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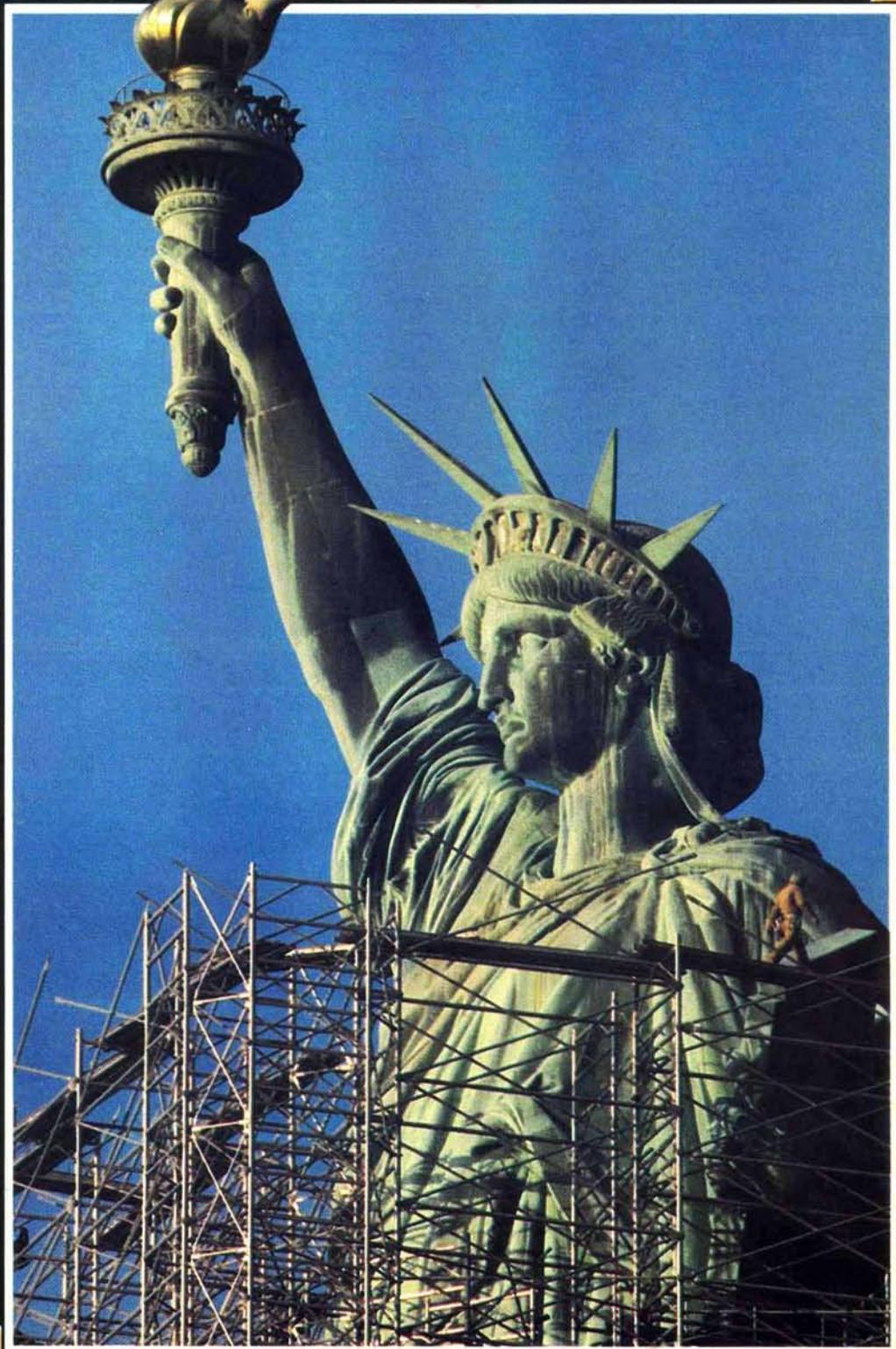
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The Statue of Liberty, symbol of American hopes and dreams, has undergone extensive internal restoration to avoid what would have been her eventual collapse. What does this symbolize for America?

Peter B. Kaplan has compiled more than 70,000 images of the Statue, more than any other photographer. In 1982 he was awarded the title of Preferred Statue of Liberty Photographer by the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation.

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# PERSONAL FROM THE PUBLISHER



## A Chief Justice Speaks Out

**E**arlier this year, on February 3, Chief Justice Warren Burger of the United States Supreme Court addressed assembled guests at dedication ceremonies for the new headquarters of the United States District Court of Appeals—Ninth Circuit.

The Court is now housed in the beautifully renovated former Vista del Arroyo Hotel, adjacent to our own Ambassador College campus in Pasadena. Ambassador College students served as ushers for the ceremonies and many of our personnel assisted in the arrangements.

Chief Justice Burger discussed the American form of government, with its system of checks and balances, based upon the United States Constitution. He emphasized the dedication to justice of American democracy and the strength and longevity of the Constitution, signed September 17, 1787, almost 200 years ago.

But Chief Justice Burger also noted the inability of mankind to achieve a government that can bring true universal justice. He reflected: "Winston Churchill once said, 'Democracy is a terrible form of government, but all the others are worse.' And how real that is as we judges know."

Indeed, despite all human efforts throughout history to establish a fair, equitable, just system of government, no such government has ever been achieved!

Since the first man Adam rejected God's government, humanity has chosen a path of self-reliance, of deciding each for himself or herself what is right and what is wrong, what is justice and what is injustice.

This course of action has led in a direction *totally opposite* from God, from relying on *him* for the knowledge of the way to peace and justice and for the *power* to live that way individually and collectively.

But God has called some of us to have a part in his great work of proclaiming good news to this Satan-deceived world! Exciting, wonderful news of the soon-to-be-reestablished government of God to the earth!

At last, a perfect government over all nations, headed by Jesus Christ himself, ruling in perfect justice over all peoples. Think of it! A utopia, with peace, equity and *true justice* for all! And it will be based on God's revealed way of life, not man's ideas!

That is the true gospel, the gospel of the kingdom of God *that Jesus himself preached*, and that God has called us to have a part in proclaiming.

*Joseph W. Teach*





# Europe Packs a Nuclear Punch!

by Gene H. Hogberg

New submarines and long-range missiles show France and Britain developing as strategic forces to be reckoned with.

**B**EHIND Soviet offers to cut back on medium-range missiles in Europe is Moscow's concern over growing British and French nuclear forces.

Soviet apprehensions were intensified with an announcement by the French Defense Ministry, on March 5 of this year, that a French submarine had successfully fired a multiple-

warhead missile over a distance of 6,000 kilometers (3,720 miles).

The development surprised even Western defense experts who believed that the range of the missile, the M-4, was closer to 4,000 kilometers (2,480 miles).

The missile's greater range will make France's improving fleet of nuclear submarines more secure against detection and counterattack by giving them a larger area of ocean to hide in.

## World's No. 3 Nuclear Power

The French have been spending vast sums to develop and deploy their own nuclear weapons systems. The British, on the other hand, have elected to depend mostly on American technology. Between them, the two nations have 352 nuclear warheads—and could have as many as 1,200 by the early to mid-1990s.

France's program worries Moscow the most. Quietly and steadily, France has solidified its position as the world's third-strongest nuclear power. In May 1985, the French *Force Oceanique Strategique* unveiled its most advanced nuclear submarine, the *Inflexible*, the first French sub equipped with MIRVed (multiple independently-targeted reentry vehicle) missiles. The *Inflexible* can fire 96 warheads—16 missiles with six warheads each.

The warheads from just this one long-range submarine alone, according to a report in the Summer 1984 issue of *Foreign Policy*, are capable of destroying a good portion of the Soviet industrial complex while having several warheads left over to attack key civilian and military targets such as Moscow, Murmansk, Leningrad, Stalingrad and the missile-testing center at Tyuratam.

Eventually France will field seven missile-firing submarines with a total of 592 warheads.

The British underwater nuclear fleet continues to grow in power as well. Britain is planning to construct four new submarines equipped with the American-supplied Trident II missiles. This will increase the British arsenal from

64 single-warhead Polaris missiles to more than 500 and possibly close to 1,000 warheads. (Each Trident missile is capable of carrying from eight to 17 warheads, depending on the explosive force desired.)

No wonder the Soviets are concerned—Americans should be as well!

## Encouragement from America

It would appear now that the French and, secondarily perhaps, the British strategic nuclear forces will form the strategic nucleus of a European "third force" in the future. What if such awesome power should someday fall under the control of unsavory quarters in a united Europe, a Europe, moreover, divorced from and at odds with America?

Yet curiously, not a few voices in America are encouraging the further development of an independent, united defense structure in Europe, coupled with the phased withdrawal of U.S. forces from the Continent.

In the Winter 1985-86 issue of *Foreign Policy*, American expert on NATO, Christopher Layne, called for what he called "Marshall Plan II." The original Marshall Plan, he said, put Western Europe on its feet economically after World War II. Now it is time, Mr. Layne said, for the United States to "complete its historic postwar mission and devolve to Western Europe and Japan full responsibility for their own defense." He maintains that the United States should phase out its forces in Europe, possibly over a 10-year period.

About a year ago in the August 27 *Wall Street Journal*, an article by Jay Winik advocated "the gradual dissolution of the NATO alliance and the creation of an all-European Defense Community."

Greater European self-defense, added Mr. Winik, would furthermore act "as a symbol of a rejuvenated European cultural community, the heir to the continent's more than 1,000 years of common cultural and religious ideals."

Continue to watch developments in Europe as the nations of the Continent move inexorably closer economically, culturally and now militarily, as well. □

**W**E CAN KNOW!  
More than one third of the Bible is prophecy—most of it for *our day!*

Puzzled geopolitical analysts wonder what will happen next in the volatile South Asia region. They simply do not know what ultimately will become of Iran, of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and adjoining nations. But you can know!

### Astounding Prophecies

International attention continues to be riveted on turbulent South Asia. That vast region—stretching from the Persian Gulf to the South China Sea—is in a precarious state of ferment and unrest.

Yet how many know that the future of the peoples of the vast South Asia region was recorded millennia ago in the pages of the Bible? The stage is now set for the unfolding of an astounding sequence of Bible prophecies.

Turn, first, to the book of Revelation. Here is revealed a great end-time political ruler referred to as the “beast” (chapter 17). The beast will be a superdictator over a coming European confederation of 10 nations—a rebirth of the Roman Empire. This European power will eventually establish its capital and religious headquarters at Jerusalem (Dan. 11:45).

Daniel says that this European conqueror will become troubled by “tidings out of the east and out of the north” (11:44). There can be little doubt about the source of the beast’s trouble. East and north of Palestine are Russia, China and other nations of the vast Asian continent.

The clear implication of this verse is that a great Eurasian alliance will ultimately arise at or near the end of the Great Tribulation (mentioned by Daniel in chap-

# South Asia in Prophecy

by Keith W. Stump

Bible prophecy reveals the startling future of the nations and peoples on the outer rim of Asia!

ter 12 and in Matthew 24:21) and will enter into a confrontation with the restored Roman Empire. Much of Asia will eventually be marshaled into a great end-time, communist-dominated confederacy—encompassing nearly *one half* of the earth’s population!

These atheist-led Asian armies are also described in Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39, where elements of those forces are prophesied to invade the Holy Land when all 12 tribes of Israel have returned.

### Misunderstood Prophecy

Some Bible scholars assert falsely that these prophecies of Ezekiel were fulfilled anciently. They never were. Others believe they are about to occur—but some years *before* Armageddon. Both views are erroneous.

The events of Ezekiel 38 and 39 are without question still future—for the “latter days” (38:16) and “latter years” (38:8). Moreover, Ezekiel 38:14 describes the time setting as being “in that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely.” This is certainly not the situation in the State of Israel today! The Israel described by Ezekiel is a nation that dwells in security, in *unwalled villages*, totally unprepared for war (38:8, 11, 14). Read it for yourself! These

circumstances will be extant only *after* the coming of the Messiah, when surviving Eurasian forces will be supernaturally punished.

Asian alliances, however, will begin taking shape well in advance—and are *even now* beginning to move into their prophesied end-time configuration!

### Table of Nations

The composition of the army that will come against the restored 12 tribes of Israel is clearly defined:

The account begins in Ezekiel 38:1-2: “And the word of the Lord came to me: Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, of Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him” (*The Amplified Bible*).

Here is a great power that will challenge the very rule of Christ!

Ezekiel reveals that joined with Magog, Rosh, Meshech and Tubal in this confederacy will be Persia, Cush, Phut (incorrectly rendered “Libya” in the *Authorized Version*), Gomer and Togarmah (see verses 5-6).

Who are these peoples today? And what do these prophecies have to do with the future of South Asia?

With the exception of Persia, the names mentioned by Ezekiel are

nowhere to be found as names of nations on world maps today. The names of the majority of the world's modern nations are of fairly recent origin. Nations and peoples have undergone sometimes dozens of name changes over the centuries and millennia of history.

In the Bible, nations are named after their ancestors. Nations are families grown big. The whole human family of today, according to the Bible, springs from Shem, Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah (Gen. 10:32). The "Table of Nations" of Genesis 10 is an account of the origins of today's nations and races.

Through migrations, these diverse peoples overspread the entire earth. You can read the story in Genesis 11. In many cases we can accurately trace their travels from the starting point of Babel (in what today is Iraq) through the pages of history to their present locations.

Especially helpful in such research are the accounts of the classical historians and geographers (such as Herodotus); Persian, Tatar and Arabic histories (such as *Meadows of Gold* by al-Masudi); the works of early Jewish historians (such as Josephus); Chinese and other Asian traditions; and medieval European chronicles.

Modern scholars generally give little credence to the Table of Nations or to many of these early histories and traditions. Consequently they are ignorant of the true identities of many of the world's peoples today.

Let us look again at the names mentioned by Ezekiel. Where are these peoples found today?

### Gog of the Land of Magog

Ruling over all these allied peoples is Gog. Gog (meaning "mountain" or "high") is described as a great prince, the political/military head of the vast region in question. Ezekiel pictures Gog as a guard and commander over the assembled peoples (38:7).

Along with the beast, the miracle-working false prophet (Rev. 16:13; 19:20), and the leaders of an Arab-Muslim confederacy, Gog is one of the major end-time personalities specifically mentioned in the Bible.

Gog is also a people, apparently a tribal subdivision of Magog. The original Gog was probably a son or grandson of Magog.

Ezekiel describes the end-time Gog as being of the land of Magog. How, then, do we identify Magog today? The Table of Nations lists Magog as the second son of Japheth, son of Noah.

Japheth's descendants are primarily Eurasian peoples. They include the East Slavs—Great Russians, Little Russians, White Russians—and the Mongoloid peoples of Asia outside of the Near East and the subcontinent of India.

Japheth's son Magog gradually become divided into two main branches. The western, Caucasian-looking Slavic branch is identified by the first-century Jewish historian Josephus and others as among the nomadic Scythian tribes north of the Black Sea in what today is the Soviet Union.

But there was also an eastern or Mongoloid branch of the Scythians that anciently inhabited the plains stretching all the way to north China. The Venetian traveler Marco Polo, who visited the Mongol realms in the 13th century, identified Magog as being part of the Munguls or Mongols. Other histories identify Magog with the Mandarin-speaking northern Chinese. (The Cantonese-speaking southern Chinese, incidentally, are an Asian branch of Javan, another of Japheth's sons.)

Which branch of Magog is intended in the prophecy of Ezekiel? The Magog of Ezekiel 38 and 39 is pictured as a people of a northern locality—i.e., the vast lands of the Soviet Union. Ezekiel describes Gog as coming "from the north parts" (39:2). The Soviet Union is far to the north of Palestine.

Moreover, Gog is described as the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, peoples clearly Russian by descent.

