becomes the fetus—must grow physically from material food, so the spirit-begotten child of God must grow spiritually before he can be born. *But there is a difference!*

The fetus does not attain to complete physical maturity before birth and has no mental maturity. But, in the spiritual rebirth, one must attain reasonable spiritual maturity before he is spirit-born.

Now, what is spiritual growth? Just as the physical embryo-fetus must grow physically large enough to be BORN, so the Spirit-begotten Christian must grow spiritually, or he will never be born of God. But spiritual growth is CHARACTER-DEVELOPMENT.

The Spirit-begotten starts out with a MIND from the beginning. God is perfect character—divine, spiritual character. God is also LOVE. And perfect spiritual character is THE WAY of LOVE! Such character is the attainment of the ability, in a separate independent entity of free moral agency, to be able to discern right from wrong—the true values from the false—truth from error—the right way from the wrong, and then to make the right

CHOICE or DECISION, even against self-desire, impulse or temptation; plus the WILL and self-discipline to resist the wrong and to DO the right.

No human, with human nature, has the power—alone by himself—to do this. But God has made the spiritual power and help man lacks available.

Man must desire to know—must hunger and

thirst for truth; man must make his own decision and exercise his own will, even against the pulls of his nature. But without the help of GOD—without spiritual POWER from God—man is utterly unable.

That is why truly converted Christians sometimes *actually do sin*. They are like the Apostle Paul, as he describes himself in Romans 7. With his mind, he wanted to go the way of God's law, yet he found himself unable. Another law—human nature—warred within him against the good resolutions of his mind. But the sequel to **Romans 7** is **Romans 8** the Holy Spirit chapter. WHO, Paul cried out, could save him from this body of death he struggled against in vain? The answer is GOD, through His Holy Spirit.

A true Christian doesn't want to sin—should not. But sometimes, he finds himself caught in the vise of habit or overwhelmed by temptation or by circumstances from which he is unable to free himself. Surely, had such a one been *continually* praying, keeping himself *close* to God, and detached from the world or its lures or the temptations of the flesh, he probably would have had sufficient divine help to have prevented the sinning. But only Jesus Christ—ever did keep that close to God!

God looks on the heart. In such a case, the Christian does not sin maliciously, with malice aforethought. He is merely caught in the vortex of a temptation which sucks him helplessly down into the sin. Then he is terribly sorry. He is disgusted with himself. He repents. He goes to work to overcome. He may not succeed due to human weakness at once. But he remains determined and finally does, with God's help, overcome completely. Many a true Christian has had such a struggle over a particular human weakness and temptation, and after even several setbacks, finally, through God's power, won the victory and fought his way free. God looks on the heart. God FORGIVES in such cases. The living Christ, our High Priest, has compassion and is filled with mercy—as long as the attitude is

right, the desire of the inner man is to conquer the flesh and overcome the temptation and be FREE from it entirely; in the end, it is GOD who gives the victory. But, in such a struggle, the Christian DEVELOPS CHARACTER.

Now, character, I have said many times, is something God does not create automatically. It is developed against the opposing pulls of human nature, with the decisions and wills and struggles of the individual, and through EXPERIENCE.

The development of that CHARACTER is the very PURPOSE of our being alive. Also, the development of that character, unlike the purely physical growth of the unborn baby, actually is growing toward SPIRITUAL MATURITY right now in the begettal stage prior to spirit BIRTH—in this present mortal human life.

Notice how the “mother of us all,” the Church, is to protect and feed those in it until they reach spiritual MATURITY. In ***I Corinthians 12***, you’ll read how God gives spiritual gifts for various administrations or functions of service. In ***Ephesians 4:11-14***, Christ has given special spiritual abilities or talents to certain ones in a chain of authority under Him in the Church, and notice for what PURPOSE:

“And His [Christ’s] gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ [the Church], UNTIL we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (RSV).

In other words, *to full spiritual maturity!*
Now, WHY should we count the troubles and

problems and temptations that beset us as all JOY?

Simply because we cannot hurdle these obstacles successfully in our own power. They drive us to seek help from God. To go to God for the wisdom to know what to do and the power to be able to do it requires FAITH. This is a living faith. It is ALIVE. It is active.

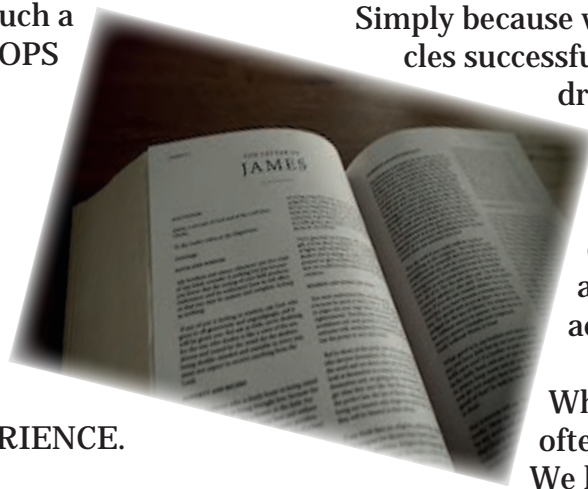
When we meet such trials, we often do not know what to do. We lack the wisdom to make the right decision. So, open your Bible to the *first chapter of James*.

Notice **verses 5-6**. **If you lack wisdom in such trials, go to GOD for it! But ask IN FAITH, no wavering, no doubting. Be sure God will not fail but will give you this wisdom. Depend upon Him for it. If you waver, you are like a wave in the ocean—tossed back and forth—going nowhere!** So, instead of wavering, BE STEADFAST. If you don’t get the answer immediately from God, have PATIENCE. Don’t give up. Trust Him.

Now notice **verses 2-3**: **“Count it all JOY, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness”** (*Revised Standard Version*). These trials force you to your knees. You must have FAITH to meet them. They test your faith. They develop spiritual CHARACTER!

In the King James Version, it says the trying of your faith produces patience. It produces that kind of patience that is steadfastness. THAT IS CHARACTER!

Sure, it may be unpleasant for a while. But Paul assures us that if we suffer with Christ, we shall REIGN with Him and the GLORY to



be revealed in us is so incomparably greater than anything we now are, that this promised future for eternity is something to REJOICE over!

Yes, count it all JOY! Even if unpleasant. It is maturing you, now, for the marriage to Christ. The CHURCH of God shall be BORN into the KINGDOM OF GOD! The Kingdom of God will not be composed of spiritual know-nothings and infants.

When we are born again—born of God—resurrected in spirit bodies, those bodies will not be small, like a human physical infant, which must grow to full physical size. We shall look as we do now, so far as form, shape, and features are concerned. But the resurrected body will be a different body - composed of SPIRIT instead of flesh and blood (*I Cor 15: 35-44*).

The original twelve apostles were Christ's witness. That is, they were actual eyewitnesses that Jesus rose from the dead that the living resurrected Christ was the same Jesus who had been crucified. They were with Him forty days after His resurrection. But nobody will be foolish enough to suggest that when Christ was BORN the very Son of God by the resurrection (*Romans 1:4*) that He was resurrected in a tiny infant's body composed of spirit. He was resurrected FULL GROWN, as He had been when crucified. How did the apostles know He was the same Jesus? Because they knew what Jesus had looked like, and in His born-again resurrected body, He looked the same, except He now was composed of Spirit instead of matter!

The resurrected Christ was PERFECT—He was very God! But He did not grow up into perfection after He was resurrected. It was during His human lifetime, setting us the example, that He was made perfect, as you read in *Hebrews 2:10* and *5:8-9*.

Thus, it is plain that we must develop spiritual character, growing to spiritual adulthood, during this life—not after our resurrection in

GLORY! This is the Spiritual growth, of which the physical growth of the unborn child, from a tiny embryo to a size and weight of some six or eight pounds at birth, is a type. The physical growth of the unborn human is a growth of physical size and weight. The spiritual growth of the begotten but yet unborn spiritual child of God is a growth in spiritual CHARACTER, not of physical volume, size, or weight. The human baby merely grows large enough to be born prior to birth—NOT TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL MATURITY. But he does grow. This physical growth is the TYPE of the spiritual growth by feeding on the Word of God, and prayer, and Christian fellowship, and participation in the Work of God in the life of the begotten child of God.

The difference is merely the difference between matter and spirit. One is a material growth. Material growth is measured by volume, size, and weight. The other is spiritual growth, measured by character development.

Jesus was BORN the very Son of God by His resurrection (*Romans 1:4*). He was born fully mature. He was born in a spirit body, which was manifested to His apostles in the same apparent size and shape as when He died. When He appears on earth the second time, in His spirit glorified body, we shall be resurrected, or instantaneously changed, to a body that will be like Him (*I John 3:2*) full grown—adult!



The Royal Throne of David

Thus says the LORD of hosts, say to My servant David, “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.

