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FROM THE EDITOR GERALD FLURRY

GERMANY IS CHANGING FAST. IN LAST MONTH'S *TRUMPET*, I wrote to you about Germany's dramatic military transformation. On February 27, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced a major turnaround in Germany's military, massively expanding its armed forces and putting the nation on course for a new role in the world.

Germans and the world loved it. Scholz got a boost in the polls. Over half of Germans said they supported his military transformation. Another 27 percent said it didn't go far enough. America was also enthusiastic; it rolled out the red carpet for the German economics minister, who visited Washington shortly after.

Since then, the appetite for a muscular Germany has only grown. After that initial announcement, Scholz has been much quieter. An Infratest Dimap poll of the German public found that 41 percent believe their government needs to do more to confront Russia. Scholz is now seen as dithering and weak. His poll numbers have plummeted—because people want a **TOUGHER LEADER**.

This is rapid, dramatic change for Germany! *The average German now wants his country to be more powerful and militaristic.* People want their nation more involved in the world. And they want a stronger leader in charge.

Outside of Germany, other voices are demanding the same. They say the world needs a more muscular Germany.

They should be careful what they wish for. Germany has a history of abrupt transformations.



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Scholz: Missing in Action

Der Spiegel titled its profile of the chancellor: “Where’s Olaf? Germany’s Chancellor Opts for a Low Profile at a Moment of Crisis.” It wrote that “after four months in office, Scholz remains an invisible chancellor to many, a political hermit crab who only rarely emerges from his shell” (March 26).

Only 19 percent of Germans are optimistic about the future, according to a poll from Allensbach. That is the lowest level since Germany’s oldest polling institute began to ask this question in 1949.

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine is causing greater fear within Germany than any other event in recent history. Scholz himself told *Spiegel* that Russia’s geopolitical thinking really “scared” him. Greens politician Marina Weisband responded by tweeting that Scholz’s interview “was like a punch in the stomach.” “[W]herever the world looks at him, you can see that he is so scared and overwhelmed,” she wrote. Germans are worried and their leader is scared. This is a dangerous trend.

Part of the reason for Scholz’s unpopularity comes from his support of Russia. This policy is unpopular at home and abroad. But this is not the most fundamental reason.

“We have ... a chancellor who does not lead sufficiently,” Greens politician Anton Hofreiter told *Welt* on April 19. “[T]hroughout Europe,” he said, Scholz is “perceived as too indecisive and too hesitant” (*Trumpet* translation throughout).

Germans want assurance there is someone in charge, someone who grasps the magnitude of the crisis afflicting Germany and rises to meet it. But as *Spiegel* wrote, Scholz “has tended to approach the historic challenges he is now facing just as he used to address the housing shortage in Hamburg or the push to establish a global minimum corporate tax rate” (op cit). He sees that the “German people are scared” but is unable to connect with or address their fears.

Scholz has been in office for barely six months, and already there is talk of replacing him. Friedrich Merz, leader of the right-wing Christian Democratic Union, presents himself as a stronger, more competent leader. Some speculate that if Scholz fails to make some big changes, his coalition partners could desert him and usher Merz into the chancellorship. Such a change would not require fresh elections, just a different coalition.

Germany is roughly doubling its military spending. The German people want more, and they want a stronger leader to make it happen.

The *Trumpet* and its predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, have been prophesying about the end-time emergence of a Ger-

Germany already dominates Europe. Keep watching: Soon it will become a superpower greater than America.

man-led, Catholic-inspired beast power for more than 70 years. We delivered this warning even in 1945, when Germany and Europe were still smoldering after World War II. We prophesied it for decades before Germany’s unification in 1989. Today this prophecy is being fulfilled! It is obvious that Germany dominates Europe politically and financially. Now it is revolutionizing its foreign policy. Keep watching: Soon Germany will become a superpower even greater than America and Russia. This superpower is about to burst out on the world. It is prophesied in your Bible.

You need to think about what this means for you individually. Are you concerned? You need to be! The Bible says the emergence of a German superpower will affect you directly.

A Shape-Shifting Germany

In her 1813 book *On Germany*, Germaine de Staël ridiculed the Germans as a military power. “Nothing is odder than the German soldiers,” she wrote. “They fear fatigue or bad weather, as if they were all shopkeepers or literati. ... Wood-burning stoves, beer and tobacco smoke create a heavy and warm atmosphere around them, which it is difficult for them to leave.”

That is the impression many people have of Germany today.

In his 1984 book *The Europeans*, Italian journalist Luigi Barzini compared Germany to Proteus, the shape-shifting old man of the sea. The Germans “emerged from the stove-headed rooms filled with pipe smoke in 1870,” he wrote. “They crossed the border of France as a gray tide of faceless, disciplined soldiers with spiked helmets, a relentless unstoppable war machine. Where had they come from? Only a few Germans and no foreigner had suspected what the imminent metamorphosis would be like. ... Weeping French writers went on for decades telling innumerable heartbreaking stories of how ruthless, rapacious and contemptuous the invaders had been. How could these Germans be so dissimilar from those harmless and peaceful people Madame de Staël had described, those whom Europe had known and loved only a few years before?”

What caused this transformation? Barzini wrote that “Germany is, as it always was, a mutable, proteus-like, unpredictable country, particularly dangerous when it is unhappy.”

Niklas Frank, the son of an infamous Nazi war criminal, made a similar statement when our staff interviewed him in 2017. He said that Germans are calm, peaceful, even pacifists, when times are good and they feel secure. “As long as we are dominating Europe with our industry, everything is OK,” he said. “But if they dare to take away our money, then it will become dangerous.”

Right now, Germans are more pessimistic than they have been since World War II. They are loudly demanding a transformation. Are we about to see a new Germany emerge?

A Prophesied Change

The Bible gives an even stronger warning of a change coming to Germany. Revelation 17 gives a striking prophecy of a “beast”—an empire in biblical symbolism. Verses 7-8 read, “And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

John was astonished by this vision of a monstrous beast that would burst onto the scene in this end time. But the world is

going to experience the HORRIFYING REALITY, and it will do much more than *astonish* people!

This beast “was, and is not, and yet is.” That is a befuddling statement. Many people read something like that and just throw up their hands and say, “Nobody can understand this book.” But it is really simple if you simply let God show you.

Herbert W. Armstrong spent much of his life discussing this subject. This revelation describes the period when Mr. Armstrong was doing the work of God. God revealed to him secrets about this sixth resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, which “was, and is not, and yet is.” He preached during and after World War II, when the Hitler-Mussolini axis disappeared from the scene. It “was not”! And yet, God says, “it is”! The Axis powers lost the war, but as Mr. Armstrong preached time and again, they went underground—into “the bottomless pit” (verse 8). They are still there—they’re just underground. God says they are going to ascend right back up! Then Jesus Christ is going to come back and destroy this beast, and it will be gone forever.

Right now that power is ascending “out of the bottomless pit,” from underground. That is the deadly reality behind Germany’s transformation!

The Bible really comes alive when we know specifically what is happening and what will happen next. You must admit, it is impressive when prophecy gets THAT precise!

A German Strongman

The Bible tells us that a strong leader is going to play a major role in this turnaround in Germany.

Daniel 8 is one of the most astonishing prophecies in the Bible, and we need to understand it.

The last part of verse 17 says, “for at the time of the end shall be the vision.” It gets more specific in verse 19: “And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation ...” Not only is this about the end time, this is the “last end”—THE END OF THE END TIME. Daniel was written *only* for the end time (Daniel 12:4, 9). God wants us to recognize the urgency of this prophecy.

Daniel describes this strong leader who will arise in Europe: “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up” (Daniel 8:23).

God calls this leader a “king.” This soon-coming ruler could literally be called a king. Even if he is not, the Bible calls him that. When the Bible talks about a king, in most cases it is saying that this is not a democratic government. Whether or not he has that title, HE WILL LEAD LIKE A KING. This vision described in Daniel shows that the European empire is about to become far more authoritarian. It



will be pared down from its current configuration of 28 nations to 10 nations.

Daniel 11:21 prophesies that this strong leader will come into power “by flatteries.” We have always believed this will *not* happen by votes, but through behind-the-scenes machinations of some kind. We must watch Germany and Europe carefully. Though Bible prophecy gives us the outline of how these events will unfold, we don’t know the details.

Daniel 8:24 prophesies about this coming king: “And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he ...

shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.” That is a terrifying statement! This European empire is prophesied to wreak havoc on this world!

Nobody wants to talk about it, but German history reveals an explosive tendency: When the right leader comes to power, watch out! We must face this truth. According to your Bible, Germany is about to start World War III—the deadliest war in history.

The Bible tells us this leader will lead a monstrous military machine. Read Habakkuk 1:6-11. It prophesies of the

Whose Side Is the Pope On?

IN THE ONGOING WAR OVER UKRAINE, the Catholic Church has played a similar role to the one played by Germany.

In 2013, Russia prepared to invade Ukraine for the first time. Many expected Pope Francis to speak out against Vladimir Putin and the war, because he speaks loudly on causes he is passionate about, and Ukraine’s Catholics are overwhelmingly pro-European. Instead, the news media were left to puzzle over his silence.

In 2015, as tension over Ukraine worsened, Putin traveled to the Vatican and met with the pope. Did these two come to some kind of agreement? Putin puts a lot of stock in what the pope says. “The Kremlin sees the Vatican as a multidimensional power—bigger, in some ways, than what Russia considers ‘the West,’” wrote Anna Nemtsova in the *Daily Beast* (Feb. 13, 2016). *Foreign Affairs* noted that the pope has “patiently cultivated” a strong relationship with Putin.

When the pope did make a rare speech on the Ukrainian situation in 2015, he did not describe the conflict as a Russian invasion. Instead, he called it “fratricidal violence,” echoing Putin’s portrayal of the conflict as a civil war. When a Catholic archbishop rejected that description, Francis told the Ukrainian clergy to stay out of politics! Other Catholic officials who opposed the pope’s talking points were transferred to other countries.

In contrast, Patriarch Kirill, leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, publicly thanked the Vatican for its position on Ukraine. He said that those lower Catholic authorities who had spoken out had made “extremely politicized statements,

which did not help end the civil confrontation. I would like to note with satisfaction that the Holy See itself has always pursued a balanced stance toward the situation in Ukraine and has avoided any lopsided assessments, but has called for peace talks and an end to armed clashes.”

In late 2021 and early 2022, the possibility of Putin drastically expanding the war in Ukraine stirred up a renewed flurry of Vatican-Moscow diplomacy. In a Dec. 17, 2021, birthday telegraph to the pope, Putin wrote, “It is hard to overestimate your personal contribution to the development of relations between the Russian Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches, and to the strengthening of the Russian-Vatican ties. I am certain that, with our joint efforts, we will be able to do a lot to protect the rights and interests of the Christians and to ensure the multi-confessional [or interfaith] dialogue.”

Earlier in the month, Francis had said that “a meeting with Patriarch Kirill is not far on the horizon.” Russia has the largest population of Eastern Orthodox Christians and, by some counts, the second-largest Christian denomination. Has Putin promised some kind of restoration between the Russian Orthodox Church and Rome in exchange for the pope supporting his war in Ukraine?

Ukrainian Catholics have grown frustrated with the pope’s response to the invasion and his reluctance to speak out for them. As part of Easter celebrations, the Vatican had a Ukrainian woman and a Russian woman carry a cross together. The pope continued his



refusal to criticize Russia. He indicated instead that both sides shared blame, and portrayed the Russians as not only aggressors but also partially victims of Ukrainian aggression. Sviatoslav Shevchuk, a Catholic Ukrainian Greek archbishop, condemned the pope’s words and actions as “incomprehensible and even offensive.” Yuriy Pidlisnyi at the Ukrainian Catholic University said the pope’s position “looks like a sacrifice of truth for the illusory profit of Ostpolitik.”

People are wondering if, like Germany, the Vatican has done or is trying to do a deal with Russia.

Regardless, the way Germany and the Vatican have taken the same position on the Ukraine war is extremely concerning. German strongmen and the Vatican have a long history of working together in what has been called the Holy Roman Empire. This empire has a bloody history. And Bible prophecy warns that we are about to see it resurrected, powered by great wealth, a large population and modern weapons of mass destruction.

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Holy Roman Empire attacking and destroying three nations of biblical Israel. Their warriors are swifter than leopards and fiercer than wolves. They commit violence like this world has never seen! This is what this radically changed Germany will end up doing.

'Dark Sentences'

Daniel 8:23 tells us this coming European leader understands "dark sentences." He is a brilliant and capable man.

On April 13, EUROINTELLIGENCE headlined "Worry About Etherium, Not the Renminbi." The article highlighted the example of a young American programmer being sentenced to prison by a New York court. What was his offense? He gave a presentation in North Korea at the Pyongyang Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Conference. The United States court accused him of teaching how to circumvent U.S. sanctions using the Etherium blockchain. EuroIntelligence wrote: "The interesting bit about this story is the implicit recognition that you can use the Etherium blockchain to evade sanctions. But trying to keep that information secret seems rather pointless to us."

When will we learn from history? What will it take to finally awaken the modern nations of Israel?

Not everybody understands this stuff, but the information is all out in the open. Unlike the North Koreans, the Russians are tech-savvy. If the North Koreans can evade sanctions through blockchain, so can the Russians. If the attempt to explain how it works carries a long prison sentence, we should probably assume that this is a real threat."

America has colossal financial power. It is using that power to try to shut down Vladimir Putin. Yet if someone "understands this stuff," he can use blockchain to defeat America's financial power.

Germany has a very good understanding of blockchain.

Is this the kind of "dark sentences" the Bible warns that the European strongman will understand?

This leader is both a sophisticated intellectual and a brutal war leader. However, like Germany itself, he may not appear so right now. Habakkuk 1:11 tells us, "Then shall his MIND CHANGE, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god." Isaiah 10:7 tells the same story: "Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to DESTROY AND CUT OFF NATIONS NOT A FEW." There will come a point when this man will realize what power he really has, he will probably become possessed by the devil—and his mind will change.



Karl-Theodor zu ... who?

The *Trumpet* is watching for someone to become the prophesied German strongman, and we are watching someone in particular. Request your free copy of ***A Strong German Leader Is Imminent***.

The devil **LOVES** concentration camps. He **LOVES** to see humanity suffer. He hates the exalted potential God has given human beings, who are made in His likeness and image. The devil doesn't want human beings to rule as God intended. He is going to seize this opportunity and annihilate as many people as he possibly can—especially Jews and the descendants of the ancient Israelites, the American and British peoples.

"... O mighty God, thou hast established them [the Germans] FOR CORRECTION," Habakkuk 1:12 tells us. Verses 14 through 17 speak of how utterly meaningless human life is to these war-mongers. "Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?" THEY SLAY NATIONS OVER AND OVER AGAIN!

When will we learn from history? What will it take to finally awaken the modern nations of Israel—the only people to have a history with God? Tragically, prophecy shows it will take the Great Tribulation and a lot of correction from God.

'Broken Without Hand'

Despite horrifying news in the short term, the prophecy of this coming European strongman has a wonderful, hope-filled conclusion.

Daniel 8:25 reads, "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many" This man will talk about peace. However, look at the end of the verse: "[H]e shall also stand up against the Prince of princes [Jesus Christ]; but he shall be broken without hand." This man and the empire he rules will be *broken*—not with physical hands or a physical army, but by Jesus Christ Himself!

Christ is about to return to Earth and put an end to all of this horror. He says in Matthew 24:21-22 that if He didn't return, no flesh would be saved alive! Man cannot prevent these coming horrors. He created this monster of nuclear power, and like Dr. Frankenstein, he cannot control it.

We live in a dangerous world! These are not ordinary times. Isaiah 33:7 prophesies that the ambassadors of peace will weep bitterly because their cherished goal of peace will elude them. Isaiah 59:8 says, "The way of peace they know not"

But Jesus Christ is going to return. Only Christ can bring us peace, joy and happiness. That is what these prophecies ultimately foretell. This is the best possible news you could ever hear! And this is the *conclusion* to the same vision of this tyrannical leader who is about to seize control of Europe!

The horrendous suffering this king and the empire he leads will inflict on this world is about to stagger people's minds. The good news is, it will be stopped. We are witnessing the last resurrection of that evil empire forever. Thankfully, the seventh and last head of the Holy Roman Empire will usher in the coming of the Messiah. No nation will be ruled in that bloody tradition ever again. Thank God for that! ■

GERMANY'S SECRET DEAL WITH RUSSIA— EXPOSED

Siding with Russia against Ukraine exposes Germany's secret pact—and its dangerous intentions.

BY GERALD FLURRY

I HAVE BELIEVED FOR many years that Germany and Russia may have secretly signed a modern-day Hitler-Stalin pact. Germany's reaction to Russia's attack on Ukraine has exposed the existence of this deal. It also shows how far the Germans are willing to go to keep this deal intact.

Why is it worth so much to the Germans to continue siding with the Russians against Ukraine and most of the West?

Here is what I wrote in the September 2008 *Trumpet*: "I believe that Germany's leaders may have already agreed to a deal with Russia, a modern Hitler-Stalin pact where Germany and Russia divide

countries and assets between themselves. This agreement would allow each to turn its sights on other targets. Any such deal that may have been struck between Germany and Russia is a precursor to war!"

Russia's open invasion and military strikes against heavily populated areas in Ukraine have been horrific. The world has seen mass graves and evidence of torture and war crimes committed by Russian troops in ravaged towns like Bucha. Some 8 million people have fled their homes.

The United States, United Kingdom and much of Eastern Europe have rushed weapons to Ukraine. But Germany, despite some sympathetic rhetoric toward the Ukrainians, has stood in the way. When the West tries to impose sanctions on Russian President

Vladimir Putin and those close to him, Germany weakens those sanctions.

The whole world can now clearly see that Germany is siding with Putin. Sadly, few understand why.

Empowering Putin

As Vladimir Putin prepared for a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Germany thwarted all efforts to dissuade him. When Ukraine asked for weapons, Germany sent a few thousand helmets instead. When other nations wanted to send weapons to help force Putin to back down, Germany used NATO weapons-sales restrictions to stop them. When Britain found a way to send its own weapons to Ukraine, it flew them around German airspace rather than officially asking Germany to help even in this small way.

If not for Germany, Putin likely wouldn't have even invaded. Germany cracked what would have otherwise been fairly united opposition from the West. This gave Putin the confidence that the consequences for attacking wouldn't be severe, and that war was worth it.

In January, as Russian forces prepared to assault Ukraine, Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko summarized Germany's actions this way: "This is failure to provide assistance and betrayal of friends."

Once Putin actually launched the full-scale invasion, Germany changed its rhetoric. But it changed little else.

If Germany supports Russia too openly, it risks losing the support of half of Europe. Poland, the Baltic states and many others could break with Germany permanently. Even many German citizens are demanding that their government stand up to Russia.

So the German government talked tough. It took the opportunity to dramatically boost its own military spending. After resisting immense pressure, it finally suspended opening the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which is designed to strengthen Germany and Russia at the expense of the rest of Europe.

Germany's promises of great help for Ukraine have little substance. Ukraine's ambassador to Germany, Andriy Melnyk, said, "We, as Ukrainians, hardly feel a thing. No help that would do justice to the level of brutality and despair in my homeland."

Germany has expended great effort to weaken even economic sanctions against Russia. Britain and America have promised to stop buying oil and gas from Russia. Germany has repeatedly prevented the European Union from making a similar pledge. EUROPE HAS CONTINUED BUYING MORE THAN \$600 MILLION IN RUSSIAN ENERGY EVERY DAY, MORE THAN A THIRD OF WHICH GOES TO GERMANY. Putin's war machine could not function without this steady flow of money.

