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EDITORIAL

"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed: to you it shall be for meat." -

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Four Sins That Defile A Nation

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."
Proverbs 14:34

There is an interesting parallel between the time Israel spent in Egypt, waiting for God to deliver them out of the hand of Pharaoh - and perhaps the coming judgment of the United States. God could not deliver his people from Egypt until the iniquity of the land was full. We are told in Genesis 15:16, *"But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full."* This is one of the reasons Israel was held in bondage in Egypt for 430 years. Scripture tells us God is longsuffering and had to wait until the iniquity of the Amorites was full, then the land itself would vomit out


her inhabitants.

"And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants." — Leviticus 18:25

The United States was founded in 1776. July 2020 makes the 254th anniversary of our nation's freedom from England. But our history actually began about 150 years before that which would bring us to over 400 years.

On May 6, 1626, Dutch colonial officer Peter Minuit (1580-1638) purchased Manhattan Island from the Manhattos tribe, for trinkets valued at \$24. This may be one more of the many indicators that the "iniquity of America is full."

Has the time of judgment come to America? Has the same message from God



come for America that came to King Belshazzar of Babylon? We read on the pending judgment upon King Belshazzar and mighty Babylon in Daniel 5:1-5:

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In Jesus name I pray, Amen."

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"For the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ" — Revelation 1:9



Dr. John Barela

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-3

July 2020

Beloved Fellow Heir in Jesus Christ,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and continued support this work of faith at *Today the Bible and You*, especially during these faith-testing times! If there was ever a time "Occupy 'til I Come", it's now. As we consider the nearness of the hour we are living in, let us make the short time we have left count for all of eternity!

I bet you have noticed that things are a little different in FrontPage this month. We are in the process of enhancing much of the outreach of *Today the Bible and You*. We began by increasing the size of our newspaper from 16 pages to 20 pages and putting some of those pages in color. There is so much information available, we have not had enough space. Even with this, we want to share so much more.

We are also in the process of revamping our website, **JohnBarela.com**, so that we can reach a wider audience and do so much more by providing beautiful pictures, videos, and stories that are impossible with the newspaper. It will allow us to have a much greater outreach at a minimal cost.

And there is no better time to expand our outreach than now....

With the earth-shaking effects of the Covid-19 and the unrest we're currently witnessing in America which is nothing short of lawlessness, it's quite obvious that the goal of the powers of darkness is to emasculate the rule of law in America through any and all means. It is only then that true lawlessness will follow. God tells us this would be the scene on the earth at this time.

Matthew 24:12, "And because [iniquity] lawlessness shall abound, the love of many will wax [grow] cold."

We have raised an entire generation of Americans who have no respect for the law, and now we are reaping what we have sown. I cannot even begin to tell you how alarmed I am by some of the videos I have seen lately. All over the nation, people are brazenly flouting the law, obstructing and assaulting law enforcement officers and committing criminal acts in large groups. I think "lawlessness" is perhaps the best word to describe what is happening, and many believe that what we have witnessed so far is just the beginning.

Our Lord Jesus warned us of these exact days that we're currently living in and wants to comfort us as we see these things appear before us:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, "Now, in regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to meet Him [in the rapture], we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly unsettled or alarmed either by a spirit or a message or a letter from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive or entrap you, for that day will not come unless the **apostasy** comes first [the great rebellion, the abandonment of the faith by professed Christians], and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction [the Antichrist, the one who is destined to be destroyed]." [AMP]

God tells us that what we are seeing today is what he told us would come just before the Rapture -- just before the Antichrist appears and his world dominion is established. We are to be comforted with these words and know that our great God has it all under control.

God tells us what will characterize this lawlessness in 2 Thessalonians 1:4-5: "Who opposes and exalts himself [so proudly and so insolently] above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he [actually enters and] takes his seat in the temple of God, publicly proclaiming that he himself is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I was telling you these things?"

This is exactly what we are seeing today. Statues, even of Christopher Columbus and movies like *Gone*

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Pastor’s Letter

With the Wind -- even certain children's cartoons are looked at with disdain and their removal is demanded from society. At the same time we are witnessing these things, God comforts us with these words, “*Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I was telling you these things*” God's eternal Word is true and cannot be abrogated.

God impresses upon each believer the magnificent role they have in these trying times we are living in. The only reason we have the degree of peace and tranquility is because of **YOU** – THE BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER IN CHRIST JESUS. Note the importance and impact of these words in 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7:

“And you know what restrains him now [from being revealed]; it is so that he will be revealed at his own [appointed] time.” For now, Satan and the Antichrist / the man of sin are being restrained from appearing upon the world scene until God's appointed time. For the mystery of lawlessness [rebellion against divine authority and the coming reign of lawlessness] is already at work; [but it is restrained] only until he who now restrains it is taken out of the way.”

It is the Holy Spirit who is restraining the world from unrestrained anarchy and lawlessness – and the Holy Spirit is accomplishing this by His indwelling presence in **each and every born-again believer – YOU and me**, John Barela. As soon as the Rapture occurs, when all of the born-again believers are taken out of the earth – *THEN...* the Antichrist will appear on the scene and take control.

2 Thessalonians 2:8, “*Then the lawless one [the Antichrist] will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by the appearance of His coming.*”

God will reveal to the world who the real culprit is behind the lawlessness. He gives us two certain facts about the man of sin (a.k.a. the Lawless One). First, the lawless one will certainly be revealed when the Holy Spirit removes His believers from the earth at the Rapture.

Second, the lawless one will be destroyed by the mere breath of our Lord Jesus at His coming. It is predicted in Isaiah 11:4, “*He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.*” Whoever the man of sin is, he has not fulfilled his destiny yet. We know this because, at the end of his career, the man of sin is destroyed by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

2 Thessalonians 2:9, “*The coming of the [Antichrist, the lawless] one is through the power of Satan, [attended] with great power [all kinds of counterfeit miracles] and [deceptive] signs and false wonders [all of them lies]*”

Antichrist will be embodied by Satan himself, will cause him to be extremely eloquent and will perform many spectacular miracles through him. Remember, that even the magicians in Pharaoh's court possessed many demonic powers. We are told in Exodus 7:10-12, “*And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.*”

Antichrist will be able to perform many special signs and lying wonders during his reign.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-11, “*and by unlimited seduction to evil and with all the deception of wickedness for those who are perishing, because they did not welcome the love of the truth [of the gospel] so as to be saved [they were spiritually blind, and rejected the truth that would have saved them]. Because of this God will send upon them a misleading influence,*

[an activity of error and deception] so they will believe the lie,”

One of the worst sins anyone can commit is to reject or suppress the truth of the Word of God. When I watch the daily newscasts I am astounded at how so many intelligent people, non-believers, religious people, pastors, and denominations can believe so many obvious lies. They see people in government leadership completely departing from the historic principles of America and follow after a godless Marxist philosophy.

It is because God has given them what they wanted. God gives them over to a reprobate [vacant] mind. Their mind is like a haunted house. We are told the same thing in Romans 1:21-25,

“Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: [WHAT A TERRIBLE THOUGHT, TO BE GIVEN UP BY GOD] Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

Friend, God provides us with these comforting words in these last verses of 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17,

“But we should and are [morally] obligated [as debtors] always to give thanks to God for you, believers beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through the sanctifying work of the Spirit [that sets you apart for God’s purpose] and by your faith in the truth [of God’s word that leads you to spiritual maturity]. It was to this end that He called you through our gospel [the good news of Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection], so that you may obtain and share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold [tightly] to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting comfort and encouragement and the good [well-founded] hope [of salvation] by His grace, comfort and encourage and strengthen your hearts [keeping them steadfast and on course] in every good work and word.”


Despite all that is unraveling, God's light shines brighter when the world becomes darker. We can make a difference today by helping works of faith around the world. In the past, God has used us together in helping many young underprivileged students attend university. Some have become MDs, nurses, administrators, and more. There is another young lady who requires a computer for her university studies as she pursues her study in Pharmacology. Please pray about helping us provide a computer for her. If you would like to help, write “*Pharmacy Student computer*” on the order form on page 19 with your gift of any amount..

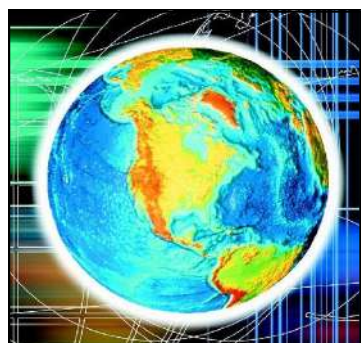
As we are faced with events that would stress out most people, our Lord Jesus presents us with these comforting words in the face of adversity.

Luke 21:28: “*And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*”

Friend, I cannot thank you enough for partnering with *Today, the Bible & You*. My prayer is that you will experience His presence with you in whatever you face today. It is with God’s direction and for His pleasure that we at *Today, the Bible & You* are leading people worldwide into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. I am so excited about all the events and new avenues of ministry that the Lord has laid before us and I am grateful for your partnership. I pray you are blessed by our efforts.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,


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WORLD WATCH NEWS SCAN

PCUSA lost 50K members, 120 congregations in 2019; celebrates apparent slowing of decline

■(ChristianPost, 06/01/2020) - The Presbyterian Church (USA) recently reported that it lost around 50,000 members and over 100 congregations in 2019, which was hailed as a slowing of their years-long decline.

The largest Presbyterian denomination in the United States released a report regarding the current membership and church numbers. From 2018 to 2019, PC(USA) went from approximately 1,352,000 active members to approximately 1,302,000 members, or a drop of around 50,000.

China Bulldozes, Shuts Down Churches Amid Pandemic: 'The Government Has Gone Insane'

■(ChristianHeadlines.com | 5/27/2020) - The coronavirus that devastated China's population hasn't stopped the communist government from shutting down and even razing churches across the country.

The persecution has impacted state-run churches and underground house churches alike, according to the watchdog *Bitter Winter*, which monitors religious freedom in China.