II Samuel 7:13, 16

Beginning The Transition

Genesis 28:5, 11-13, 16-19, 22.

v. 5 So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram to Laban, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.



v. 11 So he (*Jacob*) came to a certain place and stayed there all night because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.



v. 12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up and its top reached to



heaven, and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

v. 13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants ...”

vv. 16-17 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” And he was afraid and said, “This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”

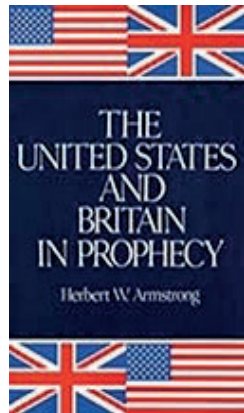
v. 18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning and took the stone that he had put under his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.



v. 19 And he called the name of that place **Bethel** (*Margin: House of God*) ...

v. 22 And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me, I will surely give a tenth (*margin: tithe*) to You.

Note: Rather than going into great detail about how this stone made its way to Ireland by Jeremiah, with one of the king's daughters, *Tea Tephi*, who married into royalty and then it was moved to England, please read the booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It can be read or downloaded from our website. www.cog-ff.com



The Royal House of David was next established in Ireland. It ruled for centuries in Ireland, then was transferred to Scone in Scotland and later to London.

The Throne of King David still exists in London, England (*Update Below*). The present Royal Family can trace its genealogy (*from England through Scotland and Ireland*) right back to Kings David and Solomon, who were of the tribe of Judah. This is a fact beyond all refutation!

INTERNET: In 1996, the stone was returned to Scotland and kept in Edinburgh Castle with the Honours of Scotland. The stone remains the property of the Crown and is transported to London for use at coronations.



Since March 2024, it has been on permanent display in Perth.

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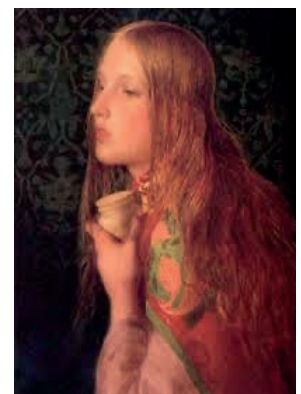
When the royal male heirs to the Davidic throne died in Babylon, this left no direct male heirs to the Throne of David. But God had commissioned the prophet Jeremiah to pull down the Throne of David in Jerusalem and to plant this same throne in Ireland.



This aged prophet took some of the royal princesses from the Holy Land to Ireland, where one of these royal daughters of Zedekiah, *Tea Tephi*, of the Pharez branch of the Royal House of Judah,

married a prince of the Zarah branch of that same tribe (*see Jeremiah. 41:10*).

The Throne was overturned from Jerusalem to Ireland, then from Ireland to Scotland, and then from Scotland to England. This completed the three overturning's. It will remain in London, --until it is given to the One whose right it really is [*See note above for current location*].



At the second coming of Jesus Christ, it will be given to Him and will be removed once more (overturned) to Jerusalem, where it will remain during the entire one-thousand-year, or millennial rule, of Jesus Christ.

Christ - Born to Be King!

Many Christian-professing people are ignorant of the simple fact that Jesus Christ was born to sit upon the Throne of David—born to be KING! **“He [Jesus] shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the THRONE of his father David And He shall reign over the house of Jacob [right here on this earth] forever: and of His Kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:32, 33). (Note also verse 69.)**

The Throne of David Established Forever

David wanted to build a great temple in Jerusalem.

II Samuel 7:4-5, 12-16

vv. 4-5 And it came to pass that night that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, “Go and tell My servant, David ‘Thus says the Lord, “Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? ...

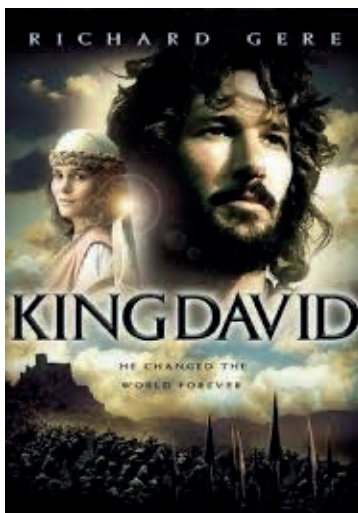
v. 12 “When your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, which shall proceed out of thy bowels [Solomon], and I will establish his kingdom.

vv. 13-16 “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he shall be My son. “If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod

of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But My mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you: YOUR THRONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOREVER” (II Sam. 7:4-5, 12-16)

Here is the fact as little realized in the Bible! Almighty God made an absolutely binding promise, just how binding we shall see! A covenant with David, unconditionally guaranteeing that there should never be a single generation from that time forward when there would not be a descendant of David in UNBROKEN DYNASTY sitting on David's throne, ruling over children of Israel!

It was the promise of a continuous, unbroken dynasty—all generations forever—that was guaranteed.



This is hard to believe! Yet God promised and unalterably guaranteed just that! There were no conditions. Nothing that would happen could prevent it. The sins of the people were not to change it. The promise stood immutable!

Psalm 89: 20-21, 28-37

vv. 20-21 “I have found My servant David; with My holy oil I have anointed him with whom My hand shall be established; also My arm shall strengthen him.

vv. 28-29: “My mercy, I will keep for him forever, and My covenant shall stand firm with him. His seed also I will make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

vv. 30-32 “If his sons forsake My law and do not walk in My judgments, if they break My statutes and do not keep

My commandments, then I will punish their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

v. 33 Nevertheless, My faithfulness, I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to end.

vs. 34-36 My covenant, I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness, I will not lie to David: his seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me;

v. 37 It shall be established forever like the moon, even like the faithful witness in the sky,"

But where is that throne today? The history of the Bible records a line of kings, all 63.

But what of the nearly 600 years between King Zedekiah and the birth of Christ?

Who was reigning over the Israelites and sitting on David's throne during those generations?

If no one, then we must conclude God broke His Word or the Scripture has been broken!

The answer is a mystery more astounding than any tale of fiction!

The Bible reveals it step by step. But, then again, some will point to the expression "I will establish" (**II Sam. 7:13**) and conclude that possibly God meant at the second coming of Christ, He would establish that throne forever. And still, that will not do.

From whom would Christ take over David's throne if that throne had ceased these centuries to exist?

But God plainly promised He would establish that throne in Solomon: "**And I will establish the throne of his** (*Solomon's*) kingdom

FOREVER." He was not speaking of establishing it many centuries later in Christ—at His second coming. The "he" referred to is Solomon—not Christ, for God said: "**If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him**" (**II Sam. 7:14**). But now I give you a Scripture that ends all speculation as to when this throne was established:

"Hear me, Jeroboam, and all Israel; should you not KNOW that the Eternal God of Israel GAVE the kingdom over to Israel to David FOREVER, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?" (II Chron. 13:4-5) The margin says "PERPETUAL covenant."

This shows the establishing of the throne was then in the past! God gave, did give, this kingdom to David and his sons—not his Son, Christ, but his sons, (*David's*) continuously forever.

Established for All Generations

"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn unto David My servant, thy seed [*dynasty-Moffatt*] will I establish forever and build up thy throne to all generations" (*Ps. 89:3-4*).

Note it! This throne, established forever, was built up for all generations. God did establish that throne, beginning with David and Solomon.

We have a record of it for a number of generations—as far as King Zedekiah, 585 B.C. It was established to all generations, continuously, perpetually, FOREVER!



That term "all generations" certainly must include those generations from Zedekiah to the birth of Christ. Who occupied that throne during those generations? Christ is not sitting on that throne now, but on the throne of Almighty God in heaven (**Rev. 3:21**).

So what about this present generation? Where



is there a descendant of David today sitting in an unbroken line of kings on the throne of David, ruling over the children of Israel? Can one wonder why men like Thomas Paine and Robert Ingersoll lost faith in the Bible? They saw these unconditional promises, but they could not see how they had been kept. Yet, if we have patience, we shall see! But to continue, in the **89th Psalm**, with the **28th verse**: "**My mercy will I keep for him forever, and My covenant shall stand firm with him.**"

The Davidic Covenant— David's Everlasting Dynasty

Like Saul, David also made mistakes—some very serious ones. But unlike Saul, he quickly acknowledged and turned from them (*repented*) when his mistakes were pointed out (*see II Sam. 11, 12*). In the main, his heart, his attitude, was right—and God looks upon the heart, not upon the outward appearance (**I Sam. 16:7**).

God had inspired Jacob to prophesy that the KINGLY or REGAL line—"the scepter"—would not depart from JUDAH (**Gen. 49:8-12**). David was a descendant of Judah. His wise,



Presently, King Charles III is seated on that throne.

King Charles has been diagnosed with cancer.

Should he die, Prince William would then replace him as king.

However, considering the following prophecy, the throne will likely see some turnovers.

The End-Time

Prophecies concerning the throne in England do not bode well for whoever will occupy it in the coming years.

Ezekiel 7:27 **The king will mourn, the prince will be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the common people will tremble. I will do to them**

according to their way, and according to what they deserve, I will judge them; then they shall know that I am the LORD!

Jeremiah 13:18

Say to the king and to the queen mother, (Possibly Queen Camila—has children and grandchildren. None with King Charles), humble yourselves; sit down for your rule shall collapse, the crown of your glory.

