

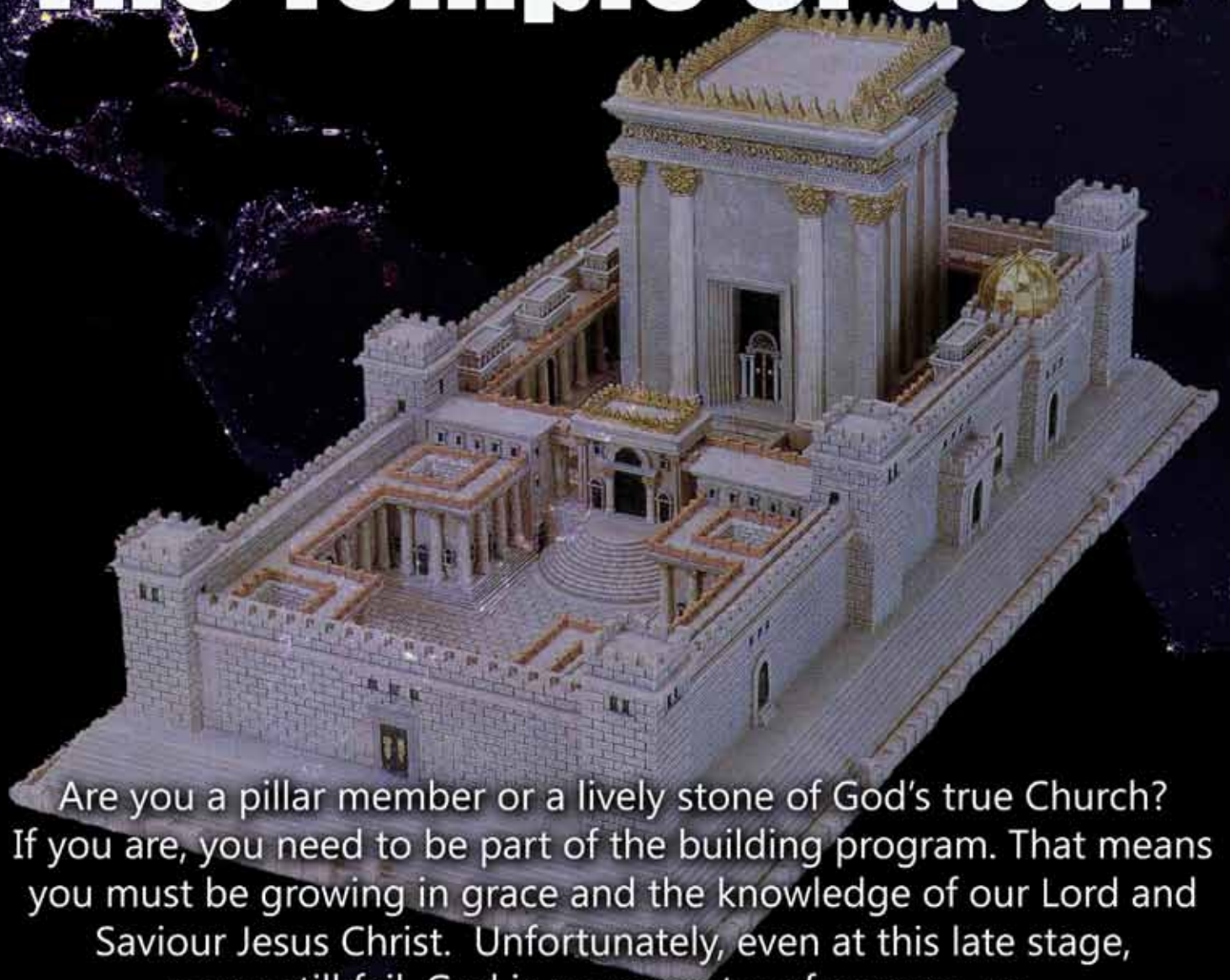


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From the Editor ...



Next month, on September 12, the Church of God's Faithful will celebrate our 13th anniversary. Of course, we believe we are the one true Church of Jesus Christ! And we state that we have irrefutable proof that we are the true Church, as proven by the many vital new truths Christ has given to us, right out of the Word of God.

We have written and preached over and over the plain truth that the Bible is the written Word of God, and that Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God. II

Pet.3:18 tells us that a true Christian must "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." This is not difficult to understand. To grow in the "knowledge" of the Living Word of God is to grow in the "understanding" of the written Word of God. Plain and simple! Therefore, the wonderful truths of God that have been recorded in the Word of God can be UNDERSTOOD through His grace, when it is God's time for them to be revealed.

The prophet Daniel wanted to know details about the vision he had seen in chapter 12, but he was told that the words were closed and sealed until the time of the end (v. 9). I think we all agree that we have reached the "time of the end," and it is no doubt to any who will study our literature that Christ has revealed new truth to the CGF. But it is very difficult these days to get people to study and prove all things (see I Thess. 5:17 and II Tim. 2:15).

Nevertheless, Christ will continue to reveal NEW TRUTH to His one true Church! He has given the CGF over 75 new truths in these past 13 years, which should be irrefutable proof for anyone that Jesus Christ is the Head of this Church.

