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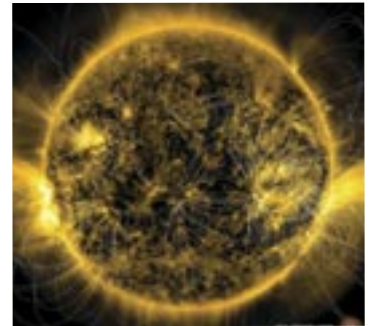
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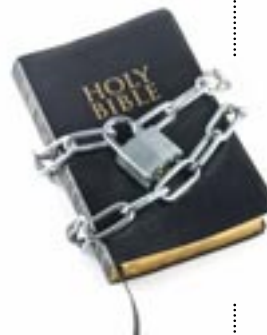


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By Norbert Lieth

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A few days after Easter, my wife and I went on a trip to Sylt, the northernmost island of Germany. Many years ago, I had completed my basic training there, so the area was not unfamiliar to me.

The air at this time of the year is particularly beneficial for the respiratory tract. There were still fairly few tourists on the island, so it was a wonderful time of togetherness and calm. Bicycle excursions, sightseeing and walking nature trails, the beautiful sea dunes ... but also time for reading and just being quiet before the Lord, did us a lot of good.

It is fascinating to marvel at the power that God has placed within creation, which is visible in the ebb and flow of the tides, in the biodiversity of life at the depths of the North Sea, and in the flora and fauna of the island. "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3). On one walk, I discovered a seal on the beach, which let me come very close so I could take pictures of it from all angles. What others have to pay for (a boat trip to the seal banks) was lying right at my feet. "...Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well" (Psalm 139:14).

There were also opportunities to meet new people and have spiritual conversations. Something akin to a friendship developed with two men who monitored the tourists and the facilities. One of them gladly accepted the spiritual material I had brought with me, and promised to read it. The other one returned it to me after a few days with friendly words, as he was a Muslim. An interesting conversation developed, and several more followed, "...for not all have faith" (2 Thess 3:2).

In the year 1362, the village List had been submerged by a severe storm surge. The houses had been built on sand. What would that make a Christian think of when hearing about it? Certainly Matthew 7:26-27! There were five lighthouses on Sylt. One of them advertises a North German beer, but that, of course, is not the purpose of a lighthouse; rather, it is to show seafarers the way, and aid in a safe voyage and arrival. As to our purpose, do we take it seriously? Are we lights in this world, or do we confuse our fellow human beings? In this connection, I am thinking of the words: "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." (Hebrew 12:2).

The image of an anchor can be seen all over the island: embroidered on curtains, painted on wood, as a magnet, on postcards, cups, and at

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house entrances. Then there are the real anchors displayed in gardens and courtyards. The anchor is a fitting symbol for the strength and security we have in Jesus Christ, "...who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast..." (Hebrew 6:18-19). Here on Sylt, I also read the adage: "To know what an anchor is, we need the storm."

A visit to the maritime museum was very interesting. At one time, every sailor was allowed to take a sea chest with him on the ship. Usually on the front of the box were the words: "Faith, hope, love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). Then there were the symbols for these words: the cross, an anchor, and a heart. Seafaring was dangerous. The sailors left their families for a long time, and never knew whether they would return. Nowadays, jewelry is adorned with these symbols; one can see them on belt buckles, bracelets, necklaces, keychains, and stickers.

When showering, I was surprised that the towel was so thick, especially difficult for drying my ears. After a few days, my wife suggested that I use the towel instead of the shower mat. I had reached for the wrong thing and not noticed it. "These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding..." (Isaiah 29:24). (MC)

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Europe: The Last World Empire? Part 1

Philipp Ottenburg

Faced with the grim prognosis of our day, Daniel shows us God's "in spite of everything." He reveals the mystery of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and shows the progression of world history from Babylon to the last anti-Christian empire (which may or may not be Europe). A down-to-earth examination of the biblical facts.

2011 should have sealed the deal for ending nuclear energy, at least according to global sentiment at the time. It was brought about by the nuclear disaster in Fukushima, Japan, which had been caused by a storm. People wanted to distance themselves from nuclear power as quickly as possible. Many cars were seen sporting a yellow bumper sticker that read, “Nuclear power? No thanks!”

Although it feels like just yesterday, more than 13 years have passed, and the mood has completely shifted. People are suddenly calling nuclear power a form of “green energy,” and thinking that it might not be that bad after all. Our times are very fast-moving ones. Political bodies can fracture in an instant, immediately replaced with something new. It’s truly said that nothing is the same as it was yesterday.

This reality should restrain us in our attempts at interpreting Bible prophecy. If we speculate, wondering where Europe, the EU, or the UN are in the Bible, we should consider the possibility that the EU could dissolve and something new could emerge within days. When biblical prophecy is fulfilled, events can take place very quickly; then we can understand what God’s Word was referring to.

The question mark in this article’s title is deliberately placed, because we want to approach this topic carefully, without drawing any hasty conclusions. Having cautioned the reader, we turn to the second part of Daniel chapter 2. This passage concerns Nebuchadnezzar’s dream about the majestic statue, as interpreted by Daniel.

First, let’s have a quick overview so we can place this chapter in its proper context. Building on this, we want to gradually approach an answer to our question of whether Europe is the last world empire.

In Spite of Everything!

As we read the Book of Daniel, we discover that the prophetic perspective becomes increasingly precise over the course of the book. Chapter 1 gives us a glimpse into the pagan world of Babylon of that day. In chapter 2, we’re already encountering the statue that shows how one empire follows another, ending with Jesus’ return. It’s where we see the character of the entire book. The other chapters constitute a further, in-depth explanation of the statue. Until chapter 12, we read a lot about the successive world empires, the Antichrist, the angelic realm, and the distress of the last days. But something that appears in the other books of prophecy is missing

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from Daniel: a representation of the messianic kingdom. Daniel shows us God's way to it, but not the kingdom itself.

This raises the question of how we should handle it when Daniel shows us what else will happen on earth as we approach the end. If it's already in God's plan, why should we worry about it? We should just enjoy whatever good days we have left. And besides, why these prophetic themes over and over? What are we getting out of them?

"In spite of everything" is what we want to be the takeaway from this brief overview. It's precisely why we should tackle this book: because God wants us to. Even if the forecasts are bleak and there's a lot we don't understand, God revealed and planned it all. Our God is in control.

The book of Daniel tells us, when events that must take place occur, don't be dismayed. Here we can find points of illumination across the darkness of time. We can remain calm in spite of everything.

Our trust in God will be strengthened beyond measure. It is pure ministry to our souls. We're no longer tossed about by the waves of evil that are crashing upon the earth. Through prophecy, God shows Himself as the

Almighty One, who reaches His goal in every situation. This becomes especially clear in the book of Daniel.

Those who study prophecy are studying God's purposes, and Daniel is likewise about God's purposes. Those who are focused on their goals know the way, and this is the kind of orientation that Daniel offers to us. These are the points of illumination mentioned earlier.

It seems like everything is falling apart at this point in world history. Events could cause fear and anxiety. But Daniel's prophecies show us that just the opposite is true, in an impressive way. As he expressed in his prayer, God is the only One who is wise, with the power to carry out every purpose that He established in His wisdom. Nothing is hidden from Him, and He knows exactly what the darkness conceals. He also reveals things that are deep and hidden. And so, this book is one of the master keys to a true, spiritual understanding of God's ways with the children of men. It shows that we can really take hold of God as the infinitely Most High; nothing slips from His grasp.

We're also dealing with a great God in our personal lives.

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choice, or what God's will for your life is. In situations like this, the fact that we're dealing with the Most High means you can be certain God has the power to prevent things from happening if He doesn't want them to. Isn't that superb? Hans-Joachim Eckstein once appropriately said that anyone who wants to walk on water like Peter did, shouldn't look at the size of his feet but at the size of his God.

Against the backdrop of this glorious reality, we arrive at a statue: an image of four empires, and a falling rock that shatters everything. In this truly simple description lies the entire plan for a millennium. The God of heaven was able to fit it all into the narrow framework of a single dream.

God Reveals the Mystery

Daniel testifies before Nebuchadnezzar, whose dream it was, that "there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries" (Dan 2:28). It then continues: "what will be in the latter days," or "what will happen in the last days" (CSB)—in other words, in the very last days of world history. This phrasing helps us categorize what has and hasn't yet been fulfilled from the book of Daniel. Some things will even be fulfilled for a second time on a grand scale at the very end, connected with



Jesus' return. That's the nature of Bible prophecy. We often see foreshadowing that has already occurred, and it functions (on a small scale) as a detailed description of what is to come. In order to understand the future, we must know the past as well.

And so, Daniel testified before the king that there is a God who can communicate and interpret this dream. It is God who reveals, doing what we cannot. If God didn't reveal Himself, or hadn't done so, what could we do? Nothing. We wouldn't know anything. We'd be at the mercy of world events, with no insight at all.

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“Anyone who wants to walk on water like Peter did, shouldn’t look at the size of his feet but at the size of his God.” – Hans-Joachim Eckstein



What is man? God created him from dust (Gen 2:7). We are dust! “What is man that you remember him, and the son of man that you care for him?” (Ps 8:4). The earth and the planets: All this is the work of his fingers! In comparison, man is like a speck of dust. “Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow” (Ps 144:4).