"The Communist Party's persecution of house churches is increasingly severe," a member of a house church in the province of Jiangxi told *Bitter Winter*. "This is mainly because more and more people believe in Christianity."

On April 27, more than 30 officials razed the Jiangxi house church, telling members it had to be destroyed because it was privately owned and unapproved by the government, *Bitter Winter* reported. Still, the 20 or so church members continue to worship in secret.

"We will be fined 50,000 RMB (\$7,000 USD) if the government discovers us worshipping together again," the member told *Bitter Winter*.

Fauci: Not safe to distribute Communion, but sex with strangers 'your choice'



'I think for the time being, you just gotta forestall that,' the key member of the White House coronavirus task force said of receiving the Eucharist.

(LifeSiteNews, 05/28/2020)

■WASHINGTON, D.C., — Dr. Anthony Fauci, one of President Donald Trump's top coronavirus advisors, has called on the Church not to distribute Holy Communion during the coronavirus pandemic, but last month said sex with strangers is fine "if you're willing to take a risk." Asked if the Eucharist can be distributed in a safe way, Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, responded with an emphatic "no."

Conservative leader says UMC is 'irretrievably broken' over homosexuality debate

(ChristianPost | June 27, 2020) United Methodist News Service/Paul Jeffrey

A conservative United Methodist Church leader has stated his support for a proposal that allows UMC churches to leave the denomination over LGBT issues.

The Rev. Joseph F. DiPaolo, member of the Wesleyan Covenant Association Council, said that while he used to support staying with the UMC to "contend for the faith once delivered to the saints," he stated that "I no longer believe that is possible."

Recently, UMC leaders representing diverse views on the LGBT debate announced their support for a proposal called the "Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation." If approved, the protocol would allow conservative Methodists to vote to leave the UMC and create their own Church, tentatively labeled "traditionalist Methodist."

Bible Translators report 21 Countries Risk Starvation Due to COVID-19 Food Shortages

■WorthyNews.com | June 3, 2020 | Wycliffe Associates, an international organization that empowers mother-tongue Bible translators and partners with local churches in the advancement of Bible translation, reports that Bible translators and their families in remote and poverty-stricken areas are facing starvation due to food shortages resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.



President and CEO Bruce Smith says, "My heart broke to read the report from a translator in Africa: 'The situation is so bad that it leaves no room for exaggeration.'"

Bible translators representing more than 50 languages from Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, India, Indonesia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe—plus other countries that we can't name for security reasons—are pleading for food.

Government-ordered lockdowns have prohibited them from farming their land, and in other places, lockdowns are creating severe food shortages. Where food is available,

severely inflated prices have made it impossible for the translators to buy it.

And the unemployment rate in some areas is more than 50 percent.

"Some families are so desperately hungry, they have no choice but to eat their own planting seeds," says Smith. "They're risking their tomorrow just to stay alive today."

Casinos Are Open, But Churches Are Closed?

■June 9, 2020 | Worthy News

Last week, hundreds of people poured through the doors of Nevada casinos, which reopened after being closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, it is illegal for churches in Nevada to meet with more than 50 people.



This unequal treatment of churches is why Alliance Defending Freedom sued Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak on behalf of Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley.

The First Amendment requires religious organizations to be treated no less favorably than secular organizations. In fact, in a previous ADF case, the Supreme Court said that violating this principle and discriminating against religious organizations is "odious to our Constitution."

Yet unequal treatment is exactly what we're seeing in Nevada. Casinos are open for business. Slot machine handles are being pulled. Poker chips are being passed. Barstools are filled. Advertisements exclaim that "Vegas is back."

But churches face criminal and civil penalties if they dare open the doors to 50 or more fellow believers. Somehow, Nevada has decided this is the best way to reopen the state. And it doesn't think that plan poses a First Amendment issue.

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G7 countries – UK, US, Italy, Germany, France, Japan and Canada – plus Australia, South Korea and India aims to create alternative suppliers of 5G equipment and other technologies to avoid relying on China.

These 10 members represent more than 50% of the world's Gross Domestic Product and would certainly have the economic power to make changes on a global scale. While it is unlikely at this point in time, should these 10 countries create a more permanent and long lasting alliance beyond responding to the 5G issue, it would represent one of the most powerful economic alliances in the history of our world.

Why should any of this matter to the Christian? Beyond the current geo-political and technological implications, there is a pattern developing here that is worth noting in terms of a Biblical context that gives us a foreshadowing of things yet to come.

The book of Revelation and the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament detail a final alliance of nations that will consist of 10 kings or 10 nations, some of which many prophecy experts believe will include portions of what used to be the Roman Empire. It is out of this 10 kingdom alliance that the Antichrist comes to power and begins his reign which is detailed in the book of Revelation.

With all the news about China today, it is interesting that Revelation describes how the Kings of the East (China?) will trouble this global leader so that he eventually marches upon the Middle East for a final conflict where they will meet, resulting in what is often referred to as Armageddon and climaxes with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

While this current conflict over 5G technology may seem like a far cry from the descriptions in Revelation, it still serves as a reminder how quickly our world can change and how our history can often build upon previous actions, similar to how WW2 was built on the foundations of WW1. Precedent setting events such as this new D10 alliance can create patterns for the future and we should be paying attention.

QUESTION: Does the Bible say anything about COVID-19? Is this a sign we are in the end-times?

ANSWER: Various outbreaks of pandemic diseases, such as the coronavirus, have prompted many to ask why God allows—or even causes—pandemic diseases and whether such illnesses are a sign of the end times. The Bible, particularly the Old Testament, describes numerous occasions when God brought plagues and diseases on His people and on His enemies “to make you see my power” (Exodus 9:14, 16). He used plagues on Egypt to force Pharaoh to free the Israelites from bondage, while sparing His people from being affected by them (Exodus 12:13; 15:26), thus indicating His sovereign control over diseases and other afflictions.

God also warned His people of the consequences

of disobedience, including plagues (Leviticus 26:21,25). On two occasions, God destroyed 14,700 people and 24,000 people for various acts of disobedience (Numbers 16:49 and 25:9). After giving the Mosaic Law, God commanded the people to obey it or suffer many evils, including some kind of disease: “*The Lord will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation which will plague you until you perish*” (Deuteronomy 28:22). These are just a few examples of plagues and diseases God caused.

It's sometimes hard to imagine our loving and merciful God displaying such wrath and anger toward His people. But God's punishments always have the goal of repentance and restoration. In 2 Chronicles 7:13–14, God said to Solomon, “*When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*” Here we see God using disaster to draw His people to Himself, to bring about repentance and the desire to come to Him as children to their heavenly Father.

There is no way to determine whether or not a pandemic has a specific spiritual cause, but we do know that God has sovereign control over all things (Romans 11:36) and will work all things together for the good of those who know and love Him (Romans 8:28).

The spread of sickness such as the coronavirus is a foretaste of pandemics that will be part of the end times. Jesus referred to future plagues associated with the last days (Luke 21:11). The two witnesses of Revelation 11 will have power “*to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want*” (Revelation 11:6).

The appearance of pandemic diseases may or may not be tied to God's specific judgment of sin. It could also simply be the result of living in a fallen world. Since no one knows the time of Jesus' return, we must be careful about saying global pandemics are proof that we are living in the end times. For those who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior, disease should be a reminder that life on this earth is tenuous and can be lost at any moment. As bad as pandemics are, hell will be worse. The Christian, however, has the assurance of salvation and the hope of eternity because of the blood of Christ shed on the cross for us (Isaiah 53:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28).

How should Christians respond to pandemic diseases?

First, do not panic. God is in control. The Bible says the equivalent of “*do not fear*” over 350 times. Second, be wise. Take reasonable steps to avoid exposure to the disease and to protect and provide for your family. Third, look for opportunities for ministry. Often when people are fearful for their lives, they are more willing to have conversations about eternity. Be bold and compassionate in your sharing of the Gospel, always speaking the truth in love. ■

QUESTION: Is the European Union still considered the group that the Bible tells us the Ten Toes of Daniel and Revelation speak of?

ANSWER: One of the prophetic indicators identifying the power base of the Antichrist is a global club of 10 nations. Many believe this will be a precursor to the beast of Revelation. With the success of Brexit, the United Kingdom has proposed a plan to create a new club of democratic nations to address the reliance of the world on Chinese technology partners for 5G. The COVID-19 crisis has revealed the dangers of relying on outside sources for infrastructure needs but more importantly to many nations is the security risk associated with giving Chinese tech companies so much control over what many believe will be a new technology boom reaching every aspect of our lives.



5G technology will do much more than just give us faster download speeds and low latency. Through its increased capacity and connectivity for billions of devices, especially in the areas of virtual reality, the Internet of Things, and artificial intelligence, it has the potential to create a network that can connect virtually everyone and everything together including machines, objects, and devices.

Such fears have led the US in recent months to take action against Huawei, China's first global tech brand and a maker of network equipment and smartphones. It is now prevented from doing business in the US, as it believes the company is being used by the Chinese leadership to serve their interest instead of the countries it is building it for.

Daniel 7:24, “*And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.*”

Revelation 17:12-13, “*And the ten horns which thou saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*”

The UK has also launched an inquiry into Huawei's involvement in the country's mobile network upgrade in the wake of US sanctions against the company and has now proposed a far more reaching solution – the 'D10' club. The 'D10' club of democratic partners, which would include

If we are at the end of the birth pangs, the Baby (the Rapture) will arrive at ANY moment

One minute after the pretribulation Rapture of the church, the Bible becomes a closed book for those left behind

-by Geoffrey Grider -

One minute after the Pretribulation Rapture takes place, a worldwide famine will instantly transpire. It won't be a famine of food, it will be a famine of not being able to have the Word of God.