### Russians—Great and White

The Hebrew word *Rosh* is trans-

lated "chief" in Ezekiel 38:2-3 in the *Authorized Version*. In Hebrew, the word for chief is *Rosh*. But in Ezekiel's prophecy the original Hebrew may also be a proper name.

Rosh is the ancient Hebrew name for the Russ ("blonds") who settled in the plains of Eastern Europe in the ninth century, A.D. They gave their name to the Rus-



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sian nation. The people of Rosh are among the *White Russians* of Byelorussia today.

Living next to the people of Rosh are Meshech and Tubal. Both Meshech and Tubal are sons of Japheth (Gen. 10:2) and thus brothers of Magog. To Herodotus and other classical geographers and historians they were known as the *Moskhi* or *Moschi* and the *Tibareni*, occupying the region of the Caucasus between the Black and Caspian Seas. In Assyrian inscriptions they are the *Muska* and

*Tubla*. Josephus calls them the *Moschevi* and *Thobelites*.

The descendants of Meshech (Moskhi) ultimately traveled into the lands north of the Black Sea, settling around *Moscow*. They gave their name to that city, as well as to the *Moskva* River and the state of *Muscovy*. Part of Tubal also moved north, giving their name to the river *Tobol* and founding the Siberian city of *Tobolsk*.

Together, the Caucasian branches of Meshech and Tubal form the two distinctive branches of the Great



Scenes in turbulent South Asia: Guerrillas of communist New People's army train in remote area of the Philippines (top); Muslim guerrillas opposing Soviets in Afghanistan pose with captured Soviet armored vehicle (middle); Iraqi troops guard Iranian prisoners taken in six-year-old Iran-Iraq war (below).

(Ezek. 38:6, 9, 15). These could hardly exclude the militarily weaker Chinese and their Asiatic kinsmen—those eastern Magogites who “dwell securely in the coastlands” of the Pacific (39:6, *The Amplified Bible*).

The People's Republic of China—the “many people” of Ezekiel 38—is thus pictured as being linked with Gog in the last days. We can conclude that, one way or another, the breach that separates the Soviet Union and China will eventually be bridged. Beijing and Moscow will yet come to terms in spite of racial and political tensions!

Linked with the Russians and the other nations of the Orient in the vast end-time Asian confederacy will be Persia, Cush, Phut, Gomer and Togarmah (Ezek. 38:5-6). Who are these peoples today?

History and Scripture identify them as the very peoples of the South Asian region. Willingly or unwillingly, they will all be drawn into the Soviet sphere of influence in the years just ahead! Let us look at each one individually.

Let us begin with Persia (Ezek. 38:5), the most easily identified. Persia is simply another name for modern-day Iran.

Iran today has a population of some 45 million. Iranians comprise nearly 70 percent of the country. Iranians, though Islamic, are totally distinct from the neighboring Arab peoples of the Middle East. They are a mixed people of the remnants of Media and Elam and other ancestors of Semitic and Hamitic stock.

Modern Iran also includes numerous minority groups of varying ethnic backgrounds: Turks, Kurds, Arabs, Baluchis, Armenians, Lurs, Azerbaijanis, Bakhtiariis and others.

There is growing evidence of a Soviet attempt to utilize to their own advantage disputes among certain of these ethnic minorities within Iran. Some observers see this activity as aimed at precipitating an internal crisis—a crisis that could provide an opportunity for Soviet military “intervention” in Iran.

An appeal for help by any pro-

Soviet ethnic minorities in Iran could be answered by a movement of Soviet troops both from the Soviet Union across Iran's northern border and from Afghanistan across Iran's eastern border. Alternatively, a pro-Soviet government might ultimately rise to power in Tehran and move the country into the Soviet orbit by nonviolent means.

Whatever the method, the prophecy of Ezekiel clearly indicates that Iran will eventually become linked with the Soviet Union. This is not to say that Iran or other South Asian nations will be incorporated into the Soviet Union as full-fledged republics. Rather, there will generally be only political linkage in the form of alliances or as vassal states dominated by Moscow.

Afghanistan, of course, is already in the Soviet orbit. A Soviet-installed regime today governs in Kabul.

Known anciently as Ariana and Bactria, and in the Middle Ages as Khorasan, Afghanistan lies in the very heart of Asia. Historically, the great invasions of the Indian subcontinent have been made through its strategic mountain passes.

Afghanistan's present racially mixed population is a reflection of its location astride the ancient trade and invasion routes of Central Asia. The bulk of the population (60 percent) is Pushtun or Pathan, the main tribes being the Durrani and the Ghilzai. Other groups represented are the Tajiks or Tadhziqs (30 percent), Uzbeks (5 percent), Hazaras, Turkomans and Kirghiz.

The biblical origins of the Afghan peoples are widely varied. Some are traced to the sons of Japheth. (The Turkomans, for example, claim descent from Tiras, a son of Japheth.) Others descend from branches of the families of Joktan, of Gomer, of Uz and of Esau. Some Afghan chronicles even claim that elements of the Pathans are descended by intermarriage from King Saul of ancient Israel through his grandson Afghana.

Also predicted to cluster around the banner of Gog in the latter days are *Cush* and *Phut* (or *Put*).



J. PAVLOVSKY—SYGMA

Russians of today. The Great Russians are the largest ethnic group of the Soviet Union.

#### Future Russo/China Alliance?

Ultimately allied with the Russians under Gog will be “many people”

These peoples of Ezekiel 38:5 are generally found today in the region of India and Pakistan.

Cush was a son of Ham (Gen. 10:6). Cush is often translated "Ethiopia" in the Bible. But not all Cushites live in Ethiopia!

The descendants of Cush split into two major groups, the Eastern and Western Cushites. The Western Cushites are found in major areas of Black Africa today, including modern Ethiopia, now under Soviet influence.

The Eastern Cushites, on the other hand, are the brown peoples of central and southern India and part of Ceylon (Sri Lanka). They are represented by such groups as the Dravidians, Tamils and Telugus. Herodotus calls these Eastern Cushites "Asiatic Ethiopians." During their migrations, incidentally, these Asiatic Cushites gave their name to the Hindu *Kush* mountain range of Central Asia.

Interestingly, the names of Cush's sons Seba and Raamah (Gen. 10:7) have been perpetuated in the Hindu god *Siva* or *Shiva* (the destroyer) and the hero *Rama* (an avatar of the god Vishnu).

Phut was also a son of Ham. Phut is often translated "Libya" in the Bible, referring to the land of Libya in North Africa. As with Cush, there is also an Asiatic branch of the family of Phut or Put. It is that Asiatic branch that will eventually become associated with the U.S.S.R.

Along with elements of Shem, descendants of Phut (or Put) were among the Indo-Aryans who settled northern India and drove the Cushitic Dravidians into the south of India in the second millennium B.C. The warrior-caste *Rajputs* were rulers over the historic region of Rajputana, a former group of princely states comprising what is now Rajasthan state of northwestern India.

Elements of Phut are also found today in other states of northern and central India and in the neighboring countries of Pakistan and Bangladesh. The clear implication, therefore, is that these nations will ultimately become politically associated with the U.S.S.R.

India, along with China, will undoubtedly contribute heavily to the

200 million-man army of Revelation 9:16. After one-thousand-million-strong communist China, India has the largest population of any country in the world (more than 750 million!). India today is militarily the most powerful country in the South Asia region.

The nation of India is officially a neutralist state aspiring to a non-aligned stand between the superpowers. But in light of India's long and often tension-ridden borders with China and Pakistan, the Soviet Union has become necessary insurance for New Delhi. India leans on Soviet protection to counterbalance the alliance of China and Pakistan.

India is heavily dependent on the Kremlin for key military supplies. New Delhi has a friendship treaty with Moscow, signed in 1971. And the Soviet Union has become India's major trading partner.

The government of Pakistan—lying to the east and south of Soviet-occupied Afghanistan—is growing more nervous by the day.

Pakistan now stands as the only obstacle between the Soviet troops in Afghanistan and Moscow's goal of a warm-water Arabian Sea port. By virtue of the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, the Kremlin is now in a prime position to exert political and military pressure on Pakistan.

The Muslim nation of Pakistan consists of four provinces, two on each side of the Indus River. The two provinces on the eastern side—*Punjab* and *Sind*—are firmly in the control of President Zia ul-Haq's government in Islamabad.

The two provinces west of the Indus—*North-West Frontier* and *Baluchistan*—are in a state of unrest. These provinces share a 1,200-mile border with Soviet-occupied Afghanistan. The Pakistani government fears that the Soviets may now use Afghanistan as a base to exploit the separatist sentiments among the ethnic groups in these two provinces. Trouble among these ethnic minorities is already straining Pakistan's unity.

Of primary concern is the long-simmering independence movement among the Baluchi tribesmen of western Pakistan. The Baluchis have long sought to unite with fel-

low tribesmen in southern Afghanistan and eastern Iran to form an independent state of Baluchistan.

There is strong evidence of deep Soviet involvement in this effort to carve out a separate Baluchi state. A pro-Russian vassal state in Baluchistan would effectively extend Soviet influence all the way south to the Arabian Sea. The Kremlin would at last have the warm-water ports that it has sought since the days of the czars.

As an added bonus, the Soviets would be in a position to control the major oil supply lines leading from the Persian Gulf!

Pushtu-speaking tribesmen in northwestern Pakistan and eastern Afghanistan have also long dreamed of their own independent state of Pushtunistan. These peoples, like the Baluchis, provide potentially fertile soil for Soviet revolutionary propaganda.

The predominantly Muslim nation of Bangladesh—once known as East Pakistan—broke away from Pakistan in a bloody civil war in 1971. Though Bangladesh officially adheres to the principle of nonalignment, its relations with the Soviet Union have grown steadily closer.

Also allied with Gog will be "Gomer, Togarmah and all their bands" (Ezek. 38:6).

Gomer was the eldest son of Japheth. Contrary to the assertions of many students of Bible prophecy, Gomer in this prophecy is not West Germany.

Who, then, is Gomer? Among the Oriental descendants of Gomer's three sons are found elements of the Turkic and Tatar (Turko-Mongol) peoples of the Asian steppes and deserts.

Many of these peoples—inhabiting the five socialist republics of Soviet Central Asia—have already been incorporated into the U.S.S.R. The nation of Mongolia, wedged between the Soviet Union and China in the region just south of Siberia, is a virtual Soviet satellite. The Turkic Uighurs of Xinkiang (western China) and the Mongols of Inner Mongolia are under Communist Chinese control.

Gomer's third son, Togarmah, is specifically mentioned in Ezekiel

38. Togarmah, in part, settled ancient Armenia. Descendants of Togarmah also migrated eastward into Mongolia, where they are today found mixed with elements of Magog. Togarmah's modern-day descendants are also found in China's Xinkiang province and in Russian Siberia or Tartary.

Ezekiel, however, speaks specifically of Togarmah "in the uttermost parts of the north" (38:6, *Amplified*). This is a clear reference to the *Siberian* branch.

But what of Southeast Asia?

The modern-day nations of this region are of the southern Mongoloid racial group. These nations are primarily Japhetic in descent, of the line of Gomer and, farther east, of Javan. Here communism has already deeply penetrated.

Vietnam is already a communist nation in the Soviet fold. After some two decades of fighting, the American-backed government of South Vietnam surrendered to Soviet-supported North Vietnamese forces in the spring of 1975. Vietnam was officially reunited as a communist state in July 1976.

The government of neighboring Laos is an ally of Vietnam and the Soviet Union. Nearby Cambodia (Kampuchea) has been dominated by Vietnam since 1979.

Continuing Vietnamese military activity within Cambodia poses a potential threat to the security of Thailand to the north and west. Malaysia also sees a potential military menace from expansionist Vietnam. Adding to the uncertainty, small bands of communist guerrillas continue to roam the Thai-Malaysia border area.

In Burma, militarily active communist guerrillas are challenging the government in Rangoon. In Indonesia and the Philippines too, communist insurgency occasionally assails the authority of the central governments.

Most of Southeast Asia will undoubtedly find it difficult to withstand incessant communist pressure. Ultimately, prophecy reveals, the region will be forced into cooperating with the Soviet Union and her allies.

**"I Am Against You!"**

As we have seen, the coming

Eurasian confederacy will devastate much of Western Europe. After Christ decimates the armies of all nations gathered at Armageddon, Gog will assemble a large army from among his surviving Eurasian forces. That army will attempt to impose its ideology on a restored Israel. But it will not succeed!

"Behold, I am against you, O Gog!" God declares (Ezek. 38:3). The fate of his armies is vividly portrayed: "You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the peoples who are with you; I shall give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field" (Ezek. 39:4, *Amplified*). The people of Israel will labor seven months burying the millions of Gog's dead (39:12). The survivors will know that God rules.

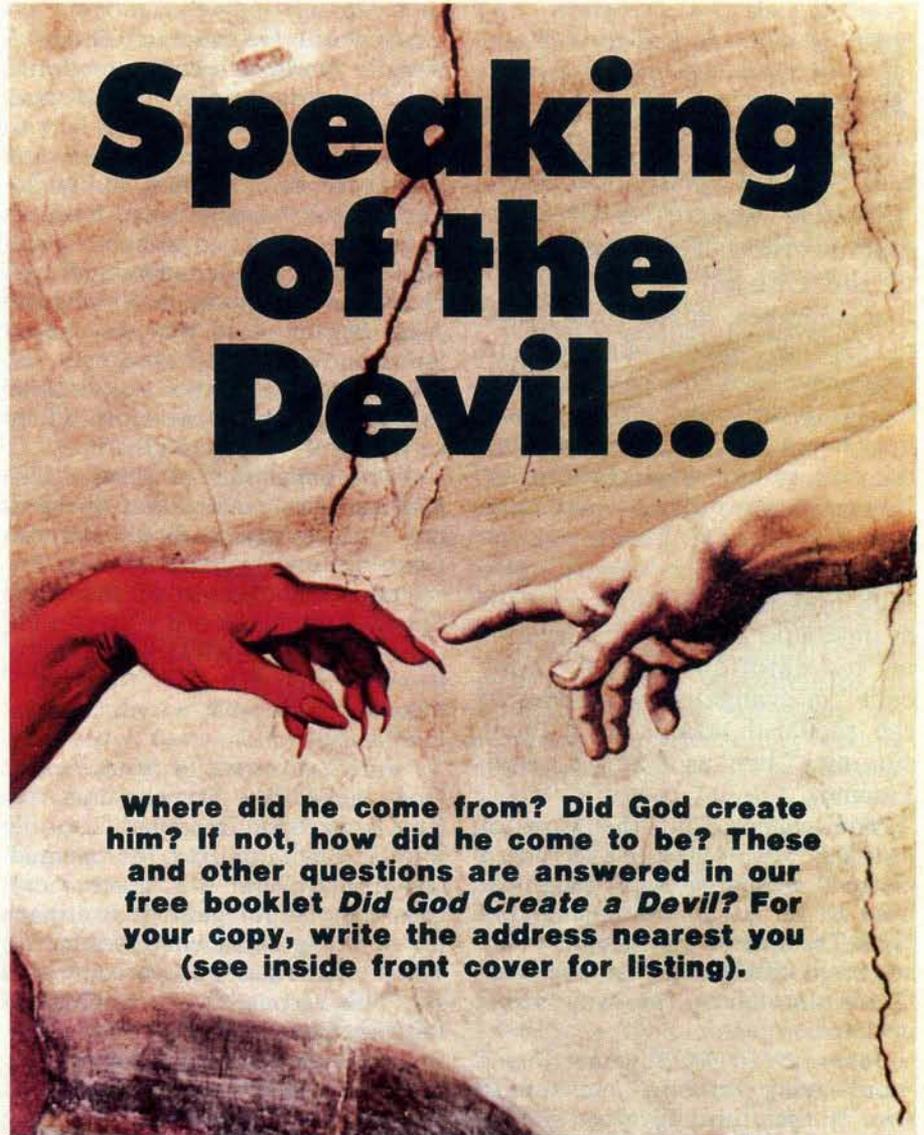
The demise of Gog and his allies will furnish a powerful witness to the nations of the world. "And I shall set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed," God declares (39:21, *Amplified*).

