

Ukraine, Issachar, Economic Armageddon and the Temple Mount

Our Father which art in heaven, creator God of the universe, the giver of life and every good and perfect gift, we come before your majestic throne with thanksgiving, praise, honor, glory for providing for our every need in Christ Jesus our Lord. We thank you for guiding and directing us in your pathway of life, joy and peace everlasting. Bless your people and draw us closer to you through the anointing of your Holy Spirit and the understanding of your written word – commandments, statutes, and judgments that we might worship you in Spirit and truth. Set your angels about each one of your people with your Divine protection wherever they are. Father, we ask these things in *Yeshua's* name . Amen!

God gave his sacred calendar to the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt. The next new moon crescent Israel-based observation (or live in Israel) is not expected until Sunday evening, March 2nd. The start of the new year depends on *sighting the new moon crescent and whether barley searches within the Fertile Crescent report new Aviv (ripening barley) as being found*. It is suspected to be too early for Aviv barley which means there will be a thirteenth (intercalary) month this year, Adar II (a leap year). After Adar II will be *Nisan* the first month of the Hebrew New Year. Initial reports as of Friday (2/28/14) from *Karaite Korner* indicate the barley in the Fertile Crescent as being premature. Finding of *aviv* on the barley search is not expected to be found until the next new moon (expected March 31st). (See enclosure: Holy Day Calendar 2014).

God's days begin and end at sunset (*Lev. 23:32*). The Passover "seder" meal celebration is the evening following Nisan 14 (*April 14*) after sunset which is the beginning of Nisan 15 and *the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (April 15)*. In 2014 both Nisan and Tishri are "borderline" New Moon sightings because of the astronomical positions of the earth and moon, causing visibility to be "possible" but not definite on the first day given, but visibility is sure for the second day given. As the dates of the Holy Days depend on the day the months we will have to wait for the actual sightings in Israel to determine the dates these months will begin this year.

Current Times—Revolutionary conduct is going on in the Ukraine with demonstrations and rioting. The Ukraine is a country between Russia and Eastern Europe which has been called the "bread-basket of Europe." *Associated Press*: "Ukraine says Russians have invaded taking up positions around a coast guard base and two airports on its strategic Crimea peninsula. Russia kept silent on the accusations, as the crisis deepened between two of Europe's largest countries. Any Russian military incursion on Crimea would dramatically raise the stakes in Ukraine's conflict, which saw pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich flee last weekend after three months of anti-government protests." It could be that Putin is trying to reestablish the Soviet Union and bring the former eastern state back into the Soviet Block of nations once called USSR.

The Ukraine located in southeast Europe, consists largely of fertile black soil steppes. It is bordered by Belarus on the north, by Russia on the north and east, by the Black Sea on the south, by Moldova and Romania on the southwest, and by Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland on the west. That area of the world has been an area of bloodshed down through history. The Crimean War (1853 to 1856) was part of a long-running contest between major European powers – Britain, France, and Turkey who battled Russia for influence over territories of the declining Ottoman Empire. Russia sought to control the Dardanelles that threatened British sea routes. *The Charge of the Light Brigade* by poet Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892) memorialized a suicidal charge by light cavalry over open terrain by British forces in the Battle of Balaclava (Ukraine) in the Crimean War. It is quite a telling story. Many in the west best know of this war today because of Florence Nightingale, who trained and led nurses aiding the wounded during the war in a manner innovative for those times.

Why is the Ukraine so important? Charles Krauthammer *Washington Post Writer Group* --“Putin’s Ukraine Gambit”. “Putin’s mission is restoration of Russian despotism by dismantling its nascent democracy.” Then having created iron-fisted stability, extend the influence of Russia to draw Ukraine into Putin’s planned “Eurasian Union” as the core of a new Russian mini empire in that area and the world. Obama on the other hand is seeking for stability. He wants the Ukraine to join their destiny to the West and block Russian neo-imperialism. He says it must come organically from internal developments but must be developed on its own and not be imposed by outside intervention. Krauthammer points out that “Ukraine is never on its own; not with a bear next door. American neutrality does not allow an authentic Ukrainian polity to emerge. It leaves Ukraine naked to Russian pressure. “

“What Obama doesn’t seem to understand is, that American inaction creates a vacuum. His evacuation from Iraq consigned that country to Iranian hegemony, just as Obama’s writing off Syria invites in Russia, Iran and Hezbollah to reverse the tide of battle.” “Putin fully occupies vacuums. In Ukraine he keeps flaunting his leverage. He’s withdrawn the multibillion-dollar aid package with which he had pulled the now-deposed Ukrainian president away from the EU. He has suddenly mobilized Russian forces bordering Ukraine.” This is a game of “brink-man ship” of the cold war between Russia and the United States.

