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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.” (Jn 7:24)

Isaiah 2:2 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

The anti-Christian leaven, which has been so extensively diffused, shall be purged out of both the churches and the nations. Every usurper of the rights and prerogatives of Sion’s King shall be pushed from his seat. Every rival kingdom shall be overthrown. The civil and ecclesiastical constitutions of the earth shall be regulated by the infallible standard of God’s word; their office-bearers, of every kind, shall acknowledge the authority of Messiah the Prince; and the greatest kings on earth shall cast their crowns at his feet. All enemies shall be put under his feet; and such as resist the melting influence of his grace, shall be crushed beneath the iron rod of his power. By spiritual conversion or judicial destruction, he shall effect the entire subjugation of the globe. And, at the last, there shall not be a spot on the face of the habitable earth where the true church of Christ shall not have effected a footing, nor a single tribe of the vast family of man which shall not have felt the meliorating and blissful influence of Christian laws and institutions. - William Symington, Messiah the Prince or, The Mediatorial Dominion of Jesus Christ (Still Waters Revival Books, [1884] 1990), pp. 185-86, on Puritan Hard Drive. Link, PHD)

THE MILLENNIUM?

In the midst of the overwhelming evil that surrounds us, we have this simple statement by our Lord: “Judge

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Mr. Symington’s view was the commonly accepted Christian view until J. N. Darby’s (1800 – 1882) view smothered it out as a slow growing wild grape vine smothers a fruitful tree. He is considered to be the father of modern Dispensationalism and Futurism. The wild vine of his doctrine, starting about 1830, has destroyed

Western Christian Culture. (See my book, Death of the Church Victorious, which traces the introduction, spread, and results of his “new” doctrine. It clearly presents the reasons of why we are where we are today.)

Though the situation appears distressing and hopeless, we are required to “judge righteous judgment” from God’s word. The following is my uninspired tome on the Millennium and Second Advent.

The conflict over who would control the kingdoms of this world started in the garden, Genesis 1:1, 26-28

Judging “righteously”, we must not view the reign of Christ according to what we see around us, nor events of past history, nor on how we think it should be. We know that from the time of the fall, man’s thinking and ideas are corrupt. Though we are a new creation in Christ and must think biblically, we are still heavily influenced by the fall, by men’s ideas and tradition. We must view Christ’s reign through his own words. It is Christ who not only spoke the world into existence, but it is Christ who gave the Law, Prophets and Psalms. Righteous judgment comes from accepting his word over what appears around us.

We must take great care, for the books of the Law, Psalms and Prophets promise a curse on those who add to or subtract from the words of those books, or upon any who in any way try to change their meaning. (Deut 4:2, Pro 30:6, Rev 22:18, 19.)

“Prophecy” holds promises and dangers. We

seek to place God into our timetable. However, it is beyond human comprehension that the Eternal God is not bound by time. The average Christian is looking forward in time to the hope that he can escape from his personal responsibilities, hardships, pain, suffering and tribulation. However, our emphasis must be on what God requires of us now.

“Newspaper exegesis” has always been a temptation. That is, “wresting”, i.e., torturing God’s word to make Christ, The Word of God, say something he did not say. The “torturing experts” fit Christ into the headlines. (2 Pet 3:16)

We are to study Christ, the Word of God, not the daily news to find what is required of us in our future under God. What are the marching orders for the Elect in the Word that deal with their future under God?

Needless to say, the Millennial and the Second Advent of Christ are some of the most discussed, controversial, and confusing subjects of Scripture. The only thing anyone can say for certain is that Christ shall visibly return as he promised in Acts 1. Moreover, one’s view of the Millennium will not determine his eternal home. Only the faith of Christ makes that determination, so we should be able to discuss the millennium in a reasonable manner. All three positions have good scriptures to back them up. But for me the following fits the best.

The literal interpretation that sees Christ on a literal throne in Jerusalem will not hold water in the light of a good contextual systematic study. Moreover, to make millennial texts fit according to appearances and natural understanding, one must ignore a tremendous amount of Old Testament passages with their context and promises.

The only way that the modern theory of Eschatology will work is to pursue it the same way that it started in the early 1800s. The early formulators started with an appearance-based theory, primarily the French Revolution, and then sought various passages throughout the Scriptures to support that theory. When the modern view of eschatology was first introduced, it was considered a heresy.

We use the “Trinity Songbook”, which uses older Christian hymns. We notice that all of the hymns written before the 1900s speak of Christ’s total earthly dominion before his return. A “Post-Mill” treatise could be written from any one of those early hymns.

We can only consider a few Old Testament prophetic passages, for it is impossible for a short review to even begin to cover all those prophecies. The Law, Psalms

and Prophets abound with promises of victory for the Gospel Church in time and history before the Second Coming.

I have always been troubled with the fact that what I was reading in the Old Testament prophets did not correspond what I was hearing from those who ignored the Old Testament, and developed their own private doctrines basically from only the Gospels and/or the Epistles. It seemed to me that they were presenting a different God than what was revealed in the Old Testament.

Without the Old Testament, it is impossible to get a proper understanding of who God is, his character or his working in history. It is dangerous for one to ignore the Old Testament when forming his view of the future under Christ.

Those who say that the following view cannot work must dismiss God’s workings through **Jonah**, and the almost instant conversion of **Nineveh**, which we just went through in our Sunday morning messages. It especially fulfills **Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones**. (Ch37ff. which we also developed. See Sermonaudio.com/providence. The notes can be sent upon request.) Furthermore, it also fits together with what is currently going on in the Muslim community. (Absolutely amazing workings of God. The radio programs are on Sermonaudio.com/providence. Article url links available.)

Man likes to think of the golden age to come, the Millennium. The belief in a golden age has been common from the beginning. From the time of Adam, fallen man has looked for the golden age of blessing without God and his law, and with no threats of judgment and death.

Genesis tells us that two kingdoms and two law systems came out of the garden. Both kingdoms offered a glorious paradise on earth.

First, the kingdom of God on earth. The creative purpose of man was and still is to subdue the earth and take dominion over God’s creation. He was and is to do this in obedience to his Creator. That is, starting in the Garden, he was and is to do “all things to the glory of God”. Christ gave the command to un-fallen man in the Garden, and he gave it again to those who have been recreated in Christ Jesus, (Mat 18:19, 20.) The promises of the blessings of God’s kingdom are enumerated in Deuteronomy 28, and expanded by Christ in his Sermon on the Mount. (Mat 5ff.)

Second, the kingdom of the serpent on earth, or the kingdom of darkness. (Rev 12:9, 20:2, Gen 3:1-6.) The

serpent's kingdom is expanded by failure to obey the Word of God, and by man thinking he can be his own god, able to control all things for his own benefit and glory.

It could have been several years before Eve was created, for Adam had time to classify all the animals. He had intelligence and an unfallen mind, but he was not superhuman. He also had the responsibility to maintain the Garden. There were plants and animals to subdue and take dominion over in obedience to God's command. (Gen 2:15-17)

The promise of both kingdoms was and is of a glorious future age.

The serpent (a liar from the beginning, Jn 8:44) offered a glorious age without God. He promised prosperity--a golden age. He told Adam through Eve, that he could have all the things that pleased the eye and the flesh, as well as God's ability to determine right and wrong. Man could control his own destiny without fear of death. He offered knowledge without God which would enable him to take dominion over all creation. He could subdue God's creation for his own glory, rather than for God's. As man has increased in knowledge, he even thinks he can control the weather, as well as life in general.

"Education, or knowledge, without God only makes man more effective in his rebellion."

• **EXAMPLES:**

"Head transplant: man will be attached to new body in under an hour and aim is immortality, doctor says"
(http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/head_transplant_man_will_be_attached_to_new_body_in_under_an_hour_and_aim_is_immortality_doctor_says_10198982.html)

And

"Chinese scientists genetically modify human embryos"

(http://www.nature.com/news/chinese_scientists_genetically_modify_human_embryos_1.17378) Hitler's dream of a "Superman" did not die with Hitler.

By rejecting God and his laws, fallen man thinks he is unhindered in his fulfilling his vain imagination. (Gen 11:6)

Though Psalms 8 (v. 6 "*Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.*") can only be fulfilled in Christ (He 2:9), man the sinner seeks to fulfill it with his fallen wisdom (foolishness):

• **MASTER THE HUMAN DOMAIN: THE DOMESTIC PLAN BEHIND JADE HELM**

Pentagon goal of information domination hidden in plain sight.

A closer look at the upcoming Jade Helm military exercise, specifically its "**master the human domain**" motto, reveals a larger agenda in regards to domestic policy. (Emp. added.)

<http://www.infowars.com/master-the-human-domain-the-domestic-plan-behind-jade-helm/>

God's eternal hand is against the kingdom of man, and his judgment against it will continue to worsen until His predetermined time of man is up.

• **TWO KINGDOMS**

* Two kingdoms came out of the Garden: the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the serpent.

* Two law-systems came out of the Garden to advance those kingdoms.

* Both systems promised to enable man to subdue and take dominion over God's creation.

God's kingdom is expanded by obeying God's command. Adam's created purpose was to "Glorify God and enjoy him forever." Satan's kingdom is expanded by refusing to obey God, as man pursues the lie that he is his own god, follows his heart, and does that which he feels is right.

From the time Eve took the serpent's offer and her husband followed her, a golden age, a Millennium has been the dream of fallen man. Just in this nation's history, untold trillions of dollars and multiple useless programs have been tried in order to usher in the promised Millennial age: "War on Poverty", "The Great Society", "War on Drugs", and more programs than we can imagine. The only ones who really "prosper" from these programs are those who administer them. The profits they gain is indeed a glorious Millennial for them.

However, honest history tells us that this nation was settled in the belief that there would be a "golden age" if man would obey the Word of God. That faith was spelled out in the Mayflower Compact, which was the agreement our founders made with God. That "golden age under the law of God" was the basic faith of this nation until the War for Southern Independence. The faith in a future golden age under God changed even in the church, as the church accepted Satan's lie that man did not have to "live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." (Deut 8:3, Mat 4:4) When the religious leaders told the people that they did not need to live by every word from the mouth of God, (thanks to Mr. Darby) the people told the political leaders the

same thing. 175 years later, we have a totally lawless “state”.

As man rejects God’s predestination through Divine Providence, he thinks he can predestinate his own future through his laws by educating the children in his humanistic laws. (Education controls the future, and education has exalted sodomy.)

Environmentalism is a faith that expects to bring about earth’s golden age by changing the environment. Did not Hillary Clinton say that the reason for the Baltimore riots was because the rioters did not have nice housing nor good jobs? Environmentalism rejects that sin is the problem.

