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A Voice in the Wilderness

God tells His servants in His Word, “Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!” (Isa.58:1, Parallel Amplified Bible).

God also declares: “Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

We are living in a world gone berserk with anger and rage. “Why do the nations rage?” (Psalm 2:1). Answer – because they don’t know the true God, and are in rebellion against His laws and teachings and the true way of life and peace!

Isaiah wrote: “A voice of one who cries: *Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord* [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth a highway for our God. . . . And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it” (Isaiah 40:3-5).

The Messiah is coming very SOON! Its time to prepare to MEET Him! “Surely the Lord will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). The purpose of this magazine is to warn the world of what lies ahead, and to help prepare people to get ready to meet the Messiah, when He returns to restore all things (Acts 3:19-21), put an end to wars, and usher in the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). No matter is more urgent, today!

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Global Plagues Begin

Around the world, fish and birds are dying in massive kill-offs. The first eight days of 2011 saw vast destruction of birds falling from the skies and fish piling up on river banks and shore lines in America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and South America. Why? What is the cause? Are the end-time prophecies of global plagues beginning? Is man himself the major culprit?

The Ten Commandments Revisited

What is the real significance of the Ten Commandments given at Mount Sinai? Are they mere vestigial remnants of an old, archaic law, now no longer relevant? Or are they divine in origin, and the essential foundation for all human behavior and morality, and the keys to true success and the abundant life? Were they abolished at the cross by the crucifixion of Christ? Or did He come to magnify and extol the Law in its true meaning and deep spiritual significance?

-- William F. Dankenbring

A Global Plague

Birds and Fish Dying

What in the world is going on? What's happening to nature?
Is the natural world going berserk? Is nature running wild?
Birds falling from the sky, without explanation; fish dying in
the rivers and oceans and lakes – without adequate scientific
evidence as to the cause. Is this a warning to the human race?
Is this a divine message to mankind? What do we know? What
does Bible prophecy state? You need to KNOW the answers!

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A survey conducted by the Federation of Fishermen's Colony of Paraná, Paranaguá on the coast of the state, indicates that at least 100 tons of fish (sardine, croaker and catfish) have turned up dead since last Thursday off the coast of Parana.

On Sunday, representatives from the Environmental Institute of Paraná (IAP), the Secretary of State for the Environment and Water Resources (SEMA), took samples to verify the reason for the deaths.

The president of the Federation of Fishermen's Colony of Parana, Edmir Manoel Ferreira, reports that between Paranaguá and Guaraqueçaba at least 2,800 fishermen depend on the daily seafood.

Meanwhile, officials say about 50 birds have been found dead on a street in Sweden. Veterinarian Robert ter Horst says the cause of jackdaws' deaths was unclear but that fireworks were set off near the scene Tuesday night.

The birds were found dead on Wednesday.

Ter Horst says cold weather, difficulties finding food and possible shock from the fireworks could be responsible, leading to the stressed birds either dying from the stress or being run over by vehicles.

Still, a recent string of such events has raised public interest, and even mostly-joking suggestions that the occurrences are signs of the *apocalypse*. But is it really a huge “joke” after all?

Around 5,000 blackbirds rained from the sky on New Year's Eve in Arkansas. Some 500 birds littered a quarter-mile stretch of highway in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana.

The mystery of the dying birds deepened for baffled experts after another 500 birds were found littering a Louisiana highway days after 5,000 redwinged blackbirds plunged to their death on New Year's eve. This was just 300 miles away from Beebe, Ark., where thousands of dying birds fell from the sky this past weekend, Louisiana officials revealed that hundreds of birds were found dead.

“We have blackbirds, starlings, sparrows. Several species of birds are affected,” said Dr. Jim Lacour, Louisiana's state wildlife veterinarian.

The birds were found in the Labarre community, 30 miles from Baton Rouge. Officials say that the two incidents are pure coincidence and unrelated to one another.

Louisiana officials believe the birds fell to their death either late Sunday or early Monday after flying into a power line. The birds sustained injuries from broken beaks to broken backs. What prompted the birds to fly into the power line, however, is still a mystery.

The bigger mystery, however, remains the mass death of 5,000 redwing blackbirds in Beebe, Ark. What causes thousands of birds to suddenly plummet from the skies to their death? The mystery deepens. The enigma expands. The puzzle seems unexplainable.

From New Zealand to Florida

Hundreds of dead snapper have washed up on Coromandel beaches on the North Island of New Zealand, leaving holidaymakers perplexed. The mysterious incident came as the southern United States was hit with a second unexplained mass bird death within a week.

People at Little Bay and Waikawau Bay, on the north-east of the peninsula, were stunned when children came out of the sea with armfuls of the fish and within minutes the shore was littered with them. Charlotte Pearsall, whose family have lived at Little Bay for the last 30 years, said she had never seen anything like it. “It was so surreal,” she said. “It's such an incredible waste – it could've fed the whole northern tip of the Coromandel.”

What in the world is happening in the middle of the United States right now?

The New Madrid Fault

Thousands of birds are falling dead from the skies, tens of thousands of fish are washing up on shore dead, earthquakes are popping up in weird and unexpected places and people are starting to get really freaked out.

One theory is that the New Madrid fault zone is coming to life. The New Madrid fault zone is six times bigger than the San Andreas fault zone in California and it covers portions of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. The biggest earthquakes in the history of the United States were caused by the New Madrid fault. Now there are fears that the New Madrid fault zone could be coming to life again, and if a “killer earthquake” does strike it could change all of our lives forever.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, more than 500 measurable earthquakes have been recorded in central Arkansas just since September 2010. A magnitude 3.8 earthquake shook north-central Indiana on Dec.30, and is being called “unprecedented.”

On New Year’s Eve some 3,000 re-wing blackbirds fell out of the sky in the Arkansas town of Beebe. Large numbers of dead birds were also found in Kentucky, around Christmas, and some 500 blackbirds and starlings were discovered also in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana. Around 100,000 fish were found washed upon the shores of the Arkansas River during the first week of January. Could all these deaths be related?

The fact that they happened near, in or around the New Madrid Fault Zone is raising some eyebrows. In 1811-1812 there were four powerful earthquakes in that area which were magnitude 7.0 or even over 8.1. They opened deep fissures in the ground and caused the Mississippi to flow backwards.

If a truly “killer earthquake” struck along that zone today, it could completely destroy St. Louis, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee. Seismologists fear that such an earthquake could be on the event horizon.

Some fear that the BP oil spill of 2010 might have sparked renewed seismic activity along the fault and that part of the world. According to Jack M. Reed, who has studied the geology of the Gulf of Mexico for over 40 years, the Gulf of Mexico is tectonically active and is the source of most seismic activity along the New Madrid Fault. Says Reed, “This entire zone through the United States is suffering some type of tectonic activity that I believe is tied to the deeply buried tectonics in the Gulf of Mexico.”

If a truly great earthquake struck along the New Madrid Fault, it could cause damage throughout Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Alabama, and Tennessee.

It’s not just California that needs to be worried about the “Big One.” A devastating earthquake along the New Madrid Zone could wipe out the national economy and our economy is already teetering on the brink of disaster!

A Shocking Report – Murder and Cover Up

Perhaps the most sensational and provocative explanation of at least some of the phenomenon is a report prepared by the Russian Intelligence Service, or GRU, for Prime

Minister Putin. It is a strange – but incredible story of malfeasance and corruption in high places in government. Human nature being what it is, the report deserves close scrutiny and investigation.

Says the European Union Times, in an article posted without comment:

“A shocking report prepared for Prime Minister Putin by the Foreign Military Intelligence Directorate (GRU) states that one of the United States top experts in biological and chemical weapons was brutally murdered after he threatened to expose a US Military test of poison gas that killed hundreds of thousands of animals in Arkansas this past week.

“According to this report, John P. Wheeler III, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. from 2005-2008, when he became the Special Assistant to the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Logistics and Environment, was found brutally murdered and dumped in a landfill, and as we can read as reported by Fox News:

“ ‘Delaware Police are investigating the apparent murder of a former Bush official who also championed the fund-raising effort to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Wheeler’s body was found in Wilmington on Friday.

“ ‘According to police, somebody initially reported that the body was dumped out of a refuse truck, which would have been coming from Newark, onto the landfill. Newark Police spokesman Lt. Mark Farrall told Fox News that nobody had reported Wheeler missing before he was found.

“ ‘The Wilmington News Journal reported that Wheeler was last seen riding an Amtrak train from Washington to Wilmington, Del., last Tuesday.’

“Wheeler’s military career included writing one of the most important manuals on the effectiveness of biological and chemical weapons which led to his being hired in 2009 as a consultant to the Mitre Corporation, whose aviation system development department, the GRU reports, is at the forefront of creating the computer command and control systems used by the US Air Force in their fleet of aerial spraying planes.

“These aerial spraying planes, this report continues, are based at the Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas that over the past few months have been involved with ‘test dispersants’ of poisonous gasses in the Afghanistan War Theater using chemical weapons stocks obtained from Iraq and held at the Pine Bluff Arsenal, also located in Arkansas.

“Important to note about the Pine Bluff Arsenal, which calls itself “America’s Arsenal”, is that it is one of the World’s most specialized munitions and chemical-biological defense products and services bases which Russia had previously accused of not fully reporting the chemical agents removed from Iraq, between 2003 and 2008, and taken to the US for testing and subsequent destruction.

“According to this report, the US relocated from Iraq to the Pine Bluff Arsenal an estimated 63,000 metric tonnes of the poisonous gas Phosgene that is described as one of the most feared chemical weapons ever used due to its ability to literally cause the lungs and respiratory system to explode.

“Nearly immediately after Russia accused the US this past summer of not fully destroying Iraq’s Phosgene poisonous gas stockpile the Pine Bluff Arsenal began an ‘accelerated’ disposal programme injecting it deep into the ground in central Arkansas, but which, unfortunately, since this past September, has caused over 500 minor earthquakes to occur raising the concerns of their local population.

“More frightening, however, is the claim made in this report that the Americans have also begun shipping ‘massive quantities’ of Iraq’s Phosgene poisonous gas stocks to Afghanistan where when used they will be able to say they had nothing to do with it, and believe no one will be able to prove it either.

Important to note about Iraq's Phosgene poisonous gas stocks are that they are no longer able to be made by any Western country, including the United States, which makes its value as a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) incalculable, especially in a war situation like Afghanistan where the enemy forces are firmly entrenched in hostile terrain.

"To the direct reason for Wheeler's murder, this report says, was this past week's transport of Iraqi Phosgene poisonous gas aboard a US Air Force KC-767 tanker aircraft from Little Rock Air Force Base enroute to Afghanistan that shortly after takeoff had a 'critical malfunction' of its aerial spraying computer directed command and control system over central Arkansas causing the deaths of thousands of red-wing blackbirds.

"According to US reports an estimated 4,000 of these birds were killed outright and were quickly removed by US Environmental Services workers wearing hazmat suits and gas masks. Another US report states that cause of death to these thousands of birds was "trauma in the breast tissue, with blood clots in the body cavity and a lot of internal bleeding" which this GRU report states is consistent with Phosgene exposure. Even more chilling than this incident is this GRU report stating that it was the second "accidental" release of Phosgene poisonous gas in as many days, as the day before, this same US Air Force KC-767 tanker aircraft also had a "critical malfunction" causing a release over the Arkansas River that killed over 100,000 fish.

"Upon Wheeler discovering what was happening with Iraq's Phosgene poisonous gas stockpiles, this report continues, he traveled from his home in Delaware to Washington D.C. where he openly confronted and threatened to expose the Pentagon and White House Officials responsible. Being a Vietnam Veteran who was responsible for having the famous memorial to that war erected, Wheeler was more than knowledgeable about the United States massive chemical and biological attacks in that conflict and had vowed to not let happen again.

"Sadly, but all too common in the United States these days, when Wheeler threatened to go public with what was happening he was targeted for death, and as a "sign" to anyone else thinking of going against the regime, had his body dumped in a garbage pit for all the World to see.

"Today, another great American was murdered in an effort to save his country from destruction. Sadly, his death will go barely noticed; the American people seem no longer to care as they continue to seek their solace in their propaganda media lies rather than confronting the brutal truth about the monsters they have let rule over them.

"For hundreds of thousands of other Americans they have become so disassociated with what is happening to, and around them, they have proclaimed May 21, 2011 as the day the World will end and are giving up everything in preparing to meet their God.

