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WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Professor Simon Greenleaf was one of the most eminent lawyers of all time. His "Laws of Evidence" for many years were accepted by all States in the United States as the standard methodology for evaluating cases. He was teaching law at a university in the United States when one of his students asked Professor Greenleaf if he would apply his "Laws of Evidence" to evaluate an historical figure. When Greenleaf agreed to the project he asked the student who was to be the subject of the review. The student replied that the person to be examined would be Jesus Christ. Professor Greenleaf agreed to undertake the examination of Jesus Christ and as a result, when he had finished the review, Simon Greenleaf personally accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

Professor Greenleaf then sent an open letter to all jurists in the United States saying in part "I personally have investigated one called Jesus Christ. I have found the evidence concerning him to be historically accurate. I have also discovered that Jesus Christ is more than a human being, he is either God or nothing and having examined the evidence it is impossible to conclude other than he is God.

Having concluded that he is God I have accepted him as my personal Saviour. I urge all members of the legal profession to use the "Laws of Evidence" to investigate the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and if you find that he is wrong expose him as a faker but if not consider him as your Saviour and Lord"

HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

Salvation is available for all members of the human race.

Salvation is the most important undertaking in all of God's universe. The salvation of sinners is never on the basis of God's merely passing over or closing His eyes to sin. God saves sinners on a completely righteous basis consistent with the divine holiness of His character. This is called grace. It relies on God so man cannot work for salvation, neither can he deserve it. We need to realise that the creation of this vast unmeasured universe was far less an undertaking than the working out of God's plan to save sinners.

However the acceptance of God's salvation by the sinner is the most simple thing in all of life. One need not be rich, nor wise, nor educated. Age is no barrier nor the colour of one's skin. The reception of the enormous benefits of God's redemption is based upon the simplest of terms so that there is no one in all this wide universe who need be turned away.

How do I become a Christian?

There is but one simple step divided into three parts. First of all I have to recognise that I am a sinner (Romans 3:23; 6:23; Ezekiel 18:4; John 5:24).

Secondly, realising that if I want a relationship with Almighty God who is perfect, and recognising that I am not perfect, I need to look to the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour (I Corinthians 15:3; 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:6; John 3:16).

Thirdly, by the exercise of my own free will I personally receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, believing that He died personally for me and that He is what He claims to be in an individual, personal and living way (John 1:12; 3:36; Acts 16:31; 4:12).

The results of Salvation

The results of this are unbelievably wonderful:

My sins are taken away (John 1:29),
I possess eternal life now (I John 5:11,12),
I become a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17),
The Holy Spirit takes up His residence in my life (I Corinthians 6:19),
And I will never perish (John 10:28-30).

This truthfully is life's greatest transaction. This is the goal of all people; this is the ultimate of our existence. We invite and exhort any reader who has not become a Christian by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ to follow these simple instructions and be born again eternally into God's family (Matthew 11:28; John 1:12; Acts 4:12; 16:31).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

God has arranged that Prophecy makes up 27% of the contents of the Bible. It follows that believers should undertake a serious study of and application of this important subject.

This book provides evidence that will indicate that we are in the generation who will see the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, firstly for His Church at the Rapture and secondly His return to earth to set up His kingdom on earth for the thousand years of the Millennium.

When I started primary school in 1945 very few of these prophecies had any chance of literal fulfilment, now in 2015 we can see that all of them can now be fulfilled. How can 100 random predicted events suddenly all come together in a single generation by chance?

THIS GENERATION

Given what we know of history, we know that the events that are laid out in the Olivet Discourse have not yet fully come to pass. Yes, Jerusalem was conquered and destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. Yes, false messiahs have come claiming to be "the" Christ. Yes, there have been wars, and rumours of wars. Yes, there have been earthquakes and divers places, as well as pestilences and signs in the heavens.

While scoffers and mockers both religious and non religious like to point out that every generation thought they were the last one it is reasonable to counter their arguments by a few questions.

Which generation saw the rebirth of the nation Israel and that nation to control Jerusalem?

Which generation saw the assimilation of Europe back together as a single entity?

Which generation has seen the system by which a global government could be under one control?

Which generation has seen such huge technological advancement?

Which generation has seen massive World Wars and nuclear weapons unparalleled in human history?

Which generation has seen civilization create instantaneous, global communications?

Which generation has created a virtual reality that has literally taken over every facet of our existence?

Which generation is also able to monitor and record everything we say or do, everything we buy or sell?

Which other generation has been able to see world wide events happening in real time?

Which generation has seen the population reach over seven billion?

Which generation has given birth to the reality of artificial intelligence?

Which generation has seen all of these possibilities come into focus at the same time?

Which generation is able to see that ALL of Christ' Second Coming prophecies can be being literally fulfilled?

The answers to all these questions is a unique generation, our current generation!

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." Luke 21:28

The purpose of this book is NOT to give specific dates for all these events, as they are obviously God's prerogative. This book will however show undeniable evidence that multiple events, which are in conformity with Biblical prophecy are occurring simultaneously which comprehensively indicates that we are in the generation in which all of these prophecies are capable of literal fulfilment. When the leaf is on the tree the fruit is not far away.

SUMMARY

In summary the book seeks to demonstrate that;

1. As numerous Biblical prophecies have been fulfilled literally in the past, the Bible is uniquely the source of totally reliable physical information about the shape of the future, and we can expect other prophecies to be fulfilled as the others were - literally.
2. There are a number of Biblical frameworks which point to the literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His Church and the establishment of His future Kingdom on earth.
3. By studying as yet unfulfilled Biblical prophecies we can see that many apparently unrelated events and situations are all converging towards literal fulfilment in the foreseeable future, in conformity with and fulfilment of these prophecies.
4. Due to the staggering convergence of these items in our generation, it points to the fact that we are in the unique generation that will see the return of Christ.
5. All people should be made aware of what to look for in coming days as events related to these trends develop.
6. All believers are to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ so that they can be more effective Christians in these darkening, and yet exciting last days.
7. In light of the staggering nature of the prophetic convergence, all unbelievers are encouraged to make a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ who will certainly return, just as certainly as he ministered on the earth and then left it 2000 years ago.

PRINCIPLES

God is outside of the space-time universe and we are creatures within this particular creation. As the creator of space and time, God alone is beyond it and sees all things past, present and future.

He has provided for mankind a sure knowledge of the future through the many prophecies found in the Bible.

It is up to the believer to discern the signs of the times and be encouraged that God's Plan for this creation is being fulfilled, and He is always in ultimate control of history and events yet to come.

INTRODUCTION

This book is based on the exhortation of Hebrews 10:25 **"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."**

The author of Hebrews strongly encourages the people to continue to meet together and increasingly encourage one another as they see the day approaching.

What day? The only reasonable answer to that question is the time of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At every Communion Service believers are urged to take the elements that speak of his First Advent, and say aloud, "until He comes", remembering the expectation of his Second Advent. **1 Corinthians 11:26.**

In this book are listed a mere 100 Biblical prophecies, out of the many available regarding the "end times", to assist people to correctly discern events occurring worldwide which conform with **"the day approaching"**

BIBLE PROPHECY

The Bible is unique as its prophecies are always accurate and often time specific. This is well demonstrated in the prophecies regarding the First Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ when all 333 of the prophecies relating to that time were completely fulfilled both as to what they stated and also to time. For instance Christ's entry into Jerusalem was on the day specified, as was His death on the Cross and the day of His Resurrection.

This is not surprising if one realises that God is outside time and knew all events in history in detail before man existed. According to the late Dr Grant R Jeffrey "The Bible contains 1817 individual predictions containing 737 separate subjects found in 8,352 verses. These predictions comprise 27% of the verses in the Bible"

Prophecy which comprises so much of the Bible's content is a way for God to show man that He exists, that He wants to have a relationship with man and that He is eternal and therefore outside time.

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

If we examine the Character of God and His relationship with man we can see that his lavish supply of prophecy in His Word is of great importance.

God is Sovereign and is the King of kings. He is not willing that any should perish. **2 Peter 3:9**

God is Totally Righteous and all His ways are perfect. It is totally impossible for Him not to be perfect.

God is Totally Just – no one will ever be able to accuse God of being unfair

The combination of His Righteousness and Justice is **God's Holiness** which no human is able to achieve. As man is imperfect all fall short of His Perfection and are not acceptable to Him by what we do. We are separated from God who wants us to be saved. God through Grace has provided the way in Jesus Christ.

God is Total Love – Only one perfect person existed and by dying on the Cross Jesus Christ paid the penalty for all members of the human race. **John 3:16**. This allows God to love man through Jesus Christ.

God is Eternal Life – God has always existed and by trusting in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ we receive Everlasting life. However if we do not accept God's way His judgment remains on us. **John 3:36**

God is All Powerful – No one can ever succeed in going against God's will. God always wins!

God is Everywhere – He is not restricted as we are but He is everywhere at all times.

God is All Knowing – Nothing ever surprises Him. He knows everything from Eternity Past onwards.

God is Unchangeable – He is the same yesterday, today and forever allowing Him to make prophecy millennia before it is perfectly fulfilled. This applies to Biblical Prophecy, Promises and all Scripture.

God is Absolute Truth – this gives total reliability to His Word of Truth, the Bible.

Salvation is therefore open to all but it is only effective if the person does what is required, to trust in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ rather than in their own works. Man's efforts are not acceptable to God. It is of interest that all other religions are based on works or personal improvement validating **John 14:6**.

CONCLUSION

From the above it is clear that when God has stated something in the Bible as a prophetic truth it is bound to come to pass in exactly the way stated and, if a time is given, at the exact time predicted.

In this the Bible is unique. As the prophecies in the Bible are specific we can test out their accuracy by comparing them to history and thereby evaluate the absolute value of prophecies not yet fulfilled.

SOME OF THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AT FIRST ADVENT

PROPHECY	TEXT	FULFILLED BY CHRIST
Jesus born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2 - [710 BC]	Matthew 2:5,6
Presented with gifts	Isaiah 60:1-6 - [698 BC]	Matthew 2:1,11
Massacre of children	Jeremiah 31:15 - [606 BC]	Matthew 2:17,18
Born of a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14 - [742 BC]	Matthew 1:22,23
A Nazarene	Isaiah 11:1 - [713 BC]	Matthew 2:23
Speaking in parables	Psalms 78:1,2 - [1000 BC]	Matthew 13:34,35
Healing ministry	Isaiah 35:4-6 - [710 BC]	Luke 7:22
Come out of Galilee	Isaiah 9:1,2 - [740 BC]	Matthew 4:13-16
Cleansing of the Temple	Isaiah 56:7 - [712 BC]	Luke 19:45,46
Teachings rejected	Isaiah 6:9,10 - [758 BC]	Acts 28:25-27
Son of God	Psalms 2:7 - [1000 BC]	Hebrews 5:2
Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:15-19 - [1500 BC]	Acts 3:22,23
Priest	Psalms 110:4 - [1000 BC]	Hebrews 7:17-21
King	Psalms 45:6,7 - [1000 BC]	Hebrews 1:8,9
I Am	Exodus 3:14 - [1500 BC]	John 8:58
Saviour	Isaiah 40:6-8 - [712 BC]	Hebrews 10:5-10
Spirit controlled life	Isaiah 11:1,2 - [713 BC]	Mark 1:10,11
Entry into Jerusalem	Zechariah 9:9 - [487 BC]	Matthew 21:4,5
Welcome as the King	Psalms 118:25,26 - [1000 BC]	John 12:12,13
Abandoned by his disciples	Zechariah 13:7 - [487 BC]	Mark 14:27
False Witnesses	Psalms 35:11 - [1000 BC]	Matthew 26:59-61
Moses lifting up the serpent	Numbers 21:7-9 - [1500 BC]	John 3:14,15
30 pieces of silver & potters field	Zechariah 11:12,13 - [487 BC]	Matthew 27:3-10
Cry from the Cross	Psalms 22:1 - [1000 BC]	Matthew 27:46
Pierced hands and feet	Psalms 22:18 - [1000 BC]	Matthew 27:35
Convicted with criminals	Isaiah 53:12 - [712 BC]	Mark 15:28
Sign of Jonah and resurrection	Matthew 12:40 - [31 AD]	1 Corinthians 15:4
Crown of Thorns	Jonah 2:5 - [862 BC]	Matthew 27:29
Dividing his garments	Psalms 22:18 - [1000 BC]	John 19:23,24
No bones broken	Exodus 12:46 - [1500 BC]	John 19:31-33, 36
Darkness at the cross	Amos 8:9 - [787 BC]	Matthew 27:45
Tomb with the Rich	Isaiah 53:9 - [712 BC]	Luke 23:50-53
Resurrection	Psalms 16:10 - [1000 BC]	Acts 2:25-31
Ascension	Psalms 68:18 - [1000 BC]	Ephesians 4:8-10
Session	Psalms 110:1 - [1000 BC]	Hebrews 1:13

PROPHECIES FULFILLED AT THE FIRST ADVENT

The number of prophecies fulfilled at the First Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ some 2000 years ago represent in number less than 15% of those to be fulfilled at the Second Advent. The vast majority of the First Advent prophecies come from the Old Testament.

WHERE DOES BIBLICAL PROPHECY COME FROM?

As stated above the prophecies in the Bible come from God. This is shown in **2 Peter 1:20-21** “**Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**”

The first principle of Biblical interpretation is that there is to be no private, self centred interpretations of Scripture, each passage is to be taken in the context of the entire revelation of God. The second principle is given in verse 21 is that the words of Scripture are God the Holy Spirit breathed. **2 Timothy 3:14-17**

The Greek word for being “moved” [pheromenoi] in verse 21 is the word that sums up the two-way process of the writing, and interpretation, and application of Scripture.

It involves being moved along by the power of something greater, but also it involves the concept of freewill of the one being moved, positioning themselves so that the greater power can move upon them with effect. For example the sailing ship will only be moved along by the wind if it positions itself into the wind, and the crew sets the sails.

Biblical prophecies are from God and as Peter, a disciple who had maximum exposure to the Lord, says in **2 Peter 1:19** **"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed"**. He said that the Word of God is more sure than any experience we may have and that we should therefore study it diligently. Nothing could be more important for us to do in this generation in which we live.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED OF AN INDIVIDUAL

David Greenglass was an American World War II traitor. He gave atomic secrets to the Russians and then fled to Mexico after the war. His conspirators arranged to help him by planning a meeting with the Secretary of the Russian Ambassador in Mexico City. Proper identification for both parties became vital.

Greenglass was to identify himself with six prearranged signs. These instructions had been given to both the Russian Secretary and Greenglass so there would be no possibility of making a mistake.

The signs were: (1) once in Mexico City, Greenglass was to write a note to the Secretary, signing his name as "I. Jackson"; (2) after three days he was to go to the Plaza de Colon in Mexico City and (3) stand before the statue of Columbus, (4) with his middle finger placed in a guide book. In addition, (5) when he was approached, he was to say it was a magnificent statue and that he was from Oklahoma.

The Secretary was to then give him a passport. These six prearranged signs worked. Why? With six identifying characteristics it was impossible for the secretary not to identify Greenglass as the proper contact

Consider then the case of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are literally hundreds of identifying characteristics of the Promised Messiah given over hundreds of years well in advance of His arrival and Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled them all! He had not 6 but 333 prearranged signs!

Why is it then that mankind does not recognise Him? Are we less discerning than the Secretary to the Russian Ambassador to Mexico? No. It is far more likely we do not want to recognise Him as by doing so it places some responsibilities on us as the individuals as to how we are going to respond to Him.

HOW CERTAIN IS IT THAT JESUS CHRIST IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS?

We now look at prophecies involved with the Lord Jesus Christ and the chances of His fulfilling First Advent Biblical prophecies personally and literally. We will take a small sample of eight of the 333 Old Testament prophecies said to be fulfilled by the Messiah.

Many critics of the Bible say that Daniel was a historical rather than prophetic book, that there were two or more authors called Isaiah and place prophetic books at a later date to try and downplay prophecy. However the publication of the LXX or Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament by 70 scholars in Alexandria in the 3rd century BC obviously predates the birth and Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All the Old Testament prophecies involving the Lord Jesus Christ therefore are prophecies and not history.

Many of the prophecies such as Daniel's 70th week from **Daniel 9:24-27** are highly technical and have therefore a very low chance of being fulfilled. However we shall take 8 simple prophecies which were fulfilled by our Lord and allocate approximate likelihood of their chances of happening .

PROPHECY	CHANCE OF HAPPENING 1 in
Messiah being born in Bethlehem	4000
King entering Jerusalem on a donkey	2500
A herald in front of the Messiah	1000
30 pieces of silver buy Potters Field involving the Temple	100,000
Messiah to be wounded in his hands	1000
As an innocent person do not defend yourself	100
Killed with the wicked and buried with the rich	1000
His coat gambled for and clothes divided	1000

WHAT IS THE CHANCE?

The chance of this happening to the same person is 1 in 10 to 25th power. You now have to divide this by the number of people who have ever lived say 100 billion which is 10 to 11th power. You have therefore got 1 in 10 to 14th power of the eight prophecies being fulfilled any time in the history of man. This is equivalent to placing \$1 coins over the 1 million sq miles of Western Australia 75 coins deep with only one marked and picking up the marked one up by chance.

If you look at 48 prophecies of the 333 and use electrons as our model we find that a ball of electrons placed side by side the size of the universe of 6 billion light years is far too small. We need to remember that side by side without any space between them we could accommodate 10 to 19th power electrons per linear centimetre. If you now look at the 333 prophecies which incidentally include the change of being "conceived by a virgin" and "rising from the dead" the certainty that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Messiah is absolute!

As Peter said **"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed"**, and repeat what Job confidently said 2000 years before Peter in **Job 19:25-26 "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:**

SOME SAY THAT JESUS CHRIST IS A MYTH

Many in the West say that "Jesus is a fictional character and the only evidence for the existence of Jesus comes from the Bible". I would like to cite the following "non Christian" historical authors who clearly refer to him. Cornelius Tacitus, a Roman historian, Lucian of Samosata a satirist, Flavius Josephus a Jewish historian, Suetonius a Roman historian, Pliny the Younger a Roman Governor are among others who wrote at that time. The Encyclopaedia Britannica uses more words in describing this person Jesus Christ than are given to Aristotle, Alexander the Great, Julius Caser, Buddha, Confucius or Napoleon Bonaparte. Jesus Christ was a verified historical figure.

HOW CERTAIN IS IT THAT THE TRENDS WE SEE PREDICT THE IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST?

Below we have a list of 40 fulfilled prophecies and a selection of 40 trends towards end time prophecies trending towards being fulfilled. What are the chances that all the 40 trends will come to fruition at one time?

Based on the past performance of the Bible it is absolutely certain. Applying a similar statistical test to the "trend prophecies" it is clear that we are in the time historically when the Lord Jesus Christ will return.

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR REACTION TO THIS BOOK?

Encourage the believer grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ so that they can be more mature and active Christians and be effective Ambassadors for our returning Lord. **Hebrews 10:25**

Encourage the unbeliever to make a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. **Acts 16:31, John 3:16**

Make people aware of what to look for in coming days as events related to these trends develop so that they are expectant but not fearful as they see these events approach. **"When these things begin to take place, straighten yourselves and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."** Luke 21:28

BE PREPARED!**BIBLICAL PROPHECIES FIRST AND SECOND ADVENTS OF CHRIST**

The following selection of 80 prophecies and trends are not put in any order of importance but are to show the variety of specific prophecies in the Bible. The giving of prophecies range over a 1500 year period while the fulfilment of them all occurs in two short time periods associated with the Lord Jesus Christ

PROPHECIES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND ADVENT

FIRST ADVENT PROPHECIES		SECOND ADVENT PROPHECIES	
PROPHECY	TEXT	PROPHECY	TEXT
Jesus born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Global government	Revelation 13:7
Presented with gifts	Isaiah 60:1-6	World split into ten regions	Daniel 7:24
Massacre of children	Jeremiah 31:5	Global religious dialogue	Revelation 17
Born of a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Falling away from the truth	1 Timothy 4:1
Return out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Globally controlled finance	Revelation 13:17
A Nazarene	Isaiah 11:1	Marking of people	Revelation 13:16
Voice in the Wilderness	Isaiah 40:3	Armageddon	Revelation 16
John the Baptist	Malachi 3:1	Israel becoming a nation	Luke 21:29-32
Speaking in parables	Psalms 78:1,2	Export of fruit from Israel	Isaiah 27:6
Healing ministry	Isaiah 35:4-6	Reafforestation of Israel	Ezekiel 36:8,9
To come out of Galilee	Isaiah 9:1,2	Increased rainfall in Israel	Hosea 6:3
Zeal for the Lord	Psalms 69:9	Many independent countries	Luke 21:29-32
Cleansing of the Temple	Isaiah 56:7	Russian leadership of North bloc	Ezekiel 38:
Teachings rejected	Isaiah 6:9-10	Pan Arabic and African bloc	Daniel 11:40-43
Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Large Eastern group	Revelation 16:12
Prophet	Deuteronomy 18	Revived Roman Empire	Revelation 17
Priest	Psalms 110:4	Increased earthquake activity	Luke 21:7,11
King	Psalms 45:6,7	Famines and diseases	Matthew 24:7
I Am	Exodus 3:14	World War	Matthew 24:6,7
Saviour	Psalms 40:6-8	Preparation for war	Joel 3:9-12
Spirit controlled life	Isaiah 11:1-2	Nuclear war	Zechariah 14:12
Entry into Jerusalem	Zechariah 9:9	Increase in travel and knowledge	Daniel 12:4
Welcome as the King	Psalms 118:25,26	Moral decline	2 Timothy 3:1-4
Abandoned by his disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Increase in occultism	1 Timothy 4:1,2
False Witnesses	Psalms 35:11	Revival of Hebrew	Zephaniah 3:8,9
Moses lifting up the serpent	Numbers 21	Desert to bloom	Isaiah 35:1
30 pieces of silver & potters field	Zechariah 11:12	Rebuilding of the Temple	Revelation 11:2
Cry from the Cross	Psalms 22:1	Layout of Jerusalem	Jeremiah 31:38ff
Jesus is scorned	Isaiah 50:6	Apostasy	Matthew 24:3-5
Pierced hands and feet	Psalms 22:16	Drug addiction	Revelation 9:20f
Convicted with criminals	Isaiah 53:12	Immorality	Luke 17:26
Sign of Jonah and resurrection	Matthew 12:40	Ancient cities rebuilt	Amos 9:14
Crown of Thorns	Jonah 2:5	Weather disturbances	Luke 21:25
Dividing his garments	Psalms 22:18	Worldwide television	Revelation 11:9
No bones broken	Exodus 12:46	Jewish evangelism	Revelation 7:5-8
Darkness at the cross	Amos 8:9	Jewish feasts	Leviticus 23
Tomb with the Rich	Isaiah 53:9	Protection for Jerusalem	Matthew 24:3-8
Resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Anti Christian attacks	Psalms 2
Ascension	Psalms 68:18	Pursuit of Pleasure	2 Timothy 3:1-5
Session	Psalms 110:1	False Christs	Matthew 24:4,5

CONCLUSIONS

As the fulfilments of all First Advent prophecies were complete and accurate and literal in every detail how do you think we should approach the Biblical prophecies concerning the Second Advent? The obvious answer is **"With Complete Confidence!"**

Is there any reason why we should treat the other 85% of Biblical Prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled in a different way to those that our All Knowing God has fulfilled for the First Advent?

I believe the answer is a resounding No!

THE FUTURE - FROM HERE TO ETERNITY FRAMEWORKS

There are a number of Biblical frameworks which point to a time of great global problems prior to a physical return of the Lord Jesus Christ to set up his Millennial Kingdom on the earth at the Second Coming.

We will review five of them:-

- A. Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy.
- B. The layout of the Book of the Revelation.
- C. The sequence of Jewish Feasts.
- D. The format of a Jewish Wedding.
- E. The account of the feeding of the 5000 and subsequent storm on the Sea of Galilee.

[A] - DANIEL'S 70th WEEK – DANIEL 9:24-27

The study of this prophecy shows that there is a seven year period which was promised by God to the Jews before the setting up of the Kingdom and at this time this last "week" still has to be fulfilled in the future. This seven year period is called the Tribulation, a time of unmitigated problems and judgments on the earth.