Email –**Issachar identity** (2/15/14)—Don Steckey. “The theory and written sources by Dr. Herman Hoeh and Brit-Am which quotes many articles on the subject that Finland is in fact the modern descendent of the tribe of Issachar has fallen short of really proving it to be true in my opinion. Now that things have come to a head, headlines are screaming something that should be so obvious, yet most are asleep and unable to “see”. By that I mean that unlike Finland, Ukraine fits the model of Issachar much better. Case in point: 1) Issachar was supposed to be tied to the ‘LAND.’ Well, Ukraine fits that. It has the richest soil in the world. The soil is called “*chornozem*” meaning black soil. Anything grows in this soil. In fact, Ukraine **was and is** considered the “breadbasket” of Europe. In contrast, Finland has less arable land and the growing season is short due to it being so far north to the Arctic Circle. Finland is known for ship building and there are indications that show a close tie to Zebulon and the Netherlands. 2) Ukraine sits astride the Dnister River (Dan migrated through this area), which divides the country in half. It is symbolic of the nation itself in that it’s divided between east and west. Ukrainians seem ambivalent at times but if you really know who they are, you would understand that it is NOT ambivalence but the very core of WHO Issachar really is by nature. Issachar was forever to be “between two burdens” meaning between east and west and maybe between two opinions. That pictures Ukraine today, caught between European Union and the Soviet Union—two power blocks—much more so than Finland.”

“In times past the ancient Ukrainians (called *Kievan Rus*) controlled an area from the Black Sea, all the way north to the White Sea. After the Mongol Hordes decimated Ukraine (*Kievan Rus*) they left in

charge what today is called the Russians, but in fact are Muscovites who collected TRIBUTE from Ukraine. Further back in history Ukraine paid 'tribute' to the Varangians who were a sub group of the Vikings. They became a "vassal state" or even a non entity with the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Poland-Lithuanian alliance, Germany, Tartars and on and on. But what kept Ukrainians and what saved them was the LAND. It was both their blessing and their 'cursing'. 4) Issachar was prophesied to be a "strong ass" and if you look carefully, Ukrainians are a hearty stock. The strength of the people is well known. women pull plows. The legends of the Cossack warriors are many. All of these illustrate how well Ukraine fits the model of Issachar. Issachar was the 5th son of Jacob and Leah (Gen. 30:18). Descendants: sons of Issachar—"Tola, Phuvah, Job and Shimron (Gen.46:13); Princes of Issachar with Deborah (Jud. 5:15); Valiant men of might in their generations/ chief men (1 Chr.7:1). "shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand"(Deut. 33:18).

Newspaper articles show that the apostles did go to the Ukraine (to the lost sheep of the house of Israel). Stecky states that there are "strong traditions in Ukraine that Andrew, the brother of Peter, went to Kiev. The Scotts have a St. Andrew's cross on their flags and many Ukrainians are of Celtic stock (Israelite). The link between Ukraine and Sweden is strong too. Notice their flags have the same colors." In fact, it was a Viking that "established" the capital of Ukraine. Today they have a statue of the four founders of Kiev standing on a Viking ship. The Vikings are from Norway and sailed throughout Europe, British Isles, Scotland, Mediterranean and even established colonies in Italy in ancient times. Vikings are very likely the tribe of Benjamin who was to be a ravening, plundering wolf type of people.