And yet, God cares so much about every single person! He revealed Himself to us, first through the prophets, and then lastly, through His only precious Son. God cares so much about us that He gave His Son for us.

Imagine: This great God revealed a secret to little Daniel. People only tell secrets to the ones we love and trust the most. God told him the dream and showed him what will happen before His Son returns.

The Sequence of World History

First of all, it’s interesting that the statue depicts an immense human body. Its appearance is terrifying, and of extraordinary splendor. The figure is so lofty that it fills the dreamer’s entire field of vision. This reminds us of the tower built to

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reach into the heavens, which people had once begun to build at this same place: the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:4).

This dreadful statue represents the rule of mankind. It symbolizes an oppressive rule that causes people to flee and hide themselves away as the present age progresses. From then through the present, we have been living in an age of man's grandiosity, arrogance, and carnal, selfish achievements. This age, represented by the statue as a whole, corresponds to the times of the Gentiles according to Luke 21:24: "They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." The empires of the statue ruled or

will rule over Jerusalem in a specific way.

This age continues until the stone shatters everything.

The statue reveals Satan's method. Man is led to want to rule alone and worship himself. This is exactly what the terrible, cold, emotionless, large statue expresses. And yes, rebellion against God is terrible. This is what makes the sight of the statue in the dream so terrifying. The colossus shows man's tendency to dominate everything while showing off his power and splendor, but also his brutality. Nebuchadnezzar's big question was: "What will happen to my Babylonian empire?" He wanted to preserve his world domination, the empire that he had built so magnificently for himself.

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The answer is: As long as world empires exist, there is no kingdom of heaven on earth in the prophetic sense. The kingdom of God can only come to earth when the last traces of the great colossus are destroyed and removed completely. Until then, the

world will remain what it is: completely earthly. Throughout history, the world experiences various phases and forms of domination, but they all originate from the earth, never changing its inner being. So, we shouldn't be surprised at all that's happening in the world.

The vision of the sculpture begins with the head: That was Daniel's present. Then history continues from top to bottom, revealing the chronological course of world history. The head is early, the feet are late, and the stone marks the end.

Incidentally, something of value is illuminated here. The sculpture of a tall person is "only" a creation. God is far above it.

Are there things in your life that are becoming too much for you to handle? Big, scary things? You can know that your God is far above them. "Is anything too hard for the LORD?" (Gen 18:14). Perhaps you're struggling with yourself, dissatisfied with so many things. Or you only see your own mistakes and inability. God is so big that He can manage to use you too.

Someone once said it's a true miracle that God can grow mighty oaks from nuts like us.

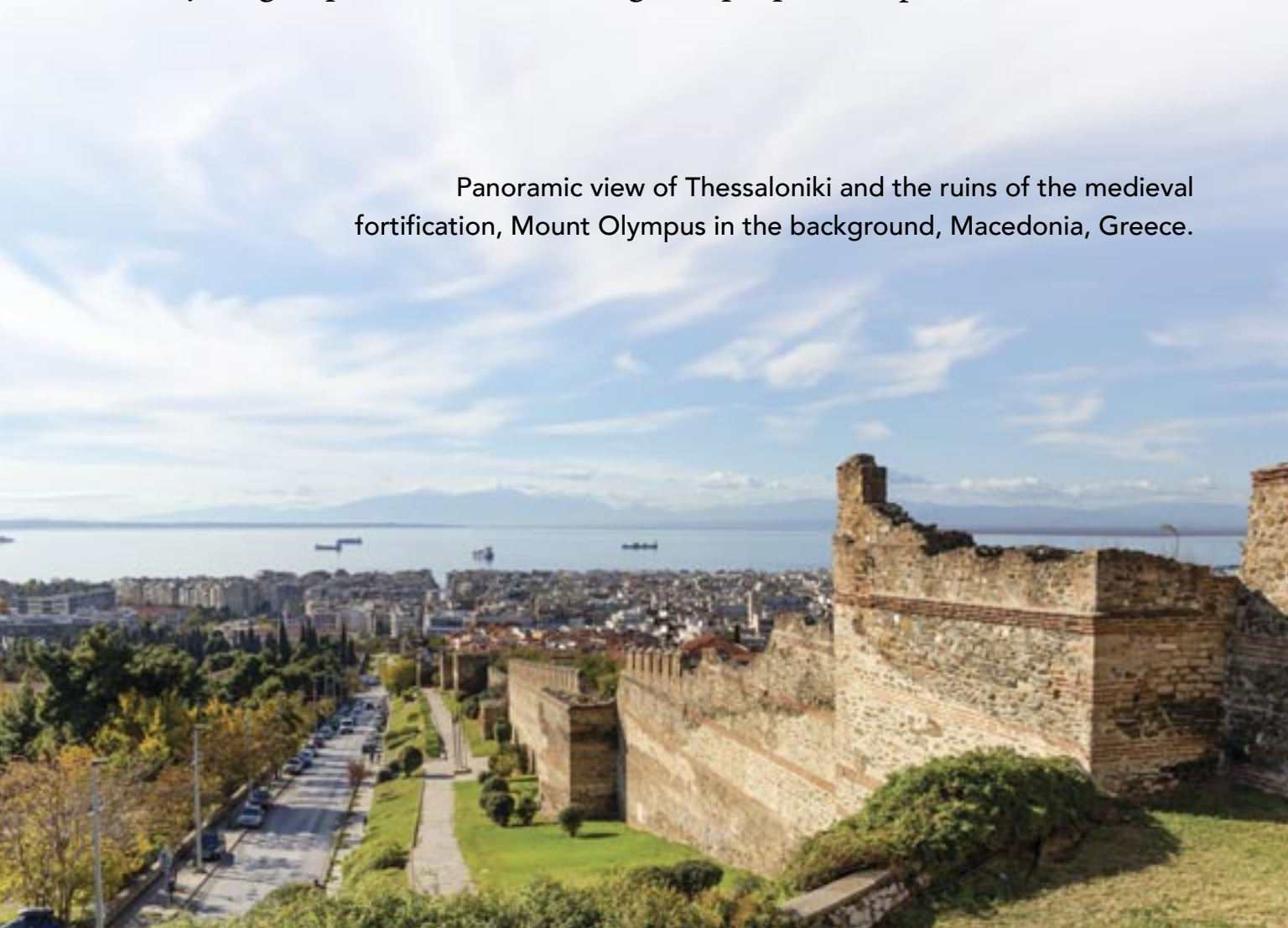
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THE MESSAGE OF 1 THESSALONIANS

Norbert Lieth

What Paul initially wrote to the Thessalonians is also relevant to us today. A glimpse into a comforting and prophetic, apostolic letter.

Panoramic view of Thessaloniki and the ruins of the medieval fortification, Mount Olympus in the background, Macedonia, Greece.



The Message of 1 Thessalonians



Thessalonica served as the capital and most important port city of the province of Macedonia. The Macedonian king, Cassander, enlarged it in 315 BC by merging 26 smaller towns. The citizens had the right to self-governance. At the time of Acts, Thessalonica had about 200,000 inhabitants.

The Apostle Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians to the church in Thessalonica in the Roman province of Macedonia (1:1; 2:18), and to all Christians (5:27), most likely from Corinth (Acts 18:5). Timothy came with a good report from Thessalonica to Corinth, where Paul was, which prompted him to write the letter (1 Thess 3:1-2). This was around 50 or 51 AD. Archaeology confirms that Gallio was governor of Achaia at the time. At that time, Macedonia was the northern province, and Achaia the southern (1 Thess 1:8). Gallio is mentioned in Acts 18:12. After Paul had come from Thessalonica to Corinth by way of Berea and Athens, he was confronted with Gallio. This letter is therefore one of the Apostle Paul's first or oldest letters in the Bible (only Galatians may have been written a little earlier).

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named it after his wife, Thessalonica, a half-sister of Alexander the Great. The city was highly prized by the Romans. As early as 42 BC, Caesar Augustus granted it free city status. The citizens thus had the right to self-governance. At the time of Acts, Thessalonica had about 200,000 inhabitants.

It was located on one of the routes from Rome to the Orient, and had developed into an important trade city as a result. This also attracted Jewish merchants and their families, so that a synagogue was built on site in which Paul and Silas could preach the gospel.

In the first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul strengthens the believers in their faith, comforts them in persecution, expresses his solidarity with them, and gives them assurance of the Lord's return.

Paul had founded the church along with Silas during his second missionary trip (Acts 15:36-41). After being arrested in Philippi and later released (Acts 16), they came to Thessalonica,

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where they founded the church in three weeks.

“Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few” (Acts 17:1-4).

It's possible that Paul was in the area of Thessalonica for a little longer than three weeks, just not in the synagogue anymore. Paul indicates this when he writes to the Philippians: “For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity” (Phil 4:16). It would be very unusual to receive financial support twice in just a three-week timespan. Additionally, Paul himself writes to the Thessalonians: “For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of

you, we preached unto you the gospel of God” (1 Thess 2:9).

The question arises of whether this kind of effort would have been necessary over three weeks. They clearly didn't stay in Thessalonica for very long. During this time, Paul taught the Thessalonians the essentials of prophecy and God's plan of salvation. And he was able to say, “For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain” (1 Thess 2:1).