The Bible doctrine of the Pretribulation Rapture is so entrenched in Scripture that it's not only in the New Testament, it's also in the Old Testament as well. Enoch, living before both the Flood of Noah and before the Law of Moses is a type of a Christian who never sees death and is translated directly to Heaven in his own private rapture. In Song of Solomon 2:8-10 (KJV), we read the glorious story of the Bride, a type of the Church, being called "up and away" by her Beloved, who is "looking down" through the lattice work from up above.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst." Amos 8:11-13 (KJV)

But one minute after this amazing event takes place, a worldwide famine will instantly transpire. It won't be a famine of food, it will be a famine of not being able to have the word of God. Those are the verses we quoted in the paragraph above. Go back and read them again, and let it sink in.

Amos is one of my favorite OT prophets, God gives him an amazing set of revelations and visions. Historically, Amos was a peer with Hosea, and he came after Joel. He prophesied judgment on Israel at the hands of the Assyrian army, which absolutely came to pass. But if all Amos has to say was simply an accounting of God judging Israel, it would have limited application for us today. But the prophecy of Amos, like most prophecy, has a double application. It applied to the Israel then, and it will apply to Israel in the time of Jacob's trouble, after the Rapture of the Church.

Back in March, we did an article entitled "The Book of Amos Reveals Amazing Insight Into The Time Of Jacob's Trouble And The Battle Of Ar-

mageddon", and it would behoove you to take a moment and read it now if you have not already done so. (You can find it here: <https://www.nowtheendbegins.com/book-of-amos-reveals-time-jacobs-trouble-battle-armageddon/>)

Today, I want to bring to your attention another aspect of what life in the time of Jacob's trouble will be like.

And it's not a pretty picture.

One minute after the Rapture of the Church takes place, the entire Body of Christ is removed from off the Earth and taken to meet Jesus in the clouds, as we see here:

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 (KJV)

Comforting words indeed, for us, but what about for those left behind?

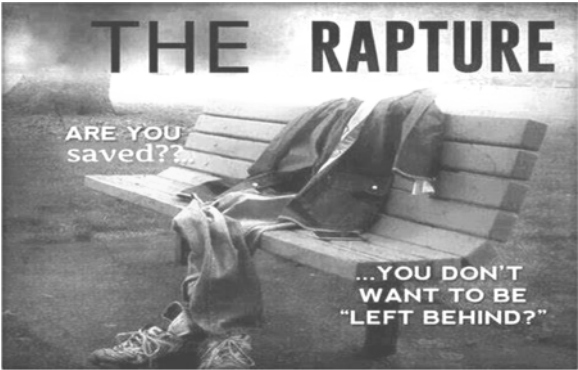
After the Church is removed, the Bible becomes a closed Book. I say this because even though the world will still be filled with Bibles, physically, there will not remain even one person anywhere on the globe who can understand it. No one. The unsaved or "natural man" is not capable of understanding God's Word because they don't have the Holy Spirit in them.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)

If you're left behind after the pretribulation Rapture of the Church, you may never get another chance to get saved

The God-approved method of unsaved sinners getting saved and learning the Bible has always been through the ministry of already saved Christians who know the Bible. We see this illustrated beautifully in Acts 8 with the salvation of the Ethiopian eunuch.

"And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he de-



sired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:...Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." Acts 8:30-32,35 (KJV)

The eunuch has Phillip sent to him by God for Bible study, but one minute after the Pretribulation Rapture of the Church, all the 'Phillips' will be gone. Movies like *Left Behind* and others like to show people who, after realizing their loved ones were taken in the Rapture, picking up their Bibles to read them and get saved. But how can they do that if there are no more saved Christians in the world to teach them the Bible? Not only that, Paul says that people who reject the gospel of the grace of God in the days before the Rapture of the Church get tagged with the "strong delusion" so they believe the lie of Antichrist instead of the truth. Don't believe me? Read it:

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 (KJV)

See that? The people left behind are boxed in on all sides. They can't understand the Bible, there are no Christians to witness to them, and God sends them a strong delusion to guarantee they will fall for a lie.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst." Amos 8:11-13 (KJV)

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"Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote."

The King wanted to know what the interpretation was that was written on the wall and called for Daniel the Prophet.

Daniel 5:13-14, "Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry? I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee."

Belshazzar, the son of Nebuchadnezzar, knew about the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Daniel, and he deliberately profaned the things of God. Because of this, Daniel delivers God's message for Belshazzar.

Daniel 5:23-30, "And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. And this is the writing that was written, Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin. This is the interpretation of the thing: Mene; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. Tekel; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. Peres; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. [Peres is the singular form of upharsin.] Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain."

It is clear to see that America, as a nation, has lifted up itself against the God of Heaven. God

wants the world to know that he will judge nations and lands. God reveals to us the four egregious sins that will bring the wrath of God upon that nation - that land, that will dare to lift up itself against the God of Heaven. When those sins become so bad - so over the top, as it is written in the text above, the land itself will vomit out her inhabitants.

National Sin #1: the Sin of Religious Apostasy.

This indicates a turning away - a casting aside of the righteousness of God as revealed through the Scriptures. God will judge nations according to God's General Revelation where we see this in His judgment of the pagan city of Nineveh in what is located in northern Iraq. God judged the pagan King Belshazzar in Babylon, Pharaoh, and many more. When pagan nations continue to subvert even the General Revelation God provides them, God turns them over to the lust of their sinfulness until they destroy their own selves.

If this is true of those who sin against God in their General Revelation, how much more will God detest those to whom he has given the Special Revelation of the Scriptures that we have today?

God is the sovereign director of where He chooses His Word to go among the nations, it is clear that God has decreed His choosing of this nation - the tremendous measure of Gospel privilege that the world has ever known. The United States has been the fountainhead of Gospel outreach throughout the world for more than two hundred years, as no other nation has in all of the history of the world.

Since the Puritans first touched the shores of America, the heart of these founding fathers from different Protestant denominations, was to live in the fear of Almighty God. They intended to establish a Biblical perspective upon every facet of family, community, and national life. They intended that all would live under the God who has spoken in Holy Scripture.

Our nation was founded and framed by men of God who were deeply rooted in Biblical theology. Even those who were not were convinced that a nation could not be established without the providential guidance of Almighty God.

Do you know why Yale and Dartmouth Universities were formed? Dartmouth was formed to train men to be missionaries to the American Indians and Yale was to train preachers to preach to the colonies. Princeton was formed to train preachers in the deep doctrines of the power of God. Chaplains were appointed to many facets of our government and military.

America's great evangelist of the day was John Whitfield. While explicitly affirming God's sole agency in salvation, Whitefield freely offered the Gospel, saying at the end of his sermons: "Come poor, lost, undone sinner, come just as you are

to Christ." God raised up great preachers and denominations so that wherever you lived, there was a great witness to the God of Heaven and the Lord Jesus Christ. That was our exaltation, "Righteousness exalts a nation."

But now, our sin is a reproach to us. Not only our sin of moral degeneracy but our sin of religious apostasy. The great sin of our nation is the sin of a horrible religious apostasy. We have drifted and turned away from this tremendous heritage of God's special revelation only to exchange the truth of God for the lie — exactly as Adam and Eve did.

How can we know what that awful apostasy is, that will cause even the land to vomit its inhabitants out? God provides us with clear instructions for the NATIONS in Jeremiah chapter two.

Jeremiah 2:11, "Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit."

America has exchanged their God for the lie. It is interesting that Buddhists still worship their Buddha. Hindus still worship their myriad of Gods. All of the religions of the world worship whatever they have worshiped, but America has changed the glory of their world-renown heritage, to those which are not gods. In the more than sixty countries I've traveled, people have always referred to America as a Christian nation. But as American Christians, we know that it is no longer a Christian nation.

Last year, a study revealed that more than 631 million Christians were living in Africa. North America is fifth with 277 million Christians who make up 76 percent of the continent's population.

There are probably more Christians in China and Africa than there are in America. Despite restrictive authorities, the Chinese Church continues to grow. Estimates by *The Economist* and *Operation World* place the population of Christians in Asia at over 388 million.

Jeremiah 2:12-13, "Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

Many cisterns have been carved out in America that can hold no water. One of the Four Sins that defile a nation, is one that has flooded the minds of our country is **Humanism**. The Oxford Dictionary defines *Humanism*: *an outlook or system of thought attaching prime importance to human rather than divine or supernatural matters*. Humanist beliefs stress the potential value and goodness of human beings, emphasize common human needs, and seek solely rational ways of solving human problems. It is 100 percent man-centered that totally excludes the

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Top Ten Signs indicating the Tribulation may be sooner than we think

There are many who have openly wondered during the past few months if the seven-year tribulation has already begun. I know that it hasn't yet started because Scripture says that we will be with the Lord BEFORE the Antichrist establishes a covenant with Israel that starts the clock ticking for this time of God's wrath (Daniel 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8).

Although the tribulation has not yet started, we see the intensifying of conditions we know will be much worse during this seven-year period. One thing for sure is that God has the attention of the world as never before. He's also assuring us that His appearing is imminent and we will soon be with Him in heaven and the place He is now preparing for us.

Here are the ten signs that tell us the tribulation is rapidly approaching.

1. FAMINE — Revelation 6:8 tells us under the fourth seal, the rider on the pale horse is "given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence..." Deadly famines will occur during the tribulation; they will be a factor in wiping out one-fourth of the world's population during the seal judgments described in Revelation 6.

According to a story published on the *National Geographic* website on May 12, 2020, swarms of gigantic locusts are swarming parts of East Africa bringing with them great famine. The *National Geographic* story also stated, "Some 13 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Djibouti, and Eritrea already suffer from 'severe food insecurity' . . . meaning they may go without eating for an entire day or have run out of food altogether."

The *National Geographic* story also noted that swarms of locusts can destroy up to "300 million pounds of crops" in a day. Can you imagine the disaster this can bring to already impoverished nations? India is also reporting the presence of large swarms of locusts.