"Galicia is a region that straddles both Ukraine and Poland. These people are the modern descendants of the Galatians to whom Paul preached. Many of them have reddish hair, freckles and look as Irish as any Irish or Scot for that matter." **Ezekiel 48:26**—"and by the **border** of Issachar." Look at this word, *Ukraine* means borderland. I find this very interesting. Issachar is described as "a strong ass [donkey] crouching down between two burdens." (Gen. 49:14). He saw that rest was good, and the land was pleasant and bowed his shoulders to bear and became a servant and paid tribute. Stecky continues. "In looking for the identity of this nation we must look for a nation today which has a tradition of being quasi-independent of the tribute located between two stronger nations or spheres of influence (the two burdens) growing in reasonable peace and prosperity ("the rest was good and the land was pleasant"). In the ancient world a nation that was under tribute had limited self-rule (autonomy) while under the dominance of a stronger nation. In ancient days this tribute was generally an annual payment of gold or just a section of territory. All of that fits the Ukraine. Eastern Ukraine favors the Soviet Union and a large number of Russians settled there. Western Ukraine favors the Europeans (Celts) who are dominate there. It has always been at the crossroads. **Genesis 49:14**—Issachar is "a strong ass..." Look at the Ukrainian president who is a tall, powerfully built strong man who towers over Putin."

The lost tribes of Israel and Esau are identified in history with ancient Rome and Italy. Esau's children intermarried with the Italians (Latins). Esau, the first born son of Isaac, had a very competitive relationship with his twin brother Jacob whom he hated. Jacob bought the birthright from Esau for a bowl of pottage. At the time Esau was on the run, worn out and hungry after killing Nimrod who ruled the world. Esau had also taken the original animal skin garment (symbol of world authority) given to Adam in Eden by God which Noah possessed and took it into the Ark, but it was later stolen by Noah's son Ham and given to Nimrod. Esau was ambitious and wanted to rule the world. All his descendants since have wanted to rule the world. The Amalekites come from Esau. Haman was a descendent of the tribe of Esau who served Persian Empire King Xerxes during the time of Queen Esther. The Amalekites were characteristically a cruel, militaristic, thieving and plundering people who were prominent in ancient Rome. Once again they are becoming a powerful influence in the world and our nation today and involved in bringing about the New World Order. America is becoming Babylon the Great and the Esau factor is beginning to affect our government and world power.

Personal Liberty Digest 2/28/14(UPI) –“The geopolitical stakes in Ukraine have brought us to a quasi Cold War redux, as Western powers (the European Union and the United States) have made it clear their intention to “support” (read: meddle in) Ukraine. In the meantime, Russia has sent troops to the border of Ukraine in what are being called exercises.” The question is, will President Obama and the Western powers stand up to Russia or cave in? We will just have to wait and see. Russia supplies Ukraine with a lot of natural gas energy and Ukraine has warm weather ports that Russia would like to have. Police and anti-government demonstrators fought in the center of Kiev. Withdrawals peaked at 30 billion *hryvnias* (\$3.1 billion) from February 18-30. The interim government has told the world Ukraine is bankrupt and seeks \$35 billion in financial aid. In other words, Ukraine is going to the highest bidder, and the European Union, United States or Russia will guarantee the funds. The EU won’t be able to match Russia’s standing offers, but an alliance between the United States and European Union could certainly bring Ukraine further under E.U. influence.”

“Protests in Ukraine ultimately led to the disposal of Russian-backed leader Viktor Yanukovich. As Ukraine picks its new government, Russia has apparently ordered tests of its combat readiness in the central and western parts of Russia. Russia has pledged to protect “the health and life of [its] compatriots.” Russia’s foreign minister has warned the U.S. and European Union to stay out of Ukrainian affairs, as media the world over highlights U.S. and E.U. interference in Ukraine and their potential support of far-right, neo-Nazi groups. If Ukraine moves closer to the European Union, this will result in a power shift in the EU, favoring nations like Poland and the Czech Republic. A push to bring Ukraine into the beleaguered EU will recommence and Germans eventually will be the direct lifeline to Ukraine. As the second-largest nation on the continent, Ukraine will be a tall order for Western nations to prop up.”

Newsmax (2/16/14) “Anti-communist crusader and former president of Poland, Lech Walesa tells Newsmax that Obama doesn’t care if the U.S. remains a World Superpower and states that of all the national leaders currently on the world stage, the one who has disillusioned him the most is President Barack Obama. Walesa asserts that Obama “wasn’t ready” to take on the task of leading the world’s most dominant superpower. He calls for reforms at the United Nations so the world body can help fill the vacuum left by the United States’ failure of leadership under Obama.” “I think the United States no longer leads the world morally and politically. They lost that power after getting involved in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. So it is unsettling not to have the same world leadership anymore. We are quite fortunate we haven’t faced any major international crisis so far, because who would defend us?”