"The great American Revolutionary leader Noah Webster once said, "Every child in America should be acquainted with his own country. He should read books that furnish him with ideas that will be useful to him in life and practice. As soon as he opens his lips, he should rehearse the history of his own country." The Americans living today have utterly failed to heed these words and have, instead, become just what their masters have always intended for them to be... *imbeciles*. May God have mercy on them all."

Chemicals sprayed from an airplane containing virulent toxins could well account for vast death of bird populations and fish populations. The dying of the birds and the fish is evidence that *something is dramatically and dangerously wrong!*

Is this the beginning of "end-time" disasters prophesied in the pages of Holy Scripture? Are Bible prophecies now beginning to be fulfilled – as a dire WARNING, a "shot across the bow," of modern governments, warning them to CHANGE THEIR WAYS, before it is everlastingly too late?

“World Gone Wild”

Writer Joel Rosenberg, in his “Flash Traffic,” declares, “I wanted to bring this headline to your attention: ‘2010's WORLD GONE WILD: QUAKES, FLOODS, BLIZZARDS.’ The AP story begins: ‘This was the year the Earth struck back. Earthquakes, heat waves, floods, volcanoes, super typhoons, blizzards, landslides and droughts killed at least a quarter million people in 2010 -- the deadliest year in more than a generation. More people were killed worldwide by natural disasters this year than have been killed in terrorism attacks in the past 40 years combined.’”

Rosenberg continues, “I’ve posted the full story and analysis on my blog. But as I’m writing this, I just got an email from a friend noting that a 6.5 magnitude earthquake has just hit southeastern Iran. ‘Starting to sound a lot like your novel,’ she notes, referring to *The Twelfth Imam* in which an earthquake is triggered by a secret Iranian nuclear weapons test following the assassination of a top Iranian atomic scientist.

“In light of all these natural disasters, are we seeing End Times Bible prophecies come to pass? When the disciples asked Jesus of Nazareth what signs they should expect in the “last days” before His return, the Lord described wars and rumors of wars, persecution of the believers, and other severe troubles. He also warned them that, ‘There will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven...There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken’ (Luke 21:11,25-26).”

Says Rosenberg, “I believe we are, in fact, seeing events that are fulfilling Bible prophecy. The critical question, in my view, is: How then shall we live in light of such things?”

Aye, there is the rub!

The signs we are seeing are PREDICTORS – warnings – given by a merciful God to tell mankind it is time to take stock of themselves, search out their lives, and prepare for the soon-coming day of judgment!

Jesus Christ, Yeshua, declared: “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34-36).

Does Bible prophecy foretell these “signs”?

What do the prophets say?

Isaiah 24

Notice! We read in Isaiah 24:1-3, in the New King James Version: “Behold the hand of the Lord God makes the land empty and wasted and scatters abroad its inhabitants. It shall be with the people, so as it is with the priests”. The earth becomes corrupted by the hand of man. ‘It shall be with servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress. As with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. The land shall be entirely empty and utterly plundered, for the Lord of Hosts has spoken this word.”

Now notice verse 4, *‘The earth mourns and fades away; the world languishes and fades away.* The haughty (proud) people of the earth languish. The earth is also *defiled under its inhabitants*, because they have transgressed the laws and changed the ordinances, broken the everlasting covenant. *Therefore the curse has devoured the earth* and those who dwell in it are desolate (held guilty). Therefore, the inhabitants are burned, and few men left.”

Accompanying this time of great upheaval, we find that famine occurs. “The new wine fails, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh. The mirth of the tambourine ceases, the noise of the jubilant ends. The joy of the harp ceases. . . The city of confusion is broken down. Every house is shut up, so that none may go in. There is a cry for wine in the streets, all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. In the city desolation is left, and the gate is stricken with destruction. When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people, it shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.” (vs.7-13).

Isaiah continues, describing the pain and suffering caused by man’s evil doing. He declares, “I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously” (Isaiah 24:16).

Treacherous dealers are running this earth and its governments today!

The prophet continues, “Fear and the pit and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall be that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit, and he who comes up from the midst of the pit,

shall be caught in the snare. For *the windows from on high are open*, and the foundations of the earth are shaken” (v.17-18).

“The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly, the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut; its transgressions shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again.” (v.19-20).

In other words, the punishment of God is coming upon the nations of the world.

The Warning of Joel

The prophet Joel speaks of the same time as does Isaiah. We read in the Amplified Parallel Bible: “Has such a thing as this occurred in your days or even in the days of your fathers? Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

“What the crawling locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust has left, the hopping locust has eaten; and what the hopping locust left, the stripping locust has eaten” (Joel 1:2-4, Amplified Bible).

God continues, “For a [heathen and hostile nation [of locusts, illustrative of a human foe] has invaded my land, mighty and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness. It has laid waste My vine [symbol of God’s people] and barked and broken My fig tree” (vs.6-7).

“The vine is dried up and the fig tree fails; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple or quince tree, even all the trees of the field are withered and fled away from the sons of men” (v.12).

“Alas for the day! For the day of [the judgment of] the LORD is at hand, and as a destructive tempest from the Almighty will It come. Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed [grain] rots and shrivels under the clods, the garners are desolate and empty, the barns are in ruins because the grain has failed.

“How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed and huddled together because they have no pasture; even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment(are forsaken and made wretched)” (v.15-18).

The massive deaths of the birds and fish are a *prelude* of what is coming. They are an *omen* of what the future holds!

If the recent masses of birds and fish that died were caused by Phosgene gas and thousands of tons are stockpiled in the U.S., then we are potentially guilty of mass annihilation. Will this stockpile be used by the end-time Babylon?

The Book of Revelation

This end-time prophecy is further elucidated in the book of Revelation which concludes the New Testament. In chapter 6 we read of the “four horsemen” of the Apocalypse, riding forth with plagues and destruction, wasting the earth. These represent the world powers at the four quarters of the earth (see our article on “The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”).

After they begin to ride, a great martyrdom of saints and persecution of true Christians fills the earth with innocent blood (Rev.6:9-11).

Then comes the 6th seal at which a great earthquake occurs, the sun is darkened and the moon become like blood, and the stars of heaven [meteors] fall upon the earth. People will call out for the mountains and rocks to fall on them exclaiming, “Who is able to stand in the Day of the Lord?” (Rev.6:12-17).

At this point, there will be a space of quietude – of foreboding, and quiet, an eerie calm (Rev.8:1). There will be a pause, as the world waits breathlessly for the other shoe to drop!

We find next that there are seven angels that stand before the Lord with seven trumpets to sound and plagues to unleash on the earth (Rev.8:2-13), causing great destruction and catastrophe. The first five smite the earth in rapid succession, bringing calamity and anguish.

But now notice the fifth trumpet plague, which is called the “first woe” (8:13).

The First Woe

“Then the fifth angel blew [his] trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth; and to the angel was given the key of the shaft of the Abyss (the bottomless pit). He opened the long shaft of the Abyss (the bottomless pit), and smoke like the smoke of a huge furnace puffed out of the long shaft, so that the sun and the atmosphere were darkened by the smoke from the long shaft.

“Then out of the shaft *locusts* came forth on the earth, and such power was granted them as the power the earth’s scorpions have [that is, TOXIC POISONS – CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS!]. They were told not to injure the herbage of the earth nor any green thing nor any tree, but only [to attack] such human beings as do not have the seal (mark) of God on their foreheads. They were not permitted to kill them, but to TORTURE (DISTRESS, VEX) them for five months; and the PAIN caused them was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a person” (Rev.9:1-5).

Notice! They were not given the authority to kill them, but to *torment them for five months*. What do scorpions do? Scorpions inject poison into their victims’ system which is painful and debilitating. This is describing chemical and biological warfare. It will be so bad that “people will seek death and will not find it; and they will yearn to die, but death evades and flees from them” (v.).

Men shall seek (desire/crave) death, but won’t be able to find it. The shape of the locusts was likened to horses prepared for battle. On their heads were as it were crowns like gold, hair as the hair of women, breast plates of iron, their teeth were as of lions and their faces were as the faces of men (vs.7-8).

Notice these “locusts.” They appeared to have huge breastplates, or thick armor, and “the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle” (v.9). This describes modern attack HELICOPTERS, such as the Apache – those used in modern warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan! Aircraft helicopters (gunships) have rotary blade wings, make a great noise and even look like a locust with scorpion-like tails.

“They have tails like unto scorpions, and they have stings, and in their tails lies their ability to hurt men for [the] five months (v.10). Apparently, they will use up their stockpile of nerve gases and noxious chemical agents within five months.

“And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon” (v.11). .

This New World Order king is the head of the beast power. The world will be astounded when they see just who this Beast is and the levels of destruction that he will bring upon the earth.

The Second Woe

This is the first woe of the three final woes. There are still two more to come after this.

The sixth angel then sounded his trumpet, and a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, said to the sixth angel “Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.” The four angels which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, are released to kill over a third of mankind—over two billion people. They go forth eastward to the Orient—Russia, China, India, and Japan—and lead these nations to attack the western world in a final confrontation which will plunge the world into TOTAL WAR.

“The number of their troops of cavalry was twice ten thousand times ten thousand (200,000,000); I heard what their number was’ (Rev.9:16).

The number of the army of the horsemen (soldiers and men at arms) that is raised up in Asia and the Orient is *two hundred million men*.

John writes, “And in [my] vision the horses and their riders appeared to me like this: the riders wore breastplates the color of fiery red and sapphire blue and sulphur (brimstone) yellow. The heads of the horses looked like lion’s heads, and from their mouths there poured fire and smoke and sulphur (brimstone). **A THIRD OF MANKIND WAS KILLED BY THESE PLAGUES**—by the fire and the smoke and the sulphur (brimstone) that poured forth from the mouths of the horses. For the power of the horses

to do harm is in their mouths and also in their tails. Their tails are like serpents, for they have heads, and it is by means of them that they wound people” (vs.17-19).

Could these be describing modern battle tanks with massive armaments, flame-throwers, rocket launchers, machine guns, able to fire nuclear-armed battlefield rockets and missiles?

These are horrendous weapons of mass destruction!

Yet, we read in verse 20, “And the rest of humanity who were not killed by these plagues even then did not repent of [the worship of] the works of their [own] hands, so as to cease paying homage to the demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor move. And they did not repent of their murders or their practice of magic (sorceries) or their sexual vice or their thefts” (Rev.9:20-21).

It is at this point, that the seventh and final angelic trumpet blast is given, and the third “woe” is poured out.

The Third Woe

“But when the days come when the trumpet call of the seventh angel is about to be sounded, then God’s mystery (His secret design, His hidden purpose), as He had announced the glad tidings to His servants the prophets, should be fulfilled (accomplished, completed)” (Rev.10:7)

“The seventh angel then blew [his] trumpet, and there were mighty voices in heaven shouting, The dominion (kingdom, sovereignty, rule) of the world has now come into the possession and become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ (the Messiah), and He shall reign forever and ever (for the eternities of the eternities)!” (Rev.11:15).

Judgment day will have arrived! John declares, “And the heathen (the nations) raged, but Your wrath (retribution, indignation) came, the time when the DEAD will be judged and Your servants the prophets and saints rewarded—and those who revere (fear) Your name, both low and high and small and great—and [the time] for *destroying the corrupters of the earth*” (Rv.11:18).

Christ will return with shouts of acclamation by the shouts of the angelic hosts of heaven, and the sound of the mighty shofar. He will come like lightning from the east to the west and He will establish the kingdom of God. In that very day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives on the east side of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:4).

The events we see happening around the world today are a visible prelude and palpable warning, a forecast, an example, and warning of the soon coming plagues that mankind is bringing upon himself because of his evil deeds and terrible rebellion against the laws of God and goodness. Evil men and nations will use these fearsome and diabolical weapons upon each other, to the point of threatening the very survival of human life on planet earth until God intervenes with His final judgment and brings the day of redemption and salvation.

“And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would endure and survive, but for the sake of the elect (God’s chosen ones) those days will be shortened” (Matt.24:22).

The gospel of Luke tells us, “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (Luke 21:25-26, NKJV).

Said the Messiah, “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) draws near” (Luke 21:28).

So what does Yeshua tell us to do, under present circumstances? “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36, NKJV).

Or, as the Amplified Bible has it: “Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be counted worthy to escape all these things and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

Prophecy Briefs

A Warning Shot Across the Bow?

“Although the U.S. Defense ‘Department and North American Aerospace Defense Command have speculated publicly that the unidentified contrail of a projectile soaring into the skies off the California coast – and recorded by a KCBS television crew – came from a jet and posed no security threat to the U.S., several experts are raising provocative and disturbing questions about the government’s official response, reports Joseph Farah’s G2 Bulletin.