Melnyk called this “a knife in the back of Ukraine.”

Germany also blocked effective sanctions against Russia's financial sector. The U.S. wanted to cut off Russia entirely from the SWIFT interbank payment system. Led by Germany, the EU refused. It agreed to cut off 70 percent

One member wrote, “That was the most undignified moment in the Bundestag today that I have ever experienced!”

Germany continued to act as though it supports Ukraine. It planned to send a representative to its embattled capital city, Kyiv. Zelenskyy told the German president, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, that he was not welcome. In doing so, he shined a spotlight on Germany's cozy relationship with Russia for the world to see.

As the world scrutinized Germany's rhetoric versus its actions, the German government further changed its approach. But it was only for show.

In April, the German government was again caught double-dealing. It had requested a list of armaments that its weapons industry could quickly provide. It passed the list on to the Ukrainians

After all this came out, Germany changed course further and finally promised to send heavy weapons to Ukraine. But again, it was a sham. Soon it was revealed that Germany planned to send fighting vehicles *but no ammunition*.

A Business Empire

The power behind this ongoing betrayal of Ukraine and the West is not just the German government but German industry.

“If you want to understand why Germany acts the way it does, listen to the best advice ever given to any journalist: Follow the money,” Wolfgang Münchau wrote. “Germany's foreign policy is a function of its industrial-corporatist model” (EuroIntelligence, May 1). He wrote that Germany's relationship with Russia is driven by “a deep network of German and Russian industrial contacts.”

“The main driver of that relationship is not Gerhard Schröder [former German chancellor and Russian state-owned energy company executive] or any other politician, but German industry,” Münchau continued. “Its main representative is the German Eastern Business Association, one of Europe's most influential lobbying groups. It plays a comparably important role in Germany to the National Rifle Association in the U.S. It bought off politicians and entire political parties. It is the only lobbying group I know of with the power to determine the foreign policy of an advanced Western country.”

With Germany dominated by its industrialists, this association and the executives themselves likely have *far more* power in German foreign policy than the National Rifle Association has in America.

Opinion polls show that the German people generally favor more sanctions on Russia and more weapons for Ukraine. But Germany's big businesses have worked hard to thwart these.

Martin Brudermüller, CEO of the world's largest chemical company, BASF, called boycotting Russian energy foolish and said that it would “force the German economy into its worst crisis since the end of the Second World War.” Werner Baumann, CEO of the global pharmaceutical and agricultural giant Bayer, said that “a gas supply freeze would have



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—UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY

of Russia's financial system from SWIFT. Then, when the punishment was implemented, the actual figure was 30 percent.

EuroIntelligence called this “sanctions in name only” and wrote, “The EU is cheering on the Ukrainian side from a safe distance, watching from warm living rooms, heated by Russian gas” (March 3).

NATO members trying to send weapons to Ukraine have encountered Germany working, successfully, to delay and block those shipments.

“Dear Mr. Scholz, tear down this wall,” Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in an impassioned plea directly to the German chancellor and government on March 17. Zelenskyy said that many German firms continue to do business in Russia, “which is simply using you and your companies to finance the war. You are again with a wall. It's not a Berlin Wall: It is a wall in Central Europe between freedom and bondage”

This speech was shown on live video inside the Bundestag chamber, with hundreds of German leaders present and listening. But after he finished, they did not even debate his speech. They went on with their regular business.

and said they could select \$1.1 billion from the list, free of charge.

But the German government had edited the list. It had removed the weapons that could really hurt Russian forces and left the weapons that Ukraine didn't need. The Ukrainian government said there was little on the list it could use, and the German government essentially said, *Sorry, this is all our weapons industry says that they have available*. But they got caught in their lie.

“Olaf Scholz has been caught red-handed misrepresenting facts about weapons deliveries to Ukraine,” wrote the *Spectator*. “Behind the scenes, he is busy frustrating efforts to help the country, while pretending to be outraged about Vladimir Putin's aggression” (April 21).

Many see the truth of what is happening. *Welt* published an article with a condemning title: “The German Government Is Now Partly to Blame for the Massacres in Bucha and Mariupol.” “Ukraine was lied to, and behind the scenes, the closeness to Russia remained,” Klaus Geiger wrote. “This was another reason why the Bucha massacre was possible” (April 5).

catastrophic consequences for industry in Germany and for the people in our country.” Aeronautics conglomerate Airbus has also lobbied against sanctions. Siemens Energy CEO Christian Bruch warned that “the repercussions will be dramatic.” Siemens has announced that it is shutting down business with Russia, but others, including Germany’s largest company, software giant SAP, continue doing business there.

Many of Germany’s top economists believe sanctions on Russia would be much less destructive than these business leaders claim. *But these leaders are determined to keep Germany close to Russia.* For all the conflict the Germans have had with that nation, and for as much as they fear it, their wealth and power currently depend on Russia.

Deutsche Welle asked, “Are German Companies in Russia War Collaborators?” (February 4). The *New York Times* published “For German Firms, Ties to Russia Are Personal, Not Just Financial” (March 6). In “Germans Steel Themselves to Sever Links With Russia,” the *Financial Times* stated, “Business, academic and cultural ties run deep, making the rupture deeply personal for many” (March 13).

been empowered by German businesses for centuries. In recent times alone, the Pan-German League powered the rise of the German Empire prior to World War I, and business leaders helped bring Adolf Hitler to power in the 1930s. Before World War II ended, it was business leaders who conspired to help the Nazis go underground and return years later.

“This is why Ms. Merkel’s disclosure should shake the world,” I wrote. “THE REAL POWER IN GERMANY LIES WITH THE SAME PEOPLE WHO PUSHED GERMANY TO WORLD WAR TWICE BEFORE!” Again, it is the industrialists who continue to push Germany into this close relationship with Russia, even as its war on Ukraine rages.

What is in it for them to do this?

A Dark History of Cooperation

Too few are asking that question, and even fewer understand the answer. Euro-Intellegence speculated that Putin may be blackmailing the German chancellor with compromising propaganda. But that would not explain why German business leaders have invested years of valuable effort to build this alliance with Russia.

Many elite Germans feel that their nation has now extracted all the ben-

in the world and helped it reunite and exert unquestioned political power over Europe! And German elites still feel “kept down” compared to what they know their economy, politics and military could be.

This is why Germany is working with Russia. These two nations are working to empower themselves and each other at the expense of Europe and the U.S.-led world order. Both want to tear down that order and build themselves into great empires! Those empires will inevitably clash, but for now it is in both Germany’s and Russia’s interest to weaken everyone else and strengthen themselves and each other. With this in mind, Germany’s duplicitous behavior is easy to understand.

AND HISTORY MAKES IT EVEN EASIER TO UNDERSTAND. Between wars, Germany and Russia often work together. Most infamously, just before World War II, Adolf Hitler’s Germany and Joseph Stalin’s Russia basically agreed to allow each other to gobble up other nations and split them between themselves.

That infamous agreement, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, set the stage for the most devastating war in history!

Stalin thought he could trust Hitler. But after Hitler realized he could not conquer Britain, he decided to break the deal and attack Russia. This shattered Stalin’s worldview. Stalin didn’t expect it. But if he had read what Hitler had written in *Mein Kampf* years before, he would have known Hitler planned to conquer Russia as well.

In 2008, Russia shocked the world by invading the former Soviet nation of Georgia and taking control of two of its regions. Germany said little about that and did nothing. That is why I thought these two nations had already worked out a modern “Molotov-Ribbentrop” agreement. In 2014, Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine and supported rebels in eastern Ukraine, plunging that region into an ongoing war. Germany once again said little and did nothing! Ukraine had been on track to join the European Union. You would think the Germans would have been extremely angry at Russia! But not if they had previously made an agreement with Russia about what it could do in Ukraine.

Could it be that Germany agreed to let Russia take over these areas in exchange

“IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHY GERMANY ACTS THE WAY IT DOES, LISTEN TO THE BEST ADVICE EVER GIVEN TO ANY JOURNALIST: FOLLOW THE MONEY. GERMANY’S FOREIGN POLICY IS A FUNCTION OF ITS INDUSTRIAL-CORPORATIST MODEL”

—WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROINTELLIGENCE

You can read about the disturbing history of German industrialists’ power in my March cover article, “Rising From the German Underground” (theTrumpet.com/25143). That article was prompted by Polish politician Donald Tusk revealing that the outgoing German chancellor, Angela Merkel, had told him privately that she had been forced to support the Nord Stream 2 pipeline and all its ramifications because she was “helpless” against the overwhelming pressure of the German industrialists.

“If you know German history and Bible prophecy, few statements from a German leader could be more revealing—and frightening!” that article says. It explains how German empires have

efit it can from the United States, and they are now ready for a new phase in German strategy. Some want modern Germany to use its impressive industrial and economic power to multiply its political and military power. They want to establish Europe as a new superpower, a modern Holy Roman Empire!

These Germans know that NATO has protected Europe from Russia for a lifetime. After World War II, Hastings Ismay, the first NATO secretary general, summarized the purpose of the alliance this way: “Keep the Russians out, the Americans in, and the Germans down.”

That alliance has kept Germany’s military down, but it has also helped its economy become one of the best

for Russia letting Germany take over the Balkans in the 1990s?

What else might these two have agreed to that they have not yet acted on?

If and when NATO fails and the U.S. is pushed out of Europe, the countries of Eastern Europe will need a new champion. They cannot stand up to Russia alone, especially if it uses its more powerful weapons. They would rather look to the U.S., but with America gone, Germany remains the only real option.

Removing America will put Germany on top of a Europe scrambling to ensure it has the firepower to defend itself. This military force would not fight for NATO and the American-led world order, but it will fight for a European-led world order.

The Germans distrust and even fear Russia and Vladimir Putin. But they also see how his boldness can help them build and dominate a new Holy Roman Empire. That is why they are working with him, even through dire circumstances that would otherwise cause them to oppose Russia. Russia may gain control of some of Eastern Europe, like Ukraine, Belarus and possibly more. But the rest will be forced to turn to Germany!

The current Ukraine crisis could quickly result in Eastern Europe being divided between these two power blocs. What we see today is only the beginning.

A Seething Pot

The biblical book of Jeremiah is full of prophecy focused on the end time. Historically, Jeremiah gave his warning message directly to the nation of Judah only. Yet so many of the prophecies in his book are directed to Israel, which was already in captivity at the time. That is because these prophecies were aimed mainly at the *modern descendants* of Israel, which, we can prove to you, are America and Britain today.

(Request our free booklet *Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible* for a full explanation.)

Today these nations are deeply divided. Their peoples are divided among themselves; their leaders are splintered by bitter disagreement and political warfare. Don't you think Russian and German leaders are going to exploit this division? They will do what they have almost always done throughout history when they have power over weak, divided enemies and take full advantage of the situation.

Jeremiah 1:13 records God showing the prophet a vision of "a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north." This symbolic language is describing modern Germany. Beneath the surface, that nation is full of simmering dissatisfaction with the current world order. Germans are angry at the U.S. The imperialistic ambition that prompted Germany to start both world wars is alive and well. It is "seething"!

Verses 14-15 continue: "Then the Lord said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah."

Cooperation between Germany and Russia is setting the scene for a huge "seething pot" to spill over! This boiling cauldron will scald everybody in America and Britain. This is prophesied to be the worst suffering ever known to man. And it will occur by God's hand because of His extreme wrath over the sins of these peoples.

Repeatedly God asked Jeremiah, "What do you see?" God is asking people today: *What do you see?* Do you really see what is happening in Europe? Do you see the stage being set for a world war like never before? Do you understand it?

God spells it out for us, and we can see events lining up with His prophecies. And anyone who sees it—and heeds the warning and obeys God—can be protected and lead a happy, stable and fulfilled life.

Great Cause for Hope

On the surface, this news about Germany and Russia may seem depressing. But if you view it through the lens of Bible prophecy, you clearly see that it is closely tied to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!

Christ said in Matthew 24:21-22 that if He didn't return, "there should no flesh be saved [alive]"! Do you really think men can solve all of these problems you see multiplying in this world today, many of which involve nuclear-armed nations?

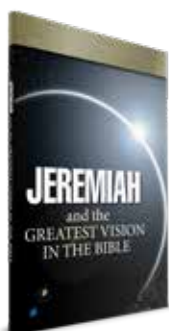
Russia and America possess 90 percent of the world's nuclear weapons. France and Britain have nuclear bombs, too, and other nations of Europe have American nuclear bombs deployed on their territory. Germany could rapidly become a great nuclear power if it wanted to—practically overnight.

There is no way mankind is going to solve these problems. As Isaiah 59:8 says, "The way of peace they know not"

Men are going to continue in their futile attempts at forging peace. They will have to suffer until Jesus Christ returns. The suffering will get far more intense just before He returns. But His return is tied to this German rising power and this Russian rising power. He promises that He will return before war has ended all human life! (Matthew 24:22). The rising military powers in Russia and Europe are a significant part of what will make it necessary for Christ to return.

God wants us to respond to Him. He says He will help us in any way we need if we will just obey Him. "[W]hy will ye die, O house of Israel?" God asks in Ezekiel 18:31. He doesn't want any of us to have to suffer! He is eager to spare us from the coming cataclysmic violence and to bless us.

We need to understand these Bible prophecies. They are preparing the way for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to Earth. That means all the bad news is about to end. He is going to bring peace, joy and happiness to this world forever. ■



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Belarus Is Back in the USSR



A century after the formation of the Soviet Union, Belarus has again been absorbed into a Russian empire. BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

BELARUS HAS SURRENDERED ITS sovereignty in all but name. This was tragically evident in late February when Russian ruler Vladimir Putin sent his invasion forces into Ukraine, not just from across the border with Russia, but also from across the border with Belarus.

Putin had deployed tens of thousands of his troops to Belarus and now plans to leave a considerable number of them in Belarus indefinitely. This means that however Putin's war on the former Soviet nation of Ukraine turns out, he has already quietly conquered another major former Soviet state.

This takeover of a country of 9.5 million people, wedged between Russia and Europe, is a strategic victory against Russia's adversary, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

How was Putin able to quietly accomplish this major strategic goal? What does it mean for global security?

'Europe's Last Dictator'

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko has often been called Europe's last dictator. With men like Hungary's Viktor Orbán now in power, "last" is up for debate. But what is certain is that Lukashenko is a dictator—the type who will leave the presidential palace only in a coup or a coffin. What is also sure is that Lukashenko has linked himself to Putin—a man he sometimes calls his "big brother"—in a way that no other world leader has even approached.

The 67-year-old Lukashenko is one of very few world leaders who has actually been on the scene longer than Putin. The former Soviet soldier and Communist farming and industrial director was elected president in 1994, three years after the country became independent from the dissolving Soviet Union, and six years before Putin came to power.

Unlike the leaders of most other former Soviet states who wanted to make a

clean break with the failures of the past, Lukashenko preserved the relics of communism in Belarus. He enshrined the anniversary of the October Revolution of 1917 as a national holiday, kept an iron grip on state-owned factories and farms that comprise the bulk of the nation's economy, and he kept Belarussian economics, culture, politics and defense closely aligned with Russia.

In 1997, Lukashenko actually began work on a plan to create a "Union of Belarus and Russia." Its stated purpose was nothing less than unifying the peoples of the two countries into one political entity, with one flag, one currency, one judiciary, one integrated economy and one military—a union as close as or closer than existed under Soviet dictatorship. When Putin took over Russia a few years later, he and Lukashenko became fast friends, and Russia strengthened its effort to create this two-state union.

In the early 2000s, Lukashenko's regime came to rely even more heavily on Russia, particularly its supply of steeply discounted energy. And Belarus became ever more vital to Putin. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the U.S. military established ties with some post-Soviet nations. NATO planned to deploy missile defense systems in Eastern Europe, and several East European nations started shifting their policies in favor of Europe and the West.

These developments gave Belarus, a pro-Russia buffer between Europe and the Russian landmass, extreme strategic value to Putin.

In the following years, Putin and Lukashenko integrated their two countries and militaries further. They conducted dozens of joint war exercises each year, began developing joint weapons programs, and built three joint combat training centers.

With each of these developments, the Russian-Belarusian "Slavic Brotherhood" grew. Still, Lukashenko delayed full integration with Russia. He rolled out the red carpet for Putin's visits and discussed integration with him in highly publicized meetings. But when it came to real action, Lukashenko delayed. He was dependent on Russia, yet he also kept Belarus connected to various NATO and European Union nations and to the United States.

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may-the-best-facts-win debate.

They want power.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

THE CULTURE WAR IS NOW an open nationwide conflict. Revolutionaries have captured and consolidated power over news media and social media. They are using that power to smash tradition, religion, history, family, childhood and even biology, rebelling against reality itself. And they are using their power to censor people who oppose them.

Now they are striking against the very existence of free speech.

In reaction to radical tech censorship, entrepreneur Elon Musk, the world's richest man, made a deal in April to buy Twitter. A struggle is currently underway to stop this purchase from happening.

Musk has been an active Twitter user for years and said he considers as perhaps the world's best "town square," a way to freely exchange and debate ideas. He considers himself a moderate liberal left behind by his fellow liberals over the past few years as they have turned increasingly radical. He also noticed, like many others, that Twitter seemed to be secretly turning down certain people, ideas and even political candidates while turning up the influence of the other side.

That suspicion was confirmed to the world following the fraud surrounding the 2020 presidential election.

Twitter executives actively intervened to ban negative but true information about Joe Biden in October 2020 when legally obtained information on his son's laptop was made public. They blocked and then froze the account of a very old, very large, legitimate news publisher, the *New York Post*, for reporting on the story and blocked *all Twitter users* from sharing that information. Later, *after* the election, Twitter chief executive officer Jack Dorsey claimed it was a "total mistake" and "a process error" that was "not against them [the *Post*] in any particular way." He made that statement after Joe Biden was safely in the White House, and refused to answer a congressman who asked whose decision it was to ban that information.



Disinformation Warfare

Twitter executives took an equally radical action in early 2021. After evidence emerged that the 2020 election had not only been unfairly influenced by media coverage and censorship but also that tens of thousands of actual votes were manipulated, Americans protested, United States President Donald Trump among them. They demanded that the relevant courts, legislatures and prosecutors investigate the fraud, disqualify illegal votes, and ensure that the election was constitutional—or even just democratic. But the big steal continued, from the dead of election night on November 3 through to the congressional certification on January 6. In fact, more than 100 U.S. representatives and senators were ready to contest the certification due to evidence of fraud in six swing states, but those behind the big steal were ready for that. The January 6 protest turned unruly and, in a few instances, violent. Evidence has emerged that the federal government itself, through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, helped *cause* that riotous behavior to discredit the opposition and force through the certification. It worked.

Hours later, Twitter censors went into action, actually suspending the account of the president to block him from one

of his most-used forms of communication. The next day, former First Lady Michelle Obama demanded that Twitter ban the president *permanently*. Twitter obeyed *within 24 hours*. It permanently blocked the account, including all prior posts, of President Donald Trump, cutting him off from his 88 million followers. (Joe Biden had 20 million.)

Musk was one of those who protested Twitter's activist-style censorship. He was not a Trump supporter, did not necessarily think he was a good president, and had significant disputes with him, including opposing Trump's withdrawal of America from the Paris Climate Accords, a major priority of Barack Obama and other leftists. Although not a Trump supporter, Musk recognized the obvious fact that free speech is integral to freedom itself. He said a tech company banning a sitting president from its platform was insane.