How many new truths has your church been given since the death of Herbert W. Armstrong? Can you name even one? If you can, I would appreciate your informing me of what that new truth is.

As soon as the proofing has been done, we are going to press with our 16th booklet, and hope to have it ready by the Feast of Tabernacles. The name of this approximately 100-page booklet is The Book of Revelation UNDERSTOOD at Last. In the "Preview" section of the booklet, I ask 20 questions that I imagine you have wondered about for years. Well, if you have wondered, wonder no more, because you will thrill to the answers that are given from the Word of God.

- How many firstfruits will there be in the first resurrection?
- Who are the innumerable multitude of Rev. 7?

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The Temple Of GOD?

by John Durrad

“ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are (1 Cor. 3:16-17).

These scriptures tell us that our bodies are the receptacle of God's Holy Spirit, His life force that dwells in us and makes our bodies a spiritual temple! God's Holy Spirit, though, is not dormant. It is an active, vibrant, powerful, unlimited force that can and will transform a human being into a God being!

The temple is made up of pillars (Rev. 3:12) and lively stones (1Pet. 2:5). The Lively Stones are now scattered far and wide, but must be measured and gathered to be set in place in the Spiritual Temple. In Mr. Ardis's book, Set Apart by Truth, he writes this:

“ The building blocks of lively stones, called through the ministry of the end-time Elijah, are

scattered far and wide. When Christ returned SUDDENLY to His Temple, all that remained was the FIRM FOUNDATION, the comparatively few building blocks of all those who qualified throughout the ages who died in the faith, and a few faithful PHILADELPHIAN PILLARS. Christ began to measure these PILLAR members of the Spiritual Temple (S.A.B.T. Page 31-32).

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Are you a pillar member or a lively stone of God's true Church? If you are, you need to be part of the building program. That means you must be growing in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, even at this late stage,

some still fail. God is no respecter of persons, so those who fail will be replaced.

Grounded in the

Foundation

We all have to be sure we are well grounded in the truth and will not fail. We have to be sure, as individuals, that we are totally committed to God's Word. If we are, then the Church as a whole will be on the right track. James tells us that we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Unfortunately, there is a powerful accuser of the brethren who fights against us day and night.

Satan has been cast down -- He has great wrath and power. But how is he using that power? The last warning to the Philadelphians is to not let Satan or any man take your crown. Is that true? Does Satan take crowns? Well, yes, ultimately; but look at how it is worded:

“ Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take your crown (Rev. 3:11).

Satan uses a man or men to do his work.

The apostle Paul had to deal with problems with individuals within the Church, just as we do today.

“ Don't let anyone declare you

lost when you refuse to worship angels, as they say you must. They have seen a vision, they say, and know you should. These proud men have a very clever imagination (Col. 2:18, The Living Bible).

The King James Version says, "Let no man beguile you of your reward." God's own people had gotten into worshipping angels, which were actually fallen angels, or demons! Notice, though, that they were beguiled, or deceived, by a man.

And how did this man deceive them?

“ And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God (Col. 2:19).

"Not holding the Head" means they looked to a man, not the Head, or the real leader – Jesus Christ! These people knew that Christ used a man to lead. They forgot, it seems, that Satan uses the same method.

Satan has control of today's society. He has had control since the dawn of human history. Genesis chapter three tells us that the serpent (Satan) was subtler than any beast of the field. He persuaded Eve to sin,

and Adam followed. The first two humans loved the world and their

own desires more than they loved God. We cannot effectively build the Spiritual Temple if we love this society.

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“ Love not the world, neither

the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world (1 John 2:15-16).

“ This Babylonish society is our enemy; we are exhorted to come out of her, be not partakers of her sin so that we do not receive her plagues (Rev. 18:2-4).

Christ sends His people forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, and warns us to beware of men. ... “And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents...” (Matt 10:21)

Moulding Into the Temple of God.

Another enemy that can destroy the temple is our own human nature. We must understand that human nature is deceitful and desperately wicked and will work against God's Law. It may be hard for us to grasp that, in God's sight, all our

natural deeds, our supposed righteousness, won't get us anywhere; they add up to nothing with God. It is through the indwelling power of God's Holy Spirit that we can conquer and change our human nature, and gradually replace it with God's own divine nature, moulding completely into the Temple of God.

Sheep Among Wolves

Now, though, Christ sends His people forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, and warns us to beware of men. Matthew then records a chilling and upsetting scripture for those of God's True Church.

“ And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father

the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death (Matt.10:21).

Society and human nature exert a tremendous pressure on us to conform to our basic instincts; however, a more insidious enemy is Satan's getting to someone close to you in the Church. A

man's foes shall be they of his own household--this is a terrible thing.

We members of the Church of God's Faithful (CGF) love our Laodicean brethren and those in the inner court. Contrary to what some might say, we don't attack them or condemn them. What we do is at-

tempt to put the truth before them so they can make an informed judgment.

We realise there are thousands of our brethren who are confused, misguided, unsure of what to do and are languishing in spiritual darkness. We have the truth of the inner and outer court, of where Laodicea is, of the location of the Spiritual Temple. We simply wish to give out this information but are attacked for our efforts. Satan is able to work with some individuals, using them to attack or malign the Church, speaking evil of the good we do. We all must be on our guard because the attack can come from the most unexpected quarter.

