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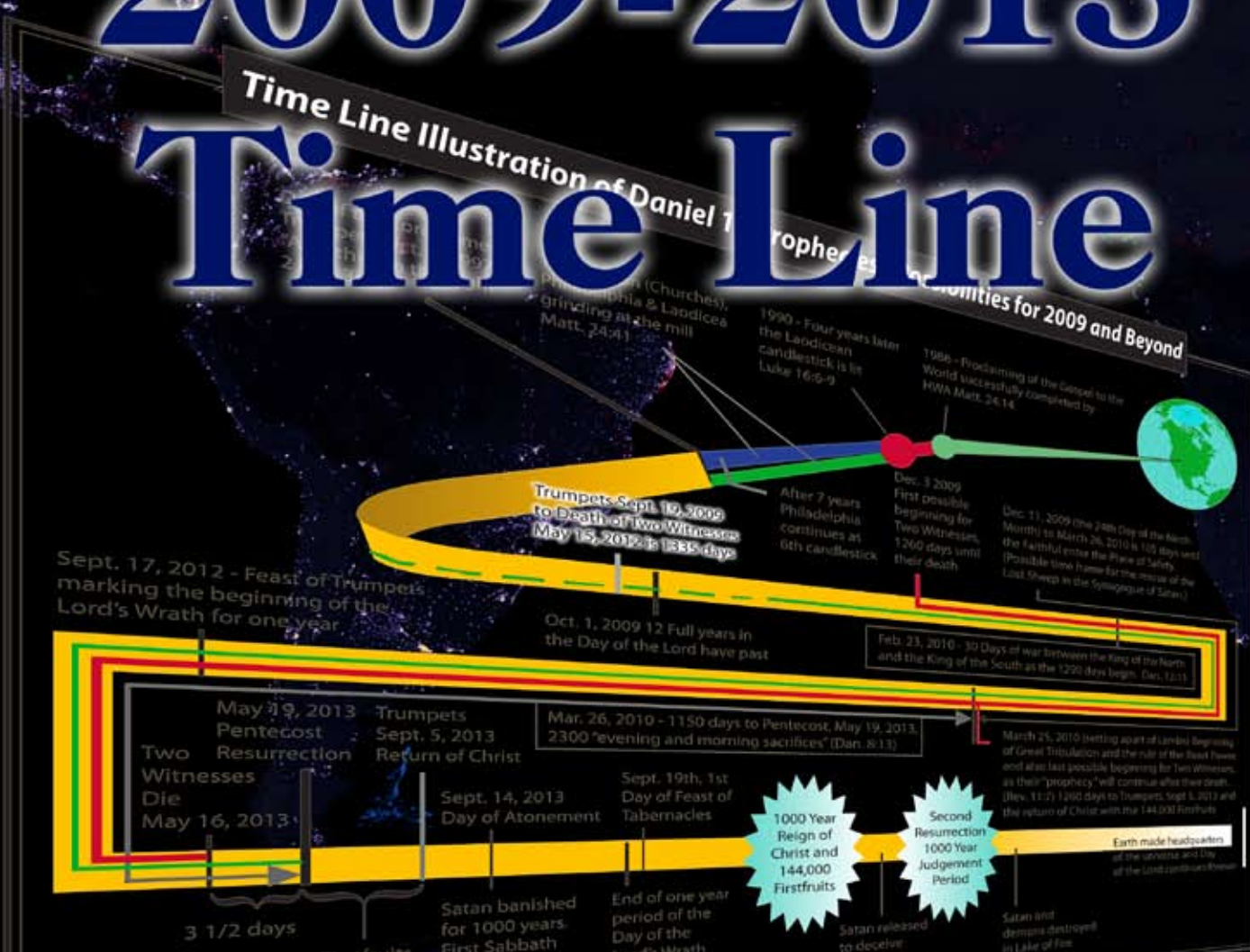
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## A Sense of Urgency!



Revelation 12:9 states very plainly that Satan has deceived the whole world. I wonder how many people believe that statement, or how many actually believe there is a devil that can deceive the whole world?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, declares emphatically in Matt. 24:37-38 that in these last days it will be as it was in the days of the patriarch, Noah. And in Gen. 6:5 and 11, a description of Noah's day is given: "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence."

Do we believe that man is as wicked as they were in Noah's time? Surely, that cannot be in this enlightened age—"every imagination of the thoughts of his heart is only evil continually"! That can't be so, can it? But consider for a moment the past 70 years—of my time. In my lifetime there have been men such as Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin, Mao Tse-tung and Pol Pot, who were mass-murderers with a combined death toll of over 200 million people!

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come...But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim 3:1 and 13).

These words are from the Holy Bible! But how many believe the Bible? The purpose of this magazine, *The Midnight Cry*, is to bring you the news of Satan's world today—explained in the light of the prophesies of the Day of the Lord and God's World Tomorrow.

In this issue we want to focus on the urgency of the times. Christ tells us to WATCH, and this is what we try to do. He also tells us, "whoso reads ...let him understand"! We believe the Bible is indeed the Word of God, thus we must believe what is written in it. We must believe the statement that men are becoming increasingly more wicked, and the times we are living in are more dangerous than ever before. Anything can happen at any time—the Four Horsemen are riding and the Great Tribulation looms on the horizon.