Now Musk is seeing if he can do something about it. He said that if his purchase of Twitter succeeds, he wants to make it unbiased and transparent, even opening up the underlying computer code so users can prove for themselves how Twitter executives are determining what they see, and whether they are artificially



turning down the reach of some content and turning up the reach of other content. He said another top priority is getting rid of “bots.” These are automated Twitter accounts used to promote products or individuals, to perpetrate monetary scams, and to artificially amplify certain viewpoints. This would have the effect of revealing how many real people support which ideas, and how many accounts are the social media equivalent of fake ballots.

Musk wants Twitter executives to use their control of the platform to enforce whatever laws are applicable, but few additional rules beyond that. In a constitutional republic like America, if people want something stopped, they make a law through their elected representatives. Musk said that those laws are what should govern what can be posted on a social media platform, not a censorship board with radical ideas. It’s a clear-cut case for free speech.

Radical leftists don’t want this.

They are furious! The line of attack for many of them is not that Musk will fail to bring free speech to Twitter: It is that he will succeed, and that *free speech is bad*.

One radical liberal news host went all in and said Musk’s changes to Twitter “could affect the fate of the planet.”

They have compelling reasons to fight Musk and to continue denying free speech on Twitter and elsewhere. What would happen if people could more freely discuss the adverse effects of COVID-19 vaccines, the true effects of the COVID-19 pandemic itself, rampant Biden family corruption, and the massive fraud in the 2020 presidential election? Their grip on power depends on censoring the truth.

The Bible foretold that, in our lifetimes, the truth would be cast down to the ground by an organized, evil influence. But it also promises that every secret will be brought into the open.

Liberal Meltdown

MSNBC host Ari Melber said, “If you own all of Twitter or Facebook or what have you, you don’t have to explain yourself, you don’t even have to be transparent. You could secretly ban one party’s candidate, or all of its candidates, all of its nominees.” He continued, “Or you could just secretly turn down the reach of their stuff and turn up the reach of something else, and the rest of us might not even find about it till after the election.”

Melber and his radical-leftist MSNBC friends acted like he had no clue that the world knows this is *exactly* what Twitter’s censors openly did surrounding the momentous 2020 election! Twitter completely blocked legitimate, legal information about the laptop of Joe Biden’s son, and it permanently banned the sitting president of the United States, Donald Trump.



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This is late-stage “political correctness.” It is radical censorship in support of a cultural and literal revolution.

Twitter employees have been caught on video admitting that the company “shadow bans” conservatives and flags posts that contain words like “God” or “America.” After the news that Musk’s initial offer had been accepted, Twitter executives appeared to have changed

their algorithms to reduce how heavily it manipulates information. Prominent conservatives suddenly found that they had far more followers, and prominent liberals found that they had far fewer.

Censoring your opponents does not prove them wrong. It only proves that you fear what they might say. This is why radical leftists and media propagandists are exploding with anger against Elon Musk. They are projecting their own crimes onto him.

Musk says that speech should be governed only by the laws that are passed by democratically elected representatives. People like Elizabeth Warren, a U.S. senator, say this is “dangerous for democracy.”

But running Twitter as a Democrat-aligned propaganda machine? That’s not *dangerous for democracy*, she would say, because she is a Democrat.

Leftists like Warren are fearful not only that Twitter will reflect the actual opinions of real people at a 1-to-1 ratio going forward, but that what Twitter has been doing in the past will come to light.

You would think that senators and other politicians or especially journalists, even if they are Democrats, would avoid vociferously attacking such a fundamental, cherished value as free speech. But we are in the late stages of the culture war now. The radical leftists are deep into their long march of laying waste to America’s institutions.

Time magazine recently published an article titled “Elon Musk and the Tech

Bro Obsession With ‘Free Speech.’” It actually asserted that *free speech is racist*: “[T]he tech rhetoric around free speech has become an obsession of the mostly white, male members of the tech elite, who made their billions in the decades before a rapidly diversifying workforce changed the culture at many of the biggest companies in Silicon Valley” (April 29).

Even California tech elites—most of whom vote Democrat, many of whom promote Democrats, donate to Democrats and use free speech to amplify Democrat policies—are racist *if they favor free speech*.

MSNBC's Joy Reid accused Musk of pushing for free speech because he wants to bring back the era of apartheid from his native South Africa. You read that right. Musk is a liberal billionaire who spends a large part of his fortune fighting climate change and who has supported Barack Obama. But he wants free speech on Twitter, so now the liberal attack forces are slurring him as a white racist.

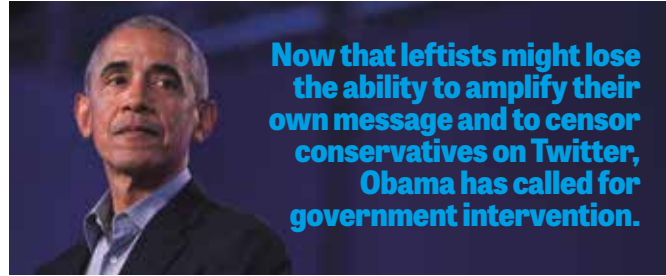
George Soros, who for decades has used his billions to destroy the Constitution and traditions of America, used his Open Markets Initiative to, ironically, try to block Musk's purchase. Activists, many of whom almost certainly trace back to people like Soros, are targeting Twitter's largest advertisers to try to intimidate or thwart Musk.

Another attack against the acquisition came from 26 nongovernmental organizations and advocacy groups that signed a May 3 letter urging the nation's biggest brands—including Coca-Cola, Disney and Kraft—to boycott Twitter if Elon Musk goes through with his plan. "Under Musk's management, Twitter risks becoming a cesspool of misinformation," their letter stated. "Your ad dollars can either fund Musk's vanity project or hold him to account. We call on you to demand Musk uphold these basic standards of community trust and safety, and to pull your advertising spending from Twitter if they are not."

Musk responded to this letter by asking who funds these groups. The answer is George Soros's Open Society Foundations, various nongovernmental organizations founded by former Clinton and Obama administration staffers, wealthy Democratic donors, labor unions and, in some cases, the governments of European nations. All of these left-wing groups are united by their belief that free speech must play second fiddle to socialist speech.

And how did Barack Obama respond?

Now that leftists might lose the ability to amplify their own message and to censor conservatives on Twitter, Obama has called for government intervention. During a speech at Stanford University that he gave while Musk was negotiating the deal, Obama sent a message saying that more "regulation has to be part of the answer." Less than a week later, as if on cue, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it is creating what it calls the Disinformation Governance Board.



Ministry of Truth

The Disinformation Governance Board has been compared to the dystopian "Ministry of Truth" in George Orwell's novel 1984. Its alleged purpose is to advise the DHS secretary on how to analyze online content. But when you look at the decades of "politically correct" censorship and now brazen manipulation of information, you can see that this board is a major step on the way toward Chinese Communist Party-like censorship.

To help the project, Biden nominated Nina Jankowicz, a former disinformation "expert" at the Woodrow Wilson Center. She apparently said, when Trump was president, "I would never want to see our executive branch have that sort of power"—the sort of power she now has. When Twitter decided to reduce some of its censoring on free speech about the 2020 election earlier this year, Jankowicz said she was "dismayed about this decision" considering "the long-term damage these lies do to our democracy." She must be doubly dismayed at the thought of Twitter being headed for new ownership entirely. At the end of the day, radical leftists believe that true information is *whatever they say* is true information.

Jankowicz is most well known for spreading the misinformation that the Hunter Biden laptop was "Russian

misinformation." Now that even the radically liberal *New York Times* admits that Hunter Biden's laptop was Hunter Biden's laptop, Jankowicz is exposed as someone whose expertise on disinformation is not in stopping it but in spreading it.

When news came out about the infamous, dubious and now thoroughly discredited Steele dossier, an attempt to portray Donald Trump as vulnerable to blackmail by Russia, Jankowicz vouched for the dossier's authenticity. In October 2020, with the election on the line,

Jankowicz went so far as to tell CNN that she thought people across the nation were concerned that Trump supporters would show up at voting places with firearms to frighten Democrats into not voting. This baseless misinformation tells you everything you need to know about how Jankowicz would

use the power of the Disinformation Governance Board.

Jen Psaki, the White House press secretary at the time, claimed Jankowicz is an "expert" with "extensive qualifications" for her new post. DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas called her "eminently qualified, a renowned expert in the field of disinformation." "And neutral?" the interviewer asked. "Absolutely so."

This radical partisan appointment to a radical new institution was a deliberate design by Democrats to control what you are allowed to see and hear.

It was last year that the Department of Homeland Security made the decision to form a board to review questions of privacy and civil liberty for online content. But the fact that the Disinformation Governance Board officially launched just after Obama's speech, and two days after Musk's purchase of Twitter was announced, is probably no coincidence. For the left, when one finger slips from its stranglehold on Big Tech, its response is the "Ministry of Truth" at the well-armed DHS.

After an outcry against the board and Jankowicz, Biden's DHS "paused" its implementation. But when you see the different methods radical leftists have used, successfully and unsuccessfully, to try to control information for years, you

know the government's push to control the information you see will continue.

Leftists have a lot of censoring work to do. Illegal immigration is out of control. COVID-19 facts are coming out. Data on COVID vaccine side effects are being publicized. Brazen fraud of several kinds was committed in plain view all over the country before and on Election Night 2020. Information is emerging that the FBI played a significant role in stirring up violence at the January 6 protest.

Conservative commentator Jack Posobiec said that Musk "didn't just purchase a platform, he purchased evidence." Whether that is his intention or not, owning Twitter could mean owning evidence that radical leftists have been censoring and shadow banning conservatives for years. We can expect some shocking revelations if and when Musk takes Twitter private and reprograms the platform to allow free speech. The world just might get a look into what Twitter has been doing, and that would give it a look into what the radical left has been doing.

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Now and again, you will hear Democrats say positive things about "free speech." But this right is part of the original, constitutional, conservative side of the culture war. The progressive, socialist, Communist side of the war fundamentally rejects the Constitution, the right to free speech, and the beliefs about God that ultimately underpin the entire concept of inalienable rights. *They don't believe in it in the first place.*

Radical leftists don't want a may-the-best-facts-win debate. Like everything else in our society, they want to use information as a weapon. They want their opponents silenced.

We are getting a good look at just how far the radical left is willing to go to maintain its hold on power. In his 2018 article "Saving America From the Radical Left—Temporarily," my father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry, wrote, "Had Hillary Clinton been elected, the destructive trends that unfolded during the Obama presidency would have continued unchecked, and they surely would have intensified. Many people—including me—believe it would have meant an end to our constitutional republic!" At the time that view might have seemed extreme. *I didn't think President Obama was a great leader*, some may have thought. *But destroy our republic? Really?*

The war over Twitter and disinformation in general gives a glimpse at just how correct my father was. The radical left is on the cusp of turning this historic bastion of freedom into an altogether different nation. It is nothing short of miraculous that Elon Musk has gotten as far as he has in his attempt to restore free speech. But the left is

Trump from being reelected, and he is at the epicenter of the effort to keep people from finding out about it. That's why his political allies and organizations are targeting Musk's purchase of Twitter.

Just as the people in God's Church allowed the truth to be cast to the ground, Americans, even the ones opposed to radical leftism, are also *allowing* the truth to be cast to the ground. At this late stage, they are far too weak to stop it. God has to intervene to save our republic. If He does not, the *Trumpet* certainly couldn't get our message out, and many people would never get to hear God's warning message. God has promised to give America one last chance to repent (Amos 7:8), so He absolutely must save this country from the forces that are muzzling and destroying it.

"For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash" (2 Kings 14:26-27). This describes a crucial moment in the history of ancient Israel that is also a specific prophecy for that nation's modern descendants, including the Americans. This country is indeed suffering grievous affliction. It is on the brink of final destruction as a constitutional republic and even as a sovereign nation! But there is an end-time type of King Jeroboam II: Donald Trump.

God will save America primarily through President Trump. But why? He is giving those who are casting the truth to the ground, *and those who are allowing it*, an opportunity to hear his warning message and decide whether or not to repent of the sins that brought us to this point. The tide might be turning. Which means you have a choice to make. ■

striking back boldly in a variety of ways, up to and including a Disinformation Governance Board.

The Prophet Daniel said an end-time Antiochus would "cast down the truth to the ground" (Daniel 8:12). This applies to a destructive leader who used his power over God's Church to destroy it. But it also applies to what is happening in America right now.

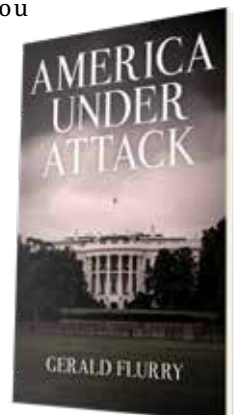
Barack Obama was at the epicenter of the radical left's effort to prevent Donald

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The Most Lethal Threat to America

The left says it's white supremacy.
The truth is far worse. **BY RUFARO MANYEPA**

A MAN ENTERED THE NEW YORK City subway system on April 12 wearing a green Metro train vest and gas mask and carrying a duffel bag. At around 8:30 a.m., he detonated two smoke bombs, pulled out a 9-mm handgun, and fired the weapon 33 times into a crowded subway carriage for two minutes straight until it jammed. Ten people were wounded. The perpetrator fled.

In almost all reports, the media tiptoed around identifying his race. He was almost universally described only as an “individual” in a green vest with a gas mask. In a nearly 2,000-word article about the attack, the *New York Times* didn't mention his race once.

Frank Robert James, a 62-year-old black man, is the suspected New York City subway shooter. He was arrested after a 30-hour manhunt. On May 6, a federal grand jury indicted him for committing a terrorist attack on a mass

transit system. If he is convicted, he could spend the rest of his life in prison.

However, the leftist media is still taking pains to avoid mentioning James's race, just as has become routine in cases involving black suspects. The oft-supplied reason is to avoid reinforcement of “negative stereotypes.” It's the same reason why black-on-black crime is so underreported.

Never mind the fact that James had been arrested nine times before. Never mind the fact that black criminals are responsible for 51 percent of murders in the United States despite making up only 13 percent of the population.

And contrast this against the reaction to the May 14 murder of 10 people at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, by a deranged white supremacist, Payton Gendron. Before the shooter's name or motive was known, leftists were ready to link his reprehensible actions, not unlike those of James, to terrorism, to his race, to Fox News, to conservatives

in general and to whites in general. Joe Biden's reaction was quite unlike his reaction to other murderous acts, such as James's rampage or the ramming of 68 people in Wisconsin last year by Darrell Brooks Jr. In the Buffalo case, Biden was there personally within three days.

Biden told Congress in April 2021: “We won't ignore what our own intelligence agencies have determined: The most lethal terrorist threat to the homeland today is from white supremacist terrorism. White supremacy is terrorism, and we will not ignore that.”

You don't even have to be a criminal to be branded a white supremacist today. In many cases, you just have to be white.

In contrast, there is a general belief that black people cannot be racist. Many on the left say reverse racism is a myth. But is it possible that some of the black crime is motivated by racism? Are there, in fact, black supremacists?

A mounting body of evidence argues yes.

Media Complicity

As part of the investigation into his motive, James's YouTube, Twitter and Facebook content has surfaced. All his accounts have now been deleted. But his beliefs have been uncovered, and they are quite dark.

The most consistent theme in his videos was his belief that white people are about to enact genocide on the black population. He believes that the situation in America is “no different than what happened in Europe with the Jews.” But while the Jews had the Allies' support, he told the black community, “The whole world is against you. ... And so, the message to me is: I should have gotten a gun and just started shooting ...” That is a clear line of reasoning and motive. The media,

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however, tried to get ahead of the truth.

The *New York Times* wrote, “Mr. James, who is black, directed much of his hatred toward black people, whom he often blamed for the way they were treated in the United States.” CNN wrote that hate speech “was a common theme throughout James’s videos, in which he repeatedly espoused hatred toward African-Americans.” The line from the leftist media was, *Since Frank James clearly hates black people, he can’t possibly be racist. Therefore, racism wasn’t a motive.* They also mentioned his apparent dislike for Kamala Harris and newly confirmed Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. But in one video, he clearly expressed that his dislike for them is simply because they are black women who married white men.

Frank James is a radical separatist. He believes whites and blacks should have “no contact” with each other. He believes that white people think black people’s “rightful place is as a slave.” He believes “we need to see more mass shootings,” to show that it’s “not about the shooter—it’s about the environment in which he is, he has to exist.”

James comes off as a man who was repeatedly told that he lives in a racist country, and who believed it.

That is exactly what the left consistently tells black Americans.

A study by the *Washington Free Beacon* found that the media is far quicker to mention the race of white killers than blacks. Fifty percent of articles about a white suspect mention his race within the first three paragraphs. This is without even factoring in stories about Kyle Rittenhouse or Derek Chauvin. In contrast, 50 percent of articles about black suspects don’t mention the race until at least 60 percent of the way into the story, if at all. And these statistics are from before the death of George Floyd.

Before 2020’s violent Black Lives Matter protests, the media were twice as likely to mention the race of a white suspect as opposed to a black perpetrator. After those summer riots, it became *seven times more likely*.

When stories of white criminals are overreported and even fabricated, a deadly false narrative is created. And when stories of black criminals are underreported, a dangerous trend goes unidentified.

Black Nationalism

On his Facebook and Twitter accounts, Frank James made several posts supporting Black Lives Matter, the Black Liberation Army and the Nation of Islam. He idealized radicals who attacked whites. He posted a picture of Micah Xavier Johnson, who infamously shot and killed five white Dallas police officers in 2016. He called on other people to follow suit.

In another video, he defended Anthony Ferrill, who shot and killed five co-workers at a Molson Coors plant last year. Ferrill was “discriminated against,” according to James, and “until he started shooting people,” nothing would change. “The vast majority” of white people are racist, he added.

Frank James doesn’t particularly care for other races either. He appears to hate whites the most, but he disdains Asians and Hispanics too. Two months ago, he posted a vitriolic video against “Spanish speakers” on his YouTube channel. He used racial slurs, calling Hispanics “a drain on resources” and nothing more than “machines” created to be laborers.

It’s no coincidence that Sunset Park, the neighborhood surrounding the 36th Street station where the shooting occurred in April, is a 39 percent Hispanic community.

ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL

The FBI’s Expanded Homicide data from 2018 shows a stark statistical disparity in interracial murder.

**234
blacks
murdered
by whites**

8 percent
of black victims
were killed by
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**514
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Frank James is a disturbed man. His videos are laced with expletives, malice and hate. They display an inner turmoil and instability.

And they also show that he is a black supremacist in every sense of the word.

“Black nationalism is black unity,” he wrote in one post. The effect of his ideology is clear to see. He was allowed to post racist videos and statements for years on the same social media platforms that banned a sitting United States president.

The left wants you to know about white supremacists, both real and fabricated. They want you to think that if these people are publicly attacked and silenced, society will immeasurably improved. But it’s the Frank Jameses that you need to know about even more. Their stories barely get any airtime. But there are many people like Frank James, and they are already doing untold damage.

The Most Lethal Threat

In February, Quintez Brown was charged with attempted murder for entering Jewish Louisville mayoral candidate Craig Greenburg’s headquarters and opening fire. Last November, Darrell Brooks drove through a Christmas parade in Waukesha, killing six and injuring dozens more. In April 2021, Noah Green killed one and maimed another Capitol Police officer after deliberately ramming his vehicle into two police cars. In 2020, Grafton Thomas was charged with murder after allegedly charging into a Hanukkah party with a machete. He killed one and injured several others.