God's faithful people are compared to fine gold worked by God Himself.

“The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter (Lam. 4:2)!”

However, look what can happen to individuals who do not allow God to continue His Work in them. The preceding verse in Laminations is very sobering:

“How is the gold

become dim! How is the most fine gold changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street (Lam. 4:1).

Over time, individuals have left God's Church, the Body of Jesus Christ. Some have taken others with them and started their own groups, and some have been moderately successful in leading oth-

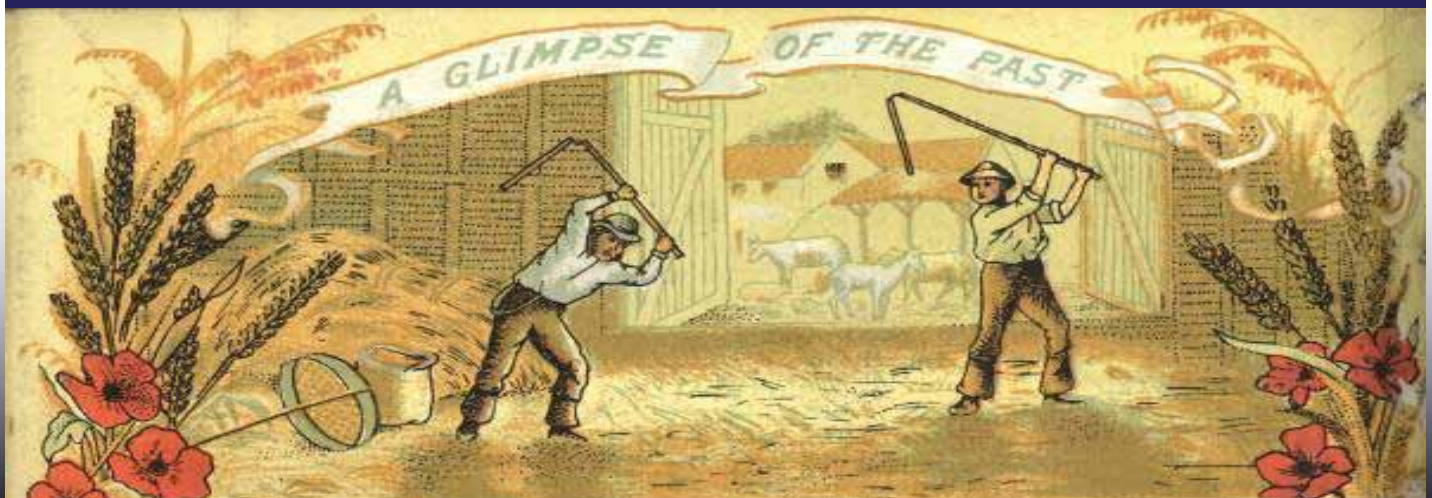
ers astray. Just like Satan himself, there is a certain appeal in rebelling against the established authority. We should be concerned about this, but remember that God is not mocked. (Gal. 6:7)

Separating the Chaff

God uses this dissention to weed out the chaff from the wheat. John chapter fifteen clearly explains that pruning is oftentimes necessary to actually strengthen the Church. God's Church went through some serious problems in the 1970's. Consider what Herbert W. Armstrong said at that time, in relation to today's situation.

“I came on the scene myself in the Sardis era. Now we have a lot of people who want to take anything that Christ put into the Church through me, and... knock it in the head and say, “That is wrong; that is false doctrine.” We've had a lot of so-called intellectuals around here on this campus, trying to do that very thing...What happened here to us is like a cancer. I got the core of the can-

Threshing is the process of loosening the edible part of cereal grain (or other crop) from the scaly, inedible chaff that surrounds it. It is the step in grain preparation after harvesting and before winnowing, which separates the loosened chaff from the grain. Threshing does not remove the bran from the grain.



cer out, but it has other parts. It will start reaching with its tentacles to the whole body if we don't get it out...That cancer has got to be removed (Pastor General's Report, Nov. 22, 1978).

About two months later in a co-worker letter, Mr Armstrong wrote this:

“ God will give us the VICTORY in the end... God has allowed Satan to bring this upon us. First, to wake us up spiritually and bring us back closer to Him, and second, to draw us closer together and third, to sift out from our midst some of the chaff from the wheat. Brethren, this terrible ordeal is accomplishing those three things! It is a sifting time. Some “liberals” who wanted to water down God's truth are being sifted out (Co-worker letter, Jan. 18, 1979).

We have to stand up for what is right. We have to be defenders of the faith. We live in an age of deception. Virtual reality is played out in some modern games. We have to know the true reality. The true reality is that someone wants to remove us from the Spiritual Temple. The Apostle Paul gave a

special warning to the Church at Ephesus:

“ For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them (Acts 20:29-30).

How did these false ministers do this? Did they say to the people, “We are false ministers, and we are going to deceive you?” No! They came subtly, as loving friends. A false minister subtly mixes false doctrine with the truth, in order to slowly move God's people away from the truth. The only way to prevent this happening to you is to be in daily contact with God and your Bible.