There are three articles in this issue emphasizing the urgency of the times! The first is titled: *A Possible Timeline...2009 to 2013!* The second article entitled *Urgency Dissipated* is an admonishment to "watch" as world news becomes fulfilled prophecy. This article also makes plain, how and why the Worldwide Church of God ceased "watching" and lost its vision of God's Plan. The third article is taken from chapter 10 of our 162 page book, *Set Apart by Truth*, and is titled *Prelude to the Great Tribulation*. These three articles will definitely demonstrate how dangerous and extremely urgent these days are—truly perilous times!

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# Timeline 2009-2013

## Will This Be It?

By Robert Ardis

The Church of God's Faithful (CGF) tries hard to heed Jesus Christ's statement in Matt. 24:15:

**When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand).**

Our Savior states in this scripture that, when we see certain events coming to pass, even the numbered days written about in the book of Daniel should be understood.

The 1335, 1290, 1260, 1150 days, and "a time, times, and a part of time", are mysterious numbers that can only be understood as God reveals them. And Daniel 12:12 speaks of a great blessing as we come to the 1335 days.

**Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.**

Then verse 13 shows that this "blessing" is linked to the first resurrection:

**But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.**

Note here that the phrase "at the end" in verse 13 can simply mean "after" the days. See Strong's #H7093.

The scriptures are very clear that the first resurrection will occur in the future on the high holy day of the Feast of Firstfruits (the Day of Pentecost). And we have noticed, here in the CGF, the somewhat rare pattern of 1335 days that at times occurs between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Pentecost.

**When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand).**

We have produced Timelines for the years 2005 to 2009 and 2008 to 2012. We have stated also that the next pattern of 1335 days, according to the Hebrew calendar, extending from Trumpets to a future Pentecost, is in the time period of 2025 to 2029. However, 2009 to 2013 has an interesting feature that we want to bring to your attention in this article.

**"At the end of the days" or "After the days"**

There are 1338 days between Trumpets of 2009 and Pentecost of 2013. And we understand that

the first resurrection occurs on a future Pentecost. Again, according to Strong's #H7093, the phrase "at the end" in Dan. 12:13 can simply mean "after" the days. The account of the two witnesses in Rev. 11:3-12 shows that the first resurrection occurs 3½ days after the two witnesses are killed at the end of their ministry. In considering the length of their ministry, their death, and then their resurrection 3½ days later, it is obvious that Dan. 12:13 could mean that "after" 1335 days the two witnesses are killed (Rev. 11:9-11), and are then raised at the first resurrection 3½ days later—equaling 1338 days! Interesting!

Those called to be firstfruits, and who have been proven worthy to escape the great tribulation (Luke 21:36), will be protected in the place of safety and will certainly have confirmed themselves to God by the last 3 days before the resurrection! They are proven as part of the 144,000 firstfruits and will anxiously await the sound of the seventh trumpet. Wouldn't this be a fulfilling of Dan. 12:13—"Blessed is he who waits and comes to the 1335 days"?

When the two witnesses are killed, they are also sealed along with those in the place of safety as part of the 144,000 firstfruits. This vital part of God's plan will then be set by Him. The age of being called and qualifying to be firstfruit children of God, the bride of Jesus

Christ, will be fulfilled as we await the resurrection!

## POSSIBILITIES!

The CGF continually stresses that these Timelines are only POSSIBILITIES! We do not issue these to give any false hope or use them as a “gimmick” to attract new members. We do this because Christ tells us to WATCH and WHOSO READS...LET HIM UNDERSTAND! The CGF WATCHES and tries to UNDERSTAND! We realize that some may look at these Timelines as if they are “written in stone”—not as POSSIBILITIES. We have seen some people set their hearts and souls in these Timelines, and then become offended and leave the Church when the Timelines don’t work out. That is a shame! However, we issue this Timeline as an obedient WATCHER for Christ, and as a motivator to spur us onward in a sense of urgency.

Please realize that it is up to God to bring these days to fulfillment—when He determines it is time. We are only trying to understand, and we are seeking a higher sense of urgency and preparing ourselves for the visible return of Christ.

## 2009-2013

Listed below are dates for very important events IF 2009 to 2013 is the time God has in mind.

The CGF has completed 12 full years since announcing that the Day of the Lord has come.

- From September 19, 2009, which was the Feast of Trumpets, to May 19, 2013, the Day of Pentecost, is 1338 days! The two witnesses will be killed 3½ days before

the resurrection; therefore, from Trumpets 2009 to their death is 1335 days.