These are just a few of many racially motivated crimes over the last few years. Like Frank James, all these suspects are black. Like James, their stories were all underreported. And like him, they all have some ties to Black Lives Matter,



DISNEY AND THE FIGHT FOR OUR CHILDREN

**They are teaching your child his LGBTs.
We must protect them if they are to have a future.**

BY JOEL HILLIKER AND ANDREW MILLER

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DISNEY IS 99 YEARS old. It has carefully curated a reputation as *the* main seller of family entertainment to American parents and children.

This megaconglomerate owns ABC, ESPN, Marvel, Pixar, Lucasfilm, Fox Entertainment, National Geographic, Touchstone Pictures and dozens of other companies. It is worth \$67 billion to its shareholders for the core reason that it can reliably use music and images to attract and influence children and their parents.

Disney is *the* mainstream of American entertainment. It has shaped generations' ideas and feelings about childhood, fatherhood, motherhood, family, romance, fear, rebellion, deceit, magic, politics, race, killing and more. Disney has been teaching you—and it wants to teach your children much more.

Most of us don't realize how much we have already absorbed what you could call "Disney attitudes" about love, romance and even sex. And our children will not realize what they have absorbed as their minds were fed and educated by their entertainment. It will all just seem normal and right.

Executives at Disney are well aware of this. They and their cohorts at other media corporations are exercising this power to contribute to a single trend that can, all by itself, destroy our society.

Here is how.

Behind the Scenes

Disney is "adding queerness" to children's programming wherever it can, as one executive producer in the company put it. The producer said she was delighted by how welcoming other Disney leaders were as she implemented her "not-at-all-secret gay agenda."

That producer is currently working on an animated show about a family. This show is scheduled to include at least 17 celebrity sexual deviants voicing characters, including two homosexuals of different races who have adopted a 14-year-old activist daughter.

Her comments came from a conference call that included a Disney corporate president who described herself as

the mother of “one transgender child and one pansexual child.” This woman celebrated the fact that Disney has “many, many, many LGBTQIA characters in our stories,” but then fretted, “yet we don’t have enough leads.” She then tearfully pushed for half of Disney characters to be either sexually deviant or racial minorities.

What was the purpose of the conference call? To organize Disney executives into a political push: Make it legal for teachers to give lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other sex instruction in the classroom—to third graders, second graders, first graders and kindergartners.

Disney’s chief executive officer sent a memo to the company’s tens of thousands of employees, stating, “I believe the best way for our company to bring about lasting change is through the inspiring content we produce, the welcoming culture we create, and the diverse community organizations we support.”

Disney’s sexual perversion is coming out into the open. But this campaign to lower children’s inhibitions toward romance, sexuality, and ultimately toward sex acts, homosexuality, cross-dressing, genital mutilation, pedophilia and more didn’t start just this year. It started subtly, decades ago—when many of us were children.

For years, children have been absorbing attitudes about love, romance and sexuality that were invented, enhanced and distributed by corporate executives in Southern California. There is a reason why the tens of thousands of “family friendly” movies and television series released in your lifetime nearly always feature children—and no involved, admirable father. There is a reason why they nearly always portray romance and “obligatory sex scenes” featuring increasingly young actors.

But these “family friendly” corporations didn’t stop there.

Out of the Closet

Even in the 1980s and 1990s, Disney employed many openly homosexual animators, composers, lyricists, casting managers, producers and other staff members at all levels, and contracted homosexual actors and voice actors. Some of these people produced

characters with effeminate and other homosexual and bisexual traits, often as villains or comedic characters, and always subtle, understated and coded.

You can see a steady blurring of the lines just as you progress through the catalog of Disney content from *The Little Mermaid* in 1989 to *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mulan*, *W.I.T.C.H.*, *Gravity Falls*, *Star vs. the Forces of Evil*, *Doc McStuffins*, *Marvel Rising*, *Star Wars Resistance*, *Onward*, *Good Luck Charlie*, *Duck Tales*, *Out*, *Finding Dory*, *Rapunzel’s Tangled Adventure*, *The Avengers*,



The Owl House, *The Proud Family*, *Luca*, *High School Musical*, *Frozen*, *The Ghost and Molly McGee*, *Amphibia*, *Andi Mack*, *Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker*, *Cruella*, *Eternals*, *Rise Up Sing Out*, *Jungle Cruise*, *Lightyear* ... to be continued.

Disney purchased ABC in 1995. At that time, ABC already had a history of pro-homosexual programming. Then CEO Michael Eisner had already agreed to extend health insurance benefits to the partners of homosexual Disney employees. The homosexual messaging from ABC began seeping into Disney’s television and theatrical productions.

Eisner stated in 1998 that about 40 percent of Disney employees were queer. That’s according to a former executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, an activist group that lobbies for homosexual and other deviant practices to become legal, accepted, celebrated—and introduced to children.

Disney is famous for its unique, memorable characters, but there is a reason why some of its characters appear and act the way they do. For example, homosexual lyricist Howard Ashman convinced animators to pattern the Ursula villain from *The Little Mermaid* after a cross-dressing performer called Divine. Homosexual artist Andreas Deja drew comedic sidekick LeFou from *Beauty and the Beast*, villain Jafar from *Aladdin*, and villain Scar from *The Lion King* with effeminate characteristics, without making them overtly homosexual. This animation strategy is called “queer coding,” and it is used to desensitize the viewer to homosexuality and transgenderism.

The strategy these lyricists and animators used was spelled out clearly in a November 1987 article in *Guide*, a homosexual magazine, titled “The Overhauling of Straight America,” published two years before *The Little Mermaid* hit theaters.

“The first order of business is desensitization of the American public concerning gays and gay rights,” wrote Marshall K. Kirk and Hunter Madsen. “To desensitize the public is to help it view

homosexuality with indifference instead of with keen emotion. Ideally, we would have straights register differences in sexual preference the way they register different tastes for ice cream or sports games: She likes strawberry, and I like vanilla; he follows baseball, and I follow football. No big deal.

“At least in the beginning, we are seeking public desensitization and nothing more. We do not need and cannot expect a full ‘appreciation’ or ‘understanding’ of homosexuality from the average American. You can forget about trying to persuade the masses that homosexuality is a good thing. But if only you can get them to think that it is just another thing, with a shrug of their shoulders, then your battle for legal and social rights is virtually won. And to get to that shoulder-shrug stage, gays as a class must cease to appear mysterious, alien, loathsome and

BROADCASTING COR

A large-scale media campaign is trying to normalize homosexuality and transgenderism. Disney wants to make at least 50 percent of its on-screen characters sexual deviants or racial minorities, while the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation wants to make 20 percent of prime-time television characters lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer. Yet an ever increasing amount of evidence shows that this campaign is doing more than normalize perversion. It is actually causing young people to become queer themselves.



<<1971 ALL IN THE FAMILY

CBS features first homosexual character on American network television.

<<1977 SOAP

ABC portrays first openly homosexual main character.

<<1991 L.A. LAW

NBC portrays first homosexual kiss.

<<1994 MY SO-CALLED LIFE

ABC portrays first openly homosexual teenager.

<<1997 THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW

Ellen DeGeneres comes out as a homosexual on Oprah's show.

AMERICANS WHO THINK HOMOSEXUALITY IS MORAL

A generation ago, most Americans believed homosexuality was wrong. Yet after three decades of media indoctrination, public support for homosexuality has steadily increased.

2005

ROMY AND MICHELE: IN THE BEGINNING

ABC portrays first open transgender character on American network television.

2009

ALL MY CHILDREN

ABC portrays first same-sex marriage on daytime television.

GOOD MORNING AMERICA

ABC airs interview with Barack Obama in support of same-sex marriage.

NUMBER OF LGBT CHARACTERS ON AMERICAN PRIME-TIME TELEVISION

Openly homosexual characters were a rarity on television until the late 1980s, when Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen implemented a strategy to normalize queer behavior by exposing more and more Americans to it.

2001

2005

2009

BROKEN BARRIERS

1961

Illinois becomes first state to decriminalize sodomy.

1973

American Psychiatric Association removes "homosexuality" from list of mental illnesses.

1991

First "Gay Pride" event at a Disney theme park

2003

United States rules that sodomy laws are unconstitutional.

2004

First legal same-sex "marriage" takes place in Minnesota.

2009

Barack Obama awards the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously to accused pedophile Harvey Milk.

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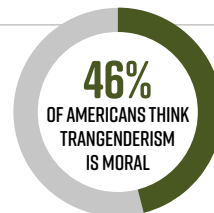
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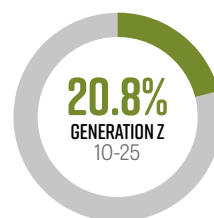
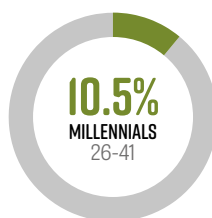
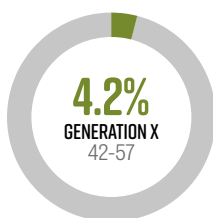
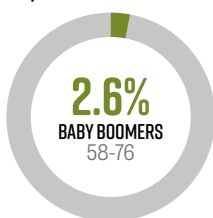
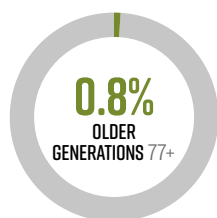
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WORSE AND WORSE

Pollsters only recently started asking how many Americans think transgenderism is moral after homosexuality gained widespread acceptance, and almost half the nation thinks cross-dressing is perfectly acceptable.



CURRENT PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WHO IDENTIFY AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER OR SOME OTHER FORM OF SEXUAL DEVIANT



2012
WAKING AMERICA
Interview with President Obama about his decision to legalize same-sex "marriage."

2014
GOOD LUCK CHARLIE
Disney Channel introduces lesbian couple into family comedy.

2019
ARTHUR
PBS airs a portrayal of a homosexual "wedding" on a television series aimed at 4-to-8-year-olds.

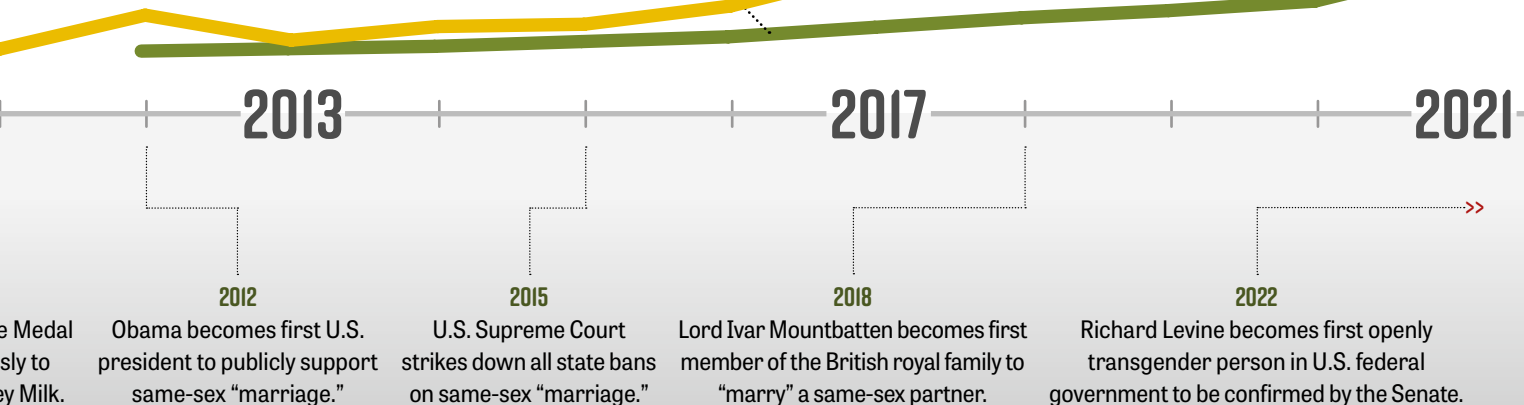
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REIMAGINE TOMORROW
Disney executives vow to include more LGBTQ characters in their programming.

AMERICANS WHO SELF-IDENTIFY AS LGBT

Despite claims that homosexuality has a genetic basis, the data shows that those exposed to homosexuality on television at a young age are far more likely to identify as LGBT themselves as they grow older.

GLAAD'S GOAL

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has called for 20% of all regular characters on prime-time series to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer by 2025.



contrary. A large-scale media campaign will be required in order to change the image of gays in America.”

Anyone who has ever hummed along to Howard Ashman’s song “Poor, Unfortunate Souls” while laughing at a sea-witch dressed up like a drag queen has already started to view homosexuality as “just another thing.” And that is just what animators wanted when they started drawing “queer coded” villains during the 1990s Disney renaissance.

But the era of the campy drag queens and effeminate sorcerers was just part of a decades-long media campaign. Now Disney has introduced an openly homosexual couple to its new telling of *DuckTales*. Having made homosexuality “just another thing,” sexual deviants are now pushing to “persuade the masses that homosexuality is a good thing.”

Some conservatives who laughed at “queer coded” villains are now outraged at openly homosexual couples like the one in this summer’s film *Lightyear*, a spin-off of *Toy Story*.

But companies like Disney are not backing down. The controversy over its support for teaching elementary kids homosexuality is not the start of the war. It has been waging a cover war since the ’80s. Now it’s just more overt and savage.

Tipping Point

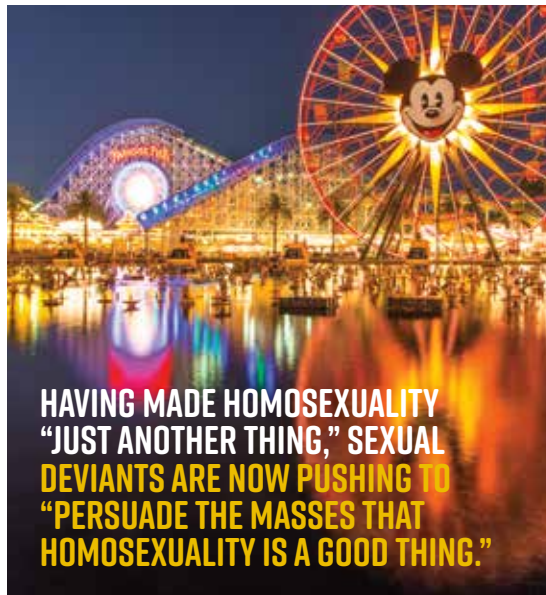
Disney is not only “adding queerness” to its programming more aggressively, it is also using its immense wealth and political influence off-screen.

The state of Florida, where the Walt Disney World Resort and a number of other Disney interests are located, has passed the Parental Rights in Education Act. This forbids teachers from instructing children about sex and “gender identity” prior to fourth grade. Disney worked to defeat the bill before it was passed and, afterward, condemned the law, called for it to be repealed, and vowed to do what it could to make sure children in the third grade and younger will be exposed to homosexuality, transgenderism and more.

“Florida’s HB 1557, also known as the ‘Don’t Say Gay’ bill, should never have passed and should never have been signed into law,” Disney said in an official March 28 statement. “Our goal as

a company is for this law to be repealed by the legislature or struck down in the courts, and we remain committed to supporting the national and state organizations working to achieve that. We are dedicated to standing up for the rights and safety of LGBTQ+ members of the Disney family, as well as the LGBTQ+ community in Florida and across the country.”

Disney executives then organized the “Reimagine Tomorrow Conversation Series,” where the company’s homosexual and transsexual employees suggested ways Disney could push a woke agenda.



This is where the featured presenter, executive producer Latoya Ravenau, told her audience that her team was implementing a “not-at-all-secret gay agenda” by regularly “adding queerness” to Disney programming. It was corporate president Karey Burke who pledged to make at least 50 percent of Disney on-screen characters sexual deviants or racial minorities by the end of the year.

That’s right: The company that distributed *Davy Crockett*, *Old Yeller*, *Pollyanna* and films you or maybe your parents grew up on now wants your children to grow up on favorable depictions of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and queers illustrated in vivid colors with happy music playing in the background. These won’t be the campy villains of the Howard Ashman era. They will be designed as role models.

Disney no longer just wants people to view homosexuality as “just another

thing.” They want to convert your children to their way of life.

1997 was a typical year for Disney: It released 18 feature films that year, including *Hercules*, drawn by openly homosexual animator Andreas Deja in a way that was reportedly influenced by his homosexuality. According to one Gallup poll, 21 percent of American adults born after that year now identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender—compared to only 5.6 percent of American adults overall. Despite the now-fading claims that sexual perversions are

genetic, the evidence shows that homosexuality and transgenderism are more common among those raised on Disney’s “not-at-all-secret gay agenda.” Disney wants to teach children about queerness before they hit puberty—because sexual indoctrination at this age gets results.

Normalizing Pedophilia

Conservative media outlets have compared Disney’s behavior to “child grooming.” This is a grossly insufficient term for a despicable practice: when an adult builds trust and an emotional connection with a child for the

purpose of then *manipulating, exploiting, abusing and finally raping him or her*.

Influencing, desensitizing, grooming, programming, removing the inhibitions of, and destroying the purity and innocence of children is a horrendous crime. Nothing about it is for children’s benefit—it is all for the sick satisfaction of the adults doing it. The Parental Rights in Education Act is a sincere attempt to protect elementary school students from such abuse. But truthfully, a law stating that teachers cannot sexually indoctrinate preteens is hardly a landmark victory for conservatives.

Still—in today’s America, even trying to protect children *8 years old and under* from grooming in the classroom is contested, opposed and savagely attacked.

Children and teenagers need to be protected from this type of propaganda throughout elementary school, middle school, high school and college if they

are to establish successful, happy families of their own.

Just as homosexuality and transgenderism have been mainstreamed and normalized, so now is *pedophilia*. Some “experts” insist attraction to children is genetic and immutable. There are apologists arguing that sexual relationships between adults and children can be *healthy*. To avoid stigma, terms like “adult-child relationships” and “minor attracted persons” are coming into use.

What these people are trying to legitimize is CHILD MOLESTATION AND RAPE.

Children who are thus victimized suffer consequences for life. Many are never able to build healthy relationships with the opposite sex.

Lax attitudes toward this evil result in criminal abuse and even literal sexual enslavement. It will lead to a world of broken families, drug addiction, violence, coldness, guilt, shame, confusion. It will produce broken children who grow up to perpetrate similar evils on the next generation of children.

Powerful entertainment executives are trying to make it easier and easier for child perversion and rape to become more familiar and easy. Pedophiles are choosing to create a demand for child pornography. They are choosing to indulge monstrous urges that destroy minds and shatter lives, including their own.

If this is not evil, nothing is evil! It is a deadly mistake to sympathize with or to try to understand it, let alone to tolerate it or encourage it. It must be stopped.

This Is Big

Many people consider morality a side issue, nowhere as important as the economy or national security or education. They think that how sex is used, even how it is introduced to *children*, is a squabble worth perhaps a few minutes of attention on the news before moving on to other things.

They are dead wrong.

If you think that the massive, coordinated, monstrous evil of *sexually destroying children* currently being perpetrated is just a weird quirk of current events or an unavoidable tragedy or a lamentable misfortune or all of the above, you need to be freed of such anemic thinking.

This single issue can destroy our society. In fact, it has almost finished destroying it.