“Two governmental military experts with extensive experience working with missiles and computer security systems have examined the television video and conclude the mysterious contrail originating some 30 miles off the coast near Los Angeles did not come from a jet – but rather, they say the exhaust and the billowing plume emanated from a single source nozzle of a missile, probably made in China.

“They further suggest the missile was fired from a submerged Chinese nuclear submarine off America’s coast, and point out that the timing of the alleged Chinese missile shot coincided with an increasing confrontation between the U.S. and China, and was likely meant to send a message to Washington.

“Indeed, the Federal Aviation Administration documents that there were no aircraft flying in the area at that time, the night of Nov. 8.

“The question that still must be answered is why NORAD’s muted response was simply that North America was not threatened, and later our government approved the lame excuse that the picture recorded was simply an aircraft leaving a contrail,’ said retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Jim Cash.

“A former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and commander of an F-15 squadron and an F-16 wing, Cash was assigned to NORAD as an assistant director of operations at the Cheyenne Mountain complex near Colorado Springs, Colo., and is fully knowledgeable of NORAD

procedures.

“ ‘There is absolutely no doubt that what was captured on video off the coast of California was a missile launch, was clearly observed by NORAD, assessed by a four-star general in minutes, and passed to the president immediately,’ he said.

“Even more ominously, cautioned Cash: ‘We must question the timing of this shot across our bow. The president was abroad being diplomatic, which means trying to placate China which is becoming overly concerned with our handling a totally out-of-control deficit in spending.’

“Wayne Madsen, a former naval officer who has worked at the National Security Agency and the Naval Data Automation Command, said the inability to pick up what he described as a Chinese Jin-class submarine-launched ballistic missile isn’t the first time U.S. Navy anti-submarine warfare sensors have failed.

“Madsen, who today is an investigative journalist, said the Pentagon is working ‘overtime with the media and on the Internet to cover up the latest debacle. However, even some reporters who cover the Pentagon full-time are beginning to question the Pentagon’s version of events ... over the skies west of Los Angeles.’

“Dr. Lyle J. Rapacki of Sentinel Intelligence Services, LLC, said the contrail incident off the Los Angeles coast is ‘fraught with peril’ due to the defense systems and protocols in place that should have detected the alleged submarine.

“ ‘The decision to officially announce that North America was not threatened,’ he said, ‘and all the excitement was due to an aircraft leaving a contrail is a decision that reaches beyond the four-star general level and goes directly to a decision made by the commander-in-chief.’

“G2Bulletin calls to the Pentagon and NORAD for comment beyond previous official statements were not returned” (WorldNetDaily, Nov.22, 2010)..

Obama Shows His Anti-Israel Bias

“The United Nations Human Rights Council this month adopted nine resolutions against Israel. The United States opposed nothing.

“The Council, engaged in a ‘universal periodic review’ of human rights protection in Lebanon, was examining a report by that country which expressed its objections to ‘the establishment of the Zionist entity on Palestinian territory.’

“Every United Nations member state was asked to submit a report to the Council on its national human rights record, which was then reviewed by U.N. members who engage in a short dialogue with the state representatives.

“After Lebanon submitted its report objecting to the creation of the State of Israel, Israel's representative responded, ‘My delegation would like to state on record our strong objection to the inappropriate and abusive language used to reference the State of Israel. Unfortunately, the existence of a dominant terrorist organization, Hizbullah, as well as political tensions and struggles between different vital groups . . .’

“Israel’s presentation then was rudely interrupted by the Council president, the delegate from Thailand, who broke in to summarily recognize the delegation of Lebanon.

“ ‘If there were no Israeli occupation there would have been no resistance and resistance of peoples against foreign occupation is a legitimate right. Thank you,’ the Lebanese delegate stated firmly, to a hall which broke into applause.

“The Council president followed up, ‘I appreciate the concern expressed by the Lebanese delegation.’

“Other UNHRC members responded with a verbal assault against the Israeli diplomat, which was also not stopped by the Obama administration representative.

“ ‘There is no other terrorism on the surface of the planet like the terrorism committed by Israel,’ claimed the Syrian delegate. ‘This entity was established on the basis of terrorism.’

“Another comment by Syria: ‘Israel . . . threatens to use nuclear weapons.’

“And still another: ‘Lebanese resistance is not terrorism.’

“Likewise the Lebanese representative, who claimed, ‘Hizbullah was only a resistance movement that had the honor to resist the occupation.’ (Israel National News, Nov.22, 2010).

Canada Splits with US on Israel

“Having recently visited the US and Canada, I was left with a feeling of profound disquiet concerning the starkly contrasting attitudes toward Israel displayed by the leaders of these two neighboring countries.

“Prime Minister Stephen Harper has unquestionably emerged as Israel’s greatest friend in the world, effectively assuming the role previously occupied by former Australian prime minister John Howard.

“Harper’s principled approach to Israel was demonstrated in an extraordinary address he gave in Ottawa to an interparliamentary conference for combating anti-Semitism. Courageously dismissing the traditional political correctness expressed by many liberals, who feel obliged to distance themselves from the Jewish state, Harper made it clear that under his leadership Canada would not “pretend” to be impartial on Israel even if that meant facing negative repercussions at the UN and other international organizations.

“He said that the persecution of Jews had become a global phenomenon in which anti-Semitic ideologies targeted the Jewish people in their ‘homeland’ and perversely exploited the ‘language of human rights to do so.’ He stressed that ‘while Israel is the only country in the world under attack, is consistently and conspicuously singled out for condemnation, I believe we are morally obligated to take a stand.

“ ‘I know this because I have the bruises to show for it, that whether it is at the UN or any other international forum, the correct thing to do is simply to just go along with this anti-Israeli rhetoric, to pretend it is just about being evenhanded, and to excuse oneself with the label of “honest broker” . . . There are after all, a lot more votes in being anti-Israel than taking a stand.

“ ‘But as long as I am prime minister, whether it is at the UN or anywhere else, Canada will take that stand, whatever the cost. Not just because it is the right thing to do but because history shows us that the ideology of the anti-Israeli mob tells us all too well, that those who threaten the existence of the Jewish people are a threat to us all.’

“Canada was in fact “punished” for its support of Israel when it was ignominiously defeated by Portugal, an almost bankrupt country, in its attempt to obtain a seat at the UN Security Council. All 57 seats of the Organization of the Islamic Conference opposed the Canadian nomination.

“For some, Canada’s defeat under such circumstances will be viewed as a badge of honor. But what made Canada’s defeat even more outrageous was the role of the US. According to Richard Grenfell, a former press officer with the US mission to the UN, ‘US State Department insiders say that US Ambassador Susan Rice not only didn’t campaign for Canada’s election but instructed American diplomats to not get involved in the weekend leading up to the heated contest.’

“David Frum, a speechwriter to former president George W. Bush, also noted that ‘the US government has kept awfully quiet about the suggestion that it went missing during the Security Council vote.’

“The US betrayal of its neighbor and long-standing ally is a chilling indication of the depths to which the Obama administration has stooped in its efforts to ‘engage’ and appease Islamic and Third World rogue states.

“Having joined the appallingly misnamed UN Human Rights Council dominated by dictatorships and Islamic nations, the US is now beginning to reap the harvest from this flawed policy. This was exemplified this month during the council’s first ‘universal periodic review of human rights.’ In a session where US representative Esther Brimmer told the group that ‘it is an honor to be in the chamber.’ Cuba described the US blockade of Cuba as a ‘crime of genocide’; Iran, a country which stones women for adultery, urged the US ‘to combat violence against women’; and Libya complained about US ‘racism, racial discrimination and intolerance.’

IN the midst of this and despite repeated assurances concerning the “unbreakable bond of friendship” between the US and Israel, Obama is continuing to flex his muscles by beating up on Israel. Yet, his Middle East policies, which run counter to American public opinion, have failed disastrously, with US approval levels in the Muslim world even plummeting below 2008 levels.

“Obama’s most recent assault on Israel was conveyed from his childhood home, Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, the largest Islamic country in the world, which he praised as a model of tolerance worthy of global emulation.

“While compared to Arab standards, Islamic Indonesia may be relatively tolerant, the president overlooked the recent opinion polls, in which 25 percent of the population expressed confidence in the leadership of Osama bin Laden, and that between 2004 and 2007, 110 Christian churches were closed due to pressure from local governments. In January of this year, 1,000 Muslims burned down two churches in Sumatra.

“Needless to say, Indonesia does not recognize Israel, bans Israeli aircraft from flying over Indonesian territory and denies entry visas to Israeli citizens. It is especially galling that from such a country, Obama again saw fit to distance the US from Israel and aggressively condemn the Jewish state for building homes in the exclusively Jewish suburbs of its capital Jerusalem.

“We must ask ourselves what endgame the US administration is pursuing. Obama knows that former prime ministers Ehud Barak and Ehud Olmert offered the Palestinians everything and that they still refused to reach an accommodation because their ultimate objective remains the delegitimization of Jewish sovereignty. What they now seek is a non-demilitarized state based on the 1949 armistice lines to provide them or other Arab states with a launching pad to attack and destabilize Israel. Not surprisingly, the Europeans are more than happy to accept such a state of affairs. It would thus be catastrophic for the Obama administration to stand aside and enable this process to eventuate.

“Yet, all indicators suggest that the Obama administration is determined to capitalize on Israel’s international vulnerability. Despite the

absence of any response from the Palestinians or the Arab world to Israel's 10-month settlement freeze, the US has literally bludgeoned Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to breach his undertaking to the people of Israel and renew a settlement freeze, including areas that will undoubtedly remain in Israel.

“Although on the surface the US appears to be offering incentives to Israel to persuade it to accede to its requests, anyone reading between the lines recognizes that nothing new is being offered. The exercise of the veto in the face of UN resolutions demonizing Israel and offering to maintain Israel's security needs have been fundamental tenets of the relationship between Israel and the US. In reality, Obama issued an ultimatum to Netanyahu by threatening to abandon Israel unless it capitulates to his demands.

“Many of us today yearn for an American president who would be more considerate of our needs than the present incumbent. It would perhaps be an impossible dream to have someone of the caliber of Stephen Harper leading the US, but alas, today, we are becoming increasingly reconciled to the reality that the US president is no friend of Israel and is paving the way for an imposed settlement with potentially disastrous long-term repercussions on the security of our nation” (Jerusalem Post, Nov.11, 2010).

Jerusalem, a Cup of Trembling

“The prophecy of Zechariah Chapter 12 was written approximately 2500 years ago predicting a future day when the world's focus would be on Jerusalem:

“ ‘Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.’

“ ‘And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it’.

“Further in verses 7,8 and 9, the prophecy makes it clear that God will ultimately save the city and its people, but to the surrounding nations, the attempted conquest of Jerusalem will cause them

great trouble, and to every nation pressuring to lift Jerusalem out of Jewish control, it will prove to be a heavy burden, and be injurious to them all.

“This is widely regarded as an *end times* prophecy, and by examining the current geopolitical and spiritual situation of the *Middle East conflict*, it is safe to say, the time-frame of this prophecy is upon us.

“The words to Israel's national anthem, ‘Hatikvah’ (The Hope) written in 1886 by Naphtali Herz Imber, express the powerful emotion and inmost God-given desire of the Jewish people, and the deep longing of the Jewish heart while living in exile among the nations, for their home-land. Praying, they faced Jerusalem, and never gave up the hope for their promised return there, as prophesied in the word of God. (Isaiah 11:11-12; Ezekiel 36:8-11 Ezekiel 37:21-22; Ezekiel 38:8, Isaiah 43:5-6; Jeremiah 31:7-10).

“Today, millions of Jewish people have returned, and many are still making aliyah, as [prophesied in the Bible](#), and the hope remains strong and revered by many as their God-given right to dwell in the land.

“Hatikvah - The Hope

(English Translation from Hebrew)

“As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart,

“With eyes turned toward the East, looking toward Zion,

“Then our hope – the two-thousand-year-old hope – will not be lost:

“To be a free people in our land, The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

“However, the Islamic community, the nations surrounding Israel (Psalm 83:4-8) the International community (Quartet: Russia, EU, UN, US) and the Vatican – all have a different goal in mind for Jerusalem. They would all remove complete Jewish control over the city and erase the Jewish victory of June 1967 (miraculous) 6 day war, and either divide Jerusalem, or attempt a complete conquest of it, if they could. The call of the world at this time then, is the attempt to lift this 'Immovable rock', but in return, to only find that the word of God is the unshakeable truth. The harm and pressure

intended to attempt to change it, will prove burdensome for them. Jerusalem will be a cup of trembling to those who attempt to take it from Israel.