2. INFLATION — Revelation 6:6 reveals that a time of great inflation lies ahead for the world during the tribulation. *"And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."* A loaf of bread will sell for a day's wages. Do we see the potential for this in our world? Absolutely! Venezuela stands as an example of devastating inflation caused by government debt and printing of money.

The enormous debt in the United States alone along with its printing of money during the past decade has already pushed the economy to the

edge of disaster. That, along with exceedingly high unemployment of over forty million, has moved America ever so close to a complete collapse.

3. VIOLENCE — Revelation 9:21 tells us this this about people during the tribulation, *"Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."* Just as in the days of Noah, violence will fill the earth during the tribulation.

The Antichrist will cause the killing of a large number of believers during this time. **Revelation 7:9-14** pictures a large multitude of martyrs that have come out of the "great tribulation." These are no doubt the same ones John refers to in 6:9 who were killed *"for the word of God and witness they have borne."* We already see this violence against Christians in our world and the seeds of it in the United States.

Can there be any doubt regarding the deadly intentions of the left in America who advocate abortion up to and after birth, who put patients sick with COVID-19 in nursing homes killing thousands of the elderly, and who send police to stop worship services?

4. THE INCREASE OF ANTI-SEMITISM — We also know that the second half of the tribulation will be a time of deadly violence against the Jewish people (**Matthew 24:15-20**). We see the seeds of much anti-Semitism at work in our world.

New York City, home to 1.8 million Jews, saw a record number of anti-Semitic attacks in 2019. France and Germany are rapidly becoming unsafe places for the Jewish people to live. Anti-Semitism has been increasing at alarming rates.

We also see rampant anti-Semitism at the United Nations. During the first couple months of the 2019-2020 session of the UN, it adopted 18 anti-Israel resolutions compared with just 7 concerning other nations.

5. THE NEW WORLD ORDER — Scripture tells us that a world government will dominate the entire earth during the tribulation over which the Antichrist will seize control (Daniel 7:24-26; Revelation 13:1-10). Today, we see this coming one-world government forming before our eyes. The recent news regarding Bill Gates and the 2020 Vaccine he has been promoting with the UN to vaccinate the entire world population is very clear. This vaccination, according to the report by the Microsoft will give everyone in the world the privilege to work, buy and sell.

The UN now has a web page titled "Let's Take Our Planet Back" at <https://unnwo.org/>.



An easy way to remember the link is to think "United Nations New World Order." This website represents a more blatant revelation of the UN's desire to create a New World Order although it has always been quite visible under its stated Agenda 2030 goals of establishing a Marxist world order by 2030.

The website puts a positive spin on the seventeen goals of Agenda 2030, which in reality reflect a Marxist/Fascist world government in total control of the lives of people in every nation. The goals of the New Green Deal in America mesh perfectly with those of Agenda 2030; I believe its goal is to bring the United States into the New World Order.

6. SURRENDERING OF RIGHTS — Since the onset of COVID-19, the willingness of people in the United States to surrender their rights and freedoms has astounded me. Many blindly follow unconstitutional restrictions without protest or any resistance whatsoever.

This has been a successful test run for the globalists. The elite have learned that with a world crisis and control of the media, many people will unwittingly submit to whatever the government tells them with little or no resistance as long as it's for the "common good." When the tribulation arrives on planet earth, great fear and panic will also lead to a surrendering of rights and freedoms that will enable the globalists to finalize their plans for a New World Order.

7. THE MARK OF THE BEAST — I do not believe that Bill Gates is the Antichrist nor do I think that his vaccine and its accompanying tattoo is the mark of the beast that we find described in **Revelation 13:16-18**. However, these things are also preparing the world for the control that the Antichrist will exert over the world during the tribulation.

The idea that the government can require a vaccine along with proof of it to leave one's home and participate in society would have been thought tyrannical just a decade ago. But now, after the fear generated in the media over

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God of heaven. Throughout our history, we have lived by the moral guidepost of the Ten Commandments. In the last few decades, we have seen government agencies and courts strike down the displaying of the Ten Commandments from public places - replacing them with the decadent cistern of a broken Humanism.

Our Lord Jesus tells us what He thinks about the Humanistic Potential in Matthew 15:16-19, "*And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever enters in at the mouth goes into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.*"

Humanism, absent from the life of the Spirit of God can never produce any good whatever. Our Lord Jesus makes it clear in John 6:63, "*It is the Spirit who gives/produces life; the flesh conveys no benefit* [it is of no account]. *The words* [of God] *I have spoken to you are spirit and life* [providing eternal life]."

National Sin #2: Religious Liberalism.

It is the sin that denies and perverts what God has instructed us. We find it illustrated in Genesis 3:1-5, "*Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die: For God does know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*"

Christian churches and denominations hold the name, the forms, and the rituals of Christianity. But they have rejected everything that is distinctively Christian according to the Bible. The Bible is no longer looked upon as the ONLY source of instruction of how we must live our life. No longer do most believe that Jesus is God, Immanuel/God with us, they reject the bodily resurrection and Virgin Birth of Jesus, the Creation story in Genesis and historical accounts of Adam and Eve, Sodom and Gomorrah and the story of Jonah. They completely reject that our Lord Jesus is the only way to Heaven. They reject what God tells us in Acts 4:10;12, "*Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of*

Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him does this man stand here before you whole..."¹²*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*"

Today's Christian churches and denominations are described in 2 Timothy 3:5, "*Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*"

These liberal preachers, churches, and denominations cannot understand the awful painful cry of our Lord Jesus as he hung on that cruel cross two thousand years ago, "*And about the ninth hour* (the ninth hour after dawn, which is 3:00 pm) *Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*" (Matthew 27:46)

Liberalism has no answer to that question. Liberalism will not even approach and attempt to answer that question. There was a time when the great Presbyterian, Baptist, Wesleyan, Congregational, Brethren, Plymouth Brethren, and Episcopal denominations could exchange pulpits and all would know with certainty that every pastor held to the historical teachings of the Scriptures. They all agreed they had an infallible Bible and a supernatural Savior who purchased and washed our sins away with His precious blood, a Heaven to gain and a Hell to avoid.

This was the apex of the sufferings of the Lamb of God for the sins of the world, it was fitting that He should utter this desolate cry at the ninth hour, for this was the time of the regular evening sacrifice, as well as the time of evening prayers among the people of ancient Israel.

It was at this hour that Elijah prayed to God against the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, and God answered by fire from heaven (1 Kings 18:36-39). This was also the hour of Ezra's great prayer of confession and intercession (Ezra 9:5), followed by a wonderful revival among the backslidden people of Israel. When Daniel uttered his prayer of confession and intercession "*about the time of the evening oblation*" (Daniel 9:21), God sent the angel Gabriel to answer his prayer. In the New Testament, "*Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour*" (Acts 3:1), and the result was the first apostolic miracle. The first Gentile convert to Christ was Cornelius, who was praying "*about the ninth hour of the day*" (Acts 10:3) when he, like Daniel, received a visit from an angel of God to tell him to send for Peter, who would lead him to Christ.

In all recorded instances of prayer at the ninth hour, at the daily evening sacrifice, God answered the prayer in a marvelous way. But when the Lord Jesus Christ prayed, God did not

answer, for He had forsaken His own Son.

"Why?" He cried, but He knew, and now we know that it was simply because He "*loved me, and gave himself for me*" (Galatians 2:20). The measure of His love is the cross and separation from the Father, "*that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man*" (Hebrews 2:9). This is why He died!

National Sin #3: Demonic Occultism and Astrology.

A recent Gallup Poll found that 55 percent of American teenagers believe in astrology, up from 40 percent in 1978. About 1,800 newspapers in the United States and Canada print daily horoscopes, and everyone seems to know someone who won't walk out the front door without making sure the planets are favorably aligned for breathing fresh air.

In fact, astrology, as any newspaper reader or supermarket shopper knows, is big business. The American Federation of Astrologers claims 5,000 members, according to its staff director for research, Rick Nolle. He estimates that there are as many as 10,000 professional or semi-professional astrologers in the U.S. and says that the federation has 2,500 astrology books and hundreds of computer programs in its library.

When the poll was released, a nationwide group of scientists and scholars calling themselves the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal decided that it was time for the other side to be heard. The group wrote letters to every daily newspaper in North America that publishes a horoscope column. It asked the papers to print disclaimers with their astrology reports, not unlike the warning labels on cigarette packages: "The following astrological forecasts should be read for entertainment value only. Such predictions have no reliable basis in scientific fact."

The chairman of the group, Dr. Paul Kurtz, a philosophy professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo, argues that such a warning is warranted because astrology is "pure fiction" and because people follow their "stars" far too seriously.

"America is an advanced scientific and technological society," Kurtz says, "and we want to keep the level of scientific literacy high. Astrology columns are dangerous insofar as they are not based upon scientific fact but upon pure mythology." That would be what God's prophet Jeremiah would call a "broken cistern" that can hold no water.

God's Word to the NATIONS is given to us in Deuteronomy 18:9-14, "*When thou art come into the land which the Lord your God gives thee, you shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that makes his son or his daughter to*

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Pray for UGANDA



From a missionary friend in Uganda:
May 25, 2020

Pray for Uganda. The Ugandan government has put their whole country on lockdown. Travel of any kind is severely restricted. They aren't allowed to have church. The people have enough problems without the threat of the Coronavirus on top of it.

Schools are still closed. The cost of medicine has increased due to scarcity. The same for food. Even if money is sent to help with problems, they would not be permitted to go anywhere to buy anything. It's a tricky situation.

The saving grace in all this for Africa is that this virus is vulnerable to heat and sunshine, of which Africa has plenty. And it is killed by malaria meds, which most Africans are already taking. That is probably why there have been no deaths.

Uganda began easing a strict lockdown on June 2, in part by reopening schools for learners set to do national examinations this year.

Authorities plan to distribute face masks to all citizens that are six years old and above, President Yoweri Museveni said in a televised address from the capital, Kampala. Public transporters will also be allowed to restart operations, but at half their capacity, while shops in buildings that aren't crowded will reopen, Museveni said.