Commentator Glenn Beck released a program called “Project Groomer” that includes a clip from Yuval Noah Harari, an Israeli intellectual and futurist who has spoken several times at the influential World Economic Forum conference in Davos, Switzerland, where globalists work together to reshape the world to their vision. He predicted that, as humanity reengineers bodies, brains and minds, *there will be no gender in 50 years*.

If elites at Disney and elsewhere have their way, he is exactly right. We are raising a generation of children who will actually not understand male, female, husband, wife, marriage or family. They will have no idea about right use of sex, about virtue, chastity or commitment. They will have no sense of morality, responsibility, duty or purpose. They will have no idea how to relate to others or how to rightly live!

Nothing could be more pleasing to the devil, who hates children, hates family, and hates mankind.

The Apostle Paul cautions us not be ignorant of Satan’s devices lest he get an advantage over us (2 Corinthians 2:11). The Apostle Peter warned, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Lions advance toward their prey carefully by hiding in the grass—until it is too late. That is why Peter has to warn us to *be vigilant*. You have to see the lion while it is still hiding in the grass to have any chance of escaping.

It is easy for Christians and conservatives to look at the filth in society today and think they are doing just fine by comparison. Polls shows 70 percent of Americans say they are less likely to support Disney for embracing an LGBTQ+ agenda.

Satan is fine with that. He can retreat a step or two, return to the grass and lay low for a while, and make conservatives feel they have won a great victory.

But look at the big picture. This world is *rapidly* embracing this perversion. Society has changed utterly just in the last decade or so—not even one lifetime.

People simply do not understand the true nature of evil. They think we

can coexist with it. That is exactly why society is being *overwhelmed* by evil. That is why, when Florida’s governor made it illegal to teach perverted sex to 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds, he was branded an extremist, and other states boycotted Florida. That is why America’s assistant secretary for health is a transgender and was made a four-star admiral in the U.S. Navy. That is why the numbers of people identifying as lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender is skyrocketing. An that is why the media celebrate this trend as a heartwarming success.

Conservatives, meanwhile, are steadily retreating. A decade ago, the culture war was over homosexual “marriage.” Now most conservatives have accepted such “marriage” as the law of the land so they can focus on battling transgenderism. Next they will surrender that to focus on “adult-child relationships.”

Society is changing so fast it is nearly impossible to maintain the appropriate level of godly indignation and anger over the depravity. That takes real effort, and that becomes more difficult to sustain over time.

We tend to get tired of fighting, but SATAN NEVER DOES.

And the way the radical left fights these battles shows you how the devil thinks. You don’t agree with transgenderism? Too bad—they will teach it to your kindergartner and not even tell you! Push back, and they will insult you, shout at you, bully you online, threaten you.

Satan *forces* people to obey his will.

And he is pushing this toxic brew of iniquity because he wants to destroy human beings.

This is why God tells us to HATE EVIL as He does (e.g. Psalm 97:10; Proverb 8:13).

Parents, take seriously your God-given responsibility to be your child’s educator. Know what he or she is being taught in school and what he or she is watching and reading. Take every step necessary to defend them. *Train* him in the way *you know* he should go (Proverbs 22:6). Your child is worth fighting for!

Fight to defend your children.
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The Temple Mount's Not-So-Quiet Arab Takeover

On the most explosive real estate on Earth, the delicate status quo is being challenged.

BY MIHAİLO S. ZEKIC

AMIDDLE EASTERN KING CALLS for the capture of Jerusalem. From the Old City walls flies a banner of jihad. Mosques are built to claim Haram al-Sharif for Islam. Infidels are commanded to leave. A clash is brewing between the Arabs and their Western enemies. It has the potential to spiral out of control and involve the whole world.

This isn't a scene from a medieval crusade. This is happening right now in Israel. And the stakes are higher now than at any time during the Middle Ages.

The main focus of tension is the Temple Mount. Jews venerate the site as the location of the Western Wall, which they believe is a remnant of the ancient temple complex. It is the holiest site in Judaism. Muslims call it the Haram al-Sharif: It is the site of the al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, from which they believe Mohammed journeyed to heaven. Israel gained military control of the Temple Mount from Jordan after the 1967 Six-Day War. But that hasn't stopped Israel's Arab population from staging uprisings to get control of the site.

To preserve the peace, Israel enforced a status quo on the Temple Mount beginning in 1967. The Jerusalem Islamic Waqf, a Muslim religious trust sponsored by Jordan, would control religious administration of the Muslim holy sites, while Israel would control Temple Mount security. Muslims have not mounted a violent occupation of the Temple Mount—yet. But many prominent Muslim groups are chipping away at the status quo, gaining more and more control over the mountain. Israel is doing little to nothing about it.

Since 1967, Muslims have constructed four new mosques. The Dome of the Rock, which was a shrine, became a mosque. Solomon's Stables, an ancient structure used as stables during the crusader period, has also been converted to a mosque. A third mosque, Ancient al-Aqsa, was constructed underneath the original al-Aqsa Mosque in 1998. In 2019, a prayer area was set up near the Temple Mount's Golden Gate and later converted into a mosque.

One of the reasons for these expansions was the changing definition of the Temple Mount. The name "al-Aqsa" referred only to al-Aqsa Mosque; the compound as a whole was known as Haram al-Sharif. But many Muslims began calling the entire

mount itself "al-Aqsa," implying Muslim control over the whole area.

Jewish access to the mount has been steadily whittled away. Originally, Jews had unrestricted access to the Temple Mount for most of the day and could even enter the mosques. But one by one, the Waqf closed different gates of entry to non-Muslims. Now, non-Muslims can enter only through the Mughrabi Gate at the Western Wall. Jews can only visit Sunday through Thursday for 4½ hours each day.

The authority of Israeli law is constantly challenged. Jerusalem municipality workers are no longer allowed in the area. The Israel Antiquities Authority cooperates with the Waqf to preserve the Temple Mount's ancient heritage. But the Waqf has plowed ahead with construction projects of its choosing, at the expense of disrupting tons and tons of artifact-filled earth.

In 1967, flags of any sort were forbidden to fly on the mount. The flag ban is still enforced—when it's an Israeli flag. But on May 2 the terrorist group Hamas was able to unfurl a gigantic banner wishing Muslims a happy Ramadan with an image of a rocket launcher. Israeli flags have been allowed if they're carried by Arab protesters for the purpose of desecrating and burning them.

Bolder Moves

Perhaps sensing weakness, Jordan's King Abdullah II is trying to take complete control of the Temple Mount. Jewish News Syndicate wrote on April 29, "Jordan reportedly submitted a letter to the Biden administration, demanding the Waqf (Muslim religious guards) be given total control over the Temple Mount. It wants to institute a dress code for non-Muslims, as well as limit visitors to groups no larger than five people. Jordan is also demanding that Israel Police no longer be allowed on the Temple Mount, even if rioters attack Jewish worshipers at the Western Wall or visitors to the site itself.

"Its demands also include giving the Waqf the authority to severely restrict non-Muslim visits to the Temple Mount, requiring non-Muslims to apply to visit in writing in advance, and setting restrictive tour routes of no more than 500 feet (150 meters) in each direction for non-Muslim visitors."

Abdullah's requests are bold. But the Biden administration has a history of backstabbing Israel, especially regarding Jerusalem's relations with its Arab neighbors. Jordan could be seizing its chance while Joe Biden is in the White House. Another potential motive could be Israel's friendship with the United Arab Emirates. The U.A.E. is a wealthy state with a strong military that has been more supportive of Israel's policies at the Temple Mount. Abdullah may worry Jordan could lose its influence.

Even if Biden pressures them, the Israelis are unlikely to concede to these demands. But the momentum is definitely with the Arabs.

This is not a minor local issue. Wars have been waged over the Temple Mount recently and for thousands of years. The Middle East is the world's most volatile region. Jerusalem is its most crucial city. And the Temple Mount is, arguably, its biggest powder keg.

Muslims like King Abdullah, Hamas leaders and others are lighting matches and daring the world to deny their demands.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's coalition is weak. It controls a minority of the Knesset's 120 seats, and some of those seats are controlled by Ra'am, an Arab-Israeli party with Islamist sympathies. Bennett cannot afford to lose their support, which might explain his soft response to the recent terrorist attacks on Israel.

One source says the conflict in Israel, especially in Jerusalem and *especially* at the Temple Mount, is about to become far more violent. That source is the Bible.

What Prophecy Says

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and *half of the city shall go forth into captivity*, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city" (Zechariah 14:1-2). The context of this prophecy is prior to the Day of the Lord, a coming global catastrophe (see Joel 2:31 and Revelation 6:12-17). Before the Day of the Lord arrives, *half of "the city"* (referring to Jerusalem) *is to fall into captivity*.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in *Jerusalem in Prophecy*: "The nation of Israel was established in 1948. At that time the Jews only had roughly *one half* of Jerusalem. The Arabs had East Jerusalem. Zechariah 14 is also a prophecy that the Jews would conquer all Jerusalem, because in order for *half the city to be taken* just before Christ returns,



the whole city must be controlled by the Jews just before that time! The Jews did take full control in the 1967 war."

The prospect of a violent Muslim takeover of half of Jerusalem is sobering. The major bloodshed that will follow in Jerusalem and around the world is terrifying.

But the same Bible that prophesies of Jerusalem's coming fall also foretells what will follow that event—and it shows that the ultimate outcome is spectacular.

Verse 3 continues: "Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." Jerusalem means "city of peace." For most of its history, Jerusalem has not known peace. But the prophecy in Zechariah 14 reveals that the fall of half of Jerusalem is a sign of the greatest

news for both Jews and Arabs: God Himself will stop the violence!

"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (verse 16). The conflict over religion in Jerusalem will result in Jesus Christ Himself taking over not only religion, but worldwide political rule.

Zechariah's vision is amplified by a prophecy in the book of Isaiah: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and

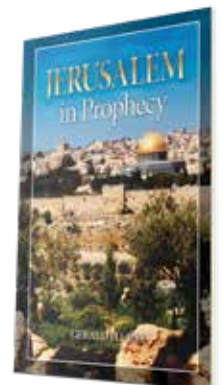
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:2-4).

Soon, Jerusalem won't belong to Israel, Jordan or any other modern country, but to God. Everyone will receive the opportunity to worship the true God, the right way, inside this precious city.

Watch this current tension and violence on the Temple Mount—and maintain perspective. Keep in mind the vision biblical prophecy supplies about where these events will ultimately lead our world. ■

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Behold Your God!

The world is about to focus on this one city.

BY GERALD FLURRY

THE LATE PROF. BENJAMIN MAZAR was sometimes called the “dean of biblical archaeologists.” When he visited an archaeological excavation in Israel, he carried a Bible with him and referenced the scriptures that related to that site. His granddaughter, the late Dr. Eilat Mazar, also became an archaeologist. She fondly recalled how he would ask her, “What’s new in the excavation?” If she said there was nothing new, he would ask the same question again, prodding her to engage in fresh, new thinking every single day. She learned from him to *excavate, think; excavate, think.*

Neither she nor her grandfather were particularly religious, but they respected the Bible as the accurate historical text that it is. It helped them locate artifacts and understand them.

“I’m interested in history, not just stones,” Dr. Mazar said. “I’m interested in stones that can speak. I don’t care about stones that have nothing to talk about. Those that are speechless. Who cares about speechless stones?” She often said, *Let the stones speak.*

This attitude led the granddaughter of Benjamin Mazar to incredible biblical archaeological discoveries that even

she never imagined she would make. “Indeed, reality surpassed all imagination,” she once wrote.

Those discoveries reclaimed biblical Jerusalem, as one writer put it. They brought the Bible and King David back to life!

Over 16 years ago, when we heard what Dr. Mazar had discovered, we sent volunteers from Herbert W. Armstrong College to assist on her next excavation season. We remained to help in all six of her seasons thereafter. Our 60 or so diggers were continuing the legacy of Herbert W. Armstrong, who sent Ambassador College students to work with Professor Mazar for a decade starting in 1968, *reclaiming biblical Jerusalem.* I was an Ambassador College student at the time, and I still remember the excitement.

I have traveled to Jerusalem several times, most recently in March. We have been working to bring the history of the Bible alive as much as we can, especially the life of King David. But our goal is much grander than that. We are delivering the message of the *God* of King David! God wants us to proclaim His message and show what He is doing in Judah *today!*

Jerusalem is the central focus of much of the Bible. It is about to become the central focus of the whole world!

Preparing for the Lord

Isaiah prophesied that the preparations for the return of Jesus Christ would center in Jerusalem: “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God” (Isaiah 40:3). John the Baptist fulfilled this in type before Christ’s *first* coming (John 1:23). But Jesus Christ is returning, in our lifetimes, and the man who was this “voice” in this end time was Herbert Armstrong. Preparing for Christ’s return includes this commission: “O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high mountain; *O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, Lift up thy voice with strength; Lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah: ‘Behold your God!’*” (Isaiah 40:9; JPS Tanakh).

“A message (Isaiah 40:9-10) is yet to go by a servant of God to the cities of Judah,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “In whatever way God wills, it shall go” (*Plain Truth*, October-November 1980). He thought God would use *him* to fulfill this prophecy, knowing that a servant of God had to do it in this end time. He had a gigantic impact in Jerusalem, but he was unable to finish this commission to Judah before he died in 1986. That commission must be fulfilled by those who continue the legacy of the work God started through Mr. Armstrong.

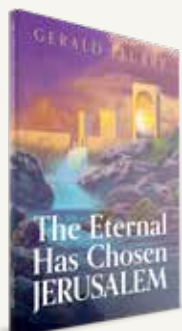
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We have maintained an office in Jerusalem for more than a decade now. We have started the Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology, with news and archaeology articles aimed at the people



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of Judah, and it has a growing audience in that nation. We have reached some areas around Jerusalem with our television program, which Mr. Armstrong was never able to do.

We have also followed in Mr. Armstrong's footsteps and continued digging in Jerusalem. We revived the Armstrong-Mazar partnership and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018. Most of the laborers and all of the funding for Dr. Mazar's last excavation in 2018 was provided by our organization.

During this time, Dr. Mazar discovered some of the most stunning and important artifacts I believe have *ever* been uncovered anywhere. After she unearthed evidence of King David's palace, she found King Solomon's royal quarters, the governor Nehemiah's wall, the seals of two Judean princes mentioned in Jeremiah 38, and a gold menorah medallion and bronze coins. In 2015, she discovered the seals of King Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet.

Isaiah 40:9 is being fulfilled now! This prophecy shows Christ's return is imminent. As we continue fulfilling the commission given to Mr. Armstrong, we are *already* announcing the coming of the Messiah to the cities of Judah!

Why do we send students to Jerusalem to dig in the dirt? Because the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem! (Zechariah 2:12). The God of King David is the *only* hope for Jerusalem—and for all mankind! Isaiah does more than just call it “good tidings.” He says, “Behold your God!”

God is grieved by the tragedies constantly befalling this special city, but *He has chosen Jerusalem!* He is going to fulfill all the great prophecies and promises He has made.

Our projects in Jerusalem are directly connected to God's exciting future plans for this city.

This is spectacular knowledge, and when we understand it as we need to, we will be even more thrilled about this city and these extremely special projects occurring there.

“Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him” (Isaiah 40:10). God has a mind-staggering reward for those who do His work and who choose Jerusalem. ■

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black nationalism, anti-Semitism or people like Louis Farrakhan. They are all black supremacists.

A person's race doesn't predispose him or her toward a particular set of actions or beliefs. That's why it is so important to ask why black supremacists even exist. The leftist ideology supplies the answer.

We live in a society where black Americans are constantly told they are oppressed. They are repeatedly told that they live in a racist country. They are told that white people are inherently evil and racist. So they are told it's OK to riot. They are told that they need to be violent if they are going to be free. That is the kind of ideology that can push people like James over the edge.

But none of this is news to the radical left. The leaders, the media—they all know the stats about black-perpetrated crime. They just choose not to report it. They also know that white supremacy isn't the problem they frame it to be. And yet they choose to call it “the most lethal threat” to America.

The truth is, there is an agenda at play. It is one that is very difficult to discern. But one man, Herbert W. Armstrong, discerned it over five decades ago.

In the March 1969 issue of his *Plain Truth* magazine, predecessor to the *Trumpet*, he asked: “Why are our people unable to recognize the Communist line—the Communist plan and conspiracy—in college and university riots, in propaganda accusing ‘police brutality,’ in ‘black power,’ ‘black panther’ and other slogans, even in ‘civil disobedience’ and ‘nonviolent’ movements of protest which lead to violence?”

Communists are obsessed with seizing power, and they will do it at any cost. They will encourage violence and restlessness. They will create false narratives to stir up anger. They will suppress the truth to ensure their agenda advances as planned. They would rather see the country erupt in violence and chaos—even be destroyed—if it means they can attain power.

America Overrun by Communists?

Following the 2020 summer riots, former President Barack Obama defended the rioters. Mr. Obama, a black man twice

elected to the highest office in America, blamed America's problems on institutionalized racism and slavery, which he called the “original sin of our society.”

At the time, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: “Mr. Obama has previously said that racism is in America's DNA. How do you solve that? Did Abraham Lincoln, who at great cost passed a constitutional amendment to end slavery, have racism in his DNA? What about the millions of men who fought in the Civil War, and the more than 100,000 who sacrificed their lives, in part to end slavery? Does Mr. Obama have any gratitude for what it has taken to achieve the equality in America today?” (*Trumpet*, August 2020).

Mr. Flurry pointed out how much America's race relations had improved over the last century. The fact that a black man was elected president is undeniable proof. “You never hear about that from these men,” Mr. Flurry wrote.

You never hear about it because these people hate this country. They hate its founding principles and ideals. They hate its Judeo-Christian values. And so, they are determined to destroy it.

But this hatred is much deeper than just a lust for power. It is actually spiritual in nature.

Many people scoff at the existence of a devil. But the Bible calls Satan a “murderer” (John 8:44). It also says that he and his demons are actively working “in the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). “These evil spirits are stirring up destructive attitudes and violent actions,” Mr. Flurry continued. “*They* are behind the murders committed by policemen—and behind the murders *of* policemen!”

America is under attack. Satan is behind all the murders and the lies by the radical left. He has an agenda to blot out the very name of Israel (2 Kings 14:27). He knows that if the whole country misidentifies the most lethal threat to America, they won't realize that it is in fact HIS PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE. Satan murders, lies, divides and destroys. And he is leveling all his power against the U.S. in a way very few people realize. ■

To gain a clear picture of how serious a threat Satan poses to America, please request your free copy of ***America Under Attack***, by Gerald Flurry.

The Strongman, the Pontiff and the Ancient Empire

Hungary's prime minister wants a 'renewed Europe' with the pope's help.

BY MIHAİLO S. ZEKIC



a full election monitoring mission. After saying the elections were “well run” and “offered distinct alternatives,” the organization did report that “while competitive, the process was marred by the pervasive overlapping of government and ruling coalition’s messaging that blurred the line between state and party, as well as by media bias and opaque campaign funding.”

Orbán’s victory was not from outright rigging, but it was hardly a fair fight in a free democracy.

OPPPOSITION PARTIES WERE DESPERATE to unseat incumbent Prime Minister Viktor Orbán. During Hungary’s parliamentary elections on April 3, six of them ran together as a united opposition. Analysts predicted that the race would be close. It wasn’t.

Orbán’s Fidesz party won 53 percent of the vote (even more than in the last election); the opposition got 35 percent. Orbán won his fourth consecutive term.