“ He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house neither bid him God speed (2 Jn. 9-10).

We must be careful of what we look at on the internet regarding the Church – a lot of garbage is spouted out. Be careful and selective about reading and studying literature written by men who have rebelled against

what God taught through Mr. Armstrong. It is very easy to open ourselves up to deception. Some will get hooked up in dissecting every

word about what they think the scripture should mean, and they become “letter-of-the-law” type of people. This can lead them to a ritualistic or physical type of religion. We must know

God's Law in the spirit in which it is intended. If we are following the Law in spirit, then the physical requirements become a natural outgrowth of that obedience.

Paul also shows us that false brethren seem to always come up with some new truth, which is usually old false doctrine rehashed. They are often people who study, but who never come to the knowledge that is able to help them become more deeply converted.

“ For men shall be lovers of their own selves... Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away... Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Tim. 3:1, 5, 7).

God's truth is plain and simple, and we should be striving to imitate the simplicity and sincerity of Christ, without a hint of self-seeking.

God Is In Charge

We can easily become despondent when things don't work out as we had hoped they would. We need

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Will You Be Wise?

And at midnight there was a cry
made, Behold, the bridegroom
cometh; go ye out to meet him.

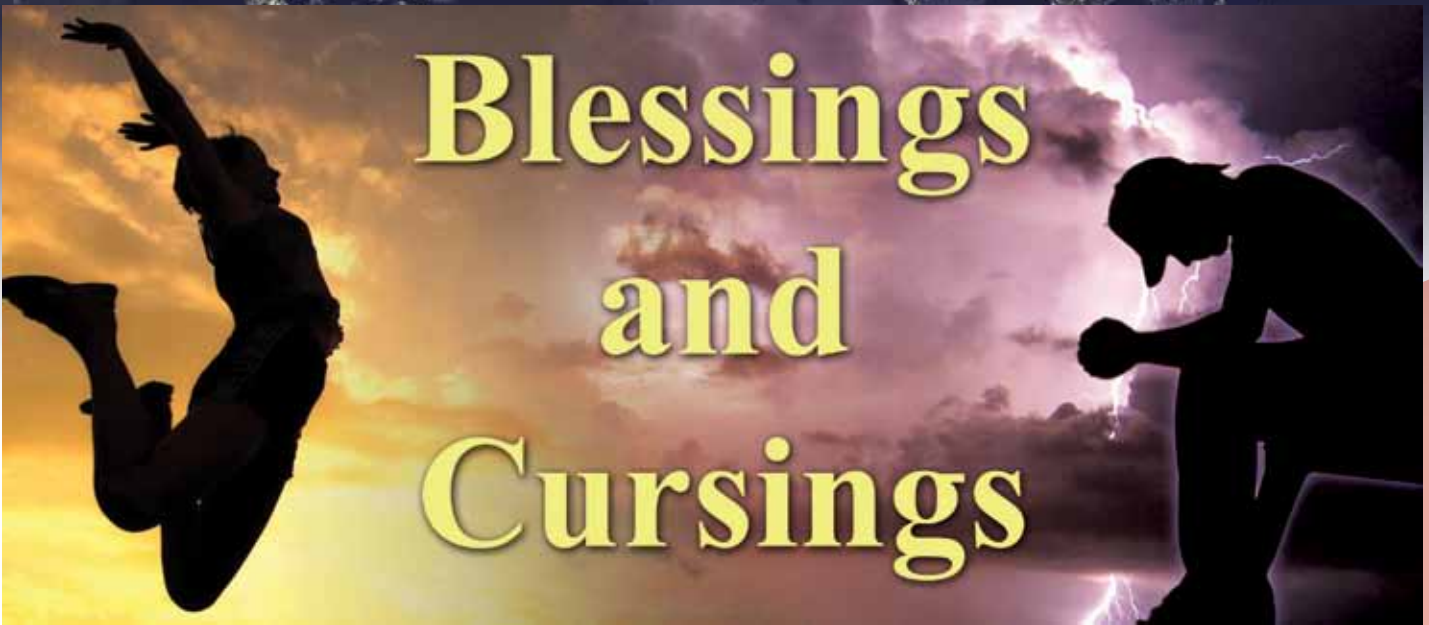
Rev. 3: 7-12 &
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Blessings and Cursings

by Gerry Neenan

Society in Rebellion

A recurring point emerges throughout the Bible, that God blesses for obedience and curses for disobedience. Deut. 11:26-28 couldn't be any clearer:

“Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

The fruits of disobedience abound at both the personal and national level, and very few can see the connection between these curses and the flouting of Gods law. Our society has embraced the theory of evolution and has rejected the creator God and His instruction manual, the Holy Bible.

Today, competition is at the heart-

beat of all activity, self-desire provides incentive to endeavour, and vanity spurs to action. The “way of get” is lauded, the “way of give” is despised. Jesus Christ inspired the apostle Paul to write in Acts 20:35 “...it is more blessed to give than to receive,” and so we see that man’s way of take is doomed to utter failure. For just over 6,000 years, man has spurned God’s way, a way built upon the bedrock of outgoing love, and instead, has built societies based on false principles from which have sprung false philosophies, and the whole world worships a false god, Satan. Rev 12:9:

“And the great dragon was cast down that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The New Age and Self-Help movements preach a satanic lie: that

man has truth and love inherently within himself. Yet Mark 10:18 states,

“And Jesus said unto him, ‘Why callest you me good? There is none good but one, that is God.’

