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A Voice in the Wilderness

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

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

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

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

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

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The Middle East in Up roar – What Does It Mean?

The year 2011 has started off with a BANG! The nations of Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Yemen are in riotous uproar and revolting masses have led to volatile changes in government. Mubarak is out in Egypt and the future is very uncertain. What does Bible prophecy have to say?

The book of Daniel and the prophecies of Isaiah and Ezekiel say much about the future of the Middle East and Egypt. A great “kingdom” is to rise up in the Muslim world – a new ‘caliphate’ – which will seek to conquer the world. It is all spelled out in the prophecies of the Word of God. Current changes in the Middle East will lead to World War III and pave the way for the soon coming of the Messiah!

-- William F. Dankenbring

The Muslim World in Ferment

Egypt and the Muslim World in Bible Prophecy

Millions protest and riot in the streets of Cairo and Alexandria. Egypt is in turmoil – President Hosni Mubarak is in exile. And the military has taken over. Dramatic changes are occurring throughout the Middle East. Could Saudi Arabia fall to extremist forces? What is the future of Egypt? What does Bible prophecy foretell?.

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Aaron Kline of the *World Net Daily* writes: “Islamists, in particular the anti-Western Muslim Brotherhood, seem poised to take power throughout the Middle East as a result of riots that have already toppled one Arab regime and are threatening others, in what some are calling only the latest wave of an Islamic ‘tsunami’ sweeping the globe.”.

The White House has been championing the protests, especially those in Egypt, calling for a transition to a Democratic rule in Egypt. How little they know about what is really going to happen. Egypt will not become a pro-Western democracy. It will go the way of the Shah of Iran and be replaced with a clerical caliphate Muslim power seeking a world conquest and will destroy the west which they call the Great Satan (U.S.).

Kline continues. “The Obama administration’s support for the unrest is strikingly reminiscent of Jimmy Carter’s support of the Islamic revolution in Iran in 1979 which marked the first of modern Islamic expansionism that is now seemingly sweeping the Middle East. In fact some Muslim clerics are already calling the riots in Egypt simply an extension of 1979’s Islamic conquest.” Hamaad Saheed, leader of Jordan’s Muslim Brotherhood, warned that the unrest in Egypt will spread across the Middle East until Arabs succeed in toppling all leaders allied with the United States. This is just the beginning of the reconfiguration of the Middle East

into an alliance against Israel, America and the west. The Muslim people want to impose Sharia law on the entire world. It is the doctrine of the Koran and Mohammed that “*the Muslims must conquer*” (Aaron Klein, *Worldnet Daily*, Jan.30, 2011).

The west is deliberately blinding their eyes to this tactic strategy and goal of the Islamic religion. The Islamic religion is really a political front totally entwined with religion. To its’ believers there is no such thing as separation of church and state, as thought by Americans to be unviable. Americans go contrary to the church in order to keep out of the affairs of the state.

That is not what the founding fathers ever said. The early American Congress and forefathers used to advocate Bible reading and teaching in school. Our Universities taught the languages of Hebrew and Greek. They sponsored the giving of Bibles to the Indian tribes to teach them the Christian religion. Later, the idea of separation between church and state emerged as Satan’s tactic to destroy America. We read in Proverbs 14:34—“righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”

Aaron Kline continues. “The White House itself has been almost openly championing the unrest in Egypt.” Secretary Hilary Clinton called for an orderly transition to democracy in Egypt. Egyptian officials suspect that the U.S. State Department has been involved in coordinating elements of the uprising in Egypt.

David Rubin, former mayor of the Israeli town of Shiloh, said, “There is a plan to take over western civilization, and we need to recognize it for what it is.’ He went on, “Confronting the growing threat to Western civilization first involves admitting the problem exists, something President Obama not only refuses to do but strongly denies.” (*ibid.*).

When democracy was championed in Iran, the Ayatollah took charge. Evil forces can take charge with popular vote when there is popular unrest. There are no organized democratic forces in Egypt, but the Muslim Brotherhood is organized. There are only two organized forces in Egypt, the military and the Muslim Brotherhood. Right now the military has taken charge.

Mubarak himself had harsh words for the U.S. in what he described as its misguided quest for democracy in the Middle East. He said to Ben-Eliezer, former Israeli cabinet minister and a friend, “We see the democracy the United States spearheaded and with Hamas, in Gaza, and that’s the fate of the Middle East.” “They may be talking about democracy but they don’t know what they’re talking about and the result is extremism and radical Islam.” Mubarak predicted even more dramatic changes and upheavals in the future.

America Behind the Uprising

Says the *Daily Telegraph*, “The American Embassy in Cairo helped a young dissident attend a US-sponsored summit for activists in New York, while working to keep his identity secret from [Egyptian](#) state police. On his return to Cairo in December 2008, the activist told US diplomats that an alliance of opposition groups had drawn up a plan to overthrow President Hosni Mubarak and install a democratic government in 2011.

'He has already been arrested by Egyptian security in connection with the demonstrations and his identity is being protected by The Daily Telegraph. The crisis in Egypt follows the toppling of Tunisian president Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali, who fled the country after widespread protests forced him from office' ("Egypt Protests: America's Secret Backing for Rebel Leaders Behind Uprising," *The Telegraph*, Jan.24, 2011).

Barry Chamish, noted investigative journalist, declared in a leading email, "The U.S. Is Behind the Fall of Mubarak." He interviewed Eldad Pressman, editor of a major Israeli political website, who told him the Daily Telegraph had "dug into Wikileaks documents and pieced together a report that convincingly proves the US was behind the violent Egyptian protests."

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"The disclosures, contained in previously secret US diplomatic dispatches released by the [WikiLeaks](#) website, show American officials pressed the Egyptian government to release other dissidents who had been detained by the police." E-Mail, Feb.2, 2011).

This explosive revelation shows there is far more to the story than a simple protest caused by popular dissent and dissatisfaction with jobs, food prices, and anger toward the Mubarak regime. Foreign interference and manipulation, especially that of the U.S. State Department and C.I.A., were fundamental factors in creating the unrest, climate of change, and actual protest movement itself which soon swelled into a massive revolt and revolution igniting throughout the Middle East, as the flames of fiery revolution spread throughout the Arab world.

How far will it go? Will it temporarily lead to a new climate of peace and understanding in the Middle East? Or fiery and chaotic World War III? As Ogden Nash quipped, "The best laid plans of mice and men aft gang agley."

The King of Saudi Arabia

Hosni Mubarak is out as president, and a transitional military government is in. Millions of Egyptians are celebrating in the streets throughout the country. Mubarak has helped maintain stability in the Middle East for the past 30 years, but sudden change is in the offing. What will the new Egypt's relationship be with the U.S., and the West? What happens to the peace treaty with Israel? What role will the Muslim Brotherhood play in Egypt's near future?

The announcement was delivered by Egypt's vice president, Omar Suleiman, in a brief statement on state television. Mubarak delegated control of the country's affairs to Egypt's army, Mr. Suleiman said, "Because of the current circumstances in the country the president, Hosni

Mubarak, has decided to step down, and the higher command of the army is taking control of the country.”

The conversation between President Barack Obama and Saudi King Abdullah early Thursday, Feb. 10, was the most acerbic the US president has ever had with an Arab ruler, DEBKAFile's sources report. Their falling out on the Egyptian crisis so enraged the king that some US and Middle East sources reported he suffered a sudden heart attack. Rumors of his death rocked world financial and oil markets that morning and were denied by an adviser to the ruling family.

The king condemned Obama's treatment of Egypt and its president Hosni Mubarak a disaster that would generate instability in the region and imperil all the moderate pro-US Arab rulers and regimes. He pledged to make up the losses to Egypt if Washington cuts off military and economic aid to force Mubarak to resign. He also ordered the level of diplomatic relations with Tehran raised.

Israel's View

President Barack Obama's response to the crisis in Egypt is drawing fierce criticism in Israel, where many view the U.S. leader as a political naif whose pressure on a stalwart ally to hand over power is liable to backfire.

Critics in Israel, including senior Israeli officials who have shied from saying so publicly say Obama is repeating the same mistakes of predecessors whose calls for human rights and democracy in the Middle East have often backfired by bringing anti-West regimes to power.

Reports Amy Tiebel, “Israeli officials, while refraining from open criticism of Obama, have made no secret of their view that shunning Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and pushing for swift elections in Egypt could bring unintended results. ‘I don't think the Americans understand yet the disaster they have pushed the Middle East into,’ said lawmaker Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who until recently was a Cabinet minister and who is a longtime friend of Mubarak.

“ ‘If there are elections like the Americans want, I wouldn't be surprised if the Muslim Brotherhood didn't win a majority, it would win half of the seats in parliament,’ he told Army Radio. It will be a new Middle East, extremist radical Islam.’

“Three decades ago, President Jimmy Carter urged another staunch American ally – the shah of Iran – to loosen his grip on power, only to see his autocratic regime replaced by the Islamic Republic. More recently, U.S.-supported elections have strengthened such groups as Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in the Palestinian territories and anti-American radicals in Iran.

“ ‘Jimmy Carter will go down in American history as 'the president who lost Iran,' the analyst Aluf Benn wrote in the daily Haaretz this week. ‘Barack Obama will be remembered as the president who 'lost' Turkey, Lebanon and Egypt, and during whose tenure America's alliances in the Middle East crumbled,’ Benn wrote.”

Will Egypt's next leader continue to honor the peace agreement with Israel? .

Egyptians, fed up with deepening poverty, corruption and 30 years of Mubarak's autocratic rule, have massed by hundreds of thousands to demand his ouster. In the course of the turmoil, the Obama administration has repeatedly recalibrated its posture, initially expressing confidence in Egypt's government, later threatening to withhold U.S. aid, and lastly, pressing Mubarak to loosen his grip on power immediately.

So far, no unified opposition leadership or clear program for change has emerged in Egypt. Historically the leading opposition in Egypt has been the Muslim Brotherhood, a group that favors Islamic rule and has been repressed by Mubarak.

The calls for democracy inside Egypt have put the U.S. in an awkward position of having to balance its defense for human rights with its longtime ties to an authoritarian regime that has been a crucial Arab ally. In Israel, critics say the U.S. has suffered a credibility loss by shaking off Mubarak when his regime started crumbling.

“The Israeli concept is that the U.S. rushed to stab Mubarak in the back,” declared Eytan Gilboa, an expert on the U.S. at Bar-Ilan University. (APNews, Amy Tiebel, 2-3-11, “US Response to Egypt Draws Criticism in Israel”).

Whither Egypt?

Where is Egypt going from here? Where is the “revolution” leading?

59 percent of Egyptians want democracy and 95 percent want Islam to play a large part in politics. (As Egypt has approximately 5 percent of Christians that means 100 percent of Muslims want Islam to play a large part in politics.) 84 percent believe apostates should face the death penalty.

That is what Egyptian democracy will look like. A unanimous majority that wants an Islamic state and a bare majority that wants democracy. Which one do you think will win out? A democratic majority of the country supports murdering people in the name of Islam. Mubarak's government does not execute apostates or adulterers. But a democratic Egypt will. Why? Because it's the will of the people

Says Daniel Greenfield, (“Egypt, Is It the People’s Fault?”, Daniel Greenfield, 2-8-11, Israel National news). “Handing out democracy like candy does not fix existing cultural problems. It does not end bigotry, free women or stop murder in the name of Allah. Open elections are only as good as the people participating in them. And the 84 percent of Egyptians who want to murder apostates have issues that democracy will not solve. The problem with Egypt is not Mubarak – but the Egyptians.

“Let's take another example. In Jordan, the next target on the freedom tour, King Hussein passed a bill to criminalize the honor killings of women. And their democratically elected

parliament voted 60 to 25 to strike the bill down. It took them only 3 minutes. That's what democracy would mean for the Jordanian girls murdered by their husbands, brothers and fathers. The right of the people and their duly elected representatives to legalize the murder of women.

“The Hitler Paradigm says that all you have to do is take away the dictator and his staffers to usher in democracy, freedom and mutual amity. But what if the dictator is not the problem, but the symptom of a larger cultural problem?”

The Muslim Brotherhood

One of the greatest beneficiaries of the unrest in Egypt has been the Muslim Brotherhood. Banned but tolerated for decades by successive Egyptian regimes, the Islamist movement is now emerging as a central player in the country's resurgent opposition.

A translation released Tuesday of a 1995 book by the movement's fifth official leader sheds light on just how Egypt's Brotherhood views itself and its mission. Jihad is the Way is the last of a five-volume work, *The Laws of Da'wa* by Mustafa Mashhur, who headed the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt from 1996-2002.