The phrase “in vain” is remarkable. We also find it in other Bible passages: “But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Matt 15:9).—“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me” (1 Cor 15:10).—“And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain” (v. 14).—“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (v. 58).—“We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye

receive not the grace of God in vain” (2 Cor 6:1).—“I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain” (Gal 2:21).—“I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain” (Gal 4:11).—“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain” (Phil 2:16).

Like Paul, we should be careful that we’re not just shadowboxing. “I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air” (1 Cor 9:26). If we don’t want our work to be in vain, we must be careful to proclaim the full counsel of God—and this primarily includes the apostolic teachings. Anyone who makes the Gospels and the Old Testament the sole criterion for interpretation, without paying attention to the apostolic books as the highest and conclusive teaching of Jesus, is fundamentally wrong and is not promoting the church (cf. John 16:12-14).

So, we find that the entrance of Paul and his coworkers into Thessalonica wasn’t in vain. Why? What did they do it for? Luke emphasizes that Paul went into the synagogue and spoke to the Jews “out of the scriptures”: “And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must

needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ” (Acts 17:2-3).

Paul used no introduction, no musical framing, no modern methods, tricks, or inventions, no special rhetoric. He didn’t speak about the newspaper, politics, or the Roman Empire, nor about social emergencies or nature conservation. He didn’t question the Scriptures, or even criticize them. He didn’t speak *about* Scripture, but *from* Scripture. And his theme was the suffering and resurrection of the Messiah: that He is the Christ (or King) of prophecy (Acts 17:3, 7; 2 Thess 2:5).

After a short time, the Jews in Thessalonica began to persecute the Christians, and Paul and Silas continued to Berea (Acts 17:5-11). The church was now on its own, and exposed to persecution and harassment very early on.

Because he had only been with them briefly, and because persecution arose, Paul was concerned about the young church of the Thessalonians. He sent Timothy there to comfort them. And when Timothy returned and reported on the Thessalonians’ testimony, Paul was, in turn, very comforted.

“Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you

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concerning your faith ... But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you: Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith" (1 Thess 3:1-2, 6-7).

This young church lived an independent Christian life very early, without the accompaniment of a great pastor or preacher, and without the control of a human leader. This speaks of the effect of the Holy Spirit, who lives in every life that He has renewed. Paul therefore wrote the letter to tell the Thessalonians how the report of their radical change had comforted him. He also wrote to strengthen the church, answer their questions, and provide more instruction.

There was apparently a misunderstanding about Jesus' return among the Thessalonians. There was confusion that beloved fellow Christians were dying, and the Lord had not yet returned. The question of what would happen to their deceased brethren was obviously troubling them. Would they miss the Lord's glorious return, and possibly not rise on the last day? So, Paul wrote this letter to correct their

misconceptions about the resurrection and the Lord's second coming, among other reasons.

The first letter to the Thessalonians (and also the second) is an "eschatological" letter (eschatology = teaching about the last things). In fact, the two letters (among covering other topics) are very much geared towards Jesus' return and related prophecy. First Thessalonians deals with Christ's return six times in five chapters (1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:1-11, 23). Out of a total of 83 verses, 21 have prophetic content (25%). Second Thessalonians deals with this topic three times in three chapters (1:5-10; 2:1-12). Of a total of 47 verses, 18 have prophetic content (38%). In both letters, eight chapters (five in 1 Thessalonians and three in 2 Thessalonians) refer to the Lord's return nine times—which is a great deal on a single subject for such short letters.

The key verse for the Thessalonians, and for us today regarding Jesus' rapture and return is: "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess 4:18). The proximity of Jesus' return should comfort us like the Thessalonians, and direct our gaze away from troubles and doubts toward Christ. (MR0820/1096)



CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE BIBLE – PART 1



“Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun” (Psalm 19:4).

By Wilfred Hahn

“Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?” (Proverbs 6:28). This writer ventures to answer “No.” We are dealing here with a heavily contested topic these days, one that is ground zero for global policy and geopolitical leverage. It is climate change. Expressing our views, most surely our feet will be held to the fire.

Critically, global climate fears continue to escalate. Alarmists are winning! Quoting a recent snippet from *The Guardian*, “The climate disaster is here. Earth is already becoming unlivable.” We are being barraged by such shrieks of hysteria continually.

And so, hyped reporting and histrionic headlines are enflaming existential worries for humans across the globe. So much so, in fact, that

according to surveys, as much as a third of the younger generation are reluctant to have children. Reports *National Geographic*, “Climate anxiety is widespread among youth.”

Why this view? Simplistically, if the world is going to burn up in a ball of fire, why have kids? If anything, having more humans will simply make conditions worse in their perspective.

According to surveys (e.g., YouGov—International Climate Change Survey), most people around the world today believe that the climate is changing, that it is a crisis, and that human activity is mainly responsible.

Particularly effective in stirring up climate panic are claims that developments have reached all-time extremes—levels never before experienced on planet earth. For example, the IEA (International Energy

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Agency) reported that the average surface temperature on earth has reached a new “all-time” high. Yes, an all-time high. Documentation for this claim, however, is lacking.

Reports of this kind are aimed at roiling people’s emotions and are typically biased. This plays into supporting the initiatives of governments and organizations that claim they can “stand against” global warming. But truly, can this be done? Is this realistic?

To answer, we must first understand the science behind such claims ... what is known or unknown ... what is unproven theory, and what is not. Above all, we want to know why facts (the truth) are often deviously slanted by policymakers.

In regard to the claim cited by the IEA—that surface temperatures have reached new highs—this is another case of egregious hyperbole for several reasons. For one, how far back into history must one probe to support such claims ... 20 years, 2,000 years, or more? Evidence (which we will shortly review) says otherwise. Many more such exaggerations could be illustrated and debunked.

A frustrating question then is this: In this whole debate, what to believe and



what not? Making this much more difficult, it must be acknowledged that the topic of global climate is very difficult and tangled to discuss for anyone, scientist or not.

An influential book on this topic, written by Steven E. Koonin, sets the tone correctly in its title: *Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What it Doesn't, and Why it Matters*. Frankly, as he states, much theory, facts, statistics, and scientific interpretation remain “unsettled.” Nevertheless, we can seek balance and identify what is unproven.

What must be understood currently, in our view, is why unproven (false) theories and solutions are accepted and hyped to justify “fighting global warming.” Untold trillions



of dollars are being marshaled to fund unproven solutions. This is unwise both economically and ethically.

These rancorous responses to “global warming” will cause many bad repercussions over the long-term. Some of these are already beginning to manifest ... e.g., high imbedded inflation, increasingly high global indebtedness, wealth distribution extremes, loss of freedom, etc.

Eventually, a doozie of a global economic depression must be expected.

Alternate Theory Warriors

Many observers are convinced that mankind’s industrial boom over past centuries is the prime cause of rising emissions and global warming. To date, there is no valid, conclusive proof that this might be the case. It is a view based upon an unproven hypothesis. As such, it is incredibly presumptuous to believe that mankind can change the general climate of the entire world with any precision, if at all.

It is not widely known (in fact, often repressed) that there exist some very plausible counterarguments. Unfortunately (and often deliberately), these counterarguments are given short shrift in the public eye.

Thankfully, despite there being a fervent so-called “global scientific consensus” that scorns alternative perspectives, there do exist a number

of independent climate researchers. They need to be brave. Why? They are frequently attacked and ridiculed ... no matter the merit of their opinions. It is similar to the treatment that Creationists typically receive. Their views are often suppressed and scorned, and they may even be fired from tenured university positions, though the theory of evolution is not scientifically valid ... in fact, far from it.

Personal Views: Science and Me

Fifty years ago, I enrolled in Honors Science at the University of Waterloo (located in Ontario, Canada). I loved science—biology, histology, chemistry, physics ... etc.—and graduated cum laude with a B.Sc. two years later.

Thanks to my wife for her PHT degree (putting hubby through), I was able to study in my summer semesters and complete the general science degree earlier.

Perhaps surprising, given my science major, I never did buy into the Theory of Evolution. Why? Because to my mind at the time, it was not scientific. There were no conclusive proofs ... no uncontested facts ... it was simply far beyond probability. And indeed, the theory of evolution is exactly that—a theory, a far-fetched theory at that.

But that is not the where the problem lies, however. What is most egregious is that evolution is not taught as

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theory but rather as fact. Doing so is deceitful and corrupt. It shows that evolutionists are living inside a cocoon of delusion. Their tribe is mutually congratulatory with each other ... the blind leading the blind, so to speak.

It is amazing how some scientists will twist and warp their theories—forcing square pegs into round holes—as they attempt to stay accepted members of their tribal consensus. The longer that time passes, however, the more facts arise that confuse and challenge the unanimity of the evolution fraternity.

This continues. After more than a century has passed, scientists still doggedly search for the “missing links.” We can be reasonably sure that they will never find them.

All the biology and science textbooks I was prescribed during my undergraduate years were suffused with evolutionary bias, often presented as fact by the professors. I identified with the situation that the prophet Daniel faced. Like Daniel, I studied “pagan” theories and knowledge, yet excelled even though I did not endorse them as my own beliefs.

Instead, I covered the university campus with thousands of Jack Chick publications. These were small cartoon booklets that engagingly pre-

sented Christian messages (the Gospel, Creationism ... etc.).