Isaiah 28:1-4

v. 1 “Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty as a fading flower, which is at the head of the valleys of fatness, to those who are overcome with wine!



v. 2 “Behold, the LORD has a mighty and strong one (The Beast and Germany, *Isaiah 10.*), like the tempest of hail and a destroying storm, like a flood of mighty waters overflowing (A military of 450,000 men), who will bring them down to the earth with His hand,

v. 3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, will be trampled underfoot.

v. 4 And the glorious beauty is a fading flower which is at the head of the verdant valley, like the first fruit before the summer, which an observer sees; he eats it up while it is still in his hand.

v. 5 In that day, the LORD of hosts will be for a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people.

v. 6 For a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and for strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

v. 7 But they also have erred through wine, and through intoxicating drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink; they are swallowed up by wine, they are out of the way through intoxicating drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

v. 8 For all tables are full of vomit and filth; no place is clean.

Jesus Christ to Occupy the Throne of David

We can thank God Almighty that the literal Kingdom (*the rule or government*) of God is very near to being established upon this earth. Soon, Jesus Christ will return to this earth in supernatural power and glory to sit upon the “Throne of David” and to rule all nations from Jerusalem, Palestine (***Matt. 25:31, 32.***)

Mankind has lost its way and doesn’t know the “way of peace” (*Isa. 59:8.*) Only when the glorious Kingdom of God and His Government is established on this earth will man ever attain real peace, happiness, and prosperity! Only the “Prince of Peace” can bring true peace to the war-weary, bickering nations of this blood-stained earth.

The Prince of Peace

To the Virgin Mary, the angel Gabriel said in ***Luke 1:30-33.***

v. 30 The angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have favor with God.

v. 31 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name JESUS.

v. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His Father David.

v. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom, there will see no end.”

The Throne of David

King Charles III has been the sovereign since 2022, and his heir apparent is his elder son, William, Prince of Wales.



William’s three children are next in order of birth: Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis.



Considering judgment to come soon upon Ephraim, one cannot help but wonder how this will affect the throne of David.

However, also realizing it will never cease to have one seated on that throne from the family, one of them will continue to be recognized as a royal heir to the throne of David.

God’s promise to David has never failed, nor will it.

Soon, Jesus Christ will occupy that throne.





The Symbolism and Prophetic Meaning of Trumpets

By

Steve Serfontein



Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the founder of the Worldwide Church of God, had distinct teachings on the Feast of Trumpets, reflecting his unique interpretation of biblical prophecy and its significance in the Christian life. Mr. Armstrong's teachings on the Feast of Trumpets were deeply rooted in his eschatological views and understanding of God's plan for humanity.

Mr. Armstrong taught that the Feast of Trumpets, mentioned in ***Leviticus 23:23-25***, symbolizes a future time of significant events leading up to the second coming of Jesus Christ. He believed that the Feast of Trumpets represents a pivotal moment in God's plan, marking the beginning of the end-time events and the return of Christ to establish God's Kingdom on earth.

The Seven Trumpets of Revelation

Central to Mr. Armstrong's teaching was the connection between the Feast of Trumpets and the seven trumpets described in the Book of Revelation. He interpreted these trumpets as prophetic events that would occur in the end times, each trumpet heralding a specific event leading up to Christ's return:

"The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.'" (*Revelation 11:15*, ESV)

Mr. Armstrong taught that the blowing of the seventh trumpet would signal the momentous

event of Christ's second coming and the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth.

A Time of Judgment and Repentance

Another critical aspect of Mr. Armstrong's teaching was that the Feast of Trumpets calls for a period of judgment and repentance. He emphasized that the trumpet blasts are a divine warning to humanity to repent and return to God. This period allows individuals and nations to reflect on their actions, repent of their sins, and prepare for God's coming judgment.

Mr. Armstrong drew parallels between the trumpets of Revelation and the trumpets blown in ancient Israel to signal significant events, such as the approach to war or the need for assembly. He believed that the end-time trumpets would serve as a divine warning of impending judgment and the need for spiritual readiness.

The Resurrection and the Kingdom of God

Mr. Armstrong also associated the Feast of Trumpets with the resurrection of the dead and the transformation of believers at Christ's return. He often referenced ***1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*** and ***1 Corinthians 15:52*** in this context:

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And

the dead in Christ will rise first (1 Thessalonians 4:16, ESV) "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed." (1 Corinthians 15:52, ESV)

Mr. Armstrong taught that the Feast of Trumpets foreshadows this resurrection event, where the faithful would be raised and transformed to inherit the Kingdom of God.

Herbert W. Armstrong's teachings on the Feast of Trumpets emphasized its prophetic significance, viewing it as a symbol of end-time events, divine judgment, and the ultimate establishment of God's Kingdom. He saw trumpets as a call to repentance and spiritual readiness, urging believers to prepare for the imminent return of Jesus Christ and the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan for humanity. Through his interpretation, Mr. Armstrong aimed to inspire a sense of urgency and hope among God's people, encouraging them to live by God's commandments and in anticipation of His coming Kingdom.

What is the meaning of Trumpets? and why do they Symbolize a Divine Announcement in Scripture?

The trumpet, an instrument known for its bold and clear sound, is significant in biblical scripture. It is often associated with divine announcements, calls to worship, and signals of important events. The trumpet's role in scripture goes beyond its musical function, embodying spiritual messages and divine intervention.

Trumpets in the Old Testament

In the Old Testament, the trumpet is prominently featured in various contexts. One of the earliest references is found in the Book of Exodus, during the giving of the Ten Com-



mandments. As God descended upon Mount Sinai, the sound of a trumpet grew louder and louder, marking the presence of God:

"When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain." (Exodus 19:13, ESV)

This use of the trumpet underscores its role as a herald of God's direct communication with His people. It serves as a call to attention and a signal of significant spiritual events.

The trumpet also played a crucial role in Israel's religious and civic life. In Leviticus, God commands the use of trumpets for various purposes, including calling assemblies and directing the movements of the camp:

"And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the Lord your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies." (Numbers 10:9, ESV)

Here, the trumpet symbolizes divine protection and deliverance, a reminder of God's covenant with His people and His promise to be their defender.

Trumpets in the New Testament

The New Testament continues to highlight the significance of trumpets, particularly in the context of eschatological events. In the Book of Revelation, trumpets are associated with the end times and the unfolding of God's final plan for humanity. The seven trumpets sounded by angels herald a series of judgments and divine interventions:

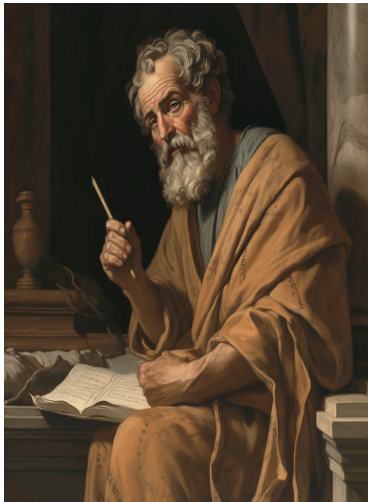
"The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.'" (Revelation 11:15, ESV)

This passage underscores the trumpet's role as an instrument of divine proclamation, signaling the ultimate victory of God's Kingdom and the establishment of His eternal reign.

The Spiritual Significance of Trumpets

Beyond their literal use, trumpets carry deep spiritual symbolism in Scripture. They represent the voice of God, calling His people to repentance, worship, and readiness for His return. The Apostle Paul alludes to this in his first letter to the Corinthians:

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed." (1 Corinthians 15:52, ESV)



Paul's words emphasize the transformative power of the trumpet's call, heralding the resurrection and the ultimate transformation of believers. It is a reminder of the hope and assurance of salvation, anchored in the promises of God.

As depicted in Scripture, the trumpet is more than a musical instrument. It is a powerful symbol of divine announcement and intervention. From the Old to the New Testament, the trumpet's call signifies God's presence, protection, and ultimate plan for humanity. As believ-

ers, the sound of the trumpet calls us to attention, reminding us of God's sovereignty and our place in His divine narrative.

This feast, rich in symbolism and meaning, calls us to a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. The sound of the trumpet, or shofar, is a divine summons that resonates deeply with the messages of Scripture. The Feast of Trumpets is instituted in the *Book of Leviticus*:

"And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation.'" (Leviticus 23:23-24, ESV)

This passage establishes the Feast of Trumpets as a sacred gathering time marked by trumpets blowing. The trumpet's sound serves as a memorial, calling God's people to pause and reflect on their lives and relationship with Him.

The trumpet's blast is a powerful call to repentance. In the Book of Joel, we see this vividly portrayed:

"Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near."* (Joel 2:1, ESV)

The prophet Joel uses the image of the trumpet to awaken the people to the urgency of repentance. The trumpet's sound is an alarm, urging us to examine our hearts and turn back to God. As we hear the trumpet's call, we are reminded of our need for God's mercy and grace.



The trumpet also calls us to worship. In Psalm 150, the psalmist exhorts us to praise God with various instruments, including the trumpet:

"Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!" (Psalm 150:3, ESV)

The sound of the trumpet is a joyful proclamation of God's greatness. As we celebrate the Feast of Trumpets, we are invited to lift our voices and hearts in worship, acknowledging God's majesty and sovereignty.