His victory signaled the transformation taking place in Hungary that will soon affect the rest of Europe—and the world.

Unfair Election

There are widespread allegations that Orbán stole the election. Little evidence of outright destruction, altering or falsification of ballots has surfaced, although bags containing burned ballots for the opposition were reported in a Romanian city where Hungarians are eligible to vote.

they don’t live. Excess supporters in one district, for example, could save a struggling candidate in another.

Moreover, most Hungarian news media are either controlled or funded by the government or run by Orbán-friendly oligarchs. This certainly helped boost his vote share.

Orbán also used government resources for his campaign. A government website designed to provide COVID-19 updates claimed Orbán’s opponents were trying to involve Hungary in the war in Ukraine. Klára Dobrev, a European Parliament member targeted in the e-mail, called this “using public money for obviously party propaganda.”

The government gave one of Orbán’s main opponents, Péter Márki-Zay, as little time as possible to campaign on state media. Márki-Zay was given only one opportunity to speak on Hungary’s biggest public television station, less

Courting Putin

Despite his undemocratic methods, Orbán is still immensely popular in Hungary and would likely have won regardless. In 2014, he famously declared he was turning Hungary into an “illiberal state.” He has been fairly blatant about using the press and government agencies to bias the election and the electorate in his own favor. Hungarians can clearly see that Orbán is becoming an autocrat, and they like what they see.

This is a concerning development in what is supposed to be a free European democracy.

So is Orbán’s relationship with Russian strongman Vladimir Putin. Though Orbán is not an outright dictator and his government does not actively support Russia’s war on Ukraine, both he and Putin are strongmen undermining democratic institutions. Both dislike aspects of modern Western liberalism, such as multiculturalism and acceptance of homosexuality. Orbán’s assistance to Putin, though limited, has been enough to alienate Hungary from its traditional Western allies. This is where things get interesting.

Eastern Europe has political traditions quite distinct from those of Western Europe. Many East Europeans have a more conservative outlook. Poland is ruled by the Law and Justice party that serves Catholic interests rather than social liberals. Top politicians in Slovenia, the Czech Republic and elsewhere see Orbán as a leader of their clique of anti-establishment leaders in the East.

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Still, it is hard to deny some of Orbán’s other election-influencing tactics.

Months before the election, the Fidesz-controlled parliament changed the legal definition of a “residence” from the place a person resides to any address a person uses for official communication. A voter’s residence determines his eligibility to vote in that district, so this change enabled “voter tourism”: people voting for candidates in districts where

than three weeks before the vote. Radio Free Europe obtained a recording from the editor of state broadcaster MTVA, in which he instructed staff about MTVA’s policy of not supporting opposition candidates. Those who objected were told to resign immediately.

Hungary’s election was concerning enough for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe that it took the unprecedented step of sending in

But some of these most prominent politicians, like Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Janša and Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš, have been voted out. Poland is considered Orbán's warmest important ally, but his position on Russia's invasion of Ukraine is straining that relationship. When Orbán refused to condemn the massacre of civilians in Bucha, Ukraine, by Russian troops, Polish Deputy Prime Minister Jarosław Kaczyński lambasted him on radio. "My assessment is unequivocally negative—I must admit that it is all very sad," Kaczyński said. "When Orbán says that he cannot see what happened in Bucha, he must be advised to see an eye doctor."

Since 2010, Orbán's first trip abroad after each election victory had been to Poland, a show of solidarity. But this year, Orbán went instead to Vatican City.

Pursuing the Pope

Pope Francis is well known for his support of European unity, integration of Muslim refugees into Europe, and many other traditionally liberal causes that Orbán opposes. Nevertheless, on April 21, Orbán had an audience in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, his first since Francis was elected pope in 2013.

Francis and Orbán last met in September 2021 in Hungary, where the pope spent just seven hours in the capital city on his way to a multiday trip to Slovakia. The tension between them was noticeable. During mass, Francis called Hungarians to become more "open" and "considerate" and said "the cross ... extends its arms toward everyone." Many interpreted this as a criticism of Orbán's restrictions on Middle Eastern

refugees. Orbán gave the pope a thinly veiled message of his own: a copy of a 13th-century letter from Hungary's king to Pope Innocent IV requesting help to fight off Mongol invaders. Orbán later stated that he "asked Pope Francis not to let Christian Hungary perish."

None of this hostility was noticeable in Orbán's Vatican trip. The two men concluded the meeting in English, with Orbán inviting Francis to visit Hungary. "God bless you, your family and Hungary," Francis said. Orbán responded: "Your holiness, we are waiting for you."

Balkan Insight wrote on April 22, "Orbán's Vatican visit suggests he is trying to close the huge gap he has created between himself and other European leaders. Despite his recent landslide victory in the Hungarian election, Orbán faces headwinds." Balkan Insight described how other former allies of Orbán, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, have relatively new prime ministers who are much less supportive of him than their predecessors.

There may be more to Orbán's Vatican visit than meets the eye.

'The Key to Europe's Renewal'

Balázs Orbán, one of Viktor Orbán's political advisers (no relation), uploaded several Facebook posts relating to the meeting. "The institution of the papacy and person of the Holy Father have played a prominent role in the life of Hungary since the founding of the state by St. Stephen [Hungary's first king]," he wrote before the meeting. "This close bond has been the key to Europe's renewal on countless occasions. Our common causes continue to bind us together."

Hungary is historically Catholic and was formerly one of the two main pillars of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, ruled by the Catholic Habsburg monarchy. Before Austria-Hungary, the Habsburgs ruled the Holy Roman Empire for centuries. The Holy Roman Empire, whose emperor was crowned by the pope, was guided by Roman Catholicism.

This could be the "close bond" Balázs Orbán is referring to. But the Holy Roman Empire is responsible for some of Europe's worst atrocities, such as the Inquisition and the religious wars against Protestants. Austria-Hungary is partially responsible for starting World War I. And the Holy Roman Empire was an inspiration to Adolf Hitler for building the Third Reich. Yet Orbán's Hungary, and apparently the Vatican, see this "renewal" as positive.

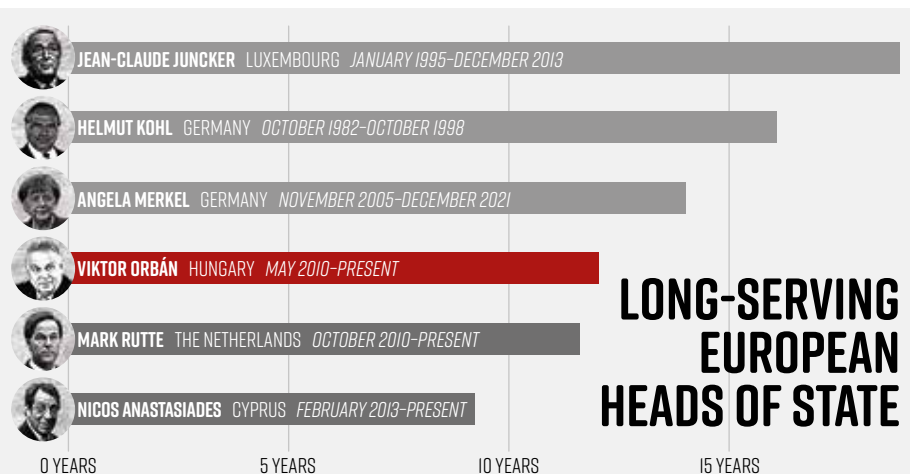
Francis champions European unity. In 2016, he was awarded the prestigious Charlemagne Prize for his contributions to European unity. The pope is also notorious for his hostility to the American-led world order and his calls for global financial and political revolution. Francis and Orbán have their disagreements, but they seem to share the goal of "renewing" Europe.

Is Viktor Orbán hoping to use this "key to Europe's renewal" one more time? Does he want the Catholic Church to help him "bind Europe together" in more than just a general way? When he told the pope, "We are waiting for you," he could well have meant that all of Europe is waiting for the papacy to rebuild Europe into a strong, Christian, illiberal power bloc.

Europe's 'Church-Shaped Hole'

The *Trumpet* and our predecessor magazine, the *Plain Truth*, have forecast the unification of Europe for decades. We have also forecast that the European nations will be utterly unable to unite politically without some stronger force. That stronger force is religion.

Plain Truth founder Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in 1980 that European leaders "talk continually of political union—which means, also military. So far they have been unable to bring about full political union. This will be made possible by the 'good offices' of the Vatican, who alone can be the symbol



LONG-SERVING EUROPEAN HEADS OF STATE



THE BEASTS OF REVELATION Left: Revelation 13 depicts the Roman Empire as an empire possessing the strengths of all its predecessors. Right: Revelation 17 depicts a beastly empire ridden by a false church.

of unity to which they can look” (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

“Will Europe Rediscover Its Christian Identity?” was the cover story for the November-December 2016 *Trumpet*. It stated that Europe’s “Christian, Roman identity solves the two biggest problems facing Europe right now: how to face radical Islam and how to unify the Continent. Nothing else fits the problems that Europe faces today so perfectly. ... THERE IS A CATHOLIC CHURCH-SHAPED HOLE IN THE HEART OF EUROPE. It’s only a matter of time before a new Napoleon tries to fill it.”

This may still seem unlikely to many. Europe has been a bastion of secularism for more than a lifetime. The era of popes and cardinals presiding over European politics seems like ancient history. But the *Plain Truth* and the *Trumpet* have been relying on a timeless source, one that affirms this “Catholic Church-shaped hole in the heart of Europe” will be filled. That source is the Holy Bible.

The book of Revelation was written by the Apostle John around A.D. 90, at the height of the old Roman Empire. In chapter 13, John describes a “beast,” a biblical symbol for an empire. It has fearsome war-making power (verse 4). It persecutes and martyrs God’s people (verse 7). It has great authority and rules the known world (verses 2, 8). Studying this chapter with related prophecies in Daniel 2 and 7, the identity of this beast becomes clear: It is the Roman Empire. (Request *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* by Herbert W. Armstrong.)

Rome fell centuries ago. How is this prophecy relevant to *modern* Europe? Notice that the beast has seven heads and 10 horns (Revelation 13:1). This is an important detail that ties Revelation 13 in with another prophecy in Revelation 17.

This chapter features a “beast” (empire) with seven heads and 10 horns (verse 3). But this beast is ridden by a “woman,” a biblical symbol for a church (see Ephesians 5:22-32; 2 Corinthians 11:1-2). She is extremely wealthy and dressed in lavish apparel (Revelation 17:4). She has influence over many peoples around the world (verse 15). She reigns from a “great city” situated on seven hills (verses 18, 9).

Like the *Plain Truth*, the *Trumpet* identifies this “woman” as the Roman Catholic Church.

Revelation 17 interprets the seven heads as seven consecutive incarnations of the Holy Roman Empire—the union of a European power with the Catholic Church (verse 10). Verse 14 shows that the last incarnation will rise up and exist up to Christ’s Second Coming.

History records six such resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire. The last of these six resurrections was Adolf Hitler’s Third Reich. This means there is one more resurrection to come.

Verse 12 gives another key detail about the seventh and final resurrection: “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.” The last resurrection will consist of 10 independent nations pooling their strength together into one supranational empire. Like the previous resurrections, they will be guided by the “woman.”

The *Trumpet* expects Hungary to be one of these 10 kings.

“Is the acceptance of Orbán’s dictatorship in the EU *a sign* THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR EUROPE’S 10 KINGS TO EMERGE?” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry asked in his article “Coronavirus and the Holy Roman Empire.” “It is almost certain that Hungary will be part of the coming 10-nation European superpower” (*Trumpet*, July 2020).

The Vatican meeting shows that the Catholic Church has also accepted Orbán’s place in Europe. And it looks like Orbán and the papacy are ready to work together more closely for the shared goal of one more “renewal” of Europe. History proves that this doesn’t bode well for Europe or the world. ■

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The Junk-Food Hangover

And how you could be feeling so much better

BY JORG MARDIAN



DO YOU WAKE UP FEELING TERRIBLE? This could be caused by a number of factors, but the first thing to look at is the food you eat. A “junk-food hangover” is a compelling reminder that we are what we eat.

Let your appetite override your discipline, swipe your card, bring these enticing products to your car or table or home, and soon you eat them, they become part of you, and you experience their effects.

We acknowledge that these products are “junk food.” We know that we often feel like garbage after eating them. But we keep on buying. In fact, if you are the average person living in North America, these ultra-processed foods account for 60 percent of what you eat.

Why do we eat so much junk? The “bliss point.” This is what food manufacturing industrialists call the sensation of biting into a mouthful of chips, candy, combo meal or restaurant entrée and tasting a formula of excessive salt, sugar and fat engineered to produce a pleasing sensation on your tongue. That formula also allows the item to remain in a stable, salable condition while it sits in factories, trucks, warehouses and stores for months. That is why junk food is everywhere, from convenience stores to drive-throughs to sit-down restaurants to supermarkets. You are never more than a couple miles and a couple dollars away from the “bliss point”—and a hangover.

Some junk-food manufacturers add more than 100 grams of artificial trans fats and saturated fats to each meal. This can delay gastric emptying by 12 hours. Food remaining in your digestive system for so long causes bloating, indigestion or heartburn the next day. Dehydration from excess salt causes your brain tissue to shrink and pull away from the skull, causing pain. Your blood volume

drops, reducing oxygen flow and blood to the brain. Your blood vessels dilate in response, leading to inflammation, swelling and other kinds of pain. Sugars and refined carbohydrates in breads, pastas, cereals and drinks give a surge of initial energy, then a blood sugar drop that makes you feel irritable and tired and impairs your ability to think.

Permeating these salts, sugars and rancid trans fats are numerous chemicals, leeching from their polypropylene packaging or injected into the product during manufacturing. *Healthing.ca* reported that a study of people’s bodies found a shocking 55 chemicals circulating inside that could be identified—and 42 more that couldn’t be. Several studies have linked perfluorooctanoic substances, referred to as “forever chemicals,” to liver damage, endocrine disruption, immune disorders and cancer, far worse than just a Sunday morning “hangover.”

Some scientific studies have found that the overall chemical effects of these foods have addictive properties remarkably similar to those of hard drugs. They overstimulate the brain to release dopamine, a natural molecule, in unnatural amounts, triggering a sense of pleasure. But as with narcotics and other drugs, you build up a tolerance, which means you need more junk food to feel the same pleasure. If you eat junk food for just *seven days*, then try to stop, you could experience withdrawal symptoms of changed appetites, increased cravings (even when you are not hungry) and altered moods (*ScienceDirect.com*).

Can you get off of junk food and stop the hangovers before they start? Yes!

Every time you eat, remember that you are not just satiating an appetite: You are investing in your short- and long-term future health. Understanding

the importance of your food choices helps motivate you to deny yourself that sweet-salty-fatty “bliss point” and to endure withdrawal symptoms like lethargy, irritability or headaches.

You might think, *This is about the same as a junk-food hangover*. But stick with it! Every time you resist the urge is a victory for strengthening your body, not to mention strengthening your discipline and your character. The withdrawal symptoms will subside, and your energy, body weight and freedom from minor sicknesses and major diseases will improve.

Start with a simple, small, definite first step. Make cereals, cookies, candies, white bread, unhealthy salad dressings, soft drinks or drive-through food your first target. Cut them out completely, and replace them with healthier options like brown rice, steel-cut oatmeal, unprocessed meat cuts, whole-grain wheat bread, homemade dressings and sparkling water. Start by throwing into the garbage all the chips in your possession, for example. Plan ahead to have alternatives easily accessible: your favorite unsalted, unsweetened nuts and sliced vegetables, perhaps.

Make a definite change, and you will begin to notice cravings, patterns and differences in how you feel based on what you eat.

There is a cacophony of nutritional advice out there, but keep this basic axiom from Herbert W. Armstrong in mind: “Eat only those natural foods that will spoil, and eat them before they do.” Even after you’ve overcome one junk food habit, then the next, then the next, you will still find this simple sentence to be one of the most effective rules of nutrition you’ll ever encounter. It will save you from many a junk-food hangover. ■

For two decades Lukashenko maintained this balancing act to keep Belarus from being completely dominated by Russia. It seemed he would be able to maintain it for as long as his heart kept beating. But in the summer of 2020, the situation changed dramatically.

From Russia With Strings

In the 2020 Belarus presidential election, exit polls showed that voters had ousted Lukashenko in a landslide. But he falsified the count and claimed to have won 80 percent of the vote.

This “democracy with Russian characteristics” infuriated many Belarusians. Some 200,000 of them marched through the capital city, the largest anti-government protests in the nation’s history. After 26 years of Lukashenko’s corruption, mismanagement and electoral fraud, the people had the numbers and the tenacity to stand up to “Europe’s last dictator.”

Then “big brother” intervened.

Most European leaders sided with the protesters and rejected Lukashenko’s official election results. Together with the U.S., they fired volley after volley of sanctions in reaction to his bloody crackdowns on the protests. Putin accepted the results, spoke in support of Lukashenko, and gave him hundreds of millions of dollars in discounted energy and loans. But he went much further than that: He announced publicly that he stood ready to send Russian troops into Belarus to help Lukashenko subdue the protesters. Doing so would give him far more leverage over Lukashenko.

So there was neither a coup nor a coffin for Lukashenko. Putin had saved him politically—and maybe physically. He put the opposition down and consolidated his power further. And now Lukashenko owes “big brother.”

Not long after, Putin wanted to station 30,000 Russian troops on Belarussian soil, the largest number since the Cold War. Lukashenko was against it: He understood that, despite the two nations’ “Slavic brotherhood,” approving this would represent a surrender of his nation’s sovereignty. But he had no choice.

Lukashenko also revoked his nation’s nuclear-free and defense neutrality commitments, thus allowing Russia to deploy its nuclear weapons there. He

also agreed to accelerate the Union of Belarus and Russia plan. Now Russian troops have used his country to invade Ukraine and are conducting a de facto soft occupation of Belarus.

Lukashenko’s days of balancing Belarus between Russia and the West are over. Putin has effectively annexed the country, turning back the clock to its Soviet Union days to make it Russia’s vassal once again.

The ‘Prince of Russia’

The Soviet Union was infamous for its communism and attendant repression, purges and perverse prison camps. Its appalling agricultural and industrial mandates had killed more than 10 million of its own people. When it collapsed in the early 1990s, many celebrated it as a victory for human freedom.

Not Vladimir Putin. In a 2005 speech, he called the collapse of that tyrannical, dehumanizing regime “the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century.”

Putin has made clear that what he mainly misses is not necessarily the ideals of communism, but the power and prestige of Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and 12 other nations when they formed a nuclear-armed empire dominated by a Russian dictator.

In the years since Putin’s statement, he has devoted much of Russia’s might into reuniting those nations. He has worked to reverse that “catastrophe” and to build something even more dominant over its people and more powerful against the West than the Soviet Union ever was.

Putin invaded the former Soviet nation of Georgia in 2008, bringing a fifth of its territory back under Russian control. In 2014, he forcibly annexed the key former Soviet territory of Crimea from Ukraine and increased support for rebels in the east of the country, plunging it into a conflict that has lasted eight years and killed 14,000 people and counting. In 2020, he stationed thousands of Russian troops in Azerbaijan for the first time, where they will remain, apparently indefinitely. He has also spent two decades and hundreds

of billions of dollars modernizing the Russian military, including superweapons such as hypersonic nuclear missiles that can evade even the most advanced defense systems.

This year’s dramatic escalation of the attack on Ukraine is part of that strategy. So is his quiet conquest of Belarus.