- The two witnesses “prophesy” for 1260 days (Rev. 11:3). The earliest date for them to appear on the scene would be December 3, 2009. From December 3, 2009 to 3 ½ days before Pentecost of May 19, 2013 is 1260 days. The latest date for their appearance would be March 25, 2010 when Joshua, the High Priest of Laodicea, the Seventh Candlestick is plucked out of the Great Tribulation as

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that “time of trouble” also begins on that date March 25, 2010. The Two Witnesses’ “testimony” (Rev. 11:7) will continue, even after their death, through the mighty prophecies they will have brought to the entire world, thus their ministry including their “testimony” would extend from March 25, 2010 to September 5, 2013 – 1260 days ending at the Return of Christ to rule the earth. The world will witness their resurrection and ascension to meet Christ in the air with the other Firstfruits and will be expecting the other details

of their “testimony”, all the way to the return of Christ to take rule of the earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

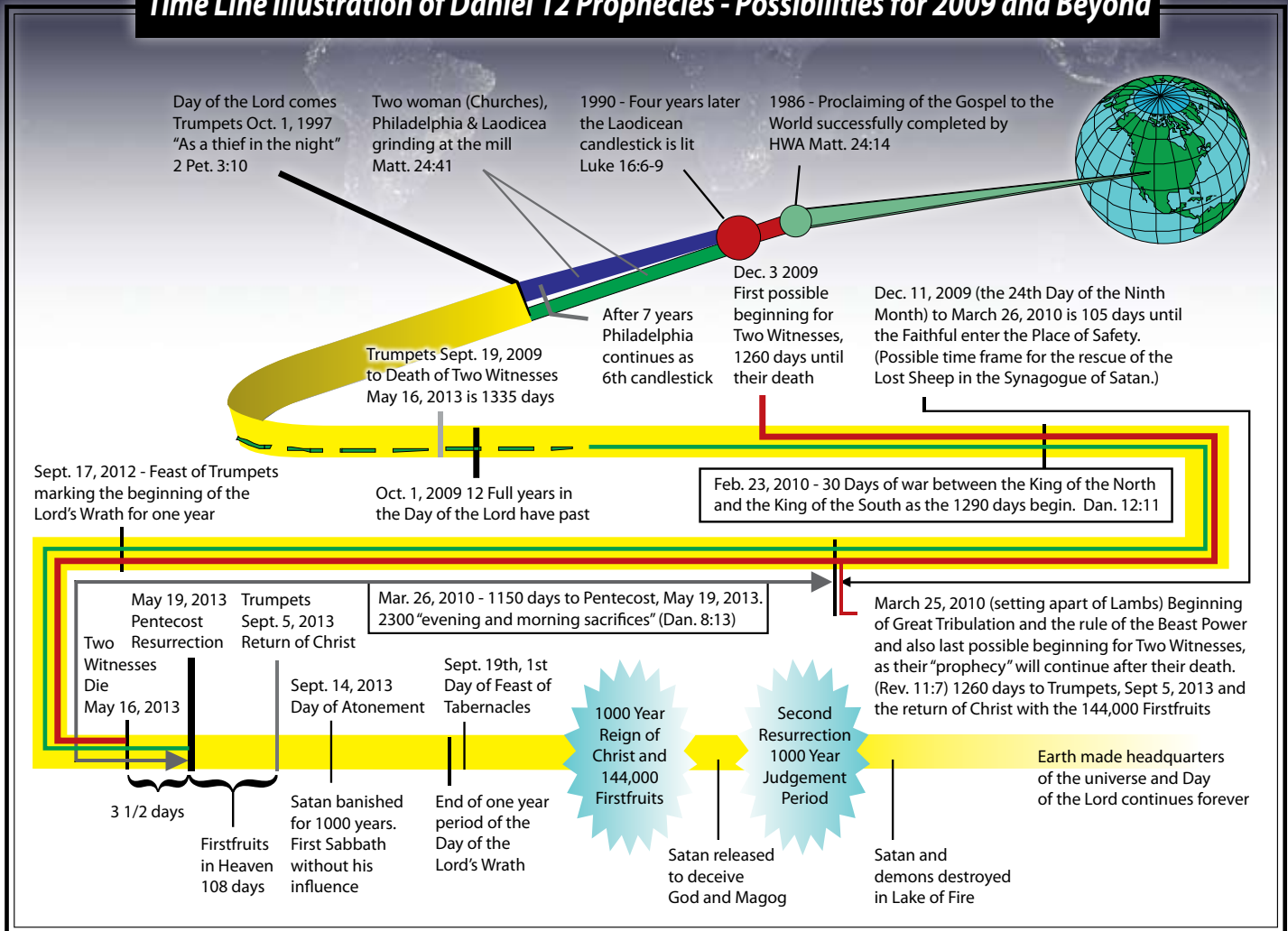
- Haggai 2:18-19 should be considered at this point:

“Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD’S temple was laid, consider it. Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

The 24th day of the ninth month (Kislev) in the year 2009 is on December 11. On this date, is it possible that God will bless us with the fulfillment of Rev. 3:9 and open the door to the synagogue of Satan? That would truly be a great blessing! WATCH!

- From December 11, 2009 (the 24th day of the ninth month) to March 26, 2010 is 105 days until the faithful would enter the place of safety, which is on a Friday. Could this tiny Church handle the workload of several thousand awakened brethren who would be seeking us out in only 105 days? Remember, this will not be our doing—it will be Christ’s! In the place of safety, the faithful Church will wait for 1150 days for the first resurrection and our change from physical to spirit, to occur on May 19, 2013 at Pentecost.
- The 1150 days are determined by counting back-

## Time Line Illustration of Daniel 12 Prophecies - Possibilities for 2009 and Beyond



wards from Pentecost, May 19, 2013. 2300 "evening and morning sacrifices" (see Dan. 8:13) conducted on 1150 days brings us to the date of March 26, 2010. This marks the time when the firstfruits who are "alive and remain" would go to the place of safety until they are changed to spirit at the resurrection on Pentecost, May 19, 2013.