This study also shows the total accuracy of Biblical prophecy where the entry of the Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem to be acclaimed as the King of the Jews occurred exactly on the prophesied day. He was not a day early, nor a day late. [Ref "The Coming Prince by Sir Robert Anderson]

Daniel 9:24-"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. "

What is a week? - In the ancient world both Greek and Latin philosophers knew the week, as the week of years. In this system one week equals 7 years. Thus seventy weeks equal 70 x 7 years = 490 years.

What Type of Year? - The year used in scripture of Daniel's time was the year which Abraham had preserved from his Chaldean home. Abraham's year was the lunar year and consisted of 360 days. The period stated then is 70 x 7 x 360 days giving a total of 176 400 days.

Who are Involved? - 'Thy people, thy holy city' refer to the Jews and Jerusalem or Judea. We therefore have a period of 490 years involving the Jews and Jerusalem.

When Does this Period End? - In the second half of verse 24 the end of the period is given by six separate events:

- i) **to finish the transgression** - the start of the Millennium at the 2nd Advent.
- ii) **make an end to sins** - perfect environment starts at the 2nd Advent and continues for a thousand years.
Romans 8:19-21
- iii) **make reconciliation** - since AD 70 the Jews have been dispersed amongst the nations, they will continue to be dispersed until Jesus Christ calls them all back to their land at the 2nd Advent to set up the Kingdom.
- iv) **bring in everlasting righteousness** - the Millennium starts a period of everlasting righteousness with the reign of Christ, this everlasting righteousness continues into the eternal future. This period starts at the 2nd Advent.
- v) **to seal up the vision and prophecy** - the 2nd Advent fulfills the Abrahamic, Palestinian and Davidic covenant as well as this prophecy.
- vi) **to anoint the most Holy** - at the 2nd Advent Jesus is anointed King of Israel.

CONCLUSION

The terminal point in all six statements can therefore be said to be the 2nd Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ or the midnight hour of **Matthew 25:6**. We thus have a period from **Daniel 9:24** of 490 Jewish years each having 360 days terminating at the 2nd Advent.

DIVISION OF THE 70 WEEKS

In the next three verses the period of 70 weeks is carefully divided into three sections.

Daniel 9:25 "Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks (49 years) and three score and two weeks (434 years):the streets shall be built again, and the wall even in troubled times."

We have therefore three periods into which the 70 weeks is split - 7 weeks + 62 weeks leaving a balance of 1 week. Expressed in years we have 49 years + 434 years + 7 years = 490 years.

What is the Starting Point?

Daniel wrote this prophecy while in Babylon where the Jews had been held in captivity since 586 BC after the complete destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar.

The Babylonian Empire fell during the night of Belshazzar's Feast when the writing was seen on the wall. The Medes and Persians who took over were pro-Semitic and issued edicts regarding Jerusalem and the Temple.

There were three edicts issued by Persian rulers dating after the time of Daniel and relating to the Jews returning to their homeland, they were:-

- i) The edict of Cyrus in 538 BC to rebuild the house of the Lord (Temple) **Ezra 1**.
- ii) The edict of Darius in 520 BC to rebuild the Temple which is found in **Ezra 6**. Darius' edict was to confirm Cyrus' previous order as the temple works had been stopped after the death of Cyrus by his successor.
- iii) The edict of Artaxerxes Longimanus in 445 BC to rebuild the city of Jerusalem **Nehemiah 2**

Which Edict?

Daniel 9:25 shows that the critical commandment which starts the 70 week clock ticking was the order to rebuild Jerusalem. The commencement was therefore the edict of Artaxerxes in 445 BC

The practice of Persian Kings was to issue such orders on their New Years day, the 1st of the month of Nisan. Using the services of H B Airy the Astronomer Royal in London, Sir Robert Anderson, was able to determine that the 1st Nisan of 445 BC occurred on 14th March 445 BC.

We therefore have the following timeline: - 14th March 445 BC -- 490 years -- 2nd Advent

It also states that Jerusalem will be rebuilt with its walls completed after 49 years (7 weeks) in difficult circumstances. There is considerable Biblical evidence in the book of Nehemiah that Jerusalem was rebuilt under very difficult circumstances.

Daniel 9:26a "And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself. "

Who is the Messiah? - Jesus Christ!

In **Luke 19:38**, on entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday just prior to his crucifixion the crowd welcomed the Lord Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah.

This was the only time in His ministry when he was so called by the general populace of Jerusalem.

When was He cut off?

According to **Luke 3:1** Jesus Christ was baptised in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar. As his ministry was three years in length, the entry into Jerusalem occurred in the 18th year of Tiberius.

Searches of literature including, 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire' by Gibbon, has shown that Tiberius became Caesar in 14 AD Entrance into Jerusalem was therefore on Palm Sunday 32 AD Again by computation the date of Palm Sunday 32 AD was 6th April AD 32.

If this is correct, we should find correlation between the 483 Jewish years to the cutting off of the Messiah and the time between 14th March 445 BC and 6th April AD 32. The time between these two dates in our current calendar years is 476 years and 24 days. The total number of days is therefore as follows:-

476 years x 365 days	173,740
Plus 14/3 to 6/4 =	24
Plus Leap years =	116
TOTAL	<u>173,880 days.</u>

Jewish time: 483 x 360 173,880 days

Our timeline now shows: - 14th March 445 BC -- 483 years -- 6th April 32 AD-- +7 years -- 2nd Advent

The following questions now arise

- a) Has the Second Advent of Jesus Christ occurred? – Answer – No!.
- b) Is it longer than 7 years since Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem? – Answer Yes!.

CONCLUSION

As the 70 weeks of Daniel finish at the Second Advent of Christ there must be a gap between the 69th and the 70th week.

Our timeline - 445 BC -- 483 years -- 32 AD -- GAP -- 7 years -- 2nd Advent

This "GAP" of nearly 2000 years has been filled in God's view of history by the Church Age.

God does not deal with the Church and Israel at the same time. Daniel's prophecy which we are reviewing is for the Jews. The 70th week which is 7 years in length therefore starts after the Church Age and terminates at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

These last seven years of the 490 years promised by God to the Jews are the worst 7 years in the history of man. They are called the Tribulation with the second half being called the Great Tribulation or Jacob's Trouble.

THE 70TH WEEK

The course of this 70th week is described in **Daniel 9:26b, 27. "and the people of the prince (the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire) that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary, and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and until the end of the war, desolations are determined. 27 And he (the dictator) shall confirm the covenant (mutual defence pact) with the many (the Jews) for one week (7 years) and in the midst of the week (3 1/2 years) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation [Jewish sacrifices in the Temple] to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations be shall make it desolate, (this refers to the erection of an image of the dictator in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, Revelation 13:11-15) even until the consummation (the 2nd Advent) and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (the dictator will be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire Revelation 19:20)."**

We thus have Daniel's 70 weeks divided as shown:-

445 BC -- 483 years -- 32 AD -- CHURCH AGE-- TRIBULATION [7 years] -- 2nd Advent

[B] – SEQUENCE OF THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION

Another very clear view of the framework which portrays an outline the sequence of events in the future is the structure of the Book of the Revelation when taken sequentially. The sequence shown is the person of Christ, letters to seven churches, the removal of the Church at the Rapture, followed by detailed information of a seven year Tribulation Period of “Jacob’s Trouble”, Second Advent of Christ, the 1000 year Millennium, and then Eternity Future with the new creation beyond the present limits of space and time.

CHAPTER 1	The Presentation of the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
CHAPTERS 2-3	The Church on Earth as shown in the Letters to the Seven Churches
CHAPTERS 4-5	The Church in Heaven
CHAPTERS 6-18	The Tribulation
CHAPTER 19	The Second Advent of Christ
CHAPTER 20	The Millennial Reign of Christ
CHAPTERS 21-22	Eternity Future

[C] - FEASTS OF ISRAEL

1. In the Jewish calendar seven feasts were ordained by God for the Jews to follow and to be a sign to all believers.

2. In order the feasts were:-

- a) Passover
- b) Unleavened Bread
- c) First Fruits
- d) Pentecost
- e) Trumpets
- f) Atonement
- g) Tabernacles

3. THE PASSOVER (Deuteronomy 16:1-8, Leviticus 23:5)

Historically

- a) This feast originated on the night when the angel of the Lord passed over the land of Egypt immediately prior to the children of Israel leaving their bondage under Moses.
- b) A male lamb without blemish was killed on the 14th Nisan having been brought into the house 4 days before, great care being taken that not a bone in its body was broken. (Exodus 12:1-6)
- c) The lamb was roasted, eaten with bitter herbs and any portion left was burnt. **(Exodus 12:7-10)**
- d) In the original Passover the blood of the Lamb was daubed on the doorposts and lintels, any such house being spared from the last plague against Egypt. **(Exodus 12:21-28)** All plagues were against the gods of Egypt.
- e) The Passover was on the anniversary of the promise to Abraham. **(Exodus 12:41)**

Fulfilment

- a) The sacrificial lamb represents the Lord Jesus Christ. **(1 Corinthians 5:7)**
- b) Christ died on the 14th Nisan on the cross having entered Jerusalem, the Holy city 4 days before on the 10th Nisan.
- c) When the Roman soldiers broke the legs of the thieves they found Jesus dead so no bone in His body was broken. **(John 19:32, 33)**
- d) The roasting of the lamb represents judgement, the bitter herbs representing sins or failures.
- e) The eating of the lamb represents faith in the work of Christ i.e. eating and drinking at the communion table.)
- f) By faith in Christ we are protected from the final judgement of God. **(Romans 8:1)**

Currently

- a) Each time we celebrate the Lord's Supper we are looking back to the cross and the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. **(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)**
- b) This could also represent salvation to the believer.

4. UNLEAVENED BREAD (Leviticus 23:6-8)

- a) This feast lasted for seven days starting on the 15th Nisan and portrays the provision and fellowship with God.
- b) The bread was unleavened due to the need to leave Egypt with utmost haste. In addition the wine was without leaven or alcohol - the wine being boiled during this feast. This has been found in Chaldean army instructions when it was feared that the Jews could revolt during the time of unleavened bread if they were served with alcoholic Chaldean beer.
- c) As God can have nothing to do with sin God's provision is without leaven as leaven represents evil in the scriptures.
- d) There are various forms of leaven in the Bible:-
 - i) Leaven of the Sadducees - human viewpoint **(Matthew 16:6)**
 - ii) Leaven of the Pharisees - ritualism **(Mark 8:15)**
 - iii) Leaven of Herod - worldliness **(Mark 8:15)**
 - iv) Leaven of the Corinthians - wantonness **(1 Corinthians 5:6, 7)**
 - v) Leaven of the Galatians - legalism **(Galatians 5:9)**.
- e) Bread made without leaven shows the perfection of Christ **(Leviticus 2:11)**.
- f) This could represent the Christian walk for the believer.
- g) The unleavened bread was cooked on a griddle which caused the bread to have stripes. It also had holes. By his stripes we are healed **(Isaiah 53:5)**. They will look upon him whom they have pierced. **(Zechariah 12:10)**.

5. FIRST FRUITS (Leviticus 23:9-14)

- a) This feast always occurred on a Sunday and was celebrated on the 17th Nisan.
- b) This feast portrayed the resurrection of Christ and occurred half-way through the feast of Unleavened Bread.
- c) Christ is said to be the first fruits of them that sleep. **(1 Corinthians 15:20)**
- d) Christ rose 3 days after his death on the Passover.
- e) The Jews crossed the Red Sea 3 days after leaving bondage.
- f) The ark rested on Ararat on this very day after the flood. **(Genesis 8:4)**
- g) This could represent the resurrection body for the believer.

6. PENTECOST (Leviticus 23:15-21)

- a) Pente - fifty - this occurred always on a Sunday 50 days or a week of weeks after the first fruits, generally in May or June. **(Leviticus 23:15)**
- b) It represents the dispersion of the Jews which occurred historically in AD 70 and there followed a long gap to the next feast representing the long time the Jews would be out of the land.
- c) Pentecost in the year of the crucifixion was the day on which the Church age started with the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. **(Acts 2:1-4)**.
- d) At Pentecost, 3,000 were born again; at the giving of the law, 3,000 were killed.

7. TRUMPETS (Leviticus 23:23, 24)

- a) This occurred in September, the blowing of the trumpets representing the coming of the king. It is the Jewish New Year Day.
- b) This represents the return of the Lord Jesus Christ for his Church at the Rapture. The Jews recognise this as the day on which God would again have a relationship with the Jews.

8. ATONEMENT (Leviticus 23:26-32)

- a) This occurred ten days after the feast of trumpets. It represents the fact that believing Jews only enter into the Millennium.
- b) From evaluation of **(Daniel 12:11-12)** and parallel passages it is apparent that there is a period of judgement at the second advent of some 45 days. This is a period of the wheat and tares, the sheep and the goats. The unbelievers are baptised with fire. **(Matthew 3:11,12.)** The believers enter the Millennium.
- c) This was the only day of the year that the high priest was able to enter the Holy of Holies bringing a bowl of blood, once for himself and once for the nation. **(Hebrews 9:6-7)**. His entry represents the sacrifice of Christ.

d) Christ's sacrifice is the fulfilment of this ritual. Christ only had to make one offering, as he was sinless, for the sins of the world. **(Hebrews 9:11-14)** On the feast of Atonement red wool, the "Atonement Lot", was tied to the temple pillar. After the blood was spilt the lot turned white until the time of the cross. Afterwards it stayed red. This sign showed Christ's once and for all sacrifice.

9. TABERNACLES (Leviticus 23:33-36)

This occurred five days after the feast of Atonement and lasted a week. It represents the Millennial Reign of Christ and the perfect provision and environment provided. **(Deuteronomy 16:13-15, Romans 8:19-22)**

10. It is of interest that the two feasts that speak of God's perfect provision - Unleavened Bread and Tabernacles - were a week duration whilst the others were for a day, speaking of a point in time occurrence such as the crucifixion, resurrection or rapture of the Church.

11. SUMMARY

- a) PASSOVER fulfilled at The Crucifixion on Passover AD 32
- b) UNLEAVENED BREAD fulfilled at Burial of Christ on Unleavened Bread AD 32
- c) FIRST-FRUITS fulfilled at Resurrection of Christ on First-Fruits AD 32
- d) PENTECOST fulfilled at End of Jewish Age on Pentecost AD 32
- e) TRUMPETS to be fulfilled at Rapture of Church
- f) ATONEMENT to be fulfilled at Second Advent of Christ
- g) TABERNACLES to be fulfilled at Millennial reign of Christ

12. As Paul had seen the literal fulfilment of the first four feasts in some 8 weeks in AD 32 it is hardly surprising that he would expect to be in the "rapture generation" at the sounding of the Last Trumpet **(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 2 Thessalonians 2:1)**

[D] – THE JEWISH WEDDING

The structure is also found in the customs of a Jewish Wedding at the time of Christ. At the time of Christ the wedding would be arranged by the father of the groom. In this analogy the relationship between Christ and mankind will be examined.

1. Prior to the first visit of the prospective groom to the bride, the father of the groom made arrangements for their relationship. **Hebrews 2:13**

Analogy - God the Father - the Planner made arrangements for mankind in eternity past. **Ephesians 1:3-6**

2. The prospective groom would then meet the bride and fellowship with her.

Analogy – Christ came to earth at the First Advent and spent time with mankind.

3. Prior to leaving the bride's house the bridegroom would pay the whole dowry or payment for the bride. **Hebrews 9:23-28**

Analogy – Christ's death on the cross paid the debt of all mankind in full.

4. The bridegroom would return to his father's house and build a future house for the newly married couple to live in. **John 14:1-3**

Analogy – Christ ascended to his Father's house to prepare a place for his bride.

5. At the Father's request the Son would go to the Bride's home to pick the bride up.

Analogy – Christ's return to earth for his church at the Rapture. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17**

6. The bride as she left her home was married to the groom. **1 Corinthians 15:51-58**

Analogy - As the body of Christ rises to meet Christ in the air the Body becomes the Bride. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17**

7. The bride has been preparing her wedding garments waiting for the bridegroom. The bridegroom adorns his bride for the wedding supper. **1 Corinthians 3:12-15**

Analogy - Whilst waiting for the return of Christ, the Body, produces gold, silver and precious stones, works of eternal worth. The final dressing of the Body is done by Christ at the Judgment seat of Christ in heaven, which occurs after the Rapture.

Note – Some details of how this wedding protocol exactly applies in detail will only be clear when events unfold after the Rapture of the Church. However the passage of Scriptures from the First Advent of Christ to the end of the Millennium is clearly seen in this analogy to the Jewish Wedding Ceremony.

8. The bride and groom hold a wedding feast which in rich families could last a month.

Analogy - The wedding feast of Christ may last 1,000 years - The Millennium on earth. **Revelation 20:6**

9. Friends of the bridegroom would attend the wedding feast.

Analogy - Old Testament Saints who will receive their resurrection bodies at the end of the Tribulation will join the celebration. The Tribulational martyrs may join into the celebrations as they arrive in heaven **John 2**

10. Friends of the bride [those who have known the “Pre Rapture Church”] wait outside the wedding hall, with lamps alight waiting for the bridal couple before they entered the wedding feast. **Matthew 25:1-13**

Analogies – Some, [the wise virgins] who are Tribulation believers and survive the great tribulation will enter into the Millennium in their physical bodies to replenish the earth. **Matthew 25:31-40**

However Others [the foolish virgins] who are unbelievers at the Second Advent of Christ will be cast off the earth as they are not invited to the marriage supper of the lamb. **Matthew 25:41-46**

[E] - FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

The final illustration is taken from the feeding of the multitude followed by the storm on the Sea of Galilee **Matthew 14:13-33**

1. The feeding of the five thousand and the subsequent walking on the water can be analogised to the span of human history from the ministry of Jesus Christ on earth to the Millennial reign of Christ.
2. The healing of the sick and the feeding of the five thousand relates to the ministry of Jesus Christ on earth during His First Advent in the Age of the Jews (v 15-21).
3. The baskets of bread with which the disciples set off in the boat represent the Bible (v 20)
4. The setting off in the boat, the Church Age believers without Jesus Christ in a physical form on earth (v 22).
5. The water represents the Gentile nations which predominantly make up the church (v 22).
6. Jesus going up into the mountains to pray by himself shows the Ascension and Session of Christ at the right hand of God during the Church Age where He makes intercession for us. **I John 2:1,2**
7. The boat hit by a tremendous storm (v 24) portrays the time of the tribulation just prior to the return of Christ, a time of great testing.
8. The Lord appearing at the height of the storm (v 27) indicates the return of Jesus Christ at the Second Advent at a critical time.
9. As the Lord enters the boat the storm ceases (v 32), representing the perfect environment of the Millennium with the Lord back on earth.
10. The worship of Jesus Christ shows the worship of Christ in the Millennium (v 33) when the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

BIBLICAL PICTURES OF THE PERIOD OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY ON EARTH TO ETERNITY

FRAMEWORK	FIRST ADVENT	CROSS	CHURCH AGE	RAPTURE	TRIBULATION	MILLENNIUM
DANIEL 70 WEEKS Daniel 9:24-27	MESSIAH In Daniel 9:24-27 the prophecy of the first advent, death and second coming is given. The 70 th week is as yet future - Tribulation	CUT OFF In verse 26 it says that Messiah will be cut off but not for himself showing his death on the cross for the sins of the world.	JERUSALEM is destroyed in 70 AD by Titus and his legions. This event occurred in the Church Age	The Rapture is one of 11 mysteries in the Bible. As such it relates to the Church Age and is not mentioned in the Old Testament	THE SEVEN YEARS which remain from Daniel's 70 weeks ends with the return of Christ for his kingdom, the start of the Millennium	RIGHTEOUSNESS Six items are mentioned in verse 24 every one of them being a facet of the thousand year reign of Christ on the earth
THE REVELATION It is chronological. Revelation Chapters 1-20 with Chapters 21-22 dealing with Eternity Future	CHAPTER 1 Introduces the Lord Jesus Christ as a faithful witness who has freed us from our sins by his blood.	CHAPTER 1 The Lord Jesus Christ announces that He was dead and he is alive forever and the firstborn of the dead	CHAPTERS 2,3 These chapters deal with 7 churches in Asia Minor who in turn represent the 7 epochs in the Church Age	CHAPTERS 4,5 They deal with the Church in heaven. It is set in heaven and from Rev. 3:22 the Church is not mentioned	CHAPTERS 6-19 This covers a maximum time of testing. It also includes Armageddon and the final return of Christ in victory	CHAPTER 20 Starts with the imprisonment of Satan for 1000 years and ends with rebellion after his release and the Last Judgment
ISRAEL FEASTS Leviticus 23:5-36	UNLEAVENED BREAD This feast represents our Lord's perfect life as the lack of leaven in the bread indicates our Lord was without sin.	PASSOVER /FIRST FRUITS The Lord died on the Passover and became the ultimate sacrifice, He rose from the dead three days later on the "First fruits"	PENTECOST The Church age commenced at this feast with the giving of the Holy Spirit 50 days after First Fruits	TRUMPETS This feast includes the sounding of 100 trumpets with the last unique call being "the last trumpet" [1 Corinthians 15:52]	ATONEMENT This feast also known as Yom Kippur is a sombre time of self reflection regarding one's shortcomings	TABERNACLES This is a feast that lasts a week and relates to a future time of Israel's close communion with God thus representing the Millennium
JEWISH WEDDING	FELLOWSHIP During His ministry on earth the Lord Jesus Christ had fellowship on earth with members of his future bride, the Church including 11 apostles	RETURN TO FATHER He pays the penalty for his bride and returns to His Father house in heaven to prepare for the wedding	MANSION BUILDING For this time Jesus builds a place and prepares for his bride	BRIDE REMOVED The Bridegroom returns to the Bride's house to take his Bride to his father's house [heaven] This is the wedding ceremony.	BRIDE DRESSED The bride is prepared in heaven for the wedding feast with garments and individual rewards are allotted at the judgment seat of Christ	WEDDING PARTY The wedding party lasts for the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth. The Church serves the Lord in heaven, Israel serves on earth
FEEDING OF 5000 Matthew 14:15-32	CROWD MINISTRY The feeding of the 5000 represents our Lord's ministry on the earth. His miracles and life show that he is the Messiah, Emmanuel	MOUNTAIN PRAYER The period of prayer in a high place shows the ministry of the Lord after the Cross and His ascension where He intercedes for us	TAKING THE WORD The basket of bread collected by each of the disciples portrays the word of God going to the Gentiles [Sea]		STORM The storm is unexpected and causes great angst among those involved causing them to believe they are doomed	ARRIVAL OF PEACE At the height of the storm the Lord arrives and as soon as he is in the boat there is calm. Christ arrives as the Prince of Peace
DISPENSATION	JEWISH	JEWISH	CHURCH	POINT OF TIME	JEWISH	MILLENNIUM

COMMENTS ON THE BIBLICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE END TIMES

The frameworks outlined have a similar sequence specifically given by the book of the Revelation above.

[1] First Advent and Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ among humanity.

[2] Departure of the Lord from the earth.

[3] An interim period.

[4] A time of great pressure and difficulty.

[5] The return of the Lord Jesus Christ to set up His kingdom on earth.

[6] His reign on earth as King.

CONCLUSIONS

As the fulfilments of all First Advent prophecies were complete and accurate and literal in every detail how do you think we should approach the Biblical prophecies concerning the Second Advent?

The obvious answer is “With Complete Confidence and an expectation of literal fulfilment!”

Is there any reason why we should treat the other 85% of Biblical Prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled in a different way to those that our All Knowing God has fulfilled for the First Advent?

We at EBCWA believe the answer is clearly and strongly “No”!

LIST OF 100 PROPHECIES REGARDING THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST

The prophecies considered in this book, which are not an exhaustive list, fall into a series of categories.

Global prophecies involving government, interfaith dialogue, finance and the ability globally to control people.

Political areas including the existence of Israel and groupings to its north, south, east and west.

Natural areas such as earthquakes, famine, diseases and weather conditions.

Man made areas including war, expansion of knowledge, technology, self indulgence and immorality.

We will find through our examination of just a small fraction of the evidence that exist that we are the unique generation in which all these Biblical Prophecies are coming together at the one time, that the Lord Jesus Christ is about to return. We will see clearly for the first time in history they are all able to be literally fulfilled.

ONE WORLD PROPHECIES

The one world trends are reviewed under four sections Political, Religious, Financial and Ability to Control

ONE WORLD POLITICAL

[1] Formation of a global government Revelation 13:7, 16-18

Increasingly in recent years there have been calls for global solutions to global problems and talk of the concept of a global village.