More money and more laws will only result in more death. Only the new law of God written by the finger of God in the table of the heart will produce the life man so desperately seeks. Only Holy Spirit conversion can give man both the desire and power to properly obey God’s first command to man, do all things to the glory of God, and thereby take dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Gen 1:26) Godly dominion is commanded over every area of life: agriculture, science, medicine, math, finances, art, &c.

The serpent’s promise in the Garden was that man could have the blessings of Deuteronomy 28:3-12 apart from the Word of God. But man’s ways are not God’s ways, and they have God’s curse upon them, v. 15. (Read Deuteronomy 28, 29 in the light of what is taking place today. God’s curse is clearly upon not only this nation, but upon all nations that have turned away from God’s law.)

Fallen man looks for a golden age when man can live without law and therefore without problems. Follow the news reports. The big thing right now is government-mandated vaccines, which are promised to stop God’s curse of pestilence found in Deuteronomy 28:21. The only positive result will be more money for pharmaceuticals.

Get rid of the strictness of Commandments, Christian law, and place everything under a single world order, and there will be a perpetual spring. There will be no more wars, no need for national defense and men will “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.” There

will be only universal peace and prosperity. All men will be equal, and there will be no need of judges. We are told that sin is not the problem. The problem is that all men are not united under one government and man’s common laws.

The world powers believe that those who live by God’s law are the problem because they have laws that conflict with man’s law. In order for man’s golden age to come in, the law of Christ as delivered through Moses from the Mount, must be removed by education in humanism, or by force of arms if necessary. Christian law represents another kingdom at war against the serpent’s kingdom of unjust law. Accordingly, the powers of this world say that Christians are to blame for the world’s problems.

Of course, the serpent’s war is against the God of scripture and his laws. The enemy of all righteousness prefers any law to Christian law, even Muhammad’s Sharia law. (Muhammad’s law permits a man to pour gas over his wife and

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THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD WILL
LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS. ISA. 26:9

set her afire if she goes out of the house without his permission, or he can have a divorce for an hour at a time. Islam means “peace”; that is, peace when all the world is subjected to Muhammadism.)

We are in a religious war which started in the Garden. Whose law, God’s or man’s, will all creation be subdued under? Both claim that the result will be a golden age: one claim is based in Truth and the other in a lie. Christians must see and understand that only conquering the world for Christ through the Gospel and the teaching of God’s law can bring peace.

God tells us that the Garden of Eden was a testing place, and man failed the test! Yielding to the serpent’s lies, he sought to be his own god, able to produce his own glorious age apart God and from the transforming work of Christ.

Being created in the image of God, man’s basic battle is against its own nature.

* Man’s hope is not in himself, but in God his redeemer.

* Man must be recreated by his Savior, for only then can he move away from his sin and his death sentence to serve the kingdom of God in righteous and true holiness. (2 Cor 5:17, Eph 2:10)

* Man’s life must be God centered with God’s purpose first and foremost. God’s purpose is the expansion of

his kingdom and righteousness, or justice. (Mat 6:33)

• **THE WAR BETWEEN TWO LAW-ORDERS RAGES**

The kings and rulers of the earth continually counsel together against the Lord and his anointed hoping to replace his laws with their own laws. (Ps 2)

This conflict is exemplified by Christian businesses seeking to apply the law of God, vs the kingdom of darkness seeking to apply man's law against Christian law. Whose law will take dominion?

The serpent uses wicked laws to expand his kingdom of darkness, yet Christians refuse to use righteous and just laws to expand the kingdom of light, e.g., A Christian baker was sued for refusing to bake a sodomite wedding cake. A judge ruled in favor of the sodomites, and the Christian owners were ordered to pay \$135,000 to the sodomite couple, and had to close.

The sodomites are seeking out Christian businesses that they know will refuse their request, and then are suing them for tremendous amounts of money, and driving them out of business. Such action would have considered a frivolous lawsuit just 20 years ago. The sodomite agenda is advancing quicker than any of us expected through the government education systems, starting in kindergarten. Christians support the sodomite agenda by letting the state educate the children God has entrusted to them. (Did you know that a sodomite was on the NIV translation team?)

Today's man centered courts are operating as though they are indeed God, and they alone can determine what is right and wrong. As such, they are giving the dominion of the earth to the kingdom of darkness, with little or no protests from the Ambassadors of Christ on this earth. Clearly, we have two kingdoms in conflict, each seeking to exercise dominion over God's creation.

The Biblical faith sees life and victory ahead as the result of the new birth, the new creation and obedience to God's eternal word. The Christian faith sees only death ahead for those who live and act apart from God's law of life. Man's laws must lead to death, or God's words to Adam were a lie, and the serpent's were true.

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

"The world" here includes the desires of our own flesh. Self-control under God is the foundation of the promised "glorious kingdom" of God on earth. Self-control under God as a new creation in Christ will accomplish what Adam failed to accomplish; that is,

future victory.

The great commission gives the redeemed a great task – Christianize the world: subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." The first man Adam failed, but the Christian faith says that through the Second Adam, his people can do what the first Adam failed to do.

Proverbs 8:36 "But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death."

Look around. Men love death! "*Because sentence against evil is not executed speedily*", men are determined to do evil, and he moves himself further and further into God's judgment. (Ecc 8:11) The anarchy we see going on in society is the logical result of man's war against God, and man's hatred of the Command-Word of God. That hatred by professed "Christians", has caused the "church" to choose death over life. (Hosea 13:9 "*O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.*")

Throughout the Old Testament, the Saints of the Most High are promised victory over the world, flesh and devil. That is, the victory supplied by grace through faith in Christ over the world.

Daniel 7:27 "*And the kingdom, and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the holy people of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all powers shall serve and obey him.*" (Ps 25:13, 37:11, Mat 5:5)

"By spiritual conversion or judicial destruction, he shall effect the entire subjugation of the globe." We know that the Lord does not need a bloody sword to subdue his enemies and advance his kingdom, for he can destroy them with various diseases and pestilences, as well as by allowing them to kill themselves, e.g., abortion, drugs, alcohol, &c. How many times did he fight for his people by causing his enemies to turn on each other? (E.g., Jud 5:20, 7:22, Josh 10:11)

We are involved in the life and death struggle been the two law systems that came out of the Garden. We are told that the whole world lieth in wickedness, but that cannot mean that the world is out of God's control. For we are assured that in God's good time, all things will be subdued to Christ by whatever means God chooses, for "*he shall choose our inheritance for us.*" According to Old Testament prophecy, upon which all New Testament understanding must be based, that world-wide Dominion will be under the holy people of the most High.

Time prohibits a lengthy study of Old Testament prophecies of victory, so we will look at just a few. Space prohibits reproducing the context of the passage, so check them out yourself.

Psalms 47:1-9. V. 3 *“He hath subdued the people under us, and the nations under our feet.”* Commenting on v. 3, Spurgeon, who was a much better theologian than any of us would ever hope to be, states:

“All the Lord’s people, whether Jews or Gentiles, may clap their hands at this, for God’s victory will be theirs; but surely apostles, prophets, ministers, and those who suffer and labour the most, may take the largest share in the joy. Idolatry, infidelity, superstition, we shall yet tread upon, as men tread down the stones of the street. And the nations under our feet. The church of God shall be the greatest of monarchies, her victory shall be signal and decisive. Christ shall take to himself his great power and reign, and all the tribes of men shall own at once his glory and the glory of his people in him. How changed will be the position of affairs in coming ages! The people of God have been under the feet of men in long and cruel persecutions, and in contempt; but God will reverse the position, and the best in character shall be first in honour.”

That is to say, there is a day coming when the most hardened and stubborn of men will be conquered by God’s grace. They shall humble themselves under the mighty hand of God. Being conquered and having a new heart of humility that is subdued to God, they will willingly submit to the authority of the physical church of the Lord Jesus Christ here on earth.

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.” (He 13:17)

We have a good number of promises in the Old Testament that God will establish godly rule in his visible church:

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jer 3:15)

Any “glorious” future depends upon God raising up spiritual leaders under Christ “according to his heart”. He will endow them with His power and wisdom.

“And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.” (Jer 23:1-8, v. 4)

Note the prophecies of the Lord gathering his people unto himself, and giving them shepherds after his own heart. In that prophesied glorious day, God will provide godly leaders who will preach and teach according to

the whole counsel of God. They will exercise godly authority in *“the general assembly and church of the firstborn”*. (Heb 12:22-24)

Isaiah 2:1 “The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

Isaiah’s prophecy of the “last days” cannot be dismissed, for his prophecy is given verbatim in Micah 4:1-3. (Read all of Micah 4.)

Psalms 48:1, 2. Mount Sion is *“the city of the great King”* and *“the general assembly of the firstborn”* is the Gospel Church as it exists on earth. From there, the law of God will go forth in its entirety. It will go forth in the power of God the Spirit into the entire world, and justice and judgment will prevail.

The godly leaders of the local assemblies shall instruct the people of God in righteousness and true holiness. (Eph 4:24) The Spirit will give both the desire and the power to follow those instructions. The result will be the rule of Christ expanded through the faithfulness of the *“ambassadors for Christ”* to cover the whole earth through the preaching and teaching of the word of God. (Mat 28)

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.” (2 Cor 5:20)

Ambassador: A minister of the highest rank employed by one prince or state, at the court of another, to manage the public concerns of his own prince or state, and representing the power and dignity of his sovereign. Ambassadors are ordinary, when they reside permanently at a foreign court; or extraordinary, when they are sent on a special occasion. They are also called ministers. Envoys are ministers employed on special occasions, and are of less dignity. (Webster, 1828) He is sent to do what the sovereign would himself do were he present. They are sent to make known the will of the sovereign, and to negotiate matters of commerce, of war, or of peace, and in general everything affecting the interests of the sovereign among the people to whom they are sent. At all times, and in all

countries, an ambassador is a sacred character, and his person is regarded as inviolable, he is bound implicitly to obey the instructions of his sovereign, and as far as possible to do only what the sovereign would do were he, himself present. (Albert Barnes)

Ambassador:

- * Resides permanently in a foreign kingdom
- * Sent to another kingdom on special occasion.
- * Makes known the will of the one who sent him.
- * Represents the person of his sovereign.