The perpetuation of evolution as fact is one of the greatest frauds of all time. As the saying goes (often attributed to Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels), “If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it.”

With such precedent, it would not be outrageous to consider that the present consensus views on “climate change” could be equally wrong and fraudulent.

Mankind and Global Climate Crisis: Who Is to Blame?

Holding the view that mankind has not been the major cause of “global warming,” does not mean that humans have not sullied the planet. For example, consider the likely environmental impact of nuclear bombs since the middle of the 20th century. It is claimed that over 2,000 nuclear bombs have been detonated for testing and demonstration (not to mention the two bombs that were dropped on Japan in 1945).

It would be surprising if these detonations had no detrimental impact upon the environment and human health. How and to what extent is still the subject of study. It would seem



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Let us consider the matter of rising carbon emissions. This has been the central plank upon which rest the initiatives of the “global warming fighters.” In their view, increased emissions directly cause rising temperatures in the earth’s atmosphere.

Indeed, carbon emissions (CO₂, methane, and nitrogen oxide for the most part) have increased markedly in the atmosphere in recent centuries. It is claimed that this rise coincides with the start of the Industrial Age (considered to be the year 1760). However, the data does not conclusively provide

proof of such a relationship. The climate changes are not entirely man-made.

Are there any other facts that we can review on these questions? Yes, indeed. However, we must keep in mind that proof of their impact upon “climate change” may not be possible either.

The major debate concerns proof that rising CO₂ levels cause global warming (or climate change in all its facets). As mentioned, the broad consensus among scientists is that rising CO₂ in the atmosphere is directly linked to the earth’s rising atmospheric temperature.

This false assumption has led to the construction of “climate models” that are primarily dependent upon CO₂ dynamics. These models (of which there are several) purport to be able to predict future CO₂ levels, finetune policies to reduce global temperatures ... etc. This is the fiercely defended “consensus view.”

But what of the naysayers? Do any have better and more accurate facts or theories? Yes! In the next part, we will explore some of the alternate theories of “consensus naysayers.” ^{MC}



The War of the Kings

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Critics of Scripture have always been eager to introduce doubt regarding the accuracy of the Bible more so than any other work of antiquity.

Moreover, “they have systematically refused to accept its historicity at any point unless there is a large amount of external support evidence. Instead of assuming it to be true until proved false, almost invariably they assume it to be false until the incoming evidence compels them to change their minds.”¹ Many critics in past decades rejected entirely the historicity

of several kings mentioned in Scripture—such as Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and Darius—yet current archaeological and historical discoveries have verified the biblical references as reliable. Consequently, one should have more skepticism regarding those who question the geographical and historical accuracy of the Bible as opposed to doubting the sacred Text.

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Henry Morris noted how significant it is “that the names of over 40 different kings of various countries, mentioned at various time in the Old Testament, have also been found in contemporary documents and inscriptions outside of the Old Testament, always consistently with the times and places associated with them in the Bible. By comparison with gross errors in such matters known to exist in other ancient histories, it becomes obvious that the writers of the Bible narratives not only were contemporaries of the people and events so named, but that they were extremely careful in what they wrote, and furthermore, all those who later copied and transmitted their writings were also extremely careful.”² The account of Sodom and Gomorrah is one of the earliest biblical accounts to be regarded as myth, allegedly invented for Scripture to

communicate moral truths. The problem with such reasoning is that Scripture consistently refers to the account as historical. Numerous prophecies in the Old Testament refer to Sodom in comparison to other calamities and judgments (Deut 29:23; 32:32; Isa 1:9-10; 3:9; 13:19; Jer 23:14; 49:18; 50:40; Lam 4:6; Amos 4:11; Zeph 2:9). Biblically and fundamentally, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were continually remembered in the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles (Matt 10:15; Luke 17:29; 2 Pet 2:6; Jude 7).

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Some evidence of a fiery destruction can be identified in the area south of the Dead Sea, yet the same is true of Tell el-Hammam in the north. Bitumen (tar pits) has been mined in every area surrounding the Dead Sea (v. 10). Furthermore, it seems probable that life in the southern

area ceased no later than 2300 BC, which is, of course, earlier than the biblical date of Abraham (ca. 2165-1990 BC). Bab edh-Dhra in the south, for instance, is an estimated 12 acres, while evidence of life at Tell el-Hammam in the north is supported by the approximate 100 acres of various towns and villages in close proximity to the site. Lot obviously would have chosen Tell el-Hammam, for he “saw all the valley [Heb. *kikkar*, “plain” or “round”] of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere” (13:10; cf. Deut 34:3), as opposed to settling in the area of Bab edh-Dhra, with its dried and shallow Lisan Peninsula.

Genesis 14 records the unusual account of war between four kings beyond the Levant and five city-states on the northeastern side of the Dead Sea. The people living in Canaan were similar to humanity in general during the time of Abraham; they sought conquest and supremacy. No longer wanting to be under the dominion of Chedorlaomer, a confederation of five kings rebelled (v. 4). They had been subject to Chedorlaomer for twelve years, “but the thirteenth year they rebelled. In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him” punished the five kings for their rebellion (vv. 4-5).

Not only did Chedorlaomer and his allies punish the rebels, but also he attacked several other cities to the east, quite possibly because they had withdrawn from his dominion. Abraham and

his forces ultimately defeated the four kings, because they had taken Lot captive and all his possessions (vv. 12-16). Critics of Scripture rejected the account of Abraham’s victory, claiming there was no evidence supporting it. Continuing archaeological research in the Holy Land, however, has produced evidence substantiating the biblical account with all its precise details.

Dr. Nelson Glueck (1900-71), eminent and pioneering biblical archaeologist and president of Hebrew Union College until his death, referred to the “savage incursion [of Gen 14] in the time of Abraham” as an “early version of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.”³ He reported: “Centuries earlier, another civilization of high achievement had flourished between the twenty-first and nineteenth centuries B.C. till it was savagely liquidated by the Kings of the East. According to Biblical statements, which have been borne out by archaeological evidence, they gutted every city and village at the end of that period from Ashtaroth-Karnaim in southern Syria through all of Transjordan and the Negev to Kadesh(-barnea) in Sinai (Genesis 14:1-7).”⁴ Speaking further of the Genesis 14 rebellion and the brutal annihilation of it, Glueck wrote: “I found that every village in their path had been plundered and left in ruins, and the countryside laid waste. The population had been wiped out or led away into captivity. For hundreds of years thereafter, the entire area

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was like an abandoned cemetery, hideously unkempt, with all its monuments shattered and strewn in pieces on the ground.”⁵

“Dr. Glueck, though not himself a believer in biblical inerrancy, systematically explored the land of Israel for archaeological records, and found the Bible to be amazingly reliable at all points. Often he used it successfully to lead him to new discoveries, sometimes of significant economic value to the developing Israeli nation.”⁶ Proving or disproving the Bible is not the role of archaeology. “Those people are essentially of little faith who seek through archaeological corroboration of historical source materials in the Bible to validate its religious teachings and spiritual insights.”⁷ He explained the relationship between archaeology and

biblical descriptions as follows: “The purpose of the Biblical historian and archaeologist is, however, not to ‘prove’ the correctness of the Bible. It is primarily a theological document, which can never be ‘proved,’ because it is based on belief in God, whose Being can be scientifically suggested but never scientifically demonstrated.”⁸

Archaeology does not prove the biblical account, yet never has it disproved Scripture. Glueck continued to explain the historical accuracy of the Old Testament: “As a matter of fact, however, it may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries. They form tesserae in the vast mosaic of the Bible’s almost incredibly correct historical memory.”⁹

Archaeological discoveries in the Middle East certainly have confirmed the accuracy and reliability of the Bible. Archaeology does substantiate “the historicity of the biblical record and makes evidence available of the culture and practice of a community within a specific historical period. Archaeological evi-

dence cannot prove doctrinal truth. For instance, archaeologists may agree concerning the historical accuracy of the Bible, yet still not believe in the infallibility of Scripture [such as Glueck]. If archaeologists discover an event recorded in the Bible as a supernatural event, it does not necessarily follow that such would be attributed to an omnipotent God (precisely because historical events cannot be tested by the scientific method). When the Bible claims that certain events occurred as the action of an omnipotent God, then Christians needs to exercise caution concerning what can be substantiated and what archaeology is unable to prove.”¹⁰

Response

The biblical account of the war of the kings is obviously a component of the greater issue of the historicity of the patriarchs and the times in which they lived. A confederacy of kings plundered the land promised to Abram, and Lot was taken captive in the military campaign. A fugitive came to Abraham and told him of the invasion and the captivity of Lot. Abraham “led out his trained men” (14:14) and, together with his forces, pursued and defeated the northern kings by means of an ambush strategy, which allowed him to recover “all the goods ... and his relative Lot with his possessions” (v. 16). God granted Abraham the victory as an outworking of His covenant promises (12:1-3). Moreover, those who

blessed Abram shared in the divine victory (14:18-20). The blessing of God meant that Abram was not to be enriched by any other (vv. 22-23).