Uganda's government joins others on the continent in easing restrictions that were introduced to curb the spread of the coronavirus before or immediately after confirming their first cases. The measures in some countries have brought economies to their knees and raised the risk of hunger and social distress.

Uganda has enforced restrictions for almost two and a half months to arrest the virus outbreak, prohibiting movement by vehicles except for cargo and essential services. The government closed schools and places of worship, and introduced a nighttime curfew.

As of June 10, 2020, Uganda has 657 confirmed Covid-19 cases and no deaths.

Please continue to pray for Uganda as you pray for your families and for the world.

As school opens again, there are still children who need scholarships and the school desperately needs a van.

Perhaps you would be able to help make some scholarships available.

The school year in Uganda schools is 9 months. The cost of tuition is \$200 for 3 months – or \$600 for the entire school year. For this fee, each student will receive:

1. School uniforms
2. All books and materials
3. School lunch

Other Special Needs:

- 5 Classroom Tables: Cost \$55 each = \$275
- 1 School Van for daily tasks of the school
- Student Desks: 110 Desks = \$65 each = \$7,150
- Scholarships — \$200 for 3 months per student \$600 for one school year

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL:
Your \$5 - \$10 - \$25 - \$50 - \$100 - \$500 gift is greatly appreciated. There will also be many other expenses that will come up such as school supplies, materials, etc. ■

Uganda Muslim Father Burns Daughter Over Christian Conversion

■May 28, 2020 — Worthy News —Rehema Kyomuhendo, 24, is still recovering of severe injuries in Mbale Regional Referral Hospital, Christians said. She was hospitalized with severe burns on her leg, stomach, ribs, neck, and portion of her back, according to Christians familiar with the situation.

The troubles apparently began May 4 when Kyomuhendo was at her aunt's house in Nawuyo village of Mbale District, with her father, Sheikh Hussein Byaruhanga Husain. She reportedly called a friend who she knew to be a Christian.

“She explained to me about Christ and the way of salvation, and I got convicted and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior,” Kyomuhendo was quoted as saying.

“As she was sharing Christ with me, I was so overjoyed,” she told *Morning Star News* agency. “My father heard my joy and woke up, came from his bedroom furiously, and started beating me up with blows, slaps, and kicks.”

Husain reportedly said he was to kill his daughter for converting to Christianity before he poured burning fuel over her on that night, the eleventh day of the Islamic holiday of Ramadan.

Kyomuhendo screamed for help before her aunt, and a neighbor arrived who arranged a taxi van

to rush her to hospital, Christians said. Neither Kyomuhendo nor the neighbor reported the assault to the police apparently for fear that her father might try to kill her again. There was no immediate known comment from the accused father, and it remained unclear whether the police were investigating the alleged attack.

However, Christians in eastern Uganda, especially those of Muslim backgrounds, face severe persecution, said advocacy group Open Doors. They “face extreme persecution in Uganda, and maybe disowned by their parents, divorced by their spouse, harassed by their communities, forced to leave their homes, attacked or even killed,” the group explained. ■

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GOOD WORKS OPEN DOORS FOR THE GOSPEL

Last month we told you about our Russian Mission Director, Alexey, who visited a Russian town in the remote region of Kirov to share Bible studies. Kirov Oblast (State) is a very depressed area where about 60% of adults are unable to find work. There used to be a very large factory that employed thousands of people, collapsed when perestroika came. The region also had very many large government farms that were also shut down. Much of the infrastructure was left in shambles.

The locals told Alexey about an important bridge which needed repair and also the lot that used to be a playground for children. They told Alexey they had asked the government to fix the bridge and the playground many times but their requests were always rejected. They were told there was no money. Alexey told them to pray and see if this was something God wanted to help them with.

Since then, our mission director, Alexey was moved with compassion to do whatever the Lord would allow him to do.

When he first began to share some of his thoughts with some of the leaders, they looked at him with amazement. They could not believe that a stranger who lived hundreds of miles away, would be interested in doing such a noble deed for no monetary return whatever. This small town is where his wife was born and raised. His wife moved away to attend university and never returned. However, her parents still live in Kirov State.

So Alexey began to build the playground and as he was working, no one volunteered to help, but he continued anyway.

Many people would There are no Christians or churches in this region, and Alexey began sharing his faith in Christ. Many began asking questions, then a Bible study began from this. This was the very first time these people have ever been exposed to having a Bible in their hands and actually able to read passages of the

Bible. Moreover, they had someone there who was able to explain the passages to them. This witness has been growing among the adults, and now some of the children are coming and asking questions about God and the Bible so a children's class has also been added.

As Alexey was working on the playground, the owner of the town auto repair shop stopped and visited with Alexey. He told Alexey that he drove to his shop each day and would see him working hard with no help. He mentioned how the entire town was amazed how he could do such a thing for nothing expected in return. He then told Alexey that if his car needed any repairs, to bring it by the shop and he would repair it for free. Alexey was thankful to God because the roads in that region are terrible and he needed a few repairs.

All of this illustrates the power of God's call. Alexey's parents were college professors and he was never exposed to this type of work. As you can see by the photos, he has done a great job.

The local children were so excited about the playground equipment that they did not even wait for the paint to dry before trying it out. More and more of the towns people are becoming involved. They have proposed that Alexey make a soccer field and several locals volunteered to come and provide all the physical help he would need.

There was also a destitute mother of four children. Alexey, being a great fisherman, caught several fish at a nearby lake and shared some with the family. They were thrilled beyond measure. He also provided them with a Bible, and they have begun attending the Bible class.

In the pictures on the right, you can see the bridge being repaired.

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Above: The bridge before. **Below:** Alexey with his son Vladik and his daughter Katia repairing the bridge.



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RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD, THE FATHER IS THIS: TO VISIT ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION, AND TO KEEP ONESELF UNSTAINED FROM THE WORLD. JAMES ONE TWENTY SEVEN

INDIA — Dongza Thawng

June 1, 2020
Updates

Dear Prayer Partners and Loving Supporters,

Thank you for your prayers and your faithful supports! By God's grace we have survived another month again.

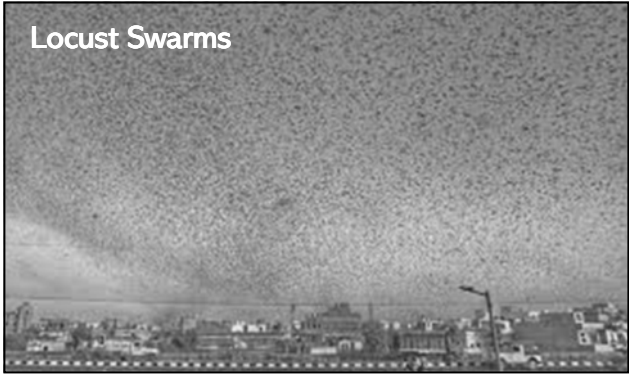


Dongza, Hoiching, Jemima (7),

Please pray for India: Because of the pandemic, companies in the cities are closed. Immigrants have to go back to their own native village, town and states. India, though one country every state has its own different ethnic group. Only your own state is your permanent home. Any other states you are immigrants. Thousands of thousands have to march back to their home states. Some reported dead on the railway track. One ate leaves on the way. Besides swarms of locust is invading city after cities, destroying thousands of fields. We don't know which direction they will march. It is really scary. This is what happening In India right now.



Trains



Locust Swarms

The plight of NorthEast India is different. The NE people, because of their look and color, (they look more Asian) they suffer racial discrimination from other Indians in cities. They are ridiculed as "virus." Some are thrown out by the house owners. Some terminated from the work: No money, no work, no food and no place to live. So, they come back to our states of NE India in thousands.

They are company workers, students, nurses etc. But they bring the virus along with them. They are now in quarantine center.



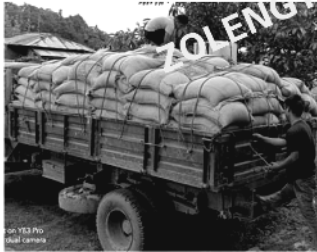
(L) Lunch prepared at a centralised kitchen in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh. (R) Huts at Tungjoy village in Manipur used as quarantine centres.

When they come back home, they are in quarantine centers (above). They can not send money to their families back homes anymore. The families back home too have no work and no means to earn money. The government cannot help with more than 50 kg of rice (below).



The church can do very little. This is the present situation in my place which includes many of my relatives and church members. I am glad we could help few of these desperate families this month. But we really need your prayers.

Thank you for your prayers and tireless supports! Dongza, Hoiching, Levi, Jemima & Vashti ■



God's faithfulness during Lockdown:

1). **God's protection from Covid-19 was amazing.** There are over 55 active case in Manipur, my home state. There are 7 active cases so far in Meghalaya, where we stay. **India has 1,67,250 confirmed cases and 4,797 dead.** But God kept us safe.

2). **Few months ago we were so worried** that we might not be able to get the supports. Because the United States was severely hit by the pandemic. We then prayed earnestly. God's people like you never give up missions because of Covid crisis.

Supports are still coming and it is more than before. How would I ever thank you for your great love and sacrifices! The God of Elijah is still carefully watching His people in their need.

3) I was so worry how to manage during this lockdown. Fears and panic all around. God show me what I should do. **I almost finished my book.** Without lockdown this was impossible. But there are times we felt "when is this virus is going to go? Too boring and too tiresome to be at home."

4) **God kept my family healthy.** Nobody had to go to hospital. We could have part in "intercessor for the world."

5) **What about the ministry?** The LORD kept me busy with my books. Besides, the Lord inspired me write gospel messages almost every day through WhatsApp and send it out to hundreds of readers.

INDIA—Rejoice and Jenny Kamei

June 2020

Rejoice Kamei, headmaster of the *Rose of Sharon Christian School and Home*, which is a private Christian school and is one of the finest schools in Nagaland, India. Most of the students come from non-Christian homes. The people in this area are extremely poor tribal people and tuition for the school depends on what the student's family can pay.