[2] Global government having ten regions Daniel 7:23-25

The Club of Rome has divided the world into ten regions, the financial system is based on this. Reviews includes – UN, Club of Rome, Parliamentarians for World Order, Millennium Assembly and Illuminati

ONE WORLD RELIGION

[3] Global dialogue between religions Revelation 17:1-6, 16-17

This end time period has featured a massive increase in inter faith dialogue.

[4] Falling away from Biblical principles 1 Timothy 4:1

The level of apostasy in Christian circles is increasing.

[5] Anti Christian Attacks Psalm 2:2-3

In many "Christian" nations the attacks on Bible believers have increased.

[6] Persecution Matthew 24:19

Huge numbers of Christians are killed for their beliefs annually.

[7] New Age Philosophy 1 Timothy 4:1-2

The rise of New Age teachings in the current period.

[8] Scoffers and Mockers 2 Peter 3:3-4

A significant increase in scepticism as to the validity of the Bible and the return of Christ.

Review includes – WCC, World Brotherhood group, Parliament of Religions and the Maitreya

GOD'S POSITION – THE GOOD NEWS

[9] Permanence of the Word of God Luke 21:33

God says that even though heavens and earth pass away His Word will not.

[10] God says His Name will be great among the Nations Philippians 2:9-11, Malachi 1:11

If God says His Name will be great among the nations it is absolutely certain it will occur.

[11] The Rapture of the Church 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, John 14:1-3

The Church the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ will be kept from the Tribulation.

ONE WORLD FINANCE

[12] Global finance, Electronic banking Revelation 13:16-18

This is a self evident area which now allows a worldwide control of trade at the personal level.

[13] Marking of objects in relation to Electronic banking Revelation 13:16-18

During this period marking of goods has become commonplace, marking of people is being considered.

[14] The Shaking World Economic System James 5:1-3

Fractional banking, greed and manipulation causing many to suggest global control of finances.

Review includes – Rothschild, Rockefeller, IMF, Federal Reserve, EFTPOS, Financial turmoil. Debt

[15] Substantial Wealth James 5:1-3, Revelation 3:17

The wealth of the top 80 in the world exceeds the combined wealth of half of the world population

ONE WORLD CONDITIONING AND CONTROL

[16] The conspiring together of leaders and selling of a one world concept Psalm 2:1-2

The use of the media to manipulate the world's mind towards global governance.

[17] The ability to globally analyse and control the populace. Revelation 13:16-18

Global control of the general populace through electronic means is technically now a reality.

Review includes – Media, Earth summit, Climate change, GPS, Microchips and Bar Codes.

POLITICAL SPHERES OF INFLUENCE PROPHECIES

The Political trends are in five areas of influence, Israel and the North, South East and West blocs

ISRAEL

[18] Preparation for Armageddon with spheres of influence and Israel in place Revelation 16

[19] The Nation of Israel will be Reborn in a Day Isaiah 66:8

[20] Israel will consist of one nation not two Ezekiel 37:15-22

[21] Conditions of the Land during the Diaspora Deuteronomy 29:23-28

[22] Returning Israel will have no King before Jesus Christ Hosea 3:4-5

[23] Blindness of the Jews Romans 11:25-26

[24] Jerusalem will be a Cup of Trembling and a Burdensome Stone Zechariah 12:2-3

[25] Anti Semitism Anticipated Luke 21:20-24

[26] Israel will be Partitioned Daniel 11:11:39, Joel 3:2

[27] Israel will Prosper Ezekiel 38:12-13

[28] Israel will be Invincible Zechariah 12:6-9

[29] Time of the Return of Israel - Fig tree prophecy Luke 21:29-33

[30] Export of Fruit from Israel Isaiah 27:6

[31] Reafforestation of Israel Isaiah 41:19-20, Ezekiel 36:8-9,

[32] Increased rainfall in Israel Hosea 6:3

[33] Jewish evangelism in the Tribulation Revelation 7:2-8

[34] Protection for believers in Jerusalem Matthew 24:15-21

[35] Revival of Hebrew Zephaniah 3, Jeremiah 31:23, Zephaniah 3:8,9

[36] Desert to bloom in Israel Isaiah 35:1

[37] Vineyards to be Rebuilt Amos 9:13-15

[38] Rebuilding of the Temple Revelation 11:1-2, Psalm 102:16

[39] Temple Sacrifices to Resume Daniel 9:27, 12:11

[40] Search for the Red Heifer Numbers 19:2-9

[41] Ancient cities rebuilt Amos 9:14, Ezekiel 36:33-38

[42] Time of the Gentiles Luke 21:24

[43] Peace Treaties 1 Thessalonians 5:3

[44] Attack on Jerusalem Zechariah 14:1-9

[45] Layout of Jerusalem Jeremiah 31:38-40, Zechariah 14:10

[46] The Eastern Gate to Jerusalem Remains Sealed Ezekiel 44:1-3

[47] Jerusalem Rebuilt on its Own Ruins Jeremiah 30:18, Zechariah 12:6

[48] Israel will dwell without Walls Ezekiel 38:8

[49] Return to Israel Isaiah 11:12, Ezekiel 36:24, Romans 11:26-27

Israel is back as a nation in the land for the first time in 1900 years fulfilling relevant prophecies.

Reviews includes – past, present and future of Israel, Sanhedrin, Vatican and Israel

[50] Return of the Ethiopian Jews to Israel Zephaniah 3:10-11

KING OF THE NORTH

[51] Alignment of the Northern bloc Ezekiel 38:1-9

The development of a Russian led block including Iran which is antagonistic to Israel

Review includes – The far north, Treaty with Iran, The "stan" states and Russia.

[52] Birds of Prey will eat Flesh Ezekiel 39:17, Revelation 19:17-21

KING OF THE SOUTH

[53] The King of the South Daniel 11:40-43

The development of groups of nations in Africa and the Middle East.

[54] Egypt will still exist though not Powerful Ezekiel 29:14-16

[55] The future of the Arabs Psalm 83:3-8

Review includes – OAU, United States of Africa, OPEC and Jihad.

[56] Future Revival in the Middle East Isaiah 19:16-25

[57] Damascus Destroyed Isaiah 17:1

There has been serious fighting around Damascus for a number of years.

KING OF THE EAST

[58] The King of the East Revelation 16:12-14

The rise of a powerful group of nations east of Israel and their ability to gain access the Middle East.

Review includes – China, Japan, Large populations, Access, Crossing the Euphrates.

KING OF THE WEST

[59] Ten Regions of the global empire Daniel 2:37-44

[60] Revived Roman Empire Revelation 13:1-5, 17:9-13

A dominant grouping of nations formed into a power block based on a unified Europe

Review includes – EU, EU President, Pope, Treaty of Rome, Relation with Israel, USA

PROPHECIES INVOLVING NATURAL EVENTS

The Natural signs are in three sections – Earthquakes, Famines and Diseases and Weather

EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOES

[61] Earthquake activity Matthew 24:7, Luke 21:7,11

The rate of seismic activity to increasing as the end times are approached.

FAMINES AND DISEASES

[62] Famines and diseases Matthew 24:7

Increase in famines associated with increasing global populations. Emergence of diseases.

WEATHER

[63] Weather disturbances Luke 21:25b

[64] Celestial and Terrestrial Disturbances Luke 21:25a

Increasingly disturbed weather patterns and natural disasters caused by them.

[65] Divine Global Warming Revelation 16:8-9

PROPHECIES CONCERNING MAN MADE AREAS

WORLD WAR AND PREPARATION FOR WAR

[66] World War Matthew 24:6-7

[67] Preparation for war Joel 3:9-12

[68] Nuclear War Joel 2:30-31, Zechariah 14:12

[69] Man able to Destroy all Life Matthew 24 21-22

[70] Ethnic Conflicts Luke 21:10

KNOWLEDGE AND TRAVEL

[71] Increase in Knowledge Daniel 12:4

[72] Christian Gospel to All Nations Mark 13:10

[73] Gospel Given to All Revelation 14:6-7

[74] Mass Conversions Revelation 7:9-17

[75] Two witnesses seen globally Revelation 11:9

[76] Air Travel Isaiah 60:8

[77] Travel Daniel 12:4

[78] Motorised travel Nahum 2:4

POLLUTION

[79] Pollution Revelation 8:10-11

[80] Environmental Devastation Revelation 11:18

MORAL DECLINE

[81] Moral decline 2 Timothy 3:1-4

[82] Sexual Immorality Jude 18, Revelation 9:21

[83] Homosexuality Luke 17:28-30

[84] Apostasy Matthew 24:3-5, 23-24

[85] Vegetarianism Promoted 1 Timothy 4:3-4

[86] Marriage Forbidden 1 Timothy 4:3a

[87] Blasphemy more Common 2 Timothy 3:2

[88] Noah's Flood Denied 2 Peter 3:5-6

[89] Corruption Luke 17:26

[90] False Christs Matthew 24:4-5

[91] False Bible Teachers 2 Peter 2:1-2

[92] Suicide Luke 21:25-26

[93] Occultism 1 Timothy 4:1-2

[94] Drug addiction Revelation 9:20-21

[95] Violence Matthew 24:12

[96] Fearful Sights Luke 21:11

[97] Immorality Luke 17:26

[98] Pursuit of Pleasure 2 Timothy 3:1-5

[99] Slavery Revelation 18:11-13

[100] Chronology – The Seventh Millennium

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

Is Global Chaos The New Norm? - It's a chaotic world out there, and it became even more chaotic during 2015. The Middle East is in flames, and not only Gaza but Syria, Iraq Yemen and Libya as well. Russia has massed troops on the border of Ukraine. Central Africa is a mess, as are Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Parts of Mexico and Central America are ruled by criminal gangs and drug cartels and those are merely the crises big enough to command front-page attention. Chaos is breaking out simultaneously in many regions, and governments are less capable of meeting those challenges than before.

Moreover, in an age of instant communication, conflicts can spread more readily. In the Middle East, the democratic uprisings of the Arab Spring led to anarchy in Libya, a counterrevolution in Egypt and a civil war in Syria. The war in Syria immediately became part of the larger, region wide conflict between Sunni and Shiite Muslims, and spread across the border into Iraq.

And with that, two epic struggles were joined: the political battle over who will govern the fractious nations of the Arab world, and a religious war between two major branches of Islam. These aren't the kind of conflicts that end quickly or neatly but they are scene setting events, preparing for **Ezekiel 38-39**, and then all other prophetic assertions to be fulfilled.

Note - God is in absolute control and his plan will be accomplished perfectly on time and in detail.

BIBLE PROPHECY AND CURRENT TRENDS

I commenced my study of Biblical Prophecy and Current Events some 40 years ago and as a result in 1983 produced a six audio tape lecture series on the Bible and Current Events. This forms the base data for the material up to that time.

Looking back over these years the amount of material on all of these apparently unrelated subjects is increasing and focused to such an extent that all the trends are able to be literally fulfilled in our generation.

A study of the trends of these events maturing at the same time provides strong circumstantial evidence that the history of our world, indeed of our civilisation, is based on Bible Prophecy and is heading towards a catastrophic climax. The rate at which the trends are all speeding towards finality shows that from the Christian viewpoint there is little doubt that the return of Christ is at hand. The Bridegroom will come for his Bride the Church and then come back as the King of the Jews to reign on earth in the Millennium.

GLOBAL PROPHECY TRENDS

This will comprise 4 different groups

ONE WORLD POLITICAL

ONE WORLD RELIGIOUS

ONE WORLD ECONOMIC

ONE WORLD CONDITIONING AND CONTROL

In each of these categories the following segments will occur:

BIBLICAL PROPHECY CONCERNING THE TREND

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS

ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT PROPHECIES

TREND 1 FORMATION OF A GLOBAL GOVERNMENT

PROPHECY Revelation 13:7 “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to conquer them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”

PROPHECY Revelation 13:16-18 “And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man may buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six ”.

COMMENTS

There have been many mentions of a “New World Order” over the last decades. It is almost as if the enemy is preparing people for his next move. The Bible teaches that the “New World Order” in its final form, which will not fully materialise until the Tribulation period, will be headed by a world leader/president who will be allowed to conquer the believers of that time and become leader over almost the whole world.

For the first time in history the technology required to control the world is now available and the Bible teaches that it will be used by the “world ruler”, the Anti-Christ figure. Technology can now be used to control purchase and sale of most items, and through the cashless monetary system monitor all people who are in the system, tracking them to within half a metre of any point of sale when they use their payment device.

All State benefits can be tied into this worship/control system, so that those who receive anything from any State, even to the “right” to hold property, must acknowledge the supremacy of the world ruler.

In this prophecy, where the famous number 666 occurs, it relates to two men who collaborate to force society to accept the world dictator as god in the same sense that Roman Emperors did around the time of Christ. All this has happened before, but without the technology to make it work fully. Just as occurred in the Roman Empire, emperor worship gives the “worshipper” access to the ability to buy and sell, receive medical care and other benefits, and own assets, but only subject to acknowledging the World Ruler as the “god-man”.

The person designated “he” in verse 16 is the ruler of Israel at that time. His job it is to get acceptance of the world dictator by Israelis, (the world ruler is called the “Beast” In verse 17), and they both have limited success for a limited time, but God is against them, and they will certainly fall. **Daniel 11:36-45**. On the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Second Advent both men are the first in history to be cast into the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 19:20**.

Since at least 1776, but traceable before through the “secret societies”, there has been a continuing attempt to bring in a New World Order including but not exclusively the secret societies like the “Illuminati”, The Round Table, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Council of Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg Group, Club of Rome, Parliamentarians for World Order, United Nations and Millennium Assembly.

In addition the concepts of the “Global Village”, “One World Market”, and Internationalism, instead of the Biblical concept of nations have been promoted as desirable to save the planet. These concepts have been cleverly introduced into the vocabulary of the nations, and are being used by all people now without the people understanding that they mean the loss of all individual freedoms.

For the very first time in history the technology to be able to have a viable “one world system” with a firm base of an economic cashless society is available as well as methods of control of the population. The catch cry of “saving the planet” is steadily preparing people to accept all forms of control to achieve the goal of global harmony or prosperity, when in fact it is global control by the Anti-Christ.

TREND 2 – GLOBAL GOVERNMENT HAVING TEN REGIONS

PROPHECY Daniel 7:23-25 “Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

COMMENTS

Daniel 2, 7, 8 and 9 give the outline of the great controlling Empires from his time to the Millennium. The fourth empire is different from the previous three, the Chaldean, Medio Persian and Greek Empires in that it “shall devour the whole earth”.

The fourth empire is the last empire before the return of Christ and is global in nature, although not in totality (**Daniel 11:36-45**). It is noted that the fourth empire in its original form was the Roman Empire but over the centuries it is probably best classified as Western Imperialism. It captures the deep drive within the West to dominate the world, by politics, power, trade in commodities and finance.

Daniel is further told that it is controlled by ten rulers and that a further ruler will arise in later days, who will “**subdue three kings** “. He will be anti God and severely oppress believers. This is the World Dictator who will reign supreme for the three and a half years immediately preceding the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. His period as ultimate ruler however will be preceded by a regional form of global governance.

Has such a regional system 10 split up been proposed for the world? “Yes” the Club of Rome, a powerful think tank did so in their 1972 report entitled, “Limits to Growth”. The ten groups were 1 – North America, 2- Western Europe, 3 Japan, 4 Rest of developed economies including Australasia, South Africa and Israel, 5 – Russia and Eastern Europe, 6 – Latin and South America, 7- North Africa and Middle East, 8 Main Africa, 9 – South and South East Asia and 10 – China and Central Planned Asia.

This format was proposed 40 years ago and so the groupings may be modified over time due to such events as the fall of the USSR, the removal of apartheid in South Africa and the changes in the Middle East. However the amalgamation of many of these groups is clearly progressing as outlined below.

THE TEN REGIONS (As First Proposed in 1972)



REGION 1 – North American Free Trade Agreement between Canada, Mexico and USA signed in 1992.

REGION 2 – Western Europe – The Maastricht Treaty also in 1992 and the Euro zone. Expanding East and South in content and in power projecting around the world. This is the seat of the final western dictator.

REGION 3 – Japan is a main trading nation and with Korea has incredible world impact.

REGION 4 – Post apartheid South Africa may join region 8 which would not have been seen in 1972. While the Pacific becomes its own region – the biblical “ends of the earth”. Israel joins the Middle Eastern region after the defeat of the last great invasion of the land before the Tribulation – **Ezekiel 38-39**.

REGION 5 – Russia with the expansion of the European Union has been promoting a Eurasian Union since 2011, and we see that developing with the Ukrainian troubles being the first of many “re-adjustments” there.

REGION 6 – Thirty Three Latin American leaders formed a new regional bloc called CELAC in 2011.

REGION 7 – Recently a number of long term secular dictators have been deposed in the “Arab Spring”.

REGION 8 – The Organisation of African Unity was founded in 1963.

REGION 9 – India is a wakening giant with over a billion population and extensive sphere of influence.

REGION 10 – China is a wakening giant with over a billion population and influencing east Asia.

The concept of 10 regions controlling the world and the ability economically to do so is clearly unique to this generation, as prior to 1960 many of the nations in these regions had not become independent states but were European colonies. It is also of interest that the number of regions is 10 as the Bible predicted.

The issues driving the “need” for the global government are often genuine, but over emphasized to speed up the handing over of power to centralized government. Issues such as the environment, war, children's issues, people trafficking, weapons of mass destruction, genocide, pandemic diseases, justice, economic corruption, cross border crime, and the “prosperity” that can only come if the individual nations give up their powers for the “greater good”. The solution to these problems however, always tend to become worse than the original problem itself.

From the above we can see that wittingly or unwittingly the world is being moulded into a form of globalisation to a far greater extent than in any previous generation. The danger of central computer storage of all data is that it would have all relevant data on every person to control them totally if they remained in the economic system. It could also spy on every home through the internet, mobile phones and television itself. The system is referred to by many as “Big Brother”.

The joke of the 1970s that “big brother is watching you” is now no joke at all. In early 2015 it was reported that new televisions which can be worked by voice are able to record what is said in conversations in the room, bringing a new facet of intrusion into the home.

Central control of data becomes the pathway to the control of individuals, especially those addicted to technology and who kid themselves that the internet and its associated technologies are “safe” and “secure”.

GOD'S VIEW OF NATIONS AND RACES

1. God has set the geographical and historical boundaries for nations (**Acts 17:26, Genesis 10:25; Deuteronomy 32:8**).

Three Categories of Nations – Geographical, Racial and Linguistic and you can also have a combination of any of the three.

2. All nations and races are descended from Noah's three sons Ham, Shem and Japheth (**Genesis 9:19**).

3. The nations were dispersed after the Tower of Babel (**Genesis 11:9**).

4. Internationalism and one-worldism is therefore against the will of God plan for the human race (cf. Genesis 11:4,9). Satan however is attempting to unite the world under his control as a counterfeit to the Millennium, when Christ will reign as King.

God has ordained nationalism rather than internationalism. Internationalism has two systems: a) Religion, b) Political – World Brotherhood.

5. Nations are established by God to protect the freedoms and rights of people so that they may serve God peacefully and not be dominated by sinful man (**1 Timothy 2:1-2**).

6. The importance of free will - a government should not force people to accept or reject Christianity.

7. Freedoms in a nation are to be protected:

- a) Externally by military forces. Believers should defend their own country.
- b) Internally by police forces and courts (**Romans 13:4**).

8. The effectiveness of believers within a nation determines its blessing or cursing (**Deuteronomy 11:26-28, Genesis 18:17-33, Matthew 5:13**).

9. When nations become evil, God must destroy them. Examples include:

- a) Amorites (**Genesis 15:16, Deuteronomy 7:2**)
- b) Chaldea (**Daniel 5**).

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO THE TRENDS PRIOR TO 1978

THE ORIGINAL WORLD DICTATOR - NIMROD

Nimrod was the great grandson of Noah through Ham and Cush. He was probably very dark in complexion as the Cushites were the original Ethiopians. Nimrod is said to be a great warrior before the Lord. (**Genesis 10:8,9**).

Nimrod had an extensive kingdom, including the great cities of Babel (Babylon), Erech (Warka), Accad (Agade), Calneh and all the land of Shinar. This was the location of the tower of Babel. Hamurabbi, the great law-giver who lived about the time of Abraham, rebuilt the tower of Babel. He dedicated it to Nimrod (Marduk), the original builder. The tower was one of the wonders of the ancient world at this time and a focal point for internationalism. Nimrod's extensive empire and strength combined to make him a formidable leader and conceivably the first world ruler after the flood. Nimrod's land also included inner Assyria, called the land of Nimrod in **Micah 5:6**, between Nineveh and Calah.

EVALUATION: **Genesis 11**

- a) The whole world after the Ark landed on Ararat was of one language and speech (verse 1).
- b) After wandering for some while, they came to the plain of Shinar and dwelt there (verse 2).
- c) God had told them to multiply and inhabit the earth (**Genesis 9:7**).
- d) Man, however, remained centralised in the plain of Shinar where they constructed a tower (verses 3,4).
- e) The purpose of the tower was to reach heaven from the earth and to rebel against God's orders (verse 4).
- f) God knew that all of mankind concentrated in one place would cause severe problems for their future (verses 5,6).
- g) He caused a myriad of languages to come upon man to force them into national units (verse 7).
- h) With the various languages, the people on the plain of Shinar disperse and migrate to fill the earth (v 8).
- i) The name of the place was called Babel because of the confusion of languages (verse 9).

PRINCIPLES

- a) Concentration of power causes oppression and degeneracy (**Revelation 13:16-18**).
- b) God promotes nationalism and judges internationalism. There is no such thing as the brotherhood of man. Man is divided into two groups: believers who are children of God (**Romans 8:14-17**), and unbelievers who are children of the devil (**John 8:44**).
- c) God confused tongues (languages) at the Tower of Babel. God gave the gift of tongues in the early church to give the gospel in foreign languages (**1 Corinthians 12-14**).
- d) Man is always attempting by his own works to pull God down from heaven. God judges man's works and will not allow man to operate outside His plan (**Numbers 22-24**).
- e) Babel and the Church:
 - i) Started in unity - the church started in unity being in one place in one accord (**Acts 2:1**).
 - ii) Ambition for power - a power struggle commenced in the church with several bishoprics attempting to gain supreme power (**1 Peter 5:3**).
 - iii) Man-made unity - under the medieval papacy the church was one over a large area of the known world with one language, Latin. This is Religious internationalism.
 - iv) Confusion of languages - the reformation caused each country to worship and have the Bible in their own languages. This is Christian nationalism.

[For global remembrances of the combination of a tower and division of languages please see pages 21 and 22 of book 132 on EBCWA website or on a disc entitled "The Chinese and Creation"]

THE START OF MODERN ONE-WORLDISM - THE ILLUMINATI

In modern times the Illuminati founded by Professor Adam Weishaupt on May 1st 1776 was the first major attempt at international control. Weishaupt was trained as a Jesuit but became heavily involved with the occult and became a Satanist. His movement rapidly infiltrated the Masonic lodges in France.

The Illuminati played a major role in the French Revolution of 1789-94, using the "Jacobin Club" as their vehicle. They called for a "new world order" and "universal republic". In 1847 a new Illuminati society called the Communist League was formed. This group commissioned Karl Marx to write the Communist Manifesto in 1848. The Communists adopted the six points of the Illuminate doctrine.

The aims of the Illuminati can be summarised in the following six points:

- (a) Abolition of monarchy and all ordered government
- (b) Abolition of private property.
- (c) Abolition of inheritance.
- (d) Abolition of patriotism.
- (e) Abolition of the family.
- (f) Abolition of religion and its replacement with reason.

THE ROUND TABLE, RIIA, CFR, AND TLC

In 1891 Cecil Rhodes, who through his will founded the Rhodes Scholarship Scheme, devoted his fortune to promoting his lifelong dream of a new world order and a world government. He established a society known as the Round Table Group. International bankers such as Lord Rothschild were involved in the society from the beginning.

During the 20th century offshoot groups from the Illuminati such as the Royal Institute of International Affairs [RIIA] in England and the Commonwealth, and the Council of Foreign Relations [CFR] in the United States have been formed. Most of the leaders in the United States and the United Kingdom are members of these societies.

A new group called the Trilateral Commission [TLC] controls the RIIA and CFR having delegates from America, Europe and Asia. The organisation's aim is to set up a one world government. To this end the upper power structure has under it three pyramids Economic, Political and Religious.