The people of Israel will utterly destroy the weapons carried by Gog's army (39:9-10). With the power of Gog irretrievably broken, the nations of the world will at last submit to the government of God.

Peace will finally become reality. "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Mic. 4:3; Isa. 2:4).

South Asia—and the world—will at last know true peace! □

# Speaking of the Devil...



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# MYSTERY OF THE AGES

## CHAPTER SIX

# Mystery of the Church

We continue, with this eleventh installment, the serial publication of Herbert W. Armstrong's last book, *Mystery of the Ages*.

**I**t is the function of the **CHURCH**—as the spiritual **MOTHER** of Christians in it—to develop holy, righteous and perfect godly **CHARACTER** in those God has called—those God has added to the Church.

Remember, none **CAN COME** to Christ, except called and drawn by God the Father (John 6:44). Newly converted members are not brought to spiritual conversion by “salesmanship” of human evangelists—are not “talked into” being “converted”—are not emotionally high pressured by high-powered evangelistic oratory or fervor—or by emotion-packed “altar calls” in evangelistic crusades to the moanful strains of a choir singing, “Just as I am, I come, I come.”

You cannot find that sort of **MODERN** “Old-Fashioned Gospel” crusading either taught or used to set us an example in the New Testament! Yet people today suppose falsely that is the way Christ intended—the way Jesus initiated.

Jesus **DID NOT** come on a “soul-saving crusade!” to try to save at that time all those in SA-

**TAN'S** world. He came to call out of Satan's world a people predestinated and specially called and drawn by God. Jesus said it was impossible for others of **SATAN'S WORLD** to come to him for salvation unless specially called by God to become kings and teachers when God's **WORLD TOMORROW** has replaced **SATAN'S WORLD**. **NEVER** did Jesus beg or plead with anyone to “give one's heart to him.” At Jacob's well in Samaria Jesus spoke to a woman about the Holy Spirit in terms of “living water.”

The woman said to Jesus, “Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not.” Here was a direct request from an unconverted woman for salvation and the gift of the Holy Spirit. **BUT JESUS ONLY TOLD HER OF HER SINS—OF WHAT SHE HAD TO REPENT OF!** He did **NOT** say, “Come to me, just as you are, in your sins.”

None **CAN COME** to Jesus except God the Father draws him! All have sinned. Sin is against **GOD** the Father. Sin must first be repented of—turned from! It is much more than remorse for guilt. It is a matter of being sufficiently **SORRY** to **TURN FROM** the sin, overcome the sin. This reconciles one to God on faith in Christ. It is **GOD** the Father who adds to the Church such as he calls to be saved (Acts 2:47). It is **GOD** who sets members in the

Church (I Cor. 12:18)—not the emotional oratory of the evangelist in the emotional altar call!

God sets individual members in his Church in order that his holy, righteous perfect **CHARACTER** may be developed in them. And **WHY?** To prepare them to become **GOD BEINGS** in the **KINGDOM** (family) OF **GOD**, to **GOVERN** and **RULE** the whole earth with the government of God!

But **HOW** does the **CHURCH** as the spiritual **MOTHER** of its members **DEVELOP THAT SPIRITUAL CHARACTER?** This brings us to the real **PURPOSE** of the Church. This brings us to an **UNDERSTANDING** of **WHY** one cannot be **BORN AGAIN** outside the **CHURCH**.

### Real Purpose of the Church

Now **MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL**—what is the **REAL PURPOSE** for the Church? **WHY** did God have Christ raise it up?

The **CHURCH** is the spiritual **MOTHER** of human converts. They are the spiritual embryos and fetuses as yet **UNBORN**, although begotten by God's Holy Spirit—already children of **GOD**.

The **CHURCH** is God's spiritual **ORGANISM**, well organized, for feeding on spiritual food, training and developing in spiritual righteous **CHARACTER** the future **GOD BEINGS**—sons of God the Father!

For that training—that spiritual development of God's CHARACTER, God has given his Church a DUAL responsibility:

1) "Go ye into all the world" and proclaim the GOOD NEWS—announcement—of the coming kingdom of God.

2) "Feed my sheep."

But in FEEDING the "sheep," developing in them God's spiritual CHARACTER, God has given them THEIR PART in supporting, backing up, the great commission: "Go ye into all the world."

This first and great commission was given to the apostles. To a lesser extent evangelists were used in carrying forth the message. Other leaders—ordained ministers—were stationary, yet even the local pastor of a church may hold evangelistic services in his area—not the "soul-saving crusade" type, but lectures ANNOUNCING and PROCLAIMING as a witness the coming KINGDOM OF GOD (the true gospel)!

This ENTIRE GREAT COMMISSION—proclaiming the GOOD NEWS of the coming kingdom, and "feeding the sheep"—is a COMBINED administration and function of the Church.

The individual lay member HAS HIS VITAL PART in proclaiming the GOOD NEWS (gospel) to the world. HOW? Not by going out and himself proclaiming Christ's message to the neighborhood or to the world. That is done primarily by the apostles, to some extent by evangelists, and to even a lesser extent in local areas by local pastors. (The chief responsibility of local pastors is supervision of and preaching to the local church.)

But the ENTIRE CHURCH OPERATION is one WHOLE, organized into various operations and administrations (I Cor. 12:5-6).

### Part of the Lay Member

For example, what part does the individual local member have in taking the gospel message to ALL THE WORLD? This is done primarily and directly by the APOSTLE. In this latter half of the twentieth century it is done also by radio, television and in PRINT!

In the first century it was done by personal proclamation. Then

WHAT PART did the individual lay member have in it? MUCH! Without this larger body of lay members the apostle could do nothing!

Notice a scriptural example: Peter and John had been proclaiming the message at the Temple in Jerusalem. A miracle had been performed by Peter and a large crowd had gathered. As a result Peter and John were thrown in prison overnight, and severely threatened. Their lives were in danger. They were unnerved.

They went immediately upon release to the lay brethren (Acts 4:23). They needed the backing, support, encouragement of the brethren. They fervently PRAYED! Peter and John sorely NEEDED this loyalty, backing and the prayers of the lay members. THEY WERE ALL A TEAM TOGETHER!

The author, Christ's apostle, can say emphatically that the apostles, evangelists, pastors and elders could not carry on the work of God without the loyal backing and continual encouragement of the lay members.

Neither can the individual lay member develop and build within him God's holy, righteous and perfect CHARACTER without the operations of the apostle, evangelists, pastors and elders. All these various members God HAS SET in his Church are interdependent—mutually dependent on one another. They form a TEAM—an ORGANIZED SPIRITUAL ORGANISM—utterly different from any secular and worldly organization!

HOW, more specifically, does this mutual dependency operate?

### God Has Provided Modern Methods

In general, the whole operation of the Church costs money in this late twentieth-century world. Facilities and methods are available to the Church for performance of its commission that did not exist in the first-century world. Without the tithes and generous freewill offerings of lay members the Church commission could not be performed in today's world.

Without the fervent and prevailing continual prayers of all members the work could not be accomplished. Without the continual

ENCOURAGEMENT of lay members and those over them locally, those of us operating from headquarters could not bear up under the persecutions, oppositions, trials and frustrations.

Also, in reverse, the lay members need just as urgently the encouragement, teaching, counseling and leadership from headquarters and local pastors.

An example of the former: I frequently receive large cards—often beautifully illustrated or decorated—signed by the hundreds of local members of churches, giving encouragement and assurances of loyalty, backing and support. Lay members scattered over the world simply cannot conceive fully how much encouragement and inspiration this gives the one Christ has chosen to lead this tremendous worldwide activity, God's CHURCH! The assurance of the earnest PRAYERS crying out to God continually from these thousands from all parts of the earth inspire the confidence of FAITH to persevere in the direction and oversight in this great work!

Specifically, HOW is God's Church organized today—HOW does it operate in this modern late twentieth century?

Christ's gospel message—the kingdom of God—goes out worldwide in dynamic POWER by radio, by television, and by the mass-circulation magazine, *The Plain Truth*. This unique magazine of more than eight million copies monthly, in seven languages, is full color, effectively and interestingly carrying Christ's gospel. Then, sent free on request are millions of copies of attractive booklets and even full books. A campaign of dynamic full-page messages appeared as advertisements in leading newspapers, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and other daily newspapers. Large space has been used in the *London Times*.

A mimeographed *Pastor General's Report* is mailed from headquarters weekly to all ministers. Twice monthly a tabloid newspaper *The Worldwide News* goes out to all members. Monthly a handsome full-color magazine *The Good*

*News* is sent to all lay members, ministers and near-member co-workers. And finally, the Pastor General sends out monthly a Co-Worker letter to all members and co-workers reporting on progress in the work, current activities and needs.

And we must not overlook a very important department, the Bible Correspondence Course, sent free on enrollment to lay members, and the public, giving monthly lessons in-depth of basic subjects covered by the Bible.

The author's personal travels to all parts of the world representing Christ's message personally before kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers and leaders under them in numerous nations perhaps ought to be mentioned.

All this is a well-organized operation carrying out the PURPOSE of the Church: 1) proclaiming the coming kingdom of God to the world and 2) feeding the flock.

The "loner"—the "individual Christian," who wants to climb up into the kingdom of God some other way than by CHRIST and HIS WAY through his CHURCH—is not being trained in CHRIST'S MANNER OF TRAINING, to rule and reign with Christ in his kingdom!

#### **"Individual Christians"— Ex-Members**

Now what about the "private," or "individual Christian," who says, "I don't want to be a part of the Church—I want to seek my salvation direct and alone with Jesus Christ."

The answer is this: God himself laid out the plan and the method by which humans may be, after begetting, trained and prepared to become part of the divine personnel of born GOD BEINGS that shall form the KINGDOM OF GOD!

The kingdom of God will be the GOD FAMILY—a superbly and highly trained and organized family of GOD BEINGS. The Church is God's special school for training those he has selected and called to be trained in his Church—to be kings and priests, to rule and to teach—for their part in that kingdom. Only those so trained in the Church will be kings and priests in the kingdom of God.

The person who says "I will get my salvation alone, outside of the Church" is totally deceived. This is not the time when salvation is opened to those in Satan's world. Those called now, I repeat emphatically, are NOT CALLED just for salvation. They are called for a special training provided only in God's Church.

Those in Satan's world cannot train themselves outside of the Church for the special calling of being rulers and teachers in God's kingdom when Satan is removed and the world has become God's world.

The Church is ORGANIZED on GOD'S pattern of mutual teamwork and cooperation to function perfectly together. They shall become the GOD FAMILY as it shall exist at the time of Christ's Second Coming. Remember God IS that divine FAMILY!

Take an analogy from Satan's world. A football player says: "I want to play in all of the games, but I'll train *alone*. I don't want to be part of the TEAM until the games start." Would the coach let him be part of the team in the games, without having learned TEAMWORK during practice season? Neither will God let one INTO his family at the resurrection who refused to be part of it now—in the CHURCH—in the spiritual "training season."

To those chosen to be apostles in the start of the CHURCH, Jesus said, speaking of the CHURCH:

"I am the vine, ye are the branches." Those not joined with others of the branches, all joined to the main vine, were NO PART OF THE CHURCH, and God the Father will cast them away as DEAD BRANCHES. THE LIFE (spirit life impregnated now) is received along with all other "branches" from the main vine—Christ, the Head of the CHURCH!

What about one who has been IN Christ's "spiritual BODY"—the Church—and is PUT OUT for cause (causing division or rebellion or opposition to Church government)? The CHURCH is like a human mother who is pregnant. If there is an abortion, the HUMAN LIFE departs totally from the fetus. There is, however, perhaps one difference

in this analogy. A human who goes out, or is put out of God's Church, could, on repentance and renewed belief, be admitted back into the body again.

#### **What About the World's Churches?**

What about the millions of members of other religions?

SATAN is the great counterfeiter. Satan has his churches, his religions, and his ministers in those religions and churches (II Cor. 11:13-15). What about the millions of people in traditional established "Christian" churches? In the book of Revelation, the TRUE Church is pictured in the 12th chapter as the persecuted "little flock," many martyred—put to death for their faith—having to flee for safety from persecution, torture and death. In chapter 17 is pictured the big, politically and worldly powerful churches, headed by "mother" "Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth" (verse 5). In other words, the ancient "Babylonian Mystery" religion, out of whom have gone daughter churches in protest. This politically great church was the persecutor of "the saints" (verse 6). This false church, politically great, sits astride a "beast" pictured in chapter 13 as a government ruling by power of "the dragon" who (Rev. 12:9) is Satan the devil.

This is shocking, but plainly revealed in God's Word!

What about those, in such churches, who profess being "born-again Christians"? They are DECEIVED! They may be ever so sincere. They do not know they are deceived and wrong in their beliefs. But they are not now being judged! They are neither condemned to the lake of fire nor "saved." They are among the WHOLE WORLD, swayed by the deceptions of Satan, CUT OFF from God!

It must be repeated—they shall have their eyes opened to God's TRUTH if still living after Christ comes and Satan is removed—or, if dead before then, resurrected and called to truth and salvation in the Great White Throne Judgment resurrection (Rev. 20:11-12).

Yes, the whole world is DE-  
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# The Jews and Israel

*From time to time, the editorial staff of The Plain Truth endeavors to bring to the attention of its audience those views of leading personalities that have, or will have, a significant impact upon the world. This month Ilan Elgar, Consul for Press and Information at the Israeli Consulate in Los Angeles, explains his nation's viewpoint on the Middle East dilemma. In the January issue we presented the viewpoint of the Kingdom of Jordan.*

**T**O SEEK an equitable resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the first priority must be to establish a clear historical basis in principle for rights and claims. Only on the basis of such a truthful historical perspective can pragmatic questions be approached for negotiation.

A complex mythology has arisen to obscure that history. . . . Diplomacy can play its role only if the myths are swept away and historical truth be accorded its rightful place. Otherwise, even negotiated settlements may turn out to be transient and illusory.

The crucial element in the entire mythological structure is the doctrine, universally accepted in the Arab/Muslim world, that the Jewish State is an interloper in the Middle East, foisted upon the Arabs by Western imperialism and Zionist colonialism—that the little land of Palestine was arbitrarily chosen by them as the place for Jewish settlement, especially after the suffering of the Jewish people during World War II—and that, as a consequence, a great historical injustice was done by depriving the Arabs of Palestine of their land.

The truth is that the place called Palestine was never the ancient homeland of the Arabs who live in Israel and the "West Bank." Neither in history nor in international law has "Palestine" ever been a country, still less an Arab country.

For millennia the historically decisive term for the area was *Eretz Israel*—the land of Israel—a name given it not by extremist nationalist Jews in 1948 or 1967, but by the emancipated children of Israel after their Exodus from Egypt under Moses, some 3,500 years ago.

Certainly, the story begins with the Bible—with the account in Genesis of the patriarch Abraham and the covenant he forged with his God and his land—a covenant that Jews throughout the world continue to recall in the ritual circumcision of their 8-day-old sons.

The sense of that covenant pene-

trated and suffused the national consciousness ever after. The Holy Land is holy because of that covenant and all that flowed from it in Jewish history, from Abraham to Moses to David to Elijah to Isaiah and Jeremiah, names that reverberate in the literary and spiritual consciousness of the West.

The land of Israel is sacred to Christianity because Jesus was born there, trod its soil and fulfilled his mission there. But it was sacred for Jesus (as also for Muhammad) because of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob (Israel) and Moses and David and Elijah. The Messiah, in Jewish tradition, is to stem from the seed of King David, and it is precisely in the claim of Jesus' Davidic lineage that Christianity grounds his Messianic legitimacy.