- The beast power comes on the scene for 1260 days, beginning March 25, 2010, and ending on September 5, 2013. March 25, 2010 marks the latest date for the two witnesses to begin their

ministry. It is also the date for the "setting apart of the lambs"—the 10th of Nisan.

- Thirty days before the beast power starts its rule, the 1290 day period of Dan. 12:11 will begin on February 23, 2010. This will begin with the nuclear battle between the king of the north, United Europe, and the king of the south, the Islamic extremist nations led by Iran. Nuclear war and the resultant famine and pestilence leave ¼ of the population of the earth dead. Truly these are urgent times we are considering—even if this Timeline is not the period God

has in mind, these POSSIBILITIES should sober us into more serious overcoming.

- The Feast of Trumpets of 2012 is on Sept. 17, marking the beginning of the Lord's wrath for one year. Predictions of atmospheric disturbances caused by unusual sunspot activity during 2012 are being reported by NASA and other agencies that study these expected phenomena. This sounds like the heavenly signs of the sixth seal! Again, we will WATCH!
- Trumpets of 2013 is Sept. 5 and would be the time of

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# URGENCY

# DISSSIPATED

by Wallace Lawton

Most of us who received regular co-worker letters from Mr. Herbert Armstrong could not escape the great sense of urgency that he always emphasized. He kept us all in a constant state of feeling that we were close to Christ's return and in the very time when end-time events were playing out on a daily basis.

After Mr. Armstrong died, this sense of urgency dissipated, and the ministers in general became reluctant to discuss prophecy.

## The Olivet Prophecy

Toward the end of His ministry, Christ delivered the incredible Olivet prophecy, recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. It was His response to the disciples' question, "...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matt. 24:3). It was Christ's explanation of the world conditions that would precede His return!

Christ began by talking about the first four horsemen of the apocalypse (vv. 4-8) and other horrific events (vv. 9-11). He then spoke about the split within the Church in this end time (v. 12). That puts these words right into our time now.

We must pay careful attention to Christ's admonitions for how to



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survive these terrible coming days: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (v. 13). And then, verse 14:

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Right in the middle of this description is a prophecy about a warning work. Herbert W. Armstrong fulfilled this prophecy. He warned this world with an intense prophetic message. Now here we are prophesying again, because we are that much closer to the return of Jesus Christ.

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand;) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains (vv. 15-16). Here are the specific events that will precede our being taken to a place of safety and to our final training.

There is an abomination standing in the holy place – right now. Now is the time to understand the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, of the things that shall shortly come to pass. Enemies will surround Jerusalem in the near future, and then it may be too late to seek the understanding revealed to us in these urgent prophecies.

God has very special appointed times that He is revealing step by step. There is an appointed time of 1335 days involving a great physical blessing that concludes at the first resurrection. We obey Christ's command by reading and

trying to understand, as we put our minds to learning more about the timeline.

Notice the link between these events and God's people, which is reinforced in verses 21-22:

**“** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to

this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

In the middle of these world-encompassing calamities, God's faithful people are right there in the prophecy. God is very concerned about His faithful brethren.

The faithful Church and many rescued from the synagogue of Satan will be protected in the place of safety. Those begotten brethren not accounted worthy to escape will suffer the tribulation for up to 1150 days. Most will give their lives at different intervals during the tribulation to be proven worthy for the first resurrection.

Then, in verse 30, we see that all of these signs lead to the return of Jesus Christ.

Christ gives further insight with another prophecy.

**“** Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see

all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors (vv. 32-33).

Christ tells us that we have to be watching world events. We will know that the end of this age is near, and that Christ's return is near, by watching to see these specific signs that He has given us, as they are fulfilled, step by step.

### God's Commission to Prophecy

Mr. Armstrong wrote a letter in 1974 in which he related his frustration about the fact that he couldn't get the ministers to talk about prophecy. Mr. Armstrong talked about prophecy! He saw the urgency; he saw the need for prophecy to be a substantive part of the brethren's spiritual growth. But the ministers minimized it.

We can see today that those men became so selfish that they completely lost the drive to fulfil God's commission to prophecy! One minister, displaying arrogant contempt for God's Word, titled his sermon "Fun with Prophecy." Soon after, Mr. Armstrong died, and no more messages of prophecy came from the Worldwide Church of God. The urgency had dissipated!

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Again, Christ likened the days preceding His return to the days of Noah.

**“** But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be (vv. 37-39).

Christ then immediately begins talking about people doing a work:

**“** Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left (vv. 40-41).

Christ said that, at the end, there will be people doing a Noah-type work—and, just like Noah, they will be taken right out of the crisis and protected.

“Watch therefore,” Christ continued, “for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come” (v. 42). God's people are told to watch. This is a specific commission God has given to all of us.

“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 24:44). Most of God's begotten

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### A Sense of Urgency!

Matthew 24:15 records Christ's warning words: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)"

We writers of The Midnight Cry try to follow Christ's admonishment of: "whoso reads, let him understand". Notice, when He says "understand", He is referring to the numbered days of the book of Daniel, which links with the book of Revelation. The CGF has produced Timelines for 2005 to 2009, and for 2008 to 2012, which appeared very convincing—but were proven wrong by time. We were WATCHING! However, in the timeline booklets, we explained very carefully that these Timelines were POSSIBILITIES; they were not "set in stone". They were possibilities which created within those who studied them the sense of urgency to overcome as Christ overcame (Rev. 3:21) and to do the will of God and finish His work (Jn. 4:34).