Excerpts of the text, compiled by Palestinian Media Watch founder Itamar Marcus and analyst Nan Jacques Zilberdik. They detail the Brotherhood's objectives of advancing the global conquest of Islam and reestablishing the Islamic Caliphate, the public and private duties of jihad and the struggle Muslims must wage against Israel.

“The Islamic ummah,” it says, referring to the supranational community of Muslims, “can regain its power and be liberated and assume its rightful position which was intended by Allah, as the most exalted nation among men, as the leaders of humanity.”

Elsewhere, it exhorts Muslims, “Know your status, and believe firmly that you are the masters of the world, even if your enemies desire your degradation.”

Passages in the text that urge Muslims to wage jihad only when circumstances are ripe. “The Brotherhood is not rushed by youth's enthusiasm into immature and unplanned action which will not alter the bad reality and may even harm the Islamic activity, and will benefit the people of falsehood,” Mashhur wrote.

“One should know that it is not necessary that the Muslims repel every attack or damage caused by the enemies of Allah immediately, but [only] when ability and the circumstances are fit to it.”

Jihad is the Way explicitly endorses the reinstatement of a worldwide Islamic regime. “It should be known that jihad and preparation towards jihad are not only for the purpose of fending off assaults and attacks of Allah's enemies from Muslims, but are also for the purpose of realizing the great task of establishing an Islamic state and strengthening the religion and spreading it around the world.”

“Jihad for Allah,” Mashhur wrote, “is not limited to the specific region of the Islamic countries, since the Muslim homeland is one and is not divided, and the banner of Jihad has already been raised in some of its parts, and shall continue to be raised, with the help of Allah, until every inch of the land of Islam will be liberated, and the State of Islam established.” (See Oren Kessler, Jerusalem Post, 2-08-11, ”Muslim Brotherhood Text Reveals Scope of Radical Creed”).

A New Look at Egypt

Egypt is the most populous and influential nation in all of Africa. It lies at the hub of Africa. Its population is approximately 85,000,000. It has the largest army in the continent of Africa. It has the strongest military of any nation in Africa, largely because of American military aid. It is the traditional leader of the nations of northern Africa.

Will the land of Egypt play a significant role in world affairs in the immediate future? Does the nation of Egypt figure prominently in Bible prophecy? Will Egypt play a vital role in the prophecies pertaining to the "Day of the Lord" -- the time of God's intervention in world affairs to stop mankind's hellish rush toward nuclear oblivion?

The astonishing answer is *yes!* Few realize it, but the nation of Egypt is destined to play a very important role in world affairs during the next few years -- and its role is definitely mentioned, time and time again in Bible prophecy!

Anciently, there were several primary great super Gentile world powers that dealt with ancient Israel over the centuries. These were Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome, in the north and east. But in the south was the land of Egypt!

Could Bible prophecy ignore the people of Egypt? What crucial role will they play in Bible prophecy in the "Last Days" in which we are living?

According to the Word of God, Egypt will play a DECISIVE and VITAL role in unfolding future world events – a role which will stagger the world! Why have millions overlooked the significance of Egypt in prophecy in the "last days?"

Egypt in Prophecy

The Word of God declares of Egypt, “The burden against Egypt. . . I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; everyone will fight against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor city against city, kingdom against kingdom. The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst. . . . And the Egyptians I will give into the hand of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them” (Isaiah 19:1-4).

With rioting and revolution, that prophecy is seemingly now beginning to come to pass.

God continues, “The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst and they have

caused Egypt to err in all her work, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit. Neither will there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, palm branch or bulrush will do. In that day Egypt will be like women, and will be afraid and fear because of the waving of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He waves over it” (Isa.19:14-16).

Jeremiah wrote about the future of Egypt in a prophecy which was dual in nature, with an ancient fulfillment and a modern one. “Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon *smote*” (Jer. 46:2).

Read this entire chapter. It describes the coming fate of the armies of the King of the South! Jeremiah records: “Who is this coming up like a flood, whose waters move like the rivers? Egypt rises up like a flood, and its waters move like the rivers; and he says, ‘I will go up and cover the earth . . . Come up, O horses, and rage O chariots! And let the mighty men come forth . . . For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance . . . The sword shall devour; it shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; for the Lord God of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates” (Jer.46:7-10).

What is the time frame of this prophecy? Notice it!

Verse 10 – “For this is the DAY OF THE LORD GOD OF, HOSTS [the coming *"Day of the Lord"* in Bible prophecy!], a day of *vengeance*, that he may avenge Himself on His adversaries.”

How will this play out in the future? Will Egypt, leading the Sunni Muslim nations, strike northward, against the end-time nations of “Babylon” – the nations of Europe and North America – in an end-time conflict over control of the Oil of the Middle East?

The “King of the North”

We read in the book of Daniel: “He [that is, the "king of the north"] shall enter also into the glorious land [the land of Israel], and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him” (Dan.11:41-45).

This whole passage is talking about the FUTURE – the END TIME! In verse 40 it clearly states, “”And at the *time of the end*. . .” The time of the end means NOW, not 50, 100, or 1000 years in the past! During the time immediately ahead of us, a southern “empire” is going to “push” – that is, *strike* – at a “northern empire. “And the northern empire will counterattack, and come like a whirlwind, and occupy many nations.”

Where does this prophecy take place? All geographical locations mentioned in Bible prophecy are given from the standpoint of the land of Israel, or the city of Jerusalem. A “king of the north” would have to be north of Jerusalem; a “king of the south” would have to be toward the south from Jerusalem. North of Jerusalem or Israel lies Europe, and south of Israel lies Africa. .

In ancient times, Babylon was considered the kingdom of the north. It attacked Israel from the north. Babylon also attacked and conquered the city-state of Tyre. Ezekiel records, “For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus [Tyre] Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, *from the north . . .*” (Ezek. 26:7).

In the prophecy of Daniel 11, the northern kingdom referred to the people of Syria. When Alexander the Great died, his great world empire was divided up between his four generals. Ptolemy Soter ruled Egypt, part of Syria, and Palestine. Seleucus Nicator ruled Syria, Babylonia and territory east to India. Lysimachus ruled Asia Minor, and Cassander ruled Greece and Macedonia. At that time, the kingdom of Seleucus became the kingdom of the “north,” and that of Ptolemy became the kingdom of the “south.”

The “king of the north,” then, referred anciently to Babylon, and its northern descendants. Later, however, the kingdoms of Greece, Syria, Asia Minor and Babylonia were all swallowed up by the growing Roman Empire. During the centuries many of the ancient Chaldeans from Babylon actually migrated to Rome and established themselves there. The Chaldean Mystery Religion also migrated westward to Rome.

The kingdom of the north, then, eventually became centered in the Roman Empire, and occupied most of the continent of Europe! Today, the “king” or “kingdom” of the north would include Europe and America, and the countries of the “NATO” alliance!

But what about the “king of the south”?

The King of the “South”

Throughout the history of Daniel 11, *the Ptolemies of Egypt* were always regarded as the “king of the south.”

Among the rulers of *Egypt* who fulfilled the role of ‘king of the south’ in Daniel’s 11th chapter were the following: Ptolemy Soter, Ptolemy Philadelphus, Ptolemy Euergetes, Ptolemy Philopater, Ptolemy Epiphanes, Ptolemy Philometor -- every one of them was a king of *Egypt!*

The Roman Empire broke up (or “fell”) about 476 A.D. When Rome fell, its various provinces regained their independence. Egypt once again became a free state, independent of foreign rule. However, it was later ruled by the Byzantine Empire. In A.D. 642 Muslim troops captured Alexandria and for 200 years Egypt was part of a new Arab Empire. Most Egyptians at that time converted from Coptic Christianity to Islam and began speaking Arabic.

By the mid-800's, the Muslim rulers in Baghdad (in present day Iraq) began losing control of their sprawling empire. Rulership over Egypt changed hands once again. In 969 A.D. the Fatimites from Tunisia conquered Egypt. They claimed descent from Muhammad, the founder of Islam. Cairo became their capital, and soon became one of the most important cities in the Muslim world.

In 1169 a Syrian army officer in the Caliph's service, the famous Saladin, seized the throne of Egypt and became the sultan of Egypt. The Ayyubid dynasty, founded by Saladin, ruled Egypt until 1250. That year the Mamelukes, who had been Turkish and Circassian slaves and who had become the sultan's body guard, revolted and seized control of Egypt. Mameluke sultans conquered far and wide, as far as Cyprus, Syria and Asia Minor.

In 1517 the Turks conquered Egypt and added it to the Ottoman Empire. The Turkish-appointed governors, called pashas, had little real power, however, and the real control of government remained in the hands of the Mamelukes, until 1798 when Napoleon invaded Egypt to gain control of the land route to the British colony of India. In 1801, however, British and Ottoman troops drove the French out of Egypt.

Muhammad Ali seized control in 1805 and began to modernize Egypt's army and navy, and won military victories in Arabia, Greece, the Sudan, and Syria. Egypt became an independent state again, under his reign, and grew and prospered. However, in 1875 the Egyptian government faced bankruptcy because of wild spending. In 1881 a revolt broke out to free the government from non-Egyptian control. After bloody rioting in Alexandria in 1882, the British occupied Egypt.

Until 1914 Egypt was still actually part of the Ottoman Empire, but when Turkey sided with Germany in World War 1, Britain made Egypt a protectorate. Strong nationalist sentiment prevailed in Egypt, and in 1922 Britain gave Egypt its independence. That year, says the *World Book Encyclopedia*, "Egypt became a kingdom."

Notice the word "kingdom." It is very significant! In 1945 Egypt joined the United Nations. That same year Egypt and six other Arab nations formed the Arab League.

In 1951-52 the Egyptians rioted because of the failure to crush Israel, newly established in 1948, and against corruption in the Egyptian government. The British occupied the Suez Canal Zone. On July 23, 1952, a group of army officers seized control of Egypt, forcing King Farouk to give up the throne. On June 18, 1953, the Revolutionary Council ended Egypt's royal government and created a republic. Gamal Abdel Nasser soon became both prime minister and president.

Upon Nasser's sudden death in 1971, Anwar al-Sadat succeeded to the presidency. He ruled until his assassination. Since then, until the present, Hosni Mubarak has been the ruler of Egypt, maintaining stability. But now the doors have been thrown open to a virulent form of Muslim nationalism and prophecy states that Egypt will once again become an enemy of Israel and the Western Alliance!

Egypt is the most populous Arab state. It is at the forefront of Arab unity. It is geographically positioned to integrate and formulate and play a major role in a future Arab Empire! Militarily, it is by far the most powerful *Arab* nation – or any nation – that lies to the "south" of Jerusalem, or Israel! It is the logical candidate to lead and organize the *Sunni* Arab Muslim nations into a modern-day "Caliphate" or "Empire"!

All the evidence, therefore, points at only one nation which could fulfill the role of "king of the south." And that nation is Egypt!

Daniel's Prophecy

So let's pick up the threads of Daniel's prophecy again. Notice! The prophet Daniel declares of this conflict, "At the time of the END the king of the South will ATTACK him' – the King of the North, or end-time "Babylon," Europe and America!

The King James Version says he will "push" at him. The Hebrew for "push" is *nagach* and means "to but with the horns," "fig to war against, gore, push down" (Strong's Concordance, #5055). Says Gesenius Hebrew Lexicon, "to push, strike with a horn, used of horned animals." Here in Daniel it means "to wage war with anyone."

How plain! Here is the "king of the south" *pushing* at the king of the north – and the result! This "pushing" will include more than the threat to cut off oil – it will include a military invasion – an attack upon the border of the king of the north! It may well be an attack at that very same historical spot, in the region of modern Syria and Iraq, the oil epicenter of the Middle East!

Is this just an ancient prophecy applying only to ancient Egypt in the days of Nebuchadnezzar? Not at all! Bible prophecy is DUAL! Notice the proof!

Notice, once again, verse 10 of Jeremiah, chapter 46: "For this is the DAY OF THE LORD GOD of hosts, a *day of vengeance*, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the *Lord God of hosts* hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates" (v. 10).

This verse clearly identifies the TIME ELEMENT of this prophecy as the "day of the Lord," the "day of God's vengeance!" That expression, used, throughout the Old Testament prophecies, refers to the time just before the second coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to rule this earth! It is the time period lying *just ahead of us now!*

The land of Egypt will be crushed, and smitten, by a modern Babylonian power from the "north." But this modern Babylon is centered in the United States and Europe. It will be a composite world Empire, like that of ancient Babylon and Rome, which will include the nations of modern Europe and North America as well -- a "New World Order" which will include the nations of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization).

It will rise up mightily, and grow quickly, into superpower status, and will astonish and

shock the world. It will be a *powerful* kingdom, just like ancient Babylon!