But if it all begins in the Bible, it surely does not end there. It is the historic religio-national character of the Jewish people that enabled it never to waver in its allegiance to its God and its land. The concepts of "Exile" from *Eretz Israel* and of "Zion Redeemed" are central to an understanding of Jewish survival through the ages—and of the creation of the Jewish State in our own time.

In exile, in dispersion and in persecution through two millennia the Jewish people never forgot the covenant. Through the ages and throughout the world, from birth to death, on ordinary days and high occasions, on Sabbaths and festivals, at home and in the synagogue, at meals and fast days, through unremitting prayer, study, ceremony, custom and law—an ineradicable and unassuaged passion for *Eretz Israel* and Jerusalem permeated the Jewish consciousness.

For nearly 20 centuries, this attachment formed the central theme in the literature of the Jewish people. All Jewish prayers for national restoration, all movements of resettlement, all Messianic aspirations, had as their prime object the rebuilding of *Eretz Israel* and Jerusalem—and that rebuilding came to epitomize the redemption of the people of Israel. . . .

Numerous invaders conquered the land of Israel: Assyrians, Babylonians, Syrians, Egyptians, Per-

sians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Kurds, Mamluks and Mongols, Tartars and Crusaders, Turks and Englishmen. . . .

Then, driven from their land and scattered to the winds, the Jews gave expression to the anguish of Exile and the passion for Return, never ceasing to assert their right and title to *Eretz Israel*. The survival of the Jewish people through dark centuries was inextricably linked to their memory of their land and to their determination to return.

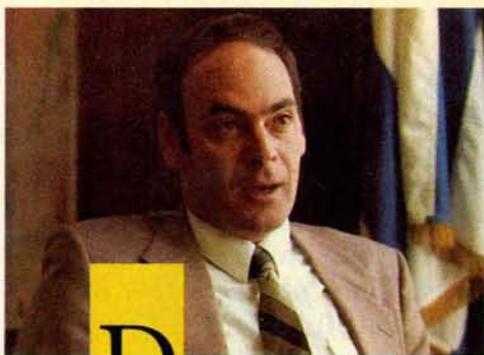
This longing and this dream constitute a continuity of faith and nation unprecedented in world history.

For never has there been another instance of a people whose political state and religious center were destroyed, its land devastated, its members driven off and dispersed to the far corners of the earth, victims of discrimination and persecution, of mass slaughter in crusades, expulsions, inquisitions, blood libels, pogroms, and holocaust—only to survive in creativity and dignity, and to return to their land to rebuild after 1,900 years.

There was, in fact, something in addition to the age-old spiritual bond of the Jewish people with *Eretz Israel*. Despite all the invasions, conquests and devastations, Jews never ceased living in the land of Israel.

Clinging stubbornly to the soil, fortified by the faith that one day Jewish sovereignty would be restored, Jews lived and married and died in the Holy Land without interruption, during all the centuries of foreign rule, of anarchy and neglect, of war and destruction and massacre.

Under Roman, Christian and Muslim rule over the centuries, Palestine turned into a wasteland of neglect, the number of Jews contracted. Still they remained—for these Jews saw themselves as the “guardians of the walls,” the living presence whose descendants would rebuild the land anew.



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And through all the generations, through all the centuries of dispersion, Jews kept coming back to the Holy Land. Always there was *aliyah*—ascent to Israel—even when immigration was forbidden by alien rulers.

The modern Jewish restoration began in the mid-19th century, well before the rise of political Zionism. Jews were immigrating, building, planting, fortifying, dreaming of the day when Jewish sovereignty would be restored and *Eretz Israel* reborn. . . .

Into this empty land, laid waste by war, victim of abuse and neglect, the Jews came to reclaim and rebuild their ancient homeland. . . .

The Jewish claim to *Eretz Israel* begins with the Bible, not because the Bible is a political document, but because it shaped the consciousness of the Jews for 3,500 years and made of them a distinct people; because every day for 70 generations Jews turned to Zion in prayer, study and yearning.

The Jewish people's right does not derive from the Balfour Declaration of 1917, or the League of Nations Mandate of 1922, or any United Nations resolutions, or the world's guilt after the holocaust. It is a right grounded in the most ancient and unbroken connection between a people and its religion, culture and land in recorded history.

It is a right confirmed by the sacrifice and devotion of those who stayed on in the land through all the years of pestilence and blight,

of oppression and banishment, of slaughter and pogrom—Jews sustained by the faith that they were the caretakers, the guardians, the protectors of the land that would one day be restored to all the Jewish people from every place of their dispersion and every center of their exile.

It is a right validated by the struggle of those who tore the stones from the arid earth and made it blossom; who turned swamp into orchard and desert into oasis; who filled the land with forests, constructed roads, changed the landscape, transformed the desolate plains and bare mountains, built universities and schools, brought health to all the inhabitants, not least the Arabs.

Not to understand this millennial romance between a people and its land, this organic link between the Jews and Jerusalem, between the children of Israel and the land of Israel, is to miss the vital core of the fate and passion of Jewish history.

One need not be a rabid nationalist, or a religious zealot, or even a believer, to stand in awe before this noble heritage, to understand that it is at the very heart of the Jewish people's tie to *Eretz Israel*, to accept the irreversible fact of the centrality of Zion in the consciousness of the Jewish people.

And to recognize it as a paramount reality and fact of life in the Middle East with which the world must come to terms.

The study of history will also dispel another widely disseminated myth: that a place called Palestine is the ancient national homeland of the Arabs of the “West Bank” (and of Israel, too, for that matter).

The word *Palestine* has its origins in the biblical name which the Israelites gave the land of the Philistines. And though that ancient people disappeared early on from the stage of history, the name was used for the first time by the Roman Empire to erase from memory the land's identity with the Jewish people. After the Arab conquest of the area in the 7th century, Palestine—“Filastin”—was treated merely as a part of Syria.

For nearly two millennia, the

name Palestine did not figure as a defined political, cultural, territorial and demographic entity. It was only after 1917, after the British conquest and rule, that the name was formally reinstated as a political/geographic term. By then, the very name, which for Muslims had never been more than an administrative subdistrict, had long since been forgotten by them.

The territory of Palestine was conquered by many different armies, including those of the Arabs, but the whole of Palestine never belonged to the Arabs, and it is far from clear historically that the present Arab population is at all indigenous to the land.

Palestine was never an exclusively Arab country, even though Arabic gradually became the language of the majority population after the Arab invasions of the 7th century. There was never an Arab state in Palestine, and there never was a separate Palestinian Arab nation.

Palestinian Arabs never created their own self-contained unit or any form of separate political or social identity; they were not autonomous at any time. Their "nationalism" is strictly a reaction to Zionism, to the Jewish return to *Eretz Israel*, to Jewish settlement in Palestine, to the Jewish State of Israel. . . .

Two additional, powerful myths have come to dominate the Western consciousness in recent years and, tragically, constitute the framework of received political wisdom on the ultimate destiny of the Arabs who inhabit Judea and Samaria.

One myth is that the "West Bank" is territory that once rightfully belonged to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan but was conquered by Israel in 1967 and has been occupied by it ever since.

The second myth is that there exists no Arab homeland in which the Arabs of Judea and Samaria may exercise "self-determination" . . . and that therefore such a land must be wrested from Is-

rael and from territory it controls.

Myths such as these will never serve as the basis for a stable and equitable peace. However potent their sway, these myths must be resisted by a determined resort to the facts of history.

The European powers that emerged victorious from World War I undertook to break up and distribute the lands of the defeated Ottoman Empire. Two claimants arose to those territories—and were recognized as legitimate in international law on the basis of fundamental considerations of politics, geography, demography, culture—and historical justice. The two claimants were: the Arab nation and the Jewish people.

The Arab claim was satisfied to such an extent that a dozen Arab states were created in the aftermath of World War I, and eight more after World War II.

The Jewish claim was to be satisfied in Palestine, which in 1919, when the League of Nations was set up and the distribution of lands validated in law, was universally understood to encompass the territory that now comprises Israel, the "West Bank" and Jordan.

Thus, the Jewish and Arab claims in this vast area came to the forum of liberation together—and not, as is usually implied, by way of Jewish encroachment on an already vested and exclusive Arab domain.

It must also be borne in mind that the territorial allocation made to the Arabs was more than 100 times greater in area, and hundreds

of times richer in resources, than the "Palestine" designated for the Jewish National Home.

In 1922, a drastic encroachment was made on the tiny Jewish land: The entire area east of the Jordan River—35,468 out of 46,339 square miles, four-fifths of Mandatory Palestine—was arbitrarily removed by the British from the terms of the League of Nations Mandate which they held. They did this to establish the Empire (later the Kingdom) of Jordan—and, explicitly, to provide a reserve of land for Palestine Arabs across the Jordan River, in recognition of the fact that the East Bank was then part of Palestine and that the Palestine Arabs were at home on the East Bank.

The British acted for their own imperial reasons.

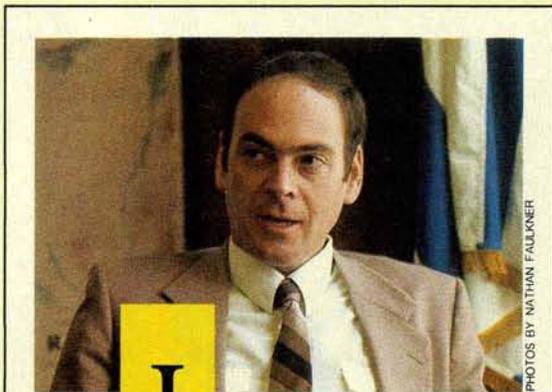
In the military campaign to defeat the Ottoman Turks, allied to the Germans in World War I, the British enlisted the aid of the Hashemite clan, then headed by Hussein ibn Ali, the great-grandfather of the present king of Jordan, whose family had for centuries been traditional *sherifs* (princely guardians) of the holy Muslim cities of Mecca and Medina.

The British design was to create client states out of a carved-up Ottoman Empire. In 1920, the British installed Sherif Hussein's son Faisal on the throne of Iraq, and in 1922 they installed the Sherif's other son Abdullah as Emir of Transjordan. (Iraq gained its independence in 1932; Transjordan in 1946.)

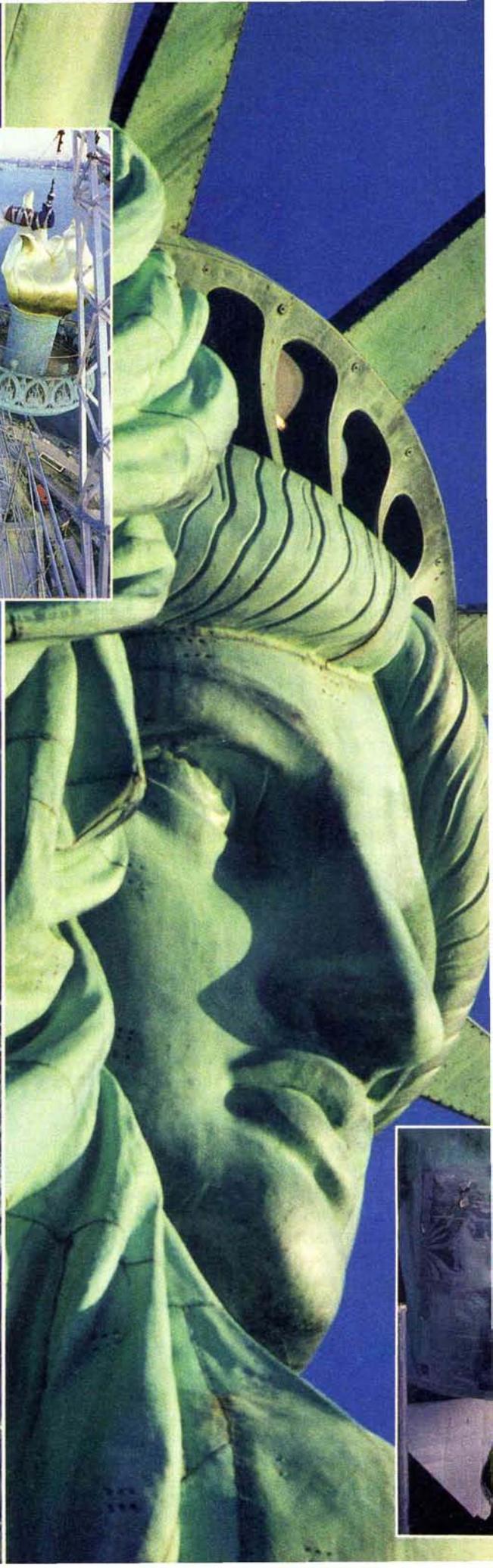
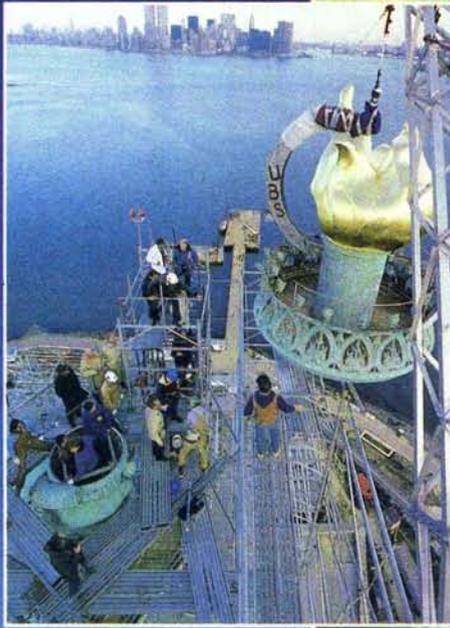
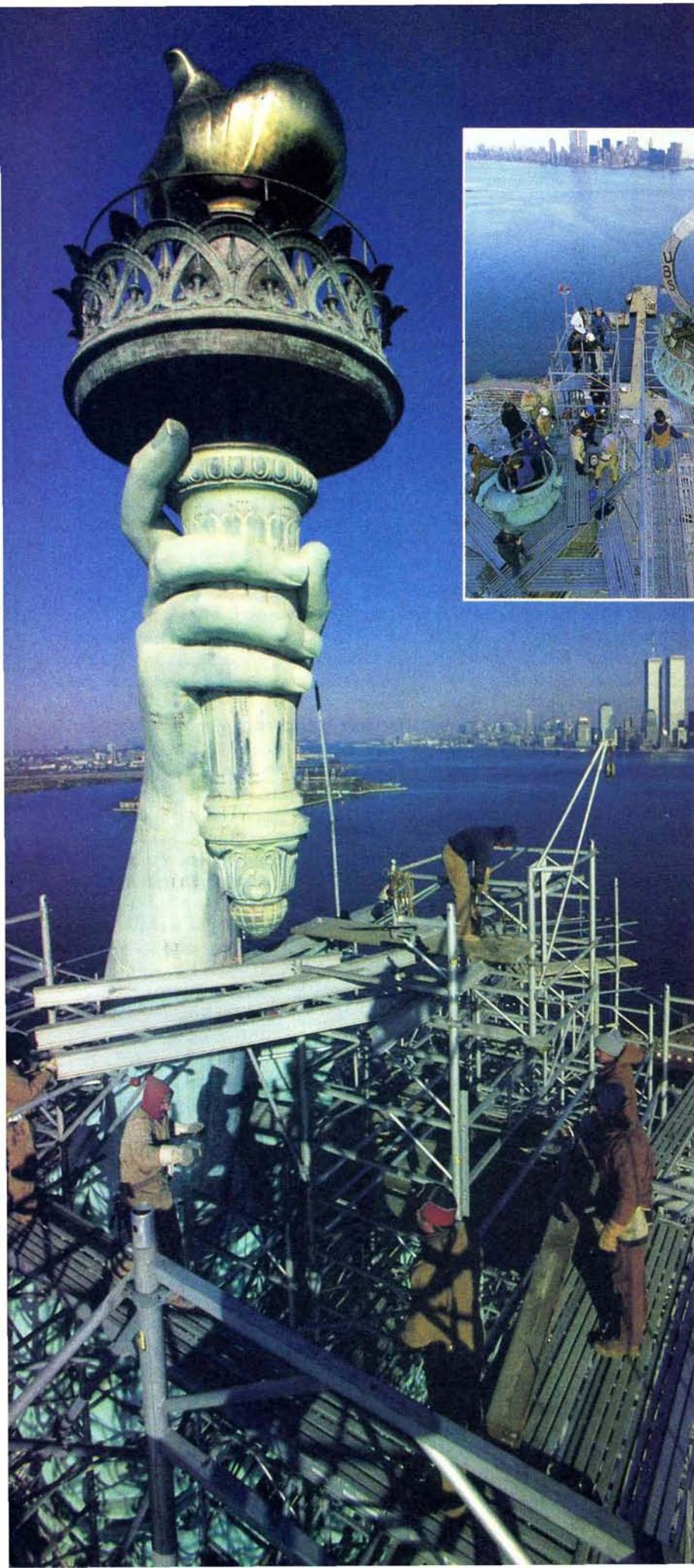
In 1947 the United Nations' call for the creation of Jewish and Arab states in a still further truncated Palestine divided by partition, was aborted, in fact and in international law, by the Arab rejection of the call, and by the war which the Arabs launched against Israel.