This is our hope, as you study the newest Timeline and read the articles and other features of The Midnight Cry, that you will appreciate the fact that we are WATCHING and reporting on earth-shaking prophetic events that could POSSIBLY occur very shortly. Thus, whosoever you are...we hope you understand and feel the great sense of urgency to spur all of us on to overcoming. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

Your brother in Christ,



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### A Possible Time Line - 2009-2013

Christ's return to put down all rebellion on the earth. The full year of the wrath of the Lamb would not be complete until Sept. 17, 2013, twelve days later. The Day of Atonement, picturing the binding of Satan for 1000 years, would be on Sept. 14, 2013, a weekly Sabbath. The full year of the Lord's wrath ends on Tuesday Sept. 17, 2013.

- The Feast of Tabernacles, picturing the Kingdom of God, begins the next evening, Sept. 18, 2013.

Thus we present to you another possible Timeline! These are very urgent times in which we live, so we must WATCH and try to UN-

DERSTAND. These are perilous times, just as it was in the days of Noah. All God has to do is "snap His fingers," and all prophecies involving these days can come together. Be alert—WATCH—let no man deceive you! Whether this Timeline is right or wrong, the prophetic times being considered involve the most terrible time ever to occur on Planet Earth; thus we must be sober and vigilant with a deep sense of urgency to do God's will and to finish His work. We will soon know definitely if 2009 to 2013 is the time period God has in mind. If is not correct, we will calculate the times for other years—we will be faithful, we will watch, and we will eventually understand. The Word of God is Truth, and every scripture shall be fulfilled. Let's pray with renewed urgency and zeal that His kingdom may come and His will be done on this earth. ❖

### We Live In A Violent World!

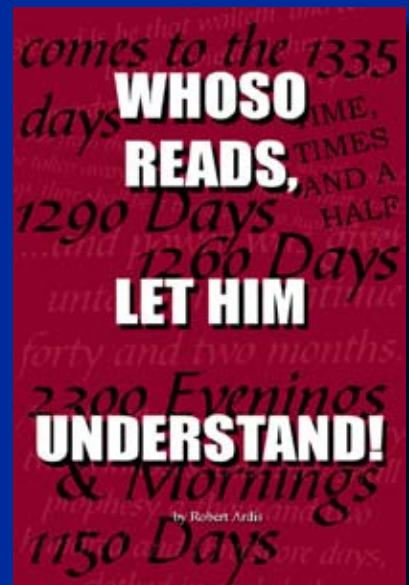
Wars and rumors of wars everywhere are the news of the day. International Terrorism plagues the earth. Yet, Life goes on! Especially here in the Western World, eating, drinking, living it up, marrying, starting families—just as it was in the Days of Noah! Violence and wickedness is everywhere, but Life goes on.

But how long can Life continue on as usual? Where are we in Bible prophecy? Can we really know?

Matthew 24:15 states: "When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand).

Today many understand that the amazing prophecy of the "man of sin sitting in the Temple of God" has already been fulfilled. But do you realize "the abomination standing in the Holy Place" has also been fulfilled—NOW! And do you understand what happens next in prophecy? Do you understand the prophecies of the 1335, 1290, and 1260 days?

These are the urgent subjects of this booklet! Please call for or download your FREE copy, then read carefully and UNDERSTAND.







**T**he most horrifying time ever to occur in man's history looms directly ahead! The Four Horsemen of Revelation 6 have been galloping over the earth for nearly ten years. Verse 8 gives the gruesome report that when the horrendous ride of the horsemen comes to an end, one quarter of the earth will have died!

“And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And

Each of these religions has over a billion adherents, and they are destined to clash in the final battle between the *king of the north* and the *king of the south*.

On September 11, 2001, the first phase of this battle began when an Islamic terrorist group brought down the World Trade Center buildings in New York City. The *king of the south* “pushed at” the United States, a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (headquartered in central Europe), which represents the *king of the north*. As time moves on, NATO will be absorbed into United Europe and will leave no doubt that they

Excerpt from the CGF book, *Set Apart by Truth*

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by Robert Ardis

power was given unto them over *the fourth part of the earth*, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Two huge religious groups are nearing the prophesied time when they will wage all out war in a struggle to the death. These two world religions, “Christianity”— led by Roman Catholicism, supported by many Protestant “daughter churches”, all united against a hated common enemy— will wage “holy” war against the Islamic religion, incited to fanatical zeal by “terrorist extremism”!

fulfill the prophecies of the *king of the north*.

The *king of the south* attacked on 9/11/01. The *whirlwind of war* began and will soon become a fiery cataclysm destined to destroy one quarter of mankind! Daniel 11:40 states:

“And at the time of the end shall the *king of the south* push at him: and the *king of the north* shall come against him like a *whirlwind*, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

The United States and its allied nations unleashed the “whirlwind” of war with, first Afghanistan, and now Iraq, which is sucking Iran, Syria and other Islamic nations into the vortex of all-out war.