The trumpet's sound carries a message of hope and anticipation. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul speaks of the trumpet in the context of the resurrection and the return of Christ:

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first." (1 Thessalonians 4:16, ESV)

This passage reminds us that the trumpet will herald the glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a sound that assures us of the fulfillment of God's promises and the ultimate victory of His Kingdom.

As we observe the Feast of Trumpets, let us respond to the call of the trumpet with hearts of repentance, worship, and hope. The trumpet's sound is a divine summons that calls us to align our lives with God's will and to prepare for His coming.

May we be attentive to the trumpet's call, allowing it to lead us into deeper communion with our Creator. Let us embrace this sacred time with reverence and joy, knowing that God is at work in our lives, drawing us closer to Him and to the fulfillment of His eternal purposes.

The Feast of Trumpets: A Divine Call to Renewal and Repentance

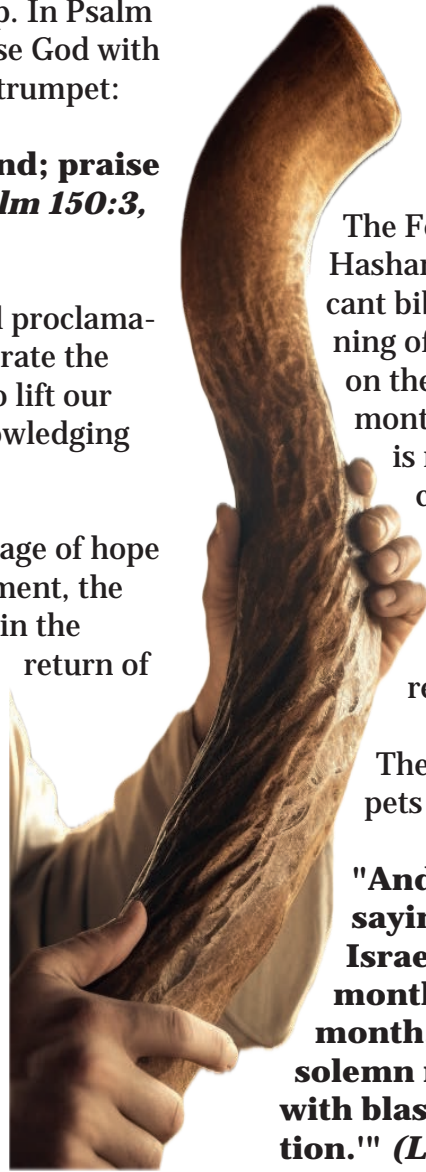
The Feast of Trumpets, known as Rosh Hashanah in Jewish tradition, is a significant biblical festival that marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year. Celebrated on the first day of Tishri, the seventh month in the Hebrew calendar, this feast is rich with spiritual meaning and calls the faithful to reflection, repentance, and renewal. The blowing of the shofar, or trumpet, is a central feature of this feast, symbolizing a divine summons that resonates through time.

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This passage establishes the feast as a sacred time set apart for rest and spiritual reflection. The blast of the trumpets serves as a memorial, reminding the people of God's presence and their covenant relationship with Him. One of the profound aspects of the Feast of Trumpets is its call to repentance. The sound of the trumpet is a divine alarm, urging the people to examine their lives and turn back to God.

The trumpet's sound is a wake-up call, stirring the hearts of the people to repentance and renewal. It serves as a reminder of the coming Day of the Lord and the need to be spiritually prepared.



The Feast of Trumpets is also a time for deep reflection and spiritual renewal. The trumpet's blast calls the faithful to pause and consider their actions, attitudes, and relationship with God. This period of introspection is crucial for personal and communal growth in faith.

The sound of the trumpet invites the people to enter a space of worship, acknowledging God's sovereignty and seeking His guidance and forgiveness.

Beyond repentance and reflection, the Feast of Trumpets carries a message of hope and restoration. The New Testament expands on this theme, particularly in the context of eschatological expectations. It highlights the trumpet as a symbol of divine promise and ultimate restoration. It heralds the coming of God's kingdom and the fulfillment of His promises to His people. The Feast of Trumpets is a profound celebration that calls believers to a deeper relationship with God through repentance, reflection, and renewal.

The sound of the trumpet is not merely a ritualistic act but a powerful symbol of divine communication. It reminds us of God's ongoing presence and calls to live our lives in honor of Him.

As we reflect on the Feast of Trumpets, let us heed the trumpet's call, allowing it to guide us into a renewed commitment to our faith. May it inspire us to seek God's forgiveness, embrace His grace, and live with the hope of His promised return. In doing so, we align ourselves with the divine rhythm of repentance and restoration that the Feast of Trumpets beautifully encapsulates.



Pastoral Writings

By

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“The Shortness of Time”



As of January 23, 2024, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists Doomsday Clock is set at 90 seconds to midnight, the closest it has ever been to midnight since its creation in 1947. The clock is a metaphor that represents how close humanity is to destroying the planet with dangerous technologies.

Midnight on the clock symbolizes the moment when Earth becomes uninhabitable, and the closer the clock gets to midnight, the more urgent the threat is.

The H-Bomb



God makes known in Scripture that Assyria-Germany will conquer America

And they will do it by their use of nuclear bombs.

Isaiah 10:5-6.

“Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation and against the people of My wrath. I will give him charge to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.”



It would appear they will do it by sending missiles attached with nuclear bombs to be exploded on preprogrammed targets on major cities in America and Britain in a short time soon to come for their abominable sins.

INTERNET: Later writers in his tradition, however, often set Germany in the Biblical role of Assyria as an enemy to Britain.



Ezekiel 6:6.

“In all your dwelling places, the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and be made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished (cf. Ezekiel 12:20).”

Hearing the rumors of imminent warfare from Assyria-Germany, they will become very fearful (**Jeremiah 51:46**).

Isaiah 33:14-16.

v. 14 “The sinners in Zion are afraid. Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites; who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?”

v. 15 “He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, he who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands refusing bribes.



Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from seeing evil.

v. 16 “He will dwell on high; his place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him; his water will be sure.”

Hosea 5:9: “Among the tribes of Israel, I make known what is sure.”

Why This Horror?

God gives the answer—

Ezekiel 7:1-4, 7, 10.

v. 1 “Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘And you son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, to the land of Israel (primarily meaning: Ephraim and Manasseh, **Genesis 48:15-20** let my name, Israel, be named upon them ...).”

vv. 2-3 'An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land. Now the end has come upon you, and I will send My anger against you. I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your abominations.

v. 4 'My eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity, but I will repay your ways, and your abominations will be in your midst. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

v. 7 'DOOM has come to you who dwell in the land; the time has come; a day of trouble is near.

v. 10 'Behold the day! Behold, it has come! Doom has gone out. The rod has blossomed, pride has budded.'"

"Pride has Budded"

Similar to a pregnant woman giving birth with her final contraction, Assyria-Germany will soon develop into a powerful militant power due to nine other nations in Europe giving their authority to her and together to the one named in Scripture, the Beast.

Revelation 17:12-13.

v. 12 "The ten horns, which you saw, are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

v. 13 "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast."

Together, they will once again become the holy Roman Empire.

Present State of America

The following prophecy moves from the past to the present, paralleling America and Britain with their many and varied insurmountable problems.

Habakkuk 1:2-4.

v. 2 "O LORD, how long shall I cry and You will not hear? Even cry out to you, 'Violence!' And You will not save.

v. 3 Why do You show me iniquity and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; there is strife, and contention arises.

v. 4 Therefore, the law is powerless (made powerless by the mayors of the cities. Arrests are made and then released), and justice never goes forth (due to liberal judges). For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore, perverse judgment proceeds (twisted, distorted, crooked judgment).

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Judgment will come from God:

v. 6 For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans (Assyria-Germany), a bitter and hasty nation (blitzkrieg warfare—year 2026) which marches through the breadth of the earth to possess dwelling places that are not theirs.

v. 7 They are terrible and dreadful; their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.

v. 8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards and more fierce than evening wolves. Their chargers charge ahead; their cavalry comes from afar; they fly as the eagle that hastens to eat.



v. 9 They all come for violence; their faces are set like the east wind; they gather captives like sand (*transporting them to Europe to kill and enslave. cf II Chronicles 36:20*)

v. 10 They scoff at kings, and princes are scorned by them; they deride every stronghold.

The Work of God

Habakkuk 2:1: “I will stand my watch, set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me and what He replies to my complaint (*Jewish Trans.*).”

Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for the appointed time (*Daniel 12:9* “... the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end ...”), but at the end, it will speak, and it will not lie.

Though it tarries, wait for it because it will surely come; it will not tarry.”

Habakkuk 3.2.

v. 2 “O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of

the years, make it known in wrath; remember mercy.

Isaiah 29:14.

v. 14 “Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work among this 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 (*totally blinded to the nearness of the Great Tribulation, 2026*).”

God’s Work Revived

God revives His Work during the midnight hour with the cry the Bridegroom is soon to come (*Matthew 25:6*).