Jordan, in any case, had no right in law to any portion of Palestine west of the Jordan River, and Jordanian expansion on to the "West Bank" in 1948-49 was the result of an unlawful military adventure. Its ouster in 1967 was the consequence of a defensive counteraction. Jordan retains no right to Judea and Samaria, which can in

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**I** srael has demonstrated, time and again, its readiness to compromise and make concessions for peace.



# Restoring the American Dream?

by John Halford

I HAD seen the Statue of Liberty before, but never like this—swathed in scaffolding, without her torch, dozens of workmen swarming over her.

“It isn’t just a cleanup,” explained an engineer. “We are rebuilding her from the inside out. Before she falls down.”

As a symbol of American freedom and independence, the Statue of Liberty ranks second only to the flag. She was presented as a gift by the people of France.

For nearly 100 years she has stood at the entrance to New York Harbor—a welcoming beacon of hope to millions of immigrants arriving from the Old World. But as Liberty approached her centenary, she needed help herself.

The 151-foot-high statue was constructed from hammered cop-

per plates fastened to an iron framework. After decades of exposure to the elements the copper was still in remarkably good condition. Only the copper torch needed replacing, and a few other spot repairs, and an overall cleanup.

But the iron frame to which the plates were fastened was badly corroded. The statue depends on her iron skeleton for strength. The copper sheathing averages only about the thickness of two pennies—insufficient to support its 100-ton weight. Liberty was in great danger.

It might not have happened this year or in 10 years, but sooner or later this symbol of American hopes and dreams would have collapsed into a heap of twisted metal.

So, the statue was closed to the public, and an extensive restoration project begun. Large corporations and private citizens contributed generously to a fund to save the statue. More than \$3 million was given by America’s schoolchildren alone. Piece by piece the interior bracing has been removed and replaced with exact duplicates made from stainless steel. When the new framework is in place, the project engineers are confident “the Lady,” as they call her, will last another hundred years. “In fact,” they told me, “she’s probably good for a thousand!”

The statue was a fitting symbol of new hope as she greeted the boatloads of immigrants fleeing from hopelessness and oppression.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, America offered the poor of Europe a fresh start and a chance to succeed. Above all, it promised freedom.

The nation had already survived its first century of a bold experiment in government—a republic that not only *claimed* to be founded in liberty (all nations do)—but *meant* it. By the time the Statue of Liberty first raised her torch over New York Harbor, America was a remarkable nation. It still is!

We tend to think of the United States of America as a young country. But when one considers stability, continuity of government and venerability of institutions, America is a veteran on the world scene. Many newly independent nations have admired American success and tried to emulate it. But none have come close.

The people of the 13 colonies, having declared their independence from the Crown and established themselves on the North American continent, opened their doors to the poor of the world. Those 13 colonies became in many ways the most successful nation that has ever existed.

All nations say they strive to provide freedom, opportunity, security, constitutional rights and high standards of living for their people. But how many have been successful in accomplishing this? A few small countries certainly. But none on the vast scale of America.

*After a century of exposure, the copper skin of the Statue of Liberty needed cleaning and spot repairs. A new gold-plated torch replaces the original illuminated one. Major restoration occurred inside the statue.*



In 1831, while the United States was still forming, an observant French writer, Alexis de Tocqueville, made an extensive tour. He marveled at the potential he saw. Here was a nation beginning to show what the human race could achieve. "How wonderful is the position of the New World where man has as yet no enemies but himself," he wrote, in honest admiration.

Today it is more fashionable to resent—and sometimes even to hate—the United States. It is arguably the most criticized nation in history.

Everyone knows about American problems. *Everyone* has an opinion. Not only foreigners. American writers, including the writers of *this* magazine, frequently point out the sins that plague American society. But let's not forget that we can do this without fear of reprisal.

In many countries where *The Plain Truth* circulates, we would be banned were we to say all that needs to be said. In the United States we can "cry aloud, spare not, and show the people their sins." Can we do that where you live? It has been observed that whereas most countries *say* they allow freedom of speech, in America you can also count on freedom *after* your speech!

Like it or not, this nation has set the standards for the modern world. Even governments that rail against the United States and stand by as their mobs trample the flag, nevertheless regard the American standard of living as a measure of their own success.

"Yankee, go home!" extremists shriek around the world. "But take me with you," some of them mutter under their breath.

Yes, America is still the promised land for oppressed and dispossessed. Year after year they flood legally and illegally across the borders to seek a refuge, justice and new start.

If foreign readers are becoming irritated with my patriotic fervor, I am not an American citizen. But I am, like deTocqueville, an open admirer of much about this great, powerful, friendly, generous, well-meaning democracy.

Think what you will about

America, it is still the most envied and influential nation that has ever been.

But it is not successful enough. America may look good from the outside, but like the Statue of Liberty, it is rotting away internally. If the damage is not repaired, the nation, too, will collapse under its own weight. Americans have been undeniably successful in setting a standard for the world, but they have failed miserably in reaching a far more significant standard. They have not attained the approval of God.

From the beginning, this country sensed that it had a special destiny. In 1783, Ezra Stiles, president of Yale University, wrote of "God's American Israel," and asked, "May we not see that we are the object which the Holy Ghost had in view four thousand years ago when he inspired the venerable patriarch with the vision respecting his posterity?"

Americans thought of themselves as "chosen people" long before John L. O'Sullivan coined the phrase "manifest destiny" in 1845.

Blessed with the abundant resources, and a magnificent new continent, perhaps it was inevitable that such a people would identify themselves with the children of Israel entering *their* Promised Land 3,300 years before. Like ancient Israel, Americans were a nation that seemed to be uniquely blessed. They, too, were the inheritors of a bountiful land "flowing with milk and honey," where they could establish a society that would be God's model nation and a beacon to which the world could look.

But to be God's model nation is a heavy responsibility. (Read Deuteronomy 4:5-9.) If a chosen people do their part, God blesses abundantly. But if they fail, God must teach a lesson. Ancient Israel did fail to meet God's standard, and they paid the penalty. They were taken into captivity hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus Christ, and with the exception of the tribe of Judah, essentially vanished into the mists of time.

In the years before their captivity, God sent prophets to those ancient chosen people to warn them to change their ways before it was

too late. They cried aloud and showed the people their sins, pointing out the hypocrisy, the idolatry, the double standards and corruption of a people who reaped the blessings, but forgot their God.

A nation—any nation—that claims a special destiny, that recognizes its special favor with God and that identifies with the chosen people of ancient Israel, must surely consider these messages.

Like Israel, America today is a nation laden with national sins. Freedom abused leads to confusion. Liberty, without law, can tear down rather than build up. Opportunity without self-control becomes destructive. Blessings without the exercise of responsibility have become a curse.

Those very values, which should be the underpinnings of a great and glorious nation, are, if abused, the seeds of its ruin. America, like its Statue of Liberty, is allowing itself to rot from within.

Politicians, ministers of religion and social critics at all levels of American society are concerned, and they have found many parallels in the writings of the prophets of ancient Israel. The analogies are often excruciatingly clear.

But they do not realize that it is *not* an analogy. There is a far, far deeper significance to the message of the prophets than most of us have ever realized. And there is a much closer link between this great nation today and the chosen people of ancient Israel than you might think.

Let me draw your attention to one of the most significant moments in American history. Yes—*American* history. In Genesis 48, the patriarch Jacob, renamed Israel, took his grandsons, Ephraim and Manasseh, and prepared to bless them and prophesy of their future. Breaking tradition, he crossed his hands and put his right hand on the head of the younger, Ephraim, and his left hand on the elder, Manasseh.

Ephraim, he prophesied, would become a multitude of nations. Manasseh, his brother, would become a great and powerful nation. The nation we call the United States today *is* that nation. It has,

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# The U.S. and Britain in Prophecy

This article is from the script of a recent telecast by David Hulme.

**P**RIOR to World War II, the American and British peoples had acquired more than two thirds of the cultivated resources and wealth of the world. Yet astonishingly, they acquired nearly all of it, rather suddenly, since the year 1800.

Never in all history did anything like this occur.

What's even more surprising is that we are witnessing the rapid decline of this national greatness. In the case of Britain, it's diminishing even faster than it developed.

There's a reason! And it's all bound up with the history of the people of the Holy Bible.

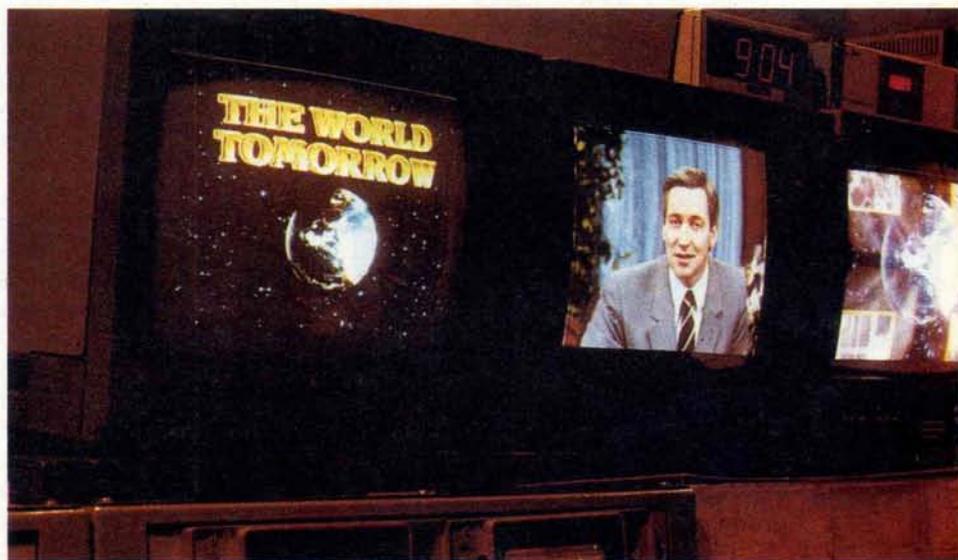
The Holy Bible is a book of the history and origins of all people, but principally it concerns the people of Israel and their descendants today.

Now when I say Israel, I don't only mean the State of Israel today. They are Israel, of course. But they are not all of Israel. Specifically, they are the descendants of one of the tribes of Israel—Judah, or the Jewish people. But there were twelve tribes of ancient Israel. Where are *their* descendants today? That's one of the best-kept secrets of all time. And what bearing can this possibly have on present-day nations and current events?

Many prophecies concerning our

time now are written about Israel, not about Judah alone. If you apply all the prophecies about Israel to the State of Israel today, then you'll get a wrong picture.

Abram—now called Abraham—they are only one nation, not many *nations*. Where are all the other nations springing from the ancient twelve tribes of Israel?



The control room at the Ambassador television studios, as David Hulme records a program in the new *World Tomorrow* series.

When Abram, the grandfather of Jacob (whose name was later changed to Israel), was 99 years old, God again made a promise to him, found in Genesis 17:1-5. The promise is expanded to include nations and kings in verse 6. We read this: "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings [more than one, notice] shall come from you."

So we see that the Jewish people are not the *only* descendants of

Abraham's descendants were to possess the gates of their enemies (Gen. 22:17). Now a gate is a narrow passage, an entrance or an exit. Nationally, such a gate would be a strategic choke point like the Suez Canal, or the Panama Canal, the Straits of Gibraltar, or Singapore.

Abraham had a son Isaac. This promise of national greatness was reconfirmed to Isaac's wife Rebekah, in Genesis 24:60.

The promises of great nations

and peoples descending from these men were continued through Isaac's son Jacob.

In Genesis 28:13-14, we read this: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south. . . ."

The Hebrew word for "spread abroad" has the sense of "break forth," meaning there was no limit on how far north, south, east or west they would go. They would become a people with worldwide impact. Where do we find such people today?

Genesis 35:11 is very important in our search for the identity of Jacob's descendants today. "Also God said to him: 'I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations

Manasseh, the firstborn, and Ephraim, the second. Joseph took these two sons with him to visit his father, who was ill.

Old Israel, now a man of many, many years, made a major decision. He said in Genesis 48:5: "'And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine. . . .'"

What Israel did, in effect, was to take Ephraim and Manasseh, his grandsons, and legally make them his sons.

When a formal blessing of the children was made, Joseph guided his two sons towards their grandfather Israel.

Expecting the birthright blessing to go to the elder, Manasseh, Joseph guided him toward Israel's right hand and Ephraim, the younger, towards his left hand. But Israel surprisingly crossed his hands and pronounced the birthright on the younger, Ephraim. This came as a shock to Joseph.

Here we begin to see a development of the promise that God was giving to this family because of Abraham.

If we're to find these peoples today, we have to ask which nations fit the descriptions God gave of a company of nations and a great nation.

What happened to these tribes between the death of Israel and today?

History shows us that the twelve tribes became a vibrant nation in the Middle East under King David and King Solomon. At the death of Solomon the nation was divided into two kingdoms.

The most powerful tribes in the north were Ephraim and Manasseh, and in the south Judah. As each of these peoples became less fervent in their desire to please God, they were warned by the prophets of punishment to come. Eventually the northern kingdom of Israel was taken captive by the Assyrians.

The last you hear in the Bible of the northern tribes is in II Kings

17:5-6. In verse 18 we read: "Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone." And there, effectively, the northern tribes of Israel vanish from history. But is that the end of the story?

If it is, what about the promises that were made, particularly to the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, to be a company of nations and a great nation? They didn't come close to being that in the Holy Land.

What did happen to them? A prophet not read by too many people today is Amos. He gives us a clue to what happened to these lost tribes of Israel.

"For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as grain is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground" (Amos 9:9).

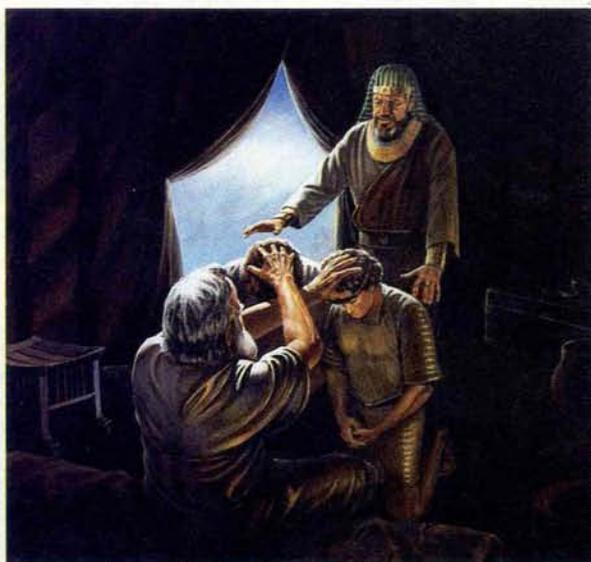
God is telling us that the northern house of Israel would be punished, exiled, and wander through various nations and yet still miraculously be preserved.