“At the current time, The U.S. and Israel are negotiating a deal that would effectively bring both the Palestinians and Israel back to the table for direct peace talks, under the pressure of the allied International community with the prospect to bring about a '2 state solution' that would 'solve' the *Israel Palestine conflict* supposedly. The negotiations are stalled at the moment because Israel is waiting for a letter of promise back from the U.S. Obama administration assuring them that they will not impose a freeze or apply pressure on Israel as they continue to build in East Jerusalem. Israeli Government has stated strongly that 'Jerusalem is not a settlement it is our Capital!' Israel is contemplating a freeze in Judea and Samaria, as part of these negotiations being pressured upon them, on the condition of security guarantees, military gestures including 20 aircraft. Israel has stated previously that Jerusalem is not to be included in this round of talks. However, the letter back from the U.S. is slow in coming back, because the U.S. Obama administration does not want Israel to continue building in East Jerusalem. Jerusalem is a burdensome stone!

“Israel is like a super-sign to the entire world that the word of God is the truth. With each passing day, as Jerusalem becomes more and more the center of the world's attention, it will become increasingly difficult for anyone to dispute the incredible accuracy of these ancient prophecies. Truly, the time to seek God is now, if you don't know Him. Zechariah Chapter 12 ends with the Messiah's prophesied return.

“9 – ‘And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

“10 – ‘I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.’

“Let us Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem ~ Psalm 122” (Canada Bible Prophecy Examiner, Nov.19, 2010).

NATO Planning Integral Role in Middle East Peace Deal

“NATO will play an integral role in enforcing a Middle East peace deal, but will not play a direct role in reaching that agreement, the alliance's secretary general told Haaretz this weekend.

“ ‘If a Middle East peace agreement is reached, an international military force will be needed to monitor and implement it,’ Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

“At a press briefing in the Portuguese capital, the secretary general said that unlike its member states, NATO as an organization is not involved in the peace process, but expressed support for the efforts of the United States and the other members of the so-called Quartet of Mideast peace negotiators to reach a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

“Rasmussen will visit Israel in February of the coming year.

“At center stage throughout the weekend summit was Afghanistan, and NATO member states agreed to continue the military campaign in the country until 2014 at least. Also on the agenda were NATO's increasingly friendly relations with Russia, the need to bolster Europe's defenses against surface-to-surface missiles and streamlining the alliance's military and administrative networks.

“Meeting in the Portuguese capital yesterday and the day before, the heads of government of NATO's 28 member states signed on to a new strategic doctrine for the coming decade. The document's central tenets are a reaffirmation of collective defense, deterrence and resource allocation, crisis management, and advancing security and stability - even beyond the North Atlantic theater of North America and Europe.

“The doctrine was formulated based on the recommendations of a committee of experts assembled by former U.S. secretary of state Madeleine Albright. Among other issues, the panel's report offered recommendations relating to the Israeli-Arab conflict, but prior to the document's authorization on Friday, representatives of member states decided not to touch on the issue.

“When asked why the document contained no explicit reference to Iran, a country highlighted by Albright's panel as a multi-pronged threat and the primary reason to invest in the deployment of surface-to-surface missiles in Europe, Rasmussen reaffirmed NATO's official stance – which cites the over 30 countries that own or seek to own advanced weapons that could cause harm to the Euro-Atlantic region.

“This ambiguous phrasing was adopted following pressure from Turkey, a country widely seen as forging ever-closer ties to Iran. Ankara also expressed its opposition to providing information gathered by the European missile-defense system - planned to be based partially on its soil – to ‘non-NATO countries,’” wording that could be perceived as code for Israel.

“A high-ranking official in a Western government said that at the meeting of the heads of state, French President Nicolas Sarkozy raged against the “verbal contortions” surrounding the missile-defense system. ‘We all know we're talking about Iran,’ Sarkozy reportedly said.

“Turkey's President Abdullah Gul (representing the country in the absence of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan) did not respond to Sarkozy's remarks, but instead expressed opposition to what he called NATO's preferential treatment of Cyprus in circumventing Turkey's veto of the island country's participation in NATO negotiations with the European Union.

“One result of the new NATO doctrine will likely be closer relations with non-member states. This weekend, NATO sources said high-level officials at the organization's Brussels headquarters are cognizant of Israel's disappointment with its apparently downgraded ties with NATO over the past few years, and are laying groundwork for strengthening those ties.

“The North Atlantic Council – NATO's most senior governing body – also announced it would launch bilateral relations (in contrast to collective ties) with Israel and the six Arab states that comprise the Mediterranean Dialogue. Egypt and several other of the Arab states have tried to prevent NATO from forging closer ties with Israel” (Haaretz, Nov.25, 2010).

Obama Refuses to Take Real Action on North Korea

“Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan called President Barak Obama urgently in the wake of the North Korean artillery attack on South Korea's Yeonpyeong island near the Yellow Sea border early Tuesday, Nov. 23 and demanded a US-South Korean-Japanese military reprisal. Two South Korean marines were killed and 17 injured in the attack.

“He also demanded that the UN Security Council be convened immediately on the crisis. He put the same demands to South Korean President Lee Myung-bak in another call. Naoto Kan then ordered his ministers to prepare for ‘unexpected events.’

“Washington said it is watching the situation but is not militarily involved after strongly condemning the attack and calling for an end to belligerence.

“Debkafle's military sources report that the Korean clash has prompted a special alert in the US Seventh Fleet headquarters at Yokosuka in Japan, together with the naval forces stationed there including the USS George Washington aircraft carrier. They are covering South Korea's massive annual military exercises involving some 70,000 troops scheduled to last from Monday through Nov. 30.

“Pyongyang has called past exercises a direct military threat on the North.

“The Japanese prime minister said that North Korea cannot be permitted to carry out two armed attacks on the South in the space of eight months without facing any military counteraction. On March 26, North Korean torpedoes sunk the South Korean Cheonan cruiser. At least 46 seamen were lost.

“Obama's refusal to respond to the Japanese call, despite the presence of 28,000 US troops on the Korean armistice border – even with limited military action - would devalue the US defensive umbrella pledged South Korea and Japan against North Korean aggression. It would also place in doubt American resolve for firm action against

Iran. Washington's avoidance of military action against Pyongyang will resonate loudly across the Middle East and the Persian Gulf.

“The clash of the Koreas erupted the day after the disclosure of a new uranium enrichment facility in North Korea prompted suspicions that Pyongyang was about to renew its production of nuclear weapons” (Debkafile, Nov.25, 2010).

950 Natural Disasters in 2010

“Did you know there were 950 natural disasters worldwide last year?”

“And that 90 percent of them were weather related, such as storms and floods?”

“I didn't either. But Insurance ERM, an insurance-risk management site, reported those statistics today. It also noted:

“– On average, there are 785 natural disasters per year, so 2010 was considerably more disastrous than normal.

“– Five of the disasters were deemed “great natural catastrophes” based on the United Nations definition. They included: the earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and central China; the heat-wave in Russia, which killed 56,000 people – the most deadly natural disaster in Russian history – and the floods in Pakistan.

“– The disasters killed a total of about 295,000 people and left about \$130 billion in damage” (SunSentinal.com, Jan.4, 2011).

Catastrophic Flooding in Australia

“Australia put an army general in charge of flood recovery Wednesday after weeks of heavy rains deluged the country's coal-producing northeast, crippling the area's economy and sending out reverberations felt in coal markets around the world.

“Floodwaters have forced most of Queensland state's coal mines — which fuel Asia's steel mills — to shut and some may not restart production for months, ministers said at an emergency [Cabinet meeting](#) in Brisbane, the state capital.

“After the meeting, Queensland Premier Anna Bligh announced that Maj. Gen. Mick Slater would lead the recovery effort of floods that have affected 200,000 people and are estimated to cost billions of dollars.

““This is a disaster of an unprecedented scale and it will require an unparalleled rebuilding effort,” Bligh told reporters.

“But until the waters dry up, it won't be clear what the cost of the flooding will be, Bligh warned.

“ ‘If you count everything from the cost to homes, the home rebuilding effort, public infrastructure rebuilding effort and economic loss, I think we're well above \$5 billion territory,’ she said.

“The worst flooding in decades has affected an area the size of Germany and France, left towns virtual islands in a muddy inland sea, devastated crops, cut major rail and road links to coal ports, slashed exports and forced up world coal prices” (msmbc.com, 1-5-2011).

World Food Prices Jump Up

“World food prices rose to a record in December on higher sugar, grain and oilseed costs, the [United Nations](#) said, exceeding levels reached in 2008 that sparked deadly riots from [Haiti](#) to [Egypt](#).

“An index of 55 food commodities tracked by the Food and Agriculture Organization gained for a sixth month to 214.7 points, above the previous all-time high of 213.5 in June 2008, the Rome-based UN agency said in a monthly report. The gauges for sugar and meat prices advanced to records.

Sugar climbed for a third year in a row in 2010, and corn jumped the most in four years in Chicago. Food prices may rise more unless the world grain crop increases “significantly” in 2011, the FAO said Nov. 17. At least 13 people died last year in Mozambique in protests against plans to lift bread prices.

“ ‘There is still, unfortunately, the potential for grain prices to strengthen on the back of a lot of uncertainty,’ Abdolreza Abbassian, senior

economist at the FAO, said by phone from Rome today. 'If anything goes wrong with the South American crop, there is plenty of room for them to increase. . . .'

"The cost of food climbed 25 percent from a year earlier in December, based on the FAO figures, after Chinese demand strengthened and Russia's worst drought in a half-century devastated grain crops. The agency's food-price indicator rose from 206 points in November.

"Last month's year-on-year rise compares with the 43 percent jump in food costs in June 2008. Record fuel prices, weather-related crop problems, increasing demand from the growing Indian and Chinese middle classes, and the push to grow corn for ethanol fuel all contributed to the crisis that year. . .

"In response to the 2008 crisis, countries from India and Egypt to Vietnam and Indonesia banned exports of rice, a staple for half the world. Skyrocketing food prices sparked protests and riots in almost three dozen poor nations including Haiti, Somalia, Burkina Faso and Cameroon. . . .

"Global grain output will have to rise at least 2 percent this year to meet demand in 2011-2012 and avoid further depletion of stocks, the UN agency has said.

"The basis for the FAO index is 2002-04. The gauge includes commodity quotations that the agency considers representative for international food prices.

" 'The real uncertainty and problem is the 2011-2012 market,' Abbassian said. We are at a very high level. If it's further up than this, then you really begin to be concerned.'" (Rudy Ruitenberg, Bloomberg.net, 1-5-2011).

India-Pakistan Nuclear Stand-Off

"India and Pakistan exchanged a list of each other's nuclear installations on Saturday like they have done at the start of each year under a 1988 pact in which the two sides agreed not to attack these facilities. That is the main confidence building measure in the area of nuclear security between the two countries, even though their nuclear weapons programmes have

expanded significantly since then. Indeed for some years now there is a growing body of international opinion that holds that Pakistan has stepped up production of fissile material, and may just possibly hold more nuclear weapons than its much larger rival, India.

"Which is remarkable given that the Indian nuclear programme is driven by the need for deterrence against much bigger armed-China, the third element in the South Asian nuclear tangle. The Indians who conducted a nuclear test as early as 1974, thus, may be behind not just the Chinese, but also Pakistan in terms of the number of warheads, fissile material and delivery systems.

"The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists in a global report in August 2010 estimated that India had assembled 60 to 80 warheads and produced enough fissile material for 60-105 nuclear warheads. Pakistan is estimated to have assembled 70-90 warheads and produced missile material for as many as 90 warheads. China's arsenal was estimated at 240 nuclear warheads.

"The majority of India's and Pakistan's warheads are not yet operationally deployed, the researchers said. Both countries are believed to be increasing their stockpiles although the competition is nowhere near the intensity of the race between the United States and Russia during the Cold War. Indeed even today the combined total of Indian and Pakistan warheads will only be slightly more than the number carried by a single U.S. Trident submarine.

"Nevertheless the race to expand nuclear weapons programme as also missile development adds another layer of instability in South Asia, with Afghanistan and Pakistan at the centre of the turmoil and home to al Qaeda and allied militant groups. The question is why now ? Why is Pakistan seeking to expand its arsenal ? Is this a numbers game ? Are the rivals getting sucked into a nuclear arms race without intending to?" (Afghan Journal, Jan.1, 2011).

COMMENT: There is massive ancient evidence that nuclear weapons were used in India before the Noachian deluge, revealed in ancient Indian sacred writings. Yeshua warned, "As it was in the days of Noah . . ." Are we there yet?