The New Testament explains the Old Testament prophecies. We see that the redeemed “are ambassadors for Christ”. They are responsible to represent the person of their Sovereign Lord Jesus who is seated in the heavens. I do not like the term, “What would Jesus do” because it is used in a very flippant manner, but that is the best explanation. His ambassadors are to do as Christ would do if he himself were present. As “ambassadors for Christ” the redeemed are to exercise Christ’s authority in their various areas of responsibility. They rule in place of Christ. As Paul said “*nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me*”. (Gal 2:20)

The battle between the two law systems which started in the Garden will be won by God the Spirit through the preaching of the gospel, Holy Spirit conversion and proper discipleship of sinners who are given a new heart created in the image of Christ Jesus. That new heart loves the law of God, and desires to put his law into action. (Ps 119)

As we are seeing today, the very gates of hell cannot stand against Spirit of the Christ, as many doors into hell itself are being opened in the Muslim community. Are we hearing the beginnings of the movement of God the Spirit in subduing the world under Christ? (1 Chron 14:15)

Now let us work our way to the New Testament promises by looking at some more Old Testament prophecies which tell us of this spiritual victory over the power of sin that now controls the hearts of men.

“He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.” (Ps 72:1-19. Vv. 8-11)

(Proverbs 13:22 tells us that “*the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.*”)

There is an abundance of Old Testament prophecies

that speak of this glorious expansion of the physical reign of Christ through his people. Here are a few:

Psalms 22:27 “*All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.*” **Psalms 72:19** “*And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.*” **Psalms 86:9** “*All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.*” **Psalms 98:1** ¶ « A Psalm. » “*O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. 2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. 3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*” **Isa 6:3** “*And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*” **Isa 11:1-16.** (V. 9 “*They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*”)

Isaiah 35:1 “*The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. (Heb 12:12) 4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. 7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. 9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*”

“Blind” to the truth of God’s word? “Ears” closed to the hearing of God’s word?

Zechariah 14:8 “*And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in*

summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”

All the world will know that it is the Lord’s doing:

Mark 12:10 “And have ye not read this scripture; (**Psalms 118:19, 20**) *The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: 11 This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*”

We cannot count the number of times victory over the world, flesh and the devil is promised to the Church of the Redeemed in and through Jesus Christ.

It appears that the God we hear about today is a different God than what was revealed in the Law, Prophets and Psalms. As the false teachers have divorced the Old Testament and its prophecies of victory from the New Testament, the modern spirit of defeat has replaced the Biblical spirit of “Victory in Jesus”.

Scripture does not hold up the Garden of Eden as our model of a golden age under Christ. Scripture, particularly Hebrews, looks forward to the promised land and then to the world-wide triumph of the Messiah King, and then to his visible Second Coming.

Romans 4:13 “For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.”

The saints of old expected judgment and victory over the wicked on this earth, and they question the Lord as to why he is waiting so long to subdue his earthly enemies. (Rev 6:9, 10) They are told to wait, and according to God’s predetermined plan, that time will come when “*The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever.*” (Rev 11:16)

In I Corinthians 15, Paul’s victorious view of Christ before the end of history only recently changed. He makes no reference to any coming of Christ before the end. His view of the end had been the view of the church during 1700 years of Church history, until the French Revolution and then J.N. Darby.

1 Corinthians 15:20 “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under

his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.” (We know that v. 28 cannot be subordinationism, i.e., Arianism, for the Son is in every respect equal with the Father and the Spirit, which is not our study at this time. Philip 2:6)

This is a very difficult passage, and there are many understandings. Charles Hodge (1797-1878):

V. 24 “*Then cometh the end,*”

“When the end comes, Christ is to deliver up the kingdom to his Father. What does this mean? The Scriptures constantly teach that Christ’s kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and of his dominion there is no end. In what sense, then, can he be said to deliver up his kingdom? It must be remembered, that the Scriptures speak of a threefold kingdom as belonging to Christ. First. That which necessarily belongs to him as a divine person, extending over all creatures, and of which he can never divest himself. Second. That which belongs to him as the incarnate Son of God, extending over his own people. This also is everlasting. He will for ever remain the head and sovereign of the redeemed. Third. That dominion to which he was exalted after his resurrection, when all power in heaven and earth was committed to his hands. This kingdom, which he exercises as the Theanthropos, (the God-man. Christ as uniting of the Divine and human nature) and which extends over all principalities and powers, he is to deliver up when the work of redemption is accomplished. He was invested with this dominion in his mediatorial character for the purpose of carrying on his work to its consummation. When that is done, i. e. when he has subdued all his enemies, then he will no longer reign over the universe as Mediator, but only as God; while his headship over his people is to continue for ever.”

• **THREE-FOLD KINGDOM OF CHRIST:**

1. All Creation, which is a literal, physical kingdom.
2. Over his own people; that is, the “universal church of the Elect”.

3. Over all power in heaven and earth, including all powers of darkness that are now operating. All principalities and powers are even now subject to his will as he works his plan of mediation and redemption. When his mediation work is completed, “then cometh the end”, and he shall reign as God over his people for ever and ever. (“Mediation work is complete” is a key point in consideration of His second coming, which we do not have space to consider here. See my message on Heb 1)

Question: must Christ subdue his enemies as do the Mohammedans, or does he subdue his enemies by the Sword of the Spirit. We know he can subdue his enemies through diseases, bugs and “natural forces” of all kinds. In fact, *“the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.”* Judges 5:20. Do we serve a God such as Allah who demands physical death to all unbelievers? See the opening statement by William Symington.

V. 24, *“To God even the Father.”* That is, to him who is at once his God and Father. The first person of the Trinity is identified as God the Father. In the mystery of the Trinity, He is God the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the God whom Christ came to reveal, and whose work he performs in his redemptive work here on earth.

V. 24, after all things are set in their proper order, *“then cometh the end”*.

The great commission calls for all rule, all authority, and all powers outside of Christ to be put down by God the Spirit through the preaching of the gospel. Then all nations are to be disciplined under the kingship of Christ.

V. 25 *“For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.”*

In this pre-second coming world, all things are working according to his sovereign will, for the praise of his own glory, and for the benefit of the Elect. He must reign from his position as Mediator at the right hand of the Father until all powers and authorities are put under His feet, and *“then cometh the end.”*

Jesus Christ is even now reigning in his kingdom; he reigns over all creatures, over his own people and over all principalities and powers. All powers are even now doing his will as he carries out his mediation work on earth.

The Old Testament prophets teach that those human powers will be subdued through Christ’s redemptive work, as his ambassadors fulfill their responsibility, obey the great commission and properly use the Sword and the Shield. Only God the Spirit can supply the proper religious leadership and teaching, and he must provide the desire and the power in his people to do the revealed will of God.

According to the prophets, the second coming does not at once follow this triumph. Rather, there will be an era of triumph known as the Millennium, a multitude of years which will precede the end, when Christ will reign through His people. They will do what Adam failed to do: that is, subdue the earth as ambassadors doing only what their Sovereign would do if he himself were

present in the flesh. The blessings of Deuteronomy 28 will be fulfilled.

Then the last enemy, death, is destroyed. The destruction of death follows the destruction of the fall’s first consequence of sin, the binding power of sin. It has been destroyed by the power of the resurrected Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”

Isaiah speaks of the coming period of triumph:

65:17 “For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent’s meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.”

V. 20. “He who dies as a youth, or is regarded as having died young, will not die before the hundredth year of his life; and the sinner (...) with seghol, as in Ec 8:129:18; Ges. §75, Anm. 21) upon whom the curse of God falls, and who is overwhelmed by the punishment, will not be swept away before the hundredth year of his life. We cannot maintain with Hofmann (Schriftbeweis, ii.2, 567), that it is only in appearance that less is here affirmed than in Isa 25:8. The reference there is to the ultimate destruction of the power of death; here it is merely to the limitation of its power.” (Keil and Delitzsch. Online Bible)

That is, as Christ’s kingdom triumphs in history, not only is sin replaced with righteousness or justice, but the power of death itself is limited. Man’s life expectancy

lengthens. The last enemy, death which was conquered by Christ, will not be completely destroyed until the second-coming.

The Prophet speaks of a lengthy period (Millennium) of peace as the result of Christ's triumph. He promises longevity of life, prosperity, the end of sorrows, and much more as the ambassadors of Christ are exalted to places of authority. In this world, men, women, children, nations, Gentiles, and all are made members of Christ's new heaven and new earth which began with His resurrection from the dead. They are made members by the power of the gospel. By the power of the indwelling Spirit of God, they start living to the Glory of God. They then do what Adam failed to do because of the power of Grace.

Isaiah 65:21 "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

"They shall build houses and inhabit them. In these verses he mentions what is written in the Law; for these are the blessings of the Law, that they who have obeyed God shall dwell in the houses which they have built, and shall gather fruit from the trees which they have planted. (Le 26:10). On the other hand, the disobedient shall be expelled from the houses which they built, and shall give place to foreigners, and shall be deprived of the fruits of the trees which they planted. "The Lord," saith Isaiah, "shall protect you from that curse, so as to enjoy your property." Now the Prophets hold out those things which relate to the present life, and borrow metaphors from them; but it is in order that they may teach us to rise higher and to embrace eternal and blessed life. We must not fix our whole attention on these transitory blessings, but must make use of them as ladders, that, being raised to heaven, we may enjoy eternal and immortal blessings. To the Church, which has been renewed, and which rests on nothing but God's good pleasure and undeserved favor, is justly promised the enjoyment of those blessings of which unbelievers had deprived themselves." (Calvin)

Isaiah 65 makes clear that the biblical mandate is a call to dominion, to knowledge, righteousness or justice, and holiness. Man was commanded in Eden to work under God to make the Earth God's kingdom. And in the great commission, man is restored in this dominion calling. Our covenant head in our calling is the Last Adam, Jesus Christ. The redeemed are the new humanity of the last Adam, and they are the heir to his righteousness. The Kingdom requires submission to

Christ and faithful service to Him.

1 Corinthians 15:45 "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." The covenant head of fallen man is Adam. The covenant head of redeemed man is Christ. In Adam, all men are represented in his sin. In Christ, all the redeemed are represented in his righteousness.

And as Christ's kingdom grows, sin is pushed back, and the new humanity in Christ, our new Adam, is established in all its power. According to 1 Corinthians 15:27 ("*For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.*"), *God puts all things under Christ's feet before the end.*

(E.g., *Joshua 10:24 "And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them."*)

"*Thou hast put all things under His feet*" is found in Hebrews 2:8, Psalms 110:1, 72:7-11 and 17-19.

V. 27 is taken from Psalm 8:1 "*O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"*

Does the Psalmist refer to the Son or to man?

In Isaiah 65:20-25, the promise to the Son is that all things shall be subdued to him because of and through his redemptive work. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, Paul speaks of Christ as the first fruits of the resurrection. Hebrews 4 clearly tells us that the promised land for us in history is this world. The holy land is now the whole earth!