Hi Pastor John,

My family and I are doing fine by the grace of God. I hope you are too.

The virus and the lockdown is really not helping specially for the school. It has been a big problem for me financially because the small amount of money I used to collect from the students has not been paid. Only around 45% of the student had cleared the fees for January and 15-20 % only for the month of March. I wasn't able to pay the teachers salary after paying for the month of March and 50% of April salary two weeks back.

The hardest hit are the private schools in India. No help are given in any form for the school and the teachers but are compelled to conduct online class which is very unfruitful because of no good network plus many of the family does not have a smart phone. Apart from that the school is doing well.

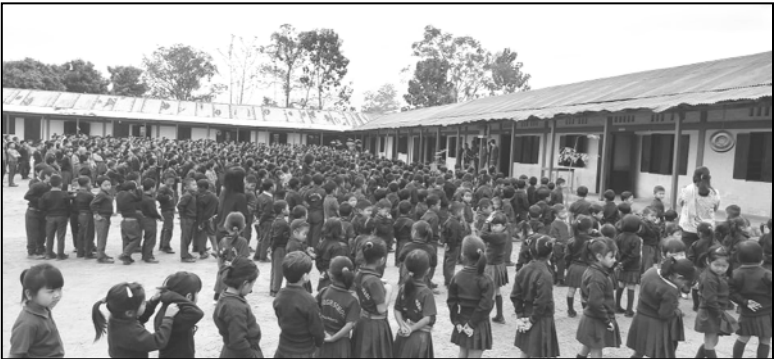
This year we had a good result for grade 10 students. Out of 56 students who appeared for the final exam 53 of them got through. Which is a great results for us. The school had been permitted to add grade 11 & 12 by the government which is a blessing for the people around the school. Last year we had around 960 students but this year it's hard to say. Could have been more but due to this virus a lot of students are not sure whether they will continue their studies or not, cause they are not able to come up with the small amount . Many have not paid even a Rupees since we started the school by January. The school has 29 teaching staff and 6 non-teaching staff.

The school started construction of the new building (below) through the loans provided by a Bank about \$70000 since 2018, but it is also on hold. Please continue to uphold the school and its needs in your prayers.

By God's grace, Rejoice and Jenny ■



Rejoice and Jenny Kamei with their children.



TOP 10 SIGNS

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COVID-19, multitudes now accept such an idea and see no problem with it.

In addition to this, we now have the technology for the Antichrist to implement such a program worldwide. Revelation 13:16-18 is not here yet, but it's springing to life before our eyes.

8. MIDDLE EAST TENSION — While the world remains distracted by COVID-19, tensions keep escalating in the Middle East. Israel has inflicted heavy damage on Iranian military installations in Syria in recent weeks. And, Iran continues to promise the world that it will soon wipe Israel off the map.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's pledge to annex portions of the West Bank on July 1 is also increasing tensions in the region. The Palestinians and their allies say they will never accept the adding of land in Judea and Samaria to Israel and will most likely react violently to such an annexation. The Gog-Magog War described in **Ezekiel 38-39** seems closer than ever.

9. APOSTASY — In both **1 and 2 Timothy**, God warns of great apostasy - a great falling away from the historical truths given to us in Scripture. You can especially see this in the church denominations and so-called Christian magazines during the last days. Just as the apostle predicted in **2 Timothy 4:3-4**, people today flock to false teachers in great numbers. In some cases, these so-called pastors have become multi-millionaires as a result of their perversion of the Gospel. In reality the world has taken over the church, instead of the church converting the world. But that is precisely what our Lord Jesus predicted.

ANY MOMENT

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This is the famine for hearing the word of God that Amos saw, and is truly terrifying.

My soul thrills whenever I think about the coming Pretribulation Rapture of the Church, and what a glorious moment that shall be. But when I think about what life will be like for those left behind, it becomes heartbreaking to contemplate. Imagine people's very souls drying up because there won't be any nourishment from the Bible to feed them, and worse, there won't even be the chance that they will somehow "figure it out".

10. The Mystery of Iniquity / Lawlessness — The rioting in Minneapolis that has spread to many other cities is a prime example of the lawlessness our Lord Jesus said would appear during the tribulation and just prior to the appearing of the Man of Sin. In **Matthew 24:12**, Jesus said this about the signs of the end of the age, "*And because iniquity (LAWLESSNESS) shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*"

Paul refers to the antichrist as the "*the man of lawlessness*" in 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Right now we see the spirit of the Antichrist surging throughout the United States as the anarchists destroy property and ruin the lives of thousands of people of all races, the defunding of police departments, and so much more.

With all of these end time indicators all around us, many are amazed that the true church remains earthbound. How much longer can it be before Jesus returns to take us to the place He's preparing for us? God only knows.

If the tribulation seems so close, that means that rapture is even nearer.

Forbes online magazine recently stated that as many as 42% of the jobs lost in American may be gone for good. Could the growing lawlessness and riots push the US and world closer to economic collapse? It's entirely possible.

Given the condition of our world at the moment, it will not take much to plunge the world into a great economic disaster or trigger the Gog-Magog War that could result from the Annexation of the West Bank in Israel. The resulting chaos will provide the perfect opportunity for Satan to place his man in charge of the world order, which he will do.

The good news is that we will be with Jesus before the devil unveils "*the man of sin*" to the world. ■

God in His mercy sends the 144,000 Witnesses to teach and preach the Bible one last time, and to open people's eyes to the truth one last time. But oh, at what a price does it finally come. You have to successfully resist taking the Mark, resist worshipping the image or name of the Antichrist, and if you are found with a Bible you are put to death immediately. Whew! No thank you, please have me excused from that mess.

Job, a type of the Jews in the time of Jacob's trouble, said that the word of God was more than his "*necessary food*" in Job 23:12.

Feast on it while you still can. ■
Order the DVD - After the Rapture: Left Behind. See page 20.



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PERU:

In 2007, the Voice of the Rose of Sharon radio station began broadcasting gospel of the Lord Jesus to an area that was famine-stricken for the Word of God. Today, that single radio station has expanded to include TV programming on several channels and has produced over 200 congregations in different parts of Peru and various other ministries to children and adults but there is still a great need for Bibles and study materials. The Lord also opened many important doors with municipal leaders to our director in Peru, Wildoro Mendoza. The provincial governor asked Wildoro to be his spiritual counselor and they have organized days of prayer and fasting in local communities. *Would you consider supporting this important work?*

Bibles and study materials	\$ _____
Monthly support of radio/TV broadcast	\$300-500 \$ _____



INDIA—Rose of Sharon Christian Schools and Home — Rejoice Kamei

This is one of the top-ranked schools in NE India with an attendance of over 800 children. Many of the children are orphaned, or are too poor to even pay for the basic books and uniforms. The students come from various religious backgrounds such as Muslim, Hindu, Christian and Animist (spirit worshippers). They are all taught in the English language and have Bible classes, attending chapel services as well. The school also conducts an annual Bible camp for the students and needs Bibles, study materials, and food for the camp. Afterward, a program for the parents and families of the students which includes a plan of salvation is presented. They also reach out with the Gospel and hold church services for the local villagers. Attendance is growing every year and so is the need for more uniforms, textbooks, classrooms, housing, bunk beds and benches for the students. Right now, there are about 70 students per classroom and there are not enough seats for everyone. A basic building (15 classrooms) will cost approximately \$150,000. *Will you help?*



Teachers' Salary (year)	\$200/month	\$ _____
Sponsor a Student for a month	\$20/month \$240/year	\$ _____
Textbooks / School Uniforms	\$7,000.00	\$ _____
Building fund (30 classrooms)	\$300,000	\$ _____

INDIA—Dongza Thawng:

In Shillong, India, Dongza has opened the Door of Hope ministry where the Lord is working mightily in his community. His ministry is growing so fast that he is currently looking to buy a new property so that they can expand their mission. Dongza holds Bible studies with college students and families, youth camps, vacation Bible school and crusades, and has also begun Christian couples retreats to heal marriages and a follow-up program for the new believers who committed their lives for Christ during salvation camp (many of whom are recovering alcoholics). He travels to nearby villages and reaches out to anyone the Lord sends his way with food and the gospel of Jesus Christ and has seen the hand of the Lord moving in a mighty way. Dongza and a missionary friend, Junus Khan, (pictured) also witness to Muslims and Hindus in the area. They have had several converts and are helping them to build homes and a new life on some land which was donated by a local doctor. They are helping them grow in their faith while hiding them from persecution. *Please pray about supporting this mission.*

Monthly support	\$25-\$200	\$ _____
Bibles and study materials		\$ _____



BURMA — New Life Orphan Center and Grace Children’s Home

New Life Orphan Center founded by Pastor Khup Lam Thang (aka Thangno) and Grace Children's Home run by Zam Kap are two orphanages we support in Burma. All the children receive Bible training and basic education from kindergarten to university. They are taught Bible stories and Christian songs that will build their relationship with God. Two of the orphans have recently graduated from university. With their degrees, they could find good jobs, yet, they chose to serve the Lord by remaining in the orphanage to teach other orphans. Indeed, this is a testimony of how they want to repay the debt they owe to God.

Sponsor an orphan	\$50/month	\$ _____
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AFRICA –Uganda (Bob J. Perry Memorial School)

School building materials, desks, etc.	\$6,500	\$ _____
Sponsor a Student	\$200/3 months or \$600/year	\$ _____

RUSSIA — Restoration House

The government has provided a large building to assist the homeless, mostly families of inmates and former inmates who have trouble finding jobs. Restoration House needs a kitchen to provide at least one warm meal a day and also needs beds to provide a warm place out of the cold winter weather. The Gospel is shared with everyone who comes in. Restoration House is about showing Biblical hospitality, care, generosity, and above all, the love of Christ to all who enter.