World banking is controlled through the Central Bank system and the IMF which aims to set up a cashless society. The Bible teaches that all religions are to unite with occultism under the World Council of Churches [WCC]. Politically a One World System will be set up through trade with the 10 fold division of the world.

THE BILDERBERG GROUP

Founded in 1954 with Jozef Retinger from Poland as secretary until 1960, Bilderberg is an annual conference designed to foster dialogue between Europe and North America. Every year, between 120-150 political leaders and experts from industry, finance, academia and the media are invited to take part in the conference. About two thirds of the participants come from Europe and the rest from North America; one third from politics and government and the rest from other fields.

The conference is a forum for informal discussions about megatrends and major issues facing the world. The meetings are held under the Chatham House Rule, which states that participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s) nor of any other participant may be revealed.

Thanks to the private nature of the conference, the participants are not bound by the conventions of their office or by pre-agreed positions. As such, they can take time to listen, reflect and gather insights. There is no detailed agenda, no resolutions are proposed, no votes are taken, and no policy statements are issued.

Wikipedia mentions over 300 people who have served in the Bilderberg group since its inception. The list of these people and their positions are interesting to go through with a large number of them prominent enough to make the news regularly. The list is unlikely to be complete. It shows however they are a very high powered group.

They include people from 24 countries mainly in Europe and North America. There are 8 Royalty from 5 European countries, 42 Prime Ministers or Presidents. They also have representatives in Military, Financial, Academic and Prominent Areas. You can do further study on the Internet

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

The Australian publication Electors Voice of September 1978 warned of the New International Economic Order saying that only a last minute effort could warn the Australian population of this Orwellian idea. Born out of ideas originally proposed by John Maynard Keynes the architect of the International Monetary Fund [IMF] the proposition has been increasingly refined since it was endorsed by the United Nation General Assembly in 1974. [Follow the latest developments on the internet on the IMF site.](#)

It now embraces four main aspects:

- [1] The elevation of the IMF into a World Central Bank with power to regulate and control the financial policy of all member nations
- [2] The establishment of a new international currency to be called BANCOR created and controlled by the World Central Bank becoming the only acceptable means of payment between nations

[3] The establishment of an Integrated Programme of Commodities [IPC] with 18 international commodity boards controlling the production, distribution and stockpiling of the worlds primary products including foodstuffs, textiles and minerals

[4] The transfer of productive resources from developed nations to under developed nations in the third world

The effect of such a plan on a resource rich nation such as Australia would be catastrophic. It would be a deliberate sell out of our constitution, sovereignty and free enterprise. That being so many Australian would find it difficult to believe that our government would be involved in such a project. Incredibly though this is true. A select committee in Canberra has been appointed to take evidence on the NIEO which is one of many groups working towards a One World Government.

It should be remembered that the One World Government is not a government elected by the people of the world within a fair and free multiparty system. Such a government would have no more chance of solving problems than any national government in their own nation.

Professor C Quigley from Georgetown University who was also a member of the CFR stated:--"I have been close to the network for much of my life and have no aversion with all its aims. I have studied the network for twenty years and for two years in the early 1960's was permitted to examine its secret papers and records.

Its role in history is significant. Its aim is nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole.

The individual will be controlled through this one world government system by the fact that they will be numbered from birth and followed as a number through his education, training, military or public service, tax contributions, health and medical benefits, final retirement and death benefits. They organise wars and depressions to accomplish their aims".

Concerning the founders of the conspiracy who controlled world finances he said "The substantive financial power in the world is in the hands of these merchant bankers who remain largely behind the scenes. They have formed a system of international cooperation and national dominance which is more secret and powerful than their agents in the central banks". Quigley admits that the CFR and RIIA are powerful network fronts for the houses of Morgan, Rockefeller and an extension of the Round Table

This godless society operates in an exceedingly efficient manner. It makes use of every possible means at its disposal be they scientific, social, technical or economic. It follows a perfectly mapped out strategy, it holds almost complete sway in international organisations, in financial circles, in the field of mass communication, press, cinema and television. Follow their internet sites.

Professor Stuart Crane [Economics] Concerning the manipulation of European history he says " If you look back at every war in Europe in the 19th century you will see that the war ended with the establishment of a balance of power and a new grouping around the House of Rothschild in England, France or Austria.

They grouped nations so that if any king got out of line war would break out and the war's outcome would be decided by which way the financing went. Researching the debt situation would show which of the nations were to be punished."

CLUB OF ROME

Most people think of the Club of Rome as a distinguished group of industrialists, scientists, economists and bankers. It is in fact a group of a hundred men from at least 25 nations who came together to form the Club of Rome group.

Their leader, Dr Peccei, stated that "The only possible way to make these decisions is to take a global approach. A New International Order will have to be established not just in the economic sphere, but in social and political areas as well".

The Club of Rome came to prominence with the publication of a doomsday book called "The Limits to Growth" The book predicted apocalyptic famines and world collapse in the near future unless every possible step was taken immediately to rectify the world's multiple problems.

The Club's solutions to global problems were:

- (1) A global approach to the problem.
- (2) Investment aid rather than commodity aid, except food.
- (3) Balanced economic development in all regions.
- (4) Effective population policies.
- (5) Worldwide diversification of industry.

In "Mankind at the Turning Point" the Club of Rome divided the world into ten sections:

- (1) North America.
- (2) Western Europe.
- (3) Japan.
- (4) Rest of developed economies including Israel, South Africa and Australasia.
- (5) Eastern Europe, including Russia.
- [6] Latin America.
- (7) North Africa and the Middle East.
- (8) Main Africa.
- (9) South and South-East Asia.
- [10] Central planned Asia, including China.

As we have seen there are ten divisions in a world wide final kingdom prophesied by Daniel over 25 centuries ago. It is of interest that the Club of Rome divided the world into ten regions as part of their global solution.

With the sophistication of computers we in 2015 are in a position to set up a system as outlined by John in **Revelation 13:16-18**. With current economic and social problems causing world wide concern the stage is set for a New Economic Order. With global population increasing to 7.25 billion by the year 2015 a global policy is obviously needed from a human standpoint. Refer to www.worldometers.info/ to discover the statistics relating to this and other world problems.

The Club of Rome is but one of many groups which are working towards a one world goal. Constance Cumbeys in her tapes states that she has a list of these organisations ranging from Amnesty International to Zero Population Growth. They also include Parliamentarians for World Order. Internet search for her material – it is well documented.

PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR WORLD ORDER [PWO] NOW CALLED PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION [PGA]

This is a group of 550 legislators in 18 countries working in national parliaments and at the United Nations to help build a more just and secure international world system. The PWO's objectives are :

- (a) To promote the cause of world institutions and enforceable world law.
- (b) The peoples of the world to become a single community through parliamentary action.
- (c) Within the framework of the United Nations to form an international parliamentary system for supra nationalism at the world level: similar to the European Parliament
- (d) To use simultaneous legislation in 20 or so countries, backing proposals on disarmament and support of the United Nations to stimulate internationalism.

The first steps of the PWO occurred during 1980 when it linked up six parliamentary groups for world law in Japan, Britain, Canada, India, France and Norway and quickly expanded its memberships in other countries in Africa, Europe, Asia and the Pacific.

In September of that year a meeting of 15 legislatures was organised at the United Nations General Assembly to introduce a proposal for a Parliamentary Forum.

In December 1980 the PWO endorsed the United Nations report by Willi Brandt entitled "North-South, a Programme for Survival". This paper called for wide-ranging reforms of the international system. In February 1981 a PWO office was opened at the United Nations and this was the site of the first Forum later that year.

In a forum they held in September 1981 there were a number of interesting titles of papers presented:

- (a) Security, who opposes disarmament?
- (b) Development, who opposes the new international economic order?
- (c) United Nations reform, is a world police force workable?
- (d) Law of the Sea, a case history in world law.
- (e) Parliamentary action, a dialogue on the problem of promoting world order policies.
- (f) The politics of human survival.

Follow their website and discover their current policies.

UNITED NATIONS [UN]

The United Nations was founded at the Dumbarton Oaks conference from the 21st August to the 28th September 1944, with founding members comprising the United States, United Kingdom and Russia.

Immediately, afterwards the Republic of China was included and given lifetime membership of the Security Council.

The United Nations has a constitution which parallels that of the Soviet Union. It comprises many world-wide groups, including the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Court, the World Bank, the World Food Bank, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNCAFE.

Whilst ostensibly a peace keeping organisation, the United Nations was accused of atrocities in the Belgian Congo. Their weakness now is the result of some military forces being given a task that their leadership is not able to do. They want to "solve" this by building a professional army. In reality the United Nations is a monolithic bureaucracy with tentacles reaching into every area of human activity. It is a device to bring the whole world under centralised control.

On August 23rd 1970 U Thant the Secretary General of the UN, addressed the 14th World Congress of the World Association of World Federalists in Ottawa Canada, and said, "A world under law is realistic and obtainable. The ultimate crisis before the UN is the crisis of authority".

He envisaged an executive with substantially greater powers than those now exercised by the Secretary General of the UN; a judiciary system modelled after the World Court; decisions enforced by a World Police Force under the command of the world executive.

Would man be willing to resign such power to the UN seeing the dominance of Centralism? To many the answer is yes.

One person said "If the price of avoiding all out thermonuclear wars would prove to be acquiescence to the communistic domination of the world it seems probable that such a price would be paid

It is of interest that as of 2015 Australia has signed up to 336 treaties with other countries with a large number of them involving the United Nations. For list of treaties see Appendix B

COMMENTS

The issues driving the "need" for the global government are often genuine but over emphasized such as environment, war, children's issues, weapons of mass destruction, genocide, justice and equity. The solution to these problems however sometimes becomes worse than the problem itself.

Eventually the global solution will come into existence with the rider of the white horse in **Revelation 6:1,2 [96 AD] "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

The rider is the World Dictator, his bow is unstrung. He comes in by subtlety and conquers with a dramatic solution to the world's problems. From the above we can see that wittingly or unwittingly the world is being moulded into a form of globalisation to a far greater extent than in any previous eras.

The danger of central computers is that they would have all relevant data on every person and they could spy on every home as in George Orwell's book is well recognised. The system is referred to as Big Brother

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRENDS

1978 – The recognition of Communist China by the USA and the formers rapid emergence into the world scene

1979 – The increase by 50% of projected world population by 2000 with its problems could be eased by a one world system coming into being.

The UNCTAD meeting in Manilla [7th May to 3rd June] which was attended by nearly all countries in order to internationalise trade in minerals and primary products See details of UNCTAD on internet

Ninety six non aligned countries complete talks in Havana Cuba.

1982 – What kind of world? An international organisation to promote a worldwide grassroots political coalition of groups has been launched in New York.

The organisations aims are summed up in its title. The Planetary Initiative for the World We Choose. The initiative was launched by the Dean of the Cathedral of St John the Divine New York the Very Reverend James Parkes Moreton and the well known Professor of Biochemistry and author Dr Isaac Asimov. Its President and Founder is Donald Keyes.

The Initiative claims among its endorsers many writers, ministers of religion, politicians and professors as well as support from institutions ranging from US and European Universities, the Club of Europe, Amnesty International, the UN, the British House of Lords, the Canadian House of Commons and the International Court of Justice.

Weather data in a new language. Reporting of weather observations in Australia became part of a international language on January 1st. More than 400 part time observers employed by the Department of Meteorology including 75 in Western Australia have switched to a new numerical code as part of its world wide introduction by the World Meteorological Organisation Association.

1983 - The West Australian gives an example of the use of computer files. By 1983 the medical record of every patient who had entered Royal Perth Hospital since 1954 was on a computerised master index. The hospital deputy administrator told a conference that there were more than 400,000 patients listed. [In 2015 central control of data is now "normal"]

1985 - **The Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies** is dedicated to fashioning a New World Order and with a membership that reads like a global Who's Who. They believe they have an excellent chance of success. However according to Mortimer Adler who has constructed a programme of Globalist education there is only one group standing in the way God fearing, Bible believing, non compromising Christians.

A New Age Globalist group promoting one world government promotes The Spirit of Peace conference in Malta sponsored by the UN University of Peace

1986 – Mainline denominations have been subverted to accept and promote the programmes of world government. The Bishops of the United Methodist Church in the US in a pastoral letter stated "the burden of interdependence call increasingly for common institutions shared sovereignty and supranational authority or in other words a One World Government.

1988 - **Time magazine of December 19th spoke of "The Gorbachev Challenge"**. Much of the first half of the 20th century was dominated by the death spasms of international system based on shifting European alliances. The subsequent 40 years has been shaped by a struggle between two rival superpowers for military and ideological supremacy in all corners of a decolonised globe. Now comes Mikhail Gorbachev with a sweeping vision of a NWO for the 21st century. His vision involved transforming the economy of armament to an economy of disarmament.

The Global Conference of Spiritual and Parliamentary leaders met to discuss the subject of Human Survival at Oxford University. Delegates discussed [a] the relevance and importance of collaboration of parliamentarians in the affairs of human survival, [b] What is the methodology of collaboration, internationally, nationally and at the grass roots and [c] What are the issues of human survival that the two groups agree have the highest importance.

- 1991 - At the commencement of the Gulf War both President Bush and Prime Minister Bob Hawke of Australia announced that this was the "start of a New World Order".
- 1992 - The UN appears ready to revive a little known provision in its charter that calls for a UN standing army. This is the first concrete evidence of President Bush's celebrated New World Order. President Mitterand of France called for the UN army during the Security Council summit in New York telling others that the "law of the jungle" had to stop.

He received significant backing from the Russian president Boris Yeltsin who advocated a Global Defence System under the control of the UN. He said that the world must deal with renegade regimes with sanctions or stronger measures.

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on May 7th at Fulton Missouri called for the creation of a global government to guide the world as it stands at a historic turning point.

He said the UN should be restructured and greatly strengthened so that it could shape world events in a new epoch and ensure a lasting peace.

Dire predictions of ecologists and environmentalists have panicked national leaders around the world into participating in one of history's biggest summits the UN Conference on Environment and Development [UNCED] also known as the 1992 Earth Summit.

The Rio de Janeiro summit could prove to be a battleground between the North [developed industrial nations] and the South [developing nations]

- 1995 **The United Nations commission on Global Governance** published a report entitled, "Our Global Neighbourhood". The report made a number of recommendations for changes to the United Nations including
- [a] A system of global taxation which will free the UN from being reliant on members dues to function.
 - [b] A standing UN army based on funds provided by the global taxation
 - [c] An International Criminal Court which was accomplished in Rome in July 1998 having international jurisdiction
 - [d] Expanded authority for the Secretary General which will convert him to a global Prime Minister
 - [e] An Economic Security Council which will manage international finances Regulation of global trade through the World Trade Organisation and GATT
 - [f] UN authority over global commons such as oceans and all sovereign areas which affect oceans
 - [g] An end to veto power of permanent Security Council members
 - [h] A new parliamentary body of civil society representatives

Twenty years later we see advancement of the concept of global taxation and removal of the UN veto powers

- 2000 - In early September around 150 national leaders gathered for a three day summit at the UN in New York. It was the largest gathering ever. Many world leaders had a chance to give 5 minute talks with some of the heads of industrialised nations highlighting the need to combat world poverty as the top global priority.

Secretary General Kofi Annan has a vision of a "moral world order" a world filled with dignified people, a world where people do not hack each other to pieces and where the rich are genuinely concerned about the appalling suffering around the world.

The U N Millennium Assembly assembled whose purpose is to create a global parliament. The new parliament will begin as an advisory body but the ultimate goal is to convert it into a global law making body. A follow up conference took place in September 2005 to monitor progress. Some of the proposals were:-

[a] Establishing some kind of consultative assembly to which parliaments all over the world would appoint representatives

[b] An assembly directly elected by the peoples of the world

[c] Direct democracy by way of the internet so that any world citizen could vote on any items they could so choose at any time. This would be an electronic form of the only true democracy that of 5th century BC Athens. However it would be a total deception with every vote or opinion traceable.

Gary Davis, coordinator of the Executive Committee of World Government of World Citizens is making plans to convene a World Constitutional Convention in New Zealand. He says "By registering as a citizen of the World Government of World Citizens you are joining a fast growing sovereign constituency which has committed itself to establishing social, economic and political justice throughout the world."

2001 - **The World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance** held in early September in Durban South Africa was attended by delegates from 153 nations . If the conference was a foretaste of a harmonious New World Order it was not impressive with the Sunday Times describing it as "the conference that became a tower of Babel.

The 57 member **Organisation of the Islamic Conference** has blocked a UN treaty designed to combat international terrorism demanding that national liberation movements including Palestinian militants fighting Israel be excepted from the pacts provisions.

2002 - On April 10 US Secretary of State Colin Powell met with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana and Russian foreign minister Igor Ivanov. The four leaders have stressed the need for the "quartet" to act in unison in relation to the conflict going on in Israel. The UN and EU gave Powell the same message meet Arafat.

It is of interest that George Bush had said If you use terrorism you are a terrorist, if you harbour terrorists you are a terrorist, if you finance terrorism you are a terrorist. Arafat had done all three so why was he still considered a statesman and a partner for peace?.

2003 - **The UN plan dubbed "Our Global Neighbourhood"** calls for the strengthening of the UN by implementing a number of recommendations including

[a] Eliminating the power of veto and permanent member status in the Security Council

[b] Authorising global taxation on currency exchange

[c] Creating an International Criminal Court

[d] Creating a standing army under command of the Secretary General

[e] Creating a new Economic Security Council

[f] Creating a new People's Assembly

[g] Regulating multinational corporations

[h] Controlling the manufacture, sale and distribution of all firearms

In March 18 judges were sworn in at the **International Criminal Court at the Hague**. 89 countries now back the court which is to provide justice for genocide crimes against humanity and war crimes where national courts fail. The United States, China, Russia, India and Israel do not support the court at this time

2007 - The UN has criticised the Sudanese government's use of red tape to delay deployment of a hybrid UN-African Union [AU] force to Darfur. The AU peacekeepers are going to become a 26,000 joint UN-AU peacekeeping group in January 2008

2008 - On June 7 the Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, Condoleezza Rice, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton were amongst a host of over 125 global power brokers who all convened in Chantilly Virginia to secretly discuss the future of the world yet not one mainstream US corporate media outlet has uttered a single word about the 2008 Bilderberg conference.

2009 **The climate control conference in Copenhagen** is seen as an opportunity to encourage the implementation of global governance over manufacture with the further breaking down of national boundaries.

This will be a major step in the formation of a one world government. A controversial clause ushering in a new global "government" was dropped at the meeting. [See the **UN report "21 Issues for the 21st Century"** in 2012 [Appendix C as well as **Agenda 21** covered in Trend 17 below

The following items reinforced a general trend towards the reduction of national sovereignty and movement towards a global format over this period

[i] The global financial recession and the calling of a swine flu pandemic demonstrates a borderless world

[ii] **The European Commission** wants the US government to dissolve all links with the body that governs the internet which is based in California and operates under an agreement with the US Department of Commerce shifting it to an Internet G12. In 2015 this is underway with the US due to relinquish control in September.

[iii] **Pope Benedict called for a World Political Authority** to manage the world economy to pull the world out of the current crisis and avoid a repeat. Leaders from 50 developing countries meeting in Egypt called for the establishment of a New World Order to prevent a similar crisis in economic meltdown occurring again.

[iv] According to Dr Henry Kissinger the Nobel prize winner conflicts across the globe and an international respect for Barack Obama have created the perfect setting for a "New World Order"

[v] An emerging global elite of the **World Economic Forum** meeting in Davos Switzerland propose to consider using global media to "educate" global citizens

[vi] British PM Gordon Brown at the G 20 meeting in London said "I think a New World Order is emerging with the foundation of a new progressive era of international co operation"

[vii] Trans Texas Corridor, part of the NAFTA Highway that links Mexico to Canada through USA as an integral cog of the North American Union is back on the agenda.

[viii] The effect of the volcano in Iceland on global air travel

2010 At the opening of the 65th annual session the new General Assembly President wants the UN and its 192 nations to be a centre of global government.

Move at the 9th conference of the **Asian Cooperation Dialogue** to support the concept of an Asian Union.

E U population tops 500 million

2011 Pope Benedict stated that the world's nations need to transfer part of their powers to a world authority and that there is an urgent need for a true world political authority.

Thirty-three Latin American leaders have come together and formed a new regional bloc, pledging closer economic and political ties. The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) pointedly excludes the US and Canada.

Vladimir Putin wants to bring ex Soviet states into a Eurasian Union. This would build on the existing customs union with Belarus and Kazakhstan which from 2012 will remove all barriers to trade, capital and labour. He will move to cement the economic integration of the Eurasian Union with strong central authority.

EU chief says nation states are dead and pushes for Eurozone super state – region 2

- 2012 The UN report “21 Issues for the 21st Century” is said to be a clarion call for “global governance” over how the Earth is managed. It suggests actions to save humanity from starvation, the overheating planet and the collapse of the world’s oceans. The options for action include new “constitutional frameworks”, international protocols” and a shared vision requiring significant changes in treaties and governments. [Detailed report available on internet, note also UN summit due in September 2015]

Vatican’s chief foreign policy official Archbishop Mamberti told the UN General Assembly that he is disappointed there is no world government yet!

The UN has produced a working document called “**Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development**” which if adopted by a government would make null and void any national, state or local law that did not conform to it. The UN wants to introduce Global Carbon Taxes, Global Safety Nets and a One World Green Economy.

Continuous civil unrest in Syria in an attempt to remove one of the last long term dictators in the Middle East

In June Chile, Peru, Colombia and Mexico signed an accord creating the Pacific Alliance to more deeply integrate their economies, and develop new trade links with the Asia-Pacific region. The creation of the Latin American bloc -- with a total of 215 million consumers and a combined gross domestic product of more than \$2 trillion -- was proposed last year in Lima.

- 2013 At the Export – Import Banking Conference in Washington US Vice President Joe Biden called for the creation of a “new world order” with new financial institutions, updated global rules, a level playing field and a prosperous China

New UN Power Structure? World Leaders Call for End to Veto Power. World leaders demanded Security Council reform during their addresses to the UN General Assembly over the past few days, calling for the addition of more permanent and non-permanent seats on the council and the elimination of the veto. “The world is bigger than five,” Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said referencing the five countries with veto power – the US, Britain, France, China, and Russia. Heads of state from across the globe echoed his call for immediate reform.

Putin - Key Player in the New World Order. Concerns raised largely in the West with regards to the so called “New Cold War” is but a convenient smokescreen diverting the world’s attention to the fact that Putin and his publicly accepted allies are actually working in tandem with the West towards one major mutual goal.

Putin’s goal happens to be the establishment of a ‘New World Order’: a common euphemized expression for a system of political and economic global governance and control over humanity. He often refers to his vision as the imposition of a new, “multi-polar” world order. But a growing amount of evidence shows that it is exactly the same order sought by globalist Western powerbrokers.

U S President Barack Obama said “As for the international order that we have worked on for generations to build. The ordinary men and women are too small minded to govern their own affairs. Order and progress can only come when individuals surrender their rights to an all powerful sovereign”

- 2014 **14th July** – Russian President Vladimir Putin and Argentine counterpart Cristina Kirchner called for a multi polar world order as Moscow sought to boost ties with Latin America amid heightening east west tensions.

25th July – U S President Barack Obama said people are anxious – the understatement of the year. Part of people’s concern is just the sense that around the world the old order is not holding and yet we are not quite to where we need to be in terms of a new order that is based on a different set of principles such as a sense of common humanity, that is formed on economics that work for all people. This means that he has called for a new world order and clearly from his actions is an active apostle/evangelist of the new order.

In May 2013 Obama had said, "As for the international order that we have worked on for generations to build. The ordinary men and women are too small minded to govern their own affairs. Order and progress can only come when individuals surrender their rights to an all powerful sovereign". Each one of these powerful men believes he is the one to control things! Pride is the hallmark "fruit" of the satanic.

October – US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said we were living through historic, defining times that will result in a "new world order". Part of that "new world order" means putting Israel "back in its place" as a second rate power with the Arabs. Peace in the Middle East is being pushed "at any price" by many.

2015 **3rd April** American Vice President Biden said to Jewish Americans, "You understand in your bones that no matter how hospitable, no matter how consequential, no matter how engaged, no matter how deeply involved you are in the United States ... there is really only one absolute guarantee, and that's the state of Israel," Biden expressed to Jewish leaders, who were wary about the point he was trying make.