Romans 4:13 "For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if

they which are of the Law, be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of none effect. 15 For the Law causeth wrath: for where no Law is, there is no transgression. 16 Therefore it is by faith, that it might come by grace, and the promise might be sure to all the seed, not to that only which is of the Law: but also to that which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations) even before God whom he believed, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not, as though they were.”

Charles Hodge:

If they who are of faith ‘are the seed of Abraham, and heirs of the promise,’ Ga 3:9,29, then will the promise, as stated by the apostle, have its literal accomplishment when the kingdoms of this world are given to the saints of the most high God, Da 7:27, and when the uttermost parts of the earth become the possession of Christ. In this sense, the promise includes the universal prevalence of the true religion, involving of course the advent of Christ, the establishment of his kingdom, and all its consequent blessings.

Daniel 7:27 “And the kingdom, and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the holy people of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all powers shall serve and obey him.” (See also Ps 25:13, Ps 37:11, Mat 5:5)

The world was given to Satan by Adam’s disobedience. Christ himself commanded his people to take back the world through obedience. The redeemed, by living *by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God*, will do what Adam failed to do, subdue the world for the glory of God, Christ the King.

(2 Pet 3:10 is for another time.)

REASON FOR “FUTURE HOPE” ABOVE

Some time ago, I was asked by the Christian manager of a local TV/radio station to come in and discuss the horrendous persecution that is taking place against Christians worldwide. We have done three shows so far. The research has been very depressing as I have examined and discussed the full scale, worldwide war against Christianity, including in the US. Obama is importing Muslims, including radical Muslims, into the US at a tremendous pace. His goal this year is 80,000 which is to be increased to 100,000 per year. In the meantime, no Christians from those areas are allowed to immigrate to the US.

The goal of the Muslims is to colonize the US, and impose their law upon society, which is already being done in some of our courts. They are meeting very

little Christian resistance. Christians are refusing to colonize the US and impose Christian law even in the local “Christian” churches. Reliable sources are saying that within 50 years, we will see our children and grandchildren beheaded by Muslims in the US.

(<http://www.wnd.com/2014/12/nun-pleads-for-christians-raped-sold-killed-by-isis/#oY1iGZu1AquloYUS.99>)

What else will be the result as Christians refuse any idea of reinstating Christian law in this once Christian land?

The fact of what is going on today against Christians is very unpleasant to think about. But the persecuted people are part of the Body of Christ, and are our brothers and sisters in Christ. What if these children were our children? What if the adults were our immediate family members? We must not ignore what is going on, for it will soon be here. Though many who read this will be gone by that time, our children will still be here.

Some facts:

* 214 of the 276 teenage Christian school girls kidnaped some time ago were released after their Muslim captors were sure their forced pregnancies were far enough along that abortion would be very difficult. *<http://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2015/05/boko-haram-releases-214-visibly-pregnant-girls-for-next-generation/>*

* State Department Denies Visas for Assyrian Christians

The U.S. State Department reportedly sent a message to Assyrian Christians that their faith would not be a reason to grant them visas. Breaking Christian News reports a reverend who was trying to help a group of Assyrian Christians escape the constant danger of Iraq was told that the Christians would not be given the visa, though they had received permission to leave from their bishop. ... The State Department reportedly told Rt. Rev. Julian M. Dobbs, “There is no way that Christians will be supported because of their religious affiliation.” *<http://www.christianheadlines.com/blog/state-department-denies-visas-for-assyrian-christians.html>*

* DHS was caught busing in illegal Somalis from the Mexican border, 5/13/15. The Somalis were the ones who slaughtered 147 Christians at a university in Kenya, executed 67 at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, and are known for their acts of killings, torture, persecution, selling captives as sex slaves, &c. White captives were taken from Westgate.

<http://www.wnd.com/2015/05/dhs-caught-busing-in-illegal-somalis-from-mexican-border/>

* Obama: “Commentators on two different Arabic television programs claimed that President Barack Obama is pushing a nuclear deal with Iran because

his father, Barack Obama Sr., was a Shiite Muslim, and President Obama apparently wants the Shia-run government of Iran to be victorious in the region.”

[http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/michael-w-chapman/arab-tv-](http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/michael-w-chapman/arab-tv-commentators-claim-obama-supports-iran-because-his-father-was-shiite)

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* Blowback! U.S. trained Islamists who joined ISIS. Moreover, Saudi Arabia has been arming ISIS, and the Saudis are supporting al-Qaida groups.

<http://www.wnd.com/2014/06/officials-u-s-trained-isis-at-secret-base-in-jordan/>

* Rand Paul: My Own Party's 'Hawks' Helped Empower ISIS

http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/rand-paul-gop-hawks-isis/2015/05/27/id/646939/?ns_mail_uid=81002676&ns_mail_job=1622375_05282015&s=al&dkn_nbr=g9apeuug

Not only is the Obama administration, but so are the Republicans up to their eyeballs in supporting efforts to replace Christian law with humanistic law, no matter what terror they must use. (Ps 2)

To the natural eye, all looks hopeless: the powers of darkness appear to be controlling history, but such a view is not according to the “righteous judgment” of God’s word.

John 7:24 “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

“Future Hope” is put together in the light of the research I have had to do for the program. As we remember to record the radio side of the program, I will put them on Sermonaudio.com/providence. The 5/26 program was on the revival now taking place even in the radical Muslim community.

DO THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES POINT TO CHRIST’S SOON RETURN?

By Thomas Williamson

Some readers of this paper may wonder why there is no mention of the many “signs of the times” that indicate that Christ will return soon.

I firmly believe in a literal personal, visible, bodily, imminent return of Christ to earth, but I don’t get into an exposition of the current “signs of the times” that would give us clues as to how soon Christ will return.. The reason for that is that Christ said there would be no signs of His coming.

“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” Matthew 24:42.”Watch therefore, ,for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.” - Matthew 25:13.

“It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.” - Acts 1:7.

“But of the times and the seasons. brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2.

I see no reason to waste the time of those who do me the courtesy of reading these articles of mine, nor to insult anyone’s intelligence, by pretending to have any inside knowledge concerning the timing of Christ’s return, when Christ has stated that it is none of our business to know such things.

But some will object that the newspapers and prophecy newsletters are full of descriptions of events that indicate that Christ will have to come back soon.

A bit of historical perspective will help us to understand that the alleged signs of the times in today’s headlines do not prove anything with regard to the nearness of Christ’s return. In every century, well-intentioned Christian people have always seen the events in their own time as a certain proof that Christ would come soon. Such convictions have never yet come true, showing that such expectations in past ages were a delusion.

To illustrate this point, I am going to focus on some of the prophetic speculation from the 14’ Century, an age during which Christians were firmly convinced, based on the signs of the times, that Christ would come during their lifetime.

Peter Olivi (1248-1298) calculated that Doomsday would take place in the year 1300, and that the Antichrist would appear in about 1301.

Followers of Olivi identified Pope John XXII as the Antichrist. In 1318, Bernard Gui complained that “they foolishly believe concerning the course of time and the End of time; many things they propagate with lamentable vanity concerning the coming of the Antichrist, which they declare even now to be close at hand.”

In 1304, Brother Dolcino identified the current Pope as one of the Beasts of Revelation 13.

The Brother Columbinus Prophecy predicted that Antichrist, along with his sidekicks Gog and Magog, would appear in Jerusalem in 1316.

In 1319, Pierre Auriol identified Pope Gregory VII as the 6th trumpeting angel of Revelation, and the Franciscans and the Dominicans as the Two Witnesses. He believed that the Antichrist was alive and was 3 years old.

In 1325, Proux Boneta identified Peter Olivi and St. Francis of Assisi as the Two Witnesses, and she

modestly interpreted the reference to the angel with the key to the abyss in Revelation 9 as a reference to herself.

In 1338 Ubertino de Casale identified Popes Boniface VIII and Benedict XI as the two beasts of Revelation 13.

In 1348, Giovanni Villani interpreted an earthquake in Italy as a sign of the end, and identified the Mongols as Gog and Magog.

When the Black Death entered Europe in 1348 and killed off approximately half the population of Europe, the prophetic speculation really kicked into high gear. Surely a massive event like this must have tremendous prophetic significance. During the plague, Agnola di Tura wrote, "And people said and believed, 'This is the End of the world.'"

In 1349, John of Rupescissa saw the plague as an evidence of the coming of the Antichrist, who was to come in 1366.

John Clynn predicted that for 15 years after the plague, there would be a one world religion, a time of peace and prosperity, and the rise of a race of men without heads.

Rumors were circulating in Rome in 1349 that the Antichrist was in the world, age 10, and "so well educated in all branches of knowledge that no one now living can equal him."

Louis Heyligen saw the Black Death as a fulfillment of the angel of Revelation 8:7.

Norman Cohn, in "The Pursuit of the Millennium," comments on this period: "The moment was most propitious to such a development, for eschatological expectations were more than usually widespread and intense. It is no coincidence that it was in these years that the most famous of the German Antichrist-plays were composed and performed. Already in 1348 people were interpreting earthquakes in Carinthia and Italy as those 'messianic woes' which were to usher in the Last Days; and even if one were not expressly told so, one would have assumed that the uniquely appalling catastrophe of the Black Death would be interpreted in the same sense. In fact the experience of overwhelming insecurity, disorientation and anxiety had the effect - as so often of raising eschatological excitement amongst the masses to fever-pitch. The flagellant processions took their place in the world-shattering, world-transforming drama of the Last Days which was now unfolding in all its terror and exaltation."

European civilization survived and recovered from

the devastating catastrophe of the Black Death, but prophetic speculation continued without skipping a beat.

John of Bassigny saw the English victories over the French at the battles of Crecy (1346) and Poitiers (1357) as signs of the coming of Antichrist.

In 1367, Jan Milic of Kromeriz put up a poster at St. Peter's Cathedral announcing that the Antichrist had already come.

In 1368, Konrad Schmid proclaimed that the Last Judgment and Millennium would begin in 1369.

Arnold of Villanova declared that the persecutions of the Antichrist would begin in 1378.

The Peasants' Revolt in England in 1381 was seen as a sign of the end: "The rising of the commons in London, The pestilence and the earthquake, These three things I understand, Betoken the great vengeance and retribution, That should fall on us for our sins."

In 1388 Thomas Wimbleton preached that the world would end in 1400.

In 1390 John Purvey identified the persecution of the Lollards in England as the end-time Gog and Magog, and believed that mankind had only 45 more years in which to repent. Frederick of Braunschweig taught that the Antichrist would appear by 1397.