Understand! The final thrust of the Four Horsemen will cause such

monumental death and destruction that God will have His Faithful quickly finish their rescue of the *lost sheep* trapped in the synagogue of Satan, and will have a place

of safety prepared for them before the Fifth Seal is opened. As the period of the 1290 days of Daniel 12:11 begins, it appears that the United States of America, most of the United Kingdom, and the nation of Israel will have already been destroyed by complete financial collapse, terrorist activities, war, and famine (see Hosea 5:5 and Ezek. 5:12). God’s people must hurriedly wrap up the rescue Work within 30 days, and prepare for departure to the place of safety. Verse 11 declares:

“And from the time that the daily sacrifice [the True Church] shall be taken away [depart], and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

## Armies Will Surround Jerusalem—Literally!

There is a *spiritual abomination of desolation* in the *Holy Place* today, as is evident in Gerald Flurry and his PCG. But the *abomination that*

*makes desolate* described in Daniel 12:11 are the physical armies that will soon surround *Jerusalem*. Luke 21:20-21 clearly declares:

“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are

in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into.

**Today, right now, immediately, is the time to flee to the safety of the mountain of God’s true Church...**

Today, right now, immediately, is the time to flee to the safety of the mountain of God’s true Church to participate in the great rescue Work that must begin shortly!

When Daniel 12:11 and Luke 21:20-21 is fulfilled in the near future, only those in the True Church will be accounted worthy to be taken to the place Christ has prepared! Verse 36 of Luke 21:36 brings this clear warning:

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

And verse 22 tells us why:

“For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

The *days of vengeance* [is] thoroughly explained under New Truth #55,

“The Two Goats” [in the CGF book *Set Apart by Truth*].

Notice Zechariah 1:8-11, which informs us that we are on the brink of the most horrible time in all of man’s violent history!

“I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these be. And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk [Strong’s #1980; go, run, travel, etc.] to and fro through the earth. And they answered the

angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, *We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth*

**“We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.”**  
(Zech. 1:11)

*still, and is at rest.*

How is it possible that the earth is *sitting still and is at rest*—when one fourth of humanity has been killed and the Fifth Seal has yet to be opened?

Observe, verse 11 describes the riders of the horses as having ended their ride. They are there, standing still giving their report:

“We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

They have accomplished their violent mission! One fourth of humanity on Planet Earth will have perished as a result of the conflict of false religions producing nuclear war between the *king of the north* and the *king of the south*, and the ensuing *famine* and *pestilence*. The Four Horsemen's ride ends, but Satan's final world-ruling system is unleashed upon this evil world. The "holy Roman Empire" arises one last time in the political, military, and religious unification of the nations of Europe! The *Beast*, the super-dictator of Europe, and the demonic *False Prophet* are introduced, plunging the world into the greatest time of trouble ever as the Fifth Seal of Revelation 6 is opened—by the Living Christ!

So, how can the world sit still and be at rest?

Revelation 13:1-4 explains how:

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a *beast* rise up out of the sea, having *seven heads* and *ten horns*, and upon his horns *ten crowns*, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the *beast* which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the *dragon* gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the *beast*. And they *worshiped the drag-*

*on which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?* (Let us know if you need information on the subject of the *Beast*.)

**The world will “sit still” in awe and fear of the nuclear-armed, super-powered, king of the north that will become the Beast Power of United Europe!**

The world will “sit still” in *awe* and *fear* of the nuclear-armed, super-powered, *king of the north* that will become the *Beast Power* of United Europe! The world will be “at rest” *because—*who is able to make

*war with him?* Most of the Islamic middle-eastern nations will have been destroyed by the *whirlwind of nuclear war*, which casts a pall of fear upon the other nations of the earth!

Continue with verses 5-8 of Revelation 13:

“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things

and *blasphemies*; and power was given unto him to continue *forty and two months*. And he opened his mouth in *blasphemy* against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven [see also Daniel 7:8 & 11]. And it was given unto him to *make war with the saints, and to overcome*

**The world will be “at rest” because—who is able to make war with him? Most of the Islamic middle-eastern nations will have been destroyed by the whirlwind of nuclear war...**

*them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

There is a great religious voice (a mouth) behind this sinister system. A voice with the power of Satan performing mighty *false miracles* that will cause the whole world to *worship the Beast*—and Satan! The *False Prophet*, the religious leader of the “*Holy*” Roman Empire, will deceive the entire world into believing and worshipping Satan's false ways.

“And I beheld *another beast* coming up out of the earth; and he had *two horns like a lamb*, and he *spake as a dragon*. And he exerciseth all the power of the first *beast* before him, and *causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast*, whose deadly wound was healed. And he *doeth great wonders*, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven

on the earth in the sight of men, And *deceiveth them that dwell on the earth* by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the *beast*; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that

they should make *an image to the beast*, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And

he had power to give life unto *the image of the beast*, that the *image of the beast should both speak*, and cause that as many as would not worship the *image of the beast should be killed*. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (Rev. 13:11-17).