In Israel, Biden's comment has been viewed as nothing less than an inadvertent prophetic warning for Jewish Americans, especially considering Biden's resonance with this demographic that predominantly votes for liberal Democrats such as himself.

"Of course, it can and has been argued that Biden's point of view is correct, and that ultimately even the Jews of America will have no choice but to flee to the relative safety of Israel," reported Israel Today magazine. "Much has been made of rising anti-Semitism in Europe, but the same is true of the United States of late."

The Israel-based publication demonstrated how Biden's foreboding words should be taken as more than his typical gaffe. "They might also be a very prescient warning of things to come," the magazine offered. "The annual Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents published by the Anti-Defamation League revealed a 21 percent increase in anti-Semitism incidents in the U.S. in 2014."

The Dalai Lama has threatened a Chinese Communist Minister with the concept that the Dalai Lama will not reincarnate when he dies. The minister says that he must reincarnate and seems rather nervous about the situation. It is all about control I guess!

STATUS OF THE TEN REGIONS

Status of the ten regions in 2014

Region 1 - North American Free Trade Agreement between Canada, Mexico and USA signed in 1992

2013 - October 24, - Shortly after the U.S. government shutdown ended, President Barack Obama declared that he wanted immigration legislation back on the agenda, A White House-backed push by pro-immigration groups including high-technology companies eager to obtain visas for workers was derailed by the 16-day government shutdown and fight over the debt limit.

When three countries meld into one, citizenship becomes a key issue. Overnight, as the new super nation is declared, all American citizens, all Canadian citizens and all Mexican citizens will become "North American Citizens".

This new immigration bill is designed to grant all illegal immigrants a pathway to American citizens. And, once these workers are American citizens, it will be fairly easy to one day declare them North American citizens, along with everyone else living in Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

Region 2 – Western Europe – The Maastricht Treat also in 1992 and the Euro zone.

The European Union (EU) continues its final steps to becoming a nation in every way, i.e., having its own currency, Parliament, and Prime Minister. The EU has finalized the location of its capital.

On November 20 members of the European Parliament voted 483-141 to end the longstanding practice of convening for four days each month in Strasbourg, France.

If passed, this measure would confine the European Union's sole elected body to the primary capital of Brussels, Belgium, and allow its government to operate "more efficiently."

Federal Europe Will Be 'A Reality In A Few Years' [Daily Telegraph UK] The president of the European Commission Mr Barroso has fanned the flames of British debate over EU membership by insisting that fiscal union in the eurozone will lead to "intensified political union" for all 27 member states.

"This is about the economic and monetary union but for the EU as a whole," he said. "The commission will, therefore, set out its views and explicit ideas for treaty change in order for them to be debated before the European elections.

We want to put all the elements on the table, in a clear and consistent way, even if some of them may sound like political science fiction today. They will be reality in a few years' time." His announcement that he will set out plans for a European federation next spring, before elections to the European Parliament in May 2014, will further deepen Conservative divisions over the EU.

Region 3 – Japan is a main trading nation

Japan's status has not developed observably over the period. It still has major problems from the nuclear problems at Fukushima which occurred in 2011

Region 4 – Consists of the rest of Developed Market economies including Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Oceania

The original Club of Rome layout included South Africa and Namibia. At the time of the plan in 1972 South Africa and South West Africa [Namibia] were under an apartheid regime. Economically South Africa and Namibia could stay in Region 4 but would probably join region 8 as its rational region. Since its transition to a democratic style of government under perpetual African rule post apartheid region 8 is becoming more likely.

With Australia, New Zealand and Oceania being homogenous with democratic governments, a high degree of commonality in the English language and finance this region, without South Africa and Namibia is ready for incorporation into a One World Political format.

In 2013 Australasia's main function would appear to provide minerals and food with large scale manufacturing being sent off shore. This was further emphasised by the future closure of the car industry

Region 5 – Russia with the expansion of the European Union has been promoting a Eurasian Union in 2011

In 2013 it was stated that the EU will not accept a 'veto' by Russia on the bloc's ties with former Soviet republics, European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso has said. Speaking at an EU meeting in Lithuania, Mr Barroso said the era of 'limited sovereignty was over in Europe'. The summit however failed to revive an association agreement with Ukraine that was due to be its centrepiece."

What events were transpiring now in the Ukraine, Russia and the European Union that triggered this kind of statement from the EU president? The Ukraine is still being wooed by the EU to cut her ties with Russia so she can join the European Union!

But, this action is not part of the official plan nor is it in conformity with the line up of nations in the Northern Confederacy. There is still conflict in Ukraine with the Ukrainian government seeking closer ties with Russia even though high officials from the EU have met with the Ukrainian government.

Meanwhile, Russia was counterattacking the European initiative. In 2013 President Yanukovich froze plans to sign Ukraine's trade deal. EU leaders said in a statement that they "strongly" disapproved of Moscow's pressure on Ukraine not to sign - while Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the EU of 'blackmail'. Analysts say Russia worked hard to undermine the EU agreement with Ukraine, which it sees as a strategically vital partner. Putin had threatened to cut the Ukraine off from its normal flow of natural gas and oil, and to dramatically increase prices, actions the Ukraine simply cannot afford. Russia is trying to create a Free Trade Zone with its former USSR countries, such a zone has proven to be a favourite first step toward forming a super nation again.

The EU and the North American Union first started as a Free Trade Zone in 1992. However progress was made with two other ex-Soviet states, Georgia and Moldova. Association agreements with both were initialled which is a stage prior to signing on Friday. Diplomats have expressed hope those deals can be signed next year.

In 2013 Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the final pieces were in place for the 2015 launch of an economic union with Belarus and Kazakhstan that Moscow hopes can also be joined by Ukraine. Keep in touch by internet search.

Putin promised following talks with Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and Belarussian leader Alexander Lukashenko that the so-called Eurasian Economic Union would turn into a new source of growth for all involved. The alliance would replace a much looser Eurasian Customs Union that Russia formed with the two ex-Soviet nations in an effort to build up a free trade rival to the 28-nation EU bloc.

"Government representatives of the troika have developed the draft of the institutional part of the Eurasian Economic Union agreement,

This document determines the international legal status, organisational frameworks, the objectives and mechanisms of how the union will operate starting on January 1, 2015," Putin said. From a prophetic viewpoint it is expected that Ukraine will end up in the Russian orbit rather than in region 2.

Region 6 – Thirty Three Latin American leaders formed a new regional bloc called CELAC in 2011

In 2013 the first EU-CELAC Summit brought together European, Latin American and Caribbean Heads of State and Government in Santiago (Chile) to address an Alliance for Sustainable Development to Promote Investments of Social and Environmental Quality.

During the Summit, the Leaders adopted a political Declaration and expanded the Action plan previously adopted in the Madrid Summit in 2010 for bi-regional cooperation.

It is noted at this time that Mexico is a member of CELAC which could appear more logical than with region 1 because of the use of Spanish and a more Central American economy

Region 7 – Recently a number of long term secular dictators have been deposed in the “Arab Spring”

The "New Pentagon Map of the Middle East" was printed in the American Armed Forces Journal in June, 2006 Although the map does not officially reflect Pentagon doctrine, it has been used in a training program at NATO's Defence College for senior military officers.

This map, as well as other similar maps, has most probably been used at the National War Academy as well as in military planning circles.

The map of the “New Middle East” [below] seems to be based on several other maps, including older maps of potential boundaries in the Middle East extending back to the era of U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and World War I.

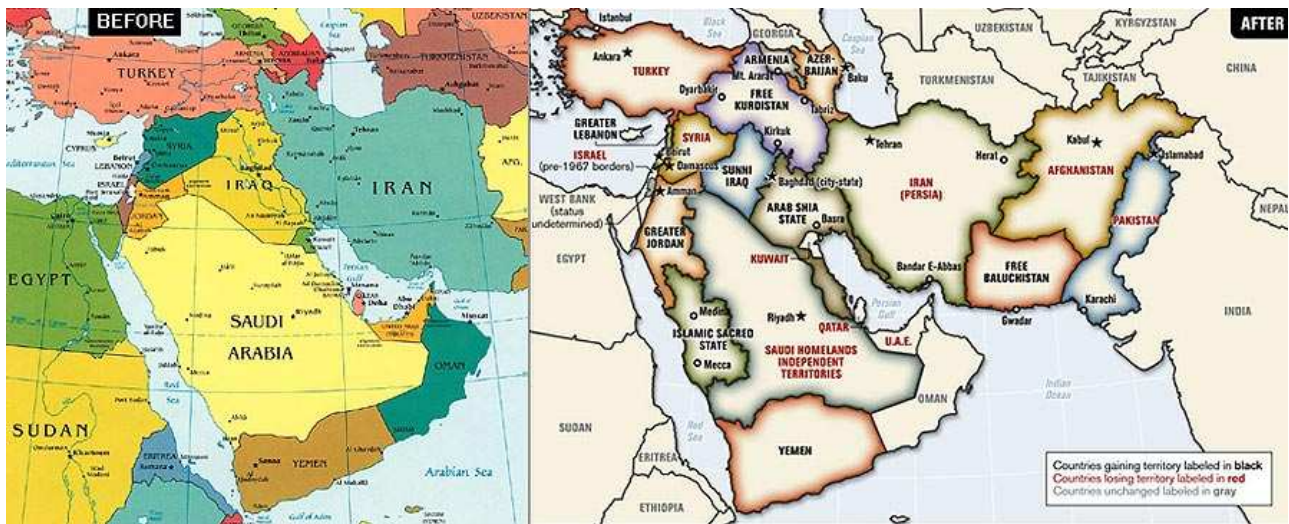
This map is showcased and presented as the brainchild of retired Lieutenant-Colonel (U.S. Army) Ralph Peters, who believes the redesigned borders contained in the map will fundamentally solve the problems of the contemporary Middle East.

Consisting almost entirely of Muslim countries many of whom have had long term dictators this has been perhaps the most fragmented region of the ten.

There are 21 countries listed in the 1972 Club of Rome report with Cyprus being the only nominated country which has integrated with Region 2

Starting with the overthrow of the government of Iraq in 2003 successive long term dictators have been deposed.

Currently Syria is prominent in a large scale horrendous civil war. To show the complexity in the Middle East consider the following situation in 2013



POLITICAL ALIGNMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

[paraphrase of a letter to the Times in London which shows it is “hard” to work out who is with who].

Who is supporting who in the Middle East?

Iran and Hezbollah from Lebanon are backing Assad, the Gulf States are against Assad

Assad is against the Muslim Brotherhood

Muslim Brotherhood and Obama are against General Sisi [head of the army in Egypt]

But Gulf States are pro General Sisi which means that they are against the Muslim Brotherhood

Iran is pro Hamas but Hamas is pro the Muslim Brotherhood

Obama is backing the Muslim Brotherhood but Hamas is anti US

Obama and Russia are both against al Qaida yet Obama supports the Muslim Brotherhood which works with al Qaida

Gulf States are pro US but Turkey who is a member of NATO supports the Gulf States against Assad

Yet Turkey is pro Muslim Brotherhood against General Sisi while the Gulf States support Sisi

Obama is opposed to Saudi Arabia on Egypt but supports Saudi Arabia in Syria

Obama supports Israel while he backs the Muslim Brotherhood, one of Israel's main enemies

Mix this with fundamentalist groups such as Al Qaida and other splinter groups it is hard to find a reliable friend or enemy in the Middle East!

In 2013 Saudi Arabia and its Gulf Arab neighbours wrapped up a summit meeting in Kuwait on Wednesday by agreeing to establish a joint military command, paving the way for tighter security coordination even as their regional rival Iran pursues outreach efforts in the wake of its interim nuclear deal.

Israel and Saudi Arabia: Unlikely Allies - Media outlets at the close of the year have been speculating about the emerging alliance between Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The International Business Time on 2nd December 2013 quoted London's Sunday Times as saying that “Israel and Saudi Arabia were working together to bring down Iran's nuclear activities.”

Clearly, having a mutual interest in stopping the threat of a hegemonic and nuclear Iran has made the two unlikely allies. In the Gulf War any American troops of Jewish descent were classified as Protestant D as Jews are banned from being in Saudi Arabia so such an alliance a decade or so later could be considered highly unusual.

Region 8 – The Organisation of African Unity was founded in 1963

President Gaddafi of Libya became one of the founders of the African Union (AU), initiated in July 2002 to replace the OAU.

At the opening ceremonies, he proclaimed that African states should reject conditional aid from the developed world, a direct contrast to the message of South African President Thabo Mbeki.

At the third AU summit, held in Libya in July 2005, he called for a greater level of integration, advocating a single AU passport, a common defence system and a single currency, utilising the slogan: "The United States of Africa is the hope."

In June 2005, Libya joined the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and in August 2008 Gaddafi was proclaimed "King of Kings" by an assembled committee of traditional African leaders. On 1 February 2009, his "coronation ceremony" was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, coinciding with Gaddafi's election as AU chairman for a year.

His overthrow brought Libya back into Region 7 where it logically belongs leaving a united Sub Saharan framework.

In recent times there have been increasing wars in this region and instability including Mali, South Sudan among others. It may well be that a strong leader with an African army may be the result of the constant UN requests for reducing warfare in this unstable area.

Region 9 – South Asia - India is a wakening giant with over a billion population

India's relation with 10-member ASEAN, or Association of Southeast Asian Nations, is not merely about economics. The current India-ASEAN Summit showcased that Delhi is quietly but surely building strategic partnerships across the region, with China in mind.

While India's policy cannot be termed as "replication of Chinese strings of pearls strategy", there is no doubt that Delhi is expanding its footprint in various strategic sectors across the Southeast and East Asia along the periphery of China.

The very idea of an ASEAN mission with a full-time resident Indian ambassador, reflects growing strategic ties between the two entities. It was in last December that the ties were elevated to the strategic level during the commemorative summit that India hosted in Delhi.

India's growing defence ties with Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore are adding to the discomfiture of Beijing.

Region 10 – East Asia - China is a wakening giant with over a billion population

China is now only second to the United States as an economy as well as owning a huge amount of debt from the United States. It is asserting itself as a crucial world power and with the largest population of any nation on earth will continue to be a major global player. China is also causing concern with its increasing belligerent attitude regarding ownership of some small islands claimed by Japan and the Philippines. Recently it has enacted no fly zones in the area.

COMMENTS

Here we see great progress over the last few years regarding the 10 kings who control the earth at the time of the rise of the Antichrist and then into the Tribulation.

As we know from **2 Thessalonians 2:6-8** the Antichrist cannot be revealed until the Church has been removed at the Rapture. Thus we find with global politics the stage is well advanced for the Tribulation and the appearance of the Antichrist in the future at God's timing. For those who don't think a Rapture will occur you will know you are right when you see the Antichrist and he establishes the friendship treaty with Israel.

I find it of interest that in the Club of Rome's section 4 in which Australia appears that Tasmania is a separate entity being mentioned separately from Australia. Either the Club of Rome is ignorant of geography or perhaps such a division is not a mistake. Only time will tell!

ONE WORLD RELIGION**TREND 3 - GLOBAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN RELIGIONS REVELATION 17:1-6, 16-17**

PROPHECY Revelation 17:1-6 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

PROPHECY Revelation 17:16-17 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Ever since the Fall there has been the contrast between relationship with God through God's way, or the attempt to appease God by the works of man, be it by self improvement activities (legalism) or ritual.

Good works based on our character is classified as religion and is not acceptable to God. Satan has delighted in religion since the days of Cain, and religious activity remains the greatest tool of the satanic until the end.

In the end Satan uses a self worship religious format, but it is still religion that he uses, never atheism. True Christianity is a relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ and is the only way to God as seen in **John 14:6**

As of 2010, Christianity was the dominant world religion with roughly 2.2 billion adherents and Muslims were second with about 1.6 billion adherents. If current demographic trends continue however, Islam is expected to catch up to Christianity midway through the 21st century.

SIZE AND PROJECTED GROWTH OF MAJOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS [Pew Research Centre]

Religion	2010	World %	2050	World %	Growth
Christianity	2,168,330,000	31.4	2,918,070,000	31.4	749,740,000
Muslims	1,599,700,000	23.2	2,761,480,000	29.7	1,161,780,000
Atheists etc	1,131,150,000	16.4	1,230,340,000	13.2	99,190,000
Hindus	1,032,210,000	15.0	1,384,360,000	14.9	352,140,000
Buddhists	487,760,000	7.1	486,270,000	5.2	-1,490,000
Folk Religions	404,690,000	5.9	449,140,000	4.8	44,450,000
Other Religions	55,180,000	0.8	61,450,000	0.7	3,300,000
Jews	13,860,000	0.2	16,090,000	0.2	2,230,000
World Total	6,895,850,000	100	9,307,190,000	100	2,411,340,000

UNITY

Spiritual unity in Christianity is of great importance. In fact in **John 17** Jesus prayed for unity among Christians in the spirit in the bonds of peace. He was however looking at spiritual unity not denominational amalgamation.

In fact the churches of the early centuries were independent local churches not denominations. However, mankind in general is now looking towards the amalgamation of the world's religions into a one-world religion transcending the boundaries of Christianity itself.

A major advancement in the One World Religion is the concept of Chrislam an amalgamation of Christianity and Islam.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

The chart below indicates in outline form the way in which various religions around the world use in the search for a relationship with God. Biblical Christianity is unique relying totally on faith in Christ **John 14:6**.

BELIEF SYSTEM	GOD	FIGURE HEAD	SALVATION	AFTERLIFE	MAIN RITUALS	WORLD VIEW	BOOKS
Biblical Christianity	Trinity	Jesus Christ	By faith alone in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection	Heaven for the saved or Hell for the unsaved	Baptism, Communion	Monotheistic	Bible
Christendom	God	Various	Salvation through the Church and Ritual	Purgatory, Heaven, Hell	Mass, Confirmation, Baptism	Monotheistic	Bible
Bahai	Creator God	None	After death your soul gets closer to god	Heaven and Hell are spiritual conditions	Fasting	Monotheistic	Baha u llah
Buddhism	None	Various including Dalai Lama	None required as sin does not exist	Reincarnation or Nirvana No heaven or hell	Meditation, Mantra, Incense, Koan	Atheistic	Sutras
Confucianism	None	Confucius	Improvement through knowledge	Life focussed on the life on earth	Temple worship and family shrines	Atheistic	Wu Jing
Hare Krishna	Krishna is chief God	Various	Reincarnation until worthy to serve Krishna	Breaking the cycle to get to serve Krishna	Chanting, living a good life Vegetarianism	Monotheistic and Polytheism	Bhagavad Gita
Hinduism	Many gods	None specific	Reincarnation until Enlightened	Reincarnation or Nirvana	Prayer and offering three times a day	Polytheistic	Vedas,[BG] Upanisads
Islam	Allah	Muhammad	Allah prefers power over mercy, judgement over grace	Paradise for good people , Hell for bad people	Pray five times a day Fasting, Tithing Pilgrimage	Monotheistic	Koran
Jainism	None	Mahavira	Reincarnation until final liberation	Liberation after reincarnations	Meditation, Prayer and Confession	Atheistic	45 Agmas
Judaism	God	Moses, Rabbis	Strict Observance of the Law	Heaven after resurrection	Sabbath and Feasts	Monotheistic	Talmud, Mishna O T
Shinto	None	None	Improvement in life on the earth	Life focussed on the life on earth	Shrine worship	Polytheistic	Kojiki, Nihongi
Sikhism	Naam	Ranjit Singh	None, continual reincarnation	Reincarnation	Prayers and Baptism	Monotheistic	Granth Sahib, Adi Granth
Taoism	None	Lao and Chang Tzu	Yin and Yang	Focus on achieving immortality and Tao	Passivism and rituals at funerals	Atheistic	Tao te King
Vedanta	God in you	Hindu Monks	Reincarnation until final liberation	Heaven not permanent	Yoga in four formats need to be balanced	Theism	The Vedas
Zoroastrianism	Ahura Mazda	Zoroaster	Type of life on earth Series of saviours	Eventually all get to heaven	Good Thoughts, Works and Deeds	Monotheistic	The Avesta

Note:-The difference between Biblical Christianity and Christendom is that Biblical Christianity relies on a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ while Christendom relies on works and ritual. This does not imply that there are no people with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the "Christendom" type of church

TREND 4 FALLING AWAY FROM BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

PROPHECY 1 Timothy 4:1 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

A number of Christian leaders today are attempting to bridge the gap between Muslims and Christians, often called Chrislam, with the new mantra that, "we all worship the same God". Be sure however that this view is not shared by militant Islam, who have taken legal action in a number of countries to stop Christians using the name of Allah as a translation for "God" in Arabic translations of the scriptures.

At the heart of this movement and perhaps the most dangerous issue is that these leaders of Christendom suggest that because we use similar terms such as "God" and "Jesus" - there is a form of shared belief. A prominent pastor in Australia addressed his congregation with these words, "Do you know – take it all the way back into the Old Testament and the Muslim and you, we actually serve the same God. Allah to a Muslim, to us Abba Father God.

It is this dangerous simplicity that those wanting the union of all faiths utilize, with the goal of one supreme faith entity. They say it is built on "respect and unity" but it is based on power, and will lead to the Anti-Christ's system of religious domination.

In 2015 the US State of Utah will welcome the world's largest and most historic interfaith gathering to Salt Lake City. For the first time in 22 years the Parliament of the World's Religions voted to hold its conference in US. The Parliament Chairman Imam Malik Mujahid said that it was timely as America is the home base for the interfaith movement. Check internet for this group which was founded in Chicago in 1893

WHAT IS TRUE CHRISTIANITY?

In order to understand the situation it is critical to understand that true Christianity is not a religion. It is a relationship between an individual and the Lord Jesus Christ. As such it is unique because the Lord Jesus Christ did all of the work needed for the relationship and it does not rely on the work of the individual.

God constantly offers grace while man constantly fails to meet the requirements of God through his good works. Man by his own good works cannot please God and cannot advance God's plan. Instead of becoming better man tends to become more decadent. This can be seen throughout history as outlined below.

Adam was created and placed in the garden where he had a simple test of not eating the fruit of just one tree. He failed. He was ejected from the garden. Prior to his judgment man was graciously promised a Saviour by God

Outside the garden a blood sacrifice was ordered by God, however Cain brought a bloodless sacrifice. Mankind became more and more decadent and evil. This rose to such a degree that, at the time of Noah, God, after 120 years warning, judged the world by as universal flood

After the flood man was told by God to spread out throughout the world but man concentrated at the Tower of Babel in Mesopotamia. In judgment the Lord gave them varieties of languages which caused their dispersion.

God now created Israel, a new nation descended from Abraham. They were told to live in the land but generations failed and through lack of faith went down to Egypt and eventually became slaves out of the Land.

God rescued them from Egypt through the Exodus and gave Moses the commandments for Israel to keep. They were unable to keep the law but over time modified them to suit their needs. Israel returned to the Land but under the Judges, Kings and Rulers they failed.

God provided the promised Messiah on time as he had promised through 333 prophecies. However the leaders of Israel committed the unpardonable sin of accusing the Messiah, Jesus Christ, of being Satan possessed and arranged for His death. It was however a Japhetic Gentile Pontius Pilate who ordered His death thus involving mankind as a whole rather than Israel by itself.

Due to the attitude of their leaders Israel was condemned and the Jews were dispersed across the world. A new group of believing Jews and Gentiles, the Church, was formed to act as ambassadors and believer priests for God. The provision of everlasting life was offered as a gift of grace to all but the vast majority of people did not accept the Messiah. The Church became apostate and self serving at the end.

The invisible Church, those who had believed in Jesus Christ from Pentecost to the Rapture will be removed at the Rapture of the Church. Unbelievers found in church groups continue on the earth with all the other unbelievers to suffer the Tribulation. The Church who thought that they by their own efforts will provide the Kingdom fail as the predominant church of this time Laodicea demonstrates in **Revelation 3:14-22**.

Now 144,000 unmarried Jewish males become believers and evangelise the world. However the World ruler kills as many believers as possible so overall man fails again even though all the Jewish evangelists survive as shown in **Revelation 14:1-5**.

Towards the end of this terrible period with Israel on the edge of annihilation there is a mass conversion and Israel calls on the Lord Jesus Christ. As a result the Lord Jesus Christ in grace returns to defeat Israel's opponents of a now repentant Israel otherwise human life would cease on earth. Man again has become decadent and failed. The Lord judges the survivors and removes all unbelievers from the earth.