John Aberth, in his book "From the Brink of the Apocalypse," comments on the prophecy mania of the 14th Century: "It is not just our fascination with millennial, or apocalyptic, movements that draws us to the later Middle Ages. Such movements have a continuous history in the annals of Christianity. ... What made the late medieval era unusual was a confluence of crises that threatened to make these visions of the Apocalypse become real. At no other time in history did so much variegated misery - famine, war, plague, and death - descend all at once as upon England and Europe during the 14th and 15th centuries. But, as we all know, the world did not end in 1400, or even a hundred years later."

Statements like that, about a remarkable convergence of signs of the end unlike any other time, provide us with the context with which to analyze modern assertions like that of Hal Lindsey in his book "Planet Earth - 2000 AD," published in 1994, in which he says, "Never before in the history of the planet have events and conditions so coincided as to set the stage for [the Rapture]." People in the 14th Century felt the same way.

I am not impressed when I hear that we are seeing,

in our age, a greater conjunction of signs of the Rapture than ever before. Been there, done that, and got the T-shirt. We have heard it all before.

Years ago when I was saved, I was told that the founding of Israel in 1948, and the creation of the European Common Market in 1958, were signs that the Rapture was near. I find absolutely nothing in the Bible that teaches that these events are signs that the Rapture must take place soon. Even if these events could in some sense be regarded as “setting the stage” for the Rapture, it is risky to assign any predictive value to them, since nothing has happened after 60 years or more.

In spite of all the false prophecies and date-setting in our own time, that have not been fulfilled and that have made fundamentalist Christians a laughingstock in the eyes of the world, it remains true that Christ will some day return to earth in His glory, to sit on the throne of His glory, Matthew 25:31.

Let us not bring this truth into disrepute by taking every event in the daily newspaper as a harbinger of imminent doomsday. The prophecy gurus of the 14th Century were sincerely convinced, by the “signs of the times” in their day, that Christ must return immediately. The passage of time has shown that they were deluded.

Augustine Speaks Out on the Dangers of Date-Setting

The views of the Church Father Augustine (354-430 AD) are worthy of consideration. Augustine inherited a tradition in which it was assumed that Christ would return 6000 years after creation. It was believed at the time that the world was created about 5500 BC, and that therefore Christ would return about 500 AD.

Among the Church Fathers who believed this theory, based on the assumption that the 6 original days of creation signified 6000 years of world history, were Irenaeus, Hippolytus, Cyprian, Julius Africanus, Lactantius, Firmicus Maternus, Hilary of Poitiers, Theodoret of Cyrus, Gaudentius of Brescia, Commodian, Victorinus of Pettau, etc. On the other hand, the 6000-year theory was rejected by Augustine’s mentor Ambrose.

Augustine might have been excused had he gone along with the widely-accepted theory that Christ would return after 6000 years. Instead, he rejected the entire concept of date-setting.

Brian Daley, in “The Hope of the Early Church: A Handbook of Patristic Eschatology,” describes Augustine’s views: “Throughout his career, Augustine remained steadfastly agnostic about the time of

the world’s end, and skeptical about even the most respectable Christian attempts to calculate it from Scripture and contemporary events.

“Two favorite texts he used to support this position were Acts 1:7 (‘It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority’) and Matthew 24:36 (‘But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, but the Father only),’ texts from which he concluded that it is not God’s will that humans should ever know when the end is coming. ‘So we are gladly ignorant,’ he adds in an early homily, ‘because God wants us to be ignorant.’

“‘Since the first Christian Pentecost, Jesus’ followers have spoken of themselves as living in the -last times,’” he writes to Bishop Hesychius: and if there were “last days” then, how much more now even if there remained as many days until the end as have already passed from the Lord’s Ascension until today.’

“Apocalyptic signs of the end seem always to be appearing, and those who try to compute from them the exact time of the cataclysm are always disappointed. Christian watchfulness, for Augustine, is simply to wait for the Lord, persevering in Christian love until the ‘sleep’ of death overtakes us.

To insist that the Lord is coming soon and to be wrong, Augustine cautions Hesychius, can be damaging both to one’s own and one’s neighbors’ faith.”

At the risk of being accused of compromise with the Roman Catholic Church or of endorsing all of Augustine’s teachings (which is not my intent), I would like to express general agreement with Augustine’s sentiments on date-setting. With the benefit of hindsight, we can see that those who had it all figured out that Christ would return by 500 AD were mistaken, as well as those who thought He would return in the 14th Century. All that they accomplished was to confirm the rate of failure of such predictions - so far, it is still 100%.

Book Review

CRIMES OF THE EDUCATORS

By Sam Blumenfeld and Alex Newman, Washington, D.C.: WND Books, 2014, 352 pages, hardcover. (Reproduced from “The New American.”)

Over the past several years, state capitols and local school districts have become battlegrounds, as parents and teachers have joined in a massive rebellion against the imposition of Common Core State Standards.

Dubbed ObamaCore by critics, the Common Core scheme to enlist state governments in enforcing national education standards and curricula has been lavishly funded with over \$2 billion in grants from Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates. Members and officials of the liberal-left teachers unions, some of President Obama's staunchest supporters, have joined with conservative organizations and Tea Party groups to stop, defund, and roll back Common Core at the state and national levels. The National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers have both been forced by irate members to abandon support for Common Core.

What is it about Common Core that has elicited such a widespread, broad-spectrum revolt? For many of the teachers, it is the mandated cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all straitjacket ObamaCore imposes. For many parents, it is the subversive, anti-Christian, hypersexualized, pro-homosexual emphasis of the National Sexuality Education Standards, which were developed by the radical Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN); the pornography-promoting Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS); the abortion behemoth Planned Parenthood; and the National Education Association — among others. For many Common Core opponents, it is the invasive, privacy-destroying data mining that attempts to subject all students to surveillance worthy of an Orwellian police state.

In *Crimes of the Educators: How Utopians Are Using Government Schools to Destroy America's Children*, Samuel L. Blumenfeld and Alex Newman lay bare the rot that runs to the core of Common Core. However, this book is about far more than Common Core, which is but the latest iteration in a long line of revolutionary programs imposed through the government school system by the educational establishment to deconstruct America — socially, politically, psychologically, intellectually, morally, and spiritually: look-say reading, the “new math,” death education, values clarification, sex education, multiculturalism, sensitivity training, outcome-based education, etc.

Our nation is sliding into the infernal abyss — as virtually every assessment and indicator has been starkly demonstrating for decades — and the government-operated, taxpayer-supported “public” schools bear an immense blame for pushing and dragging us into the hellish chasm. How did this come about? Why is this happening? How can our education system be failing so miserably after we poured so many hundreds of billions

of dollars into it? Why are our schools wracked with violence and mass murders? Why have all the many ballyhooed “reform” efforts of the past decades failed so wretchedly? Why do other nations outperform our students in virtually every academic area? What can we do about it? *Crimes of the Educators* provides the answers to these and many other burning questions.

Samuel Blumenfeld and Alex Newman are eminently qualified as a team to tackle this important subject. Blumenfeld has been one of America's most perceptive observers of, education for more than four decades, authoring 10 books on education, in addition to crisscrossing the nation many times on speaking tours. This present volume recapitulates much of the extraordinary research into the education dilemma that Blumenfeld first brought to the American public in the early 1980s with his books *Is Public Education Necessary?* and *NEA: Trojan Horse in American Education*. As no previous writings had done, these two volumes lifted the lid and exposed the long-range seditious, statist scheme to overthrow the twin pillars of our society: faith and family. If he had written nothing else, these books alone would have earned Samuel Blumenfeld the deserving thanks and praise of every American who is trying to make sense of the incomprehensible carnage and insanity now rife in our schools and society. However, he did much more. He offered real, concrete solutions — not only political prescriptions to correct the destructive policies afflicting our education system, but practical things parents and teachers could do to immediately remediate and help their children. Blumenfeld's pioneering books on phonics, tutoring, and homeschooling helped launch the homeschooling movement and have helped hundreds of thousands of students of all ages learn to read and to lead productive lives. He has also been a contributing writer to this magazine since *THE NEW AMERICAN* was founded, and before that, to our predecessor magazine, *American Opinion*. Alex Newman is well known to readers of *THE NEW AMERICAN* for his penetrating articles regarding Common Core and other education issues. He is a brilliant young, multilingual, multitalented journalist who shows an insightful and authoritative grasp of a wide array of complex subjects, from global warming and geopolitics to international monetary machinations, terrorism, and much more.

• **MORE AT RISK THAN EVER**

In 1983, the National Commission on Excellence in Education issued its shocking report *A Nation at Risk*:

The Imperative for Education Reform. Among its most damning indictments, which Blumenfeld and Newman quote, is this alarming statement summarizing the dire reality of the statistical evidence: “The educational foundations of our society are presently being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a Nation and a people.”

“If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today,” the report continued, “we might well have viewed it as an act of war.”

The erosion of our educational foundations and the mediocrity that the commission decried are undoubtedly viewed as an act of war by Blumenfeld and Newman, as they less-than-subtly suggest right from the get-go in the title itself — “Crimes of the Educators” — and as they then make abundantly clear in the more than 300 pages that follow. But the erosion and mediocrity were not the result of war by “an unfriendly foreign power.” They were (and are) the result of war by an unfriendly domestic power, a subversive Fifth Column of socialist educators who detested America, its Christian foundations, and the American Founders’ design of limited, constitutional government that thwarted their plans for social engineering and central planning.

Paranoia? Wild “conspiracy theory”? That’s what those with a vested interest in perpetuating our nation’s suicidal descent will say, of course. However, the evidence assembled by the authors speaks for itself — literally. Blumenfeld and Newman name names and provide copious documentation and quotes from original sources. They go back to the early 19th century to show the introduction of the communist ideology into American education by British socialist Robert Owen, who established the New Harmony commune in Indiana in 1825, more than two decades before Karl Marx wrote the Communist Manifesto. Owen and his disciples took the American intelligentsia by storm, most especially winning early (and influential) converts at Harvard. They prominently cite, for example, quotations from John Dewey, the “father of progressive education,” a committed socialist and an ardent admirer of the Soviet Union, who targeted reading for destruction because it was too “individualistic”; it allows individuals to learn on their own and follow their own plans for their lives, independent of master planners such as Dewey & Company. Dewey and his procommunist confreres at Columbia Teachers College, Harvard, and other centers of cultural subversion insisted that everyone

(except themselves and their fellow elites, of course) must surrender his individuality in the interests of “the cooperative,” “the community,” the collective, the State. Reading, therefore, had to be subverted. Phonics, which is the only logical way to teach an alphabetic system of language such as English, had to be replaced with a revolutionary “look-say” or whole-word method that would teach English as if it were a pictographic language like Chinese. This stood thousands of years of experience and history on its head.