Jeremiah added, “They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but a noise*, he hath passed the time appointed . . . Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the *north*” (Jer. 46:17, 20). “The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the *north*” (verse 24).

Continuing with verse 25, “The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will *PUNISH* the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him: And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants ... But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid” (verses 25-27).

How plain it should be that a modern Moslem Empire is going to rise up in the Arab world, with Egypt as its head. It will think to recapture its glory of old. It will think to spread the faith of Allah to the rest of the world. Religious fanaticism will stir up a mighty Arab Empire, and it will think to spread its faith by force of arms! But it will come to its end, in shame and horror.

A Treaty with Egypt?

What does God say about Israel trusting in Egypt, and making a treaty with the Egyptians? And what does God think about the United States, also, depending upon Egypt as an "ally" in the Cold War against Communism, and sending military aid to the Egyptians?

Notice!

“WOE to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add to their sin: That walk to go down into EGYPT, and have not asked at my mouth; to *strengthen themselves in Pharaoh*, and to TRUST in the shadow of *Egypt!* Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion” (Isaiah 30:1-3).

God thunders to our foolish nations, today, “WOE to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses [military equipment], and trust in chariots [missiles and warplanes and tanks], because they are many . . . but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord! . . . Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit . . .” (Isaiah 31:1-3).

The Word of the Everlasting God says that those who trust in Egypt are *DOOMED!*

In historical times, Egypt was conquered by Babylon the Great. After Nebuchadnezzar had conquered Judah, many of the Jews left in the land fled into Egypt for refuge, assuming the Babylonian king would never conquer Egypt. But they were wrong! God told Jeremiah, His

prophet, to tell the Jews hiding in Egypt, “Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant. . . . and when he cometh, he shall *smite the land of Egypt*” (Jer. 43: 10-11).

God says of the “daughter of Egypt,” meaning modern Egypt, “The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together” (Jer.46:12).

Even as King Nebuchadnezzar of old smote Egypt, the king of the south, even so the modern Beast power, modern Babylon, will smite modern Egypt, and crush her!

How clear that Egypt *is* the “king of the south”! Modern Egypt will be carried away into captivity (Jer.46:19). God thunders, “The daughters of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the PEOPLE OF THE NORTH” (v. 24).

Ezekiel's Prophecy

But the prophet Ezekiel tells us even more about this coming war.

“Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt. Speak, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh, king of Egypt, O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers Then all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a *staff of reed* to the house of Israel. When they took hold of you with the hand, you broke and tore all their shoulders; when they leaned on you, you broke and made all their backs quiver” (Ezekiel 29:2-7).

“Therefore thus says the Lord God: Surely, I will bring a sword upon you and cut off from you man and beast. And the land of Egypt shall become desolate and waste” (Ezek. 29:8-9). Again, this whole chapter is a *type* of what is going to occur in the future!

How do we know this is a *future* prophecy, and not just something which occurred ages ago?

Chapter 30 proves it! This chapter continues the prophecy against Egypt! It gives us the *time setting*. Notice! Ezekiel declares: “The Word of the Lord came to me again, saying, Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Wail, Woe to the day! For the DAY is near, even the *Day of the Lord* is near; it will be a day of clouds, the TIME OF THE GENTILES. The sword shall come upon Egypt, and great anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain fall in Egypt, and they take away her wealth, and her foundations are broken down.

“Ethiopia, Libya, Lydia [Heb. Put, North Africa], all the mingled people, Chub, and the men of the lands WHO ARE ALLIED, shall fall with them by the sword” (Ezek.30:2-5).

The rest of this chapter describes in greater detail how Egypt will be punished.

This chapter is describing the countries "allied" with Egypt in the end of this age, the time of the "end." Notice the time setting for this prophecy. It is during the "DAY OF THE LORD" – the time just ahead of us, during the climactic close of this human age of misrule, when Jesus Christ will establish His Kingdom over all!

God plainly says these things are also to unfold during the time called "THE DAY OF THE LORD"! Therefore, it should be obvious that all these prophecies of the Bible are DUAL in nature – there was an ancient, "type" or fulfillment, and then there will be a modern, END-TIME fulfillment! To put it another way, *history repeats itself!*

Some have been mistaken about these prophecies about Egypt because they misunderstood Ezekiel 29:15, where we read: "It [Egypt] shall be the basest of kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations' (Ezek. 29:15).

But what does this verse really say? Does it by any stretch of the imagination say that Egypt since the time of Nebuchadnezzar has always been the "basest" of kingdoms? All the "kings of the south" mentioned in the book of Daniel, chapter 11, ruled *after* the time of Nebuchadnezzar! Egypt has been a mighty nation *many* times since those ancient days! Even in the days of Saladin, and Muhammad Ali, Egypt was a power to be reckoned with in the Middle East!

Egypt is *not* now the "basest of kingdoms"!

Notice, further, then, what Bible prophecy actually has to say about this vitally important nation lying on the northeastern corner of the continent of Africa! Notice what God's Word says is going to occur in the *immediate future*, the days lying just ahead of us, now, in world affairs!

Egypt, in ancient times, was often regarded as the enemy of God's people. It is even used as a spiritual "type" of "sin." The nation of Israel was enslaved by the Egyptians for 230 years, when God delivered His people at the hand of Moses.

But once again, in the future, God says His people are once again going to become *slaves in Egypt!*

We read in the prophecy of Isaiah, that when Christ the Messiah returns, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the *second time* to recover the remnant of his people, *which shall be left*, from Assyria, *and from EGYPT*. . ." (Isa.11:11).

Isaiah describes this further in the 27th chapter. We read, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and *ye shall be gathered one by one*, O ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were *ready to perish* in the land of Assyria, and the *outcasts in the land of Egypt*, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount of Jerusalem" (Isa. 27:12-13).

But once again, prophecy says, God will DELIVER His people from every nation where they have been driven!

Jeremiah described this incredible time, and the age we are rapidly plummeting into, this way: “Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for *that day is great*, so that *none is like it*. it is even *the time of Jacob's trouble*, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jer.30:6-7).

These verses describe the GREAT TRIBULATION which this world is rapidly approaching. Jesus also spoke of it. He said, “For then shall be *great tribulation*, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive!]: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened” (Matt. 24:21-22).

During this coming tribulation and holocaust, the nations descended from ancient Israel will be punished as never before, and the survivors will be scattered among the nations as captive slaves. They will perform slave labor in Assyria and Egypt! But from there, God promises, He Himself will rescue them!

“Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob, says the LORD nor be dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid” (Jer.30:10).

God continues, “For I am with you, says the LORD, to save you: though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished” (verse 11).

Terrible times indeed lie ahead. But God will save His people from oppression! He will deliver them, and then bless them as they have never been blessed before!

How World War III Will Start!

The prophecy of Daniel 11 is the *key* to understanding what is going to happen in the future. It is the key that unlocks the puzzle, so that the pieces can properly be fitted together. Notice once again! “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south” – that is, Egypt and her *allies* – “*push* at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind” (Dan. 11:40).

This will be the real beginning of World War III – the opening scene. The northern kingdom – the United States and Europe together, called the New World Order – will counterattack with force and fury: “and the king of the North shall come against him like a WHIRLWIND, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land [Israel], and many countries shall be overthrown. . . . He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and

over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels” (Daniel 11:40-43).

When the Beast power, modern Babylon, comprised of the nations of North America and Europe, the NATO alliance, invades the Middle East, Jesus Christ said, “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then KNOW that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains . . . For these be the days of vengeance, that all things that are written may be fulfilled” (Luke 21:20-22).

What event will trigger this massive attack, which will lead to the destruction of modern Israel? What event will trigger, or unleash, the horror of World War III on this planet?

World War III will start when the future “king of the south” *pushes* at the “king of the north” – the Western Alliance of nations! This attack will no doubt be an Islamic invasion to conquer the world for Islam!

World War III will begin . . . *in the Middle East!* It will be triggered by a hostile move on the part of Egypt and the Muslim world against the US and Europe! The Muslim nations could very well use that opportunity to cut off the oil supplies for the Western world!

That is the message that Daniel 11:40 is meant to convey! That is the WARNING God intends to get across! That is what your Bible really says!

Almighty God says, “But always, first of all, *I warn you through my prophets.* THIS I NOW HAVE DONE” (Amos 3:7, *Living Bible*).

Watch Egypt! Keep your eyes on the Middle East, that volatile tinderbox of dynamite! Shortly, a mighty Arab colossus will rise in North Africa, with Egypt in the forefront.

Remember! Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah, said, “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Luke 21:28).

He also said, “Watch therefore and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

The “perfect storm” assaulting the Arab nations of the Middle East, is like an influenza virus, and has spread to other parts of the world. Civil war in Libya, riots in India, protests in Italy, and growing dissatisfaction around the globe. Even protests, completely unrelated, in Madison, Wisconsin, as unionists have taken to the streets to protest vehemently lawmakers’ attempts to curtail union power and exercise control over wages and benefits, when the state is sinking in red ink.

The year 2011 has begun with a storm. Violence is increasing worldwide, and even America is not exempt. Its time to batten down the hatches, and to prepare for the harrowing and ominous future – the time called “the time of Jacob’s trouble,” for it is fast approaching.

Prophecy Briefs

Christians in Egypt Asked to Bow in Prayer to Allah

“JERUSALEM – In what Egypt's Christians fear may be a sign of things to come, a senior Islamic cleric asked Christians to bow in Muslim prayer in an act of submission to Allah.

“On Friday, famed Egyptian theologian Yusuf al-Qaradawi, a spiritual leader to the Muslim Brotherhood who hosts a popular Islam-themed television show on Al Jazeera, led the Islamic prayer services in Cairo's Tahrir Square, the epicenter of Egypt's uprising.

“While he repeatedly offered nods to Egypt's Coptic Christians, unmentioned in most news media accounts of the ceremony was that Qaradawi asked all in attendance, specifically singling out Christians, to bow in Islamic prayer.

“A Coptic Christian at the event told WND the request was intimidating.

“ ‘Whether he meant to or not, this was asking Christians to bow in an act of submission to Islam and Allah,’ said the Christian, who asked that his name be withheld.

“‘There were maybe 250,000 people at the rally. Almost all were Muslims. So when we (Christians) are asked to bow, and we are in the extreme minority in the crowd, it is intimidating.’ The Christian witness said thousands of Christians in attendance at the rally did not bow.

“A Coptic Christian leader told WND he believes Qaradawi's request may reflect a larger emerging Islamic role in Egypt” (WorldNetDaily, Feb.21, 2011).

Twelfth imam Behind Revolution in Egypt?

“Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is telling the people of Iran that the Twelfth Imam

is managing the revolution now underway in Egypt and in various parts of the Islamic world, and that "the final move has begun" to destroy America, Israel and the influence of the Western powers in the epicenter.

“ ‘We will soon see a new Middle East materialising without America and the Zionist regime and there will be no room for world arrogance (the West) in it,’ Ahmadinejad told a crowd chanting ‘Death to America, death to Israel and death to Mubarak’ last Friday. Agence France Presse reported that ‘in his fiery style, Ahmadinejad, showed his messianic beliefs on Friday, saying the world was witnessing a revolution managed by Imam Mahdi, the 12th Shiite imam who disappeared as a five-year-old in the 10th century and who Shiites believe would return on the judgement day.’

“ ‘The final move has begun,’ said Ahmadinejad. ‘We are in the middle of a world revolution managed by this dear (12th Imam). A great awakening is unfolding. One can witness the hand of Imam in managing it’” (Joel Rosenberg, Flash Traffic, Feb.18, 2011).

A Tipping Point Is Nearing

“We are facing a tipping point. There will soon be a crisis affecting US citizens beyond any experienced since the Great Depression. And it may happen within the year. This past week three awful developments put a dagger into the hope for a growth-led recovery, which held promise of possibly averting a debt and currency implosion crushing the American economy.

“The first was a little-noticed, but tragic, series of events in the newly elected House of Representatives. The speaker, Mr. Boehner, had given the task of fashioning the majority's spending cut agenda to Representative Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin), a rising conservative star representing the vocal wing of fiscal conservatives in the House. Promising to cut \$100 billion of government spending, Mr. Boehner spoke before the elections of the

urgency to produce immediately when Republicans took control.