History shows that these tribes, having lost their identity when they forgot God's identifying sign, the Sabbath, traveled in successive migrations northwest, finally settling in the area today occupied by the democratic nations of Europe.

The children of Joseph—Ephraim and Manasseh—settled in the British Isles. Ephraim spread all around the world and became a company of nations, known as the British Commonwealth of Nations. Among the Ephraimites were the tribe or people of Manasseh. (They were brothers, don't forget.) The Manassites eventually began to populate the United States. And the United States has become one of the greatest nations this world has ever known.

You need to prove for yourself that these things are so. Our free, full-length book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* documents thoroughly the things I've covered in outline in this *World Tomorrow* program.

The prophetic identity of the United States and British peoples is *the* key to understanding what's ahead for you and for our nations. □



C. WINSTON TAYLOR

The patriarch Jacob crosses his hands as he bestows the birthright on Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh.

shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.' "

So Jacob's—or Israel's—descendants were to be a nation and a company of nations. If these people exist today—and remember Israel is mentioned in many, many prophecies for our time—then we must look for them as a nation and a company of nations in this world.

Jacob had a son Joseph. In Egypt, Joseph had had two sons:

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**PENNSYLVANIA**

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**RHODE ISLAND**

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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

WCBD, Charleston — 2, 9:00 am, Sun  
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 WPDE, Florence — 15, 9:30 am, Sun  
 WYFF, Greenville — 4, 9:30 am, Sun

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

KABY, Aberdeen — 9, 9:00 am, Sun  
 KPRY, Pierre — 4, 9:00 am, Sun  
 KSFY, Sioux Falls — 13, 9:00 am, Sun

**TENNESSEE**

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 WKPT, Kingsport — 19, 11:30 am, Sun  
 WATE, Knoxville — 6, 11:00 am, Sun  
 WPTY, Memphis — 24, 8:00 am, Sun

WSMV, Nashville — 4, 11:00 am, Sun

**TEXAS**

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 KZTV, Corpus Christi — 10, 9:00 am, Sun  
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 KTSM, El Paso — 9, 7:30 am, Sun  
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 KPRC, Houston — 2, 7:00 am, Sun  
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 KLTV, Tyler — 7, 6:30 am, Sun  
 KFDX, Wichita Falls — 3, 9:30 am, Sun

**UTAH**

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**WASHINGTON**

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 CKPG, Prince George — 2, 8:30 am, Sun  
 CFTK, Terrace-Kitimat — 3, 8:30 am, Sun  
 CHAN, Vancouver — 8, 8:00 am, Sun  
 KVOS, Vancouver — 12, 10:30 am, Sun  
 CHEK, Victoria — 6, 7:30 am, Sat

**ALBERTA**

CFCN, Calgary — 4, 11 am, Sun  
 CFRN, Edmonton — 3, 5:30 pm, Mon  
 CHAT, Medicine Hat — 6, 7 am and 11:00 am, Sun  
 CKRD, Red Deer — 6, 10:00 am, Sun  
 KXLY, Spokane — 4, 9:30 am, Sun

**SASKATCHEWAN**

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 CKBI, Prince Albert — 5, 7:00 am, Sun  
 CFQC, Saskatoon — 8, 10:00 am, Sun  
 CJFB, Swift Current — 5, 9:30 am, Sat  
 CICC, Yorkton — 10, 6:30 pm, Sun  
 CKOS, Yorkton — 5, 11:30 am, Sun

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CKX, Brandon — 5, 10:00 am, Sun  
 CKND, Winnipeg — 9, 6:30 am, Sun

**ONTARIO**

CKVR, Barrie — 3, 11:30 am, Sun  
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 CKWS, Kingston — 11, 11:30 am, Sun  
 CHNB, North Bay — 4, 8:00 am, Sun  
 CKNY, North Bay (Fr) — 9, 10:30 am, Sun

CJOH, Ottawa — 13, 10:30 am, Sun  
 CHRO, Ottawa — 9, 8:00 am, Sun  
 CHEX, Peterborough — 12, 11:30 am, Sun  
 CHBX, Sault Ste. Marie — 2, 10:30 am, Sat  
 Global, CIII, Southern Ontario — 8:30 am, Sat;  
 9:30 am, Sun  
 CICI, Sudbury (Fr) — 3, 10:30 am, Sun  
 CKNC, Sudbury — 9, 8:00 am, Sun  
 CKPR, Thunder Bay — 2, 10:30 am, Sun  
 CFCL, Timmins — 6, 8:00 am, Sun  
 CITO, Timmins (Fr) — 6, 10:30 am, Sun  
 CFMT, Toronto (Ital) — 47, 5:00 pm, Fri  
 CFTO, Toronto — 9, 9:00 am, Sun

**QUEBEC**

CKRS, Jonquiere-Chicoutime (Fr) — 12, 1:00 pm,  
 Sun  
 CFCF, Montreal — 12, 7:00 am and 9:30 am, Sun  
 CKRN/CFEM, Noranda (Fr) — 4/10, 8:00 am, Sun  
 CKMI, Quebec City (Fr) — 5, 12:00 noon, Sun

**ATLANTIC CANADA**

WVIL, Bangor, Maine — 7, 9:00 am, Sun  
 CJCH, Halifax, N.S. — 5, 10:30 am, Sun  
 CKCW, Moncton, N.B. — 2, 10:30 am, Sun  
 CHSJ, St. John, N.B. — 4, 12:00 noon, Sun  
 NTV, CJON, St. John's, Nfld. — 6, 10:30 am,  
 Sun  
 CJCB, Sydney, N.S. — 4, 10:30 am, Sun

**PHILIPPINES****LUZON**

Legaspi — GMA Chan. 7, 10:00 am, Sat; 9:30  
 am, Sun  
 Metro Manila — GMA Chan. 7, 9:00 am, Sat; 9:30  
 am, Sun

**VISAYAS**

Cebu — GMA Chan. 7, 8:30 am, Sat; 9:30 am,  
 Sun

**MINDANAO**

Cagayan de Oro — GMA Chan. 12, 7:00 am, Sat;  
 8:30 am, Sun  
 Davao — GMA Chan. 7, 7:30 am, Sat; 8:00 am,  
 Sun  
 Iligan — GMA Chan. 12, 8:00 am, Sat; 9:30 am,  
 Sun  
 Zamboanga — GMA Chan. 3, 8:30 am, Sat; 9:30  
 am, Sun

**EUROPE**

Italy, Retequattro (Ital) — 8:00 am, Sun  
 Italy, Tele-Monte-Carlo (Ital) — 4:30 pm, Sun  
 Luxembourg, RTL-TV (Fr) — 10:45 pm, Thurs  
 Monaco, Tele-Monte-Carlo (Fr) — 11:30 pm,  
 Mon  
 Norway, Oslo, Janco-TV — 8:30 pm, Wed

**OTHER AREAS**

Belize, Central America, TVTV — 7, 9:00 am, Sun  
 Guam, KUAM, Agana — 8, 9:30 am, Sun  
 Japan, JCTV, Tokyo — 5:00 pm, Sun  
 Sri Lanka, ITN11, Colombo — 7:30 pm, every  
 second Sun  
 Tonga, ASTL, Nuku'alofa — 7:30 pm, Sun

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**CANADA****QUEBEC**

CKVL, Montreal (Fr) — 850, 6:00 am, Sun  
 CJRP, Quebec City (Fr) — 1060, 6:45 am, Sun

**OTHER AREAS**

Fiji, Radio FM96, Suva — 6:30 am, Sun  
 Honduras, San Pedro Sula, Radio Norte (Sp) — 780,  
 8:45 am, Sun  
 Hong Kong Radio, Kowloon — 1044, 6:30 am, 12:00  
 am, Sat  
 Radio Luxembourg (Fr) — 4:45 am, Mon; 4:30 am,  
 Tues, Thurs  
 CZAM, Radio Nauru — 1323, 9:00 am, Sun  
 A3Z, Tonga Radio (Eng), Nuku'alofa — 1020, 6:30  
 pm, Sun  
 Radio SUD (Fr), Toulouse — 1161, 5:45 am, Tues,  
 Fri

# the Church

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CEIVED. But praise GOD! Satan soon shall be removed from earth, eyes shall be opened to ASTONISHING TRUTH, and ultimately EVERYBODY who ever lived shall have been called to salvation and eternal life! But when called, each must make his own decision. Sorrowfully as I say it, some will not repent, believe, and be saved. This book emphatically is not teaching a universal salvation. Some are going to finally perish in the lake of fire.

Meanwhile God's GLORIOUS PURPOSE must be worked out here below according to God's MASTER PLAN—a step at a time!

## Teachings and Beliefs

Now we must summarize the teaching and beliefs of God's true Church.

This, naturally, is related directly to the purpose of the Church—to call out of Satan's present world disciples (students, learners) to be trained to become kings and priests (teachers) in God's world tomorrow when God will open the tree of life (salvation, immortality) to all flesh.

But doctrinally, remember what the Church is called to help restore—the kingdom, government and character of God. What was taken away? God's law, the foundation of his government and the very essence of God's character and divine life.

In other words, the pivotal point is the SIN question. Sin is the transgression of God's spiritual law (I John 3:4).

Satan has deceived this world's churches into the belief that God's law was done away—that Jesus, rather than paying the price in human stead for transgressing the law, did away with it—"nailing it to his cross."

The expression used by Protestants "nailing the law to his cross" can mean only one thing. This is Satan's teaching that by being nailed to the cross, Christ abolished the law, making it possible for humans to sin with impunity. What actually was nailed to the cross was Christ our sin bearer, who took on himself our sins, pay-

ing the death penalty in our stead, so that we are freed from the ultimate penalty for sinning, not made free to sin with impunity.

The very basic teaching, belief AND DOCTRINE OF God's true Church therefore is based on the righteousness of and obedience to the law of God. That law is LOVE. But it is not human love. Human love cannot rise above the level of human self-centeredness. It must be "the love of God... shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy [Spirit]" (Rom. 5:5). Ancient Israel could not really obey God's law. They could have kept it according to the strict letter of the law, but since love is the fulfilling of the law and they had only human self-centered love, they could not have kept the law according to the spirit—because the Holy Spirit had not yet been given.

This basic teaching includes, therefore, all the "fruits of the Holy Spirit"—love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, etc.

The teachings of God's true Church are simply those of "living by every word" of the Holy Bible.

The first man, Adam, chose to decide for himself right from wrong—to decide his own teachings, beliefs and ways of life. The world has followed that same course for 6,000 years. The Church is called out of the world to live the way God, through the Bible, teaches.

## Synoptic History of the Church

Finally, we come to a brief history of the Church from its foundation in A.D. 31 to the present.

The Church started on the day of Firstfruits called Pentecost, in June of A.D. 31. The Holy Spirit came from heaven upon the 120 disciples assembled in Jerusalem with a miraculous display such as has never before nor since occurred.

The 120 were all of "one accord." Suddenly "there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind" (Acts 2:2). Have you ever been in a tornado or a hurricane? I have. Wind can make a very loud sound. This sound filled "all the house where they were sitting." Next "there ap-

peared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy [Spirit], and began to speak with other tongues [languages], as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Never has such a supernatural display occurred before or since. Yet the modern sects calling themselves "Pentecostal" claim to repeat this experience.

But in their meetings no such sound comes from heaven. No supernatural, divided tongues of flaming fire sit on their heads. Some do break out in a gibberish supposed to be some foreign language, but emphatically not anything like that that happened on this one day of Pentecost in A.D. 31. Notice what kind of languages were spoken at the Church's inception. Many besides the 120 were present from many countries speaking different languages. Notice particularly, of these strangers, "every man heard them [the 120] speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying to one another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?"

Now notice carefully. Every man—that is, each individual—heard them, the 120, all speaking in his own native language. The Greek heard the 120 speaking the Greek language. The Parthian heard the same 120 speaking in the Parthian language. The Mede heard the 120 speaking the language of the Medes. They understood what was being said. They got the message!

Today, in "Pentecostal" meetings one person may break out in a kind of gibberish that others in the meeting do not understand (I Cor. 14:28). It says if one speaks in a foreign language there must be an interpreter so the others can understand. "But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God." In verse 33 it says God is not the author of confusion. In verse 19, God shows the relative unimportance of "tongues" by saying: "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my

understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."

When I speak to an audience in Japan or some other country, I always have an interpreter who will interpret into the language of that country, every few words, my message in their language. When I speak in this kind of "tongues" I speak with understanding, and the people get the message.

### **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

This entire modern "Pentecostal" movement is based on a total misunderstanding and a deception of Satan in relation to the true meaning of the baptism of—or, more correctly, by—the Holy Spirit. Christ said through the apostle Paul that by one Spirit are we all baptized into the one body—the Church (I Cor. 12:13). The word *baptize* means "immerse" or "plunge into."

"Pentecostal" people have been deceived into thinking that one is what they called "saved" when one receives Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. They consider "the baptism of the Holy Spirit" evidenced by speaking in "tongues" as a subsequent imbuelement of power. I have had a great deal of experience with these people over many years.

The above explanation will not change those already hooked on this deception, but hopefully it will prevent others from becoming misled by this counterfeit emotional "spirituality."

Today's customary gospel *about* Christ contends that simply "believing on Christ," which is professing Christ as personal Savior, means that one is already saved. Yet Mark 7:7-9 shows that many even go so far as to worship Christ, and all in vain because they do not obey God's commandments—especially the Sabbath—but follow the traditions of men by which Satan has deceived the whole world.

In John 8:30-44 the Jews who "believed on Christ" but who did not believe Christ or keep his commandments were called, by Jesus, the children of their father the devil. In I John 2:4 it shows that he who claims to know Christ as Sav-

ior but does not keep his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him.

On the original day of Pentecost, of these Jews from other countries, some three thousand were baptized after a real repentance and belief in Christ and in his Word, on that same day. A day or two later, after Peter had healed the lifelong cripple at the gate of the Temple, 2,000 more were baptized. The new fledgling Church grew, not merely by addition, which God added to his Church, but by multiplication.

But this phenomenal growth was not to continue long at such an amazing rate of growth.

Remember, these in the Church were being specially called by God out of Satan's world. Satan was sitting on the throne of this earth. He fought fiendishly to protect his reign and upset God's purpose to redeem mankind. Satan had sought to kill the Christ-child. Satan tried desperately to tempt and disqualify Jesus at age 30. Satan did not give up, nor has he to this very day. He now sought to destroy the Church and if he could not destroy it, at least counterfeit it and deceive his world into a false Christianity.

At the very outset Satan moved on Jews to fight the Church by denying Jesus as the prophesied Messiah. At the first the Church was almost wholly Jewish. The unconverted Jews fought to retain the physical rituals and animal sacrifices of the law of Moses.

Very soon, while the membership in God's Church was being multiplied (Acts 6:1), there was a great persecution against the Church (Acts 8:1). Members were all scattered abroad throughout Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

### **False Gospel Proclaimed**

Soon a violent controversy arose over whether the gospel to be proclaimed was the gospel of Christ (which was Jesus' gospel of good news about the kingdom of God) or whether they should preach a gospel ABOUT Christ,

merely preaching the acceptance of Christ as Savior. As apostasy from Christ's truth gained momentum, much of the Church was turning to a different and counterfeit gospel, proclaiming Christ as Savior, but omitting entirely that sin is the transgression of God's spiritual law, and the good news of the kingdom of God, removal of Satan, and restoration of the government of God over the earth and the final opening of salvation to all of humanity, who, when judged, would repent, believe and receive eternal life as sons of God—as actual God Beings.

The apostle Paul wrote in II Corinthians 11:3: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds [those in the early Church] should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

Then Paul goes on and describes the false preachers as stated previ-

**The entire great commission is a combined administration and function of the Church.**

ously, that were coming in and changing the gospel of Christ right at that time.