Abraham, Father of the Faithful

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precedented in the history of mankind. These blessings are now very much on the wane, and World War Two signalled the end of this national prosperity and

abundance, and the beginning of national curses. A godless generation steeped in immorality have taken all of this for granted, and have assumed that they have come into all these blessings because of an innate worthiness or superior-

ity. They do not understand that their privileged position among the nations of the earth came about because of God fulfilling an unconditional promise He made to faithful Abraham, who in an act of supreme obedience was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. He was promised by the Almighty God innumerable descendants and great strategic blessings, vital sea gates. We see stated in Gen. 22:16-17:

“ And said By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.

Isaac, in passing on these blessings to his son Jacob, stated in Gen. 27:28-29:

“ Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be Lord over thy brethren, and let thy mothers sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

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wealth conferred on them, as well as the servitude of other nations. Ephraim (Britain) and America (Manasseh) were to be the birthright nations, their grandfather Jacob had blessed both of them as youths. Ephraim was to become a commonwealth of nations, the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and Manasseh was to become the single greatest nation in world history, as made clear in Gen. 35:11:

“ And God said unto him, ‘I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins.’

Having been withheld 2,520 years, these blessings began to be bestowed upon Biblical Ephraim and Manasseh starting in 1800.

Pivotal Moments in Israel’s Modern History

America’s greatness was in embryo until 1803, when Napoleon, being sorely in need of finance for his wars in Europe, offered a vast tract of French-owned land to the fledgling government in Washington at a price of three cents per acre. The offer was not refused, and a stra-

tegitally located territory centred around New Orleans was bought for \$15 million dollars. God had fulfilled His promise to Abraham, and this tract of land not only served to consolidate this portion of the North American continent in the hands of Manasseh, but it gained him the sea port of New Orleans, which, due to its location, would become, in effect, a gateway to the world. With the Louisiana land purchase, America had taken its first steps in becoming a colossus that would later bestride the world stage.

What the Louisiana acquisition did for America, the Battle of Trafalgar did for his brother Ephraim in catapulting it to greatness and national abundance. Fought against Napoleon’s combined French and Spanish fleets off southwest Spain in 1805, the battle resulted in a resounding victory for Britain, and French and Dutch colonies quickly fell into its grasp. So began Britain’s dominance of the high seas, and the creation of an empire upon which the sun never set.

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To begin to understand the magnitude of the riches and possessions bestowed on Britain and America, consider the following statistics: By 1950, they mined one and a half times

as much coal as the rest of the world, produced three quarters of the world’s steel, two thirds of the world’s gold, two thirds of its rubber and together possessed over half of its merchant shipping tonnage. Today these figures are but a fraction of what they were as stu-

pendous blessings have turned to fearful curses because of rebellion against the One who administers both.

Loss of Sea Gates

The loss of sea gates was to be a pivotal curse upon Israel if it did not repent of its ways and obey the commandments of God. There is a lengthy list of those which have been lost by one means or another. In Britain's case, it now possesses only the Rock of Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands. In recent years, pressure has been applied from Spain for Gibraltar to be returned to it, but it still remains in British hands for the time being. Britain fought a vicious war in 1982 to regain the Falklands from Argentinian control. Recent months have seen renewed calls from the government in Buenos Aires for their return. The discovery of deep sea oil around the islands in 1980 may have sparked the original violence along with their gateway positioning in the south Atlantic. The current controversy may, in addition, have been reignited by the fact that it is only in recent years that it has become economically viable to drill at such a depth.

In 2005, a massive curse fell on the port of New Orleans in the shape of Hurricane Katrina. Some have compared its effects to the aftermath of a nuclear bomb, and the one port where so many road and rail networks converge to aid

in the import and export of bulk commodities has been paralysed. This has been a devastating blow which will not be overcome, and the biggest port in America has ground to a halt, with the subsequent impact on the economy of the region and the nation as a whole.

The loss of the Panama Canal was less dramatic than the loss of New Orleans. The US government simply didn't opt to renew their contract for the Canal with the Panamanian government. A giant Chinese corporation wasted no time in filling the vacuum, and in one fell swoop gained control of the Canal and military bases left behind by the American military. This potentially allows the Chinese government to base bombers and missiles within 1,000 miles of the southern United States.

With so many industries fleeing high tax and high wage environments in Britain and America, and heading for India, China and other gentile nations, the loss of all these seagates portends even worse for them in their

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debt-ridden woes. They would do well to remember the old adage, "When money fails to cross borders, armies do," as Biblically prophesied national captivity looms large on the horizon.