Dewey realized that his revolutionary plan would have to be implemented patiently, gradually, over many years, to avoid arousing suspicion and backlash. He also recognized the need for lining up an authoritative phalanx of “experts” to give the appearance of scientific consensus.

In his essay “The Primary Education Fetich,” which appeared in the Forum in May 1898, Dewey wrote:

Change must come gradually. To force it unduly would compromise its final success by favoring a violent reaction. What is needed in the first place is that there should be a full and frank statement of conviction with regard to the matter from physiologists and psychologists and from those school administrators who are conscious of the evils of the present regime.

Among the “evils of the present regime” Dewey decried and detested were personal independence, individuality, and the “endless drill” of phonics-based reading methods.

With backing from the Rockefeller family and other advocates of one-world government, Dewey and associates became the reigning educational gurus. Their intellectual heirs have continued this Deweyite treachery and treason down to the present, as Blumenfeld/Newman amply prove.

One of the many more current examples of the ongoing Deweyite scheme to dumb down and socialize America is the Obama administration’s full embrace of UNESCO’s subversive “sustainability education” program. In his address to a “Sustainability Summit” in 2010, Obama Education Secretary Arne Duncan proclaimed: “We must advance the sustainability movement through education.... We at the Education Department are energized about joining these leaders in their commitment to preparing today’s students ... to be well-educated about the science of sustainability.” But as Blumenfeld and Newman note, traditional and classical notions of education have no place in the “sustainable” future being planned for humanity.

“Generally, more highly educated people, who have

higher incomes, consume more resources than poorly educated people, who tend to have lower incomes,” the UN “toolkit” for global, “sustainable” education explains. “In this case, more education increases the threat to sustain-ability.”

“In other words,” comment Blumenfeld and Newman, “more education leads to higher incomes, which leads to more consumption, and therefore, is not compatible with their vision of `sustainability.’”

After reciting a lengthy litany of recent educational indicators cataloging our nation’s precipitous descent, Blumenfeld and Newman again return to a hard truth that many Americans still do not understand and/or refuse to confront: intentional malice, treason, and conspiracy. “All of the above is the lamentable story of the failure of our public schools to educate American children. Those failures are not the result of an accident,” they write. “They are the result of programs created by the best-organized and best-paid educators on the planet.” “All of these programs that create failure were conceived to produce precisely the results we are getting,” Blumenfeld and Newman note. “But why are American educators able to get away with these crimes? It’s because Americans cannot believe that our professional and highly respected educators could be involved in a conspiracy to deliberately dumb down the nation. They recognize that we are indeed being dumbed down, but they don’t blame the educators. They blame the children and the culture. In short, this conspiracy is protected by its incredulity.”

The “educators” to whom the authors refer are not the ordinary classroom teachers, but the leading lights of the educational establishment at our most prestigious universities, think tanks, and government agencies.

The education establishment that the Deweyites launched has become, say the authors, “an asylum for the educationally insane. Once you accept their mindset you enter a world of esoteric nonsense that only the inner circle of disciples can understand. To subject perfectly healthy, intelligent children to the teachings of these insanities is a crime.”

Blumenfeld and Newman have performed a most vital service; this writer can think of no more important book on education, nor a more timely assessment of, and prescription for, what ails our schools and our society. Get it, read it, use it — and distribute it widely.

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THANK A PUBLIC SCHOOL!

By Al Benson Jr. April 26, 2015

Recently I read an article by Chelsea Schilling on <http://www.wnd.com> where the author noted comments by Chaplain E. Ray Moore, the founder of Exodus Mandate <http://exodusmandate.org> which is a ministry started to help Christian families to get their children out of government, or public schools.

Chaplain Moore is also running for Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, and Moore had some very precise comments about public education for Christians. He said: “If the evangelical community would step up and obey God in educating their own children, we could collapse the state model. We’re feeding the monster by keeping our children there.”

Chaplain Moore is right on the money, but I don’t think the majority of the evangelical community, at least many of them that I’ve run across over the years, really wants to hear it. Much easier to continue to “feed the monster” with their children and their children’s souls and there’s no real responsibility involved in that—just do it and don’t even think about it—and when you start losing your kids, then look around for someone to blame.

Moore observed: “When I see a family in public schools or a pastor in public schools, I know there’s a great blindness or an area of disobedience in their lives in that particular area. I think Christians are ignorantly doing this. There is no Bible verse that gives you permission—as a Christian family—to put your children under false doctrine and in harm’s way.” And make no mistake—public schools are about doctrine, not education. That’s not to say that every teacher realizes or knows this, but it’s true whether the individual teacher realizes it or not. If you think it’s not, I would encourage you to read Sam Blumenfeld’s book *Is Public Education Necessary?* or R. J. Rushdoony’s book *The Messianic Character of American Education*. It’s about doctrine.

Moore noted a disturbing statistic. He said: “We estimate 70-80 percent of evangelical Christian children who are in public school for their entire educational career are abandoning the church and the Christian faith in their early adult years. About 20 percent return after they get married and start having their own kids. It’s a holocaust going on in our churches, and we’re trying to fight a culture war while our resources are being depleted.” Some of us are trying to fight a culture war. Many, many Christians are not even aware there’s

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a culture war being fought or that they and their children are the victims. Christian ignorance in this area is legion. Lots don't have a clue and they prefer it that way. As I've stated in previous articles, it's easier for some churches to just shoot the messenger than it is to listen to the message. After all, little Johnnie's history teacher is a Christian—doesn't that make it alright? No it doesn't. Unfortunately, especially in the South, Christians are really gung ho about public schools—which are part of the “reconstruction” their great grandparents were forced to endure.

And Moore said, quite accurately, that public schools are “indoctrinating children with a Marxist view of American history, environmentalism, evolution and other bizarre radical agendas.” But then this isn't new. It's been going on in the South since 1866 and in the North since the 1830s—and no matter where you go, North or South, Christians are busy gobbling it up, feeding the monster, and they don't want you telling them they shouldn't. When my wife and I started to home school, we got more opposition from Christians than from anyone else, so I know whereof I speak on this subject. Thanks be to God the church we now attend has a classical Christian school and lots of folks that home school. But in the past it wasn't always that way.

And for Christians who think all the bad stuff happens in someone else's school, I will close with an article I got from <http://www.lifesitenews.com> for April 20th of this year. The headline for the article is Lesbian Teacher: How I convince kids to accept gay ‘marriage’ starting at 4-years old. The article goes on to describe how this teacher in a primary grade in a public school in Ontario told a group at a homosexual activist conference how she has been using her classroom to convince children as young as four years old to accept homosexual relationships. She thought Kindergarten was “a great place to start.” What's more, she got encouragement from the principal to go from class to class to talk about “what gay means.” This lady claims she has a “wife” at home. Folks, this is what goes on in many public schools—and just because this one happens to be in Ontario doesn't mean you don't have this stuff going on here.

Every time I read a story about some Christian youngster being harassed in a public school and the parent goes and complains, and nothing gets done, I wish I could shout “why do you leave your child in there? For Heaven sake, get him or her OUT!” I have friends in the Confederate and Southern Heritage

movements that are teaching their kids and grandkids accurate American history after school and on weekends because they realize what the kids are getting in public school is utter drivel.

Unless Christians start waking up and realizing that they are in a culture war and that a major part of that war is being waged on them through the government school system, we will continue to lose 60 percent of our Christian kids to the world after they graduate and it won't have made any difference whether little Johnnie's history teacher was a Christian or not—protecting his job will have prevented him from telling little Johnnie the truth!

<https://revisedhistory.wordpress.com/2015/04/26/losing-your-christian-culture-thank-a-public-school/>

* Muslims Worldwide to Nearly Equal Christians by 2050

Christianity will remain the world's largest religious group in the coming decades, but Islam will grow faster than any other major religion — and if current trends continue, Muslims will nearly equal the number of Christians by 2050.

<http://news.newsmax.com/?Z6ID.sp7.8i3FP4O2sRYhE.mIXyfNJRZZ>

* 277,000 U.S. STEM Jobs Are Unfilled

A growing shortage of workers skilled in STEM fields — science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — points to a lack of students obtaining STEM degrees and the poor performance of U.S. students in those disciplines.

On a recent international education test, American students ranked 36th among developed nations in math, with a score of 481 out of a possible 1,000 — below the average score of 494.

In science, American students scored 497 out of a possible 1,000, which was below the average score of 501.

In contrast, students in Singapore scored 573 in math and 551 in science, while students in Japan and Korea also scored high in the test, Lloyd Bentsen IV disclosed in a column for the Dallas Morning News.

Yet some educators have been calling for more emphasis on the arts for STEM students, creating the acronym STEAM by inserting arts into STEM.

“The focus on STEM vs. STEAM only obscures the bigger problem — that our education system is broken,” Bentsen asserts....

<http://news.newsmax.com/?Z6ID.sp7.8i3FP4O2sRYhE.mIXyfNJRZZ>

Since the 60s, we have known of the government plan to dumb down Americans for various reasons. Those plans are now bearing fruit.

My, our, son-in-law, who has worked in retail all of his life, has been forced to change occupations. He is now taking an “electronic” course at a community college. There is a waiting list of companies needing the trade in which he is being trained. Salary starts at \$26 an hour. College is proving to turn young minds into worthless mush, and to be a serious waste of time and money

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Remember, we are not notified of e mail address changes, nor snail mail changes.

All of my lessons in Ephesians are downloadable, <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8g549gw6oqvosg/AAB8H1JwOd0KGy34TsYpVMRja?dl=0>

Messages from Jonah are downloadable, https://www.dropbox.com/sh/aorapi75i6bbtfi/AAABM_EX7nB0BqeyqcIkCjila?dl=0

We are now in Hebrews, which will also be downloadable.

If you would like to receive the notes, let me know, and I will e mail them to you.

I am able to use my right shoulder reasonably well, but it seems like the home therapy takes up a tremendous amount of time, though it does not.

While stationed in Puerto Rico, I injured my back. When it would not heal, the orthopedic doctor did some examination, and assumed that I had had polio as a very young child. (Born 1941) I was sent to the Great Lakes Naval hospital, but nothing was done other than “bed rest” until the back “healed”. Then back to active duty. The polio left my left leg over an inch short, as well as missing a major muscle. The result of 70+ years with the short leg with no corrective shoes (which I now have) brought about the scoliosis. Scoliosis plus deteriorating disks, which certainly is not uncommon with older folks, are not a pleasant combination, and only gets worse. My back “complains” loudly when I do much walking.