The account reminds the Christian of Christ’s spoils “when He ascended on high, [and] He led captive a host of captives” (Eph 4:8). Jesus ascended to the throne of His Father, after which He gave gifts to His followers through the Holy Spirit, whom He sent on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Jesus came to earth to become a man. As the God-Man, He ascended to the throne of His Father, from which He fills the entire universe with His rule (Eph 4:9-10; cf. Col 1:18). Whether the gift is one or more, they are all to be used for the glory of God.

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WORLD

Origin of Sun's Magnetic Field?

The sun has a powerful magnetic field that creates sunspots on the star's surface and unleashes solar storms such as the one that bathed much of the planet in beautiful auroras [in May].

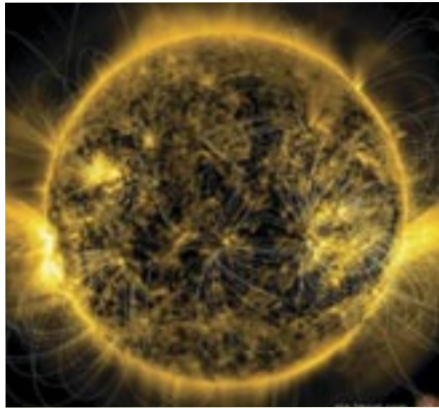


But exactly how that magnetic field is generated inside the sun is a puzzle that has vexed astronomers for centuries, going back to the time of Italian astronomer Galileo, who made the first observations of sunspots in the early 1600s, and noticed how they varied over time.

"This work proposes a new hypothesis for how the sun's magnetic field is generated that better matches solar observations, and, we hope, could be used to make better predictions of solar activity," said Daniel Lecoanet, an assistant professor of engineering sciences and applied mathematics at Northwestern University's McCormick School of Engineering and a member of the Center for Interdisciplinary Exploration and Research in Astrophysics.

"Our new hypothesis provides a natural explanation for the torsional oscillations that is missing from previous models," Lecoanet said.

"We have used around 15 million CPU-hours for this investigation," he said. "That means that if I had tried to run the calcula-



NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory scientists used computer models to generate a four-day, time-lapse view of the sun's changing magnetic field. The field lines are more concentrated in regions more magnetically intense.
NASA/Solar Dynamics Observatory

tions on my laptop, it would have taken me about 450 years."

In a commentary published alongside the study, Ellen Zweibel, a professor of astronomy and physics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said the initial results were intriguing and would help inform future models and research.

Zweibel said the team had added "a provocative ingredient to the theoretical mix that could prove key to unraveling this astrophysical enigma."

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Commentary: Modern science, with the assistance of artificial intelligence, has come a long way. The statement, "a provocative ingredient to the theoretical mix," reveals how little actual sci-

entific knowledge these brilliant physicists actually have. Another part of the article reveals: "The group's calculations showed that magnetic fields can be generated about 20,000 miles (32,100 kilometers) below the sun's surface—far closer to the surface than had previously been assumed." That is a "theoretical mix."

While the world highly respects science and scientists, it becomes more and more obvious that very little of God's creation is actually known. For example, weather patterns; to this day, scientists are at a loss when it comes to predicting earthquakes, torrential floods, tsunamis, etc.

From the Bible, we know that planet earth will experience the seven-seal judgment, the seven-trumpet judgment, and the seven-bowl judgment. Thereafter, the Creator of heaven and earth will take charge. Revelation 22:3 declares: "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him."

These truths can only be grasped through God the Spirit, and not by any science. 8258

(See *God's Grand Finale*, Item #2408, \$16.99.)



 **A U S T R A L I A**

Home of the Ultra-Rich

Peppermint Grove, a suburb of Perth in Western Australia, has all the trappings you'd expect of one of the wealthiest postal codes in the country: sprawling riverside mansions, exclusive schools and a yacht club.

 But lately there's a new sign that the Perth elite are starting to tip over the line separating the merely rich from the fabulously so. Glance in a real estate agent's window, and you'll often see properties advertised with a telltale phrase: "Perfect for a family office."

Since 2019, as the rich get richer, the number of family offices worldwide has more than tripled, to almost 4,600 last year, according to investment data provider Preqin.

After an almost two-decades-long mining boom, Perth, with a population of more than 2 million, has 64 centimillionaires. That places it among the richest cities in the world by that measure, tied with Stockholm and ahead of Berlin and Dublin, according to data from citizenship consulting firm Henley & Partners.

Family offices have some universal attractions. They typically have minimal disclosure requirements and let the rich exert tight control.

But there's another angle to the pitch, too. Family offices work directly with billionaires and centimillionaires, giving advisers a bigger say in decisions. "You probably wouldn't get access if you



Cottesloe, a western suburb of Perth and part of what's known as the Golden Triangle.

Photographer: Wirestock/Getty Images

were part of a larger business," says Shaun Parkin, cofounder of [a] local consulting firm.

-*www.japantimes.co.jp*, 28 May 2024

Commentary: Australia has a social-capitalist based economy, in line with most European countries. According to the 2024 World Happiness report, Australia ranks tenth, with Finland at the top and, somewhat strange, Israel in fifth place. When it comes to life expectancy, Australia is within the top ranks: 83.5 years, and infant mortality stands at a low 2.9 per 1,000 live births.

Its population has grown from 3.7 million in 1901, to 10.3 million in 1960, and 26.6 million in 2024.

The issue here is wealth. This is not limited to Australia but is global. Although there are individual, so-called third-world countries that are suffering, based on various reliable sources, the world is getting richer.

This corresponds to Revelation 18:3: "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,

and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."



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(See *Revealing Revelation*, Item #2394, \$17.99.)

 **C H I N A**

The Sanctions War

China sanctioned 12 U.S. defense-related companies and 10 executives over arms sales to Taiwan in retaliation for earlier American sanctions on Chinese companies tied to Russia.

 China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the measures came after the U.S. "indiscriminately imposed illegal unilateral sanctions on a number of Chinese entities on the grounds of so-called Russian-related factors" and that the U.S. "continued to sell arms to China's Taiwan region."

China claims the self-governed island as its own territory, to be annexed by force

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if necessary. It has long opposed any weapon sales by the U.S. to the island. While the U.S. does not recognize Taiwan as a country, Washington is obligated by a federal law to ensure the island's government has the means to defend itself.

The latest round of sanctions, imposed under China's Anti-Foreign Sanction Law, will freeze all assets by the businesses inside China and deny the individuals and their immediate family members visas to enter the country, including Hong Kong and Macau.

-abcnews.go.com, 22 May 2024

Commentary: What we know from past experiences is that sanctions rarely work. It's always a lose-lose, politically implemented spectacle.

The importance of China is self-evident. Back in January 1979, the US established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China (PRC) and terminated official diplomatic relations with Taiwan (ROC).

Since that time, China has developed into a super-successful, economic giant.

According to WorldPopulationReview.com, China's percentage of global manufacturing for 2024 is 31.6%, distinctly followed by the USA at 15.8%. That is a steep decline from 2002, when the US global manufacturing share was 28%.

Unfortunately, many well-meaning Christian media entities are busy fanning the flames with anti-China rhetoric.

So, our question: What is the future? To find the answer, we must go back to the prophet Isaiah, who over 2,700 years ago analyzed the nations of the world: "All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity" (Isaiah 40:17).

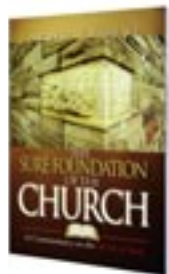
That message must be propagated within the Church: In plain words, your nation (by whatever name) has no future, nor does the entire planet earth.

Never must we allow the deceptive thought to enter our mind that our nation is different, is better, is greater; not so. Mankind is sinful. There is no natural righteousness. Planet earth is subject to 2 Corinthians 4:4: "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

The good news, however, is that the Church in China is growing leaps and bounds, although unofficial. The Church in the West is in significant decline.

When analyzing geopolitical statements, we must always view it from the spiritual aspect. What nations do or don't do has no impact on our position. Philippians 3:20 declares: "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." 8259

(See *The Sure Foundation of the Church*, Item #1066, \$18.50.)




RUSSIA

New Nuclear-Powered Strategic Missile

State news agency RIA Novosti quoted Putin as saying the "last successful test of the Burevestnik, a global-range cruise missile with a nuclear installation, a nuclear propulsion system, has been conducted."



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends the 20th Annual Meeting of the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi, Russia
Sergei Guneev/Pool/Sputnik/Reuters

 Putin told the Federal Assembly in March 2018 that the goal was to ensure a strategic balance in the world for decades to come, including the Burevestnik and Sarmat missiles.

"It is a low-flying stealth missile carrying a nuclear warhead, with almost unlimited range, unpredictable trajectory and ability to bypass interception boundaries," Putin said then.

Also in his speech at the Valdai Forum, Putin said that it is possible to revoke the ratification of a treaty banning nuclear tests.

"The United States signed the corresponding international act, document, treaty banning nuclear weapons tests, and Russia signed it. Russia signed and ratified, and the United States signed but did not ratify," Putin said in Sochi.

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The Russian president added that he sees it fit to “mirror the manner of the United States” and revoke Russia’s ratification.

A CNN report in September revealed that Russia, the US and China have all built new facilities and dug new tunnels at their nuclear test sites in recent years, according to satellite images, at a time when tensions between the three major nuclear powers have risen to their highest in decades.