Extreme Weather

God uses the weather to bless or curse us as He deems fit. Jeremiah 3:3 states,

Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

Drought, along with floods, hurricanes and tornados, have wrought huge destruction and are increasing in frequency and intensity. The formation of the Dust Bowl was the first of these types of curses to befall America, and it is not alone in suffering these curses. Australia,

one of the Commonwealth nations, has suffered incredible hardship due to a succession of droughts, wild-fires and floods. Only last year, it witnessed a dust storm of previously unimaginable proportions. In 2006, its most populous state had an average rainfall which was the third driest since

1990, the situation being made worse by record temperatures, the highest since the 1950s. Food reserves shrink and it is going to

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get so much worse as Deut. 28:53 states,

“And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress.”

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Insect Plagues

A horrifying array of locusts, beetles, grasshoppers and termites have begun to devour all in their path in the countries of physical Israel, particularly in the first decade of the new millennium. April 2010 saw a swarm of locusts infest an area the size of Spain in Eastern Australia. Thousands of acres of crops were in the region. Adding to the woes of farmers in America are the arrival of species like the Asian long horned beetle from China, which consumes trees, and Japanese beetles, which eat over three hundred varieties of plants and shrubs. To make matters worse, they have no natural competitors in their new environments. We see in Joel 1:4,

“That which the palm-worm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left the cankerworm hath eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.”

South Africa: An Unfolding Nightmare

Perhaps more than any other nation, South Africa was blessed with a vast treasure chest of gold, diamonds and rare earth metals. It has been

a leading producer of platinum, vanadium, chromium, manganese,

Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. (Duet. 28:16)

andalusite and fluorspar. South Africa, in the 1980s, became the victim of a sanctimonious and well orchestrated campaign led and directed by those who hated it the most, communists and globalists.

It is a Commonwealth nation, and its white population were descended from the Dutch (Zebulon), the British (Ephraim), and the French (Reuben), along with some Germans (Assyria). With a renowned and unrelenting work ethic they carved out a society with beautiful cities, with well organised and efficient health and education services. All this has crumbled in front of their eyes since the advent of black majority rule in 1994. Over 3,000

white farmers have been murdered since then, and all too often their womenfolk are savagely raped, and in the cities the whites have had to (where they can afford it) hire private security guards to patrol their neighbourhoods. Deut. 28:16 is so apt,

“Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.”

It is no wonder then that 20% of South Africans are classified as being extremely stressed, and a similar percentage of those of college age are reported as having been suicidal at one time or another - Deut 28:28:

“The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness and astonishment of heart.”

The AIDS epidemic, rampant among the black community, is threatening to invade the whites, too, because of a newfound liberalism in interracial sexual relationships.

Deut. 28:27 states,

“The Lord will smite thee with the botch of

Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.”

Summary

These are just a few of the dreadful curses which are falling on our Israelite societies because of disobedience. For over fifty years, Herbert W. Armstrong, the end-time Elijah, powerfully preached about

the fruits of disobedience throughout the world as witness to the nations, as stated in Matt 24:14,

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

A time of suffering like never before stands ready to happen (Matt 24:21). God has always had His one true Church, and while people may change, He does not, “For I am the Lord I change not” (Mal 3:6). He said that He would build His Church, not His churches. Only one woman, one Church (Rev 12:14), is to go to the place of safety, not the many competing splinter churches which have come out of the WCG. Only one body is called to do the work (Rom 12:5), and the CGF is that body! With every day that passes, our chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, is preparing us, through trial and test, to teach the lost sheep which He will give to us (Rev 3:9), in preparation for our flight to the place of safety just prior to the beginning of the great tribulation. Through us, His Midnight Cry, His clarion call, goes out through the pages of this publication and our website. With an open mind, an open Bible and a prayerful attitude we are easily proven to be where the fountain of truth is gushing from. Is your eternal life, your God-given crown worth the risk? Hardly. But beware, in case you are one of those who, having dallied too long, hear these awful words... “Lord, Lord, open to us,” and to whom He answered, “Verily I say unto you, I know you not.” ❖

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- Where does the marriage of Christ and the Church take place?

I hope these questions will stir your curiosity and that you will either request a copy of the new booklet or that you will download it from our website.

This new booklet is part of the commission of the CGF, the Church of Jesus Christ, as recorded in Rev. 3:20:

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

We have knocked on the door of Mr. Flurry and his Laodiceans for 12 years, with little result.

Our secondary commission is to awaken the “sleeping virgins” of the synagogues of Satan. This task is dependent entirely on God’s timing for the “wise” to awaken and come to us (Matt. 25:1-13). However, as we strive to overcome, grow into Christ (Eph. 4:15), and become His pillars (Rev.

3:12), He will open the door and make Rev. 3:9 a reality:

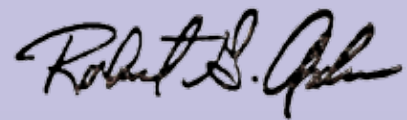
“Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Hopefully, this new booklet will help some to awaken and respond to Christ. This booklet is different from all of our others in that it is also addressed to those of the “highways and hedges”! God has this special group “standing in the wings” as REPLACEMENTS for those called and chosen brethren who are too preoccupied with the affairs of this world to be interested in the true work and Church of Jesus Christ. Those who make excuses will be REPLACED:

“For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper (Luke 14:24).

This new booklet is an opportunity to review your “invitation to the supper.” Time is short, and Christ does not want to hear excuses!