I am certainly not complaining, for many people even on this mailing list have far worse physical problems. The Lord has been and is better to us than we could have imagined. But I am asking that you remember both of us in prayer.

This Examiner is later than I had hoped. Hospital and therapy visits took up a lot of March, April and May, but those trips are basically over for now. Now its grass mowing and garden time—a few days to get the garden ready, and now Bettie will keep it going.

Some time ago, I was asked by the Christian manager of a small local “secular” radio/TV station to do a series on the Christian persecution by the Muslims that is taking place worldwide. The TV is on the fiber optic that is now being installed in our sparsely populated county. However, the radio reaches as far as Harrisonburg, Virginia. Our first effort was on April 24th, and we hope to make it a bi-weekly Friday morning program. There is quite a bit of distressing research involved in these programs, which has been very time consuming. The time required should decrease as we determine the best format in which to offer the information. I plan to post these programs on Sermon Audio, when we remember to record them. (We also do the video recordings of various public events for the TV station, which can be quite time consuming.)

Unless it is something major, very little of that persecution makes it on the national news, and the killings, man-stealing, and other atrocities by the Muslims have become so common that they are no longer considered news. When it does make the news, there is an effort not to identify the Muslims as Muslims. Rather they are called by some innocuous name, such as “gunmen” or “terrorists”.

One of the more distressing things that I have found is that Obama is inviting not only hundreds of thousands of Muslims, including “radical” Muslims even from Somalia, the home of the pirates, into the US. He is paying their way in, and is rewarding them handsomely for being here. On the other hand, he refuses to allow any Christians who are being persecuted to enter as immigrants. He refused entrance of a Nun who desired a visa so she can speak about the Christian persecution. “Public pressure” finally allowed her in.

Though Christians refuse to admit the fact, the Muslims are very open in saying this is a religious war, and they are determined to conquer the entire world for Mohammed and place everything under sharia law. Of course, we must place everything in the hand of Divine Providence.

If Obama gets his way, the 2016 elections will be totally controlled by “undocumented Democrats.” And our “Political Saviours”, the Republican congress, have joined Obama in his destructive efforts. It has been proved again that there is no hope in politics.

MATT DRUDGE Goes Off on Twitter Rampage: ‘It’s the Night of the Republican Suicide’

Conservative internet mogul Matt Drudge unleashed on the Republican Party Friday after the GOP Congress

gave Barack Obama sweeping new powers
<http://www.infowars.com/matt-drudge-goes-off-on-twitter-rampage-its-the-night-of-the-republican-suicide/>

The America that my generation grew up in is gone. Since the early 1900s, this nation has begged for whatever judgment God sees fit to render upon it.

Received by e mail: Franklin Graham, was speaking at the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida when he said America will not come back. Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. (Note: One cannot relive the past.)

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VARIOUS ITEMS.

1. Cash on Lockdown: Bankers “Want Badly to Charge YOU Interest for Depositing YOUR Funds”

http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/cash-on-lockdown-bankers-want-badly-to-charge-you-interest-for-depositing-your-funds_04302015

2. Texas Ranger Drops Jade Helm Bombshell: “There Are Trains With Shackles On Them”

http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/texas-ranger-drops-jade-helm-bombshell-there-are-trains-with-shackles-on-them_04292015

3. War on Christianity: American Churches Who Oppose Same-Sex Marriage Will Lose Tax Exemption

It’s official. The Obama Administration plans to go after the tax exempt status of Christian churches, schools, colleges and religious institutions who refuse to recognize same-sex marriage, if the United States Supreme Court rules it to be a right protected by the Constitution.

The admission was made by Barack Hussein Obama’s lawyer, the sitting Solicitor General of the United States, Donald Verrilli, Jr., on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, during questioning by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Samuel Alito, Jr.

<http://americathebattlefield.blogspot.com/2015/04/churches-oppose-same-sex-marriage-lose-tax-exemption.html>

4. Obama REAL Concern: Teaching Military “How and when to Kiss”—NOT a Joke

April 19, 2015 By Stephen Frank

Is it the role of the military, in war time, to spend effort on teaching the troops how to kiss and when to kiss? Seriously, to be in the military you need to be at least 18 years old—if you do not know how to kiss by then, you have lots of problems and should not be in the military. Soldiers know how to take orders and follow orders. All you need to do is ORDER them not to kiss without permission. Seriously does it take a high priced consultant to travel the world at tax payers expense to teach when to kiss and when not to kiss?

<http://www.capoliticalreview.com/capoliticalnewsandviews/obama-real-concern-teaching-military-how-and-when-to-kiss-not-a-joke/>

Pentagon Deploys ‘May I Kiss You?’ Training

BY: Elizabeth Harrington, Washington Free Beacon, 4/13/15

An issue that could “dramatically affect” the mission of the United States Armed Forces is telling soldiers when it is okay to kiss a girl.

<http://freebeacon.com/issues/pentagon-deploys-may-i-kiss-you-training/>

The US Air Force is employing the author of the “May I Kiss You?” talk to teach service personnel about consent and sexual assault prevention. Mike Domitrz’ company, the Date Safe Project, is being paid \$10,000 for three training sessions...

<http://rt.com/usa/249241-pentagon-training-talk-kiss/>

5. Porn and video game addiction are leading to ‘masculinity crisis’, says Stanford prison experiment psychologist

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/porn-and-video-game-addiction-are-leading-to-masculinity-crisis-says-stanford-prison-experiment-psychologist-10238211.html>

People should marry young, as the Lord implies. But marriage and children have been cast in such a bad light, even by the church, that few young men want to marry.

6. Ferguson was destroyed by professional agitators stirring up the blacks: Leaked List Shows Ferguson Protesters Paid by Soros Front Group

#BlackLivesMatter is a phony astroturf movement funded by the establishment.

A leaked list shows that Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment (MORE), a group funded by George Soros, paid over 80 individuals and organizations to protest during civil unrest in Ferguson, Missouri last year.

The details came to light after black activists held a sit in protest at the offices of MORE last week in St. Louis to complain about the fact that they hadn’t been paid the money they were promised for taking part in the demonstrations. In order to show where the money had been going, MORE was forced to release the following list of who had been paid what.

<http://www.infowars.com/leaked-list-shows-ferguson-protesters-paid-by-soros-front-group/> Also <http://www.weaselzipper.us/223908-ferguson-protesters-protest-not-getting-their-checks-for-protesting-from-their-organizers-list-of-payouts-to-protesters/>

The answer to the rioting problem is preaching the gospel in those areas.

7. Ferguson Protesters Now Protesting Over Not Getting Paid

At least some of the protesters who looted, rioted, burned buildings and overturned police cars in Ferguson, Missouri, last year were promised payment

of up to \$5,000 per month to join the protests....

Former U.S. Rep. Allen B. West noted on his website, "Instead of being thankful for getting off the unemployment line for a few weeks and having a little fun protesting, the paid rioters who tore up Ferguson, MO, are protesting again.

"First of all, can you even imagine getting paid \$5,000.00 a month for running around holding a sign and burning down an occasional building? That's around \$1,250.00 per week. Try making that at McDonald's or Starbucks..."

http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/Ferguson-Missouri-paid-protesters/2015/05/25/id/646587/?ns_mail_uid=81002676&ns_mail_job=1622118_05262015&s=al&dkt_nbr=rkjcasl

8. CNN says More Whites Were Killed From Police Brutality in 2014

<http://thereelnetwork.net/the-primary-victims-of-police-brutality-and-theyre-not-black-people/>

Though many more whites are killed by the police, there is no outcry that "white lives matter." Peace in the city is sought through gun and drug control laws. But peace can only be found through the Prince of Peace, for only his laws can produce peace.

9. There is a tremendous revival going on in Muslim countries. "From the shores of Casablanca in Morocco to Tripoli, Libya, experts say the growth of Christianity, especially in the last 20 years, has been unprecedented. And now that growth is also evident in the North African nation of Algeria." Satellite TV and the internet is being used by mature native Arab Christians to talk about their faith in the privacy of Muslim homes.

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/43406-revival-breaks-out-in-land-once-hostile-to-christianity>

10. "U.K. rape jihadis: 'This is OK in our culture'" (Christian women and girls as young as 12.)

[\(http://www.wnd.com/2015/05/u-k-rape-jihadis-this-is-ok-in-our-culture/\)](http://www.wnd.com/2015/05/u-k-rape-jihadis-this-is-ok-in-our-culture/)

* Islamic State (ISIS): "We thank Allah for allowing us to rape non-Muslim young girls and women with impunity"

<http://shoebat.com/2015/05/22/islamic-state-isis-we-thank-allah-for-allowing-us-to-rape-non-muslim-young-girls-and-women-with-impunity/>

* Muslims Sexually Enslaving Children: A Global Phenomenon

<http://www.raymondibrahim.com/islam/muslims-sexually-enslaving-children-a-global-phenom>

* The Rape and Murder of Pakistan's Christian Children

The West remains clueless concerning the graphic abuses-including rape and murder-Christian children in Pakistan routinely suffer, simply for being Christian. ... Parts of Pakistani culture have a strong homosexual

pederast culture, and Christian and other minority boys are especially susceptible to rape and abuse because of the powerlessness of their community and their despised status. In one case fairly recently, a Christian boy was kidnapped, raped, tortured and killed by a police officer, his body similarly being dumped in a drain."

<http://www.frontpagemag.com/2012/raymond-ibrahim/the-rape-and-murder-of-pakistan-christian-children/>

God promises several times that if his people turned against his law, he would exalt their enemies over them. Their situation would become so dire that they would eat their own children, which they did. Americans are eating their own children, as the wicked seek to profit from the abortion industry. "PepsiCo also continues to use aborted human fetal cells in their drinks. Last year the shareholders of PepsiCo signed a petition that required the company to adopt ethical ways to enhance the natural flavoring of their drinks and stop using human aborted fetuses. However, the Obama administration shut down the proposal and gave their blessing to PepsiCo to continue the use of aborted babies as flavor enhancer in their drinks which means business as usual. ... Based on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the dead human tissues are also found in flu vaccines beside other substances like aluminum, formaldehyde, monosodium glutamate (MSG), mercury and antibiotics."

<http://www.seattleorganicrestaurants.com/vegan-whole-food/aborted-fetus-cells-artificial-flavors.php>

TURNING AMERICA INTO A BATTLEFIELD: A BLUEPRINT FOR LOCKING DOWN THE NATION

By John W. Whitehead, April 27, 2015

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.—President Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1961

A standing army—something that propelled the early colonists into revolution—strips the American people of any vestige of freedom. How can there be

any semblance of freedom when there are tanks in the streets, military encampments in cities, Blackhawk helicopters and armed drones patrolling overhead?