A New Look at the TEN COMMANDMENTS!

Millions believe the Ten Commandments are abolished, done away in this “age of grace.” But what is supposedly wrong with them? Why do so many HATE God’s Law, and detest His Commandments? Just what are the Ten Commandments, and do they have any relevance to your life? How do they affect your marriage, your family, your children? Believe it or not, there is far more to the Ten Commandments than just a motion picture, sound effects, and human mythology! On Mount Sinai some 3,500 years ago, the Great God of Creation spoke amidst thunder and lightning to three million awe-struck people at one signal moment in human history. What He had to say directly impacts your life and future and well being. The Ten Commandments are not merely an archaic, old law of men, but the very Laws of GOD Himself to guarantee your eternal success and blessing and life forevermore! It is high time we study them intensely, probing their real significance, and understand their deep and wonderful meaning for us, today, in this final hell-bent generation!

William F. Dankenbring

In the year 1491 before the Common Era, on the annual Sabbath of Shavuot, commonly known as Pentecost God gave the Torah to Israel, the Ten Commandments.

The account of the giving of the Ten Commandments by God to the children of Israel is found in Exodus 20 and also recounted in Deuteronomy 5.

The Greatest Law

According to God’s Word, therefore, the Ten Commandments, given at Mount Sinai, in the presence of the whole nation of Israel, some three million, and spoken by the very mouth of God, are singularly important. They were so important and vital that GOD HIMSELF came down to Mount Sinai, and spoke – indeed, thundered – them aloud to all the people, and engraved them in stone by His own Hand!

Let us examine these commandments carefully. Let us go through the TEN COMMANDMENTS one by one and analyze them, and see how they add up and what they mean and how they compare with each other internally.

If we fail to keep one of them, we break them all. The apostle James says, “For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law” (James 2:10-11).

The commandments of God are like the links of a chain linked together with God holding the chain. If we fall into the ditch, He is able to bring us out of that ditch into safety. What happens if you break one of the links of the ten links of the chain? It has to be repaired before it can be used to pull you out of the ditch.

False Teachers and the Law

These Ten Commandments were given on the day of Pentecost, the Day of the Covenant. Satan has deceived the world so completely that the world thinks that these commandments have been abolished. The apostle Paul says of such ministers, “for such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed *AS* the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works (deeds)” (II Cor.11:13-15). They are not keeping the commandments, but breaking the commandments and teaching contrary to God’s law.

Such impostors claim Christ came to do away with the commandments. But Christ Himself said, “*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill*” (Matt.5:17).

Why, then, do so many say that Christ “did away” with the Law – destroyed the “Law” – and abolished the Ten Commandments, when He Himself said, “Do NOT think I came to destroy (or do away with) the Law”? Does it make any sense people would directly contradict Christ Himself?

Isaiah, in chapter 42, prophesied of the Christ, whom God called “my servant, whom I uphold, my elect in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. Thus says God the Lord, he that created the heavens, gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to them that walk therein. I am the Lord: that is my name, the Lord is well pleased for his righteousness’ sake; *he will magnify the law, and make it honorable.*”

Christ Himself came to give us the understanding of the spiritual intent of each commandment. In Matthew 5, the Sermon on the Mount He also says in verses 18-21—“Till heaven and earth pass, *not one jot or one tittle shall fall from the law, till all be fulfilled.* Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not even enter the kingdom of heaven.”

His commands stand firm and are eternal. The jot and tittle are like the dotting of an “i” and the crossing of a “t”, minor scribal matters. Therefore, we need to learn what the Law is and what the commandments are and how to obey them.

The Mount ‘Sinai Experience

Israel stood at a far distance from the foot of the smoking, and quaking Mt. Sinai and they trembled in fear. They trusted Moses and asked him to tell them what God said, instead of God himself, “lest they die”. There was something wrong with their heart and they were afraid. They didn’t love God. They were not converted yet, and kept their distance from God.

Many people today have the same problem of standing a far distance off from God and His commandments. Motivation to study and know His will and commands is beyond them, or too much trouble, or maybe they are afraid of God. Some don’t want to part with their idols. God does not lie and he says that if we return to Him and will SEEK Him in prayer and repentance, he will return and be found by us. By accepting his word and becoming willing to do his commands, we draw closer to him, and we will not remain at a far distance away.

Exodus 21 lists the judgments/rulings of God set before Israel. Exodus 22 covers responsibility for property with justice for all. Exodus 23 instructs in maintaining *just judgment*; to do no evil, take no bribes; keep the land Sabbath; three times to keep a feast unto God in the year as designated—these are allied pilgrimage festivals of the Lord: *Passover/Unleavened Bread, Feast of Harvest-Shavuot/Pentecost, and Feast of Ingathering/Tabernacles* at the end of the year. The males are not to appear before the Lord God empty. Israel warned not to make any covenant with the inhabitants of the land, but to drive them out of the land boundaries given Israel.

What is evil? Evil is sin; and what is sin? God defines it in His Word: “Sin IS the transgression of the LAW” (I John 3:4). In other words, “sin” is breaking the commandments of God. These are summed up in the Ten Commandments! It behooves us, therefore, to study and understand these laws!

They Saw God

We read in Exodus 24, God commands Moses “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. And Moses alone shall come near the Lord: but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him.”

Moses built an altar at the foot of the hill, and burnt offerings and peace offerings were offered to God. Moses then wrote all the words of the covenant and read it in the presence of the people who affirmed the covenant. Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments, and all the people answered with one voice, and said, “All that the Lord has said we will do and be obedient” (Exo.24:7).

Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up and “they saw the God of Israel.. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity” (v.9-10). The account continues, “Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel” (v.16-17). Moses remained on the mountain top forty days, as God gave them the law with the statutes and judgments.

The elders tarried in waiting for Moses who was on the mount forty days and forty nights. God did not lay a hand on the nobles (did not strike them dead) even though they looked upon God and ate and drank in His presence. “But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God and they ate and drank” (v.11).

A Marriage Covenant

The covenant that God made with Israel was a marriage covenant and this was the wedding feast after Israel agreed to the covenant. A similar wedding feast will be held when the Messiah returns to earth for His bride, the church of God! We read in Revelation 19:7-9, “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has made herself ready.” The covenant that we are making with Christ when he returns is a marriage covenant, and we will be his bride and he will be our husband and we will serve and follow Him wherever he goes. We will obey Him, and teach His commandments to the nations of the world and to our children and children’s children.

The heart of God’s Commands are summed up in the first ten, spoken by God to the whole assembly of Israel. They are known as the Ten Commandments. “Ten” is the number of ordinal perfection.

The Ten Commandments Revisited

Notice what Jewish rabbis and commentators say about the Ten Commandments. In *The Essence of the Holy Days* by Avraham Finkel, page 188 we read: “If we consider the order in which the Ten Commandments were given, an important fact emerges that sheds new light on this divine set of laws. The first group, five commandments, begins with *Anochi*, ‘I am the Lord your God,’ and ends with *Kabeid*, ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ The second half begins with *Lo tirtzach*, ‘Do not commit murder’, and ends with *Lo tachmod*, ‘Do not be envious.’ In Deuteronomy 5 and Exodus 20, one place says in Hebrew *don’t covet* and the other place says *don’t be envious*. Both are part of that same commandment. *So what does this mean?* Notice when God began speaking the Ten Commandments to us individually, He demands that we acknowledge Him first of all with our intellect: ‘I am the Lord your God’ and ‘You shall have no other gods.’ This is a pretty explicit commandment. It is not enough to recognize God in theory; we must acknowledge Him also in practice by *exercising control over our words*. (‘Do not take

the name of God in vain'), our *deeds* ('Remember the Shabbat to keep it holy'), and our *family lives* ('Honor your father and your mother')."

We are to watch our words and not to use bad language, curse or swear. Especially don't take God's name in vain and empty pursuit.

Continuing: "The social legislation contained in the second half of the Ten Commandments begins with demands on both our actions and words. But controlling our words and deeds is not enough; the Law demands that we also exercise control over our thoughts and feelings ('Do not be envious')."

These regulate how we are to get along with others. The first half deals with how we worship and love God. The second half is how we get along with and love our neighbor. Christ said that these were the two great points of the Law: 1) Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. 2) Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

How do we love our neighbor? 1) Do not commit murder; 2) do not commit adultery; 3) do not steal; 4) do not testify as a false witness; and 5) do not be envious.

The Origin of Sin

Sin begins in the mind, our thinking. This means that we have to watch what we think about. Refrain from desiring something that belongs to someone else, and comparing yourself with someone else and wanting what they have regardless of whatever it is—for example: jewelry, job, car, position, education, friends, home, or abilities. The underlying truth is that all so-called religious adoration is worthless if belief in a Supreme Being does not translate into control of words and actions toward our family and our social life. Only our deeds prove that our glorification of God is genuine. All social virtues are trivial if their only aim is to gain acceptance or if they are not rooted in a pure belief in God.

Are you tempted at times to sin, to lose control, to give in to evil passions, lusts, and envy?

The apostle James tells us, "Let no one say when he is tempted to sin and break God's Law], I am being tempted by God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does he tempt any man. But every man is *tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed*. Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death" (James 1:13-15).

Sin starts in the mind and heart first with desire, dwells on it and becomes ensnared. It is by definition breaking or transgressing God's Law (I John 3:4). Paul then tells us, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Sin leads to the penalty of death.

How pervasive is sin? Solomon wrote, “There is a way that *seems right* to a man but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12). Sometimes sin can just seem so right. A person may think there is nothing wrong with – i.e. a cigarette, or a drink, or trying a drug, or gambling just once – and the next thing they know they are enslaved by a habit that leads them to death.

The Key to Obedience

How can we overcome the temptation to break God’s Laws and give in to human lust, desire, and covetousness? By daily studying God’s commandments, His Word, and praying, and walking in God’s Law – with Him!

Solomon wrote, Take firm hold of instruction; don’t let it go [the teachings of God, the Torah, the Law of God]. Keep her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on” (Prov.4:13-15).

Solomon adds, “But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness they do not know what makes them stumble” (verses 18-19).

Solomon continues, “My son, give attention to my words, incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart; [internalize them] for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep [preserve, and protect] your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Prov.4:20-23).

In other words, control your heart’s desires.

“Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look *straight ahead* and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder (think about) the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn [deviate] to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil’ (Prov.4:24-27).

Keep God’s commandments before you all the time, so you are not distracted and led astray. Let all your ways be established in God’s Word through constant and daily study and meditation. Read our free articles on “How to Walk with God,” “The Secret of Meditation,” and “How to Study God’s Word,” and “the Power of Prayer.”

The First Commandment

“I am the LORD your God . . . You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exo.20:2-3).

God appeared to Israel at the Red Sea as a mighty warrior who saved Israel from destruction and delivered them from slavery (Exo.15:3). At Sinai He was the Great Teacher. He reminds us first of all as to Who He Is. We are to put Him FIRST in our lives, above everything

else! As Christ said, “Seek FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things [your needs of food, drink, shelter and clothing] shall be added to you” (Matt.6:33).

Idolatry – worship of other so-called “gods” – is expressly forbidden. He is the Only One who can deliver and save us from death, destruction, and the ravages of sin and evil. Therefore we owe Him our undivided worship and adoration and praise.

The Second Commandment

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image . . . You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God” (Exo.20:4-5).

Worshipping and praying to images of gods, saints, and carved replicas of created creatures, including men or women, is a violation of this commandment. This is rank idolatry in hideous form. Images made of wood, stone, gold, silver and other metals are an abomination in God’s sight! They are part of Satan the devil’s vast, far-flung deception and worldwide conspiracy against the truth and purity of God.

The Third Commandment

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain” (Exo.20:7).

This commandment shows us that we must exercise control over our thoughts, words, and actions, as children and therefore representatives of God as members of His divine family. We must do nothing to contradict or bring dishonor upon the name and attributes of our God and Creator. As His children, we bear His name; it is written on us, and on our hearts. If we do anything contrary to God’s Law, His purpose and will, then we blaspheme His name, and take it in “vain” – to no good purpose and aim. This does not just forbid cursing or swearing or taking God’s name in an oath or using profanity, although that would be one example of taking His name in vain. To claim to be a “Christian,” and to live a life of hypocrisy and disobedience to God, would be taking His name in vain. Mere profession of Christ verbally is not enough; merely saying you worship God is not enough.

The apostle John writes, “He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, IS A LIAR, and the truth is not in him” (I John 2:4). “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (v.6).