Walesa opines, “Reforming the United Nations should be President Obama’s initiative. We need to reform this old organization. Better yet, transform it into the **global parliament**. Transfer the power of the Security Council to the **global government**. NATO should also be changed into the ministry of the **global defense**. We would elect leaders for each sector who would be responsible for maintaining order. In my mind, these kinds of actions and initiatives are expected from the U.S.” Walesa played a key role in freeing Eastern Europe from the clutches of Soviet communism and ultimately in the breakup of the U.S.S.R. In 1980, he co-founded Solidarity, the Soviet bloc’s first independent trade union. Later in that decade he helped form the first non-communist government in the Soviet bloc, beginning the downfall of communism in Europe.”

Membership of the United Nations Security Council is held by the five permanent members (China, France, Russia, United Kingdom and the U.S.) with veto power and ten elected (non-permanent) members. Prior to 1966, there were six elected members, while the permanent members have in essence not changed since the creation of the United Nations in 1945, apart from the representation of China. Other nations want to be admitted as permanent members including Germany, Indonesia, Brazil, India and Japan. Adding these nations the UN Security

Council would make ten nations. Revelation speaks of the beast power having ten horns – military nations. The Secretary General of the United Nations Security Council Ban Ki-moon's term expired on 12.31.11 and he was re-elected for a second term of office on June 21, 2011 for a term of five years. The current term expires in 2016. Is it possible that Barack Obama might become the next head of the United Nations in 2016 when the current head comes up for re-election and that former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will become the next president of the United States? I am not prophesying that, only suggesting the possibility as I look at the fruits and characteristics of nations, people, and rulers as I study the prophecies in the books of Ezekiel, Daniel, Isaiah, and Revelation of the end-times.

Obama plans on reducing the United States Army to Pre-World War II Level. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel will propose on Monday a *reduction* in the size of the U.S. *military* to its smallest size since 1940. The active-duty Army would shrink from today's 522,000 soldiers to between 440,000 and 450,000 – the smallest number since 1940 when the nation was gearing up to enter World War II. The Army currently is scheduled to be reduced to 490,000. Reductions are scheduled for the Marines, National Guards, Navy and Air Force. Hagel said, "The U.S. military will no longer be sized to conduct large and protracted ground wars. We are entering an era where American dominance on the seas, in the skies and in space can no longer be taken for granted."

On Monday, President Obama publicly submitted his new budget. Obama's budget will contain \$56 billion in increased spending — \$28 billion for domestic, \$28 billion for defense — according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details before the budget announcement. The spending will be paid for by closing tax loopholes. A new legislation of tax laws scheduled to go into effect July 1st, 2014 will very likely mean the demise of the dollar. The dollar will quickly no longer be the reserve currency of the world, or the currency the world uses in business and will likely disappear and be replaced by a new world currency due to hyperinflation. China is already doing business in gold and is using its own currency—no longer using the dollar.

Moneynews (2.4.14) by John Morgan—"Hedge fund titan Paul Singer, of Elliott Management says the crash of 2008 should have been a smoking gun, evidence of the folly of the Federal Reserve's doubling down on all of the perilous risks that caused the financial meltdown. Singer believes the Fed has been boxed in by its ultra-loose monetary policy and that efforts to taper the economic stimulus of its massive asset purchases could cause a global recession. Every mistake leading up to the crash of 2008 especially excessive and invisible leverage and interest rates which were too low, has been doubled down upon in the years since that time." "The huge federal debt service now is costing America \$230 billion annually in just the interest alone."

Famous recent US presidents' statements of deception and lies meant to deceive (the manner in which they were positioned) and told to the American citizenry were:

Lyndon B. Johnson: "We were attacked in the Gulf of Tonkin"— direct U.S. intervention in the war between North Viet Nam aggressive South Viet Nam for eight years.

Richard M. Nixon: "I am not a crook." He was forced from office because of Water Gate.