The *Beast* and the *False Prophet* bring on the Great Tribulation for a period of 42 months—1260 days. But they must face the two great prophets of God, the Two Witnesses. They will know they are fighting against the true God. Also, the events described in Daniel 11:44 cause them much concern:

“But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

Revelation 16:13-14:

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of *the dragon*, and out of the mouth of *the beast*, and out of the mouth of the *false prophet*. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the *kings of the earth and of the whole world*, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

## The Place of Safety Will Surely Be Needed—Soon!

These are Bible times in which we are living—very dangerous times—

the *Midnight Cry* is sounding forth as you are reading. The time of great terror that is fast approaching is called “...great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matt. 24:21). God’s faithful Philadelphians are promised protection from this “...hour of temptation, which shall come upon the entire world, to try them that dwell upon the earth” (Rev. 3:10). Revelation 12:6 tells us that the Church, symbolized as a woman, has a “place prepared of God.” Verse 14 states: “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and a half [portion] of time, from the face of the serpent.”

The *Place of Safety* has always been an interesting and exciting subject to the Church of God. But, for too many Church members, the idea of saving our physical skin has been the most important thing of all—even more important than being born into the Family of God! ❖

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## Urgency Dissipated

children are unwilling to see that Christ has already come “as a thief in the night”. He is here right now discerning who will be His pillars, thoroughly grounded and ready for the great rescue of the lost sheep.

The parallel passage in Luke 21 concludes, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (v. 36).

Our watching and our praying have a bearing on whether God will count us worthy to escape! To escape these dark days coming on the world, we must be watching and praying always.

We are living in the most momentous time in mankind’s history. God’s Kingdom is about to be established! Events being fulfilled are staggering! There is a tremendous need to stay tuned to world events. We need, more than ever, to have our minds on the current fulfilment of prophecy. “Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled” (v. 32).

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth (vv. 34-35)?

We need to recognize and really feel our responsibility to watch. As it says in verse 36, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

How urgent are we? ❖

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### **WATCHING** Ahmadinejad vows to strike back at those behind suicide bombing

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed Sunday to strike back at those behind a suicide bombing that killed five senior commanders of the elite Revolutionary Guard and at least 26 others, the official IRNA news agency reported.

<http://www.jpost.com/...>

Comment: President Ahmadinejad believes the U.S and Britain are behind the attack, but just how he intends to retaliate is not clear. Certainly Iran cannot match the arsenals of many western nations, however these continued threats especially against the US and Britain should alarm us. It doesn't matter who Iran perceives is to blame for any of their misfortunes, the fact is that Iran is a nation with a mission.

This mission is that Islam will dominate the world, and they are preparing to do just that. It won't happen of course as students of the Bible know, because God won't allow it. The governments of this world will soon be the Government of God. Before this happens though, this world is going to have to endure some terrible times. The message to Mr Brown and Mr Obama and the leaders of the western nations is, "be afraid be very very afraid!"

"Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is judgement." Job 19:29

If only our nations would put their faith in the True God and obey Him all the terrible times ahead could be avoided. However, prophecy will stand and the Kingdom of God will come by much tribulation!

### **WATCHING** EU eyes bigger global role

The 'Yes' vote by Irish voters on the Lisbon Treaty has brought forward the prospect that the European Union might play a greater role in world affairs

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/.](http://news.bbc.co.uk/)

Comment: Slowly but surely the European Union creeps into the lives of the British people whether they like it or not! This is going the way that would enable the EU to be transformed into a state and the final revival of the holy Roman Empire.

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Rev 17:12-13

The revived Roman Empire is called holy because it will be ruled by the Roman Catholic church, but it will be far from holy!

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Rev 17:5

Even if the British people as a whole do not realise the Biblical implications of such a union, what they are concerned about is losing their identity to the faceless bureaucrats in Brussels.

By a large majority, the British people wanted and expected a referendum on this issue. A Referendum was promised, and may yet take place, but it will have no effect on the relentless rise, (and eventual fall) of the European Union transforming into the terrifying Beasts Power!

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## **Pope makes it easier for Anglicans to convert**

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) - Pope Benedict on Tuesday took a major step to make it easier for disaffected Anglicans who feel their Church has become too liberal to convert to Roman Catholicism.

The move comes after years of discontent in some sectors of the 77-million-strong worldwide Anglican community over the ordination of women priests and homosexual bishops.

<http://www.reuters.com/...>

Comment: It is not easy to keep all of God's Commandments and God's Law, but compromise should not be an option.

"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved?..." Luke 13:23

At this time the Firstfruits are few simply because God's Way is not man's way and is not the easy way.

"Enter ye in at the strait (narrow or restricted) gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt 7:13-14

Only a few in our society today wish to keep God's Laws because it takes effort, character and work! However to compromise your church doctrines and beliefs and allow individuals and groups to join you whilst maintaining some of their own traditions as the Pope intends to do is simply tailoring your beliefs to make it easier for others to join and increase your membership.

The most interesting thing about all this was the fact that both Vatican and Anglican officials stressed that both churches would continue dialogue aimed at eventual reunion! It doesn't take a great deal of Bible knowledge to know who will head this reunion.



## **Police on high alert at disputed Jerusalem shrine**

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of Israeli police patrolled Jerusalem's most volatile holy site on Monday, a day after fierce clashes with Palestinian protesters turned the quiet hilltop compound into a battleground. The complex, claimed by both Arabs and Jews, was quiet Monday, but after weeks of sporadic violence around the site, police were on high alert. Beefed-up patrols could be seen throughout the Old City — home to the disputed compound. But there were no outward signs of Sunday's unrest, even in the areas where the clashes took place. Shops were open, tourists were out in throngs and Muslim worshippers prayed freely.