It was for this reason that those who established America vested control of the military in a civilian government, with a civilian commander-in-chief. They did not want a military government, ruled by force. Rather, they opted for a republic bound by the rule of law: the U.S. Constitution.

Unfortunately, with the Constitution under constant attack, the military's power, influence and authority have grown dramatically. Even the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, which makes it a crime for the government to use the military to carry out arrests, searches, seizure of evidence and other activities normally handled by a civilian police force, has been weakened by both Barack Obama and George W. Bush, who ushered in exemptions allowing troops to deploy domestically and arrest civilians in the wake of alleged terrorist acts.

Now we find ourselves struggling to retain some semblance of freedom in the face of police and law enforcement agencies that look and act like the military and have just as little regard for the Fourth Amendment, laws such as the NDAA that allow the military to arrest and indefinitely detain American citizens, and military drills that acclimate the American people to the sight of armored tanks in the streets, military encampments in cities, and combat aircraft patrolling overhead.

Making matters worse, we find out that the military plans to use southwestern states as staging grounds for guerilla warfare drills in which highly-trained military troops equipped with all manner of weapons turn American towns and cities in quasi-battlefields. Why? As they tell us, it's so that special operations forces can get "realistic military training" in "hostile" territory.

They've even got a name for the exercise: Jade Helm 15.

Whether or not Americans have anything to fear from Jade Helm 15, a covert, multi-agency, multi-state, eight-week military training exercise set to take place this summer from July 15 through Sept. 15, remains to be seen.

Insisting that there's nothing to be alarmed about, the Washington Post took great pains to point out that these military exercises on American soil are nothing new. For instance, there was Operation Bold Alligator, in which in which thousands of Marines and sailors carried out amphibious exercises against "insurgent" forces in Georgia and Florida. Operation Robin Sage

had Green Beret soldiers engaging in guerrilla warfare in North Carolina. And Operation Derna Bridge sends Marine special forces into parts of South Carolina and the National Forest.

Yet if Americans are uneasy about this summer's planned Jade Helm 15 military exercises, they have every right to be.

After all, haven't we been urged time and time again to just "trust" the government to respect our rights and abide by the rule of law only to find that, in fact, our rights were being plundered and the Constitution disregarded at every turn?

Let's assume, for the moment, that Jade Helm 15 is not a thinly veiled military plot to take over the country lifted straight out of director John Frankenheimer's 1964 political thriller *Seven Days in May*, as some fear, but is merely a "routine" exercise for troops, albeit a blatantly intimidating flexing of the military's muscles.

The problem arises when you start to add Jade Helm onto the list of other troubling developments that have taken place over the past 30 years or more: the expansion of the military industrial complex and its influence in Washington DC, the rampant surveillance, the corporate-funded elections and revolving door between lobbyists and elected officials, the militarized police, the loss of our freedoms, the injustice of the courts, the privatized prisons, the school lockdowns, the roadside strip searches, the military drills on domestic soil, the fusion centers and the simultaneous fusing of every branch of law enforcement (federal, state and local), the stockpiling of ammunition by various government agencies, the active shooter drills that are indistinguishable from actual crises, the economy flirting with near collapse, etc.

Suddenly, the overall picture seems that much more sinister. Clearly, as I point out in my new book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People*, there's a larger agenda at work here.

Seven years ago, the U.S. Army War College issued a report calling on the military to be prepared should they need to put down civil unrest within the country. Summarizing the report, investigative journalist Chris Hedges declared, "The military must be prepared, the document warned, for a 'violent, strategic dislocation inside the United States,' which could be provoked by 'unforeseen economic collapse,' 'purposeful domestic resistance,' 'pervasive public health emergencies' or 'loss of functioning political and legal order.' The 'widespread civil violence,' the document said, 'would

force the defense establishment to reorient priorities in extremis to defend basic domestic order and human security.” (Sadly, the “rich and powerful” are the ones agitating and even paying for domestic disorder, so they can bring in their desired “one world order” through military might here in the US, *i.e.*, “**master the human domain**”. Of course, the “rich and powerful” will be the ones in control. Ed.)

At what point will all of the government’s carefully drawn plans for dealing with civil unrest, “homegrown” terrorism and targeting pre-crime become a unified blueprint for locking down the nation?

For instance, what’s the rationale behind turning government agencies into military outposts? There has been a notable buildup in recent years of SWAT teams within non-security-related federal agencies such as Department of Agriculture, the Railroad Retirement Board, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Office of Personnel Management, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Education Department. As of 2008, “73 federal law enforcement agencies... [employ] approximately 120,000 armed full-time on-duty officers with arrest authority.” Four-fifths of those officers are under the command of either the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Department of Justice.

What’s with all of the government agencies stockpiling hollow point bullets? For example, why does the Department of Agriculture need .40 caliber semiautomatic submachine guns and 320,000 rounds of hollow point bullets? For that matter, why do its agents need ballistic vests and body armor?

Why does the Postal Service need “assorted small arms ammunition”? Why did the DHS purchase “1.6 billion rounds of hollow-point ammunition, along with 7,000 fully-automatic 5.56x45mm NATO ‘personal defense weapons’ plus a huge stash of 30-round high-capacity magazines”? That’s in addition to the FBI’s request for 100 million hollow-point rounds. The Department of Education, IRS, the Social Security Administration, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which oversees the National Weather Service, are also among the federal agencies which have taken to purchasing ammunition and weaponry in bulk.

Why is the federal government distributing obscene amounts of military equipment, weapons and ammunition to police departments around the country? And why is DHS acquiring more than 2,500 Mine-Resistant Armored Protection (MRAP) vehicles, only

to pass them around to local police departments across the country? According to the New York Times:

[A]s President Obama ushers in the end of what he called America’s “long season of war,” the former tools of combat — M-16 rifles, grenade launchers, silencers and more — are ending up in local police departments, often with little public notice. During the Obama administration, according to Pentagon data, police departments have received tens of thousands of machine guns; nearly 200,000 ammunition magazines; thousands of pieces of camouflage and night-vision equipment; and hundreds of silencers, armored cars and aircraft. The equipment has been added to the armories of police departments that already look and act like military units.

Why is the military partnering with local police to conduct training drills around the country? And what exactly are they training for? In Richland, South Carolina, for instance, U.S. army special forces participated in joint and secretive exercises and training with local deputies. The public was disallowed from obtaining any information about the purpose of the drills, other than being told that they might be loud and to not be alarmed. The Army and DHS also carried out similar drills and maneuvers involving Black Hawk helicopters in Texas, Florida, and other locations throughout the U.S., ostensibly in order to provide local police with “realistic” urban training.

What is being done to protect the American populace from the threat of military arms and forces, including unarmed drones, being used against them? Policy analysts point to Directive No. 3025.18, “Defense Support of Civil Authorities” (issued on Dec. 29, 2010), as justification for the government’s use of military force to put down civil unrest within the United States.

Why is FEMA stockpiling massive quantities of emergency supplies? On January 10, 2014, FEMA made a statement enlisting the service of contractors who could “supply medical biohazard disposal capabilities and 40 yard dumpsters to 1,000 tent hospitals across the United States; all required on 24-48 hour notice.” This coincides with other medical requests seeking massive amounts of supplies, such as “31,000,000 flu vaccinations,” “100,000 each of winter shirts and pants and the same for summer” and other goods and services requests as well like tarps, manufactured housing units, and beverages. And why does the TSA need \$21,000 worth of potassium chlorate, a chemical compound often used in explosives?

Why is the Pentagon continuing to purchase mass amounts of ammunition while at the same time preparing to destroy more than \$1 billion worth of bullets and missiles that are still viable?

Moreover, what is really being done to hold the Pentagon accountable for its doctored ledgers, fraud, waste and mismanagement, which has cost the taxpayer trillions of dollars? According to Reuters, “The Pentagon is the only federal agency that has not complied with a law that requires annual audits of all government departments. That means that the \$8.5 trillion in taxpayer money doled out by Congress to the Pentagon since 1996, the first year it was supposed to be audited, has never been accounted for. That sum exceeds the value of China’s economic output.”

Given the similarities between the government’s Live Active Shooter Drill training exercises, carried out at schools, in shopping malls, and on public transit, which can and do fool law enforcement officials, students, teachers and bystanders into thinking it’s a real crisis, how much of what is being passed off as real is, in fact, being staged by DHS for the “benefit” of training law enforcement, leaving us none the wiser? These training exercises come complete with their own set of professionally trained Crisis Actors playing the parts of shooters, bystanders and victims in order to help schools and first responders create realistic drills, full-scale exercises, high-fidelity simulations, and interactive 3D films.

Given that Americans are 110 times more likely to die of foodborne illness than in a terrorist attack, why is the government spending trillions of dollars on “national security”? How exactly is the \$75 billion given to various intelligence agencies annually to keep us “safe” being spent? And why is the DHS giving away millions of dollars’ worth of federal security grants to states that federal intelligence agencies ruled have “no specific foreign or domestic terrorism threat”?

Why is the government amassing names and information on Americans considered to be threats to the nation, and what criteria is the government using for this database? Keep in mind that this personal information is being acquired and kept without warrant or court order. It’s been suggested that in the event of nuclear war, the destruction of the U.S. Government, and the declaration of martial law, this Main Core database, which as of 2008 contained some 8 million names of Americans, would be used by military officials to locate and round up Americans seen as threats to

national security, a program to be carried about by the Army and FEMA.

Taken individually, these questions are alarming enough. But put them together and they add up to the kind of trouble that the American founding fathers not only warned against but from which they fought to free themselves.

Indeed, when viewed collectively, they leave one wondering what exactly the U.S. government is preparing for and whether American citizens shouldn’t be preparing, as well, for that eventuality when our so-called “government of the people, by the people, for the people” is no longer answerable to “we the people.” https://www.rutherford.org/publications_resources/john_whiteheads_commentary/turning_america_into_a_battlefield_a_blueprint_for_locking_down_the_na

Ann Coulter: “My soon-to-be-released book, “Adios, America! The Left’s Plan to Turn Our Country into a Third World Hellhole,” is jam-packed with facts you didn’t already know” *E.g.*, America has already taken in one-fourth of Mexico’s entire population. -- The government refuses to tell us how many prisoners in the United States are immigrants. That information is not available anywhere. But the ancillary facts suggest that the number is astronomical. The facts from her book she offers on her web site are shocking.

<http://www.anncoulter.com/columns/2015-05-27.html>

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