William J. Clinton: "I did not have sex with that woman."

Barack H. Obama: multitudinous lies — i.e., "I will have the most transparent administration in history." "I will restore trust in government." "It is not my red line – it is the world's red line." "I knew nothing about what happened in Benghazi." "I knew nothing about the IRS targeting conservative groups." "I am not spying on American citizens." "ObamaCare will be good for America. If you like it, you can keep your current healthcare plan. You can keep your family doctor."

The more I see of the things taking place today and what is lying ahead of America, I am grateful that God inspired us and cleared the way for us to move to Omak, from Pasadena in 2005. God worked it out that in 2004 -2005, Cappy and I were able to sell the Pasadena property of units and houses we owned and buy out my brother's part in the house that our Dad built in Omak which we inherited. In the meantime, I bought a 20-acre piece of land adjacent to that lot on time payments that we were able to pay off and have enough to remodel the Omak house and improve the existing barn. We have a well, a few fruit trees to which we added a few more, and have enough land to plant a sustainable garden plus room for four chickens. It is a work in progress and has taken us a while to accomplish these things incrementally. Fortunately, Washington has property tax but no individual state tax and Social Security has not gone up in smoke. Thank the Lord, we are blessed.

Personalliberty.com—Wayne Allyn Root (2/24/14) “Are nine dead bankers a sign of economic collapse? Something very bad is happening today. In growing numbers, the bodies of global financial type bankers are being found—at least eight in recent weeks (and five others in the past year). A financial reporter for *the Wall Street Journal* walked out of his house and mysteriously hasn't been seen or heard from in weeks. Former National Bank of Commerce CEO, James Stuart Jr. was found dead in Scottsdale, Arizona on February 19. This brings the total of banker deaths in recent weeks to nine. But for some mysterious reason no one in the mainstream media seems interested.” That in itself is strange.

1 – William Broeksmit, 58-year-old former senior executive at Deutsche Bank AG, was found dead in his home after an apparent suicide in South Kensington in central London, on January 26th.

2- Karl Slym, 51 year old Tata Motors managing director Karl Slym, was found dead on the fourth floor of the Shangri-La hotel in Bangkok on January 27th.

3 – Gabriel Magee, a 39-year-old JP Morgan employee, died after falling from the roof of the JP Morgan European headquarters in London on January 27th.

4 – Mike Dueker, 50-year-old chief economist of a US investment bank was found dead close to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington State.

5 – Richard Talley, the 57 year old founder of American Title Services in Centennial, Colorado, was found dead earlier this month after apparently shooting himself with a nail gun.

6 -Tim Dickenson, a U.K.-based communications director at Swiss Re AG, also died last month, however the circumstances surrounding his death are still unknown.

7 – Ryan Henry Crane, a 37 year old executive at JP Morgan died in an alleged suicide just a few weeks ago. No details have been released about his death aside from this small obituary announcement at the Stamford Daily Voice.

8 – Li Junjie, 33-year-old banker in Hong Kong jumped from the JP Morgan HQ in Hong Kong this week'

9 – James Stuart Jr., Former National Bank of Commerce CEO was found dead in Scottsdale, Ariz., the morning of Feb. 19.

“Are the media asleep at the switch, or afraid to dig deeper for fear of their own life? Have they been ordered not to investigate? If so, ordered by whom—the government? But why would someone murder bankers? My educated guess is that these are smart guys who knew too much. Perhaps they knew about government manipulation and fraud. Perhaps they knew their banks were not in the wonderful shape their manipulated balance sheets showed. Perhaps they had information about government collusion and corruption in the banking system. Perhaps they were threatening to expose government's lies and fraud. Perhaps they knew about the trillions in derivatives held by banks and Wall Street firms about to implode and take the world economy with it.”