“Out of a \$3.8 trillion government spending agenda, the wonkish Mr. Ryan, considered by many to be the best hope for fiscal conservatives, revealed proposed cuts of a whopping \$74 billion. After some tense meetings, (referred to as a "revolt" by some media) newly elected conservative congressmen convinced the leadership to commit to unspecified cuts of an additional \$26 billion. The actual "cuts" from any such legislation will, of course, be less once the appropriate political log rolling and deal-making are done – let's call it \$50 billion (while the deficit grows by \$26 billion during the week it takes to discuss it). So go the hopes for serious spending restraint from our newly elected wave of rabid, anti-big government Republicans. They may deliver cuts of 1.3% of total spending that is itself approximately 90% greater than collected taxes. Let's mark this spending reduction effort as an epic fail, at a time when epic success is almost required for survival.

“The second awful development to occur last week was the employment report from the Labor Department, describing employment conditions in the U.S. economy in January, 2011. The report was packed with statistics, all pointing to anemic growth with a modest pickup in manufacturing employment. The little-noticed (not by the bond market) aspect of the report was the "benchmark" revisions, an attempt to get the total picture more accurate each year than simply adding up all the monthly change numbers. This year's benchmark revisions showed two alarming things: a decline from previously reported employment in December 2010 of nearly 500,000 jobs, and a reduction in the workforce of a similar amount.

“Coupled with insistence from the Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that the Fed intended to continue "quantitative easing" (a euphemism for monetizing the bonded debt of the federal government), the employment data caused bond holders to assume there will be no end to the red ink. Ten-year U.S. bonds lost a full percent of their value, declining a total of 18% since Bernanke announced the acceleration of Fed policy in August 2010. The yield on these bonds has increased from an ultra-low 2.4% in August to 3.65% today, as the Fed repeatedly describes inflation in the U.S. as too low.

“In context, a 3.7% yield does not appear high by historical standards. In our current predicament, however, it is heading toward Armageddon. If interest rates on our debt rise by 1% it means our interest payments rise by more than \$100 billion dollars annually (not including the interest payments owed to the Social Security Trust Fund--see below). As global liquidity and deficit spending have accelerated, food and commodity prices have skyrocketed, sending many prices up 25-50% worldwide since August. In some countries (Tunisia and Egypt among them) rice prices and cooking oil have doubled. Copper is up 40% in that time. If global inflation expectations take hold with tenacity, as they have many times in past periods of "easy money" by our Fed and Congress, interest rates may easily rise to 5-6%, an event which will blow an additional \$300-500 billion hole in a budget already beyond sanity. Can our creditors give the U.S. a nod on \$2 trillion of new debt each year without any plan to fix it? Remember, there is plenty of past experience with U.S. debt yielding 7-8%, a potential expenditure on our current debt of nearly 100% of tax receipts to pay interest alone should yields go there.

“The third development of the last week which received much less press than the Egyptian crisis is the "new normal" in Social Security. The CBO released a report disclosing that the net cash flow for the Social Security trust fund -- excluding interest received from the book entry bonds it holds in U.S. debt -- will be negative \$56 billion in 2011, and for every year hence even more so. This is the train wreck that was supposed to happen in 2020. It is upon us now. Any limp action by conservatives to bring this program into solvency can be expected only to slow the raging river of red ink this behemoth program (along with its twin Godzilla, Medicare) spills on U.S. citizens. With no political will to fix them, these "entitlements" will obligate Americans to borrow more and more money from China--to honor promises we simply refuse to admit we can't keep.

“So why do these developments argue for a crisis of Great Depression proportions? Because they speak unequivocally of our pathway to insolvency, and the potential of currency failure via hyperinflation, despite the hopes of conservatives and market participants to see a halt of such direction. Housing prices, the foundation of so much of private citizen debt loads, are destined for stagnation -- not inflation

-- as the supply of homes is far greater than the demand -- 11% of the nation's homes stand empty today. When the world begins to recognize that there is no fix for America's borrowings, a fast and brutal exodus from our currency and bonds can send us a shock in mere weeks or months.

“Unlike the Great Depression, however, we will enter such a shock in a weakened state, with few producers among us and record mountains of debt. More cataclysmic is the specter of inadequate food, as less than 4% of us farm, and those that do may cease to be as productive or may not accept devalued currency as payment, should the tipping point be crossed. Corn and wheat prices in the U.S. have nearly doubled in less than 12 months, using our rapidly evaporating currency as the medium of exchange.

“The time for action has passed, which may only become apparent as the "aid" of easy money becomes seen as the harm that it is. May we all be spared the worst, but I offer no such prayers for those responsible. The harm that comes will be swifter, and more severe, than most of them thought possible.” (The American Thinker, Jeff T. Allen, Feb. 14, 2011).

Debt Now Equals Total U.S. Economy

“Mr. Obama’s budget projects that 2011 will see the biggest one-year debt jump in history, or nearly \$2 trillion, to reach \$15.476 trillion by Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year. That would be 102.6 percent of GDP — the first time since World War II that dubious figure has been reached.

“And the budget projects the government will run a deficit of \$1.645 trillion this year, topping 2009’s previous record by more than \$230 billion. By contrast, 2007’s deficit was just \$160 billion altogether” (Washingtonontimes.com).

Food Prices Rise Sharply

“ST. LOUIS (AP) -- Global food prices have hit ‘dangerous levels’ that could contribute to political instability, push millions of people into poverty and raise the cost of groceries, according to a new report from the World Bank.

“The bank released a report Tuesday that said global food prices have jumped 29 percent in the past year, and are just 3 percent below the all-time peak hit in 2008. Bank President Robert Zoellick said the rising prices have hit people hardest in the developing world because they spend as much as half their income on food.

“ ‘Food prices are the key and major challenge facing many developing countries today,’ Zoellick said. The World Bank estimates higher prices for corn, wheat and oil have pushed 44 million people into extreme poverty since last June.

“The report comes a day before Finance ministers and central bank chiefs from the Group of 20 leading economies meet in Paris. Zoellick said he's worried some countries might react to food inflation by banning exports or implementing price controls, which would just aggravate the problem.

“The World Bank's food price index rose by 15 percent between October and January alone. The increase has been driven by volatile global trading in wheat, corn and soybeans. Global corn futures more than doubled since this summer, from \$3.50 to \$7 a bushel, in part because of higher demand from developing countries and a growing biofuels industry.

“Prices are rising in part because global grain traders have gotten jittery about historically low reserve levels of corn, wheat and soybeans, said Chris Nagel, an analyst with Northstar Commodity in Minneapolis. Growing demand from customers in China and elsewhere is putting pressure on the supply of most commodities, he said.

“The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted last week U.S. corn farmers will have just 675 million bushels of corn at the end of August, before next year's harvest begins. That's just an 18-day supply, Nagel said.

“The slim reserves mean traders will likely bid up crop prices further at any weather event that reduces next year's planting. ‘We need to get good crops, all around the world, in all of these commodities,’ Nagel said. ‘You just don't have much foot room for error’ (AP, Feb.15, 2011).

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A New Look at the International Date Line

The world's International Date Line is about 10 hours EAST of Jerusalem. How does this fact affect the observance of God's weekly Sabbath Day? Should the Sabbath day begin with the sighting at Jerusalem? What about those people living west of the International Date Line but before Jerusalem? Should the International Date Line be moved to Israel, so that the Sabbath Day begins first in Israel? Why so much confusion? Here is The PLAIN TRUTH!

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Since according to God's calendar, New Moons -- the first visible crescent of the New Moon -- is the beginning of a new Biblical month, and must be sighted from Jerusalem, this poses a dilemma -- at least on the surface -- for people who live around the world -- but especially for those living eastward from Jerusalem as far as the Mid-Pacific Ocean. This would include people from Iran to China, from India to Australia and New Zealand.

What is the problem?

Simply this: The nations of the world agreed during the late 1800s to establish an "International Date Line" half-way around the world from the Greenwich Meridian, running north to south in the mid-Pacific ocean! This means the hours of a new day begin first in the mid-Pacific, and then sweep westward, coming to Jerusalem about 10 hours later than in eastern countries west of the IDL.

Since the New Moon sighting must be done by God's people, from Jerusalem or Israel, this means that by the time it is sighted there, the New Moon has already begun in these areas, retroactively, as it were!

Of course, in today's modern world with instant communication, and the knowledge that every seventh day of the week is a Sabbath day, there is no problem in knowing which day is the Sabbath.

But nevertheless, some argue, the day should begin in Israel, then sweep around the world, so they say the International Date Line is in the wrong place, and that we **MUST** move it to Jerusalem, or Israel, so that the Sabbath is first observed there, and not 10 hours east of Jerusalem!

Holy Horrors, Batman! Does this mean that people east of Jerusalem should keep the Sabbath AFTER it is first observed in Israel? But since the International Date Line is 10-12 hours EAST of Israel, does that mean it is pagan, and those people living west of the IDL but east of Jerusalem are keeping the WRONG DAY?

Horrors to Betsy! Should people in New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines be keeping SUNDAY as the seventh day Sabbath?

Have the world's nations totally messed up the calendar? Have the Jews been keeping the WRONG day as the Sabbath in Australia? And have the Catholics and Protestants been keeping the seventh day Sabbath, by mistake? Wow!

What is the real truth? What is the solution to this matter – this mystery?

What IS the "International Date Line"?

First, let's look at the International Date Line itself. This is an imaginary line on the earth extending from the north pole to the south pole, where the nations have decided that a new calendar day begins. Thus, the calendar date to the west of the line is one day later (newer) than the date to the east of the line. For example, it would be Sabbath to the west of the line, but Friday to the east of the line, at the same moment.

Says the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, it is “an imaginary line extending the North Pole and the South Pole and arbitrarily demarcating each calendar day from the next. It corresponds along most of its length to the 180th meridian of longitude but deviates eastward through the Bering Strait to avoid dividing Siberia and then westward to include the Aleutian Islands with Alaska. Southward of the Equator, another eastward deviation certain island groups to have the same day as New Zealand.”

It declares, “A traveler going completely around the Earth, carrying a clock that he advanced or retarded by one hour whenever he entered a new time zone and a calendar that he advanced by one day whenever his clock indicated midnight, would find on returning to his starting point that the date according to his own experience was different by one day from that kept by persons who had remained at the starting point.”

The International Date Line follows the 18th meridian for the most part, but zig zags occasionally. The meridian is half way around the world from the Greenwich meridian (or prime meridian) which is 0° longitude and runs through Greenwich, England (a borough of London).

As the sun seems to travel over 15° of the earth's surface each hour, for each 15° west of Greenwich meridian, the time is set back one hour; for each 15° one travels eastward, the clock is advanced one hour. Therefore, if two travelers -- one going east and one going west -- meet at the 180° meridian (the International Date Line), the one going west will have passed through 12 time zones and lost 12 hours, whereas the person going east will have passed through 12 time zones and gained 12 hours. At the Date Line, if one stood on one side and the other on the other

side, the one on the western side will be 24 hours ahead of the person on the east side!

A new date first begins on the western side of the date line. As the earth rotates on its axis, this new date sweeps westward across the globe, and covers the entire earth in 24 hours. As the earth is approximately 24,000 miles in circumference, this means in one hour the sun will sweep over about 1,000 miles -- thus each time zone is about 1,000 miles wide.

According to this arrangement, January 1 occurs first just to the west of the date line. As a result, people in New Zealand, just to the west of the date line, would celebrate New Year's Day 22 hours before people in Hawaii, on the eastern side of the date line.

How did the International Date Line originate? The location of the date line was established by agreement among the world's larger nations, to facilitate international commerce and trade, and international relations. When created by the nations, it was decided to make the date line zig zag in order to prevent the line from falling within single nations. Thus although the northeastern corner of Siberia extends 10° east of the 180th meridian, so the date line was moved to run east of Siberia. Since part of the Aleutian islands belonging to the United States extends west of the 180th meridian, the date line was curved to cause all the Aleutians to fall east of the date line. The date line jogs again, to allow all the Fiji islands to fall on one side of the line, so they would all be on the same day.

How does this convention affect Biblical days and time keeping?

What the Scriptures Reveal

We read that when the Messiah returns, "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God will give Him the *throne of His father David*" (Luke 1:32). The throne of David was in Jerusalem! In fact, the Messiah will rule over ALL the nations FROM His royal city of JERUSALEM!

Isaiah the prophet tells us:

"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us 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*" (Isaiah 2:2-3).

Micah the prophet also records a very similar prophecy:

"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. Many nations shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:1-2).

Notice! God's LAW and His WORD *shall* go forth FROM ZION -- from the city of JERUSALEM! God's Law and His Word *includes His sacred CALENDAR, and the proclamation of every NEW MOON, every NEW MONTH, every annual HOLY DAY, and every WEEKLY SABBATH DAY!* Judging by this Biblical criteria, then, it would certainly appear that in God's great Plan *everything should begin with His people Israel -- Mount Zion -- and His headquarters city, JERUSALEM! -- and it WILL, in the Kingdom of God!*

It would seem that God's system of day and time keeping would cause the new day, weekly Sabbath, and Holy Days to arrive FIRST AT JERUSALEM, and then be proclaimed there, and THEN follow the sun around the globe of the earth, westward, until all the earth then observes that very same day, *as it arrives at their location.*

Will Christ allow things to continue the way the modern nations have placed the International Date Line, in His soon-coming Kingdom? I don't think so!