Isaiah 6:1-13.

v. 1 “I saw the LORD sitting on a throne high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

v. 2 “Above it stood seraphim, each one had six wings; with two, he covered his face; with two, he covered his feet; and with two, he flew.

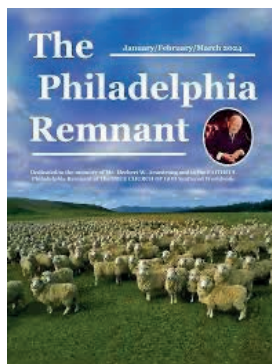
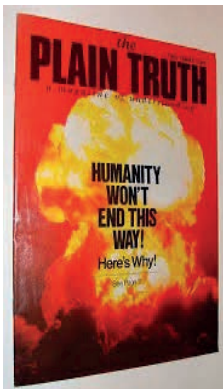
v. 3 “And one cried to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy to the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

v. 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

v. 5 So I said: “Woe is me, for I am well done! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips (and just like them), for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

v. 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

v. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.”



Note: Mystery of the Ages, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, pages 26-27.



“The opening of my eyes to the TRUTH brought me to the crossroads of my life. It meant real REPENTANCE, for now I saw I was breaking God’s laws. It meant a total *change of life*.

I had been rebelling against God in many more ways than just breaking the Sabbath. In final desperation, I threw myself on God’s mercy. If He could use my life, I would give it to Him as a living sacrifice, to use as He willed.

From then on, this defeated no-good life of mine was God’s. I didn’t see how it could be worth anything to Him. but it was His to use as His instrument if He thought He could use it.



This surrender to God—this REPENTANCE—this GIVING UP of the world, of friends and associates, and of everything—was the most bitter pill I ever swallowed. Yet it was the only medicine in all my life that ever brought healing!

I actually began to realize that I was finding JOY beyond words to describe this total defeat.
“ End of Quotes

Continued—God’s Work Revived—Isaiah 6.

v. 8 Also, I heard the voice of the LORD, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will

go for Us?” Then I said, “Send me.”

v. 9 And He said, “Go, and tell this people: “Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.”

NOTE: He knew those he preached to in society did not understand, but often said to the Church fifty percent of you do not get it; sometimes five percent.

v. 10 “Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed,”

v. 11 Then I said, “LORD, how long?” And He answered: “Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, the houses are without a man, the land is utterly desolate.



v. 12 The LORD has removed men far away and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

v. 13 But yet a tenth will be in it, and will return and be for consuming, as a terebinth tree or as an oak, whose stump when it is cut down, so the holy seed shall be its stump.”

The Past and Present State of America

Years 2016/2024

History can be a powerful teacher, for it often portends the future! Looking back at the Republican election in 2016 can give us a picture that will be both revealing and sobering as we realize what it portends for this year, November 5, 2024.

Signs Within The Presidential Election 2016— Donald Trump is upsetting the free-wheeling establishment in this Nation and has drawn the attention of all nations, as the following article makes known:

The Changing Face of the USA – Deutsche Welle wrote on March 6, 2016

“History is being written right now in America. That is always exciting. But in this case, it is also dramatic. An entire country is changing before our very eyes. Though he may not have started it, Donald Trump is the man who is



speeding up and steering the process in a very dangerous direction. Like a bulldozer on a rampage, he is destroying the foundations of the freedom-loving and once so self-assured nation ...

The country seems **rotten**, like a once mighty tree that is leaning precariously. It remains to be seen if it can weather the gathering storm or will come crashing down. In the eyes of a growing number of voters, the country’s elite, which only thinks of itself, is also **rotten**. It is an elite that, despite the country’s economic well-being has starved the middle class and robbed them of the fruits of their labors. The fact that more and more Americans are growing angry is understandable.

Trump is the tough guy many people feel could finally change things ... By ‘super Tuesday’ at the latest, it has been clear that Trump’s message is reaching broad swaths of American

voters in a way that no other Republican has been able to do, with the possible exception of Ronald Reagan. Women and men, blacks and whites, young and old, rich and poor, in southern as well as northern states, everyone is getting the message.

Trump’s success says a lot about Americans and about the state of the nation. But what can be inferred from these messages is not good. Not good for America and not good for Germany.” End of Quotes (*Emphasis mine throughout*).

In the interim, the Democrats are doing their best through the courts and other means to prevent him from being re-elected on November 5, 2024 finding him guilty apparently on surreptitious charges.



Putin Says Trump's Conviction Should Make 1 Thing 'Clear' To People In The UK. Story by Kate Nicholson Huff, post U.K.

Vladimir Putin has claimed Donald Trump’s guilty verdict should make one issue “clear” to people

in the UK.

Speaking to international news agencies last night, the Russian president suggested that Brits should now see that the prosecution of Trump is akin to “burning” U.S. democracy to the ground.

The former U.S. president and presumptive Republican candidate was found guilty on 34 counts of falsifying business records last week in his New York hush money trial.

Trump had pleaded **not guilty to all the felony charges**, and has since called the trial “rigged”.

Still, according to the Russian state news agency TASS, Putin showed unwavering

support for the ex-president.

He said: “You all know very well what is happening now in the United States.

“They are burning themselves from the inside; they are destroying their own country and their own political system in the course of internal political struggle.

“And, whether you like it or not, I should say that they are burning to the ground their imaginary leadership in the sphere of democracy.”

He claimed that Trump had been prosecuted without any direct evidence—even **though the prosecutors had plenty**—suggesting people were “using the judicial system for domestic political struggle.”

He then said: “It is clear to us here in Russia. I’m sure it is also clear for people in the United Kingdom and all over the world. And, most importantly, people in the United States also think so.” End of Quotes

Future Predictions

The Potential Reactions—Predictions from news sources: If Donald Trump is elected (*November 5, 2024*), there will be widespread violence from having defeated President Biden.

Further—If Donald Trump falls short of the magic number of delegates, and the RNC chooses another from their base, this could end up in a civil war!

It is brewing beneath the surface and may very well surface between July 15 to July 18, when the RNC meets in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Another prediction from 2016: If Donald Trump is assassinated [and it appears he will possibly be in late 2025], there will be major riots in every American city. It did not happen, but when it does in possibly late 2025, could

lead to the revolution that is prophesied to take place [**Jeremiah 51:46** “... ruler against ruler —meaning governors attempting to secede from the U.S. cf. Civil War 1775 to 1783].

Jeremiah 51:50 “Violence in the land ruler against ruler!”

Donald Trump, at that time, warned of riots if the GOP withheld backing. The Associated Press, by Julie Pace and Steve Peoples, wrote: “... Trump cautioned that his supporters would revolt if he falls just short in the delegate count and loses in a rules fight. “If you just disfranchise these people, I think you would have problems as you’ve never seen before,” Trump said on CNN’s “New Day.” Fox News —Hannity predicted there would be devastation if this should happen.” Then, Martial Law!

A Year Like No Other Coming—

Due to the expected massive violent protests to take place, predictions from numerous sources believe this year, 2024, in one way or another, will violently affect this nation and change its course forever—especially

after—believed to be, Hillary Clinton becomes the new president—in late 2025.

The revolution that will break out in this country, Ruler against Ruler, implies that conservative states will seek to break away and form their own government, as was done during President Lincoln's

tenure.

This will leave the nation in shambles. At the same time, there will be looters and robbers taking advantage of those having to flee their homes. There will also be shootings—killing people—with no remorse—and with liberal judges, there will be no serious penalty, if any!



We read about this happening now and then, but it will get far worse in the future.

Based on what is now seen, martial law will have little effect, if any, on restoring peace.

Pope to Perform Miracles

At the same time, believed to be late 2025, Satan the Devil will use the Pope to perform visible miracles, bringing **fire** down from heaven.

Revelation 13:13-18.



vv. 13-14 “He performs great signs so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image (a replica of the Roman government of old) to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

v. 15 “He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast (church government) that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.”

NOTE, Mr. Armstrong: This CHURCH GOVERNMENT or ORGANIZATION is the IMAGE OF THE BEAST! This IMAGE—man-designed and man-ruled church government—compelled

people to WORSHIP THE CHURCH! And since the church was organized into a worldly government, this was worship of the IMAGE—FALSE worship—IDOLATRY!! But this church became a MOTHER, and DAUGHTER CHURCHES came out of her in "protest," calling themselves "PROTESTANT." End of Quote

Mark of the Beast

vv. 16-17 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name.

v. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him, who has understanding, calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; his number is 666.



The Roman numeral for 666, DCLXVI, has exactly one occurrence of all symbols whose value is less than 1000 in decreasing order (D =

500, C = 100, L = 50, X = 10, V = 5, I = 1).

II Thessalonians 2:1, 8-11.

v. 1 “Now, brethren, concerning the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering to Him,

v. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will destroy with the brightness of His coming.

vv. 9-10 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

v. 11 And for this reason, God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Moving Ahead

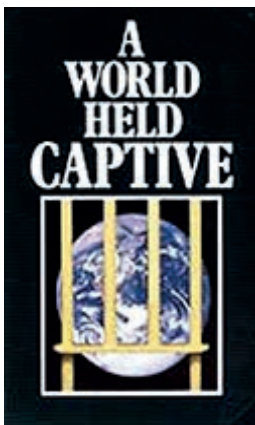
This will bring about the fulfillment of the prophecy of Satan the Devil, being cast out of heaven to the earth for the final time.