Some of the “suicides” have been deemed “suspicious”. Maybe they uncovered something they shouldn't have. Perhaps they knew too much to begin with, or realized that the coming global financial crash will be

bigger than anything ever experienced and didn't want to have to experience it. Two of these successful bankers jumped off the roofs of their high-rise office buildings. "One of the bankers was ruled a "suicide" after being shot eight times from head to toe with a nail gun. Do you know anyone brave enough to commit suicide by nail gun? But that doesn't explain shooting yourself with a nail gun eight times from head to toe. No one wants to die that slowly and painfully. That sounds like torture to me. And torture is what leads to murder. Perhaps they didn't walk off their high-rise buildings. Perhaps they were pushed." "Finally, reporter David Bird of *The Wall Street Journal*, who covers the commodities market (which is under investigation by the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations), left his New Jersey home on January 11 and never returned. The 55-year old told his wife he was going for a walk, but left without medicine he's required to take daily as a result of a liver transplant. Am I the only one who finds this creepy and worrisome?"

"What is going on? I will give you two theories. My first educated guess is that we are headed for an epic economic collapse. The mainstream media has fed the public lies about a non-existent "recovery" and dutifully reported the government's manipulated economic reports (filled with fraud). But these bankers are smart guys who know the truth. What's coming is very, very bad and we are entering the greatest depression of all time, as I argued in my national bestseller *The Ultimate Obama Survival Guide*. What and who *caused this economic Armageddon*? Government spending, entitlements and debt led by corrupt, ignorant and reckless politicians caused it. If I were the lead detective on this case, I'd be investigating who had the most to gain from a cover-up. My investigation would start and end with government collusion, corruption, bailouts and bribery."

"On January 30, former Harvard economics professor, Terry Burnham announced on **PBS** that he had withdrawn all but \$10,000 of the \$1 million he had in a checking account at Bank of America because he feared bank runs because of the Fed policies of Ben Bernanke and Janet Yellen. Burnham writes:

Why do I risk starting a run on Bank of America by withdrawing my money and presuming that many fellow depositors will read this and rush to withdraw too? Because they pay me zero interest. Thus, even an infinitesimal chance Bank of America will not repay me in full, whenever I ask, switches the cost-benefit conclusion from stay to flee. He rightfully points out that when the Fed intervenes in markets, it has two effects. First it decreases wealth by distorting markets and causing bad investment decisions. Second, the members of the Fed become reverse Robin Hood and they take from the poor (and unsophisticated) investors and give to the rich (and politically connected). That this idea which hints of a coming bank run is making mainstream news should be a clarion call warning signal to anyone with money in the bank.

"Banks are instituting greater exchange controls. In recent days, bank runs have occurred in Thailand, Kazakhstan and Argentina. China is quietly selling off its U.S. Treasuries. The level of bad loans in Spain has risen to an all-time high. Last week, the EU announced via Reuters that it was looking at confiscating the savings of 500 million citizens to fund long-term investments and boost the economy. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) has only \$40.8 billion on account while insuring trillions of dollars. You may not know this, but banks don't hold all the money they supposedly have as assets. Study fractional reserve banking. Banks lend out \$10 for \$1 in assets they hold and most of what they do hold is electronic blips, not even strips of worthless fiat. So when depositors line up to demand their money, only the first few get any before the banks run out of cash."

Root continues. "Governments all over the world have taxed, spent and printed us into oblivion. America's debt crisis will make Greece look like a walk in the park. This is too big to paper over. When America collapses, the entire rest of the world crumbles with us. Even creative and corrupt government

bureaucrats making up fraudulent economic statistics can't cover this one up." Nations will have to constitute a new trading order out of the ashes—a new world economic system paving the way for the New World Order. No longer will the world be dependent on American currency, but on a collection of currency and a collection of nations ruling in concert giving their power and authority over to the beast/antichrist.

Many politicians, pastors and others are calling upon Congress to impeach President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder. Washington (CBS DC) –February 25, 2014 A coalition of African-American civil rights leaders and pastors announced a campaign (the online petition reads) to gather 1 million signatures to impeach Attorney General Eric Holder for attempting to undermine states' authority to "coerce states to fall in line with same-sex marriage." Speaking at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, the Coalition of African-American Pastors (CAAP) is calling for Holder's impeachment for "attempting to impose 'same-sex marriage' throughout the nation despite federal law, rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, and state constitutional amendments to the contrary". The CAAP's petition calling for Holder's impeachment says that Holder's position on the matter is in opposition to the values of the black community, and similarly faults President Barack Obama for his support of same-sex marriage.