The *Trumpet* carefully watches the development of this new Russian empire because of its understanding of Bible prophecy. Revelation 9:16 describes Asia amassing a colossal army of 200 million troops, 15 times the size of the largest army ever assembled in human history. It is described as conducting operations during a third world war that will dwarf all world wars and other military conflicts of the 20th century, *combined*. Ezekiel 38 and 39 show that at the helm of this gargantuan force will be a man called the “prince” of Russia.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has identified Vladimir Putin as this prince. In his 2017 booklet *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia,’* he writes: “This world has a lot of authoritarian rulers. But Vladimir Putin is one we need to keep a particularly close eye on. His track record, his nationality and his ideology show that he is fulfilling a linchpin Bible prophecy. The time frame of his rule also shows that nobody else could be fulfilling the Ezekiel 38 and 39 prophecy.”

Mr. Flurry’s booklet explains that Putin’s leadership of Russia, including his conquest of former Soviet nations like Belarus, shows that the world is barreling toward a time of violence and calamity far worse than anything in humanity’s calamitous history!

But Mr. Flurry emphasizes that there is also great hope laced into these prophecies. He writes that the fact Putin is now leading the nation proves that the most hope-filled event in mankind’s history is close. “What we are seeing in Russia ultimately leads to the transition from man ruling man to God ruling man!” he writes. “And it is almost here! It is just a few short years away.” ■

Prince Putin!

The dictator of Russia is building an empire mightier than Stalin’s. Does that seem like an exaggeration? Read your Bible alongside your free copy of ***The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia,’*** by Gerald Flurry (theTrumpet.com/go/prince).



How to Study the Bible: The Three Keys



Most Christians view the Bible favorably. But they struggle to actually understand it. You don't have to!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE? IS IT AN EYE-OPENING, inspiring treasure that you use daily? Or is it a wealth that remains locked away?

To most people, the Bible is indeed a mystery! That is why even the churches don't understand it, and why so many incompatible, disagreeing churches exist in the first place.

This is a book like no other on Earth. The words on its pages can change the world, can change nations, can change *your life*. If you possessed the keys, you would unlock an immense wealth of knowledge and information rich in relevance and beauty that would revolutionize how you understand your world and yourself. It would change not only your health, wealth, wisdom, friendships, family and circumstances, but also *who you are*.

But reading this book is like looking at the numbers, letters and other characters of a computer code worth billions of dollars. Even if someone gave you possession of the code and you could read and recognize every single piece of it, without the decryption keys, you would not understand what it means or how to use it! The Bible is similar. There it sits, a treasure literally worth more than the sum of all cryptocurrencies—close at hand, yet out of reach. It is encrypted until you use the keys.

Here are the keys.

Key 1: Attitude

“[T]o this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word” (Isaiah 66:2).

This key starts to unlock everything. It is simple, but indispensable. If part of it is wrong, neither it nor the other keys will unlock anything. You could devote your life to reading that computer code over and over, even learn computer programming, but without this key, the treasure will remain inaccessible. In the same way, you can have a brilliant mind and rich experiences; you can study for tens of thousands of hours over decades; you can learn ancient languages, history, poetry, geography and much more; and you can use the works of others who have also studied the Bible in this way; yet you will not understand the Bible as well as you would with a contrite (broken, yielded, humble) spirit.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). Your understanding of the Bible depends not on your intellect, reasoning or experience, but on your willingness to be corrected, chastised and instructed by your Creator. You must exchange your own self-confidence and self-will for reliance on God, His revelation and His Spirit.

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

The Bible will *reprove* you, *correct* you, even pierce you. When next you read the Bible, you will likely read something that shows you where you are wrong. Your human nature will hate that and resist it. You will then have a choice: Will you be contrite? If so, the first lock will open.

Key 2: Belief

“If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth” (Mark 9:23).

To understand the Bible, you must also *believe*. In this age, there is much to be skeptical of. There is an especially, even illogically doubtful attitude in the world toward the Bible. Your human nature will prod you to question, criticize and reject what you read in the Bible. You can only unlock what the Bible means if you struggle against that and believe that what you read is true.

This means you cannot read your own interpretation or even a church's interpretation into the Bible. The world is full of Christians who use Jesus's name but disbelieve what He actually teaches in His Word. Read the Bible with an open, submissive attitude. Understand the Bible's “additive property”: It is 100 percent true and does not contradict itself. So when you find two scriptures that seem to contradict, believe that both are true and search out how and why.

Belief is not natural; it can be hard. But it is key. If you struggle with doubt, there is hope. One man who struggled with belief “cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief” (verse 24). Read on in Mark 9 to see how God responded.

Key 3: Deeds

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (James 1:22).

You can humble yourself, you can believe, but the treasure of understanding the Bible will remain locked if you do not *act* on what you study. Psalm 111:10 specifically says that *understanding* is related to *action*. Likewise, in John 7:16-17, Jesus states that if you will do the Father's will, you will know God's doctrine. This is one of the hardest keys to get right, but you have help!

Truly repenting toward God means changing your attitude, your belief and your actions. The goodness of God will lead you there (Romans 2:4). Philippians 2:13 states that God will give you the will and the power “to do of his good pleasure.” To use this key, as with the other keys, you need not only your human effort but God's power! And if you have a contrite attitude, you believe, and you are trying to actively obey what you read in the Bible, *God will help you* with His Spirit (Acts 5:32).

“[B]lessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it” (Luke 11:28).

WORLDWATCH

EUROPE

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The European Union concluded its yearlong **Conference on the Future of Europe**, presenting findings to EU leaders on May 9. Much of the future of Europe is being determined by the present war in Ukraine. Euractiv summarized the reactions of European citizens to Russia's Ukraine invasion as "Time for the United States of Europe!" The article was signed by "over 200 intellectuals and personalities of different political orientations from 20 European countries."

"We European citizens are scared by the return of war at the heart of Europe," they wrote. The Ukraine invasion "exposes the weaknesses and dependencies of the European Union and its member states European, and

especially Ukrainian, citizens are suffering for the costs of non-Europe in the fields of energy, fiscal, foreign and defense policies."

One proposal includes a push for a "two speed" Europe, where a smaller group of countries moves toward closer integration. Another would see countries give up the right to veto EU initiatives on foreign and defense policy.

"United States of Europe" was the phrase Herbert W. Armstrong used for decades prior to his death in 1986 to describe prophecy of a revived Holy Roman Empire in Europe. Citing Revelation 17:12 and other scriptures, he said Europe would become a 10-nation superpower. Daniel 11 calls this superpower "the king of the north" and forecasts that "tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him [Europe]: therefore he shall go forth with great fury

to destroy, and utterly to make away many" (verse 44).

Elites believe Europe must become stronger in more ways than one. A key factor in a European empire is exerting greater control over the people. To this end, after 16 months of negotiation, on April 23 the **European Commission, European Parliament and national governments** agreed on regulating large social media networks.

The new **Digital Services Act** will set up a new EU bureaucracy of about 150 officials to govern all tech companies that have more than 45 million European users, thereby exerting more control over those users. It

orders these companies to curb "disinformation" and stipulates fines for noncompliance of up to 6 percent of not just European profits, but of all global revenue. For Twitter, this equates to hundreds of millions of dollars. For Facebook, it would be billions.

The new act brings these restrictions online and targets hate speech for banning if not prosecution, and it also imposes on social media platforms the responsibility to label, add a "fact check," secretly censor or outright ban users and posts the EU deems "disinformation."

The law will accord the EU even more censorship power if EU national authorities vote

TERRORIST SPRING

APRIL 7 Palestinian terrorist shoots and kills three people inside a Tel Aviv bar.

APRIL 10 Palestinian terrorist stabs a police officer in Hebron.

APRIL 14 Palestinian terrorists shoot at security forces in the West Bank.

APRIL 15, 17 Clashes occur when police enter Temple Mount to stop Palestinians from pelting Jews with rocks.

APRIL 29 Palestinian terrorist murders a security guard.

MAY 5 Terrorists wielding an ax and knife murder three people and wound four during Israel Independence Day celebrations in Elad.

MAY 8 Suspect stopped for questioning stabs police officer.

MIDDLE EAST

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A new wave of terrorist attacks has struck Israel after a short period of calm. On May 8, a 19-year-old man stabbed a policeman. On May 5, terrorists with an ax and a knife killed three and injured four people who were celebrating Israel's Independence Day in the city of Elad. This followed an April 29 attack where a gunman murdered a security guard as he shielded his co-worker and fiancée with his body.

Hamas claimed responsibility for that killing, claiming it was retribution for Israeli actions on the Temple Mount. This is the first time in 14 years that Hamas has claimed responsibility for an attack that killed Israelis in Judea and Samaria.

Israel Defense Forces and police have arrested dozens of suspects connected to the recent attacks and deported hundreds of Palestinians who are in Israel illegally. On May 8, Israeli Prime Minister **Naftali Bennett** announced the formation of a civilian national guard comprised of border police, volunteers and reservists to help deter and combat terrorism.

On May 4, the **United States Senate** voted against the efforts of

Joe Biden and his government to negotiate a new agreement with **Iran**. Senators passed motions to oppose Biden's attempts to lift terrorism sanctions on Iran and to delist the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps from the Foreign Terrorist Organization list. They demanded that any deal must address all of Iran's aggressive, destabilizing activities, including its ballistic missile program.

The motions are non-binding and largely symbolic. Biden and



to declare that there is a crisis. Should there be a disease outbreak, for example, the EU could dictate exactly what social media users can and cannot post, and can and cannot see.

In his 2019 article “**Germany Is Taking Control of the Internet**,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: “The EU’s behavior on this issue exposes the dictatorial nature of this German-dominated entity. Really, we are witnessing the manifestation of the spirit of the Holy Roman Empire in the tech world. The biblically prophesied seventh and final resurrection of this empire wants to control the Internet!” ■

ASIA

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On May 8, **John Lee** was proclaimed **Hong Kong’s new chief executive**. Lee first came to prominence in 2019, when, as the territory’s security chief, he led an unprecedented crackdown on pro-democracy protesters. The next year, he became the face of a set of national security laws that authorized the Chinese Communist Party regime on mainland **China** to arbitrarily attack any Hong Kongers that it deemed suspects of “terrorism,” “secession,” “subversion” or “foreign interference.”

Now Lee has reportedly received more than 99 percent of the vote from 1,500 politicians and moguls who were almost entirely handpicked by the CCP.

When Britain ceded Hong Kong to China in 1997, many feared that the freedoms Britain had established there would be erased. The regime promised that Hong Kong could retain a high degree of economic, political and judicial autonomy for at least 50 years. Halfway through that period, China has broken its pledge and turned Hong Kong into just one more tragically oppressed Chinese city.

In “**The Climax of Man’s Rule Over Man**,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote that China’s tightening grip over Hong Kong is a clear example that the globe is rapidly moving into the biblically prophesied “times of the Gentiles.”

China signed a pact with Solomon Islands in April. A leaked draft says the agreement authorizes China to “send police, armed police, military personnel and other law enforcement and armed forces to Solomon Islands” and to dock warships there. This will give the Chinese military a new key location from which to control the region’s shipping lanes.

Genesis 22:17 records God’s promise to Abraham that his descendants would one day “take possession of the gates of their enemies” (International Standard Version). In *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the late Herbert W. Armstrong proved that the peoples of the United States and the United Kingdom descended from Abraham. He showed that this promise in Genesis was fulfilled before World War II, when the U.S. and UK amassed control over dozens of strategic maritime passages, such as the **Panama Canal**, Hong Kong, the **Suez Canal** and Solomon Islands.

With the British and the Americans in control of these



sea gates, decades of global stability and economic growth resulted for their nations and for much of the world. But the Bible also prophesied in Deuteronomy 28:52 that if these descendants failed to turn to God, He would cause their enemies to take control of these gates and to use them against them.

In recent decades, control over the Panama Canal, Hong Kong, Suez and numerous others has been ceded to China. Now Solomon Islands can also be added to that list.

On March 28, Chinese General Secretary **Xi Jinping** intensified his “zero-COVID” policy and ordered a rigid lockdown of 26 million people in the third-most populated city on the planet, **Shanghai**. Many residents had little time beforehand to stock up on groceries and other needs, and delivery services failed to meet the immense demand. After weeks of restriction, many took to social media to publish complaints and to apartment balconies to cry out for relief. Many have clashed with police.

In Luke 21, Jesus Christ Himself prophesied of this future time called “the times of the Gentiles” (verse 24). This term refers to the nations of the world that do not descend from ancient Israel. Mr. Flurry focused on this time period in “**What Are the Times of the Gentiles?**” The modern Israelite nations are declining, and Gentile nations such as China are about to dominate the Earth with a cruel tyranny that we now have a preview of in Shanghai. ■

TOPSHOT

In April, Ukrainian authorities began demolishing the Soviet monument to Ukraine-Russia friendship in Kyiv.



or without a deal, Iran seeks to gain maximum concessions on its way to becoming a nuclear power.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry first forecast Iran’s rise as a major power in 1998. Now the world is on the verge of meeting the terrorist-sponsoring, nuclear-armed “king of the south” prophesied in the Bible, a “king” largely empowered by **Barack Obama** and the United States.

Watch Jerusalem. Violence and bloodshed are about to get far worse there. The Jewish people are facing and will experience terror in their midst and on an unimaginable scale. The violence that will erupt in Jerusalem and the Middle East will spread to engulf the globe. The Bible prophesies this. But it also prophesies hope, beginning in this very same city. Read about this in Gerald Flurry’s book *The Eternal Has Chosen Jerusalem*. ■

those behind him have been working for a new nuclear deal for more than a year. They have indicated a willingness to shamefully capitulate to several major Iranian demands.

Meanwhile, **Iran continues its race toward nuclear weapons**. U.S. Secretary of State **Antony Blinken** acknowledged on April 26 that Iran would be able to produce nuclear weapons material in “a matter of weeks” if it made a dash for the bomb. With

ANGLO-AMERICA

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Dinesh D'Souza and **True the Vote** released the documentary **2,000 Mules** on May 3. The film, which played in select theaters and online, cited geotracking and video evidence to prove Democrats used illegal ballot trafficking to steal the 2020 election in six battleground states. In Atlanta, Georgia, at least 242 “ballot mules” stuffed illegal mail-in ballots into 10 or more drop boxes each. Surveillance video shows these criminals inserting one ballot after another, voting in the dead of night, using gloves so as not to leave fingerprints, and/or taking photos of themselves with a stack of ballots at the drop box to prove to whomever sent them that they had done the deed—so they could get paid. Biden officially won Georgia by only 11,779 votes, which means that these 242 individuals committed enough fraud to steal the state from actual voters. *2,000 Mules* presents similar evidence of theft in the greater areas of Detroit, Michigan; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Phoenix, Arizona.

Yet you probably have not heard much about this documentary. Why not? Because minutes after it debuted, *Politico* published a leaked draft majority opinion written by Justice **Samuel Alito**. The leak reveals that the Supreme Court intends

to overturn the landmark 1973 **Roe v. Wade** ruling that transformed abortion into a special federally guaranteed right. A draft majority opinion had never leaked to the public before, and this ruling would overturn one of the most controversial and unconstitutional rulings in Supreme Court history. But notice the timing. Justice Alito authored this draft two months prior to the leak. The Supreme Court was not scheduled to publish its majority opinion until two months later. So whoever leaked the draft chose to leak it precisely at the release of *2,000 Mules*. They wanted to distract people from the election steal—and they succeeded. Pro-abortion protesters showed up at the homes of justices **John Roberts** and **Brett Kavanaugh** in May. Justice Alito and his family were moved to an undisclosed location for their safety. Abortionists have tried to frighten at least one justice into changing his or her vote before the decision is released later this year.

While Americans are fighting over the Constitution and over the murder of babies, other nations are looking to exploit America's internal divisions. U.S. Air Force Chief Software Officer **Nicolas Chaillan** (Ret.) told Fox News on May 3 that there is evidence that China may already

be sharing data with Russia, and America wouldn't stand “a fighting chance” if the two superpowers combined their cyberwarfare capabilities. Many experts believe China and Russia do not even have to physically harm U.S. infrastructure to cause problems, but can instead hack into energy company software to shut down pipelines and drive up oil and gas prices.

America has also been cursed with its **most expensive animal health disaster** since a 2015 bird flu pandemic cost the government \$1 billion, its **worst drought** since the fall of the Mayan civilization, and its **worst illegal immigration crisis** ever. It should be evident to anyone with eyes to see that America is being punished for its many sins, including the murder of 63 million unborn babies in the past 50 years. ■

FEATURED FEEDBACK



It is so good to have a resource with a biblical foundation that speaks the truth about what is happening in our country and in the world. As a Christian believer, a retired schoolteacher and a patriot, I am dismayed at the amoral changes that have gained a hold of our once-great nation. We are indeed being destroyed from within.

Nancy Schick FULTON, NEW YORK

I have just recently been watching Stephen Flurry's show, the *Trumpet Daily*—so interesting and mind-boggling. Thank you for the magazines and literature that I have asked for. I so enjoy reading Mr. Armstrong's literature. I will be writing for more of that too, I'm sure. The insight is so intriguing.

Joyce McDonald WASHINGTON

Thank you for the beautiful, informative magazine. It is the best!

Elena Stahie AURORA, ONTARIO

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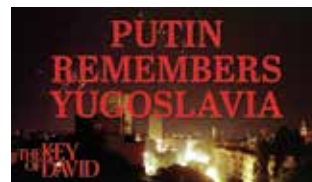


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The Biggest Lottery Win—and Loss—of All Time

A lesson for the world's wealthiest nation

ALEX AND RHODA TOTH WERE STRUGGLING. WITH SIX KIDS and little income, it was hard to get by. Then they hit the jackpot, literally, and won \$13 million in the lottery. They did not live happily ever after. They filed for bankruptcy, twice. When Alex Toth died in 2008, they were so poor that their only electricity at home came from a car battery. Rhoda later pleaded guilty to tax evasion.

Perhaps the most surprising part of the Toths' story is how common it is. About 1 in 3 lottery winners spends the winnings on cars, trips, luxuries, friends and drugs—and goes bankrupt.

"People who were little, ordinary people, all of a sudden become extraordinary," said Wealth Financial Group CEO Steve Lewit. "They're euphoric. They lose all sense of reality. They think they're invincible and powerful. They think they're Superman." But without exerting strength of character, the lottery winner's euphoric amount of cash abruptly runs out, debts balloon, and creditors come calling.

This describes the United States today, on a grand scale.

"If you won the lottery and were looking to buy a country to live in, the first one the estate agent would show you would be the United States of America," writes *Prisoners of Geography* author Tim Marshall. "This temperate North American real estate offers the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to keep the area both secure and well connected. The property houses more navigable rivers than the rest of the world put together—providing picturesque vistas and practical transport opportunities. The planet's largest contiguous area of farmland and natural resources makes it an excellent investment. At one valuation by William Larson, from the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, the estate is worth \$23 trillion. And that's just for the land—the buildings are extra."

Plus, each year the American economy produces the same amount as the economies of Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, India and Italy combined.

The wealth is enormous—but so are the expenditures: the world's largest military, Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, college debt payoffs, foreign funding, and on and on.

Lottery winners who don't go bust, save or invest some of their money. Instead, the U.S. has borrowed when times are bad, intending to pay it back when times are good—and when times are good, it keeps borrowing.

U.S. debt is now higher than it was during World War II, the Great Depression, or the Civil War. Even before it voluntarily destroyed huge parts of its economy with drastic lockdowns, it added to the debt just to meet day-to-day expenses.