Then we turn next to Galatians 1:6-7. Paul wrote: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you [you had to be called to become a member of the Church—no one can come to Christ, except those that are called] into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." The gospel of Christ was the message about the

coming kingdom of God. They were already turning to a different gospel.

### Counterfeit Called "Christianity"

Already the curtain was rung down on the history of the true Church. You read of it in the book of Acts, but it doesn't go much beyond that. But the curtain seems to lift, and we begin to get a little bit of the history in about A.D. 150. There we see a church calling itself Christian, but it's a totally different church, as different as night is from day, down from up, or black from white. But it called itself Christian.

Now we quote from a book of history, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, volume I and chapter 15: "The scanty and suspicious materials on ecclesiastical history seldom enable us to dispel the dark cloud that hangs over the first age of the Church." I have often called it "the lost century," because the history of that Church was lost at that time.

Scholars and church historians recognize that events in the Christian Church between A.D. 50 and 150 can only be seen in vague outline—as if obscured by a thick mist.

The noted English scholar Samuel G. Green in *A Handbook of Church History* wrote: "The thirty years which followed the close of the New Testament Canon and the destruction of Jerusalem are in truth the most obscure in the history of the Church. When we emerge in the second century we are, to a great extent, in a changed world."

In *Lectures on Ecclesiastical History* William Fitzgerald wrote: "Over this period of transition, which immediately succeeds upon the era properly called apostolic, great obscurity hangs. . . ."

In *The Course of Christian History* William J. McGlothlin wrote: "But Christianity itself had been in [the] process of transformation as it progressed and at the close of the period was in many respects quite different from the apostolic Christianity."

In *History of the Christian Church* Philip Schaff wrote: "The remaining thirty years of the first

century are involved in mysterious darkness, illuminated only by the writings of John. This is a period of church history about which we know least and would like to know most."

But if we look closely through this mist, we can begin to see what was happening.

The world in which Christ founded his Church was the world of the Roman Empire—the greatest and most powerful empire that had ever existed. It stretched from Britain to the far reaches of modern-day Turkey, encompassing peoples from many different backgrounds and cultures under one system of government.

Rome's ruling hand was firm but the subject peoples enjoyed considerable freedom, within the compass of Roman law. Providing all citizens and conquered peoples paid due homage to the Roman emperor, they were also allowed to practice their religious beliefs and worship the gods of their ancestors.

After the day of Pentecost, the apostles began to follow Christ's instruction to go to all the world preaching the gospel of the kingdom. Once Christianity spread from Judea to the gentile lands to the north it began to encounter those who practiced the pagan religions of Babylon, Persia and Greece.

The apostles came in contact with Simon Magus, a self-proclaimed leader in a cult that was deeply rooted in the mystery religion of ancient Babylon.

Simon Magus' plot to buy himself a position of influence in the early Church was foiled by Peter (Acts 8). But other false teachers soon followed.

In his early epistles, Paul warned the fledgling churches of Greece and Galatia that they were in danger of turning aside after another gospel—a false concept of Christ and his message. The gospel of Christ was being diluted as false ministers with their teaching, heavily influenced by the beliefs of Babylon and Persia, steadily infiltrated the congregations.

As the first century wore on, the original apostles encouraged the members to stay faithful.

Jude, the brother of Jesus, urges

the membership to strive for the faith that was once delivered (Jude 3). The apostle John warns the brethren to have nothing to do with those who are bringing in false doctrines (II John 10).

Many who called themselves Christian had not been truly converted. But throughout this period, all who called themselves Christian suffered greatly from the Roman authorities, because they refused to worship the emperor.

The mad Nero in A.D. 64 blamed the burning of Rome on the Christians and persecuted them savagely. Thousands suffered martyrdom.

Shortly afterward, the Jews of Palestine rose in rebellion against the Roman authorities. The rebellion was suppressed and Jerusalem destroyed in A.D. 70.

A small number of true Christians in Jerusalem fled over the mountains to the safety of Pella.

### Seven Church Eras

The book of Revelation records seven messages to seven churches that existed in Asia Minor toward the end of the first century A.D.

These churches—Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea—were along one of the mail routes of the old Roman Empire. Riders would follow the route—carrying messages from town to town.

The messages to the seven churches have words of both encouragement and correction and they clearly show the dominant characteristics of each of the congregations at that time.

But these messages were intended for a wider audience than the Christians in these small towns.

They are a series of remarkable prophecies, by which the future of the true Church was foretold in outline form, from the day it began on Pentecost, A.D. 31, until the Second Coming of Christ.

The history of the Church would fall into seven distinct eras—each with its own strengths and weaknesses and its own special trials and problems.

Just as a message could pass along the mail route from Ephesus to Laodicea, so would the truth of

God be passed from era to era.

It was like a relay race—in which the baton is passed from runner to runner, each one doing his part, until the finish line is reached.

Sometime during the early decades of the second century, the baton was passed from the Ephesian era to the people that God had called to the Smyrna era of his Church.

Powerless, often persecuted, and

lied it. But it was not the gospel Christ preached—his prophetic message of the coming kingdom of God.

### Emperor Decreed Doctrine of False Church

What happened to the true Church during those centuries in which the gospel was suppressed?

Emperor Constantine died in A.D. 337, just over 300 years after Christ was crucified. He had given his blessing to a church that claimed to be the one that Christ founded.

Now that they were free from fear of oppression—the persecuted became persecutors. Those of the true Church who dared to disagree with their doctrine were branded as heretics, worthy of punishment.

In about A.D. 365 the Catholic Council of Laodicea wrote in one of its most famous canons: "Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather, honouring the Lord's Day. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ." This was a virtual sentence to torture and/or death. The false church did not herself put true believers to death, but caused them to be put to death (Rev. 13:15). This decree of A.D. 365 definitely shows that there were true Christians observing the Sabbath.

The small remnant of Christians of the Smyrna era fled once more—to seek the religious freedom they needed to practice their beliefs.

They left few records. Occasionally they appear as a footnote of history, rejected as heretics, ridiculed, and hounded by their enemies. But their strongest testimony comes from Jesus himself, in his words of encouragement to the Church that was at Smyrna. "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty. . . . Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. . . . Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:9-10, *Revised Authorized Version*).

And so the baton passed from

the Smyrna Christians to those of the Pergamos era.

These had been called to carry the truth through one of history's most difficult periods—the Dark Ages.

The power and influence of the great universal church spread far and wide, driving those who clung to the truth of God ever further into the wilderness.

But they were never far from threat of persecution and martyrdom.

And so very few of the Pergamos Christians remained faithful.

One thousand years after Jesus had founded his Church, the exhausted remnant of the Pergamos era handed over the baton.

The Thyatiran era got off to a vigorous start, preaching repentance throughout the Alpine Valleys of Southern France and Northern Italy. Many heard and were converted.

The religious authorities quickly reacted to this challenge.

Leaders of the true Church were arrested. Some were martyred.

After the death of its first leaders, the Church went into a temporary decline—but emerged once more under the dynamic leadership of Peter Waldo. For several years in the 12th century, these Waldensians flourished in the Alpine Valleys, preaching what truth they had. Booklets and articles were written and copied by hand. This was still before the days of printing.

As Jesus prophesied of the Thyatiran era, they had faith and they worked hard. Their latter works were greater than the first.

But once again, persecution followed, as the full force of the Inquisition was felt in the peaceful valleys that had once provided a safe haven for the work of God.

Many that remained began to adopt the customs and traditions of the world around them.

Europe now had many scattered groups of people calling themselves Christians.

Meanwhile, the world was changing. Printing had been invented—and knowledge began to be increased. The Protestant Reformation broke the monopoly of the Church of Rome.

As religious wars swept across the European continent during the

## **T**he Church is called out of the world to live the way God, through the Bible, teaches.

rejected as heretics, the world lost sight of them. Instead, there emerged from the lost century a church that was steadily growing in popularity but growing further away from the gospel that Jesus taught.

Persecution continued at various times under the Romans until the fourth century, when Constantine recognized the degenerate Church of that period as an official religion of the empire.

But the Church that he recognized was by now very different from the Church that Jesus founded. The doctrines and teachings that he had taught his apostles were now buried amid the trappings, ceremonies, mysteries and rituals of a church that called itself by the name of Christ. It was essentially the Babylonian Mystery religion, now being called Christian, accepting the doctrine of grace but turning it into license. In other words, it was the old pagan Babylonian Mystery religion wearing a new cloak: "Christianity."

Once Constantine recognized them, this Church threw renewed energy into taking its message to the world. Teachers and preachers went to all parts of the Roman Empire with a message about Christ. Thousands—maybe millions—heard this gospel and be-

Middle Ages, many refugees fled to the relative safety and tolerance of England. Among them were members of the true Church. They brought with them their doctrines and beliefs, especially the knowledge of the Sabbath.

The strict Sunday-observing Puritans resisted, but in spite of a rising tide of opposition, in the early 17th century, there were several small Sabbath-keeping congregations in England. Jesus was raising up the fifth era of his Church—Sardis.

Protestant England became increasingly intolerant of dissenters, including Sabbath keepers.

The true Church in England withered. But across the ocean, men were beginning to discover a New World.

Stephen Mumford, a member of a Sabbath-keeping church in London, left England for Newport, Rhode Island, in 1664. Rhode Island was the smallest of the American colonies, and had been founded by Roger Williams, a Baptist fleeing persecution from the Puritans of Massachusetts.

Rhode Island was the first place in the world to guarantee freedom of religion as a basic tenet of its constitution. Finding none who kept the Sabbath, Mumford and his wife began to fellowship with the Baptist church in Newport. He did not proselytize, but quietly maintained his own belief. Several members of the Sunday-keeping congregation became convinced that they, too, should observe the Sabbath.

They became the first Sabbath-keeping congregation in America.

At first they met in private homes. In the historical museum at Newport, their record book is preserved—containing names—their contributions—even records of their ordination services.

Also preserved is the simple, but elegant, meeting hall that they built in Newport in the early years of the 18th century. Others joined them as God began to call more to his work in the New World.

A second congregation was established at Hopkinton. This soon became a thriving church of several hundred. A bridge today marks the spot where their meeting house

once stood. Several thousand were baptized here on the banks of the Pawcatuck River. Then spiritual decline set in.

By the mid-1800s, vigorous new Sabbath-keeping congregations, raised up as a result of the preaching of William Miller, 1831-1849, could be found throughout the American Midwest.

At Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1860, many thousands were persuaded to accept the beliefs of the followers of Ellen G. White.

They departed from the true name—the Church of God. Instead of the true gospel, the kingdom of God, they substituted doctrines of Ellen G. White, called “the shut-door policy,” “the investigative judgment,” a “2,300 day” doctrine and “the spirit of prophecy,” identifying Mrs. White as the church’s prophet who actually set the church’s doctrine.

They adopted the name Seventh-day Adventists, by which name they are known to this day. But those who remained of the true Church of God refused to accept these teachings and doctrines and restored certain truths that had fallen into neglect in the previous century.

They moved their headquarters to Marion, Iowa, and then to Stanberry, Missouri. A magazine, *The Bible Advocate*, was published. Their efforts bore some fruit—small congregations sprang up across the nation.

And so it was that sometime in the 19th century, a small congregation of the true Church of God was established in the peaceful Willamette Valley in Oregon.

They were farmers, without formal education. They lacked trained ministers to teach and guide them. But they had the name, Church of God, and they faithfully kept the Sabbath day.

God’s Church had come a long way across the turbulent centuries since that day of Pentecost.

It was weak, and lacked influence. Years of persecution and compromise had taken their toll. Much truth had been lost. But they had stayed the course.

In the Willamette Valley, they waited. It was nearly time for the baton to change again—into the

hands of those God would call to do his end-time work.

### Restoration of God’s Truth

From the year 1931, exactly 1,900 years (a century of time cycles) from the foundation of the Church, this small remnant of the original true Church of God began to take on new life.

It was to be at a time when, for the first time in the history of mankind, the weapons of mass destruction were produced that could erase all humanity from the earth (Matt. 24:21-22). This also was to occur just before the Second Coming of Christ (verses 29-30).

These prophecies have now definitely been fulfilled. The true gospel has been restored and has now gone in power into every nation on the face of the earth.

The Church has taken on a new Spirit-empowered life.

All the technological advances and facilities are being employed.

First radio was used, beginning on one of the smallest-powered stations in Eugene, Oregon. Then the printed word. This started with an old secondhand Neostyle, ancestor to the mimeograph. In due time the printing press was used.

The advent of television came in 1945—immediately after the end of World War II. The Church began using television in the summer of 1955. The true gospel, for the first time in 1,900 years, has finally been proclaimed and published into all nations of the earth. The Church has grown. For the first 25 years it grew at an average rate of 30 percent per year.

The first apostles would be astonished to see the size and scope of the work now. The means of communications, the technology and the modern resources that God has given to his end-time work would indeed be strange to those men who first received the commission to take the gospel to the world nearly 2,000 years ago.

But some things would not be strange—the Sabbath and Holy Days, the name, the Church of God, and the gospel of the kingdom—these they would recognize—handed down through the ages from the time of Christ to the time of the end. □

## American Dream

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in fact, and not just by analogy, inherited the blessing that the patriarch Israel bestowed on his grandson, Manasseh.

Now if that is true (it is—but you need to prove it for yourself), it makes the prophecies of the Bible suddenly very real. Many of those prophecies, in fact, were not directed at *ancient* Israel, but to descendants of Israel in “latter days”—the “time of the end.”

When the prophet Isaiah speaks, it is not to a people *like* us—he speaks *to* us. Jeremiah did not thunder about a situation similar to our own—he *foresaw* the condition of this *end-time* generation, even as he saw the problems of his own.

Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea and the other prophets were given a message—a message that would be preserved through time, and then delivered to a people that needed *the same stern warning* as their forefathers so many centuries ago.

This year America and her friends will celebrate the 100th birthday of the restored Statue of Liberty. She needed help, and the American people saved her to hold a gleaming new torch out to the world. But while they were at it, perhaps they should have turned her round, so she could focus her steady gaze on her own people, and on a nation that still looks good, but whose strength is rotting away. Unfortunately, it's easier to rebuild a statue than to restore a people. As de Tocqueville observed, the only enemy is man himself. But what a formidable enemy man is.

It will be a sad day for the world when the prophecies are fulfilled, and America suffers the greatest national tragedy that has ever befallen any people, anywhere. But it looks as if that is the only way the lessons can be learned.

When the lessons have been learned—and they will be—God promises to once more restore the fortunes of his people, to give them a new heart, and another opportunity to be a light to the world.

I don't know if the Statue of Liberty will last for the coming thousand years. But thank God the nation she represents will. □

## Jews and Israel

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no legal sense be considered Jordanian territory.

As for the Palestinian Arabs, a whole body of myths has grown up around the question: Who are the Palestinians, and what is their identity?

The Palestinian Arabs never had a specific sociopolitical or cultural identification within the area. Even as late as the outbreak of World War I, or as of the moment of the Balfour Declaration in 1917, or of the distribution of the territories of the defeated Ottoman Empire, the Arabs of Palestine did not constitute a distinctive national group.

No such distinctive entity existed, or recognized itself, or was recognized by other Arabs or by the rest of the world. They thought of themselves as Syrians, or as inhabitants of towns and villages of southern Syria.

The absence of a *Palestinian* Arab national consciousness until just a few decades ago... helps account for the ease and swiftness with which half a million Arabs abandoned their homes in 1948-49: A deeply rooted peasantry does not readily give up its land.

Indeed, prior to the British assumption of the mandate—prior to the extensive Jewish development of the land—the Arabs had actually been leaving the country in droves, because of the wretchedness, misery and poverty of their lives there. It was Jewish settlement and development, ironically enough, that was responsible for the reversal of this trend.