Townhall.com–Cortney O'Brien | Nov 16, 2013 –Led by Texas Congressman Pete Olson (R-Tx)— A total of 20 House Republicans signed on to a proposal Thursday setting forth articles of impeachment against Attorney General Eric Holder for high crimes and misdemeanors. Olson's office sent out a press release yesterday listing Holder's offenses, which include lying to Congress, refusing to comply with a subpoena, and failing to fulfill his oath of office. The specific charges against him include: The lawmakers charged Holder with perjury, failure to comply with subpoenas and failure to discharge the duties of attorney general. For nearly five years, Attorney General Holder has systematically deceived Congress and destroyed the credibility of the Justice Department in the eyes of the American people," Olson said. Olson's office said the charges "clearly fall under 'high crimes and misdemeanors' offenses of the Constitution."

Food production is not a national only issue. Every single country is being hit with flood, heat-waves and drought. Crushing news has now been delivered to drought-hit California farmers that no irrigation water will be issued this year from the Federal Government department of the Interior/Bureau of Reclamation. The California Department of Water Resources reports that snowpack and precipitation in the Sierra Nevada Mountains are historically low and the snow-water content statewide stands at 29 percent of average for this time of year. The February Runoff Forecast by the California Department of Water Resources indicates a critical water year for both the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. Over half a million acres won't even be planted.

Do you know what is really puzzling? People are in such denial. What would you rather have: food on the table or 225,000 acres of lush golf links? Golf courses will be allowed to waste water in the most extravagant method possible. The amount of water required to keep them verdant is staggering. Residential customers are already being warned to conserve and some cities have passed mandatory water restrictions. The *San Francisco Chronicle* reports that 17 communities are at risk of running dry. Three weeks ago news agencies reported that beef herds in America are the smallest since 1951. When drought conditions hammer down like those in Texas a couple of years ago, it takes at least three years to rebuild herds. This means a continuing rise in beef prices as well as poultry.

Israel Today (2/25/14)—"*Temple Mount Violence as Rabbis Demand Control of Holy Site*" "A mob of Muslim youth congregated atop Jerusalem's Temple Mount exploded in violence on Tuesday, just days after leading rabbis demanded that Israel officially extend its sovereignty

over the ancient Jewish holy site. As Israeli police officers opened the Mughrabi Gate, the only Temple Mount entrance available to Jews and Christians, a mob of Muslim youth pelted the Israelis with stones and firecrackers. Two Israeli police officers were wounded and three rioters were arrested in the ensuing melee. Police officials believed the incident was linked to a Knesset debate regarding Israeli control of the Temple Mount that was scheduled for later in the day. The Knesset debate was scheduled in response to an official complaint filed by MK Moshe Feiglin (Likud) over “the loss of Israeli sovereignty on the Temple Mount.”

“After Israel reunified Jerusalem in the 1967 Six Day War, it immediately turned around and handed control of the Temple Mount back to the Jordanians who had previously occupied the city. Since then, the holy site has been administered by Jordan and the Palestinian Islamic Trust. Moshe Feiglin (Likud) and other Israeli lawmakers have increasingly lamented the “the loss of Israeli sovereignty on the Temple Mount” and lack of religious freedom for Jews and Christians at the Temple Mount. Non-Muslims are forbidden to pray or carry Bibles when visiting the compound for fear of provoking Muslim unrest. Feiglin wants to see the government finally do away with that arrangement and place the Temple Mount under Israeli supervision. His position is backed by a petition signed last week by leading rabbis who insist the Temple Mount, Judaism’s holiest site, should be fully under Israeli sovereignty.”

But Waqf head Sheikh Ikrima Sabri warned that any move by Israel to “harm the sanctity” of the mosques situated atop the Temple Mount would lead to more violence. “We will not give up even one grain of earth (on the Temple Mount), since the Jews have no connection to it whatsoever,” Sabri claimed in remarks to Gaza-based media. He insisted that control of the Temple Mount was a “red line” not only for Palestinian Muslims, but for Arabs across the Middle East.

Brethren, I have to ask what has taken them so long? It has been 47 years from 1967 to the present day since Israel gave the Temple Mount control to the Muslims even though they won the Six Day War so miraculously. That land belongs to God who gave it to Israel. They will have to answer to God. The question is who do the Jews fear the most, God or men—Muslims, Arabs and Palestinians. If the Jews obey God, he promises to protect them.