Like a desperate lottery winner, the U.S. has resorted to "creative" financial practices to keep the party going. After the 2008 financial crisis, the Federal Reserve began creating money from nothing and lending it to state and local governments and banks ("quantitative easing"). It kicked this into even higher gear during COVID-19. Creating money from nothing breaks the most fundamental laws of finance, and we won't get away with it.

We are watching the Toths' story play out on a national level. And we know how it ends.

How and why did America receive the biggest "lottery win" of all time? Why are we failing so spectacularly to make good on it?

The book of Genesis records God's promise to Abraham that he would become a "father of many nations" (Genesis 17:5) and that his descendants in these nations would receive "the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine" (Genesis 27:28).

The Jews know they descend from Abraham. But these prophecies cannot apply to the Jews alone. Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* proves that the descendants of Abraham also include the Americans.

America's windfall came because God kept His promise to Abraham! As Abraham Lincoln said of "these fundamental blessings," "[w]e toiled not in the acquirement or establishment of them." America didn't even buy a lottery ticket.

Now we are squandering it and are losing our very nation.

The Prophet Isaiah, writing "for the time to come,"

stated of the modern Americans: "Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots: Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made" (Isaiah 2:7-8). By worshiping other gods, even the treasures themselves, we are rejecting the God who gave us our treasures.

Just like a bankrupt, destitute lottery winner, America lacks the character to hold on to its incredible wealth.

God is punishing us, as Isaiah 2 goes on to describe. Why? Because He wants to do more than just give the nation another loan or even another windfall. He wants to correct its character.

God wants to bless the United States, just as He wants to bless all people, with wealth—and with the character to keep it and use it rightly. Once we've built the character to properly handle wealth, the whole world will receive a massive windfall—one they will not squander, but go on to greater and greater prosperity. ■



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Arizona, Phoenix KDVD-LD 4:30, Sun; KSAZ 5:30, Sun; KTVK-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

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Sierra Vista KTTU 5:30, Sun

Tucson KTTU 5:30, Sun

Yuma KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

Arkansas, Bentonville K28NT-D 5:30, Sun

El Dorado KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun

Fayetteville K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Fort Smith K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Harrison K26GS-D-COMET TV 5:30, Sun

Jonesboro KAIT3-HD 9:30, Sun; KJOS 8:30, Sun

Little Rock KATV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun

Mountain Home KO7XL-D 5:30, Sun

Pine Bluff KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun

Rogers K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Springdale K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

California, Bakersfield KBFX-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KGET-DT 9:30, Sun

Cathedral City KRET-CD 3:30, Sun

Chico KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun

El Centro KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

Eureka KCA-LD/KVIQ-DT 9:30, Sun

Fresno KAIL 3:30, Sun; KFSN 3:30, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Los Angeles KABC-TV 3:30, Sun; KCOP 10:30, Sun; KDOC-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Modesto KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun

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Palm Springs KCWQ/KESQ-DT 9:30, Sun; KRET 5:30, Sun

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Sacramento KMAX-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KSAO-LD 3:30, Sun

Salinas KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun

San Francisco KGO-TV 3:30, Sun; KKPX 6:00, Fri

San Jose KGO 5:30, Sun

Santa Barbara-Santa Maria KSBY-DT 9:30, Sun

Shreveport KMSS 10:00, Sun

Stockton KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun

Visalia KFSN 5:30, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Colorado, Colorado Springs KXRM 9:30, Sun; KXTU 10:30, Sun

Denver KCDO-TV 4:30, Sun; KWGN-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Grand Junction KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun

Gunnison K13AV-D 4:30, Sun

Montrose KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun

Connecticut, Hartford WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

New Haven WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WCTX-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Waterbury WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Florida, Daytona Beach WSWF 8:30, Sun

Fort Walton Beach/Pensacola WFGX-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Gainesville WCJB-DT 9:30, Sun; WCJB 6:30, Sun; WNBW-DT-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Jacksonville WBXJ-CD 6:30, Sun; WJXB-CD 8:30, Sun; WJXX 11:00, Sun

Melbourne WSWF 8:30, Sun

Orlando WKCF 9:00, Sun; WOTF-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WSWF 8:30, Sun

Panama City WPCP 7:00, Sun; WJHG-DT 8:30, Sun

Tallahassee WTWC 10:30, Sun; WTLF-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WTXL 7:30/1:00 p.m., Sun; WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

Tampa WTTA 8:30, Sun; WXPX 6:00, Fri

West Palm Beach WPEC-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Georgia, Albany WALB-DT4/WGCW-LD 8:30, Sun; WALB 6:30, Sun; WFXL-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WPCW 7:00, Sun; WSWG Sun, 8:30; WSWG-DT 9:30, Sun

Atlanta WANN-CD 6:30, Sun; WATL 8:30, Sun; WPCW 7:00, Sun; WUPA-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Augusta-Aiken WAGT-DT 9:30, Sun

Brunswick WPCX 6:00, Fri

Columbus WGBP-TV 6:30, Sun; WLTZ-DT 9:30, Sun

Macon WGXA-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WMAZ-DT 9:30, Sun

Savannah WSAV-DT 9:30, Sun; WTGS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Thomasville WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

Hawaii, Hawaii Na Leo Chan. 54 6:30, Sun; 8:30, Wed

Kaui Ho'Ike Chan. 52 9:30, Tue

Maui/Lanai/Molokai/Niihau/Akaku Chan. 52 6:30 p.m., Sun; 3:30, Mon

Oahu Focus Chan. 49 7:00, Sat

Idaho, Boise KRID-LD 4:30, Sun; KYUU-LD-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KYUU-LP/KBOI-DT 8:30, Sun

Idaho Falls KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KPFI 6:30, Sun

Lewiston KLEW-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Pocatello KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KPFI 6:30, Sun

Springfield WICS-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Twin Falls KMVT-DT 8:30, Sun

Urbana WICD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Illinois, Bloomington WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun; WYZZ 7:30, Sun

Chicago WCUI 9:30, Sun; WGN 10:30, Sun; WLS-TV 5:30, Sun

Moline KGCW 7:30, Sun

Peoria WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun; WYZZ 7:30, Sun

Quincy WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Rock Island KGCW 7:30, Sun

Rockford WREX 10:00, Sun; WREX-DT 8:30, Sun

Indiana, Bloomington WTTV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Elkhart WCWW 8:30, Sun

Fort Wayne WISE-DT 9:30, Sun; WLMO-LD-COMET TV 6:30, Sun

Indianapolis WALV-CD 6:30, Sun; WTHR 5:00, Sun; WTTV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Lafayette WLFI-DT 9:30, Sun

South Bend ESBT/WSBT 7:30, Sun; WCWW-LD 6:30, Sun

Terre Haute WTHI-DT 9:30, Sun

Iowa, Burlington KGCW 5:30, Sun

Cedar Rapids KGAN 11:00 p.m., Sun

Davenport KGCW 7:30, Sun

Des Moines KDSM-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Keokuk WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun

Mason City KAAL 8:30, Sun; KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun

Ottumwa KTVQ-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT 8:30, Sun

Sioux City KMEG-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVI-DT 8:30, Sun

Kansas, Hutchinson Plus KCTU 7:30, Sun

Kansas City KCKS-LD 5:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KMBC 2:00, Sun

Louisburg KMJC-LD 5:30, Sun

Pittsburg KFJX-DT 8:30, Sun; KSFX 9:30, Sun

Topeka WROB-LD 5:30, Sun; WROB/KMJC/KCKS 7:30, Sun; KTKA-DT 8:30, Sun

Wichita KCTU-LD 5:30, Sun; KSAS-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KSNW 1:50, Mon-Fri

Kentucky, Bowling Green WBKO-DT 8:30, Sun; 12:30, Fri

Lexington WDKY 7:00, Sun; WLJC 8:30, Sun

Louisville WBNA 6:30, Sun; WMYO-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Paducah KBSI-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Louisiana, Alexandria KALB-DT 8:30, Sun

Baton Rouge WBTR-CD 5:30, Sun

Lafayette KATC-DT 8:30, Sun

Lake Charles KPCL-DT 8:30, Sun

Monroe KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun

New Orleans WNOL-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; WUPL 5:30, Sun

Maine, Bangor WABI-DT 9:30, Sun

Presque Isle WAGM-DT3/WBPO 9:30, Sun

Waterville-Portland WPFO-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Maryland, Baltimore WMAR 5:30 p.m., Sun; WNUV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Salisbury WMDT-DT 9:30, Sun

Massachusetts, Boston WHDH 6:30, Sun; WSBK-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Holyoke WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

Manchester WHDH 8:30, Sun

Springfield WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

Michigan, Alpena WBAE 9:30, Sun

Bay City WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUWB/WURO 8:30, Sun

Cadillac WFOQ-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Detroit WDIV-TV 6:30/8:30, Sun; WKBD-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Flint WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUWB/WURO 8:30, Sun

Grand Rapids WOTV-CHARGE 6:30, Sun

Lake City WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun

Lansing WLAJ-DT 9:30, Sun; WSYM, 6:30, Sun/6:00, Fri

Marquette WBKP-DT/WBUP-DT 9:30, Sun; WZMQ 6:30, Sun

Roscommon (Traverse City) WURO-LD 6:30, Sun;

Saginaw WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;

WUWB/WURO 8:30, Sun

Sault Ste. Marie WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Traverse City WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

West Branch WUWB-LD 6:30, Sun

Windsor WKBD-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Minnesota, Austin KAAL 9:30, Sun

Duluth KDHL-DT 8:30, Sun

Mankato KMNF-LD 8:30, Sun; KWYE 8:30, Sun

Minneapolis KSTC-TV 5:30, Sun; KSTP 10:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Rochester KAAL 7:30, Sun; KTTC-DC 8:30, Sun

St. Paul KSTC 7:30, Sun; KSTP 10:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Mississippi, Biloxi WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun

Clarksdale WPRQ-LD 5:30, Sun

Cleveland WHCQ-LD 5:30, Sun

Columbus WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun; WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Greenville WBWD 8:30, Sun

Greenwood WBWD 8:30, Sun

Gulfport WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun

Hattiesburg WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun; WHPM-LD 5:30, Sun

Jackson WL00 7:30, Sun

Laurel WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun; WHPM-LD 5:30, Sun

Meridian WTKO-DT 8:30, Sun

Tupelo WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun; WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

West Point WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Missouri, Cape Girardeau KBSI-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KBSI 10:30, Sun

Columbia KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCG-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Hannibal WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Jefferson City KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCG-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Joplin CWPL 8:30, Sun; KFJX-DT 8:30, Sun; KSXF 7:00, Sun

Kansas City KCTV 5:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KCWE 8:30, Sun

Kirkville KTVQ-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT 8:30, Sun

Springfield KRFT 7:30, Sun

St. Joseph KNPG-LD 8:30, Sun

St. Louis KSDK 5:00, Sun; KPLR-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KSDK 5:00, Sun

Montana, Billings KSVI 10:00, Sun; KTVQ-DT 8:30, Sun

Bozeman KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun

Butte KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun

Glendive KWZB 8:30, Sun

Great Falls KRTV-DT 8:30, Sun

Helena KTVH-DT 8:30, Sun

Missoula KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun

Utica WKTV-DT 9:30, Sun
Watertown WWTI-DT 9:30, Sun
North Carolina, Asheville WGGG 8:30, Sun;
WYCW 9:00, Sun
Bowling Green WBKO 12:30, Fri
Charlotte WAXN 10:00, Sun; WCCB
5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-TV-COMET TV
6:30, Sun
Durham WNCN 5:00, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV
6:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun
Fayetteville WTVB 6:30, Sun
Greensboro WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Greenville WCTI-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Hickory WHKY-TV-COMET TV 6:30, Sun
High Point WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
New Bern WCTI-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Raleigh WNCN 5:00, Sun; WRAX 7:00, Sun;
WRDC-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30,
Sun
Salem WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Washington WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Wilmington WECT 6:00, Sun; WSFX-TV 6:30,
Sun; WWAY-DT 9:30, Sun
Winston WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
North Dakota
Bismarck KXMD/KXMC-DT 8:30, Sun
Dickinson KXMD/KXMC-DT 8:30, Sun
Fargo KRDK-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KXJB
8:30, Sun
Grand Forks KRDK-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Minot KXMD/KXMC-DT 8:30, Sun
Valley City KXJB 8:30, Sun
Ohio, Akron WIVM/WIVX 8:30, Sun
Chillicothe WWHO-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Cincinnati WBQC-LD 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-
COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Cleveland WIVM/WIVX 8:30, Sun; WJW-TV-
COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUAB 7:30, Sun
Columbus WSYX 6:30, Sun; WWHO-COMET
TV 6:00, Sun
Dayton WRGT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Lima WBOH 9:30, Sun
Steubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Toledo WMNT-CD 6:30, Sun; WNWO-TV-
COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Youngstown WYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBZV 9:30, Sun
Oklahoma, Ada KTEH-DT 8:30, Sun
Lawton KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun
Oklahoma City KOCH-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
KOPX 5:00, Fri
Tulsa KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KOTV 5:30, Sat;
KQCW 9:30, Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 5:00,
Sun
Oregon, Bend KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Eugene KMTR-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KMTR-
DT 9:30, Sun
Medford-Klamath Falls KTVL-COMET TV
6:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun
Portland KATU-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Pennsylvania, Altoona WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun;
WATM-TV 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
Erie WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun
Johnstown WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun;
WATM-TV 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
Philadelphia WPSG-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WPVI-TV 6:30, Sun
Pittsburgh WPNT-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun
Scranton WSWB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
State College WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun;
WJAC-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Wilkes Barre WSWB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Puerto Rico, Aguadilla WSJP-LD-COMET TV
7:30, Sun
Rhode Island, Providence WJAR-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
South Carolina, Anderson WGGG 8:30, Sun;
WYCW 9:00, Sun
Charleston ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBF-DT 9:30,
Sun; WCBF-DT 12:30, Sun
Columbia WACH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WMMB-DT 9:30, Sun
Greenville WGGG 8:30, Sun; WSPA 1:30, Fri/
Sat/Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW
9:00, Sun
Hardeeville WTGS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Myrtle Beach WPDE-TV-COMET TV 6:00,
Sun;
WMMB-DT 9:30, Sun
Spartanburg WGGG 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00

p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
South Dakota, Huron KTTM 5:30, Sun
Rapid City KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KNBN
5:30 p.m., Sun; KOTA 5:30, Sun
Sioux Falls (Mitchell) KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun;
KTTW 5:30, Sun
Tennessee, Alexandria WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun
Chattanooga WDSI-TV-COMET TV 5:30, Sun
Jackson WNBX 8:30, Sun
Knoxville WZZM/WJZC 8:30, Sun
Memphis WATN 6:30 p.m., Sat; WBII 7:30,
Sun; WMC-TV 5:30, Sun; WHBQ 5:30, Sun;
WMC 1:30, Thur/Fri
Nashville WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-
COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Texas, Abilene KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun;
KVII-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Amarillo KVII-DT/KVTH-DT 8:30, Sun
Austin KCWX 5:30, Sun
Beaumont KBTW-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
KFDM, 2:50, Sat; KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun
Brownsville KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun;
KGBT-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Corpus Christi KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun
Dallas KDAF 7:00, Sun; KTXA 7:30, Sun; KTXA
5:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
El Paso KFOX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Ft. Worth KDFW 5:00, Sun; KTXA 5:30, Sun;
KTXD-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Harlingen KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun;
KGBT-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Houston KIAH-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTRK-TV
5:30, Sun
IUFKIN KIVY 7:30, Sun
Laredo KLYX 8:30, Sun
Longview KIVY 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Lubbock KLCW-DT 8:30, Sun
Midland KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun
Odessa KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun; KWWT
5:30, Sun
Port Arthur KBTW-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
KFDM, 2:05, Sat/8:30, Sun
San Angelo KTXE 8:30, Sun
San Antonio KCWX 5:30, Sun; KMYS/GOAI
9:00, Sun
Sherman KTEH-DT 8:30, Sun
Sweetwater KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun
Tyler KIVY 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Victoria KVCT 5:30, Sun; KVCT-DT3/KWVB
8:30, Sun
Waco KZCZ-LD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Weslaco KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun
Wichita Falls KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDM
6:00, Sun
U.S. Virgin Islands, Charlotte Amalie WVFX
7:30, Sun
Utah, Salt Lake City KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 7:00,
Sun;
KSL-DT3 4:30, Sun
Vermont, Burlington WFFF 10:00, Sun; WVTN
10:30, Sun; WPTZ-DT 9:30
Virginia, Bristol WCVB-TV-COMET TV 6:00,
Sun
Charlottesville WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun
Hampton/Norfolk WSKY 9:00, Sun
Harrisonburg WSVW-LD 8:30, Sun;
WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun; W29DH-D-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
Lynchburg WSET-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WYAT 8:30, Sun
Newport News WTKR 6:30, Sun
Norfolk WTKR 6:30, Sun; WTVZ-TV-COMET
TV 6:00, Sun
Richmond WRLH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WUPV 6:00, Sun; WWBT 1:30, Sat/Sun
Roanoke WSET-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;
WYAT 8:30, Sun; WSLN 11:30, Sun
Virginia Beach WTKR 6:30, Sun
Washington D.C. WJLA-TV-COMET TV 6:00,
Sun
Washington, Kennewick KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun;
KVVK-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Pasco KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/KEPR-DT
9:30, Sun

CBS United Kingdom

Station	Day	Time	sky
CBS Justice	Saturday	8:30 am	Ch. 148
CBS Drama	Sunday	7:30 am	Ch. 147
CBS Reality	Sunday	8:00 am	Ch. 146

Richland KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/KEPR-
DT 9:30, Sun
Seattle CKPQ 7:00, Sun; KOMO-TV-COMET TV
6:00, Sun; KONG 3:30, Sun
Spokane KAYU 7:30, Sun
Tacoma KONG 5:30, Sun
Yakima KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/
KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KUNW-CD-COMET TV
6:00, Sun
West Virginia, Beckley WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Bluefield WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Charleston WVAH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Clarksburg WVFX-DT 9:30, Sun; WVUX
8:30, Sun
Fairmont WVUX-LD 6:30, Sun
Moorefield W29DH-D-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Oak Hill WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Parkersburg WCVW/WOVA-LD 9:30, Sun
Weston WVFX-DT 9:30, Sun; WVUX 8:30, Sun
Wheeling WVUX 9:30, Sun
Wisconsin, Eau Claire WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT
8:30, Sun
Green Bay WCVF-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
WFRV 1:30, Sun
La Crosse WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Madison WKOW 5:30, Sun; WMSN-TV-COMET
TV 5:00, Sun
Milwaukee WISN 7:30, Sun; WTVT-DT2-COMET
TV 5:00, Sun
Rhineland WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun
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Suring WCVF-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
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Wyoming, Casper KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun; KFNB
7:00, Sun; KLWY 7:00, Sun; WVUX 7:30, Sun
Cheyenne KGW-DT 8:30, Sun
Jackson KPFI 6:30, Sun
Riverton KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun
Weston WVUX 8:30, Sun

CANADA

Nationwide cable
Vision TV 4:30 p.m. ET, Sun
CHCH 11:30 ET, Sun
Atlantic Provinces
CTV Atlantic 11:00 AT, Sun
Alberta, Red Deer KAYU 8:30, Sun
Calgary CKCS-DT 10:00, Sun; KAYU 8:30, Sun
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