As Eliyahu Kitov says, “Do not hurry to take a false oath and do not let oaths become a matter of habit. If one makes a habit to swear, there will be times when he will make oaths without even wanting to do so. Therefore, one should refrain from swearing even about things that are true. One should not swear at all, for by making it a habit, the act of taking an oath becomes meaningless to him. And if one desecrates God’s Name and swears falsely – or even if

he tells the truth but does not recognize the severity of taking an oath – God will reveal the person’s wickedness and punishment to all” (p.805).

The Fourth Commandment.

“Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work . . .” (Deut.5:12-14). ***“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy”*** (Exo.20:8).

The commandment to observe Shabbat begins with the letter *zayin* of *zachor*, “remember”, and *zayin* is the seventh letter of the *alef-bet*. The commandment of Shabbat begins with the seventh verse of the Ten Commandments. The words “Do not do any work” are addressed to seven: “you, your son, your daughter, your slave, your maid, your animal, and the stranger in your gates.”

Basically this means everybody including animals. In case of an emergency God would allow “an ox fallen into the ditch”, to be helped out of the ditch.

“Remember” the Sabbath Day means to keep it constantly in mind. It is the only Day of the week which has a distinct “name,” in God’s calendar week. All the rest are merely designated by numerals. The Sabbath day, as the seventh day, points to the millennial 1,000 year “day of rest” – the Kingdom of God – when Christ will rule upon the earth (Rev.20:4). It is a sacred day to honor and worship God as a living community, a day when no human toil or labor is permitted to earn a living (although doing good and acts of kindness are always permitted).

The Sabbath Is Forever

We read in Isaiah 66:22-24—“As *the new heavens and new earth* shall remain before me the LORD, so shall your descendents and your name remain. It shall come to pass from one new moon to another, and *from one Sabbath to another*, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says the LORD.”

Does this sound like the Sabbath day has been done away, nailed to the cross, rescinded or abolished? Isaiah continues: “They shall look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me.” The worms will eat their flesh, and the continual fire of Gehenna will burn what is left of their bodies until they become mere smoke and ashes.

God tells us His Sabbath day is HOLY to Him. “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing your own ways nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words: then shall you delight yourself in the Lord;; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it” (Isaiah 58:13-14).

So God's Sabbath continues through eternity!

The Fifth Commandment

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you” (Exo.20:12).

The apostle Paul adds, “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord” (Col.3:20). Also, “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged” (v.21). The family is the key-stone of God's government. He created men and women to marry and have godly children (Gen.2:18, 24, 1:27-28).

One's human father and mother are a “type” of the heavenly Father, God and the Logos, who became Christ (John 1:1-3). “In the beginning GOD [Hebrew *elohim*, “*the mighty ONES*” – *elohim* is a uni-plural word denoting two or more acting in perfect unity, in this case the Father and the Logos, who was the Son of God the Father from Creation] created the heavens and the earth” (Gen.1:1). John writes, “In the beginning was the Word [*Logos*] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (John 1:1-3).

To deeply honor and respect one's parents, therefore, is akin to honoring and respecting God Himself, and Jesus Christ, Yeshua, the Logos, the second member of the Godhead, who also created us! Read our article, “Who or What Was Jesus Christ Before His Human Birth?”

This commandment immediately follows and is related to the fourth commandment. We read: “Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God” (Lev.19:3). What links the two commandments? During Creation week, God brought into being the prototype of very species of life, including man. If He had not stopped the process of creation, then the system of procreation would not have been necessary. God ceased the process of creation by divine fiat by ceasing to create on the Sabbath day, but ensured the continuation of life on earth by procreation – parents begetting children thus participating in the creation experience. Thus parents are “partners with God.” They beget the body, and God adds the spirit and breathes life into it. “Consequently, that we are born of a father and a mother is a direct result of God's resting on *Shabbat*. This is the key to understanding the connection between ‘honor your mother and your father’ and keep the *Shabbat*’” (*The Essence of the Holy Days*, Avraham Yaakov Finkel, p.193).

Honoring Parents

We read in Proverbs 3:9, “Honor God with your wealth.” Since we are also commanded to honor our parents, this suggests that one way we do this is to provide for them out of our wealth – to honor one's parents would be to feed, clothe, provide shelter for, and to accompany one's parents.

We also read in Leviticus 19:3 “*Fear your father and mother*”. The commandment also says *honor* your father and mother. Asks Eliyahu Kitov, “*What constitutes fear and what constitutes honor? Fear – awe – includes not standing or sitting in their place, and not contradicting them or refuting them. Honor includes feeding them, clothing them, giving them shelter, and accompanying them.*” (p.809).

Writes Kitov: “ Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai taught: the honor due one’s father and mother is so great that God compared their honor to His and the fear due them to the fear due Him. . . . One verse (Deut.6:13) states: *Fear God, your Lord* and another states: *One should fear his mother and his father*. One verse (Leviticus 24:16) states: *One who curses God shall surely be put to death* and another states: *One who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death* (Exo.21:17). And this is logical [that the fear and honor due one’s parents corresponds to that due God], for the three of them – one’s father, his mother, and God – are partners [in bringing a person into this world]” (p.810).

If it wasn’t for your parents, you wouldn’t be. Children are commanded to honor their father and mother with great respect on the physical level as compared to God on a spiritual level.

The Sixth Commandment

“*You shall not murder*” (Exo.20:13).

In Numbers 35:16 we read, “The murderer shall surely be put to death” Verses 17 and 18 state the same thing. The punishment for murder is death. So says the Word of God. In Genesis, God says, “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God He made man” (Gen.9:6). Murder is a terrible crime in God’s sight. When one kills a man or woman, one in essence destroys a whole potential world of posterity, which could have grown into a multitude – a whole world of population. When Cain slew Abel, think of all the potential descendants Abel would have given birth to, if he had not been killed – all the families that could have come into existence, but which did not as a result of the heinous murder of one man.

John goes even further, exclaiming: “He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever *hates* his brother IS A MURDERER, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (I John 3:14-15). Hatred itself is equivalent to murder, in God’s sight!

The Seventh Commandment

“*You shall not commit adultery*” (Exo.20:14).

Christ magnified this Law, when He declared: “But I say to you that whoever *looks at a woman to lust for her* has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matt.5:28). The penalty for adultery, in God’s legislation, is DEATH, because adultery strikes at the very

foundation of God's plan and purpose for marriage. God thunders, "The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall be put to death" (Lev.20:10).

Sexual sins of adultery, homosexuality, bestiality [having sex with various animals], are especially heinous in God's sight (Lev.20:11-22). Solomon wrote of the sanctified love in marriage, declaring, "Drink waters from your own cistern, and running water from your own well. Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets/ Let them be only your own, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love" (Prov.5:15-19).

The apostle Paul warned, "*Flee sexual immorality*. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality *sins against his own body*" (I Cor.6:18). The penalties for violating God's laws concerning morality are manifest – including venereal diseases, mental illness, AIDS, blindness, madness, sterility, birth defects in succeeding generations, and social chaos, confusion, unwed mothers, unwanted pregnancies, abortions, and painful suffering and ultimately DEATH!

The world acts oblivious to these things, as the lusts of men and women propel them into confrontation with universal destruction and the judgment of God who will soon pour out His wrath and fury on a rebellious, disobedient world.

The Eighth Commandment

"*You shall not steal*" (Exo.20:15).

Most people think of stealing as financial, stealing money, fraud, theft, robbery, larceny, etc. However, it can also consist of stealing one's reputation, one's identity, stealing another person's honor, respect, or even words – plagiarism! God declares, "Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets [ministers], says the LORD, *who steal My words everyone from his neighbor*" (Jer.23:30).

God further commands, "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another" (Lev.19:11). "You shall not cheat your neighbor nor rob him" (v.13).

There are seven kinds of thieves. Says Eliyahu Kitov:

"1. One who is deceitful, who 'steals other people's minds, that is, deceives others by making pretenses

"2. One who falsifies his weights and measures . . .

"3. One who kidnaps another person.

“4. One who associates with a thief and shares his booty.

“5. One who is sold into servitude [because he lacks the means to repay what he has stolen.

“6. One who steals from another thief.

“7. One who steals but intended to return what he had stolen, or who steals in order to make the victim angry or who takes something that is rightfully his’ (p.812).

One should not steal in an attempt to get ahead, but should support himself by his honest labor and work. God’s Word declares: “When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you” (Psalm 128:2). Isaiah prophecies, “Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings” (Isa.3:10). But, “Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given to him [done to him]” (v.11). Solomon declared, “Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage [lit., portion]” (Eccl.5:18).

The Ninth Commandment

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Exo.20:16).

To falsely accuse another person is a terrible crime in itself. False accusations are extremely destructive and generate conflict, hostility, and war. God explains, “You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go about as a *talebearer* among your people . . .” (Lev.19:15-16).

“You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. *You shall not follow a crowd to do evil*; nor shall you testify in a dispute to *turn aside after many to pervert justice*. You shall not show *partiality* to a poor man in his dispute” (Exo.23:1-3).

There is no excuse for following a majority of people, just because they have the numbers or multitude on their side. Numbers don’t make right. Might doesn’t make right. Only God’s commandments make one right. To follow a “majority” in ERROR, is to commit error, sin, and the penalty is DEATH (Rom.6:23). This includes following a “majority” or “church authority” just because they have the numbers, or the power, in their hands. Regardless of what others may do, FOLLOW THE TRUTH, and let the TRUTH ALONE be your guide and standard!

The apostle Paul warned that many in this end-time generation will be deceived and misled “with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the *LOVE OF THE TRUTH* that they might be saved. 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” (II Thess.2:10-12).

The Tenth Commandment

“*You shall not covet . . . anything that is your neighbor’s*” (Exo.20:17).

Says Eliyahu Kitov, “In the first account of the Ten Commandment, it is written: *You shall not covet*. In the second account [Deut.5], it is written: *You shall not covet*, and then *You shall not desire*. Thus coveting and desiring are forbidden separately. How do we know that one who desires will eventually covet as well? One verse states: *You shall not desire* and another verse states: *You shall not covet*. And how do we know that one who covets will eventually steal? The verse (*Michah 2:2*) states: *And they coveted fields and stole*. One violates the prohibition of desire through thought, as the verse (*Deut.12:20*) states: *If your soul should desire*, whereas coveting is an action, as the verse (*ibid.7:25*) states: *Do not covet the gold and silver that is upon them and take it for yourself*.

“How is it possible for the Torah to prohibit coveting when it is a spontaneous reaction? The possessions of another person should be so removed from your thoughts that the idea of wanting them does not even enter your mind. . .” (p.814).

In God’s sight, covetousness, and envy, are forms of idolatry. Paul wrote, “But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints” (Eph.5:3). He went on, “For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, *who is an idolater*, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God” (v.5). To the Colossians Paul wrote also: “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, *which is idolatry*” (Col.3:5).

Coveting and Envy

Kitov continues: “Why is the commandment [“do not covet”] placed at the end of the Ten Commandments? Rabbi Yitzchak of Radvil said, because if you have observed this commandment, you surely have observed all those that precede it. But he who does not have sufficient self-control to fulfill the prohibition against being envious must begin again from the first commandment: believe that God rules the world. For if he had sincerely believed in God, he would not be envious of that which God had apportioned to others.”

If God gives something to someone else that is God’s business. It is not up to us, or our business to be jealous or envious with thought of “what about me Lord?” We must learn to be humble and submit to God in gratitude and be thankful for whatever He gives us, because He is a God of love, compassion and generosity who is teaching us lessons of obedience of respect, submission and loving our neighbor.

Learn to love your rich neighbor as well as your poor neighbor. We are not to love a rich person less because of money and position. Some of us do not have two coppers to rub together, and others may be homeless and living in a tent. We are not to be foolish and let people take advantage of us. However, if we really believe in God who is our Creator who gave us life, then we will not be envious of other people. God is in control and rules. Every action has an equal and opposite reaction (Sir Isaac Newton). If one does good, it invites good back; doing evil, invites evil back.

The following thought on envy came from Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav: “When jealousy ceases, the Redemption will arrive. Often envy is the cause of destruction and murder.” Envy, jealously and covetousness leads to hatred.

We had to evict someone from our rental because they just stopped paying the rent. On one occasion the woman stopped her vehicle at the yard saying to Cappy, what if I gave you \$500 for rent right now? My wife said “talk to my husband”. However, she did not contact me, so I went over the next morning to collect the rent. In the meantime she had gone shopping at WalMart and had only hundred dollars left!