The Messiah now sets up the golden age of the Millennium with Satan and his demons confined in the bottomless pit. The environment on earth is absolutely perfect, prosperity is universal, death is very rare and the word of God covers the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Is there universal acceptance of the Messiah during this period where our Lord is responsible for the gospel? No, even under perfect environment for 1000 years the sin nature of man is rebellious.

When Satan is released millions follow him and he attempts a coup d'etat against the Lord but God destroys them by fire from heaven.

Those over the millennia who have trusted in the Messiah join the Trinity and Elect Angels in eternal bliss while those who have rejected him are judged at the Great White Throne by Jesus Christ and join Satan and the fallen angels in the Lake of Fire.

WHAT IS RELIGION?

Religion relies on the work of a person satisfying a god. This is the case in all other religious systems other than true Christianity. They choose the way of Cain offering their works to their gods.

It has been acknowledged that the main obstacle to the setting up of a One World system is Bible believing Christians. The removal of all believers before the Tribulation will facilitate this. In the Tribulation the Antichrist will attempt to eliminate that group. However God will not allow it and a remnant of believers survives the Tribulation including the 144,000 Jewish evangelists of Revelation 7 to enter the Millennium in their physical bodies and repopulate the world.

Internationalism in any form is anti biblical and anti Christ. In the Revelation there is both political and religious internationalism. **Revelation 17** portrays the religious and political aspects of Internationalism. This chapter naturally divides into two parts,. The first part verses 1-7 describes the great harlot or religious system as seen by John in a vision. The second in verses 8-18 is more fully developed as the emphasis of the whole chapter is centred upon the Antichrist and his relationship to internationalism.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH

With the spread of the early church in the ancient world, five bishops emerged as leaders. The bishops were those of Rome, Constantinople, Antioch, Alexandria and Jerusalem. Among them there developed a struggle for supremacy eventually resulting in the Bishops of Rome and Constantinople dominating the Church.

In 1054 a complete rupture occurred between the East and the West when the Roman Bishop excommunicated the Bishop of Constantinople after which the eastern bishop returned the compliment by excommunicating the Bishop of Rome. This division remained until 1979 when a rapprochement between the two churches occurred ending a schism of over 900 years.

In the 5th Century the Roman bishop assumed different powers, becoming a religious and political leader, raising his own army and taxes, regarding himself as a political leader and claiming sovereignty over all other people as the vicar of God or God's representative on earth.

The Roman Catholic Church dominated Europe for a thousand years until the Reformation in the 16th century which eventually led to a large number of denominations and other Christian groups being formed. As a result there were great waves of evangelism. However many looked at **John 17** and came to the conclusion that this was wrong.

In the 20th century there have been major efforts at unity. In 1910 in Edinburgh Scotland a conference was held to discuss missionary work in various countries. To avoid overlap and duplication and to have a single body with which the civil authorities could negotiate the International Missionary Council came into being.

BACKGROUND TO THE TRENDS AS AT 1978

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES [WCC]

In 1948 the World Council of Churches was formed in Amsterdam, with the original intention of drawing together all those who believed in Jesus Christ. The first meeting was attended by delegates from 147 denominations from 44 countries.

Today the aims of the WCC are far more detailed. They are looking at creating a universal church

In 1961 at the Council's Third General Assembly in New Delhi, the Soviet-approved Russian, Rumanian, Bulgarian and Polish Orthodox Churches were admitted into membership, allowing communists to participate on policy committees even though the WCC had been warned that these churches were under Communist control. This allowed Communist infiltration into committees with the ability to veto and thus thwart Christian projects. In addition the International Missionary Council was absorbed into the WCC as the missionary wing.

At the WCC convention in Geneva in 1966, part of the programme read, "Rationalisation of distribution ... under the auspices of the United Nations ... elimination of the adverse effect of price fluctuations and terms of trade ... the establishment of world commodity marketing boards ... an international division of labour ... a system of international taxation".

In 1968 the WCC meeting in Uppsala in Sweden stated that:

- [a] The day of independent nationalism is gone and a new world order is required.
- [b] Nationalism must give way to regionalism which in turn would defer to globalism.
- [c] The United Nations must be strengthened and it is imperative that every country, especially China, be full members.
- [d] Peace is a multilateral concern. The world should have a common goal of making life better for everyone and not just for one section of people such as the western world.
- [e] Acceptance of the one-world view makes war redundant.
- [f] Every nation is called on to give full effect to the declaration of human rights. If all men are equal then no-one should be more equal than others.

The assembly recognised that this could lead to revolution and agreed that this was in fact what the world needed. They also said that what the world required was a world market and a supra government in regions to form a global approach. [see PWO, Club of Rome and UN for similar aims]

In 1973 the World Conference on "Salvation Today" in Bangkok run by the WCC was opened by a Buddhist princess, Poon Pismai Diskul, President of the World Fellowship of Buddhists. A Buddhist was also made secretary to the WCC Committee for aid for South-East Asia.

The emphasis in the 1980s for the WCC has been "synthesis", the extraction of common ideologies of all religions and making them the basis of dialogue, cooperation and unity.

In line with this trend the Temple of Understanding in Washington DC was dedicated to bringing about universal brotherhood within the framework of man's six main religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. Review internet regarding the Temple of Understanding

ANGLICAN AND CATHOLIC UNION

Are the Anglicans and Catholics likely to join together in the future? A joint international commission of the two churches met in the 1970s to investigate ways of fulfilling the Malta agreement of 1968 which proposed that the two churches should come together in stages.

It stated in 1977 "What this Commission has established is a consensus that the Pope should be the head of a future union. In April of that year the Anglican primate, Dr Coggan, met with the Pope. The two leaders pledged to work for an early union.

On March 31st 1982 A report in the West Australian said Churchmen look ahead for unity. Bishops and Theologians of the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church said that they looked forward to an eventual union with the Pope as universal primate.

The comments stemmed from a 122 page report by an Anglican – Catholic Commission on how the two churches might get close together.

This study which sums up 14 years of talks as to how to bring the churches together was warmly welcomed by the new Archbishop of Canterbury the former Bishop of St Albans Dr Runcie who is an expert on relationship with Orthodox Churches.

Dr Runcie said that it was only a study document at the moment. The report will bring a strong reaction as to the Queen's position as Head of the Church of England. There are also a number of doctrinal differences but the report said that the Pope would head the church collegiately with his brother Bishops.

In his Papal inaugural speech in 1978 Pope John Paul II said "Hopefully thanks to a common effort we might arrive at true communion with other Christians which is a epiphany for a united world church. The new Pope has not left the hope at words, he is moving to fulfil it. So far he has made visits not only to predominantly Catholic Poland and Mexico but also to the United States and Moslem Turkey.

In 21 pages Time magazine described the Pope's triumphant seven day visit to the United States and referred to him as a superstar. It was entitled "A gentle Shepherd with a will of steel"

It continued "After only a year in office the Pontiff is emerging as the kind of incandescent leader that the world so hungers for, one who can make people feel that they have been lifted above the drabness of their lives and show them that they are capable of better emotions and better deeds than they may have thought.

WORLD BROTHERHOOD GROUP

In 1933 Mrs Alice Bailey, the American Theosophist and Universal Brotherhood leader wrote in her pamphlet that "during the next ten years the fellowship of religions will greatly increase. By 1945 we will have the inner structure of the world faith so clearly defined in the minds of so many people that its outer structure will no doubt become evident before the end of the century".

"The inner structure of the World Federation of Nations will be equally well organised by 1965 and its outer form take shape by 2025, with the majority of the world's population working towards that end." She was an accurate false prophet!

The World Brotherhood group was founded in UNESCO House in Paris in 1950, and evolved from the National Conference of Christians and Jews which had been serving the cause of brotherhood in Canada and the United States since 1928. It is a new-world faith replacing all world religions, especially Christianity. It has been campaigned for by the Bahai's, the Unitarian Church, Divine Light Society, Subud, and others.

The basis of the movement is the universal brotherhood of man. The Bible tells us, however, that there is no such thing, man either has God or Satan as his Father (**John 8:42-47**). The two groups are clearly portrayed in **John 3:36**.

NEW AGE MOVEMENT

Historically the New Age movement claims its origin from Atlantis. The White Lodge (the New Agers) had to leave whilst the Black Lodge (Noah and his sons) remained. The White Lodge, however, returned to the plain of Shinar from where they spread out across the world. They also claim “alien” help.

They also talk of Armageddon and claim that the New Agers will win. The ascended masters, the leaders of the world, will rule during the New Age. It is therefore postulated that the Antichrist will be one of this group.

Many false books are used in this movement, including the Keys of Enoch, the Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ, My Truth, the Lord Himself and the Secret Doctrine.

Whilst not necessarily wishing to convert people, they are placing their own followers into key positions with the aim of thereby achieving control. One of the main aims of the movement is to root out anyone who worships the God of the Bible, Christians and Jews.

The New Age movement is also behind armament reduction campaigns. Their plan also includes a bank holiday when they assume power to allow for redistribution of wealth globally. They also state that world population must be reduced by 2 billion by the turn of the century.

THE RISING DANGERS OF CHRISLAM

Strictly speaking, Chrislam is a syncretistic religion of Nigerian origin that combines Islam and Christianity. Established in the 1970s, the followers of Chrislam recognise both the Bible and the Quran as holy texts. In its strictest sense, the religion is very local and only commands around 1,500 members. But in recent years, the merger of Christianity and Islam is happening on a wide scale in the West, particularly in the United States where several bridge-building exercises between the two religions have been implemented.

By stripping the Bible of its Jewishness, Chrislamists neutralise the prophetic significance of the Jewish people and the Land of Israel. The theological underpinning of Chrislam is a rebranded version of replacement theology in which the Jews have no prophetic relevance and therefore no significance in the future plan of God.

When Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat made his first Christmas appearance in Bethlehem in 1995, he invoked the Christian nativity by crying, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.” To which the crowd responded, “In spirit and blood we will redeem thee, O Palestine!” Bethlehem, according to Arafat, was the “birthplace of the first Palestinian Christian, Jesus Christ.” Arafat’s reference to the nativity is obviously a ploy to unite Muslims and Christian Arabs against Israel. In and of itself, this is unspectacular, but when placed in the wider context of Islamic replacement theology, the (mis)use of Jesus is sinister.

Arafat not only proclaimed that Jesus was a Palestinian but is “our Lord the Messiah,” which is an astonishing statement for a Muslim to make. Referring to Jesus as Lord is to detract from the strict monotheism of the faith is a grave sin. Ironically, Chrislam is entirely self-defeating.

If God no longer honours his covenant with the Jewish people and the Land of Israel, then the foundations of both Christianity and Islam collapse. A God who changes his mind about the people of the covenant, i.e. the Jews, is no longer the God of Abraham, Moses, Jesus or even Mohammed.

DEVELOPMENT OF THESE TRENDS

1978 - Church Unity was the most significant issue at the Lambeth conference on the Anglican Church

1979 The World Council of Churches discuss relationships with the Roman Catholic Church

The Orthodox and Roman Catholic Church end a 900 year schism.

Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran stated that all religious groups should combine as this was the only way towards world peace. [Note how many violent people speak of peace! **Isaiah 48:22, Ezekiel 13:10-16**]

- 1982 - In the United States it was reported that a homosexual church cleared the first hurdle to becoming a member of the National Council of Churches [NCC] The church The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Communities was founded in 1970. It has 170 churches in 8 countries with about 27,000 members.

Marxism is being rewritten by Soviet theologians to accommodate the New Consciousness doctrines.

In July the Uniting Church approved plans to seek unity with the Anglican Church. The Moderator of the Uniting Church in South Australia Dr Darcy Woods said that the church hopes to begin negotiations with the Anglican church to allow priests from either group to be able to perform the sacraments in both denominations. He said it would open the way to free exchange between the two traditions.

- 1983 - Readers Digest printed a version of the Bible which had removed 40% of the original text with half the Old Testament and 25% of the New Testament being removed. As the true author of the Bible is the Holy Spirit it is not man's prerogative to tamper with the Word of God.

- 1985 - In Morocco the Pope preached religious tolerance towards Islam

The WCC remains a major supporter of communist/terror groups in Africa

- 1986 - The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, called for unity and understanding between people of all religions in this international year of peace. "Just like Jesus", he said, "Gandhi cleansed the people by working for the uplifting of untouchables".

Official Anglican and Roman Catholic representatives claimed to have solved one of the key disputes in the Reformation concerning "salvation by faith alone". It was stated that any outstanding differences are not such that can justify a continuing separation between Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

In the 1980's the WCC turned to Green Theology and environmentalism became a major emphasis so that saving trees became more important than saving souls.

A group of world religious leaders, including Jewish rabbis, Muslims, Sikhs, Jains, Zoroastrians, Buddhists, Animists, Anglicans, Catholics and Orthodox Christians, met for prayer for world peace in Assisi, Italy.

Coinciding with the Assisi prayer meeting a similar one was planned in Australia with those taking part including Catholic, Anglican, Uniting Churches, Muslims, Bahai's, Jews, Hindus and Buddhists.

In April the Pope made an historic visit to Rome's main synagogue and enthusiastically embraced Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff. It was the first known visit of a Pope to a Jewish house of worship. The synagogue dates back to the 2nd century

- 1987 – New Age Journal circulation increased from 15,000 to 150,000 over the last 4 years. It is now a "blog"

- 1988 - For the first time in the UK a major new ecumenical cathedral has been built in Milton Keynes. It will cost 43 million pounds and will be sponsored by Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed and Roman Catholic denominations.

The Archbishop of Canterbury called the Anglican Church to consider a unified Christian Church under a reformed Papal primacy.

- 1989 - In January Melbourne hosted the fifth assembly of the World Conference on Religion and Peace. The 600 delegates represented 15 different religions and were under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of Melbourne.

The Second Vatican Council called for the entire world to be under a single authority.

The rise of apostasy in the west is causing the Christian message to be liberalised. Centre Magazine, which promotes a New World Order, stated there is only one group standing in the way of their aims, God-fearing, Bible-believing Christians.

Increasingly multicultural societies in the west which with their anti vilification laws causes true Christianity to be at odds with civil law

The Worldwide Fund for Nature organised an interfaith service where people of all faiths made a "Rainbow Covenant" with God, with each other and with nature. Australia's Commission of the Future has championed the cause of scrapping Christianity and having a multi faith religion blending together the best parts of all religions.

- 1990 - At the Commonwealth Day celebration on March 12th Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Sikh leaders read from their various Scriptures and offered prayers to their various deities while Queen Elizabeth, the Defender of the Faith and head of the State Anglican Church looked on.

The Vatican has re established ties with the USSR after a break since 1917

A New Age Bible is being prepared which will combine religious precepts from all main religious writings. This will become the world's "Authorised Bible". The Archbishop of Canterbury suggests that New Age non Christian philosophies be not condemned but engaged.

- 1991 - At the 7th Assembly of the WCC in Canberra an "earth covenant" was presented. It contained all the ingredients of the New World Order environmental programmes.

The WCC sees "divine truth" in all religions. All "gods" are now recognised whether they be demon gods, voodoo spirits, Gnostic spirits of the New Age, Mother Earth, goddess Gaia or even Jesus Christ. All are acknowledged as Truth and as equally acceptable.

- 1993 - In August the World Parliament of Religions held its second assembly in Chicago. Some 7000 representatives from 125 different religious groups and organisations were present including witches. The keynote address was given by the Dalai Lama.

The goal of the World Parliament of Religions is to synchronise the various religious philosophies from around the world to establish a religion for all humanity.

In the new global religion there will be no tolerance for non conformists. There will be no place for dogmatic Bible Believers or for believers of any religion who do not compromise and uphold the "new universal spirituality"

- 1993 - In December after hundreds of years of often very hostile Jewish – Christian relations the Vatican established relations with Israel. The Vatican would like to make Jerusalem an international city under the patronage of the Pope.

- 1994 – In March leading Evangelicals and Catholics signed a joint declaration " Evangelicals and Catholics Together The Christian Mission in the 3rd Millennium

- 1997 - The United Religions Initiative was founded by William Swing the Episcopal Bishop of California which it is said provides a spiritual face for globalism where the economic and political forces are demolishing nationalism and creating a one world system.

- 1999 – The third Parliament of Religions was held in Capetown South Africa. South Africa's elder statesman Nelson Mandela has called for an all out effort to end the violence, cruelty and inequality that has marked the last century and to make the 21st century the Peoples century. Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Quakers, Rastafarians and Spiritualists were among those rubbing shoulders as they tried to solve the world's ethical problems.

- 2000 - More than 1500 religious leaders from over 100 countries belonging to all faiths will meet for four days from August 28th for the Peace Summit which is to be followed by the Millennium Summit of the heads of government. The religious leaders held a dialogue as to how they could contribute to these goals and forge a relationship with the UN to advance the cause of peace and humanity.

2002 - As well as the World Parliament of Religions and the United Religions there are many efforts to promote a "spiritual unity and understanding" A two day conference in Kazakhstan's new capital city Astana saw leaders of 18 religions agreeing to meet regularly under the banner "Congress of World Traditional Religions".

Delegates spoke on how to address differences between religions, the issue of terrorism and the need for more dialogue. One delegate expressed the hope that the group would become a United Nations of Religion.

The Chief Rabbi of Israel invited all present to come to Jerusalem which he called by its Palestinian name of Al Quds and that there needed to be greater understanding between faiths.

2003 - The rise of militant Islam in the last 15 years or so has challenged many.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said in an address at Tübingen University It is wrong to behave as if Western and Islamic values are incompatible. They are not as millions of devout Muslims living here in Germany as elsewhere in the west would be the first to tell you. He urged people to seek out common ground between the traditions.

Since 1980 church attendance has dwindled 30% in Britain. 20% in Belgium, 18% in the Netherlands and 14% in France Europe's main religion is still Christianity but in most countries the majority of church members rarely attend services.

2004 - More than 8000 people from nearly 80 countries gathered in Barcelona Spain for the 4th Parliament of Religions. This giant spiritual summit took place during and as part of Barcelona's Universal Forum of Cultures a 141 day international festival which was billed as a Cultural Olympics.

2005 - The Presbyterian Church USA hosted a three day meeting in February entitled "Steps Towards Peace in Israel and Palestine" with a view of divesting from Israel

2006 - Ashkenazi chief rabbi Yohan Metzger meeting with the Dalai Lama of Tibet suggested that representatives of the world's religions establish a United Nations in Jerusalem representing religions rather than nations

2007 - Leaders of the world's main religions conducted an interfaith peace summit in Naples in October. Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew I said "Civilisations don't dialogue directly but through those who carry their traditions and cultural values. Ibrahim Ezzeden the Imam of UAE also advocated a formal structure linking world religions saying "The important groupings of God fearing people cannot and should not limit itself to processions, conferences and seminars

The Roman Catholic bishop of Breda in the Netherlands wants Christians to pray to Allah based on his experience in Indonesia. In the last part of his statement he said "God doesn't care what we call him. Islamic American Relations spokesman Ibrahim Hooper thinks it is a great idea "It reinforces the fact that Muslims Christians and Jews all worship the same God" Hooper told Fox News

2008 - Tony Blair's mission is to foster the uniting of all religions. Former Prime Minister Tony Blair launched the Tony Blair Faith Foundation at the Time Warner headquarters in New York city in June.

The foundation has three goals

- [i] to promote faith as a force of good,
- [ii] to improve knowledge between religions and
- [iii] to tackle poverty and war.

As there is more interdependence in the world, people need to coexist and work together to solve problems. The group's advisory Council included evangelical mega-pastor Rick Warren. It was reported that Tony Blair had recently converted to the Roman Catholic Church.

2009 Pope Benedict's XVI edict offers a new structure for Anglicans who wish to join the Roman Catholic Church. Thousands of Anglican priests, and entire parishes may now defect to Rome.

2010 London plays host to conference promoting the global Muslim caliphate

- 2011 Saudi King Abdullah's initiates a new multi religious organisation following a visit to Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican in 2007. The foreign ministers of Austria, Saudi Arabia and Spain have signed the foundation treaty. The governing body is set to be staffed by two Muslims [Sunni and Shiite], three Christians [Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox], a Buddhist, a Hindu and a Jew. The organisation will also have a consulting body with 100 representatives from the five world religions plus other faiths.
- 2012 Two-thirds of a billion Muslims expect the Mahdi – the last Islamic imam they believe will come and rule the world – to arrive in their lifetimes, according to a new Pew Research poll. The Pew project reviewed what Muslims believe about angels, predestination or fate, the afterlife, heaven and hell, the Mahdi's imminent return and the return of Jesus, who many Muslims believe will deny Christianity and pledge allegiance to Allah.
- 2013 June 11th Israeli government sources claim Pope Francis is apparently thinking of calling a meeting between leaders and faithful of the world's three biggest monotheistic religions, in Rome, to launch a message of peace, countering violence and the use of God's name to justify hatred and terrorist acts. The sources say the Pope announced his intention to call a meeting, during an Audience on 30 April. But there was no mention of this in the communiqué the Holy See issued after the Audience.

President Peres "told the Pope that there are people who use God's name to justify terrorism" and religious leaders should "say out loud that God did not give anyone permission to kill their neighbour."

According to the information contained in a summary of the Audience received by the Israeli government, Francis told Peres he "whole-heartedly supported" his appeal against violence and that "he wanted to promote a meeting between religious leaders and faithful of the three major religions" founded by Abraham, "in Rome". The aim would be to "make people see" that the religions "oppose violence and terrorism."

If these statements were indeed made during the Audience, it looks like the Pope is thinking about possible peace initiatives that would be restricted to the world's three major monotheistic faiths. It would not be an interreligious meeting involving all faiths, like the Assisi gatherings organised by John Paul II and then by Benedict XVI in 2011.

For example, in one recent address he made it a point to say that he believes that Muslims worship and pray to the "one God" that he also worships. This "all roads lead to the same God" philosophy is a hallmark of the one world religion that the global elite have been slowly building toward for decades. The global elite know that even with a one world economy and a one world government, humanity will never be truly united until there is a single global religion.

According to informed Palestinian and Israeli diplomatic sources Secretary of State John Kerry quietly presented a U.S. plan for eastern Jerusalem that calls for an international administrative mandate to control holy sites in the area,

- 2014 March The Pope has stirred things up in recent weeks by sending a video message to Pentecostal Word of Faith leader Kenneth Copeland, urging reconciliation between Catholics and Charismatics. Anglican Episcopal Bishop and friend of the Pontiff, Tony Palmer, stated in an introduction to the video before Copeland's live audience as ministry followers cheered him on.

The Catholic and Charismatic Renewal is the hope of the Church," "Brothers and sisters, Luther's protest is over. Is yours?" came the bold proclamation from Palmer, followed by an enthusiastic reaction from Kenneth Copeland himself, who said, "Heaven is thrilled over this.

You know what is so thrilling to me? When we went into the ministry 47 years ago, this was impossible." Believers working together is always "thrilling" but be careful when organizations get together in power and influence and ask what the leadership actually believes.

6th May One member of the Knesset has publicly stated that Chief Sephardic Rabbi Yitzchak Yosef has informed him that Netanyahu has formally asked for halakhic permission to give the Tomb of David to the Roman Catholic Church.

This may be false but there have been persistent rumours of secret negotiations between the Israeli government and the Vatican regarding Mount Zion and the Tomb of David.

If the Vatican does gain control of more of the holy sites in Jerusalem, it would move even further in the direction of being regarded as "the top religious authority in the world". This certainly would not bother Pope Francis. In fact, he seems to be quite eager to do what he can to bring the religions of the world together.

24-26th May Pope Francis made his first trip as pontiff to the Holy Land. Speaking during his weekly Sunday blessing in Vatican City, he had said he would visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem in the West Bank and the Jordanian capital, Amman.

The visit took place May 24-26. At the Holy Sepulchre he said, "we will celebrate an Ecumenical Meeting with all the representatives of the Christian Churches of Jerusalem, together with Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople".

He did and met the various leaders of church and Moslem groups calling them all friends, even when they still actively call for the murder of all Christians and Jews!

5th September Former Israeli president Shimon Peres emerged from a Vatican audience with Pope Francis after proposing a kind of United Nations for Religions. Peres said that the pontiff was the only world figure respected enough to bring an end to the wars raging in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world.

2nd December Lord Harries of Pentregarth, the former Bishop of Oxford has said that Prince Charles' coronation service should include a reading from the Quran so that Muslims feel "embraced" by the nation. This proposal is being criticized by some Christian groups in the U.K.