Revelation 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

The star having fallen from heaven is Satan the Devil, as another Scripture makes known—remember—“... a little here, a little there ...” (**Isaiah 28**).



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 with him.



v. 12 “Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

v. 13 Now, when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child,

The woman is God’s Church—a very small Church.

Luke 12:32 “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Having been cast out of heaven to the earth, He will then bring Assyria/Germany out of the bottomless pit—meaning to fully militarize the nation with a leader that the holy Bible calls the beast.

The prophet Daniel wrote of this man:

Daniel 8:23-24.

v. 23 And in the latter part of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness (*believed to be the year 2026*), a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes (*the occult*).

v. 24 His power shall be mighty but not by his own power (**Revelation 17:12** ... *the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast ...*); he shall destroy fearfully and shall prosper and thrive, he shall destroy the mighty and also the holy people.

*Destroy the super nation America and martyr the Laodiceans and Sardis members of God’s Church (**Revelation 3:1** “... the Church in Sardis ... you are alive but dead; Laodiceans, “you are neither hot or cold ... I will vomit you out of My mouth ...”).*

The 5th Seal

Revelation 6:9-11.

v. 9 When He opened the fifth 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.

v. 10 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?"

v. 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them, and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Coming back to the near future when Assyria/Germany will materialize out of the smoke—

Revelation 9:2-3

v. 2 To him (*Satan the Devil*) was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a giant furnace. So, the sun and air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit (*a smoke screen to hide Assyria/Germany's real intentions of fully becoming a great militant power with an army of 450,000 men—possibly in middle to late 2025*).

v. 3 Then out of the smoke locusts (*Assyria/Germany, Nahum 3:15-17 '... Your commanders are like swarming locusts and your generals like great grasshoppers ... your shepherd's slumber O king of Assyria upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually ...'*) came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power (*To be used by God for correcting America and Britain, Jeremiah 51:50—Assyria/Germany God's battle-axe*

nation to punish His people; Ezekel 7:24 the worst of the Gentiles; Isaiah 10:5-6—God's rod of correction).

The EMP Bomb

It would appear to make possible the conquering of America would be due to the explosion of a nuclear EMP bomb high over possibly Kansas—middle America.

INTERNET: Newt Gingrich fears the end is coming.

In the wake of nuclear threats from North Korea, the former House speaker came to Capitol Hill Tuesday to address what he believes will cause an equally dire situation: the use of an electromagnetic pulse. Known as an EMP, an electromagnetic pulse is a burst of electromagnetic energy. It can occur naturally, like in lightning, or by man-made devices like nuclear



weapons. Gingrich says it has the capacity to seriously cripple the U.S. power grid. If an EMP attack were to occur, 70 to 90 percent of the population would be at risk, according to the EMP Caucus, a group dedicated to preparing the U.S. against such attacks. In addition to the casualties, those relying on medications, especially refrigerated drugs like insulin, would face grave circumstances.

"This could be the kind of catastrophe that ends civilizations," Gingrich said.

To prevent this "horrendous" threat, Gingrich, along with Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., introduced the SHIELD Act, which would encourage strengthening the electric grid in preparation for a major EMP event. (*it never went anywhere*).

Franks, founder of the EMP Caucus, said the U.S. is more vulnerable to an EMP attack than ever before.

"It's known that our grid is vulnerable," Franks said. "It's an invitation."

Frightening!

With this in mind, consider the following quote:

INTERNET: From January 28 to February 4, 2023, [seven days before action was taken], a high-altitude balloon originating from China flew across North American airspace, including Alaska, western Canada, and the contiguous United States. On February 4, the U.S. Air Force shot down the balloon over U.S. territorial waters off the coast of South Carolina.

INTERNET: On Feb. 2, NBC News was first to report that the Chinese spy balloon was flying over the U.S. and that President Joe Biden had considered shooting it down, prompting the administration to publicly confirm that and disclose it had been monitoring the balloon for days. Aug. 3, 2023. End of Quotes

God Rules in the Kingdoms of Men

Though it is not realized, God in heaven above is in control and rules over all the nations of this earth. Though He intends to severely punish America and Britain for their abominable sins, the timing is not yet right for it to take place. Therefore, He keeps enemy nations in check until that time.

He also either directly intervenes to seat a leader in office or permits circumstances to do it for Him.

This is made known in Scripture—

Daniel 4:17 "In order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever

He will, and sets over it the lowest of men."

Psalm 75:6-7

vv. 6-7 "For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south, but God is the Judge. He puts down one and exalts another."

This is what God is now doing in this once-great country.

Prophecy reveals that God will remove President Joe Biden from being president, and will exalt



Donald Trump by allowing him to be re-elected president of this country on November 5, 2024.

God in heaven above makes known His awesome greatness together with His Master Plan and Timetable for mankind that was preplanned perhaps a trillion years ago (*more or less*).

Isaiah 46:9-10

vv. 9-10 "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done.

Further, this awesome God of all glory and greatness tells mankind—

Isaiah 42:9 "Behold, the former things

have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

Hosea 5:9 “Among the tribes of Israel, I make known what is sure.”

Who does God tell these things that are yet to take place? His true ministry as made known in this writing.

The Ongoing Warning from God

In the meantime, the Work of God continues to go forth to this nation, the UK, and the world.
Matthew 24:14 and Ezekiel 33:7.

November 5th this year, 2024, will be the trigger to bring all these things about.

Because of God’s caring love, He is continuing to use Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong’s warning voice and writings via our websites, placing the TRUTH before the churches, America, and Britain with the hope of change (**Revelation 3:20**).

At the same time, Jesus Christ is using this little flock to support and supplement those recorded works.

Knowing the terrible things that will soon begin to take place, God’s true people had better think more seriously about this soon-coming time of departure for safety.

Time is hastening quickly

Zephaniah 1:14-18.

v. 14 The great day of the Lord is near—near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.

v. 15 That day will be a day of wrath a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness—

v. 16 a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

v. 17 “I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the Lord. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung.

v. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath. ”In the fire of His jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for He will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.



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Lessons from— The Prophecy of Joel

By
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Joel 1:1-4. The word of the LORD that came to Joel—**“Hear this, you elders, and give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?”**

v. 2 **“Tell your children about it, let your children tell their children, and their children to another generation.**

v. 4 **“What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten.”**

NBC NEWS Billions of cicadas will emerge in the U.S. this year in a rare double-brood event.

By *Denise Chow*

It’s official: 2024 belongs to the cicadas [*locusts*].

This spring, two different broods of cicadas—one that lives on a 13-year cycle and the other that lives on a 17-year cycle—will emerge at the same time from underground in a rare, synchronized event that last occurred in 1803.

Billions of the winged insects will make an

appearance across the Midwest and the Southeast, beginning in some places in late April, for a raucous mating ritual that tends to inspire **fascination** and **annoyance in equal measure**.



This year’s dual emergence is a once-in-a-lifetime event. While any given 13-year brood and 17-year brood can occasionally emerge at the same time, each specific pair will see their cycles aligned only once every 221 years. What’s more, this year’s cicada groups, known as Brood XIII and Brood XIX, happened to make their homes adjacent to one another, with a narrow overlap in central Illinois.

“Thomas Jefferson was president the last time these two broods came out, so is it rare? Yes,” said Gene Kritsky, an

entomologist at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati and author of “A Tale of Two Broods,” a book about this year’s dual emergence that was published earlier this month.

After 2024, Brood XIII and Brood XIX cicadas won’t sync up their emergences again for another 221 years.

These types of cicadas are periodical insects that spend most of their lives underground

feeding on tree roots. After 13 years or 17 years, depending on their brood, the cicadas will tunnel to the surface to reach maturity and engage in a monthlong, noisy search for a mate.

Cicadas typically surface in the spring once soil reaches a temperature of around 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

Brood XIII cicadas appear in the Midwest, mostly centered in Illinois but also stretching into Wisconsin, Ohio and Iowa. Brood XIX cicadas have been spotted over a much larger geographic area that includes Missouri, Illinois, Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

When these insects emerge, they do so in big numbers. And they're not exactly quiet in their mating frenzy.

The insects are known to emit a high-pitched buzz, or mating song, that can reach up to 100 decibels — roughly equivalent to a motorcycle or jackhammer.

The mating ritual itself is a whirlwind. It takes cicadas just weeks to find a mate and lay their eggs before they die. The entire process lasts about six weeks.

“By July 1st, they’re gone,” Kritsky said.

The Locusts Will Return

The following prophecy implies that the locusts will return sooner than expected and will be just one more problem that will help cut into the nation's food supply.

A never-ending food supply, so it is thought by mankind. It would appear hardly anyone ever gives it serious thought.

Though the locusts will disappear for a time after having created some damage to the farmers, prophecy tells us they will return and contribute to a real shortage in the food chain.

Deuteronomy 28:38: “You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for the locust shall consume it.