In God's system, time -- and the DAY itself -- will most likely first BEGIN in Jerusalem, in the land of modern Israel. The first "time zone" on the planet would most likely begin in the Middle East, with the area stretching a thousand miles east to west, from the Euphrates to the Mediterranean Sea -- the land God promised to His people Israel.

God told the children of Judah, one of the twelve tribes of Israel, upon the conquest of Canaan, that their inheritance in the "Promised Land" stretched as far as "the brook of Egypt and the Great Sea with its coastline" on the west (Joshua 15:47). "The west border was the coastline of the Great Sea" -- the Mediterranean (v.12).

But the inheritance of the 12 tribes was far greater. God told Joshua:

"From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river EUPHRATES, all the land of the Hittites, and to the GREAT SEA toward the going down of the sun [in the west], SHALL BE YOUR TERRITORY" (Joshua 1:4).

This vast stretch of land in the Middle East was promised to ISRAEL! And, in the coming reign of the Messiah, it will belong to them -- all twelve tribes!

Jerusalem, of course, is Israel's capital. Jerusalem is mentioned more than any other city in the Bible -- 666 times in the Old Testament, and 144 times in the New Testament! Why this strange number of occurrences? "666" is the number of the Beast of Revelation.

Jerusalem, at the present time, has rejected the Messiah, and He was even crucified there. Therefore, in its human, carnal form, Jerusalem represents the evil city, "which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where our Lord was crucified" (Rev.11:8).

Old Testament Jerusalem was a filthy, lewd, idolatrous city, condemned by the prophets, and judged by God, sent into captivity, and punishment. It is the symbol of rebellion, sin, lawlessness, and death!

Jerusalem Transformed

But Jerusalem is mentioned 144 times in the NEW Testament -- showing it will be TRANSFORMED into God's own spiritual headquarters city, the capital of the New Messianic Reign on earth! The number "144" has special significance -- it is 12 X 12, the number "12" being the number of organizational beginnings, foundations, and strength. The "New Jerusalem" will have 12 foundations, according to the 12 apostles of Christ -- and 12 gates or entrances, according to the 12 sons of Jacob (see Rev.21:12-14). 12 X 12 X 1000 also gives us the number of the 144,000 -- 12,000 out of each of the tribes of Israel, who will become a leadership corps of the Kingdom of God, during the beginning of the Millennium (see Rev.7:1-8). For a fuller explanation of the 144,000, write for our article, "Who Are the 144,000 of Revelation?"

It is certainly true that the central focus of Almighty God is the city of Jerusalem -- much more so than any other city on earth! Revelation 21 speaks of the New Jerusalem "coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev.21:2).

Jerusalem has a great destiny in God's eyes. God says to her:.

"Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. Shake yourself from the dust, arise; sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion!" (Isa.52:1-2).

"Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem The LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isa.52:9-10).

God thunders:

"For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You will no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah [literally, "My delight is in her"], and your land Beulah [literally, "married"]; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you" (Isaiah 62:1-5).

These Scriptures, of course, apply in a dual sense as well: They show that God will redeem His people, and His land, and the city of Jerusalem; but they also show that He will redeem His Church, the "bride of Christ," when He returns (I Cor.11:3; Eph.5:23-27; Rev.19:6-9).

Jerusalem and the Calendar

Jerusalem will soon be the capital city of the entire world. Jesus Christ -- Yeshua the Messiah -- will make it so. *At that time, all things will be restored.* Peter declared of the coming of the Messiah, to the Jews at the Temple,

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until THE TIMES OF RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world [or, "time"] began" (Acts 3:19-21).

Will this "restoration of ALL THINGS" not include GOD'S TRUE CALENDAR? Will it not also include God's true "International Date Line"? Exactly how and where Christ will rule the International Date Line will be placed, we can surmise, guess, and speculate -- but nevertheless, that is knowledge only He has at this time.

What Should We Do?

Certainly, when Christ returns, He will establish the International Date Line where He chooses -- He will be King over all the earth.

In the meantime, should WE as His people take it upon ourselves to repudiate the International Date Line established by the nations? If we think so, I ask, ON WHOSE AUTHORITY?

Who gave YOU the authority to set times and change times and dates?

God does not give authority to every Tom, Dick and Harry, to change His calendar or to take it upon themselves to switch the International Date Line to accommodate their own "pet theory"!

Balderdash!

To attempt to do so is to URSURP the authority of CHRIST HIMSELF! CHRIST will determine the decisions regarding the International Date Line when He returns to set up His Kingdom!

At this time, however, He has allowed the nations of the world, led by the British, French, Americans, and other trading nations to establish the International Date Line, and the Jewish rabbis and authorities have endorsed it in the determination of the weekly Sabbath Day. God expects His people to OBEY PROPERLY INSTITUTED authority! We do not have the right to decide for OURSELVES where to place the International Date Line! God forbid!

Notice!

Matthew 23:2-3

In the King James Version of the Bible, we read in Matthew 23:2-3, the following words of Jesus: “The scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.”

The NIV Bible has these verses: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you to. But do not what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.”

Moffatt has this passage: “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on the seat of Moses; so do whatever they tell you, obey them, but do not do as they do. They talk, but they do not act.”

Jesus certainly did not mean for His disciples to do EVERYTHING the scribes and Pharisees taught, regarding the Scriptures, the law of God, because they added many VAIN TRADITIONS and false interpretations to that LAW given by God through Moses!

What, then, did He mean in Matthew 23:2-3?

In Exodus 18.13 we read, “And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses SAT to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.” Now, let’s be honest with the Word of God. Moses sat, judging the people. Obviously, then, he was sitting down – in a “seat” of some sort, as he exercised his authority, given to him by God. What was this “authority”? Well, he JUDGED among the people! How did he do this?

Let us read on, and see exactly what Moses did, while he “sat” in his seat! Moses’ father-in-law, Jethro, was concerned that Moses would wear himself out, handling so many people's problems. He asked him why he did this.

It should be clear then that we must understand Jesus’ words in Matthew 23:2-3 in the light of the other Scriptures which bear on this subject of the authority of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus very plainly said, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: All therefore whatsoever THEY bid you observe, *THAT OBSERVE AND DO*” (Matt 23:2-3). But He could not contradict Himself! He also called them a pack of wolves, a den of snakes, hypocrites and fools, and said to BEWARE of their doctrines!

So where do we draw the line?

The *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* points out regarding these verses:

“**In Moses’ seat** that is, *AS INTERPRETERS OF THE LAW GIVEN BY MOSES*.

“All therefore – that is, all which, as SITTING IN THAT SEAT, and TEACHING OUT OF THAT LAW, they bid you observe, that observe and do. The word 'therefore' is thus, it will be seen, of GREAT IMPORTANCE, AS *LIMITING* THOSE INJUNCTIONS WHICH HE WOULD HAVE THEM OBEY TO WHAT THEY FETCHED FROM THE LAW ITSELF. In requiring *EXPLICIT OBEDIENCE* to such injunctions, He would have them to recognize the AUTHORITY BY WHICH THEY TAUGHT over and above the obligation of the law itself --

an important principle truly; but He who denounced the traditions of such teachers (chap. 15:3) cannot have meant here to throw His shield over these [traditions, and rules which were *not* “fetched from the law itself”] . . .” In other words, “Moses’ seat” meant authority to administer the LAW OF GOD – NOT their own humanly devised *traditions*, or man-made “laws,” because such “traditions of men” and “added” human commandments were NOT given to Moses and were never part of the Law of God!

“And Moses said unto his father in law, ‘Because the people come unto me to INQUIRE OF GOD: When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I *judge* between one and another, and I DO MAKE THEM *KNOW THE STATUTES OF GOD, AND HIS LAWS*’” (Exodus 18.15-16).

Do you see? Moses, in his seat, TAUGHT THE PEOPLE THE LAWS, COMMANDMENTS, AND STATUTES OF GOD! He was a ruler and a teacher. He expounded and interpreted God’s Laws, and helped people see HOW THEY APPLIED in specific, human and societal situations.

This was the primary function of those who later “sat in Moses’ seat.” This was what Jesus said plainly that the Pharisees were responsible for. He said they sat in Moses’ seat – so the responsibility of explaining, expounding, interpreting God’s laws, and issuing judgments based upon them, was theirs to handle. Jesus said so. BUT – did He really say we should do WHATEVER they tell us to do – *even if it disagreed with the words of Moses – and the Torah – the WRITTEN LAWS of GOD?*

God did give the scribes and rabbis authority to make decisions regarding the Laws of God, based on the Torah itself. We read in Deuteronomy 17, “If a matter arises which is too hard for you to judge . . . matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the Lord your God chooses. And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in those days and enquire of them’ they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment. You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce . . . And you shall be CAREFUL TO DO according to all that they order you. According to the sentence of the LAW in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you” (Deut.17:8-11).

How clear! The civil, national, and rabbinical leaders have authority from God to hold councils and make decisions relating to commerce and jurisprudence, so long as it does not contradict the LAW or WORD of God itself!

Nowhere in God’s Word does He tell us where to put the International Date Line. He therefore left it up to the nations to decide. The Jews and Rabbis have accepted their decision Who are we to argue?

God is not the author of CONFUSION (I Cor.14:33). Do not allow apostate MEN to lead you off into doctrinal ERROR and spiritual destruction! Those who try to establish their own ideas where the International Date Line should be are bringing judgment upon themselves.

God's New Moon Based 2011 Calendar

New Moons and Holy Day Dates

Anticipated for 2011

On March 6, the New Moon was sighted in Israel. Since no abib barley was found in Israel during the abib barley searches, a thirteenth month is added, making the month beginning March 6 to be Adar II, and the month of Nisan begins April 5. Passover will be the night of April 18. Here are the New Moons and Holy Days projected for 2011:

New Moons

MONTH	JEWISH	CRESCENT VISIBILITY	POTENTIAL
April	Nisan	Eve Monday 4 th April	Certain
May	Iyar	Eve Wednesday 4 th May	Certain
June	Sivan	Eve Thursday 2 nd June	<i>Borderline</i>
		Eve Friday 3 rd June	Certain
July	Tammuz	Eve Sabbath 2 nd July	Certain
August	Av	Eve Monday 1 st August	Certain
August	Elul	Eve Tuesday 30 th August	Certain
September	Tishri	Eve Wednesday 28 th Sept	<i>Borderline</i>
		Eve Thursday 29 th Sept	Certain
October	Chesvan	Eve Friday 28 th October	Certain
November	Kislev	Eve Sabbath 26 th November	Certain
December	Tevet	Eve Sunday 25 th December	<i>Borderline</i>
		Eve Monday 26 th December	Certain
January	Shevat	Eve Tuesday 24 th January	Certain
February	Adar	Eve Wednesday 22 nd February	<i>Borderline</i>
		Eve Thursday 23 rd February	Certain

2011 Spring Festivals Since 13th Month Is Added

New Moon Certain
Eve Monday 4 th April
Nisan 1 – Tuesday 5 th April
Passover Nisan 14 – Monday 18 th April
1 st Day of Unleavened Bread Nisan 15 – Tuesday 19 th April
Begin Omer Count Nisan 16 – Wednesday 20 th April
7 th Day of Unleavened Bread Nisan 21 – Monday 25 th April
Pentecost (50 th Day of Omer Count) – Sivan 6 – Wednesday 8 th June

2011 Autumn Festivals Since 13th Month Is Added

New Moon Borderline	New Moon Certain
Eve Wednesday 28 th September	Eve Thursday 29 th September
Yom Teruah – Feast of Trumpets Tishri 1 – Thursday 29 th September	Tishri 1 – Friday 30 th September
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – Tishri 10 – Sabbath 8 th October	Tishri 10 – Sunday 9 th October
Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) – Tishri 15 – Thursday 13 th October	Tishri 15 – Friday 14 th October
Shemini Atzeret (The Eighth Day) – Tishri 22 – Thursday 20 th October	Tishri 22 – Friday 21 st October

The annual Holy Days of God are annual commanded assemblies for God's people everywhere. They were ordained to be kept "forever" (Exo.12:14; Lev.23:21-41). In the Kingdom of God all peoples of the earth will observe them (Isaiah 66:23; Zech.14:14-16). To refuse to keep them as God commanded is a SIN – transgression of the Law of God (I John 3:4).