More than two decades ago, Prince Charles, the eldest child and heir apparent of Queen Elizabeth II, said he would like to portray himself as "Defender of Faith" rather than "Defender of the Faith."

10th December As the West continues the march into secularism; shedding its religious identity and insisting upon absolute "separation of church and state", Russia, under the leadership of Vladimir Putin, is experiencing a revival and return to its religious "roots".

Prior to the Russian Revolution of 1917, which resulted in the assassination of Czar Nicholas II and his family, Russian Church and State were intimately entwined. Today, throughout Russia, evidence of a Russian revival of the state religion abounds, and religious freedom for non orthodox bible believing groups may have a limited time to run.

2015 The US State of Utah will welcome the world's largest and most historic interfaith gathering to Salt Lake City in 2015. For the first time in 22 years the Parliament of the World's Religions voted to hold its conference in US. The Parliament Chairman Imam Malik Mujahid said that it was timely as America is the home base for the interfaith movement.

Global Survey Ranks Most And Least Religious Countries In The World - A global survey by WIN/Gallup International has ranked the most and least religious countries in the world, with the U.K. ranking among the least. In the United States, only 56 percent of the respondents said that they are religious. The survey queried nearly 64,000 people from 65 countries about their beliefs, giving them the option of describing themselves as "a religious person," "not a religious person," "a convicted atheist," or "do not know."

The U.K. joined countries such as Czech Republic, Sweden, Japan and China on the least religious list, with only 30 percent of Britons describing themselves as religious, while 53 percent said that they are not religious, and 13 percent said that they are atheists. Morocco, Georgia, Bangladesh, Armenia, and Thailand made up the list of countries where people most often described themselves as religious.

From the worldwide total, 63 percent of the people who answered the survey said they were religious; 22 percent said they were not religious; 11 percent identified as convicted atheists, and 4 percent did not give an answer. Africa was found to be the continent with the highest number of religious people, at 86 percent of the population. Western Europe and Oceania on the other hand reported the least religious populations. Wealthier people were also found to be less religious than poorer ones and people without an education and those who had only completed primary school were found to be more religious than those with higher educations.

ESCHATOLOGY OF BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

It is of interest that both Bible believing Christians and Koran believing Muslims have views on the end times and the presentation of a "Messiah" who will return and deal with the people on the earth at a certain period in history

This may explain to some extent the increased growth of Islamic activity in recent times as they see, like many Bible believing Christians, that we are in the time when prophetic trends are coming together.

The Christians are looking forward to the Lord Jesus Christ returning whilst the Muslims are awaiting the Mahdi accompanied by Isa [their Jesus] to rule the world.

By viewing numerous Bible Prophecy trends the Christian is confident that they are in the end times.

The third monotheistic religion Judaism is also expecting the Messiah to return to eliminate problems before setting up His golden age, the Millennium.

All groups are increasingly aware that we at this point in history are probably in the generation that will see these events.

With the West, after centuries of world domination, becoming demonstrably increasingly decadent and lacking backbone Koran believing Moslems have grasped this as a major sign of the end times and their opportunity to enhance the promised return of the Mahdi

So currently in 2015 we have ISIS, a fundamentalist Sunni group continuing to destabilise a large area of Northern Iraq and Western Syria killing Shia Moslems, Christians and others.

Should the Biblical perspective be considered, the country of Iraq remaining a somewhat democratic form of government for any length of time is a pipe dream. The dismantling of the current political system should not surprise anyone, particularly Christians. The focus of the political world has shifted to the Middle East where God wants it. The world may minimize the events there, but it is certain that this is where the end of history will unfold.

ISIS is one more piece of evidence that the warring factions of Islam which have been fighting for power over many centuries will only come together under a single Islamic ruler. The attacks of ISIS have spilled over into Turkey, a country once at the heart of the Ottoman Empire, and which is still heavily Muslim.

Any ideas of peace among the various Islamic factions are more likely to resolve themselves in military rather than in political form. For the Muslim, that resolution will appear in the form of Mahdi.

Let us now look at an outline the Christian and Islamic beliefs of the End Times.

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

1. The Purpose of the Return of Jesus

Christianity - Jesus will come to rescue Israel, defeat the Antichrist (**Revelation 19:11-21**), judge the nations (**Matthew 25:31-46**) and the wicked in Israel (**Ezekiel 20:33-38**), and rule over the Messianic kingdom (**Revelation 20:1-6**)

Islam - Jesus (Isa) will return to over-throw al-Dajjal in the battle of 'Aqabat Afiq' in Syria, or at the Lud gate in Jerusalem according to another account. Jesus will "kill all pigs and break all crosses", confirming Islam as the only true religion. After 40 years Jesus will die and be buried next to Muhammad in Medina. (Islam teaches that Jesus didn't die at the Cross but has been in a state of "suspended animation" since)

2. Judgment of Humanity

Christianity – All will appear before the Lord – **Mathew 25:31-46**

Islam – Yes - all will assemble at the Mount of Olives to receive judgement

3. Will there be signs before Judgment Day?

Christianity – Yes, there will be many including **Matthew 24:4-28**

Islam – Yes, The Jews will be gathered together. Final battle between Muslims and Jews. Quran also contains a version of the "Gog & Magog" war from the Bible with several differences from the Ezekiel text.

4. Who will experience Death?

Christianity – All will experience death except all the Church Age believers living at the Rapture and believers who survive the Great Tribulation who will enter into the Millennium in their physical bodies.

Islam – Everybody will experience death.

5. Basis for Eternal Life

Christianity – Salvation is received by grace through faith in Jesus Christ who already paid the penalty for our sins. **John 3:16, Titus 3:5**

Islam – Works will be judged on the scales of justice which will be hung on a pillared structure on the eastern side of the Temple Mount platform. If the scales show more good works than bad, the Muslim believer receives eternal life.

It is noted that all religions other than Biblical Christianity is based in a works or self improvement form making Christianity unique allowing for the veracity of **John 14:6**.

It is also of interest that the Last Judgment is based on works rather than sins which have been paid for by Christ for all mankind indicating that all can be saved. **Revelation 20:12-14** cf **1 John 2:2** and **2 Peter 3:9**

6. Levels of Rewards

Christianity – Not levels but degrees of rewards

Islam – Seven levels of Rewards

7. Who will experience the Tribulation?

Christianity – Believers from the church will be snatched away and taken to be with the Lord. God's judgment will be poured out on the wicked of the earth not the future bride of Christ. cf God's protection of Noah

Islam – Believers of Allah will be hidden with the prophet Mohammad, followed by a "wind of destruction" which will kill all the remaining people.

8. Destruction of the World

Christianity – The earth will be destroyed but not angels **2 Peter 3:10**

Islam - Allah will destroy all the nations except Islamic ones. At the end of Jesus' and the messianic Imam's rule, the angels will be destroyed and the earth will "spill out its contents"

9. Hell as a punishment for the Wicked

Christianity – Those who are not saved will be thrown into the fire of hell for eternity. The lake of fire is for Satan, unbelievers and fallen angels. **Revelation 20:11-15**

Islam – Hell is a lake of fire where non-Muslims/infidels live in torment. Sura 4:56 "Some of them believe on the prophet [Mohammad] and some turn aside from him: - the flame of hell is their sufficing punishment"

Islam teaches that there are 8 levels of torment. Sura 14:50 "And thou shalt see the wicked on that day linked together in chains - their garments of pitch, and fire shall enwrap their faces - that God may reward every soul as it deserveth;"

Hell is eternal: Sura 74:21 "And who shall teach thee what Hell-fire is? It leaveth nought, it spareth nought, blackening the skin

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

10. The Nature of Man

Christianity – All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:23**

Islam – Men are basically good. (Sura 7:23-29) Some have been guided toward right and some are left in error. We are inherently good, but Satan brings some into trouble as Allah wills.

11. Belief in Purgatory

Christianity – Evangelicals - No, Catholics - Yes

Islam – Yes, it is called Barzakh

12. Assurance of Salvation

Christianity – Those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour have eternal life. **John 3:36**

Islam – It is impossible in this life to have any assurance of salvation. Good works will be measured against bad on the scales of justice on judgment day.

13. The Character of God

Christianity – God is fair **2 Peter 3:9**. "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Islam – Allah is arbitrary. Some are born to knowledge while others are not. Sura 35:8 "Verily God misleads whom He will, and guides whom he will."

14. Future of Israel

Christianity – Eternally restored **Jeremiah 31:35-37**

Islam – Eternally destroyed

15. Signs of the End Times

Christianity – A very large number including Wars between nations (**Matthew 24:67a**), Famines & earthquakes (**Matthew 24:7b**), Many False Christs (**Matthew 24:5**), Israel re-established (**Isaiah 11:11-12**),

Temple worship restored and abomination of desolation (**Daniel 9:27; Matthew 25:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 11:1-2**), Celestial disturbances (**Matthew 24:29; Revelation 6-19**)

Islam – A number of signs will reveal that the end times have arrived (Sura 21:96, 27:82, 43:61) including Gross materialism, Women outnumber men, Muslims defeat Jews in battle; Muslims and Christians battle unbelievers together, then Muslims defeat Christians in battle. Increase in bloodshed and war, Religious knowledge decreases, Prevalence of the ungodly

16. Eternal Dwelling for Believers

Christianity – Heaven, New Jerusalem with worship, praise, fellowship and service focussed on God

Islam – Janah ("Paradise") Mutahsibir - sensual pleasure in sex with virgins, eating, and happiness Sura 47 Sura 55:56, Sura 56:15-22

- 2015 **Return Of The Mahdi And Isa [Jesus]** It's not only evangelical Christians who are sensing that something has changed in the world, and that we may be entering the very last days. Muslims are also eagerly awaiting their messiah. In the latest evidence of this messianic fervour, a mainstream Sunni Muslim website has decreed that the Islamic messiah, called the Mahdi, will appear this year or in 2016 and that the Muslim Jesus will return in 2022 to conquer the world for Islam.

The estimates were derived from "the latest research" into numerical analysis of the Quran, Hadith, Arabic words and historical events," according to DiscoveringIslam.org. "Based on our numerical analyses of the Quran and Hadith, the official beginning of the End of Time and the coming of the Imam Mahdi will most likely be in 2015 (or 2016) and Jesus Christ will come down from Heaven to Earth in 2022, in-sha Allah (if Allah is willing)," the website reported.

The Quran and the Bible put forth end-times narratives that are similar but opposite. The Bible's antichrist, for instance, resembles Islam's messiah while Muslims view the Jesus of the Bible as their antichrist or "Dajjal." The Quran teaches that Jesus returns to earth but for a very different purpose – to "break the cross" and convert the world's Christians to Islam.

CONCLUSION

By understanding the eschatology of Islam and confirming the signs trends of Biblical prophecy shows why the two largest religions in the world are expecting their messiah to return as a global potentate. Until the last two to three decades the Muslim for centuries has not seen such a possibility of the return of the Mahdi.

TREND 5 ANTI CHRISTIAN ATTACKS

PROPHECY Psalm 2:2-3 "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,³ Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

In 2014 fifty seven Islamic countries pushed to criminalise all dissent against Islam pressurising western countries to prosecute any and all criticism of Islam as a "hate crime".

In **Matthew 5:44-46** the Christian is told to love one's enemies and do good to those who hate you. In Bible believing Christians there should be no hatred of other religions, only a desire to lead them all to a fuller knowledge of and faith in the real Jesus.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1985 - The Romanian Government turned 20,000 Bibles into toilet paper the former US ambassador Mr David Funderbunk claimed. The 20,000 Bibles sent from 1973-1979 to the Hungarian Reformed Church in Romania never reached their destination

1986 - The Biblical account of the origins of life has been banned as a scientific theory in New South Wales state schools in favour of evolution which itself is a theory racked by inconclusive evidence and deep division of belief.

Although NSW teachers may refer to creation as a comparison they have been warned that they will be punished if they persist in teaching "hocus pocus" creationism in the guise of science.

1987 – Israel's ministry of Education has issued an order prohibiting state schools from using Bibles containing both the Old and New Testaments saying that they cannot be taught as if they were equal because the Old Testament comes from God while the New Testament was written by human beings.

1994 - There is one organisation in Israel whose sole purpose for existence is to make war on Messianic Jews and anyone else who is a follower of Jesus the Messiah. The head of the "anti Missionary" organisation Yad Lachim is Rabbi Shalom Bar Lipschitz. He and his members spend their days devising plans to disrupt, harass and persecute Israeli believers.

1995 – In Australia Victorian State legislation the first case regarding religious vilification brought by the Islamic Council of Victoria against “Catch the Fire Ministries” has resulted in legal fees exceeding \$1 million and achieved nothing but enmity

1999 - Fifteen months after Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a controversial new religion law, local officials are using the law as a pretext to harass and torment evangelical missionaries and congregations from one end of the country to another.

Harassment has been directed to Pentecostals, Baptists, the Salvation Army, Adventists, Roman Catholics and Protestants. Congregations have been evicted from rented facilities, evangelism campaigns banned and worship services broken up.

The author was subject to harassment in Ukraine in his 2001 mission where his visa was checked and access to the village hall was denied resulting in an open air worship service.

2001 – On March 30th Turkish security police ordered a Protestant church in Gaziantep to stop meeting for worship in their purchased facilities. The police declared that the church did not comply with a number of national laws regulating religious worship.

The French National Assembly adopted a controversial anti sect legislation on May 30th. Critics say the new law could repress minority religious groups. The Baptist church is under threat by this law

2002 - The Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh Scotland banned a charity Christmas CD from being distributed because it mentioned the baby Jesus fearing that it could offend people of other faiths.

2003 – Canada’s House of Commons passed a controversial bill that will criminalize public expression against homosexual behaviour. The bill passed 141-110. It adds sexual orientation as a protected category in Canada’s genocide and hate crime legislation which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

Late in the year a New York Public School banned a nativity scene because it specifically shows Jesus as the Son of God violating a “constitutional separation of church and state” It was replaced by a Christmas tree.

The mother of the boys who had made the Nativity scene claimed double standards as the Menorah of the Jews and the Moon and Star of the Muslims were acceptable and allowed.

In spite of the Sudan Peace Act which was signed last October the slaughter of Christians and Tribals in South Sudan continues.

The relief group Servants Heart has recently returned from south Sudan where they heard local survivors tell of a massive attack that killed as many as 3000 unarmed civilians in a number of villages

2004 - The American Civil Liberties Union lawyers have been targeting the voluntary lunch time prayer that has been a tradition at the US Naval Academy since its founding. In the ACLU’s view consenting adults have a right to do just about anything they want except to say grace in a government cafeteria

2005 - The Gaza Office of the Palestine Bible Society was forced to close in mid February. The Bible Society received a letter from militants demanding that the Bible Society completely close down and not re open anywhere in Gaza.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s regime is dealing a severe blow to Christian revival in the country by outlawing Muslims who convert to Christianity

2007 – Doctors and health workers in Scotland have been banned from eating lunch at their desks during the Ramadan feast in case it offends their Muslim colleagues. The lunch trolley is also to be wheeled out of bounds and vending machines removed from where Muslims work.

2008 - A new law has been passed in West Sumatra which makes it compulsory for all school students to pass an exam on the Koran irrespective of their faith. It also applies to engaged couples who cannot marry until they have passed the exams even if they are Christians.

2009 A new ministry partnership has launched a campaign to raise awareness of the fact that an estimated 176,000 Christians around the world were martyred in the one-year period from the middle of 2008 to the middle of 2009.

2010 Practice of any religion other than Islam is banned in the Maldives islands. Some non Muslim Maldivians exist but they live mostly in secret as there are no churches in the entire country.

An Afghan parliamentary secretary has called for the public execution of Christian converts from the parliament floor, according to International Christian Concern. Speaking in regards to a video broadcast by the Afghan television network showing footage of Christian men being baptized and praying in Farsi, Khawasi said, "Those Afghans that appeared in this video film should be executed in public.

The house should order the attorney general and the NDS (intelligence agency) to arrest these Afghans and execute them."

2011 On January 1st twenty three people killed in Alexandria when a car bomb detonated in front of a Coptic church in the greatest attack on the Coptics in a decade

More than 800,000 Christians were living in Iraq under the Saddam Hussein regime where minority religions enjoyed protection. The number of Christians in Iraq has halved since 2003 with many leaving for more peaceful lands.

Thousands rally in Pakistan in support of the death sentence for those who break blasphemy laws

In Nigeria the Islamist group Boko Haram [which means "Western education is a sin] wants to rule the country with Sharia Law.

At least 425 people have been killed in attacks by Boko Haram this year. To stop the Islamists crossing into neighbouring states after attacks the Nigerian president has sealed the borders.

2012 In the Horn of Africa both Somalia and Eritrea continue to have very poor records when it comes to treatment of Christians

2014 57 Islamic countries push to criminalise all dissent against Islam pressurising western countries to prosecute any and all criticism of Islam as a "hate crime". In **Matthew 5:44-46** the Christian is told to love one's enemies and do good to those who hate you. In bible believing Christians there should be no hatred of other religions, only a desire to lead them all to a fuller knowledge of and faith in the real Jesus.

Pakistan is pressing for mandatory death sentence for blasphemy against Islam. Often the current laws are used to take revenge or settling scores and have little to do with any assault upon Islam.

14th August China has announced its plan to nationalise Christian theology, a move that has many Christians concerned for the future.

Wang Zuoan director of the State Administration for Religious Affairs said, "The construction of Christian Theology should adapt to China's national condition and integrate with Chinese culture". This is simply the next step on the path of control by State over Religion in China.

Christian leaders believe that a nationalised theology would focus more on politics than religion. This comes in the wake of a government campaign which forcibly removed crosses from churches across the country.

The Pope has come out in support of RFID Chip technologies and the great potential they hold for mankind. He advised "We have examined the scriptures thoroughly and I can conclusively say there's nothing to indicate that RFID Chips are Satanic in any way".

On 27 February 2015 a Swedish company announced a “trial of RFID implanted chips for security scanning in their high tech building. They can open doors and access all equipment without any security codes, lanyards or swipes being used. One employee said, “its very 2015”. The chip was 12 mm long and was injected into the back of the hand by syringe.

- 2015 January - A British Christian magistrate has been disciplined by a Tory Cabinet Minister for expressing the belief that children should be raised by both a mother and a father. Richard Page told colleagues behind closed doors during an adoption case that he thought it would be better for a child to be brought up in a traditional family rather than by a gay couple. He was shocked a week later when he found he had been reported to the judges’ watchdog for alleged prejudice, and was suspended from sitting on family court cases.

The married 68-year-old was told he had broken the oath sworn by all Justices of the Peace (JPs) as well as Labour’s controversial Equality Act, by being guided by his religious views and discriminating against the same-sex adoptive parents. Last night, critics said the case was another example of how people who hold traditional Christian views feel they have no freedom of speech and find it difficult to hold public office in modern Britain. Mr Page told The Mail on Sunday: ‘There is tremendous pressure to keep quiet and go along with what is seen to be politically correct. ‘Everyone else seems to be allowed to stand up for their beliefs except for Christians.’

March 23 - Saudi Arabia’s top Muslim cleric called on Tuesday for the destruction of all churches in the Arabian Peninsula after legislators in the Gulf state of Kuwait moved to pass laws banning the construction of religious sites associated with Christianity. Speaking to a delegation in Kuwait, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah, who serves as the grand mufti of Saudi Arabia, said the destruction of churches was absolutely necessary and is required by Islamic law, Arabic media reported.

Last month, Osama Al-Munawer, a Kuwaiti member of parliament, announced his plans to submit a draft law calling for the removal of all churches in the country, according to the Arabian Businesses news site. Al-Munawer later clarified that the law would only apply to new churches, while old ones would be allowed to stay erect.

TREND 6 - PERSECUTION

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Within EBCWA for a number of years we issued mid month prayer letters for the persecuted in many countries. This persecution will tend to intensify as we approach the end of the Church Age as Satan realises that his time is short. Here are a few examples.

- 1987 - It has been estimated that huge numbers of Christians are martyred for their faith annually around the world according to Dr David Barrett editor of the World Christian Encyclopaedia. He adds the 20th century has seen a rise in Christian martyrdom.
- 1990 - Churches and Christian training centres in Iran are routinely monitored and there has been widespread closure of these institutions by the Ministry of Islamic Guidance. This has caused the churches to go underground. Circulation of Christian literature, including scripture in the Persian language is banned. All Christian bookshops have been closed. Several Christian leaders, mostly converts from Islam have been executed or assassinated.
- 1991 - On Christmas Day in Turkey 17 year old Soner Onder was on his way home after church when he was arrested, he was taken off a public bus in a police raid after a Kurdish terrorist attack on a local store. His trial was unfair and he didn't get an appeal until he had spent 12 years and six months imprisoned.
- 1992 - Laila Begum and her family and others converted to Christianity in 1991. But there was resentment of their faith in the local community, in Bangladesh. Finally in late 1992 local Muslims vandalized and burned the local church and several Christian owned homes.
- 1993 - Palestinian Muslims boycotted all Christian businesses, which brought economic hardship on Christian families. Those who attacked Christians and Christian property were rewarded.

- 1994 - Siham Qandah lives in Jordan, her Christian husband died whilst serving with the U.N peacekeeping force in Kosovo. She was told that her husband had converted to Islam and therefore her children would automatically be Muslim. For thirteen years she went in and out of court to save her children being given to her Muslim brother.
- 1995 - Colonel David De Vinatea was in the Peruvian army. He was against the corruption within the ranks of the military and this made him a target for narcotic trafficking gangs. He was imprisoned for drug crimes and served eight years and 10 days for a crime he didn't commit, but the Lord used him mightily and he led many to the Lord while serving his sentence.
- 1996 - In the town of Uraba, Colombia's most violent area, Pastor Manuel was murdered. He worked the streets giving the gospel and calling for peace which made him an enemy of the local terrorist groups. He left behind a wife and children.
- 1997 - 22nd December, in the little cove of Acteal in Chiapas, Mexico, 45 men, women and children were massacred. From the investigation that was made, many innocent local Christians were accused of the murders. The believers were made scapegoats for the political massacre. It is claimed that 35 Christian men were responsible and each man was imprisoned for 26 to 35 years.
- 1998 - China reported that 140 underground Christians were arrested because they had organized a prayer day for the persecuted church around the world.
- 1999 - January 22nd In Orissa's Keonjhar district of India one of our own missionaries Graham Staines and his two sons Phillip 11 and Timothy 7 were burnt to death as they slept in their car. Thirteen men were found guilty of their murder.
- 2001 - April saw the arrest and imprisonment of Journalist Li Ying in China. Li Ying and 16 others from the South China Church were condemned to death for their part in publishing an underground church magazine. Later in 2002 her sentence was reduced to 15 years.
- 2001 - Helen James lost both parents, two sisters and three brothers in religious violence that engulfed Christians in Nigeria, Bauchi state. 10,000 people were forced to flee their homes. They are dying of disease, hunger and poverty in a refugee camp.
- 2002 - Aladin Omer from Sudan was on his way to Bible College in Uganda, but only got as far as Khartoum airport where he was arrested and taken to the police station. He was injected with drugs and beaten. Fortunately he was able to escape and got out of Sudan and is in hiding.
- 2003 - Sulawesi Island in Indonesia had a prominent man in their midst, Reverend Rinaldy Damanik. He was trying to make peace between Muslim and Christian communities on the island, but was arrested for illegal weapon possession. This charge put him in prison, but a year later he was released after a judge ruled the trial had much inconclusive evidence.
- 2004 - Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel a pastor was imprisoned for his religious beliefs. It is believed Eritrea has 1,800 Christians under arrest for their beliefs and it is reported that they are beaten and some housed in shipping containers even in 40 degree heat.
- 2005 - Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang was released from a Vietnamese prison after being sentenced in 2004 to a four year prison term. He is a well-known promoter of religious freedom and human rights who has defended farmers' land rights. It is not known why he was released early.
- 2006 - Christian girls kidnapped in Egypt from the ages of 10 to 25 are being raped and made to marry Muslim men and forcibly converted to Islam. Families find their daughters not returning from work or school and never to be seen again.
- 2007 - Christians in Benishangul state, Ethiopia are under pressure from Islamic militants. Jemmal Sembeto aged 35 was imprisoned and several other Christians beaten and tortured in an attempt to force them to name other church leaders in their underground ministry.