The writer of this news article and others who write about the swarms of locusts never give thought to how this will also contribute to a real shortage of food in the near future, as this prophecy makes known.

The prophecy in Joel along with ***Deuteronomy 28:38***, makes this very clear.

Something to think about.

Love always,

Don Billingsley



The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

By
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Many Scriptures speak of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:14, 22-23.

v. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them (*Verses 9-11, Parthians and Medes, and Elamites, Judea, Rome, etc.*), men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

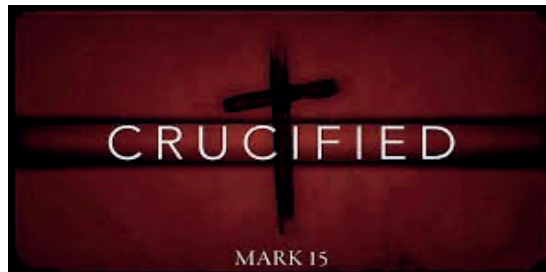
v. 22 Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by GOD to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which GOD did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

v. 23 “Him being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of GOD, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death.”

Cross/Tree

Scripture makes known Jesus Christ was crucified by the Romans at the behest of the Jews in 31 A.D. (***Luke 23***).

Those of the Christian religion have the traditional belief that Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross—an upright pole with a beam near the top of it.



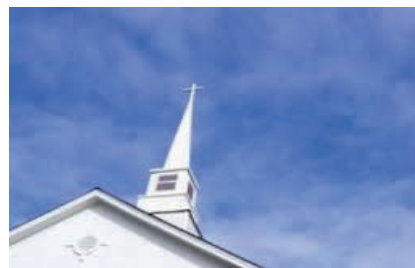
It was once said by a very wise man, “Why would people want to worship a cross that took away the life of our Savior Jesus Christ?”

Crosses on Church buildings, worn around a person’s neck, are in evidence wherever one may care to look.

Wikipedia: “Christian crosses are used widely in churches, on top of church buildings, on Bibles, in heraldry, in personal jewelry, on hilltops, and elsewhere as an attestation or other symbol of Christianity.

“Crosses are a prominent feature of Christian [cemeteries](#), either carved on [grave-stones](#) or as sculpted [stelae](#). End of Quotes

Crosses placed high above church buildings give the implied meaning of their being very religious. The song is often sung in some churches, “The Old Rugged Cross.”



Origin of the Cross Used by Christianity

The cross’s religious symbolism has pagan origins, and Christianity adopted it after the time of Constantine in the fourth century.

The cross is found in many cultures, both Christian and non-Christian, and has been linked to nature worship and pagan sex rites. Some say that Constantine

promoted the cross to make it easier for pagans to convert to Christianity.

End of Quote

What Is The Origin of the 'Christian' Cross

The usage of the Cross and the Crucifix came from the Roman Emperor Constantine, who was a pagan and claimed to have been converted to Christianity. Thus began the introduction of the Trinity and the Cross into Christianity. Both of which, the Romans and Greeks copied from the ancient Egyptians, not from Scripture. (May 31, 2022)

Use of the Cross

There are those who believe wearing the cross makes them more religious and acts as a protective charm, ensuring no harm will come to them.

Actually, it is an idol! This could be likened to Rachel, who hid the household idols under her



dress believing it to be a blessing and protection to her

Genesis 31:26-35

v. 26 “And Laban said to Jacob: “What have you done, that you have

stolen away (trying to leave without Laban knowing about it, but failed) unknown to me, and carried away my daughters like captives taken with the sword (to understand why, read from the beginning of this chapter)?

v. 27 “Why did you flee away secretly and steal away from me, and not tell me; for I might have sent you away with joy and songs with timbrels and harp?

v. 28 “And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have done foolishly in so doing.

v. 29 It is in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ‘Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good or bad.’

v. 30 “And now you have surely gone because you greatly long for your father’s house, but why did you steal my gods?”

v. 31 Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, “Because I was afraid, for I said, ‘Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force.’

v. 32 “With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live. In the presence of our brethren, identify what I have of yours, and take it with you.” For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

v. 33 And Laban went into Jacob’s tent, into Leah’s tent, and into the two maid’s tents, but he did not find them. Then he went out of Leah’s tent and entered Rachel’s tent.

v. 34 Now Rachel had taken the household idols, put them in the camel’s saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all about the tent but did not find them.

v. 35 And she said to her father, “Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women is with me.” And he searched but did not find the household gods.

Jacob said whoever had the gods would not live. Without realizing it, he pronounced the death penalty on Rachel.

Genesis 35:16-19.

v. 16 Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored in childbirth, and she had hard labor.

v. 17 Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, “Do not fear, you will have this son also.”

v. 18 And so it was, as her soul was departing (*for she died*), that she called his name Ben-Oni (*son of my sorrow*); but his father called him Benjamin (*son of my right hand*).

v. 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath—that is Bethlehem.

Rachel had paid for her sin of Idolatry—worshipping gods that were no gods.

From Rachel’s untimely death came the saying—*Rachel crying for her children and are not.*

Matthew 2:16-17.

v. 16 Then Herod, when he saw he was deceived by the wise men (*regarding where Jesus as a baby was at the time—wanting to murder Him*), was exceedingly angry and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

v. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted because they are no more.”

Idols come in many and varied forms and are

Unknowingly, they connect with demonism and sex.

The Worship of Sex

When considering the strongest drives within the human body, food and then sex, and seeing via the news media how society and nations of the world are absorbed by sex, leaves no question about it continually in the thoughts of the human mind.

In view of God’s teachings, it has become a form of idolatry.

An Overview

Considering God’s Master Plan: He created mankind to have strong sex drives, for He wanted to populate the world with billions of people to add to His Family.

However, He had laws in place for this to happen—only within marriage. In fact, the LORD God joined Adam and Eve in marriage to set an example for mankind and also to fill the earth with their descendants.

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

Genesis 2:24 Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (*by their bodies coming together in sexual intercourse*) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh (by consummating the marriage via the sexual act).

v. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

And as Scripture makes known, the wedding bed is undefiled.

Hebrews 13:4 “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled, but

fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”

Idolatry

Because there is an explosive, exquisite thrill in sexual intercourse, many have gone beyond the natural while seeking greater sexual thrills. And it appears to have no boundary lines.

INTERNET: Idol Worship Today.

Our identity. It's easy to place our identity in something or someone other than God ... Sex. We are obsessed with sex in our culture; it is everywhere.

End of Quote

Because of this, the primary idol among people of the world has come to be sex worship in all its deviant forms.

God has shown His righteous truth on what is now being done but ignored, as the following Scriptures make known—

Romans 1:18-32.

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

vv. 19-20 “Because what may be known of God is evident in them, for God has shown it to them for since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so they are without excuse.

v. 21 “Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

vv. 22-23 “Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

vv. 24-25 “Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

v. 26 “For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

v. 27 “Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving within themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

v. 28 “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting

vv. 29-31 “Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful.

v. 32 “Who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.”

Tel Aviv Israel

With the foregoing in mind, think about how God indicts the people of Judah for their sex worship.

INTERNET: Tel Aviv is sometimes called the gay capital of the Middle East” because of its thriving LGBT community, annual Pride parade, and gay beach. The city has been recog-



nized as one of the gay-friendly cities in the world by the Calgary Herald and was ranked the best gay city in 2011 by Gay Cities.

As of 2019, it was the biggest in Asia. The parade has become less political over time and now attracts more than 100,000 participants from around the world.” Generative is experimental. End of Quotes

Thumbing the Nose at God

When viewing past Pride Parades the participants flouted themselves proudly while displaying themselves in scant clothing.

God calls such behavior abominable.

Ezekiel 8:17.

And He said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence; then they have returned to provoke Me to anger.



Indeed, they have put the branch to their nose (*branch—Asherah, male phallus, in essence, thumbing their nose at God, saying, we do not need You for procreation, for we can do it without You!*)

Overview: Asherah. “The Hebrew word Asherah can refer to a goddess, a cultic object, or both. In the Bible, Asherah is depicted in three forms: an image, a tree, and a tree trunk. The tree and tree trunk are symbols of the goddess.

“Asherah was associated with lions, serpents, and sacred trees, which represented power, immorality or healing, and fertility, respectively. She was also often paired with Baal, who sometimes took the place of EL [*meaning: “The MOST HIGH GOD”*].

Asherah worship was rife, widespread, throughout Israel and reached into their ruling monarchs.

I Kings 15:9-13.

vv. 9-10 In the 20th year of Jeroboam, king of Israel, Asa became king over Judah. And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His grandmother’s name was Maachah the granddaughter of Abishalom (lineage of Jezebel).

vv. 11-12 Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did his father David (lineage of David). And he banished the perverted persons from the land and removed all the idols that his father had made.

v. 13 Also, he removed Maachah, his grandmother, from being queen because she had made an obscene image of Asherah (*Male Phallic*). And Asa cut down her obscene image and burned it by the Brook Kidron.

Phallic worship could not be wiped out for it was widespread throughout the land of Israel.