The prophet Haggai was one of the early post-captivity prophets. His ministry was to rebuke the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem for their delay in rebuilding the temple of God and to encourage them to set to work. In the second year of Darius the Great king of Persia the word of the Lord came from Haggai to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah and Joshua the high priest for the remnant of the people to “**consider your ways!**” **Haggai 1:5-11 “You have sown much, but you have reaped little.**

**you eat, but you do not have enough;
you drink but you do not have your fill
you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;
and he who earns wages has earned them,
to put them in a bag with holes in it.”**

“Go up to the hill country and bring lumber and rebuild [My] house,” and I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified, says the Lord [by accepting it as done for My glory and by displaying My glory in it]. **You looked for much [harvest], and behold, it came to little;and even when you brought that home, I blew it away.** Why, says the Lord of hosts? Because of My house, which lies waste while you yourselves run each man to his own house [eager to build and adorn it].¹⁰ Therefore the heavens above you [for your sake] withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its produce.¹¹ And I have called for a drought upon the land and the hill country, upon the grain, the fresh wine, the oil, upon what the ground brings forth, upon men and cattle, and upon all the [wearisome] toil of [men’s] hands.

¹²“Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people [who had returned from captivity], listened to *and* obeyed the voice of the Lord their God [not vaguely or partly, but completely, according to] the words of Haggai the prophet, since the Lord their God had sent him, and the people [reverently] feared *and* [worshipfully] turned to the Lord. They obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet whom their God had sent. And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, Joshua the high priest and all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work (restored the temple of God).”

Today, the temple of God lies in ruins in Israel. We need to get busy and rebuild the temple of God. How will it be done? It will be done by faith, prayer, and boldness in the face of our enemies. The Jews need a spirit of boldness and courage. **Haggai 2:5**—“Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘According to the promise that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so **My Spirit stands *and* abides in the midst of you; fear not**’.” ⁶ For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake *and* make tremble the [starry] heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land; ⁷ And **I will shake all nations** and the ^[a]desire *and* the precious things of all nations shall come in, and **I will fill this house with splendor**, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸ **The silver is mine and the gold is mine**, says the Lord of hosts. ⁹ **The latter glory of this house** [with its successor, to which Jesus came] **shall be greater than the former**, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place will I give peace *and* prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.”

“I will *shake all nations*” is referring to a great earthquake unlike any the world has ever seen before at the return of Christ. *The desire of all nations* refers to Christ in whom all true riches (treasures or desirable things) culminate. Why will the glory of the latter temple be greater than the former? Because this is the temple that Messiah will come to in glory. **Haggai 2:21-23**—“Speak to Zerubbabel [the representative of the Davidic monarchy and covenant and in direct line of the ancestry of Jesus Christ] governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; And I will [in the distant future] overthrow the throne of kingdoms and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the [ungodly] nations, and I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them, and the horses and their riders shall go down, everyone by the sword of his brother. In that day, says the Lord of hosts, will I take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the Lord, and will make you [through the Messiah, your descendant] *my* signet ring; for I have chosen you [as the one with whom to renew My covenant to David’s line], says the Lord of hosts.”

Malachi 3:1-7—“Behold, I send My ^[a]messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord [the Messiah], Whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; the ^[b]Messenger or Angel of the covenant, Whom you desire, behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the priests, the sons of Levi, and refine them like gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord offerings in righteousness. ⁴ Then will the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in ancient years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against the false swearers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and who turn aside the temporary resident from his right and fear not Me, says the Lord of hosts. ⁶ For I am the Lord, I do not change; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷ Even from the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My ordinances and have not kept them. **Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.**”

Malachi 3:16 -17—“Then those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who revered *and* worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name.¹⁷ And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize *and* openly declare them to be My jewels (My special possession, My peculiar treasure). And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him.”

Christ said, *repent* and *believe* the gospel of the good news of the coming kingdom of God. Brethren be praying fervently and zealously preparing for Messiah. **Proverbs 12:23**—“A prudent man conceals (keeps) knowledge, but the simpleton passes on and is punished.” Behold Messiah is coming! Hallelujah! Blessed be the name and the word of the Lord!