The judge ruled they would have to get out within a set number of days agreed upon by both renter and owner, or be evicted. On the morning of the return court date two weeks later, I checked to see if trailer was vacated as directed, and it was not, so the writ of eviction was signed by the judge. They did get out before the sheriff had to get them out. Thank the Lord for quite a lesson in human nature and that we no longer have tenants who masquerade as “professional victims” and do not tell the truth.

The Key to Overcoming Temptation

How can we overcome these tendencies and pulls of the human mind and flesh? James wrote: “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death” (James 1:14-15).

Humanly, we must learn to resist these temptations. It is not an easy battle, and we must constantly be on “guard,” as it were. But God promises to give us all the help we need, through His Holy Spirit if we ask Him for it sincerely, earnestly (Luke 11:10-13). Paul also had to resist the pulls of human nature. He wrote, “For I delight in the law of God according to the inner man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Rom.7:22-25). It is the Spirit of God within us, sent to help us by Jesus Christ, that enables us to resist all sin and to overcome it (see John 14:15-17, 26).

The indwelling Spirit of God gives us POWER to overcome! So Paul was able to write, “There is now therefore no condemnation to those who are IN Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ has made me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom.8:1-2).

The Spirit of God, dwelling in us, Paul said, in another place, is a spiritual gift which we must constantly “stir up” (II Tim.1:6). Says Paul, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND” (II Tim.1:7).

A New Look at the Torah

In Psalm 19:7, we read, “The Torah of God is perfect, it restores the soul.” In Jeremiah 23:29 we read: “The voice and word of the Lord is like a hammer shattering a rock.”

In Deuteronomy 5:22 we read, “These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; *and He added no more.*”

The Ten Commandments given at Mount Sinai are the key principles of the Torah. They are in essence then subdivided into all of the 613 commandments, or *mitzvot*, found in the Torah, the five books of Moses. These 613 laws are included within the 613 *letters* of the commandments—the Hebrew letters that spell out the Ten Commandments.

Says Eliyahu Kitov, “The Ten Commandments given at Mount Sinai are the principles of the Torah and it is taught that all of the 613 mitzvos are included within the 613 letters of the commandments’ (p.801).

How Wonderful Is the Law of God!

God’s Law is the Authority, the Basis, of His Universe-ruling Kingdom. How blessed are the commandments of God! As David wrote in Psalm 119, “O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me” (Psalm 119:97-99). Do you love God’s commandments?

David wrote, “Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law” (Psalm 119:18). He declared, “So shall I keep Your law continually, forever and ever” (verse 44), “And I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I love” (verse 47). “I made haste and did not delay to keep Your commandments” (v.60). “Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble’ (v.165).

God’s Law and the Ten Commandments are the key to everlasting life, through Yeshua our Lord! It is high time we take them very seriously.

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“Thank you for your continued support. You are a man who is charitable with truth and generous in love. You have been a lamp before my feet, which has saved me from many a stumble.”

-- New Jersey

“In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.” – George Orwell, 1984.

“The article about the pyramid of Gizah was mind-boggling. Wow – what an awesome eye-opener. Thank you so much. The taped messages are beyond fabulous too. I want my mind to soak up knowledge like a sponge!”

-- Michigan

“Thank you for your powerful voice, your true light shining and modern Babylonian spirit lifting to see the true season and nature of things from seasonal Biblical events happening today. Your generous flow from God’s established spiritual government is helping and reaching some of us inside these Texas prisons today.

“You represent Jesus Christ very boldly and back it up with your true light using documentary evidence from their own array of arrows coming from the rider on the white horse with bow, now cleverly hiding inside his earth vessel, Mr. Barack Obama. You’re exposing Anti-Christ movements that are contrary to freedom and morality, good character principles, and winning the flesh over to house demonic forces and increasing at their sick agenda through this once blessed country. . . .

“You have a roaring lion courage that God loves today, and so do these scattered few anointed and blessed Christian prisoners of Christ Jesus today, with opened eyes to hear as myself. . . .

“This recent Prophecy Flash, the Sept.-Oct. issue, sure did feed and water my hungry and thirsty spiritual man and branch attached from the true vine today. Specially your recently revealed insight on ‘Melchizedek’ – MMMM good meaty nourishment, my brother in Christ.”

-- Arkansas

“I really appreciate your insightfulness and the way you reveal and interpret the Bible, the way you break down the articles and present them with precise authority and pinpoint precision. Even people with a learning disability can understand your articles and can come to understanding the Bible with a more personal degree. As I know I have, ever since I started my own personal journey through the Bible.

“Prophecy Flash has been a friend in the darkness, leading and guiding me along the way.

“I will never be able to repay you for the knowledge you have blessed me with. But I can and will promise you, that I will and am now using this knowledge to further my walk with my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Please continue to publish this outstanding and high quality and meaningful material.”

-- North Carolina

“I’ve been currently reading the *book of Yahweh* but for some reason it doesn’t sit well with my spirit. Usually when this happens I stop reading and go on to something else. I’ve found that my Bible is the only book that gives me the peace of mind that I need and I know that I have to be careful of what I read, but I just love to learn. Could it be me or is my spirit telling me that these other books are bad for my health?”

-- North Carolina

COMMENT: The *book of Yahweh* is a hodge-podge mish-mash of uninspired mistranslated nonsense which purports to be an authentic Bible translation into English. It is no such thing. It is put out by a cult called “the House of Yahweh,” in Abilene, Texas, famous for polygamous marriages, false teachings, and boastful claims that its two leaders, one now deceased, are the prophesied “two witnesses” of Revelation 11. For an expose of this cult, read our article “The House of Yahweh Exposed.”

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“Shalom! I just read the Sept-Oct. issue . . . and loved it. Although it was very ‘skimpy’ compared to other issues, the ‘2300 day’ article

was very good, and also the Prophecy Briefs. (Obama's father in World War II? Can this guy speak anything but lies?)

"After I read the issue I got a bit of a 'winkle' and checked it against my New Moon calendar. Before reading this article I was trying to 'sync up the 2300 and 2520 using their 'day for a year' fulfillment (334 B.C. to 1967 A.D. and 604 B.C. to 1917 A.D.) as the pattern for the final day for a day and years and was thinking the 2520 would start first followed by the 2300 and the 2520 days would end 50 days before the 2300 days (Pentecost, anyone?), but it never seemed quite right, when your article stated they may end at the same time, leaving a 220 day gap between the 2520 start and the 2300s. It was like a switch just clicked in my mind. So I got out my lunar calendar and checked the dates for Yom Teruah 2010 and Pesach 2011. What I found may thrill you:

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| Tishri | 29 days |
| Cheshvan | 29 days |
| Kislev | 30 days |
| Tevet | 29 days |
| Shevat | 30 days |
| Adar | 30 days |
| Adar II | 29 days |
| <u>Abib 1-14</u> | 14 days |
| | 220 days |

"So quite possibly the 2520 have begun and the 2300 will begin Passover 2011. Your article stated it vaguely but this brings it down to definite dates (not that I am trying to 'set dates' but I highly doubt the timing is a coincidence). . .

"PS I came up with a better way to do Obama's name. In the way you had it in the Obama pack, you had the "u" in 'Hussein' as a 'yod,' and the first "a" in 'Obama' as an 'aleph.' I think it would be better to use a 'vav' for the "u" and to remove the 'aleph' and add a 'hey' to the end of 'Obama' (like the 'hey' at the end of 'Sarah' or 'Elijah'). This brings the value of 'Hussein' down by 4 but brings 'Obama' up by 4, so it is still '666.' Though I only have a rudimentary grasp of Hebrew spelling, I have never seen a 'yod' used as a 'u' sound and even if it is 'vav' is more commonly used. Also, I'm not sure but I don't think the usual practice is to place a vowel at the end of a word without some sort of 'placeholder' (like 'manna' is mem, nun, aleph). I dunno, maybe I'm wrong. Just a thought . . . And if I remember right, the pack has the 'kaph'

and 'Qoph' labeled as 'Kaph,' so you might want to correct that before someone thinks you are trying to pull a fast one."

-- Texas

COMMENT: I am sure there are different ways to transliterate Obama's name into Hebrew -- your points are worthy ones and I appreciate them. He certainly looks like he could be "the one."

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-- Texas

"I'm a regular subscriber of Prophecy Flash, have been for quite a few years. God willing, I'll continue in that category. It's a good magazine, very instructive. Only wish it was a monthly, instead of a bi-monthly publication. But all in all, despite the publishing schedule, it is hands down the best publication of its kind in the field, with well researched articles, well written. God bless your endeavor and you. Keep up the good work, many of us are counting on you. Thank you for your time and attention."

-- Pennsylvania

"I just got back from attending a live (via satellite) stage presentation by Glenn Beck. I firmly believe that Glenn is very sincere in his beliefs; however, having said that, his message stops short. You see, he's pleading with people to wake up and be the Americans the Founding Fathers would have wanted us to be in order to save this republic from the Leftists. Now, I have heard Glenn mentioning the Second Coming -- once on his TV show and again during tonight's stage show -- but both times he seems embarrassed by the subject. In fact, he quickly skips past it, much the same way one might shush a fly away from one's face.

Is he afraid someone might get turned off by the notion of a literal Second Coming of Jesus? Or does his church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints, or Mormons), much like many other churches today, attempt to attach a "spiritual" (non-literal) meaning to this great event? I admit, I know little of his church's beliefs, but what I do know is rather bizarre and even somewhat eerily similar to the way Islam was founded. (In both cases an angel appeared to a single man and claimed to bring the man secret revelations from God. Joseph Smith even claimed he was presented with the original copy of the Book of Mormon written on tablets in a strange language which, once he translated and transcribed them, were conveniently taken back by the angel. This way he never actually had to present proof of them!)

"Anyway, as I said earlier, I was driving home tonight and going over this idea in my head of Glenn's message stopping short when I suddenly realized something. I remember reading that one meaning behind the number "666" is that "6" is one short of God's perfect number "7", and signifies that, apart from God, the best Man could ever hope for under his own power is to fall short of Godly perfection. By why are there three 6's? I then remembered how Glenn had a rabbi on his radio and television shows talking about Nimrod and the Tower of Babel. The rabbi stated that the tower was made of bricks -- man-made stones, all coming out of moulds, all the same size and completely interchangeable and easily replaced. This is how tyrants, including Leftists (Socialists/Communists), see people. Nimrod built this tower of man-made bricks as a symbol of defiance, and, according to some theories, as a means of thwarting another Great Flood by giving people a high place in which to hide.

"The three 6's, to me, is God's way of saying that one-world government under Satan's influence would happen three times, and ONLY three times. The first was under Cain, the second under Nimrod. Because God created multiple languages and caused people (and continents!) to split away from each other based largely upon their languages, the third one-world government was put off until fairly recently. It is the feet of iron mixed with clay, one foot in the eastern hemisphere (Old World) and one in the western (the Americas). The governments Daniel saw were the stepping-stones towards this third world government. They could not "succeed" (for lack

of a better term) until the entire body, head to toe, was completed. Now we await a formal declaration by the third and final world ruler: 'Mr. X' (Obama? George Soros? Someone else?)."

-- Pennsylvania

"Am sitting at my table, 7:00 AM, Dec.1st, rereading one of your article on Pentecost. I was baptized in summer of '74 and stayed with WWCG till '90, and departed for CGI, departing that organization in '95 and became associated with CEM.

"A friend of mine who went the same route as I did with the only exception that he went to Prophetic Ministries (Triumph) in the late '90s, brought me this article.

"at this point, being able to think outside the box, (by 'box' I mean some organizations with their own ideas, sometimes wrong, but still boxed in).

"I hadn't read very far when I thought, 'this man has a point,' and by the end of the article was fairly convinced about Sivan 6.

"Having read more articles, I realized that the overwhelming weight of the argument lies on counting Pentecost from the annual Sabbath not the weekly one. Therefore after 36 years of observing Pentecost on a Sunday, my 37th will be counted from the annual Sabbath.

"The advantage of being able to think outside the box is freedom to choose. For instance, if I were a member of UCG, and broached this subject, I would be either silenced or asked to leave. I gave my mother one of the articles and she agrees with it.

"I will also pass it to a couple who were also with WWCG and left.

"It seems all the free thinkers who read your articles can see the common sense about Pentecost. I also appreciate your articles on the deep meaning of the day.

"It baffles me how those other ministers of the offshoot churches (I have to inject the words 'will not') rather than 'do not' see it. It seems so plain to me that Sivan 6th is the true date of Pentecost. I think I'll write Ron Dart a letter also.

"I appreciate also your insight on prophecy. Keep up the good work."

-- Canada

"I have been doing the New Moons for 2011-2012 and attached are my findings. As you will see I have done things a little bit differently this time, so I hope you will find it relatively easy to understand.