The annual Holy Days reveal the incredible Plan of God for all mankind, from beginning to end, from conception to final fruition, from Alpha to Omega – from Creation to Eternity! Observing these days obediently is the greatest blessing imaginable, and a deep spiritual revelation to and for those who do so. They are days of joy, peace, incredible insight, understanding, and fulfilment spiritually, personally, and collectively. They are a vital Key TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, *when they are observed faithfully, according to God's commands, on the right days, and at the right times.* "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them" (John 13:17).

The Picture of a Prophet

Leonard Ravenhill

Years back, Dr. Gregory Mantle was right when he said, “No man can be fully accepted until he is totally rejected.” The prophet of the Lord is aware of both these experiences. They are his “brand name.” The group, challenged by the prophet because they are smug and comfortably insulated from a perishing world in their warm but untested theology, is not likely to vote him “Man of the Year” when he refers to them as habitants of the synagogue of Satan!

The prophet in his day is fully accepted of God and totally rejected by men. The prophet comes to set up that which is upset. His work is to call into line those who are out of line! He is unpopular because he opposes the popular in morality and spirituality. In a day of faceless politicians and voiceless preachers, there is not a more urgent national need than that we cry to God for a prophet!

The function of the prophet, as [T.] Austin-Sparks once said, “has almost always been that of recovery.” The prophet is God’s detective seeking for a lost treasure. The degree of his effectiveness is determined by his measure of unpopularity. Compromise is not known to him. He has no price tags. He is totally “otherworldly.” He is unquestionably controversial and unpardonably hostile. He marches to another drummer! He breathes the rarefied air of inspiration.

He is a “seer” who comes to lead the blind. He lives in the heights of God and comes into the valley with a “thus saith the Lord.” He shares some of the foreknowledge of God and so is aware of impending judgment. He lives in “splendid isolation.” He is forthright and outright, but he claims no birthright. His message is “repent, be reconciled to God, or else...!” His prophecies are parried. His truth brings torment, but his voice is never void.

He is the villain of today and the hero of tomorrow. He is excommunicated while alive and exalted when dead! He is dishonored with epithets when breathing and honored with epitaphs when dead. He is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, but few “make the grade” in his class.

He is friendless while living and famous when dead. He is against the establishment in ministry; then he is established as a saint by posterity. He eats daily the bread of affliction while he ministers, but he feeds the Bread of Life to those who listen. He walks before men for days but has walked before God for years. He is a scourge to the nation before he is scourged by the nation. He announces, pronounces, and denounces!

Millions have been spent on evangelism in the last twenty-five years. Hundreds of gospel messages streak through the air over the nation every day. Crusades have been held; healing meetings have made a vital contribution. “Come-outers” have “come out” and settled, too, without a nation-shaking revival. Organizers we have. Skilled preachers abound. Multi-million dollar Christian organizations straddle the nation. BUT where, oh where, is the prophet? Where are the incandescent men fresh from the holy place? Where is the Moses, to plead in fasting before the holiness of the Lord for our moldy morality, our political perfidy, and sour and sick spirituality?

God’s men are in hiding until the day of their showing forth. They will come. The prophet is violated during his ministry, but he is vindicated by history. There is a terrible vacuum in

evangelical Christianity today. The missing person in our ranks is the prophet; the man with a terrible earnestness; the man totally otherworldly. The man rejected by other men, even other good men, because they consider him too austere, too severely committed, too negative and unsociable.

He has a heart like a volcano and his words are as fire,
 He talks to men about God.
 He carries the lamp of truth amongst heretics while he is lampooned by men.
 He faces God before he faces men, but he is self-effacing,
 He hides with God in the secret place, but he has nothing to hide in the marketplace.
 He is naturally sensitive but supernaturally spiritual.
 He has passion, purpose, and pugnacity,
 He is ordained of God but disdained by men,

Our national need at this hour is not that the dollar recovers its strength, or that we save face over the Watergate affair, or that we find the answer to the ecology problem. We need a God-sent prophet!

I am bombarded with talk or letters about the coming shortages in our national life: bread, fuel, energy. I read between the lines from people not practiced in scaring folk. They feel that the “seven years of plenty” are over for us. The “seven years of famine” are ahead, But the greatest famine of all in this nation at this given moment is a **FAMINE OF THE HEARING OF THE WORDS OF GOD** (Amos 8:11).

Let him be as plain as John the Baptist. Let him for a season be a voice crying in the wilderness of modern theology and stagnant “churchianity.” Let him be as selfless as Paul the apostle. Let him, too, say and live, “This **ONE** thing I do.” Let him reject ecclesiastical favors. Let him be self-abasing, non-self-seeking, non-self-projecting, non-self-righteous, non-self-glorying, and non-self-promoting.

Let him say nothing that will draw men to himself but only that which will move men to God. Let him come daily from the throne room of a holy God, the place where he has received the order of the day. Let him, under God; unstop the ears of the millions who are deaf through the clatter of shekels milked from this hour of material mesmerism. Let him cry with a voice this century has not heard because he has seen a vision no man in this century has seen. God, send us this Moses to lead us from the wilderness of crass materialism, where the rattlesnakes of lust bite us and where enlightened men, totally blind spiritually, lead us to an ever-nearing Armageddon. God have mercy!

Send us **PROPHETS!**

Angry Sky

I feel so blessed to be living in the day,
 when the Lamb of God is well on His way
 Our churches are disgraceful, our government severe,
 that the end times are upon us is abundantly clear
 One look at the headlines and it's easy to see,
 what the ancients longed for is unfolding before me
 Pestilence, famine, rumors of war,
 Jesus is coming He's right at the door

Our world is so wicked, our lives so controlled,
 we don't listen to God's voice, but do as we're told
 The most important thing is to be politically correct,
 and the sport of the day is to trample the elect
 We're poisoned, radiated and hustled about,
 while the prophets of God continue to shout
 Pestilence, famine, earthquakes galore,
 Jesus is coming He's right at the door

Our days are spent watching the unfolding events,
 without biblical knowledge things just don't make any sense
 The saints are all watching, those servants of old,
 while all the prophecies are revealed as foretold
 The watchmen are on the wall, but are heckled and booed,
 the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few
 The angry sky is rumbling, but don't be afraid,
 Thanks to Lord Jesus our ransom is paid

-- Bill Thrust, October 2006

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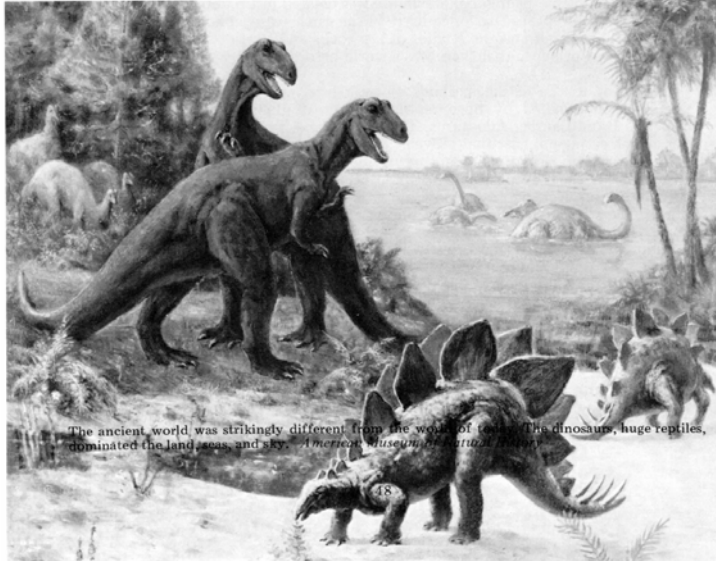
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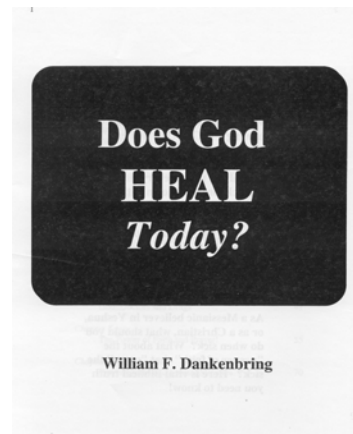
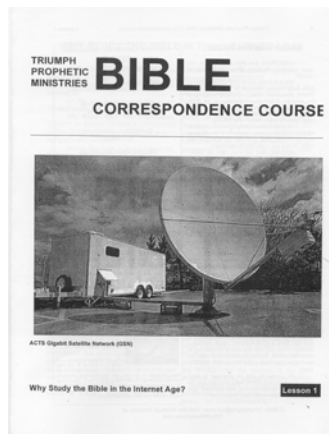
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Letters from Our Readers

“Our very dear friend Terry Humphries passed away yesterday morning, Thursday 13th January. I spoke to both his brother and sister on the phone earlier today and they said that Terry died very suddenly of a heart attack in his home. He was found a few hours later, when someone came to visit.

“You will all know that Terry had been suffering from ill health for many years and was steadily getting worse. He was in a lot of pain and was finding it increasingly difficult to walk and get about. I truly believe that he has been granted a blessed release by a very merciful and loving Heavenly Father, who has now taken Terry's spirit to a well-earned rest, awaiting the day of resurrection.

“All of you know that Terry was a very big-hearted and kind man. He loved his family and his friends very much and was well loved by them in return. My four children, all grown up now, have known Terry all their lives and they adored the ground he walked on. He was literally like part of our family. My children were all very young when both of their Grandads died, so they asked Terry if he would be their honorary Grandad and from then on he was known as Grandpa Terry, which he was as pleased as punch about. We will all miss him very much, and this should help to galvanize us all to be overcomers, until in the Father's good time, we are all re-united in the Glorious Kingdom Of God.”

-- Nick Wood, England

COMMENT: Terry Humphries has been a long-time faithful member of God's Church and supporter of Triumph Prophetic Ministries. He will be dearly missed.

The prophet Isaiah tells us, “The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil. He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his righteousness [in the resurrection]” (Isaiah 57:1-2).

Terry used to send out emails to friends, each one advertising “Prophecy Flash,” suggesting

people read it or subscribe. He also used to put the phrase on his emails, saying, “In the country of the blind, the one-eye man is king.”

We look forward to reuniting with Terry in the Kingdom of God. Though I never met him personally, I always enjoyed his emails and wit and appreciated his friendship and loyalty to God's Work.

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What Have We Learned in 2,064 years?

“The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance.”

- Cicero - 55 BC

“Dear brother William Dankenbring, thank you. In my opinion, this issue is the best one I've ever seen. The first pages, about Obama are calmly, factually telling us that what we've been taught by Yahweh for decades is now in process. This is it. Yahweh remember your mercy and love for your imperfect servants.”

-- Email

“I was watching Glenn Beck's expose of billionaire George Soros and was quite shocked by it. It actually makes me wonder if Soros himself isn't the long-awaited ‘anti-Christ’, or his false prophet, or at least one of the kings who receives a kingdom under the Beast for a short time (Rev.17:12). His ambitions and inflated ego are as boundless as Obama's own. Beck refers to him as a ‘puppet master’, staying just out of sight of the world audience and manipulating the strings of world leaders and world events. Soros alternatively brags about and then denies his role in collapsing governments -- his current project, of course, being the US government.

“In both videos, Beck relates how Soros' number two man met with his own second in command and attempted to intimidate the talk show host

into backing off his investigation. Soros' people then went on to release their own pro-Soros propaganda video, making it seem as if he is benevolent and freedom-loving. Watching it reminded me of the scene in the James Bond movie 'Thunderball', where the villain Emilio Largo entered what appeared to be an office which helped displaced refugees. After he opens a secret door, it is revealed to the audience that the office is a front for the headquarters of the international criminal organization SPECTRE, headed by its own Soro-esque puppet master, Ernst Stavro Blofeld. Interestingly, both the fictional Blofeld and George Soros are East Europeans who collaborated with Germany during WWII. While Bond creator Ian Fleming's character sold information to the Nazis, Soros actually helped them to confiscate the property of his fellow Jews while posing as a Christian. As the man himself related to Sixty Minutes interviewer Steve Kroft on the American TV news magazine's December, 1998 broadcast, Soros has absolutely no feelings of guilt whatsoever for what he did.

"In other news, it was recently revealed in the pages of the Washington (D.C.) Examiner that Barack Obama's childhood 'nanny' was actually a homosexual man who enjoyed dressing up in women's clothing. Despite the fact that Indonesia is a Muslim country (the largest on Earth by population), homosexuality is tolerated there. A former McCain staffer noted that if it had been Sarah Palin instead of Obama, the New York Times would have broken the story during the 2008 Presidential campaign.