Kitchen equipment	\$50—\$2000	\$ _____
Beds, tables, benches	\$25-\$1000	\$ _____
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PHILIPPINES — SMO (Student Missionary Outreach):

SMO's vision is to “Reach the Filipino Youth for Christ with the Gospel of Jesus Christ”. In the past, the Bible was not allowed to be taught in most schools. However, in recent years the Lord has opened doors through the SMO-Moral Values Program. With this program, SMO is now welcome to conduct the Moral Values Seminar in schools throughout the 7,000 Philippine islands. The program teaches the dangers of smoking, drug-addiction, alcoholism, pre-marital sex, and much more — and even school officials and teachers have participated with the students. Many teachers have testified of God’s power in moving, convicting, delivering, and changing the lives of many young people. SMO has also established a Bible training school to train future youth workers to reach the youth of the Philippines.

Sponsor Bible camps and training	\$ _____
Bibles and study materials	\$ _____

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FOUR SINS

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pass through the fire, or that uses divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. Or a charmer, or a consuler with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. You shall be perfect with the Lord thy God. For these nations, which you shall possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for you, the Lord thy God has not suffered [allowed] you so to do."

What do you suppose God thinks about the more than 10,000 occult astrologists and the thousands of newspapers that publish these abominations every single day of the year?

A group of American conservative religious organizations has been demanding that Christians boycott the US Army and all of its works until the military ends support for its latest denominations: witches and Satanists. The Army has decided to allow other religions to practice their beliefs on US bases, including the adherents of Wicca, or witchcraft. A handbook for Army chaplains also includes the Church of Satan among groups allowed to worship.

"An Army that sponsors satanic rituals is unworthy of representing the United States of America," said Paul Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation. We have become a nation that has given itself over to the occult.

Jeremiah 2:13, *"For my people have committed two evils..."* It is difficult to comprehend, that a nation who has had the Word of God given to it in its own language, with the blessing of having thousands of the most gifted preachers and teachers of God's Word...and to exchange God's truth for the devil's lie. That's our nation - that's my nation - that's the nation of my unborn grandchildren. I have three granddaughters who will give birth this summer. One will be born at the end of June, one in July and one in August. Absolutely unbelievable! It's heart-rending to think about what kind of America our future generations are coming into — a nation that has *"... forsaken me [the God of Heaven/the Creator] the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."*



National Sin #4: One of the devil's last vomits from Hell.

This sin is the same one that was made by Adam and Eve. The modern-day Charismatic Word/Faith movement that deceives their followers into thinking that they can become a god. That they can speak into reality whatever they want. The core claims of the Word of Faith / Prosperity movement are that God's desire is for all

Christians to be happy, healthy, and wealthy. These teachers often claim that God allows a person to "speak" their desires into reality, as though they had a creative power similar to that of God.

The Word of Faith movement is not only unbiblical, it is completely heretical. This doctrine stands opposed to concepts Christianity has taught throughout its history.

They teach People are little gods: Human nature consists of body, soul, and spirit, but the spirit is the real person made in God's image; therefore, human beings are exact duplicates of God or little gods. Our problem is that we allow our bodies and souls to control our lives. Writes Bowman: *"This is fundamental for the Word-Faith teachers since in their view we should disbelieve our senses when they tell us we are sick or poor, and disbelieve our reason when it tells us that the Word-Faith teaching is illogical or false."* Christian Science is another false religious organization that teaches the same fantasy. Also, prosperity preachers urge Christians to see themselves just as much "incarnations of God" as was Jesus because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. That every believer is a God that possesses faith. He created the world by faith and accomplishes His will by believing things in His heart and speaking words of faith, thereby bringing things into existence. We may do the same. They teach that God, like us, is spirit, soul, and body. Jesus came to give us back our godhood: When Adam fell, he forfeited his status as the god of this world by obeying Satan, who in turn gained legal dominion over this world and passed Satan's nature of death, along with sickness and poverty, down to the rest of humanity. Jesus came to create a new race of humans who, like Jesus, would be God incarnate.

Some Word-Faith teachers, like Kenneth Copeland and Charles Capps, teach that the Word that became incarnate was not the eternal Son of God but God's Word of promise that He would redeem humanity, and that this Word was "positively confessed" into personal existence through the Virgin Mary. How absurd and blasphemous!

God's Word for these people today is given to us in 1 Timothy 6:3-6, *"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain."*

The President of Fuller Seminary in California wrote a word of recommendation to the heretical manifesto of the late Dr. Robert H. Schuller of the Crystal Cathedral. He called for a new reformation. Dr. Schuller said we need to reinterpret the entire Christian message. He said the Cross is no longer the revelation of the righteous character of God and of his holy anger against sin. That no one needs to come to Jesus

alone, that God's love is unconditional and loves you wherever you are and whatever you are. He said that if you love yourself, you will become a new creature.

This awful new manifesto was welcomed by thousands of American pastors and is one of the terrible national sins that will surely bring down the judgment of God.

True Repentance And Repenting On Behalf Of Our Nations

How does repentance affect people all over the world today? If we do not fully understand the word 'repent', then we cannot form the close and lasting relationship that God requires of us. Without repentance, there can be no forgiveness. Without forgiveness, there can be no spiritual growth or cleansing of our sin. Repentance is not a ritual of the church nor is it an emotion. Repentance means to completely turn around, to change our minds, to decide to turn away from all unrighteousness and sin. It is a decision of the will that is registered in the mind. It is a choice to submit ourselves to what God requires us to do. We have all sinned and we were all going the wrong way, and to get back to God we need to turn around and face His direction and walk towards Him. True repentance usually accompanies a deep sense of shame and regret, often with many tears. God gave us a great Biblical example in the prayer of Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 1:3-11, *:" ...the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer."* ■

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Ganoderma lucidum contains more than 200 active elements. The most frequently occurring active elements in Ganoderma lucidum include polysaccharides, organic Germanium, Adenosine, Triterpenoid, and Ganoderic Essence. These active compounds help in boosting the human immune system. They do so by strengthening lymphocytes and macrophages, important immunity cells. Besides organic Germanium, Triterpenes and polysaccharides can also enhance the composition of Lymphocyte and Macrophage cells individually to release Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) and interferon, which further destroy cancer cells. Research has proven that Ganoderma Lucidum herb effectively increases alpha interferon and gamma interferon level in the human body to further strengthen and regulate its immune system.

Benefits

- **Blood pressure:** Studies have shown that Ganoderma Lucidum inhibits platelet aggregation thereby reducing blood pressure.

In studies of people with hypertension, researchers found blood pressure was significantly reduced over a two-week time with Ganoderma supplementation.

- **Immune system:** Ganoderma Lucidum is commonly prescribed by practitioners for long-term immune system support. Studies have shown that after taking Ganoderma Lucidum for thirty days, patients with advanced tumors found a marked immune-modulating effect as demonstrated by an increase in T-lymphocytes and decreased CD8 counts. Researchers have also reported reduced side effects of chemotherapy or radiation as well as improved post-operative recovery.
- **Blood sugar:** Studies have shown Ganoderma Lucidum to have a blood sugar lowering effect. Much of this activity appears to be due its polysaccharides. There are three main mechanisms behind this blood sugar lowering effect. This includes Ganoderma Lucidum’s ability to elevate plasma insulin levels, to enhance peripheral tissue utilization of glucose, and to enhance liver metabolism of glucose.
- **Anti-inflammatory effects:** According to a December 2009 study in Current Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Ganoderma has anti-inflammatory and immune-modulating properties, making it useful for treating chronic inflammatory and autoimmune disorders, such as arthritis. Another study found that 50 milligrams of Ganoderma powder had comparable effects to 5 milligrams of hydrocortisone, a corticosteroid used to treat arthritis pain and inflammation.
- **Oxygenation:** One of the unique uses of Ganoderma Lucidum is for altitude sickness. Ganoderma appears to reduce altitude sickness by oxygenating the blood. This benefit was first found in Asian mountain climbers that ascended mountains as high as 17,000 feet with minimal reaction.

Be sure to give Ganoderma or any herbal remedy a reasonable trial – take it regularly for at least two months. Pay attention to your body. Before you begin, write down exactly how your body is feeling. You may notice obvious effects – perhaps an increased sense of well-being and more energy. Or you may find that, over time, it improves your response to both physical and emotional stress and decreases your susceptibility to illness.

Order your healthy coffee with Ganoderma today!

TESTIMONIES FROM GANODERMA USERS:

ELENA from Tulsa: I had a bad case of shingles because of the my low immune system and the stress

that I was under. After only about a week or so of drinking this Ganoderma coffee that was given to me by my sister, the shingles completely disappeared. One more big problem I had was hair loss. I was so embarrassed to go out because of my hair loss, it was really bad. But then, I also started taking the Ganoderma capsules and my hair stopped falling out! What a wonderful surprise. You can be sure I will not be giving up my healthier coffee.

SYLVIA B., Bend, Oregon — My husband Charles started going to the doctor in 1993 with pain all over his body, having trouble sleeping and other various symptoms. Finally, after about 4 years of many doctors collaborating on his condition, a doctor diagnosed him with Fibromyalgia, interestingly enough the doctor also had Fibromyalgia. For the longest time Charles was on several meds including pain killers, anti-depressants and sleeping pills none which seemed to help the pain go away but masked the situation. He went many years on and off meds because of the side effects and the brain fog effect they had on him.

Fibromyalgia is known to have flu like symptoms with aches & pains all over the body which have a drastic affect on sleeping, irritable bowel syndrome and chronic fatigue syndrome. His energy level was very unstable with many days barely being able to get out of bed much less function at a normal level. He was retired with his medical condition in 1997.