Your brother in Christ,



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Are You The Temple of God?

more labourers, more income, more healing and so on, but we must remember that God is in charge; all is done in His time, not necessarily as we desire it. When the work seems impossible, faith

must take over. Faith can take over where human weakness gives up. We all must walk by faith. Paul says, **“We walk by faith, not by sight.”** By sight we seem to be such a tiny group without much clout; but let us be reminded of the time the great army of Syria was sent to apprehend Elisha. The situation seemed hopeless and the servant of Elisha asked him, **“What shall we do?”** Elisha, seeing the army of God, replied, **“Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them”** (2 Kings 6:16).

How can our enemies defeat us, how can we fail, when we have God behind us? We might at times ask the question, **“Is this work too much for us?”** That is the wrong question. Here is the right question: **“Is this work too much for God?”** The answer, of course, is a resounding NO! A thousand times, NO!

God is going to protect His Spiritual Temple. We won't be fleeing to the place of safety because things are going so well for us. It will become so bad that ONLY God will be able to protect us. The civil authorities may carry out the persecution, but it will be some of our own brethren, former friends, who will deliver us up! That will hurt, but how should we feel towards those that wish to harm us?

The Bible is very clear on how we should feel toward our enemies. We should love them and pray for them (Matt. 5:43-48). If we are going to finally take our place in God's Family, we have to become like the Father. We call ourselves Christians – that is because we follow Christ. But are you sure you have followed Christ into His Church, or have you followed a man into his church? It is all very well saying you have God's Holy Spirit, which puts you into the Spiritual Temple,

If the Feast of Pentecost is Called the “Feast of Firstfruits”, Why is the Resurrection on Trumpets? ...Or is it?

Have you ever asked yourself this question? I'm sure many of the World Wide Church of God have. Well, the answer may surprise you but then again maybe it won't. The Truth of God, when finally revealed, always makes perfect sense.

Trumpets fast approaches, are you keeping this Sabbath in a worthy manner? You should prove all things!

The Feast of Trumpets or Pentecost...Which? Order your FREE copy.

if that is true, but are you worshipping God in His Church, the Church where Christ is? When the time comes to flee, only those led by Christ are going to go.

Ask yourself these simple questions. Are you putting God first in your life – always? Do you approach God with a humble attitude? Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to renew your mind? If you can honestly answer **“Yes”** to these questions, then you should know where Christ is working.

Having Christ living in us should make us very compassionate toward all human beings, even our enemies.

“Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him, if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head (not to harm him, but that he should feel a burning sense of shame). Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:20-21).

Our enemies will make us suffer, and it is even worse when they are of God's own Church, but we suffer for righteousness sake. Not all of us have been attacked personally, but their actions have attacked God's Truth, and that affects us all. All of our enemies, in due course,

will be made known to us. Just like the wheat and the tares, the faults, the weaknesses, the shortcomings, will be made clearly visible after a period of time.

Our best defence against this enemy is to be followers of Christ. We show our love and concern for all people by backing the message of God's true Church and being examples of the Christian way of life. We might ask, though, why God allows those of His Spiritual Temple to have trials and be attacked by others so often. Mr. Armstrong gave the answer with three reasons in his co-worker letter quoted earlier: first, to wake us up spiritually and bring us back closer to Him; secondly, to draw us closer to each other; and third, to sift out some of the chaff from the wheat.

So let us battle on, rightly dividing the word of truth and remembering that we are, indeed, the Spiritual Temple of God,

“and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: On whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit (Eph. 2:20-22). ❖

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Through *The Faithful Watchman*, we endeavor to keep ourselves abreast of how our Lord Jesus Christ is orchestrating the ride of the 4 Horsemen as He sets the scene for the Two Witnesses to begin their 1260 days of prophesying and for the Great Tribulation to begin. Read daily updates to *The Faithful Watchman* online at setapartbytruth.org.

EU tax and the ultimate surrender of Britain's sovereignty

For decades the EU has been dreaming of the ultimate power grab over all our lives — and a story in yesterday's Daily Mail gave a very strong hint that Brussels is now planning to pull it off.

Under the headline 'EU bids to impose new tax on Britain', the story explained that over the next few months, the EU budget commissioner Janusz Lewandowski will be lobbying hard round the capitals of Europe for the EU to be given the power to levy its own taxes — on such things as energy, airline flights and financial transactions.

It might seem surprising that this Polish Eurocrat believes the present economic downturn is an ideal time for the EU to impose such taxes across Europe, to fund its ever-rising budget and its ever-expanding empire.

But what really lurks behind this proposal is something far more significant and sinister — the fulfilment of the one supreme ambition which Brussels has never so far managed to bring off.

For over 50 years the building of what those in Brussels call 'the European project' has travelled further than its founders back in the Fifties could have dared to imagine possible.

Decade by decade they have created a mighty edifice of government which now stretches across 27 countries, including our own.

But all this time the builders of the 'project' have been keenly aware that the one power of government it does not have is in many ways the most important of all — the power for Brussels to raise its own taxes.

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

Comment: It has been a long time coming, but surely the governments of the 27 EU countries, especially Britain can see where this proposed levy of taxes will lead. Even now, slowly over many decades, the European Union is becoming a mighty superstate with its own law-making powers, its own parliament, its own currency and its own courts.