"What a world! By the way, a local religious group was passing out pamphlets today which stated in no uncertain terms that Judgement Day will be on May 21, 2011. Knowing what I do know about prophecy, this is hogwash. If, for some reason it is not, I wonder if it would be a sin to, say, buy a brand new Corvette on May 20 if the dealership is offering a 'zero cash down/just sign and drive away' promotion? (Just kidding!)."

-- Pennsylvania

"Mighty God bless you and your entire staffs. It was a great joy last Sabbath when we learned that you have appointed Lucas Ogada to be a representative of this powerful church in Kenya (T.P.M-Church of God). It was a miracle in 2007, when God chose Lucas best Bible student and Alex Odhiambo to lead the Kenya Church

and now it is Lucas after Alex died. Wow! God really has divine timetable for His work. Be sure that the Church will take a new dimension with more force, not only in Kenya but also it's surrounding countries because many in Tanzania and Uganda who know the T.P.M teachings were coming for intensive Bible study in Ndhiwa and had frequently invited him for more analysis on technical subjects. The way God uses Him (Lucas) is different till he becomes a threat to all COG,S in Kenya. I can remember him telling the Living C.O.G minister that 'if who was arrested last night and crucified next morning at the 3rd hour is the Messiah as you said what about this Jesus condemned at the 6th hour and crucified at the 3rd hour next day? I want you to explain that. Moreover, if there were two, which Jesus was the spotless lamb of God that fulfilled the sacrificial Passover? The minister had no answer but had only to disfellowship and mark him for other churches as a destroyer of the churches of God. God has really used you to give out humble but brave, well versed teaching. May God bless the work."

-- Kenya

"I had a flash of a thought (pun intended). II Thess.2:7, the verse, 'For the mystery of iniquity does already work: only he who letteth (restrains) will restrain until he be taken out of the way.'

"Who is being taken out of the way? We are Joseph, the US. Now the evil can march on. We are hidden in plain sight under the statue of Isis in New York harbor. The world thinks 'she' but we are Joseph and Obama is being used to take Joseph out of the way, the *restrainer* of all to totalitarian, Socialist, Communist tyrants of the world.

"I enjoy your provocative works. Let me know if you think there could be any veracity to my inspiration. Thanks!"

-- Texas

COMMENT: Indeed, I think you have made a very valuable, insightful point. It is true that Joseph, the USA, has been holding back and "restraining" the onset of the New World Order as it has sought to retain its sovereignty, military might, and has fought Communism around the world since World War II, and continued the struggle in Iraq and Afghanistan. But Clinton began to weaken the US military, and now Obama is finishing the job, by allowing

gays to serve openly, and by pulling back in Iraq and Afghanistan, and toadying before our enemies and bowing submissively before the Saudi monarch and appeasing the Muslim menace (and even removing the term “Muslim terrorist” from our official vocabulary). He is reigning over the decline and fall of a sovereign America, Ephraim, and worldwide disaster lies ahead in the near term future. Obama is bad news, and he may soon be catapulted to the head of the New World Order, and lead the world into Armageddon and the final rebellion against the throne of the God of Heaven. We will soon see.

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“I thought you might like to see the situation in S.A. today. This email I am forwarding on – IS REALLY TRULY THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY. GOD HELP US. The whites get lower salaries and pensions – if you can get it than the other races and jobs are unattainable, so unless you can generate work for yourself no work. But then you have to be B.E.E. (Black Economic Empowerment) when the time comes they take over and you are out of a job which you worked VERY hard to build up. One of our customers – business – has now been taken over and the owners are gone.

“Now they are taking Millions of Rand for Salaries and backhanders to their own kind and bankrupting the company. We have quietly been informed that the company is in trouble and we should watch our accounts and see we get paid.

“Brian has dislocated his shoulder twice in the last month and I am not sure what we will be doing this year when we have to lift the heavy goods we collect and deliver.

“It seems like the end of the road. I am unable to lift any thing heavy due to the massive Hiatus Hernia stretching into my navel and all on the sides of my body. Now it’s Brian’s turn to get injured. the other shoulder was injured as well when he fell. But that took quite a while to heal.”

-- South Africa

“Vice is a monster of so frightful mien
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
Yet too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then
embrace.”

-- Alexander Pope, *Essay
on Man*

“We are having a cold snowy winter here but what other people are having, I consider we are really blessed.

“With the flooding in Brazil, Pakistan and Australia, we can expect higher food costs. A dire global food shortage will be the order of the day because of the disasters that have happened to the world’s top wheat growing countries this past year. China, India, United States, Russia, France, Canada, Germany, Ukraine, Australia and Pakistan have all had problems.

“It has been said that Barry Soetoro and Sarkozy have agreed in principal to create a joint US-European military force to deal exclusively with global uprising expected this spring as the world runs out of food. . . .

“Received the new PF and it is very powerful and shows your wisdom by cutting down its size and using your resources wisely.”

-- Ohio

“I thank Yahweh that you have always had the intestinal (spiritual) fortitude, **to take a stand for truth!** That’s what I have always admired about you Bill, since I first met you in 1996, when we joined you for the feast in Rapid city, SD. Do you remember that time? I sought Yah, and in my prayers I asked Him to show me if there was anyone else out there who shared the same beliefs that we did (concerning the Sabbath and Holy Days) and Yah led me to you and he also confirmed at that time (in my mind), that we would be co-workers, in the end of days. I still believe that, even to this day.

“I recall my encounter with some infidels back then, at the feast in SD, where I first met Dumbo from Drumbo. Immediately after he introduced himself to me at the feast, Yah impressed upon my spirit that this man was not genuinely converted. Well, the proof is in the pudding, isn't it? or as Yeshua said, ‘You will know them by their fruits...’” I recall that he used to call me from time to time on Sabbath morning, just to chat, but unfortunately, he never seemed interested in discussing or talking about Yeshua or any deep spiritual issues...just very superficial talk, the conversation was always fairly dry...“how's the weather in MB...got this or the other thing going on at the farm...blah, blah, blah, blah, blah...”. They're all cut from the same cloth...pseudo-intellectuals, Christian wannabes!

You came out of WWCG (or more accurately, you were ex-communicated in the mid-80's), and that was a good thing, as you well know. We don't believe that God is interested in hierarchical, man-made, spirit-less organizations, who are obsessed with Nicolaitan authority and attitudes, lording over God's heritage...(my heart goes out to the genuine, spirit-filled people in those churches)...the church that Yeshua founded is a spiritual organism, made up of many groups and many individuals who are *genuinely converted*, who possess the in-dwelling spirit and obey Torah!

Anyone outside of WWCG was considered an infidel, even if you were a spirit-filled Messianic, doing the work in another group outside of WWCG. They may say that they acknowledge you, but deep down, if you weren't part of the "club," you just didn't really *have it*, so to speak.

I have never viewed your calling and your work as a 'replacement' *for any man-made organization* (least of all WWCG), in spite of your comments on the cover of the Mar/Apr 2008 PF. The fact is that you are a truly converted Messianic, a Bible teacher, a gifted writer and defender of the One True Faith, and you are not only Leaders...but ***pillars in the Church of Yeshua Messiah, and that should be obvious to any spirit-led man or woman, who has met you and Cappy and read the many articles on your web site (I'm not boasting when I say that I have read practically everything that's there!) and I'm not ashamed to declare that to anyone either Bill . . . I mean, Pastor William Dankenbring, Mr. Dankenbring, Brother William Frederick Dankenbring! HalleluYah!***

"Yes, HWA (the Herod-temple), the Idol shepherd, the unprofitable servant, who built a Herod temple (that's what the WWCG represented, in my opinion) . . . like some men, he had an external experience with Yah, but do you really believe that the old man (who crawled into bed with his own flesh) really possessed the in-dwelling holy spirit of God?!? Loving obedience to Torah is made possible only one way, (Acts 5:32). That's what it all boils down to, and I think his track record speaks for itself...of repeated sin and rebellion to the Spirit, that tried to lead him to deeper truths, concerning Yah's holy days for example, but his heart just wasn't there. What may appear to be a 'light matter' to

some men, is an abomination to Almighty Yahweh. May Yah have mercy on him. *'For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.'* *'Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.'* *'And their word will eat as doth a canker: [of whom is RF] who concerning the truth has erred, [saying that the Sabbath has been changed and the world is off in counting the week], and overthrow the faith of some'.*

"My heart went out to the sheep, who were beguiled by that false prophet and his authoritarian leadership style; some WWer's came to me and had the audacity to claim that we (Winnipeg Church of God 7th Day back then), couldn't be the church (some of their members were checking out our services) because we didn't have *authority* from their Head Office to operate 'independently'! What a Babylonian nightmare! Such gross ignorance and arrogance, to think that their group was the *only* true church...extremely myopic to say the least! Where did HWA glean some his doctrinal (restoration) truths from? SDA's CoGSDs, etc. etc. You know the truth, I don't have to remind you. There are many today who are still obsessed with *HWA worship* . . . PCOG, etc. and others, and like the WWCG, they think that they are spirit-led and infallible, the only true church, 'well, pardon our exclusivist thinking,' and it sickens and saddens me at the same time.

"Most of the ex-WWers who I have encountered over the years, (including some of their leadership), and it seems to me like they never really read, or studied their Bibles thoroughly enough or very much...I suppose that they thought that they bought the 'full meal deal,' (they have it all . . . it's all settled . . . why take notes? Why prove anything?), but most of them didn't even have the basics pinned down and attended services for years! In fact, and I think I shared this with you before, . . . a long time member (ex-WWer), left our mustard seed group a couple years ago (seems like the more truth Yah reveals, that ***we walk in and teach***, the smaller the group became)...he had this *epiphany*, a revelation, that tithing was no longer required under the New Covenant and he wrote an article and sent it to me (bad-mouthing you, TPM, and your articles on the subject)... let's just say that in spite of my efforts to correct, teach,

rebuke (in love) and restore him...his mind was like concrete...(one night, in a dream, Yah revealed to me something about his behavior, and I confronted him about it...it was 100% accurate, and he confessed it to me...) and still, no repentance, so sad to see people fall away from the truth. May Yah have mercy on him and us all.

“Is Christ divided? Is the Church of Yeshua the Messiah divided? Professing Christian churches are divided over basic truths, like how and when to observe the Sabbath . . . now, if it's true that the one and only self-same Spirit guides us into all truth, and then a man comes along, and teaches something contrary, then it stands to reason and should be obvious to all, that he is *not* being led by that spirit! If they *were* part of the true Ekklesia of Yeshua, then they would have studied and passed TORAH 101, the basics, like the 10 Commandments, the Sabbath day, the calendar, Passover, Pentecost, and all of Yah's Holy Days, etc. which you plainly teach. Yah will write those Commandments on the fleshy tables of our heart, if we will allow Him to, instead of resisting! The fact that they openly admit and reject His truth and observe other pagan days **PROVES** that they are in Babylonian confusion (Laodicean) and need to come out of her and REPENT!! ***If not, then we are left with a theological conundrum. Does Yahweh's spirit in-dwell people, who persist in rebellion and disobedience, and are anti-Torah? Go figure?***

“Well, enough said about that, we are living in end-time Babylon and confusion abounds. The sign of true discipleship has ***always*** been, **love for YHWH Family, loving obedience to His Commandments (which are not grievous) and love for each other . . .** (“by this will all men know you are my disciples, by the love that you have, one for another”). And when people do under-handed things, say evil things, and reject Torah truth, then they are not operating in that spirit of love.

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. . . . And have no fellowship with the

unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.’ (see Also, Eph. 4:11-18).

“Thank you Brother Bill, for your ministry and for your perseverance in the Faith. May Yah keep you and richly reward you for your sincere labors, in the love of Messiah. I am always reminded about how much I have learned from your publications over the years, for which I am eternally grateful! We should meet again soon, it's been 14 years since I first came to see you!

“Well, it's time to turn in, it's getting late. Please know that You and Cappy are always in our prayers. Keep up the excellent work. Have a blessed Sabbath and May our Great Elohim hasten the day!”

-- Canada

“Life has certainly seemed to take a detour into uncharted territory. After a guard had me beaten for letting family and friends know what is taking place in this Godless prison, he constantly harassed, trying to break my spirit. Although I am tired physically and mentally, it has been a sobering wake-up call of what is ahead for God's Church. A persecution is known as a fact in the near future, but to realize just how it will be experienced can't be understood until actually going through it.