<http://www.google.com/...>

Comment: Jerusalem the city of peace! They cry peace, peace, when there is no peace. Neither will there be any peace because human beings do not know how to get on with their neighbour. Perhaps in many cases they want to but it is all about GETTING and not GIVING! They ask, but they receive not, because they ask amiss, because they want only to GET!

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." James 4:1-3

Jerusalem will be a city of peace when God's Government covers the earth as the waters cover the sea and when men learn it is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35



## **400,000 former Anglicans worldwide seek immediate unity with Rome**

Leaders of more than 400,000 Anglicans who quit over women priests are to seek immediate unity with Rome under the apostolic constitution announced by Pope Benedict XVI. They will be among the first

to take up an option allowing Anglicans to join an “ordinariate” that brings them into full communion with Roman Catholics while retaining elements of their Anglican identity. The Pope’s move is regarded by some Anglicans as one of the most dramatic developments in Protestant Christendom since the Reformation gave birth to the Church of England 400 years ago.

Archbishop John Hepworth, the twice-married Primate of the Traditional Anglican Communion, who led negotiations with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, said he was “profoundly moved” by the Pope’s decision and would immediately seek the approval of the group’s 400,000 members worldwide to join. He described the development as “a moment of grace, perhaps even a moment of history”.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/...>

Comment: There is much religious confusion in our world today. People change their religion to suit themselves not realizing that there is only one True Church and one means of salvation for all. The Pope has said that any church that is not Rome Catholic is merely a religious (ecclesial) community. That may upset a few thousand denominations as it seems they do not have the “means of salvation.” It is true though that there is only one True Church. 1 Cor 1:13 asks the question, “Is Christ divided?” the answer is of course no;

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Eph 4:4-6

The problem is how do people know which church is the True Church headed by Jesus Christ?

“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments,” 1 John 2:3

The True Church then must be keeping the Commandments of God. One of those commandments, number four as listed in Exodus 20, tells us to remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy. Not forget it, or change it. Whatsoever God makes holy cannot be changed by man! That narrows it down. God’s True Church must be a Sab-

bath keeping Church.

It is hard to accept that a non-Sabbath keeping church, that is, one breaking a commandment, could have the “means of salvation”. Only Christ, the Head of One Church, His Church, is the means to our salvation.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there in none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.” Psa 62:2

400,000 former Anglicans worldwide seek immediate unity with Rome. Are they sure that this move is to the Church of Jesus Christ! The spirit in man alone cannot itself determine where Christ is working. It is impossible for the “man in the street” to discern which denomination Christ is heading. However, we understand that we are now in the Day of the Lord and Christ Himself is doing the discerning. This is not the only day of Salvation, and some will just have to wait for God the Father to call them in His good time.

## **WATCHING** EU welcomes Czech president’s Lisbon signature

Czech President Vaclav Klaus has finally given up his resistance to the Lisbon Treaty and opened the way for reform of the European Union. The head of the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso, has welcomed the signing by the Czech president, Vaclav Klaus, of the EU’s Lisbon Treaty. He said it removed “the last hurdle.”

Klaus announced that he had signed the Lisbon Treaty just a few hours after a ruling by the Czech constitutional court on Tuesday that the treaty did not break Czech law. He criticized the court’s decision, saying that “the constitutional court’s ruling is not a neutral legal analysis but a biased political defense of the Lisbon Treaty on the part of its supporters.”

But he said he had expected the verdict and would respect it.

Comment: The Lisbon Treaty is an attempt to make the EU more efficient and transparent now it has 27 members. It also creates a President and

a foreign chief to represent the EU internationally. It will be harder for countries to veto directives as most decisions will be decided by majority voting rather than requiring the backing of all the members.

Britain insists its rights to set its own laws on tax, social security and defence, but that could be about to change now that the Treaty can become law! We know all this is going to end in tears, and will work out the same way that man's ways do when they elect rulers over them that are not men of God.

Ancient Israel did not want God to rule over them as modern Israel and the world, do not want God to rule over them today. So God let them, and us, have our own leaders devoid of Godly Wisdom.

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel...

And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

But the thing displeased Samuel... And Samuel prayed unto the Lord.

And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over

them." 1 Sam 8:4-7

Thankfully, as the EU presses relentlessly on, it will finally culminate in the end of man's rule over man and God will then usher in His Kingdom which will be The Wonderful World Tomorrow!

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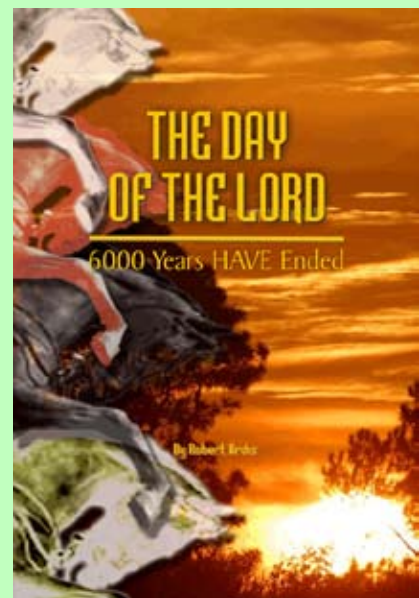
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