Phallic Symbols



“Phallic symbols can represent saints or local deities who are invoked for fertility. They can also be benevolent symbols

of reproductive fruitfulness and prolificacy and are often worshiped by barren women and young girls.” End of Quotes

INTERNET: From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Phallic architecture consciously or unconsciously creates a symbolic representation of the [human penis](#).^[1] Buildings intentionally or unintentionally resembling the human penis are a source of amusement to locals and tourists in various places around the world. Deliberate [phallic](#) imagery is found in ancient cultures and in the links to ancient cultures found in traditional artifacts.

The [ancient Greeks](#) and [Romans](#) celebrated phallic festivals and built a shrine with an erect phallus to honor [Hermes](#), messenger of the gods. Those figures may be related to the [ancient Egyptian](#) deity [Min](#) who was depicted holding his erect phallus. Figures of women with a phallus for a head have been found across Greece and [Yugoslavia](#). Phallic symbolism was prevalent in the architectural tradition of ancient [Babylon](#). End of Quotes

“What is the meaning of Phallic?”

“Phallic means resembling or related to a

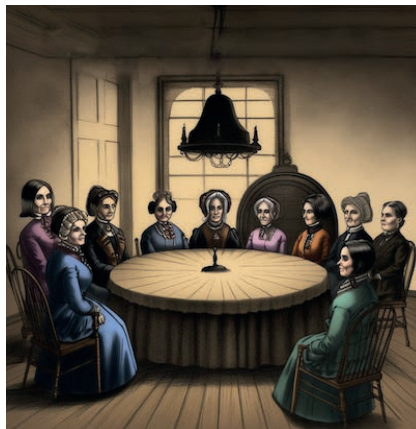


penis: people often talk about phallic shapes like the Washington Monument. When you see phallic, think penis.

Calling something phallic means it’s penis-like in some way. In some cases, that means it has creative power, like how a penis, through sex, creates new life.” End Quotes

An Obelisk and Demons

The National Monument is an obelisk in the form of an upright male penis! And it can be associated with demons in the White House, for they sway leaders to do the abominable and bring curses on this nation (***1 John 5:19; Ephesians 6:12***).



Demons were brought into the White House through seances conducted by President Abraham Lincoln’s wife. This can be verified by searching the internet for Mrs. Lincoln and the seances she conducted.

Demons never leave. The internet reveals that visitors have sometimes seen President Lincoln, such as Winston Churchill, who stayed overnight in the White House, and an apparition of President Lincoln appeared standing in the room.

The ghost of Abraham Lincoln is by far the most famous spirit to haunt the White House. Longtime White House employee Jerry Smith was one of the first to describe a Lincoln ghost encounter when his story was shared in a 1903



newspaper article. Additional sightings have occurred throughout the years.

Wikipedia: Abraham Lincoln appears in the Lincoln Bedroom and Yellow Oval Room. First Lady Grace Coolidge, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands claimed to have seen Lincoln.

Perhaps the most famous incident was in 1942 when Queen [Wilhelmina of the Netherlands](#) allegedly heard footsteps



outside her White House bedroom and answered a knock on the door, only to see Lincoln in frock coat and top hat standing in front of her (*she promptly fainted*).^[300]
End of Quotes

An Affront to GOD and Jesus Christ

This disgusting national monument, an Obelisk, is an affront to GOD and Jesus Christ. Why? Imagine having an Obelisk that simulates a man's upright penis pointing to the heavens, standing in the nation's capital for all to see and stare in awe! That is worship.

Sex Worship

Though it has many forms, sex worship is as prevalent today as it has ever been. This can be seen in society on the internet and on YOUTUBE.

Many women dress so provocatively that there is little left to the imagination for men to see.

Women should dress in ways that show they are women, but not to that extreme; rather, they should dress modestly (***1 Peter 3:3-5***). By doing so, they would find themselves much more attractive.

An Image



It appears most people have something on their person in their home or even hanging on the mirror in their automobile, a cross, or some other emblem to be a good luck charm.

During WWII, while in Germany, I carried a pocket-size Gideon New Testament in my shirt pocket over my heart, feeling it would do

the same for me.

The Symbols of Nations

Even nations have something to represent them—an eagle, lion, etc.

Consider the nation of Judah, called Israel:



Genesis 49:9 “Judah is a lion’s whelp ... as a lion who shall rouse him”

However, the Jews, have chosen the star rather than a lion as a symbol of their nation. What is its meaning?

Wikipedia: The hexagram, like the pentagram, was and is used in practices of the occult and ceremonial magic and is attributed to the 7 "old" planets outlined in astrology.

The six-pointed star is commonly used both as a talisman^[7] and for conjuring spirits and spiritual forces in diverse forms of occult magic. In the book *The History and Practice of Magic*, Vol. 2, the six-pointed star is called the Talisman of Saturn, and it is also referred to as the Seal of Solomon.^[8]

Details are given in this book, on how to make these symbols and the materials to use.

Germany—The heraldic animal of the Federal

Republic of Germany is the eagle. As a symbol of the sun, the life force, and the highest deity, the eagle was already revered in the highly developed civilizations of the Orient and by the Greeks and Germanic tribes in antiquity.



America—What animal or bird symbolizes America?



The bald eagle

“The founding fathers made an appropriate choice when they selected

the bald eagle as the emblem of the nation.

The fierce beauty and proud independence of this great bird aptly symbolize the strength and freedom of America.

But as latter-day citizens, we shall fail our trust if we permit the eagle to disappear.” End of Quotes

Cross? or Tree?

Back to the question, was it a cross or tree on which Jesus Christ was crucified? Consider the following:

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, we read the following meaning of the Greek word, *Stauros*, which sheds light on the question:

Stauros (σταυρός) is a Greek word for a stake or an implement of capital punishment. The Greek New Testament uses the word *stauros* for the instrument of Jesus' crucifixion, and it is generally translated as "cross" in religious texts, while also being translated as pillar or tree in Christian contexts. This article covers the use of the word for other contexts.

[Etymology](#)^[edit]

The word *stauros* comes from the verb *ἵστημι* (*histēmi*: "straighten up", "stand"), which in turn comes from the Proto-Indo-European root *steh₂-u-* "pole",^[1] related to the root **steh₂-* "to stand, to set"^[2] End of Quotes

What is said here is that a pole was set in the ground and made to stand upright with a convicted person nailed to it.

So it was with Jesus Christ.

Scripture tells us—

1 Peter 2:24.

“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live by righteousness—by whose stripes we are healed.”

So, it is called a tree. Other Scriptures also call it a tree (***Acts 5:30; Acts 10:39; Galatians 3:13.***)

Acts 13:29.

“Now, when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.”

Truth Foreknown Years Ago

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ to be hung on a tree and nailed to it was made known to Israel in Scripture 4,000 years ago.

Exodus 15:23-25.

v. 23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore,



the name of it was called Marah.



vv. 24-25 And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When He cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet

(waters were healed

*signifying His death would pay the penalty for their repentant sins in time to come—hearts of stone to be replaced with hearts of flesh, **Ezekiel 36:26-27).***

The tree was symbolic of the type of crucifixion Jesus Christ would experience when He became the Son of Man, living among mankind, and then hung and nailed to a tree to die at the end of His human life.

1 Corinthians 10:1-5.

vv. 1-3 “Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea; all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food (*manna, Israel ate angels’ food, Psalm 78:25).*



v. 4 “And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

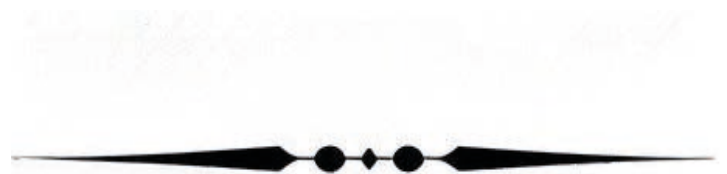
v. 5 “But with most of them, God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.”

Picture is Clear

When considering the above Scriptures, it is evident Jesus Christ was crucified on an upright pole as the picture of it shows (*the picture shown on page 39 was of some other man—not Jesus Christ*)—called a tree in Scripture.

Perhaps this is nothing new to most people, but I wanted to try to clear up any possible misunderstanding of the subject while also touching on other areas.

It is realized some of the above is rather explicit, but when viewing the societies of nations and their architecture, it is reality.



A Perfect Love

**At the start, was light and life,
God's creation, free from strife.
From the dust,
He shaped our frame,
In His image, blessed name.**

**Prophets spoke,
their voices soared,
In the wilderness,
His name adored.**

**On the stake,
love's highest price,
Resurrection,
eternal paradise.**

**In His word, our path we find,
Grace and mercy, every time.
Glory to God in heaven above,
Infinite, unending, perfect love.**

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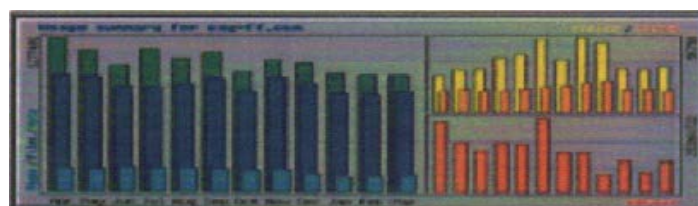
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