“United is a church in the process of destroying itself. For years the warning signs have been evident, but it does take time for human nature to show itself. When in a place like this I look at what is taking place and I can't help but shake my head, even to the point of being embarrassed. The depth of a lukewarm attitude is very deep, yet what is taking place in what had been the largest offshoot of Worldwide is being justified from every possible angle by ministers who crave power, and members who easily follow due to loyalty to men. Many members and ministers believe they are focused on God and Christ, but it's just one of Satan's many deceptions in order to cause a stumbling block. The great tribulation is drawing closer to a reality, and God's Church is totally unprepared for what's ahead.

“Why should God's people be shocked by what's happening? Just as we are to watch and pray when looking at events around us, we should also be astute to what is happening to God's Church. The number of brethren and

ministers are shrinking. It's staggering to see what has taken place since Herbert Armstrong died. It was only a matter of time until what is taking place in United became a reality. If we have been looking to God and Christ we are not surprised with what is happening.

"For the last five years I have had to stand alone when it comes to God's way of life. It's interesting that through the many dangers faced within the prison system, the work you are doing was discovered. It's been like a breath of fresh air. Although the threats to my physical safety have been many, the one thing that can't be taken away is God's way of life.

"Thank you for the information on praising God through the problems we face. Since reading the material, I have actually thanked God for the beating I received. What do I mean by this? I have a much greater understanding of what it meant when I was baptized. I now realize that we may well have to give our lives at any moment for living with the realization there is right and wrong. Satan will find every possible angle to attack God's people, and when God's spirit convicts us we realize we can't compromise. There are no gray areas. This is what Satan hates. I fear many brethren are not prepared for what is ahead.

"This has been a difficult letter to write. It's been a struggle to come to terms with being placed in a situation where I was physically beaten, and when reporting it to authorities no one has listened to what I have said. Officials in this prison have covered up what has happened, and because I reported what has happened I'm now marked as a troublemaker.

"A persecution is coming, and I fear for ministers and brethren. Hopefully the transfer to a safer institution will occur soon. It's been approved, but it takes months. I'm now in my sixth month of isolation, and it has not been easy. I'm encouraged, however, by realizing God and Christ understand. I'm also so thankful for the stability in Omak and what I've learned through your teachings.

"I want to thank you again for what you've sent, and the encouraging note you sent is appreciated more than I can say in words.

"I pray for both of you, and that God will help brethren to see the work you are doing. I also pray for those assisting you."

-- Ohio

"I do hope this letter finds you, Cappy and all who are devoting many hours doing God's Work in good health and that you continue to be blessed with new understanding.

"No doubt you are also disturbed by not only events in the Middle East, but also recent demonstrations in Madison, Wisconsin.

"We are only seeing the beginning of Satan's path of destruction against governments. He has never accepted his failed coup attempt against God, so one by one he will influence people around the world to rise up against oppressive leaders, only to find out that changes demanded will bring greater oppression.

"Since Americans refuse to face America's true economic condition, it was only a matter of time until union workers took to the streets. Wisconsin school teachers protested against a planned vote by state legislators that would require a five percent payment towards state pensions and a small percentage towards health insurance. It would still be far less than what nonunion employees pay for their pensions and health care.

"The days of being given a free ride are over and what has happened in Wisconsin is going to spread to other states. When union workers take to the streets, complacency towards our true economic state is rattled, yet we do not see the financial catastrophe that is coming.

"What is especially diabolical about what has happened in Wisconsin is that children were taken out of school and took part in protests. One young boy interviewed said he had no idea why he was sent on one of the numerous school busses converging on Wisconsin's capital. To use such tactics should not come as a surprise. The liberal mindset is one of rebellion with unlimited license to accomplish its purpose.

"Just how far will the tentacles of civil unrest reach as more and more union workers revolt in one job after another?

"What has happened in Wisconsin will become a national security issue as upheaval spreads

nationwide. The Wisconsin National Guard was put on notice on February 17, 2011, that it would take over all state prisons if prison guards joined in protests. Does anyone stop to consider what would happen if the National Guard in state after state has to take over all prisons across the country because prison guards refuse to take wage cuts? Just how well protected is the nation today with the US military spread thin and many of the nation's national guardsmen already in Iraq or Afghanistan?

“World upheaval is starting off the year 2011 as a roaring lion. When seeing what is happening to God's Church today, the latest being United, it is more than evident that time is very short. Is it farfetched to state that God has allowed Satan to extend his influence to not only governments around the world, but also God's Church because of disobedience?

“It is interesting to see how many people have looked to the year 2012 as one in which the world will end or be turned upside down. Now that we are rapidly approaching 2012, will people start believing it is equivalent to the Y2K hoax? It is easy for people to look at such a date as valid if living in a 5 to 6 year time frame before such a date arrives. What if the year sets the stage for what could be called the modern day Dark Ages? It doesn't mean America would cease to exist as a nation, but will it be the beginning of a time period in which the US will exist under an oppressive dictatorial police state?

“Who would have thought in 2010 the Middle East would be the powder keg it is in early 2011? Just as Egypt has changed overnight, just as great a demise for the United States can take place.

“What an amazing year 2011 is going to be, yet events that will stagger the imagination are yet to happen beyond this year.

“My prayers continue for you, Cappy, and all who are involved in God's Work. Thank you so much for what you are doing.”

-- Richard Markland, Ohio

“What is happening in the Middle East right now is nothing short of breathtaking. There are different possibilities to consider, not least the fact that what is happening now could lead to a global economic catastrophe or maybe even all out war in the Middle East. While we have "the

more sure word of prophecy" about the King of the South rising up to confront the King of the North in the long term, I wonder if there is another possible scenario for the events unfolding at present, at least in the short term. When I watch these events on the TV news, my heart goes out to these poor lost sheep of the Gentiles. These popular uprisings are nothing less than the human spirit yearning for freedom from years of tyranny and servitude. Could it possibly be that the outcome will actually be the outbreak of democracy throughout the region, for a short while at least, bringing a time of relative stability and peace thus paving the way for that prophesied treaty or covenant of Daniel 9? Time will tell and this is pure speculation of course, but before the hell of the great tribulation is unleashed, that treaty will be ratified and possibly enforced, by the person destined to become the Beast of Revelation or the AntiChrist.

“A couple of weeks ago I received an email from Nehemia Gordon and I thought it was very interesting that he thought it was perfectly possible to find AVIV barley by 6th March. This would make Passover evening on 20th March, apparently ONE day before the spring equinox. When I checked the actual time of the equinox though, the seder would only be a matter of a few hours before, which makes me think that this would not be a real issue, especially when we consider that the whole actual week of Passover would be after the spring equinox. I then got another email from Nehemia Gordon a few days ago, which I am sure you also have, showing how the Rabbinical "Fixed" Calendar is actually based on an inaccurate date for the equinox. I would love to know more about this, but have been unable up to now to find out any more, and was wondering if you had any more information to go on. IF the Passover turns out to be early this year, then all those who use the 'Fixed' calendar will be a whole month out on ALL the Holy Days this year. On the other hand a late Passover would mean that the Spring Holy Days at least would be in harmony with the 'Observed' calendar.

“Finally you will have heard the news from Anneke about the Middlekamp family in Holland. Sadly they have completely gone off the rails and decided that the New Testament is phoney and that there was no Messiah. I shake my head in utter disbelief when I hear nonsense like this from people who "supposedly" were in

God's Church and have heard the Word of Truth. It takes my mind back to the early 1990's when the WCG was starting to break up and false prophets suddenly appeared all over the place to deceive and lead people astray. I remember discussing this at length with Terry Humphries and we both agreed that what was happening in those days was as nothing compared to what would happen right at the end of days, where even the elect might be deceived, if that were possible.

"Bye for now, take care and may our Great God guide you always."

-- Nick Wood, England

"Greetings from a heartbroken brother in SA.

"My flight through this short time on earth was interrupted when the wind was taken from under my one remaining wing when my beloved Marieta was taken into YHWH's care where she will be safely guarded under HIS merciful wings.

"I e-mailed my daughter with this message: 'The shock has swept the wind from under my wings and I am tumbling through space.' Where-upon she mailed back: 'Fly on Dad. I am alongside you.' My two children stood up well under the shock and have been a tremendous support.

"The Comforter that Christ promised, has been the power for me to remain sane.

"Marieta awoke one morning in late January complaining of severe cramp in her left leg below the knee. No matter how I tried to relieve the pain, she eventually started crying. I noticed that her foot was cold and pale in colour. Local x-rays proved that she might lose her leg and she was rushed though to a specialist in Pretoria where there are superb medical facilities. They had to first stabilize her blood sugar and blood pressure and eventually did a successful operation.

She had to remain in Pretoria for therapy with the kids attending to her and assuring me that all was well. She died of a severe stroke on 22/01/2011.

"I was fortunate to get in touch with John Bartholomew to conduct the service. He baptized us in 1987 during WWCG times. Friends and relatives, mostly Protestants, were astounded to learn that Marieta is only SLEEPING AND NOT

PLAYING A HARP! We sang Marieta's favourite hymns viz. "How great Thou art" and The Battle hymn of The Republic".

"YHWH was merciful in His great Plan – Marieta would have been without normal body functions had she survived. Praise His Mighty Name!!

"The loneliness is overwhelming at times because of the suddenness of her passing. At times like that, I can only turn to God's Word to find solice. Your tapes are also a great comfort when I hear the Truth being preached with such magnificent revelations. Marieta and I shared the company of a Boston Terrier - also a timely gift from our son. His name is Kiri-Kiri and sadly brings Marieta's shoes to me when I listen to your CD's or watch TV.

"I am selling the property through my daughter who recently qualified as an Estate Administrator (all in God's Plan and His perfect timing!). Are there perhaps any of Obama's supporters who would like to invest in SA? Imagine the monetary commission I could donate to the WORK?

"May God bless and keep you. Do not forget to hug ONE ANOTHER and say 'I love you'" – EVERY DAY! Life can end most unexpectedly"
-- Wol Oosthuisen, South Africa.

"Thank you for your spiritual guidance and my lifeline through Prophecy Flash.

"When my dad (Albert Oettle) died I followed your advice and asked a minister (who knew my dad from worldwide) to do the service and he was so helpful. It was very ironic as well. My lounge was full of people from the staunch Afrikaner Dutch Reformed Church who always talked about us and the 'sect' we belonged to. They never wanted to listen to my dad when he was alive. There they sat and listened to the minister explaining why we were born and what happens after death, Afterwards they came to me and said it was the best explanation they ever heard and they never knew that was what we believed. How could they? They never wanted him to talk about our faith.

"My mom died on the Day of Atonement. Early that morning the Home phoned me and said that my mom was semi-conscious and they thought that she was slipping away. I went and sat with

her. I told her that it was the Day of Atonement and that it was a wonderful day to go. I reminded her of our love for her and that the following day was the anniversary of her wedding day. When I ran out of things to say, I sang to her all her favourite songs, including 'Steal Away', the Negro Spiritual she taught us as children. She died quietly by lunchtime.

"I still talk to my parents when I am alone. Whenever I read something interesting that I know my dad would have been interested in, I miss him dearly.

"I am rather alone here and cut off from people of like mind, but I do phone Anne Skip, and our conversations always start with: Have you received the latest PF yet?

"I pray for your protection and hope that you will continue to lead us through the PF. We desperately need the spiritual food."

-- Christine Rusconi, South Africa

"With the magnetic north pole moving at least 40 miles towards Russia could cause some major weather and earth changes. I hope we get nothing like what Australia had.

"There is supposed to be a comet collide or pass by the earth this September 2011. Interesting because of 9-11 being in the date.

"Heard some head of some country say that there could be food rationing in the world as soon as April of this very year.

"It is said that some of the wheat crop could not have been planted in Canada so they tried to

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plant some by airplane. It looks like this year is going to be the start of worldwide famine.

"There is something about Barry Soetero signing some type of security agreement with Canada. Basically, with the treaties between the U.S., Canada and Mexico we have a North American Union.

"One of the powers to be said that a one world government is the only way that the world can have peace and prosperity now. Boy does he have a big surprise coming.

"Listened to a TV evangelist say that Israel (the tribe of Judah) is the one that is going to be attacked from the north in the near future. He did not take into account that Israel in the Bible refers to the so-called lost 10 tribes of Israel.

"It looks like China is fast catching up with the USA on modern warfare technology but the problem with modern technology is that it can be put out of operation and then we are back to old fashioned warfare of the cavalry.

"Bible prophecy is being fulfilled at a faster pace and will probably speed up with the way everything is happening. . . So many things are happening that to get them all in perspective is hard to do.

"There is rumors that the Saudi king got so mad at Barry Soetero that he had a heart attack. The way Barry Soetero vacillates back and forth, all the world countries much realize that the US cannot be trusted any longer.

"It looks like 2011 is going to be a wild ride. Be prepared to hang on."

-- Charles Rearick, Ohio