Charles never drank coffee in his life and at 58 years old was given a sample of the Mocha with Ganoderma. He loved it and has faithfully in the last two weeks continued to drink the Mocha, has incorporated the black coffee and has taken the Ganoderma Lucidum capsules (3-4 times a day). Amazingly, Charles pain has toned down to a more manageable level, he's also getting through the night without waking up from pain - resulting in better nights rest and has had less episodes of chronic fatigue. Currently Charles is not on any medication for Fibromyalgia and we owe all the praise to the wonderful Gano products. I am so happy to see my husband in better health with more energy and now able to share a cup of coffee with him.

LoVera W., AZ — I always felt tired. I was in and out of the hospital with hypoglycemia, I put on 60 lbs in 1 year from medical treatment. During that whole time I had OG sitting around and never used it . Since drinking healthy coffee I lost 6 lbs, more energy, blood sugar is back to normal. ■

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WORLD WATCH

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Trudeau to fund abortion as part of \$159 million pledge to fight COVID-19 overseas

■(OTTAWA, lifestitenews.com, 04/08/2020) - Canada's 'feminist international assistance approach' ensures support for 'sexual and reproductive health and rights.' Prime Minister Trudeau announcing in 2017 a \$650 million commitment to increase global access to abortion.

Canada's pledge of \$159.5 million to combat the coronavirus in developing countries includes funding for abortion. Justin Trudeau's Liberal government released details of the funding Sunday.

"Canada's investment ... aims to ensure that its international partners can maintain their services for vulnerable populations where possible, including support for sexual and reproductive health and rights," a ministry of international development press release stated.

"Canada's investment in these programs is in line with its feminist international assistance approach, since this global crisis has the potential to exacerbate inequalities and reverse development gains," it stated. "This is especially true for the women and children who are already among the world's poorest and most vulnerable citizens and who may now be expected to take on additional caregiving responsibilities in their families and communities."

However, the Trudeau government's emphasis on "support for sexual and reproductive health and rights" in funds to fight the coronavirus internationally is not surprising given the prime minister's abortion extremism.

The Liberals have pledged a total of \$7.1 billion by 2030 to provide and promote contraception and abortion as part of international aid. And as Trudeau stated in March 2017, that includes bank-rolling campaigns to overturn national laws restricting abortion.

Cancel Culture Rages Out of Control: Elmer Fudd, Live PD, LEGO, Paw Patrol, Gone With the Wind and More Targeted for Being Offensive

■ 06-11-2020 — CBN News — The movement to delete elements from society because people either disagree with or are offended, familiarly referred to as "cancel culture" has officially kicked into high gear.

From LEGO to your favorite cartoons and hit TV shows like **Cops** and **Live PD**, and classic movies such as **Gone With the Wind**, it seems nothing is safe.

Here's a quick look at a few of the more eye-opening staples under fire from cancel culture.

According to Deadline, the popular and long-running TV series **Cops** has been canceled:

Cops's six-year run on Paramount Network and its predecessor has come to an end. Pulled last week in the aftermath of George Floyd's death, the series will not be coming back.

"Cops is not on the Paramount Network and we don't have any current or future plans for it to return," a Paramount Network spokesperson said in a statement to Deadline.

Perhaps more confusingly A&E's decision to suspend their hit TV series **Live PD** while they consider whether or not to return it at all.

A&E on June 5 pulled last weekend's episodes of its hit docuseries Live PD amid continued nationwide protests over Floyd's death. The network still is evaluating the right time to bring it back, though a return this weekend appears unlikely at the moment.

It's confusing because **Live PD** features police doing their work in real time. There is no editing or "copaganda" (pro-police TV propaganda — yes, that's an actual phrase) resulting in an unfiltered, real look at how police operate. If anything, anti-police protesters would want more of this type of programming because it shines a brighter light on policing and helps people understand what is happening. If police are "hunting" any particular type of person on a day to day basis, we should see this play out on the screen.

LEGO announced it will halt marketing on certain sets, including police sets and the White House.

This week, LEGO announced it would stop advertising certain playsets and is asking its retailers to do the same. According to Toy Book, a letter from Rakuten Linkshare on behalf of LEGO stated, "In light of recent events, LEGO has requested the below products to be removed from sites and any marketing ASAP," listing 31 sets that depicted scenes with police, firefighters, and the White House.

Looney Tunes are also seeing some major changes as **Elmer Fudd** and **Yosemite Sam** will no longer carry guns.



Elmer Fudd and Yosemite Sam are sporting different looks in the "Looney Tunes Cartoons" that launched on the new streaming service HBO Max. While their outfits remain the same, both will no longer be carrying guns. The cartoons will still have plenty of sticks of Acme dynamite and cartoon violence, but Fudd will no longer carry his oversized hunting rifle and Sam won't have his pistols. "We're not doing guns," executive producer and showrunner Peter Brown said in an interview with The New York Times.

Merriam Webster, after receiving a letter from a 22-year-old student, has decided to change the definition of racism:

Kennedy Mitchum knew there was more to racism than what appeared in Merriam Webster's dictionary. "It's not just disliking someone because of their race," she said.

Because of the letter, the definition will now be updated to include "systemic oppression" in addition to the standard definition.

"I basically told them that they need to include that there's a systematic oppression upon a group of people. It's not just, 'Oh, I don't like someone.'"

After sending an email expressing her concerns, Ms. Mitchum engaged in a back and forth conversation with Merriam-Webster, before being informed that the entry would be revised.

The classic movie **Gone With the Wind** was removed from HBO Max.

According to the New York Times, any TV depiction of police as goofy, lovable or in any way positive has been described as "copaganda" and activists will seek to have it canceled, edited out, deleted, or otherwise censored and removed.

That includes **Paw Patrol**. From the Times, responding to several tweets semi-mockingly calling for it to end:

It's a joke, but it's also not. As the protests against racist police violence enter their third week, the charges are mounting against fictional cops, too. Even big-hearted cartoon police dogs — or maybe especially big-hearted cartoon police dogs — are on notice.

They went on to explain "copaganda":

Cops are not just television stars; they are television's biggest stars. Crime shows are TV's most popular genre, now making up more than 60 percent of prime-time programming on the big four broadcast networks. The tropes of the genre are so predictable that a whole workplace sitcom, "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," is layered atop them. "A police station was a shortcut," Dan Goor, the show's co-creator, says, "because people know how police television works. You know who the good guys are and who the bad guys are."

That shortcut now feels like a cheat: After images of a very special episode where Terry Crews is racially profiled were passed around as evidence of responsible police TV, others marked the show as "copaganda."

Even on television, the good guys are not always so good. In a recent report, the racial justice organization Color of Change assessed depictions of the police across television and found that modern cop shows "make heroes out of people who violate our rights." Many of them, it argued, show the good guys committing more violations than the bad guys, making police misbehavior feel "relatable, forgivable, acceptable and ultimately good."

It's a troubling time in our society when anything and anyone can be "canceled" at any moment. There is no room for grace, no room for mercy, no room for any kind of solidarity whatsoever. It's agree or be canceled.

Be praying for our country as it navigates this highly divisive time! ■

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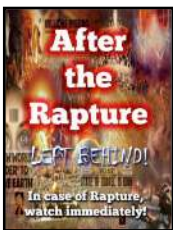
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The Rapture happened to those of us who accepted Jesus as Savior, both those alive and those who had died since Jesus was resurrected. Both groups — living and resurrected believers — were caught up to be with Him in the air (1Thessalonians 4:13-18).

We must face the facts and realize that all of us have friends and family members that are going to miss the rapture. In "After the Rapture" we hope to give a step by step explanation of what has happened, why it happened, what to expect next, what they must do and what they must not do!

This is one DVD that every family will want to own to leave behind for their loved one's, but prayerfully our friends and family members will watch this DVD before the Rapture and not miss it, but some will certainly be Left Behind!

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All-Seeing Eye Surveillance: Satan's 'Omniscience'

This DVD is Pastor Hoggard at his very BEST! We heartily recommend this video.

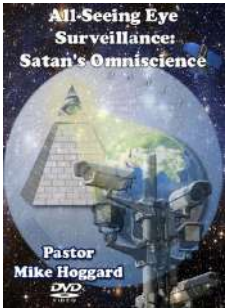
We have renamed this DVD to more accurately reflect its content. As Pastor Hoggard demonstrates, Satan wants to be Omniscient as possible in his coming New World Order Kingdom, but he cannot. Therefore, these incredible advances in technological surveillance is designed to give Satan the closest thing to omniscience possible!

Satan must create through scientists the incredibly sophisticated global surveillance system we are seeing spreading over the entire earth -- because he is not God! The Scriptures tell us that God is the all powerful, all seeing God.

Satan wants to 'be like the most High' Isaiah 14, but he is not as powerful as God, and he is limited in what he can see. He needs a network. A network of sophisticated technology, organizations, and people so that he can have total control of planet earth.

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Dark Clouds Over Elberton

The True Story of the Georgia Guidestones

At Long Last: The mysterious 'R.C. Christian' who funded the massive Georgia Guidestones is revealed by Chris Pinto.

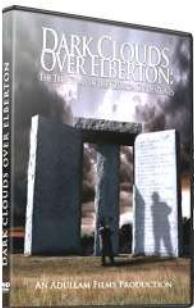
In 1979, a mysterious stranger appeared in the remote town of Elberton, Georgia. The man introduced himself as R.C. Christian, but admitted this was not his real name. He claimed to represent a small group of loyal Americans who wanted to erect a monument they hoped would inspire “the Age of Reason.”

The monument was named the *Georgia Guidestones*, and since its completion has spawned a host of conspiracy theories about who or what was behind it. Written on the great granite stones are ten commands or “guides” that were intended to provide wisdom for mankind. But the first of them calls for a reduction of the world population to a mere 500 million. In order to achieve this, billions of people would have to die. Many have wondered: is the monument designed to inspire wisdom? Or to launch a global genocide?

Researchers have wondered for decades about the identity of R.C. Christian and the purpose of his mysterious structure. Was he part of a globalist group? Was he working with the United Nations? After a five year investigation, this powerful documentary presents groundbreaking information, and dares to solve the mystery of who R.C. Christian really was.

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