It is well on the way to having its own foreign policy, its own armed forces, its own legal system and police force, and now it wants Brussels to have the power to raise its own taxes. It will happen, and governments and people will have to render to this superstate the things which are the superstate's.

"Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is the image and superscription?"

They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matt 22:19-21

This superstate, which is called the Beast in the Bible will have the power to enforce its will on its people in its short life. It's life thankfully will be short, but woe betide those in this short time who oppose it!

Water famine looms worldwide

IS a worldwide water famine a possibility?

It is actually very likely, with fresh water worldwide rapidly becoming less plentiful.

Fresh water may be viewed as a renewable resource, yet around the world useable water in rivers, lakes, wetlands and underground aquifers is diminishing fast.

If present trends continue, in a few decades people in many countries will be living a very thirsty existence indeed.

Horticulture and agriculture are the biggest users and polluters of the world's available water — natural replenishment often can't keep pace.

Many people throughout our world now live in fear of water shortages and famine.

All of Planet Earth's systems are linked, and humanity is part of the chain. We ignore this at our peril.

<http://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/...>

Comment: Water is an essential commodity to sustain life, and clean drinking water is essential for human beings. It would seem that we can no longer take for granted the world's water supplies. The majority of the earth's surface is covered in water and yet we are unable in this technological age to supply every human being with an adequate supply of clean pure water. One is reminded of the old song, "water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink."

The problem is that we have polluted our planet. The earth, the air and the water have been subjected to the technology of a consumer society. It seems like we don't really care about what we do to our beautiful planet, believing perhaps that a future generation will sort it out. Those that do care and try to do something about it are finding that it is too little too late!

We must look after our water. God even likens it to His Holy Spirit as rivers of living waters. Life needs water, but not the polluted slime that this world is producing in ever increasing amounts.

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." Rev 22:1

It won't always be like it is today. We can look forward to a time when our water will be clear and as pure as crystal. Mankind won't do it though, it will take Almighty God to implement the changes necessary to clean up our planet; and it will be done.

Extreme Weather Experienced Worldwide

These past few months have been filled with extreme weather in many parts of the world, and climatologists are trying to figure out what to make of it.

From flooding in China to wildfires in Russia, strong winds in Australia to stifling heat in the United States, with waterspouts over Miami Beach, Florida. It's the season of unusual weather.

So what is going on? Is it simply a coincidence that this extreme weather is occurring at the same time worldwide. Or is it a warning of catastrophic climate change? The U.S. National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration says the earth has been warming over the past three decades and the most recent decade is the hottest ever.

"Even if the temperature trend were flat, we would see extreme weather. What we will see in a changing climate is that these things are more frequent. They may be of higher magnitude, meaning more severe when they happen and that's what we can truly see in a changing climate," said Deke Arndt, with NOAA.

<http://www1.voanews.com/...>

Comment: Climatologists are trying to figure out what is causing the extreme worldwide weather. Some experts say it is due to the earth warming up, yet others experts say even if the earth temperatures had remained level we would still see extreme weather patterns.

In Russia, weeks of record-breaking heat and little rain are hampering efforts to extinguish wildfires. One Russian fire-fighter perhaps gave the solution away when he said, "We pray to God day and night for rain to fall, to change this weather. It is the only thing which can help us."

God gave ancient Israel guidance to enable Him to bless them. Our modern day society should listen and implement these words of wisdom.

"If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Then will I give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely." Lev 26:3-5

What is so difficult for people to see that keeping these commandments laid down by our creator for our benefit, will reap the reward of multiple blessings and not the multiple curses we see today?

'Iran ready to destabilize Gulf'

Iran will make the Persian Gulf a war zone unsafe for all nations if the US attempts to attack its nuclear program, deputy head of the Revolutionary Guards Yadollah Javani told the official IRNA news agency on Sunday.

"If the American make the slightest mistake, the security of the region will be endangered. Security in the Persian Gulf should be for all or none," Javani was quoted as saying to IRNA by AFP. He added, "We will defend ourselves if American or Israel resort to any hostile measures against our vital values."

Javani's statements came after the chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff announced on Sunday that the US military has a plan to attack Iran, although he added that he thought a strike was probably a bad idea.

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

Comment: Iran should be more concerned about

a European country than America, especially Germany. Sooner or later Islamic terrorists will be successful with an attack against a European nation on a scale of 9/11 proportions. It would then be easy to see that a country such as Germany would be allowed to develop a mighty power to take care of Islamic terrorists for good. It would also be quite feasible if Germany suffered such a major attack that the nation would be galvanised by a popular decision to unite with the Roman Catholic church with the aim of crushing that threat. We know that such a power will rise up as part of the Holy Roman Empire, or Beast power, prophesied in the pages of the Bible.

This Beast power, the Biblical King of the North, will deal with the Islamic nations, or King of the South, most likely led by Iran, with a short sharp attack the Bible portrays as "like a whirlwind."

"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. Dan 11:40

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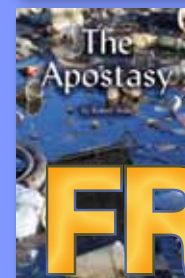
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