"Over here in the UK we have had a very severe bout of winter weather, with many roads in Scotland and the North East of England virtually impassable. Where we live in the North West of England hasn't been too bad, but still extremely cold, with today's daytime temperature at -2 Centigrade, while night temperatures have been between -10 and -20 Centigrade. Whatever happened to 'Global Warming'?"

-- Nick Wood, England

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"Your stuff is great and a hit in the Johnson Co. Jail. I know I enjoy it. But it actually shocked me at how many people here enjoy God's Words and really do understand and like your books and news. They have gotten at least 15 lost souls to accept Jesus Christ that my eyes have seen and it keeps me learning God has NO limits. Keep the news coming and I'll keep spreading. I only hope they get subscriptions too. At least God has a good hold onto their hearts.."

-- Texas

"I hope this letter finds you and Cappy in good health. I deeply appreciate the work you are doing, and when looking at the condition of God's Church as well as the tragic state of this country and the world, the answers you are providing are needed more than ever.

"No doubt you have watched closely the election results of November 2nd, and have considered how the outcome will influence the direction of the country. We are now at a point and time in the history of the nation in which we need to ask if the political system can be salvaged. Will new faces really make a difference?

"Just as Abraham asked God if the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah would be spared if ten righteous people would be found, what would he

think today if he could see Washington? How many times have elected officials arrived in the nation's capital with sincere intentions, only to find themselves taking part in the graft and corruption that so many members of the Congress and Senate are a part of today?

"Has the nation learned anything from what happened in 2008? The American people voted for a man based upon a word we are now haunted by -- CHANGE. He had no prior experience and no proof of leadership capabilities. His charm and charisma swayed not only liberals, but a number of conservatives voted for him as well. Could it be that just as people have had to have their face rubbed in the muck and mire of Obama's disastrous presidency, the same disappointment awaits American voters who believe the American Tea Party winners will turn the country around?

"America has many gods. People in this country pay homage to whatever one fits the occasion. Nov.2 was a day in which the false god called politics was honored.

"It's easy to overlook the fact that God is a jealous God, and He takes notice when the American people look to institutions or individuals for answers. How much longer is God going to patiently watch the nation as it wallows in the cesspool called the American political system?

"Christ stated that He did not give His stamp of approval to the political system of His day, nor is He a part of it today. John 18:36 - 'Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.'" This one Scripture alone is proof that Christ is not a Republican, Democrat, or a member of the American Tea Party, yet Christians across the country are deeply enmeshed in the political process.

"What if instead of the election being one in which God will grant the nation more time, He is going to allow the American people to see that just as we made the mistake of believing Obama was the answer, we will also see that the American Tea Party can't fix Washington? What if instead, the country is entering the time described in Isaiah 3:6-7 - 'When a man takes hold of his brother in the house of his father,

saying, "You have clothing; you be our ruler, and these ruins be under your power." In that day he will protest, saying, "I can't cure your ills. For in my house is neither food nor clothing; Do not make me ruler of the people."".

"There comes a time when all nations can't be salvaged, because of their deteriorating condition. History is a painful testimony of what happens when nations have declined to the point that they can't be saved from collapse.

"When looking at the Obama presidency and the trail of destruction that he and equally godless leaders in Washington are leaving behind them, words directly from God to Belshazzar are just as appropriate today: Daniel 5:25-27 – 'And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of each word: MENE: God has numbered your kingdom and finished it. TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting.'

"It's very interesting that verse 28 says: 'PERES: Your kingdom has been divided . . .' and the conquering nations are stated. This country today is becoming more divided than ever because of the policies of our modern day Belshazzar. Because we are destroying ourselves from within, we will be divided and conquered by our enemies from without.

"The next two years of the Obama tenure will be one in which the power of the pen will be his weapon to veto attempts by Republicans to reverse his policies. The common ground he spouts as the olive branch offered to the new faces in Washington will have to be on his terms. Democrats have been wounded which means nothing will be accomplished except accusations and finger-pointing that will lead the way to elections of 2012. Nothing would please Obama and the Democrats more to erect obstacles so that well intentioned new recruits on the Washington scene will appear just as inept as losing Democratic candidates on Nov.2nd.

"Satan is directly involved in what I fear is going to be a deception not recognized for what it is. We are in a lukewarm era for God's Church and society. To believe God is granting more time is going to be a deadly spiritual trap if a person already lacks urgency. You realize your credibility is on the line when speaking of 2012, and if there is one thing Satan wants it is for

people, especially brethren, to believe we've been given a respite. We do not have much time left as a nation, and I fear many people do not see the handwriting on the wall.

"Hopefully people will come to see what is taking place in Omak. In the forty-six years of being in God's Way of life, I have discovered that your teaching is the most credible because you prove what you say.

"I continue to pray for you, Cappy and all involved in the work you are doing."

-- Richard Markland, Ohio

"I have just discovered your website while searching the web trying to find answers to the scattered condition of the cogs of WCG background.

"Currently I attend with UCG which as you know, is having internal problems .I desperately need answers. I've been in the faith since I was a teen and am now retired in my 60's.

"Only last week I studied tithing and concluded that it was not required for us today since the Israelites were specifically instructed to tithe livestock and crops only, even though they had money and various crafts and occupations which earned them wages. Paul was the apostle to the gentiles yet he never thought to explain that 'law' to them, even when their financial support was not forthcoming. Seems to me that our giving is to be as Paul said in 2Cor.9:6-8. Tithing as I experienced in the WCG was very oppressive allowing the ministry to live 'high on the hog'. Besides, the cog's I've been a part of PCG;LCG;RCG;COGFF;and now LCG are only regurgitating what HWA taught and practiced hence don't seem worthy of receiving God's support anyhow.

"Please send me everything about all subjects available as it looks as though I've been taught incorrectly on many things therefore guilty of breaking many of God's commandments. It is scary that I may have to stand alone within my family as I did back in 1968 when I first came in contact with the WCG.

"Thanks for all the research and writing you've done. May God continue to guide you."

-- E-mail

COMMENT: We are sending you literature to give you a sweeping view of God's Truth and His true commandments, and ways. Much of what you have been taught by the various offshoots you have attended has been wrong, and lacking in depth and understanding. The list of errors is enormous.

However, the subject of tithing is something hardly anyone understands. Some churches use the tithing principle to enforce and coerce payments into their treasury or church coffers. Some have even confiscated a family's oxen or milk cow as "tithe." Other ministers say Tithing is merely "Old Testament" legalism, and is now abolished. Others, like the deceased Earnest Martin, claimed tithe was only upon livestock and farm produce. ALL THOSE IDEAS ARE WRONG!

The Bible Scriptures do teach tithing for God's people. Abraham, the father of the faithful, tithed on "all" the "increase" he had gained, after fighting to save his nephew Lot (Gen.14:15). Jacob promised God he would tithe on "all" that he possessed – that God blessed him with.

Ancient Israel was an agrarian society, with practically everyone owning a vineyard, farm, livestock and raising produce. So the law stated that all the "increase" was to be tithed upon.

Did Jesus Christ do away with the tithing principle, or commandment? Not at all! He came to stress and MAGNIFY God's Law (Isaiah 42:21). He said not a jot or a tittle would fall from the Law till heaven and earth passed away (Matt.5:17, 19-21). He did NOT come to "abolish" the Law (v.17)! In fact, He commended the Pharisees who even "tithed" on mint and cumin, very tiny items (Matt.23:23).

God's Word says if we don't tithe to Him we are STEALING FROM GOD! The prophet Malachi wrote, "Will a man rob God?" He then quotes God as saying, "Yet you have ROBBED ME!" (Mal.3:8). People reply, "How have we robbed You?" Or, "But tithing is done away – so how have we possibly robbed You?" God answers: "IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS. *You are CURSED with a CURSE, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation*" (v.9).

"God then commands – COMMANDS US – "Bring ALL THE TITHES into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house" (that is, the

Church of God, to provide financing for the ministry, the Work of God, to proclaim the Gospel and to teach and educate God's people, and to support the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah to the world!

If we faithfully DO this, God says, "Try Me [Prove Me] now in this, If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Mal.3:10).

God's Word and command says that to be blessed, and not cursed, in life, we should bring Him ALL THE TITHE OF OUR INCREASE, as well as liberal offerings, so the ministry can bless others with God's message, His truth!

Many have been led astray. Many have failed to do this. And many are under a spiritual and financial CURSE today. Do not allow Satan or his deceivers to hoodwink you, or fool you, and lead you to believe a LIE. Satan hates God's work and seeks to destroy it – one way to do that is to DESTROY TITHING, which is the very foundation and underpinning of preaching the gospel of Christ to the world.

Read our free booklet, "What's All This Business about Tithing?"

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"Greetings in the name of our soon coming King Lord Jesus Christ. Volcanoes are erupting in the Philippines and Indonesia and the first human to human casualty of the avian flu have begun in Hong Kong, Sunday worship law is now being enforced in Germany. I found a Seventh Day Adventist church here in Khobar. Saudi Arabia and I am attending regularly every Sabbath sundown. I told them I am not an Adventist but a Sabbath keeper of the church of God but still I am welcome. I believe that this church is the Thyatira church, a true church of God with her own faults but true nonetheless. Ellen G. White fits the description of the woman Jezebel, because she really called herself a prophetess. . .

"Year 2012 is just around the corner. I believe more volcanoes will erupt and more earthquakes and tsunamis will result. Let us pray that we may escape all these things but at the same time ready to face death if God wills it With the help of the Holy Spirit we can. Amen."

-- Saudi Arabia

“I hear the Gulf Stream has slowed down to almost nothing and Europe is feeling the results of it. When you see what the weather is doing – my question, is this earth entering a miniature ice age like it had back around 1700? I think I read in history a few moons ago that many people died from bad weather and starvation during that period. Does that mean we can see poor growing seasons – food shortages and starvation staring us in the face?”

“Pestilence and famine are prophesied for the end of this age and it looks like that is about to happen to this old earth.

“There are many articles about all the advances that man is making but most of the ones I hear about are how many people can be killed by them.

“Many so-called news items about the automatic weapons the Mexicans are getting from the United States. Seems to be a false assumption because you cannot just buy automatic weapons in this country. Also the weapons shown are foreign weapons and not manufactured here so it would even be harder for the common person to obtain them here in the U.S.

“I had thought the 65 years breaking of Ephraim was 1945 when it was the leading world superpower. But listening to your explanation of the birth of present Israel being May 1948, could this also be the 65 year start date of the breaking of Ephraim? If so, 2013 will be an interesting year to see what happens to Ephraim.”

-- Charles Rearick, Ohio

“How is everyone in Omak? Doing well I hope and the Work’s finances OK? Sorry to hear that some people are getting confused about the International Date Line. I well remember this issue coming up about 10 years ago and you addressed it thoroughly then.

“Well here we are in 2011. Who would have
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thought we would get this far 30 or 40 years ago? Anyway we are where we are, so the question is then, what will 2011 bring? Will this be the year that the ‘seven year treaty’ is ratified? “Remember that the Israelis and Palestinians were given 12 months to complete the talks begun in September 2010. I still firmly believe that this coming treaty will be the starting point of Daniel’s 70th WEEK’ and will once and for all identify the Anti-Christ himself. We are in for an exciting year ahead and terrifying times yet to come.

“We are still firmly in the grip of winter here in the UK, but it has turned a little milder than the very cold sub-zero temperatures we had back in December. There is still an economic blizzard to come in the next year or so I believe. The UK’s National Debt is still growing despite government efforts to reduce it. As for the USA’s Debt, the figures are just astronomically unbelievable, and it surely cannot keep on growing indefinitely without there being a gigantic financial explosion. 2011 will certainly be a year to stay alert, watchful and draw as close as we can to our Heavenly Father.”

-- Nick Wood, England

““Thanks again! I got everything I ordered, God bless you! I’m growing stronger in faith and my knowledge has increased with each of the teachings. I’m praying a lot and every day I see clear the works of God in my life. I enjoy more than ever the Bible and now I read it for what really is, I go word-for-word searching through Hebrew and Greek dictionaries and with your Bible study and prayers and meditation I can now say I’m being obedient and doing the best I can to please God and knowing that I’m not following a man-made doctrine. I kind of feel bad cause I can’t contribute with something to help your ministries. I’m locked up, unfortunately, but I pray God daily to keep blessing you, and by ‘you’ I mean every one that make the Triumph Prophetic Ministries possible. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! And believe it or not, you play a big role in my walking-with-God and my personal salvation! God BLESS YOU!”

-- Tennessee