As Jewish agricultural, industrial, technological and commercial enterprises thrived, the economic absorptive capacity of the country increased rapidly—and from 1922 onward, huge numbers of poor Arabs began pouring in, from drought-stricken Syria, from Sinai, and from Iraq, Lebanon, Transjordan and Egypt.

They sought to reap the benefits of Jewish development, and they got them: vastly higher standards of health, income, housing, education, literacy and human rights—vastly more than those enjoyed by

the population of any Arab country then or now.

The influx was so great that it has become difficult if not impossible to ascertain what proportion of the present Arab population of the land—Israel plus Judea, Samaria and Gaza—is native Palestinian, and what foreign... Palestinian Arabs may well have felt a profound kinship and tie to their native town or village, or to the piece of land they lived on and cultivated. But never did they conceive of “Palestine” as their “homeland”—which it never was.

One of the basest canards of anti-Zionist propaganda has been that, whatever else the Jews may have accomplished in Palestine, they ignored or were indifferent to the existence of an Arab population there...

Nothing could be further from the truth. Over the decades, Zionist leaders frequently enunciated the principle of Arab-Jewish cooperation, and made countless, systematic—and futile—efforts to seek negotiation, understanding, reconciliation, peace. From the very beginning of Jewish settlement in Palestine in the latter part of the 19th century, Jews consistently sought out Arabs for friendship, cooperation and mutual benefit. *Jihad*—rejection and war—was the consistent response, a refusal to reconcile themselves to the legitimate existence of Israel.

This is precisely what is “psychological,” as the late President Sadat put it many times, about the Middle East problem, and it was from this psychological iron cage that he succeeded heroically in breaking out into the open spaces of rationality and sanity. This led him to accept that legitimacy and permanence of the Jewish State, its independence, sovereignty, equality and natural rights of nationhood.

It is only on the basis of such recognition in the Arab world, an acceptance of historical sense and sensibility, that peace can come. Without those qualities, there can only be the pain and despair of perpetual conflict. Israel has demonstrated, time and again, its readiness to compromise and make concessions for peace. We are waiting for the Arabs to do likewise. □



## Understanding World Events and Trends

### Tunnel to Trouble?

**A** year from now the largest civil engineering project of the 20th century could well be under way.

The go-ahead for constructing of twin 31-mile-long railroad tunnels—131 feet beneath the seabed of the English Channel—was received earlier this year. On January 20 in Lille, France, French President Mitterrand and British Prime Minister Thatcher announced approval of the winning design for a fixed link.

The following month, in Britain's Canterbury Cathedral, the two leaders signed a treaty permitting the project to begin. Mr. Mitterrand reminded the audience that Napoleon had dreamed of a tunnel two centuries ago.

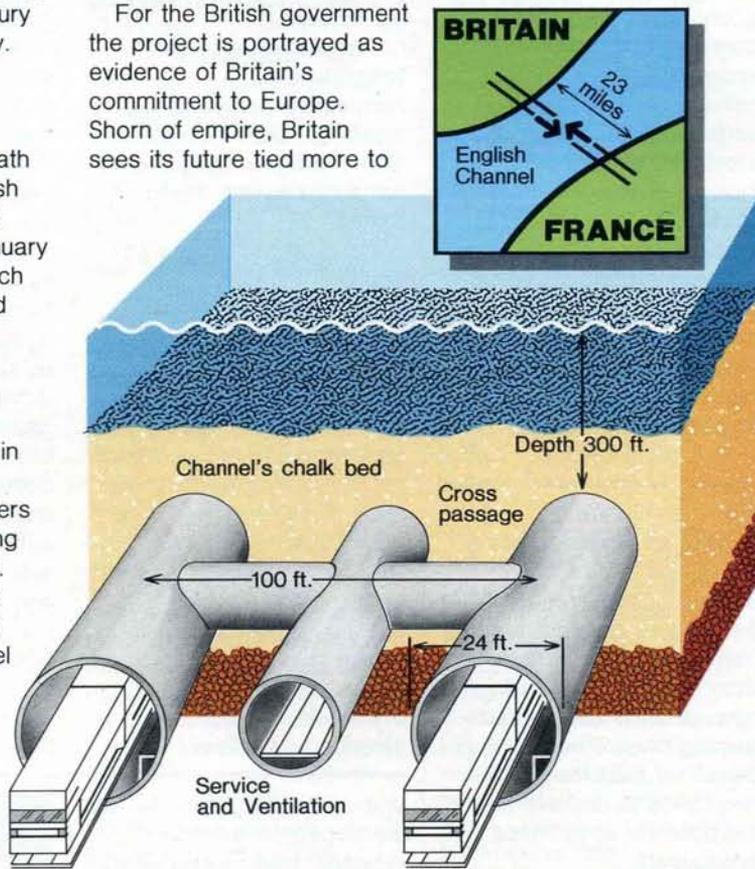
Although financed by private capital, approval of both governments was required.

Plans call for the

tunnels to be used by conventional freight and passenger trains, as well as special rail shuttle cars that will carry autos and other vehicles, portal-to-portal.

For the British government the project is portrayed as evidence of Britain's commitment to Europe. Shorn of empire, Britain sees its future tied more to

the Continent, especially to the expanding economic power of the Common Market. More than half of its foreign trade is now conducted with Europe.



Not everyone in Britain is happy with the "Chunnel" decision. "For a nation that once believed it was set apart from continental Europe by some divine right," reported a Reuters dispatch, the impact of a fixed link is profound. British history has been uniquely shaped by the Channel "moat." Its waters kept potential invaders at bay.

It was Britain's fear of losing its defensive wall that sealed the fate of the first attempt to bore a rail tunnel in 1883. An expert in railways at that period wrote: "There is the feeling in many breasts that . . . the stormy bulwark God has placed around the coast should not be undermined."

This feeling still persists. In a letter to a British newspaper, a reader wrote: "If God had meant there to be a 'fixed link', He would have provided a causeway."

Nonetheless, barring unforeseen circumstances, the Channel tunnel should be in operation by 1993. After that—a new, uncertain, chapter in British history. ■

### Locust Plague in South Africa

**A**fter four years of disastrous drought, domestic political unrest and increasing world isolation, observers might wonder what else could beset the Republic of South Africa.

Now South Africans must add locusts to their many afflictions. Moving in swarms of up to 5 kilometers (about 3 miles) long and 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) wide, the locusts have cut a swath of destruction over nearly 400 square kilometers (160 square miles) of drought-stricken farmland.

The affected areas are in northern and eastern Cape Province, central and southern Orange Free State and western Transvaal.

Sources label the locust plague South Africa's worst since 1925. Many farmers, already in bad shape after years of drought and soaring debt, are facing

another desperate year. Commented a farmer in northern Transvaal to an American newspaper executive: "It's the worst drought in 200 years . . . I think things would never have developed to this extent if it wasn't [for] the feeling that somehow God has left South Africa." ■



## High on the Job

Two decades ago illegal drug use at the workplace was almost unheard of. Today, it has spread to almost every occupation, from the boardroom to the shop.

This should come as no surprise. The drug-culture generation of the late '60s and early '70s is growing older and bringing its habits

## "Seed Wars" Loom

If U.S. farmers were limited to growing crops native to their country, they wouldn't be harvesting wheat, barley and soybeans but merely Indian corn, cranberries, blueberries, Jerusalem artichokes and pecans. But with the introduction of imported plant varieties, such as Chinese soybeans, Latin American maize and Middle Eastern wheat varieties, the United States and other industrialized nations have become major food producers.

Developing countries are rich in the native genetic diversity of many major food

to the workplace.

Having smoked marijuana in high school or college the young adult is inclined to continue this practice on the job. Sharing an after-lunch "joint" on Wall Street happens every workday.

In California's high-tech Silicon Valley—where a ton of cocaine is consumed every year—deals are sometimes sealed by passing around a bowl of cocaine, not a handshake. Some companies, it is reported, refuse to allow their executives to make decisions after lunch.

The cost to the U.S. economy of drug abuse in business and industry is enormous. Thousands of millions of dollars a year vanish in lost productivity, increased absenteeism, injuries, illness, theft, along with higher insurance rates and increased turnover.

Some experts go so far as to say that one reason the United States is losing its industrial leadership is that a significant part of its work force is high on drugs.

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crops. By contrast, developed lands, including the United States, are paupers. Crop breeders everywhere depend on seed banks with seeds originating from native areas to develop new varieties and upgrade existing ones. Their beneficial qualities include resistance to disease and the potential to increase productivity.

Developing nations, however, charge that private seed companies collect wild plants from them, modify them, and then sell the seeds back at unreasonable prices. They believe that plant germ plasm should be considered a common heritage. They are pushing for international resolutions that would make all germ

company in the highly competitive car rental business highlights the problem. Says its personnel director: "I can't even estimate what drug use has cost this company. I think it's the biggest problem in

## Immigration Time Bomb

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the famed Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. The "lady" has undergone considerable refurbishing and a structural overhaul for the occasion.

The anniversary also brings with it disturbing—some say alarming—developments about today's immigration patterns into the United States.

According to economist Walter E. Hoadley, "Two-thirds of all global immigration is now into the U.S." He adds that the upsurge in immigration, with "much more to come," represents the "most delicate yet . . . potentially disruptive issue facing America." The nation must realize that "a time bomb is ticking . . . we're on a collision course." The question is how to assimilate a wide variety of cultures and languages, now overwhelmingly from Latin America and Asia. At the

industry today. Nothing else is even in second place compared to it."

The crisis is finally being recognized by industry and commerce and is spawning numerous rehabilitation programs. ■

time the Statue of Liberty was presented as a gift from France, European nations provided the bulk of immigrants.

Most disturbing is the influx of illegal aliens, up sharply this year over 1985, says the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Nearly 10 percent of the population of El Salvador now lives in California. The vast majority of infants at public-supported hospitals in Los Angeles are born to mothers who are in the country illegally. Such infants are considered U.S. citizens.

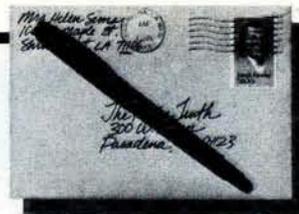
Immigration, as symbolized by the Statue of Liberty, "was once an asset to this country, helping make us strong," write Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm and Gary Imhoff in their new book *The Immigration Time Bomb*. "But its current uncontrolled state," the authors continue, "will seriously harm this country and its institutions. This is not easy for Americans to accept. The Statue of Liberty is deeply embedded in the American psyche and American institutions." ■

plasm, including the privately developed commercial varieties, freely available to all countries.

The United States vigorously opposes this idea because it is inconsistent with U.S. laws concerning patent rights and product development. Several developing nations have taken steps to bar or limit the shipment of native germ plasm outside their borders. ■



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Cultural Terrorism

I am a young Melbourne composer, and I read with interest the article "Cultural Terrorism" (by John Halford). It is indeed depressing that the arts have sunk so low. I often feel very isolated in my views, as I compose pieces of music in the classical or romantic mode—I cannot bring myself to write anything else, any more than I can use foul language. What strikes me, however, is the general apathy to it all—I don't think most people realise that a lot of music, even apart from the subject matter, is really rotten. We've become so used to it. I think all "good" artists, musicians, writers, actors, etc., should form a league . . . but it will be of no use if they haven't got a spiritual ideal behind them. Even academics and lovers of the classics still have a pathetic belief that music is music and can do no wrong, can never be evil. We need desperately a league who realise music—and all arts—are not merely a means of self-expression, or entertainment, but a powerful force—and use it for good. We ought to have a panel of spiritually upright critics; not to tell what is well-done art—after all, a bad thing may be well-done, and a good thing attempted badly—but to judge its spiritual level, and keep us to a high standard.

If such a league were formed, I would be its first subscriber, and would be honored if I could further its ideals. How hard it has been for me to grow up amongst the belief in ugliness, and to resist friends urging me to write "good stuff"—i.e., modern music! If people could only see that "wickedness" is not exciting,

but only banal and stupid.

**Brenda Slavoff  
Melbourne, Victoria**

## "What We Need Most Is Peace"

In the name of fairness an Israeli representative should be asked to respond to the speech you published by the "now minister to the Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan," Adnan Abu Odeh.

The record shows that Israel has repeatedly offered to negotiate under U.N. Resolution 242 and that the Arab nations, except for Egypt, have consistently refused to do so. The PLO has also been consistent in its calls for the destruction of Israel. With which group of this multimembered terrorist organization should Israel negotiate? . . .

The land originally promised the Jews by the Balfour Declaration consisted of present Israel, the West Bank, and all of Jordan. In order to satisfy the demands of the Arabs, the British cut off two thirds of that promised land and created the new country of Transjordan for the express purpose of establishing a homeland for the Palestinians. . . .

Israel wants peace badly. It bleeds for its lost youth. It would pay any price as compensation for land presumed to be unfairly taken, if such a move would bring peace. The Arabs, however, are obviously not interested in peace. They want revenge. They are sworn to revenge. Naturally they also want the jewel of a country that the Jews have produced with their gold and their sweat and their tears out of the dismal desert that Saracen rule created over the centuries in a land once flowing with milk and honey.

No people ever wanted peace more than do the Israel people. Their sages have repeatedly said: "Lo bekoach igbar eesh." "Not by might shall man prevail." They are anxious to sit around a table with their Semite brothers and negotiate. The truth is, these Arabs refuse to sit down. They refuse to recognize Israel as a nation. They threaten or kill any Arab—witness the brave Anwar Sadat—who dares to envision the glorious heights to which 300 million backward souls of the Near East can rise with the aid of education and direction.

Indeed, the dear Minister is so very right. "What we need most is peace."

**Adolph Meltzer, M.D.  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

As to Adnan Abu Odeh's statement that Arabs owned 92-93 percent of Palestinian territory and Jews only 5.6 percent when the U.N. adopted the partition plan in 1947, that may be somewhat true if Jordan is included in Palestinian territory. But the partition plan did not include Jordan. In fact, the area allotted to the Jews did not include the West Bank. Anyway, in the West Bank a significant portion of the land was State-controlled . . . passed from Turkish to British rule . . . therefore not owned by Arabs or Jews.

**Lawrence I. Gould, CLU  
Beachwood, Ohio**

## Correspondence Course

I've been taking your Bible Correspondence Course for the first 12 lessons and I've gained more knowledge of the Bible in those 12 lessons than in 40 years of church services. I'm seeing lots of things in a different light.

**Beverly Canada  
Camden, Arkansas**

My first lesson was indeed eye-opening. I have learned to relate what I have studied to everyday situations and it has become easier to find solutions to problems which I encounter. The Course has also spread a brighter light over my relationships with the Almighty and my loved ones. It certainly has brought more meaning to my life.

**Alistair M. Fayero  
Durban, South Africa**

I have never given the Bible a chance in my lifetime, but since I enrolled with the Ambassador Bible Correspondence Course, I now understand things more clearly which I didn't notice at first. I am very much pleased for you having given me a chance to study this wonderful Bible Course. It really puts one's mind at rest and gives more understanding of what's happening and about to happen. If people can learn to understand the Bible, life would be wonderful.

**Santos M. Tshukudu  
Gaborone, Botswana**

## Zimbabwe Youth Speaks Out

In my son's history class (grade 10) the teacher recently urged the class to use the magazine for reference material for their projects and then asked for a show of hands to see who knew the *Plain Truth* magazine.

My son said he was amazed that all except a few in the class were familiar with *The Plain Truth!* I would like to show my appreciation with a contribution that I hope will help others.

**Paul Chitete  
Howard High School  
Glendale, Zimbabwe**

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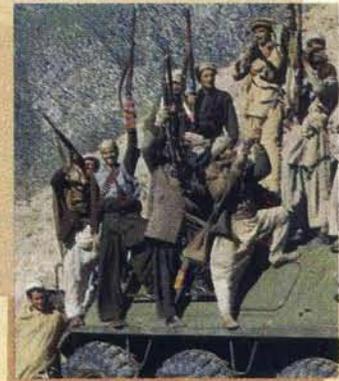
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