“It’s very clear that all three countries, Russia, China and the United States have invested a great deal of time, effort and money in not only modernizing their nuclear arsenals, but also in preparing the types of activities that would be required for a test,” said retired US Air Force Col. Cedric Leighton, a former intelligence analyst.

Putin is a staunch proponent of what he calls a “multipolar world order,” promoting structures such as the BRICS group of emerging economies as a counterweight to US- and Western-led institutions that have harshly condemned Russia for its war on Ukraine.

-www.cnn.com, 6 October 2023

Commentary: The news media busies itself reporting on the global arms race; in this case, nuclear. In February of 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, with the purported goal to “de-Nazify” the country. In actuality, it’s Putin’s opposition to Ukraine’s aspiration to join NATO. Wikipedia reports “up to 500,000 casu-

alties during the Russian invasion of Ukraine.”

We note that Ukraine is European, and Russia’s attack is the first open war against a European nation in decades. What is the future? Ukraine, for one, has repeatedly stated it will not cede any territory to Russia. Geopolitically speaking, this is all but impossible. Yet, as the famous Prussian General Carl von Clausewitz once stated, “War is a continuation of policy by other means.”

Often, we read and hear from Christian media that this is in preparation for Armageddon. That, however, is not the case. How do we know? Because those judgments are unto destruction. They originate not with nuclear bombs, but from God the Creator Himself. This is documented in Revelation 6:16: “And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.” Revelation 9:21 adds: “Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.” And more plainly, it’s written in Revelation 16:11: “And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.”

What this saber-rattling represents is a shadow of the prophecy in Joel 3:9: “Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up.”

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(See *Has the Tribulation Begun?* Item #2406, \$16.99.)



Decade-Long Decline in Bible Reading

A comprehensive survey conducted by the American Bible Society, “State of the Bible USA 2024,” has revealed a continuing decline in Bible engagement among Americans. Experts worry this trend could have far-reaching implications for the country’s spiritual and social fabric.



Despite the overall decrease in Bible usage, there are signs of an enduring interest in spiritual growth. The survey found that 15% of respondents reported an increase in their personal Bible use from the previous year, suggesting a resilient, albeit small, group of individuals deepening their engagement with Scripture.

This spiritual decline is most pronounced among younger generations, with only 11% of Generation Z adults considered Scripture-engaged, the lowest among all age groups surveyed. This demographic is also the least likely to view the Bible as a significant influence in their lives.

-www.jpost.com, 15 April 2024

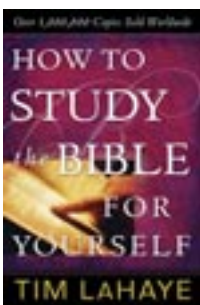
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Bible Reading (continued from page 31)

Commentary: Youth are the future; not many years hence, some will occupy decision-making positions. Others will hold governmental office. When one takes these things into consideration, it becomes clear: The US is following in the steps of its European forefathers, where religion has become relatively insignificant. Pew Research reveals global weekly church attendance: Sweden 6%, Poland leading at 42%, followed by Greece a distant 16%. North America is led by Mexico at 45%, the USA 36%, and Canada 20%.

Bible reading and church attendance do not determine the true spiritual nature of the Church. However, the survey also found that 15% increased their personal Bible use over the previous year. These have put into practice, “be ye also ready” (see Matthew 24:44).

In Revelation 22:11, the believer is admonished, while the unbeliever rejects salvation: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”



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 (See *How to Study the Bible for Yourself*, Item #2308, \$15.99.)


SOUTH AMERICA

Millionaires on the Move

Political instability, social advantages, and opportunities to invest in stable economies are driving Latin American millionaires to migrate.



Latin American Millionaires on the Move.
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 High-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) from Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina are among those seeking better economic climates.

Henley & Partners reports that global millionaire migration is at its highest rate since 2013. An estimated 128,000 HNWIs will move this year, up from 122,000 in 2023.

Preferred destinations for these migrating families include Australia, the UAE, Singapore, the United States, and Switzerland.

The migration of millionaires has significant implications for global wealth distribution. It influences economic policies and investment trends.

Understanding these movements helps anticipate changes in global economic landscapes and the evolving needs of high-net-worth individuals.

-www.riotimesonline.com, 14 May 2024

Commentary: The rich have the capability to maintain their riches; in this case, by going global. When it comes to wealth, national borders don't exist, and quite apparently are being ignored. That's one side of the story.

The other side shows the way to true globalism. The rich demonstrate a shadow of what is to come. National borders, languages, cultures, traditions, and religions are destined to merge into one, according to Bible prophecy.

Not only the rich, but also an ever-growing number of citizens of any country are on the move. While international tourism recently suffered almost devastating losses due to the pandemic, Statista.com lists global tourism revenue at \$7.71 trillion, with 1.29 billion arrivals worldwide.

A Google search reveals the number of annual international tourists: France with 89 million, Spain 83 million, and the United States 79 million.

What was unthinkable just a century ago is normal today. In other words, the world continues to form one super-nation. That's the way it's going to be, and there is no turning back.

Bible readers are not surprised because the great imitator, the god of this world, must and will create a global family, albeit temporary.




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 (See *Progressive Globalism*, Item #1092, \$5.50.)

WORLD

Undocumented Immigrants

‘Immigrant invasion,’ the ‘rush to Europe,’ the ‘great replacement’—a specter is haunting the West, the specter of people seeking social housing and benefits. But who are these immigrants? Where are they going, and what are they escaping?

 Why do they take such great risks? Political leaders in the UK, France, Italy, the US and Australia dodge these questions, not to mention their own responsibility for the deterioration of public debate and living conditions around the world.

On one side, we have the free flow of goods and capital; on the other, we have ever more obstacles to the flow of people. We build walls at the border. Dinghies are diverted in the Channel and the Mediterranean. Their passengers drown, yet criminal smuggling networks cash in.

-mondediplo.com, May 2024

Commentary: Based on various sources, there are about 100 million people who have been forced from their homes because of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, etc. When reading right-wing, left-wing, or mainstream reporting about immigrants, it’s mostly anti-immigrant—at least to a certain degree.

According to the OECD’s data on foreign-born population, the country with the highest percentage is Lux-

embourg with 47.3%, followed by Australia at 29.9%, and Switzerland 29.7%. The USA is way down on the list at 13.6% foreign-born residents.

Regarding illegal immigrants, ct.gov published “5 Myths About Undocumented Immigrants.” Here an excerpt:

All immigrants (legal and undocumented) pay sales, property, and consumption taxes; many undocumented immigrants also pay income taxes, even though they can’t benefit from most federal and state local assistance programs. Contrary to popular belief, undocumented workers are not (and have never been) eligible to claim social security benefits. In fact, most undocumented workers will use a false social security number to prove work authorization, therefore paying money into a benefit system that they may never be eligible to use. According to the Social Security Administration, undocumented immigrants account for a “major portion” of the billions of dollars paid into the Social Security system ... Immigrants’ tax payments support both local and state services in addition to the federal government. One study shows that immigrants, regardless of status, will pay on average \$80,000 per capita more in taxes than they use in government services over their lifetime.

-portal.ct.gov, 4 April 2010

It stands to reason that working with a fake Social Security number still requires one to pay into the system, but he or she will not receive due benefits.

For believers, the Bible is our guide: “For God so loved the world”—that is, every single person on planet earth.

Many of us recall that 50, 60, or 70 years ago, it would be difficult to find a Spanish-language church. Religious News Service reports that 50% of people in large metropolitan areas with a population of 100,000 or more are Hispanic. And, according to the National Congregational Study Survey, there are an estimated 380,000 Spanish-speaking churches in the USA.

Here we see again, the Lord knows best; He is building His Church. We continue to pray that in the not-too-distant future, the fullness of the Gentiles will come in. Then He will rapture His blood-bought ones into His presence. “Wherefore comfort one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18). 8249

(See Can We Still Believe in the Rapture? Item #2332, \$15.99.)



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TRANSLATIONS... TRINITY... TECHNOLOGY

Translations

Dear Brother Froese,

I enjoy your magazine *Midnight Call*, primarily because most quoted Scripture is from the KJV.

My question is from the March 2024 edition, page 21, in the article by Ron Bigalke. He quotes 2 Timothy 1:7 (from an unknown source), which in my humble opinion, detracts from the Authorized and makes it more difficult to understand. Namely, the change from “fear” to “timidity [cowardice],” and “a sound mind” to “discipline [resolute judgment].”

-R. Schuchman, FL

Answer: The word in question in 2 Timothy 1:7, translated “fear” in the KJV, is from the original Greek *δειλία* (*deilia*), which is word #1167 in *Strong’s Greek Dictionary*. It relates to “dread,” “timidity,” or “fearfulness.” Please keep in mind that there are approximately 900 different Bible translations in English. While the Word of God is perfect and without error, translations are manmade and subject to interpretation. The word “Authorized” refers to the political leader King James I. The New America Standard Bible (NASB) uses the word

“timidity,” and the NIV “timid.” The New Revised Standard reads “cowardice.” Wycliffe Bible Translators says “spirit of dread.”

While my working Bible is the KJV, many times I consult various translations, sometimes even in different languages. But all translations declare that man is sinful, he needs a substitutional sacrifice for his sin, and only through faith in Jesus can he obtain eternal salvation.

Trinity

Dear Mr. Froese,

Your magazine has been a main read in my home for several years. I’m in agreement with most of the contributors’ writings. The only one I’ve questioned at times is Norbert Lieth, which may just be his style of writing.

There was one phrase in his “Why Resurrection?” article in the March 2024 issue that I hope was an error in printing. Speaking of Jesus, he said: “He (Jesus) ascended into heaven to God the Father, whereupon He also became God the Father.” My understanding is that Jesus is One with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, and the three in One make up the Godhead. But He didn’t *become* God the Father.



Am I missing something here? It seems like a correction might need to be made.

Your publication is one of the very few that is read in my home and that I put confidence in.

-M. Ayers, TX

Answer: To explain the Trinity is all but impossible intellectually. That the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one is a given. That is demonstrated in the Old Testament and the New Testament. Jesus declares to Philip: "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Before the Resurrection, He was forsaken by the Father: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46b). God was revealed in the flesh, and He returned and became the Father again to fulfill Isaiah 9:6b: "The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Technology

Dear Editor,

Just a note to comment on AI, etc. It's very artificial and only as smart as those putting in the info. It's also very dangerous for people to put so much trust in it.

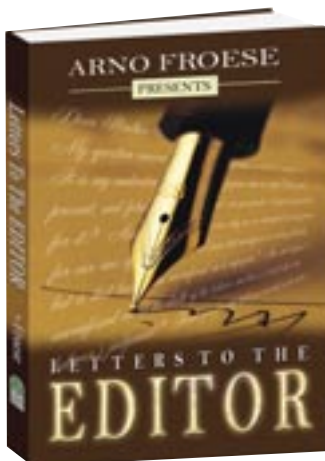
I do not have a television, computer, or smartphone, because I don't want them. It is still possible to live in this world without them ... so far!

I'm looking forward to the *Harpazo* [catching away], as all signs point to it being very near.

-J. Colgrove, MT

Answer: Indeed, we are getting closer to His appearance. Doubtless, televisions, computers, smartphones, etc. are contributing factors toward the implementation of the final control of all humanity. Though these gadgets are not evil in themselves, they are a foreshadowing of evil.

Technology will fulfill Revelation 13:14-15: "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (MC)



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“Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up” (Joel 3:9).

BY ARNO FROESE

Deutsche Welle (a German public broadcaster) reports: “Global military spending soars to new record highs.” Crisis Group.org lists 10 conflicts to watch in 2024: Gaza, wider Middle East war, Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar, Ethiopia, the Sahel, Haiti, Armenia-Azerbaijan, and US-China. Sipri.org features the headline, “Global military spending surges amid war, rising tension, and insecurity.” Dozens, if not hundreds of conflicts we hear and read about in the media could be listed. This all falls in line with the above prophecy: “Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles...” We note that this is not directed to Israel, yet Israel—since the founding of the State in 1948—has not ceased to be confronted by wars and threats of wars.

To the nations of the world, Israel’s defense against murderous criminals like the internationally-recognized terrorist organization Hamas, is being overshadowed by the over 30,000

killed in Gaza. While this horrendous tragedy is overwhelming for the Arab-Palestinians, it has caused us to see a clearer picture of the world’s bias against Israel.

Not surprisingly, verse 2 of Joel 3 says, “I will also gather all nations...” Further, verse 12 emphasizes, “Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.” This, most Bible scholars agree, points to the final battle: Armageddon.

In the meantime, Israel prepares regardless. A *Jerusalem Post* article reports about Israel’s energy reserves in secret locations:

Israel hides underground fuel reserves in the Negev, ensuring the country’s energy security during crises. It’s one of the largest in the region, capable of distributing fuel across the country.

Estimates suggest that during combat in the northern arena, Israel’s gas facilities will be shut down, and elec-

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tricity supply will switch to operate on the basis of fuel and coal. The vast amount of fuel in the reservoir is expected to suffice for an extended emergency period.

Israel’s backup system includes storage capabilities above and below ground throughout the country. When needed, fuel will be distributed to all energy consumers in the country—power stations, Ben Gurion Airport, and fuel stations.

“This fuel here can last us for many years. The temperature throughout the year is 22 degrees, which effectively pre-

serves the shelf life of the fuel,” explains Moshe Elimelech, facility manager.

-*www.jpost.com*, 18 April 2024

We note the name “Elimelech,” which can be translated, “God is king.” God the King announces His intention for Israel in the conclusion of the book of Joel: “But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion” (Joel 3:20-21). ^{MC}



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By David Phillips (*Ebenezer's CEO*)

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country. Some giving for the first time, but desiring to help in this special way. Many of our Ebenezer team as well willingly got in line.

For some, they're on the front lines, physically fighting in the battle. Others help bring in food, supplies, and provide a place for the soldiers to rest. And yet others fill in wherever needed ... like on this day, donating their own blood to help those who have been wounded.— Blood means Saving Life! Our Mes-

siah gave His blood for our atonement.

Summer has arrived: The weather is hot, and humidity is at the max. This time of the year, most of the residents try to stay indoors, because the heat is hard on them. Some told me they use this time to pray; because they know the scars of war, it's time to pray for healing. Join us in prayer.

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God's providence, and special coincidences in ministry.

BY ELIA MORISE, DÜBENDORF

Whenever I lead a service at the Midnight Call chapel in Bern, Switzerland, I call the Arab brothers and sisters in the area who understand German well and invite them. On one of these Sundays, I had guests from Egypt, and there was an evangelist among them. I proposed that he give the message that week while I translated for him.

On that day of all days, a man of Arab origin appeared, who barely spoke or understood any German. He had come to a service I had preached there a year before, but had left before the end because he couldn't follow the message in German. This time, he attended with the hope of

talking to me afterward. So, he heard the evangelist from Egypt speaking in his native tongue about Ephesians 5:18: "Be filled with the Spirit," and God touched his heart.

After the service, he spoke with the Egyptian evangelist for a long time. Then he asked me to pray with him in a corner, and he gave his life to Jesus.

It was a great joy to see how the Lord reaches people in His own way, regardless of language or nationality. Please pray for this man to remain strong in his faith, especially since he is facing many challenges.

(MR0124)



"To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever" (Jude 25).

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A HUGE MESS



By Peter Malgo

A very beautiful tapestry hangs on the wall in my apartment. Making tapestries was a hobby of my first wife. In contrast to the front showing a beautiful scene, the back presented a huge, confusing mess. Only with great difficulty could the picture that was being created on the opposite side be perceived. My wife made stitch after stitch with untiring patience, while the jumble on the back seemed to get ever bigger.

Our lives often appear just like that ... So much confusion to be seen, so many wrong turns taken. Yet God kept taking up the thread again and again, and worked on us. At times, He had to sort through the tangle of threads. Those were the moments when He took us aside, when He made us pause. And then He started anew: picked up another thread, and continued to embroider on the tapestry of our life. God's ways are often incomprehensible; much of the time, we are totally unable to understand them. Romans 11:33-34 states this clearly: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has become His counselor?"

Haven't you ever wondered why God let the people of Israel wander through the desert for 40 years? The journey from Egypt to Canaan, the Promised Land, could have been managed within a few weeks. But because Israel did not trust their God, He led them all over the wilderness. Looking at the route of their wandering, it clearly was a long, confusing track of wrong turns. Yet it was God's way! During this time, Israel came to know their God. They received the Ten Commandments, as well as many ordinances. Again and again, the people were faced with trials. And sometimes God had to take strong measures, for Israel was meant to be a testimony. We hear this in Moses's speech to the people: "Where is there a nation great enough so that the gods draw near to them, as the Lord our God does whenever we call on



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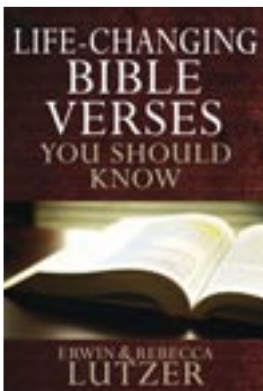
Him? And where is a people so great that would have just statutes and ordinances, such as I am promising to you today?" The way through the wilderness and His commandments were to be for Israel's good. God was working on them to create a beautiful image: "...I will also glorify them..." (Jeremiah 30:19). The picture is not yet finished, but the Lord will do it in His time!

God does it this way with all people. Already in the first chapter of the Bible, it becomes clear why He created man in the first place: "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." (Genesis 1:26). But then sin entered man's life, and the confusion began. Yet the Lord took the initiative by giving us His Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Again and again, God is actively educating us, to strengthen His image within us. How will it be at the end of our life, when God has taken a final

thread and worked on us for the last time? Will we then truly present the image that He wanted, or have we rejected His ways with us?

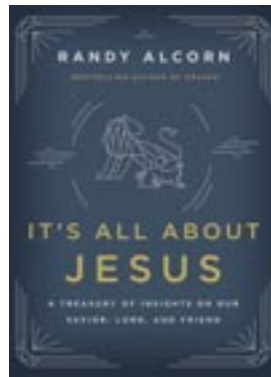
I remember how my wife at times held up her tapestry work to the bright light, to distinguish the subtle nuances of color. That is what God wants to do with us: He wants to draw us into the light, so that even the most hidden things will be revealed and we confess our sins. Paul knew that one day the front of the tapestry would be visible: "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Do not be surprised when God leads you down incomprehensible paths. That is merely the back of your life's tapestry. The real picture, the front, will one day be revealed in eternity! (MC)



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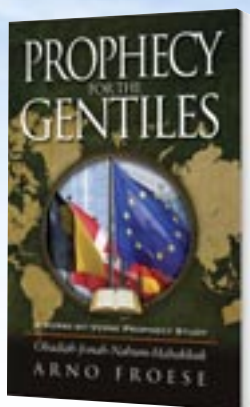
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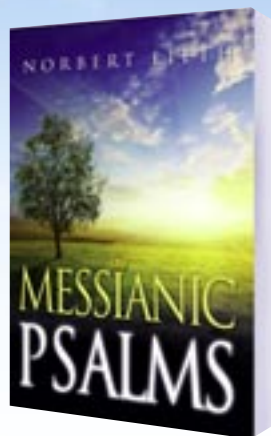


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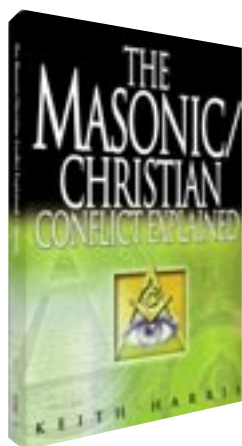


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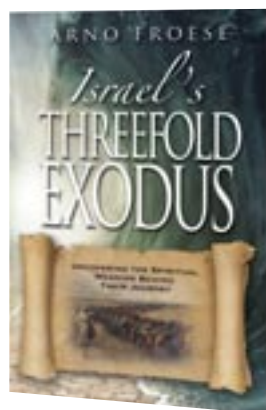
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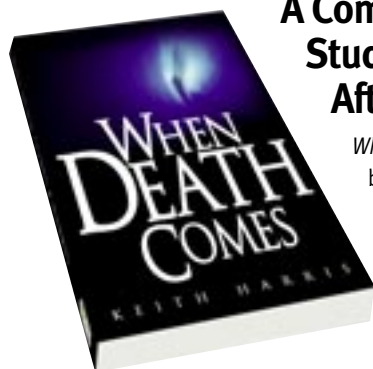
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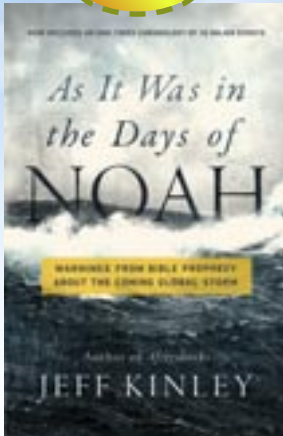
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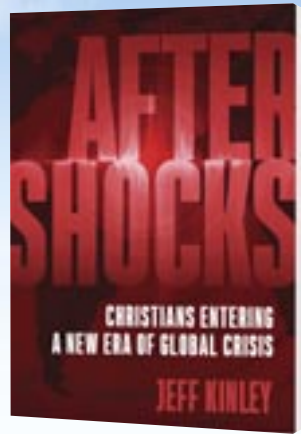
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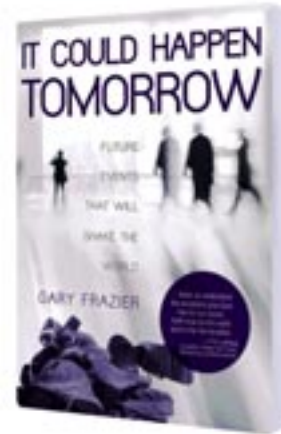
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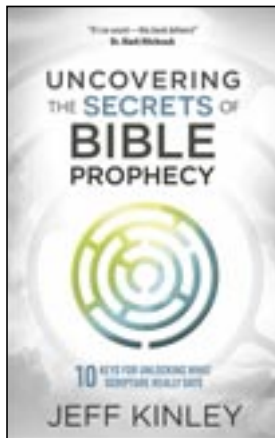
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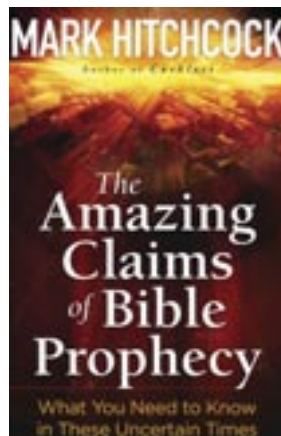
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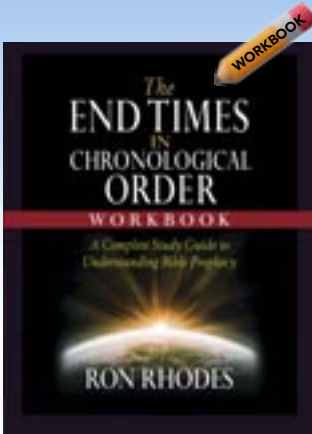
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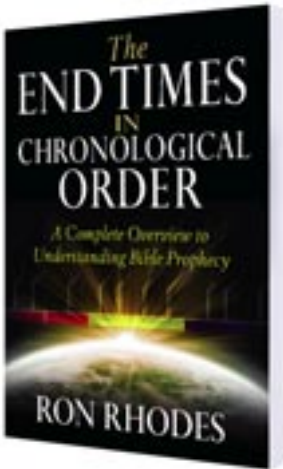


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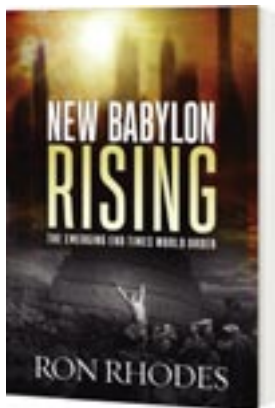
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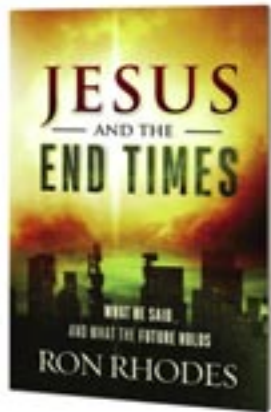
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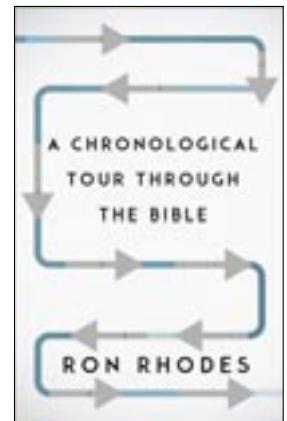
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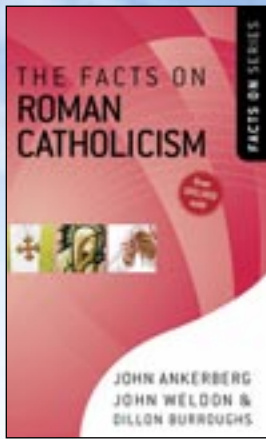
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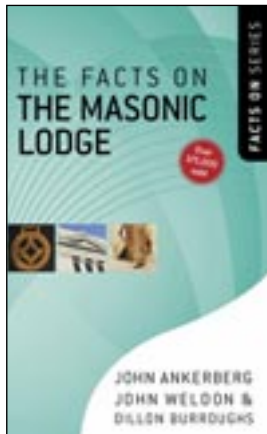
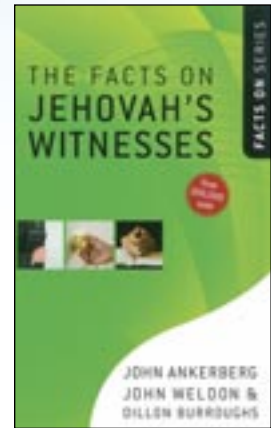
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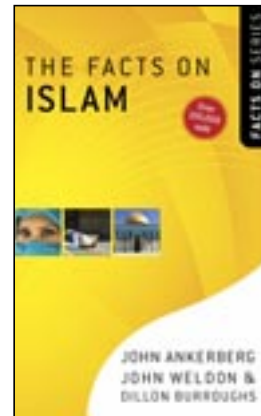
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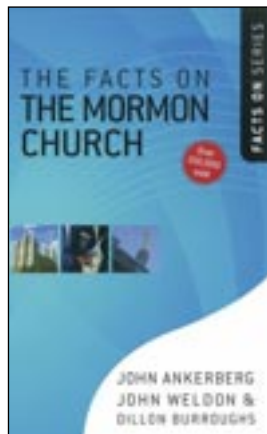
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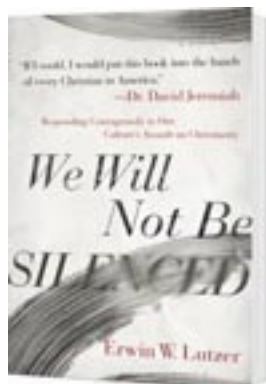
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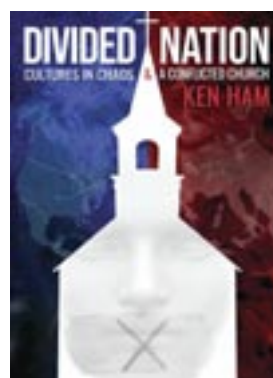


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