- 2008 - Orissa India 400 houses have been burnt down in attacks on Christians by Hindu activists. Many were burnt, raped and murdered. Activists even set fire to a church orphanage, burning a young woman alive.
- 2009 - A Christian politician in Pakistan's Punjab province is recovering from his injuries after he was apparently nearly killed by Muslim activists, amid growing religious tensions in the region.
- 2010 Christians who refuse to convert to Islam face increased persecution in Pakistan
- 2011 Iran's persecution backfires as Christianity continues to spread
- Christian genocide in Somalia by Islamists goes unreported.
- Nigerian Muslims and Christians clash leaving dozens more dead.
- Continuing persecution of Christians by Hindus reported from India.
- 2012 Islamic Boko Haram gunmen kill 25-30 Christian students at the Federal Polytechnic College in Mubi in N E Nigeria
- Dozens of Christian worship places have been destroyed by Islamic terrorists in Zanzibar Tanzania and church leaders are fleeing as persecution increases in East Africa.
- Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erodgan, who previously ago said a movie that "insults religions" and "prophets" is protected by freedom of speech, now is insisting that international bodies pass laws making criticism of Islam a crime
- The persecution of Christians in the 10/40 Window has increased by 400 percent over the last 10 years, which is why Gospel for Asia (GFA) is calling on Christians to spend an entire day, not just a few minutes, fasting and praying for the persecuted church
- One of the prime results of the Arab Spring has been the persecution of Christians in the Middle East.
- The head of a California-based evangelical religious liberty group states that Christianity is presently the most persecuted religion on earth
- 2013 Numerous reports have been received in 2013 on the increase in persecution of Christians worldwide. I have selected one item for these two prophecies
- UK Parliament is told Christianity is 'Most Persecuted Religion' December 4th 2013 - Members of the House of Commons were told that the persecution of Christians is increasing, that one Christian is killed around every 11 minutes around the world, and that Christianity is the "most persecuted religion globally".
- A long list of countries in which life as a Christian is most difficult was discussed, including Syria, North Korea, Eritrea, Nigeria, Iraq and Egypt. MP Jim Shannon said the persecution of Christians is "the biggest story in the world that has never been told". He said that although the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, there are many countries in which these rights are not given.
- Shannon alleged that 200 million Christians will be persecuted for their faith this year, while he said that 500 million live in "dangerous neighbourhoods". The former Bishop of Rochester, Michael Nazir-Ali said that the persecution of Christians was taking place in more than 130 of the 190 countries in the world at the moment".
- Meanwhile, a UK-based organisation has claimed that the number of countries posing an extreme risk to the human rights of their populations has risen by 70 per cent in the past five years. Risk analysis company Maplecroft (which researched 197 countries for its annual Human Rights Risk Atlas 2014) says that since 2008 the number has risen steeply from 20 to 34, predominantly comprised of countries in the Middle East and Africa. Syria tops the list, followed by Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan, Somalia, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Controversial New 'Religion That Embraces All Religions' - If you're a part of a specific denomination or religious sect, Living Interfaith Church of Lynnwood is probably unlike anything you've seen before. The house of worship, based in Lynnwood, Washington, is run by the Rev. Steven Greenebaum. Rather than focusing solely upon Jesus, Muhammad or other central religious figures that are specific to certain faiths, the Living Interfaith Church focuses upon a more interconnected sentiment — one that brings together people of any and all theological views.

Interfaith is a faith that embraces the teachings of all spiritual paths that lead us to seek a life of compassionate action. Interfaith, as a faith, does not seek to discover which religion or spiritual path is "right." Rather, it recognizes that we are all brothers and sisters, and that at different times and different places we have encountered the sacred differently.

During the service that the New York Times visited, there was a Koran, a Hebrew Bible, two volumes of the Humanist Manifesto and the "Black Elk Speaks" (a Sioux book), among other elements. The liturgy included sayings and invocations from various religions as well.

It included a poem from Rumi, a Sufi mystic, an early-Christian greeting, an African American spiritual and a rabbinical song. In other weeks, the service has drawn from Bahai, Shinto, Sikh, Hindu and Wiccan traditions, and from various humanist sources. "My faith is Interfaith. My spiritual path is Judaism. My tribe is Humanity," proclaims the faith leader on his church's website. "Now, I'm not here to try to convince anyone that there is no such thing as right or wrong," the preacher said during a recent sermon. "But I am here to say that there is no 'them.' And there is no 'us' who are somehow superior to them."

A third of Syria's Christians have fled their country. In Egypt 200,000 Coptic Christians have fled their homes since 2011. The Christian population in the Middle East has dropped from 20% a century ago to 5% now.

2014 January Islamic authorities in Malaysia have seized 321 Bibles from a Christian group because they used the word Allah to refer to God. This signals growing intolerance that may inflame ethnic and religious tension in the Southeast Asian country. The raid comes after a Malaysian court in October ruled that the Arabic word was exclusive to Muslims, most of whom are ethnic Malays, the largest ethnic group in the country alongside sizeable Christian, Hindu and Buddhist minorities. That ruling overturned a court decision that allowed a Roman Catholic newspaper printed in Malay, the country's national language, to use Allah.

23rd July When U.S. troops invaded Iraq in 2003, there were at least 1.5 million Christians in Iraq. Over the last ten years, significantly in the last few months with the emergence of ISIS, that figure has dropped to about 400,000. In a region where Christians predate Muslims by centuries, over one million Christians have been killed or have had to flee because of jihadist persecution, while the West is basically standing by and watching.

This is the sad news that Breitbart's National Security Editor and one of the world's leading experts on asymmetric warfare, Dr. Sebastian Gorka, brought to Breitbart News Saturday. Dr. Gorka explained that "in the last 48 hours, ISIS, which is now called the Islamic State in Mosul, has painted the letter "N" for Nazarene on the houses of all the surviving Christians in the city. ISIS has basically given an ultimatum to all the Christians left: You can either flee or convert to Islam, or we will kill you."

Gorka points out that, over the last 20 years, America has stood up around the world to save Muslims. "Whether it was to save the Muslims in Bosnia or the Albanians, Kosovars, and Muslims in Serbia, it is now time for a humanitarian operation to save the remaining Christians in Iraq," he said. "It is time for the American people and our representatives to do something for our co-religionists remaining in the Middle East." For many it is already too late and the policy of the US and EU can be seen as anti-Christian in its effects.

5th August Once a predominantly Christian town situated near Nigeria's border with Cameroon the town of Gwoza was seized by Boko Haran prompting the massacre of 1000 Christians after the Nigerian military mutinied and refused to try and retake the town.

10th August World Watch List, published by Open Doors Ministry, ranks Saudi Arabia as the world's sixth most repressive country for Christians in its 2014 report.

The only countries listed as more hostile to Christianity are Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia and North Korea. Syria and Iraq surpassed Saudi Arabia on the list this year because of the rise of the Islamic State, also called ISIS.

Of the world's 14 most repressive nations, 13 of them are Islamic regimes or have major territories controlled by Muslim rebels. North Korea is the lone exception with its communist dictatorship

10th September International Christian Concern has warned that Sangh Parivar, an umbrella Hindu nationalist group, is inflicting suffering and looking to cleanse the minority Christian population in India, much like terror group ISIS is doing in Iraq and Syria.

18th December Unconfirmed reports of a new decree imposing the death penalty on anyone caught smuggling Bibles into Saudi Arabia has many Christian ministries and support groups on edge.

Practicing any religion other than Islam has long been illegal in the desert kingdom, and that includes rules against foreigners bringing in any type of religious material that does not conform to the royal family's strict Wahhabi brand of Sunni Islam.

Foreign nationals living in Saudi Arabia are often detained for purely religious reasons, sometimes resulting in deportation. But applying capital punishment, which in Saudi Arabia often means death by beheading, to Bible smugglers would signal a new level of persecution even for the Saudis.

2015 The Extinction Of Eastern Christianity May Figure in Europe's Own Future The numbers of Christians in the Middle East are dwindling. In Iraq, there were 1.4 million Christians in 2003 and there are now 270,000. In Syria, they were 1.1 million before the civil war and are now 400,000. Everywhere, from Libya to Iraq, the Islamic State is beheading Christians or converting them to Islam.

The situation of Eastern Christianity is a tragedy of immense proportions. It entails human sufferings on a traumatic scale. Even those, like Egyptian President Sisi who would like to help, seem powerless in such dramatic circumstances. As for the West, the ideological and strategic choices it made in the last century incapacitate it and obscure its understanding. We saw tens of thousands of people walking in the main European capitals on behalf of the Palestinians that were showering Israeli civilians with missiles and shouting "death to Israel and the Jews", but Christian agony in Muslim lands would bring only five hundred timid protesters out to the Parisian streets.

England and France were responsible for splitting Christian identity by persuading the Christians that they were Arabs and that they had to militate with Muslims for a new ideology: Arab nationalism that would suppress Zionism. There were Christian Arabs, but most Christians were Eastern Christians whose lifestyle became Arab in form due to the Arab conquest of their lands. On the advice of the two colonial powers Christians became more Arab than the Arabs after the traumatizing experience of the big massacres in Lebanon and Syria in 1860.

In 1860 a series of massacres was carried out in Syria, under the patronage of the Turks. The desultory skirmishing of Druze and Christians culminated in civil war throughout the Lebanon. Far and wide the Christian towns and villages were burnt, and thousands of Christians slaughtered. It was, to some extent, a general stand-up fight between rivals.

British sympathy was largely with the Druzes. French sympathy and considerable support were on the side of the native Christians. The Druzes were almost uniformly victorious, and the carnage was frightful; but in almost every engagement Turkish troops were spectators. They gave moral support, and often practical assistance, to the Druzes during the battles; they invariably joined in the work of plunder, and they alone were guilty of unspeakable atrocities on women and children. On these points the testimony of missionaries, consuls, commanders, and ambassadors was unanimous.

On the political level, France, England and America refused to grant to the Assyrians and Armenians an autonomous national territory after the First World War, fearing the rage of the Muslim population of their new Arab colonies.

They refused the Christian request for a protection in the new Arab states at the end of the mandate period, stating that their best protection would be their integration as Arabs in their new countries.

The result was a great massacre of Assyrians in the 1930s. European powers never considered the Eastern Christians' interests, their policy aimed to handle carefully the large colonized Muslim populations or later the new Arab and Muslim states in an age of oil dependency.

2014: Worst Christian Persecution In Over 20 Years Last year saw the highest level of persecution of Christians the world has seen since the fall of the Soviet Union, according to a report by a Christian persecution watchdog group released Wednesday. "During the past reporting period we can confirm that 4,344 people were executed or murdered for their faith in Jesus Christ. This was over twice that of the previous reporting period."

For the thirteenth year in a row, North Korea sits in the number one spot. The Communist state was labelled the nation where Christian persecution is most severe. Following North Korea in the top ten in order of appearance were Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, Iran, Pakistan, Eritrea, and Nigeria.

With the exceptions of Mexico and Colombia, all of the fifty nations on the World Watch List were located in Africa, Asia, or the Indian Ocean. Other findings by Open Doors include the continent of Africa having the most nations move up the World Watch List, Islamic extremism being the lead source of persecution in 40 of the 50 countries, and the most intense anti-Christian violence being in Nigeria, Syria, and Iraq.

Jihad-Minded Muslims Setting Christian Children On Fire In Pakistan Brutal persecution is putting Pakistan back in the headlines. At least two Pakistani Christians in Lahore were recently targeted by Muslims. "If they identified themselves as Christians, they were attacked," reports Bruce Allen of Forgotten Missionaries International (FMI). On Friday, while on their way to the mosque, two Muslims stopped 14-year-old Fodor in the streets and asked him what religion he followed. When Fodor said he was a Christian, "They pursued him on their motorbikes; they threw kerosene on him and then lit him [on] fire," Allen says. "He was burned over 55 percent of his body." Shortly after this incident another boy was set on fire.

"There has been a swelling of anti-Christian sentiment in recent weeks, especially in Lahore," he states. "As you watch in society and you see pamphlets endorsing terrorism, you see threats against Christian schools, you see bombings against the churches: it's just growing there, absolutely." Pakistani Christians can't turn to the government for help; They are part of the problem".

The Time Is Coming That Whoever Kills You Will Think That He Is Offering a Service to God' When a rubber dinghy carrying around 100 African refugees across the Mediterranean began to sink, a Nigerian Christian prayed for his life in an innocent act that would end in the deaths of 12 fellow migrants.

One of the Muslims on board the rickety craft ordered him to stop, saying: 'Here, we only pray to Allah.' When he refused, a violent fight ensued and 12 Christians drowned when they were thrown overboard by the Muslim refugees. Who in the world would do such a thing? The only reason those 12 people were killed was because they were Christians.

China increases significantly the level of persecution of Christians. As the Christian faith continues to grow in China, so does the number of Chinese citizens who embrace rule of law, oppose totalitarian governance, and support the expansion of civil society.

The ongoing growth of house churches in both rural and urban areas is perceived by the CPC as a serious threat. The government's goal, the report said, is to install the bureaucracy of the government in control of churches, a fight that it might not be able to win.

A conservative estimate suggests that the total number of Christians attending both Three-Self churches and house churches is approximately 70 million, which is growing. Dr. Yang Fenggang, a professor of religion and sociology at Purdue University, has estimated that by 2030, the number of Christians in China will exceed those in the United States, thus making China the largest Christian nation in the world.

The growth in Christianity has triggered a unique sense of crisis for Communist and government officials and their activities during 2014 represent the most severe suppressive measures since the Cultural Revolution.

TREND 7 - NEW AGE PHILOSOPHY

PROPHECY -1 Timothy 4 1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

Within the last 25 years the New Age movement has emerged as an alternative force to Biblical Christianity. It is a massive movement that synthesises various facets of eastern and animistic religions, multiculturalism, occultism and astrology with mind sciences, humanistic philosophy, rationalism and peace movements.

The New Age philosophy emphasises that there is divinity within everyone and we must realise that we are gods in the making. American Bishop Earl Paulk says that just as dogs have puppies so God has little gods and unless we realise that we are gods we cannot manifest the Kingdom of God on earth

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF THE GEORGIA GUIDE STONES

A set of ten guidelines is inscribed on the structure in eight modern and four ancient languages. In 1980, a very strange stone formation was erected in a city in Georgia [USA]. It has been called the Stonehenge of America. Its name is the Georgia Guidestones. It is a granite monument erected in Elbert County.

The guidelines are given in the eight modern languages and a shorter message is inscribed at the top of the structure in Babylonian, Classical Greek, Sanskrit, and Egyptian hieroglyphs.

The 10 commandments are:-

- 1] Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature.
- 2] Guide reproduction wisely — improving fitness and diversity.
- 3] Unite humanity with a living new language.
- 4] Rule passion — faith — tradition — and all things with tempered reason.
- 5] Protect people and nations with fair laws and just courts.
- 6] Let all nations rule internally resolving external disputes in a world court.
- 7] Avoid petty laws and useless officials.
- 8] Balance personal rights with social duties.
- 9] Prize truth — beauty — love — seeking harmony with the infinite.
- 10] Be not a cancer on the earth — Leave room for nature — Leave room for nature

The first one should alarm the normal person. We have over 7 billion people on the earth right now. To be in “perpetual balance with nature” 9 out of 10 people would have to be eliminated! The second one no doubt has to do with sterilization and abortion. The third is extremely interesting- Unite humanity with a living new language. Remember when God stopped the construction of the Tower of Babel by confusing the languages? The fourth is a big problem for Christians - tempering our faith - very telling. The sixth speaks of a World court which brings to mind a complementary One World Government. The ninth sounds very Wiccan and New Age. The tenth reinforces the first - speaking of people as of little worth, a cancer upon the earth. Mother Earth is, in the end by far the most important.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1993 - Some 2000 women seeking to “change Christianity” attended a reimagining conference in the US sponsored by the WCC. It was reported that “throughout the conference worship experiences will celebrate Sophia the Biblical goddess of Creation.

During a panel discussion on Jesus Delores Williams from the Union Theological Seminary said "I do not think we need a theory of atonement at all. I don't think we need folks hanging on crosses and blood dripping and weird stuff. We just need to listen to the god within."

2000 – In April Earth Day will be celebrated around the world. It is expected to be the biggest New Age Festival in human history. The first earth day was held in 1970 which is claimed to be the start of the Green movement. The New Age movement refers to Mother Earth as a Goddess coming alive.

2013 **Church of England to Blend Christianity with Paganism to Attract Spiritualists.** Here's a new twist on church growth: creating a pagan atmosphere and branding campaign for New Age spiritualists in order to increase the number of bodies in the pews. The Church of England is actually training its ministers to create "a pagan church where Christianity is very much in the centre" to attract spiritual believers. That means changing the Anglican Church doctrine to make it more inclusive for people of alternative beliefs.

The Church of England admits that its motive is to retain congregation numbers who have embraced paganism. The Church Mission Society is training ministers to "break new ground" in order to get spiritual people into churches. The Church Mission Society's Andrea Campenale, said: "Nowadays people, they want to feel something; they want to have some sense of experience. We live in reflective England where there's much more of a focus on ourselves. I think that is something we can bring in dialogue with the Christian society."

This news release was actually coordinated to align with the Summer Solstice, with events lining up around the celebrations at Stonehenge which recently underwent a multimillion dollar transformation. A couple of days ago 20,000 spiritual seekers celebrated the summer solstice there. Pagans and druids gathered to celebrate at the historic monument.

Pope Francis Assures Atheists: You Don't Have to Believe In God to Go to Heaven In comments likely to enhance his progressive reputation, Pope Francis has written a long, open letter to the founder of La Repubblica newspaper, Eugenio Scalfari, stating that non-believers would be forgiven by God if they followed their consciences.

Responding to a list of questions published in the paper by Mr Scalfari, who is not a Roman Catholic, Francis wrote: "You ask me if the God of the Christians forgives those who don't believe and who don't seek the faith. I start by saying – and this is the fundamental thing – that God's mercy has no limits if you go to him with a sincere and contrite heart. The issue for those who do not believe in God is to obey their conscience. "Sin, even for those who have no faith, exists when people disobey their conscience."

Robert Mickens, the Vatican correspondent for the Catholic journal The Tablet, said the pontiff's comments were further evidence of his attempts to shake off the Catholic Church's fusty image, reinforced by his extremely conservative predecessor Benedict XVI.

"Francis is a still a conservative," said Mr Mickens. "But what this is all about is him seeking to have a more meaningful dialogue with the world."

In a welcoming response to the letter, Mr Scalfari said the Pope's comments were "further evidence of his ability and desire to overcome barriers in dialogue with all". In July, Francis signalled a more progressive attitude on sexuality, asking: "If someone is gay and is looking for the Lord, who am I to judge him?"

2014 20th March A number of Christian leaders today are attempting to bridge the gap between Muslims and Christians, often called Chrislam, with the new mantra that, "we all worship the same God". At the heart of this movement and perhaps the most dangerous issue is that these Christian leaders suggest that because we use similar terms such as "God" and "Jesus" - there is a form of shared belief.

Pope Francis has been a breath of fresh air for many Catholics seeking greater liberty and a growing concern for conservative Christians who take issue with his comments about homosexuality and other cultural issues.

But the pontiff's latest statement is sparking an uproar from believers around the world. Pope Francis sent a tweet Tuesday that absolutely violates the truth of Scripture: "The Christian who does not feel that the Virgin Mary is his or her mother is an orphan," Pope Francis tweeted.

Chrislam Returns as Catholic Cardinal Embraces Islam. Catholic Cardinal Theodore McCarrick offered Islamic religious phrases and insisted that Islam shares foundational rules with Christianity, during a press conference in Washington D.C. "In the name of God, the Merciful and Compassionate," McCarrick said as he introduced himself to the audience at a meeting arranged by the Muslim Public Affairs Council blending the two distinct religions in his comments at the press club. [for comparison of Christian and Islamic Eschatology see pages 44-47]

Pope Francis Claims Mary Was Conceived 'Without Original Sin'. During Feast of Immaculate Conception, one of the feasts and celebrations marked on the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar leading up to Christmas is a day in which those who follow the religion commemorate their belief that Mary was born without sin.

The pontiff known as Pope Francis led Catholics in the annual observance of the holiday, delivering an Angelus address in St. Peter's Square. "Oh Mary, our mother, today the people of God in celebration venerate you, the immaculate, preserved from the contagion of sin from the beginning," he prayed. "Accept the gift I offer on behalf of the church in Rome and throughout the whole world." "In this time that leads us to the feast of the birth of Jesus, teach us to go against the tide," Francis continued. "The power of God's love, which has preserved you from original sin, freed all of humanity through your intercession from every spiritual and material slavery, and made the designs of God's salvation victorious within hearts and events."

2015- **10th January** According to a National Geographic survey, 77 percent of all Americans "believe there are signs that aliens have visited Earth", and according to a recent Harris poll only 68 percent of all Americans believe that Jesus is God or the Son of God. That means that the number of Americans that believe that UFOs have visited us is now greater than the number of Americans that believe what the Bible has to say about Jesus Christ.

New Trend: 'Radically Inclusive' Churches That Embrace All Religions and All Lifestyles All over America, "radically inclusive" churches that embrace all religions and all lifestyles are starting to pop up. Church services that incorporate elements of Hinduism, Islam, native American religions and even Wicca are becoming increasingly common. And even if you don't believe anything at all, that is okay with these churches too. A stained glass window looming over the pulpit captures the spirit of the church. It's a design that contains a Christian cross, ringed by symbols from Judaism, Islam and Hinduism. In the middle is a dove, which symbolizes the spirit of peace that binds them all together.

A group of singers took to the stage and opened with a hypnotic Tibetan Buddhist chant that evoked the spirit of compassion: "Om Mani Padme Hum." The chant segued into "Shanti, Shanti Om," a Hindu prayer for peace. Then as the chanting grew louder, the drums and bass kicked in as the singers switched to a Muslim chant about the sovereignty of God: "La ilaha, Il Allah." All over America there are ministers that are going out of their way to be more "inclusive". There is even one Presbyterian minister out in Oregon that wants people to "bring their own god" to church

TREND 8 SCOFFERS AND MOCKERS

PROPHECY - 2 Peter 3:3-4 - Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

The majority of Churches ignore or reject the concept that The Lord Jesus Christ will come for His church as promised in **John 14:1-3, 1Thessalonians 4:13-17** and **1 Corinthians chapter 15**. Many Christian teachers scoff about the doctrine of the Rapture and assume that the Church has replaced Israel in God's plan and that we should forget the Rapture and be busy building the kingdom of God. Examples of this attitude are shown below

Men would mock the warning signs of the end of the age saying, These signs have always been around. The Bible even reveals their motivation walking in their own lust.

Rev Ben Smillie a minister with the United Church of Canada ridiculed Christians who he says “ go on believing in clay made man, a floating zoo, an amphibious footed Jesus, a son of God who demonstrates his divinity as a homebrew artist by turning water into wine and topped it with an ascension that looks like a Cape Kennedy blastoff.

In the UK the former Bishop of Durham Rev David Jenkins has made history through his denials of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Christ was not born of a virgin, did not rise physically from the dead, there is no hell nor heaven. Moreover it was reported that 50% of the Bishops in the UK agree with Jenkins

Many productions in the arts could be classified under this category including films such as The Last Temptation of Christ which appeared in 1987.

COMMENTS

The Bible believing Christians holding to the truths of the Scriptures are the ones under God preventing the full flourishing of a universal religion. With the removal of the Church at the Rapture all restraint will be lifted and a world religion will come into being to be the initial tool for the political dominion of the world.

Revelation chapter 17

2010 Vatican condemn Christian fundamentalists unwavering support for Israel

2011 Anger in Australia as school books 'write Christ out of history'

2013 Scoffing has hit a whole new level. Hollywood is making the apocalypse a joke in two movies: “This is the End” and “Rapture Palooza”. The latter features a scene where Jesus is blown out of the sky as He returns in His Second Coming. (One wonders what would be the response if a movie shot Mohammed or Allah out of the sky?) As one movie critic states, "Satan, God, and Jesus are ultimately killed, leaving non-believers to live in peace."

Sadly, it's not just the pagans doing the mocking and scoffing, however. Many Christians, churches, and even entire denominations have similar attitudes. And while they are hardly as offensive, the end result is similar. We go to marriage seminars, financial seminars, how to manage kids' seminars but please spare us from an end-time focus. Boring. Depressing. Scary. We want to go to Heaven someday but maybe not right now!

The Bible contains detailed prophecies about the end times we are living in, and there is just no way to fully understand much of what is happening today apart from those prophecies. However we can reject the scoffers as we look up.

We have the most marvellous news known to man. The Bridegroom is coming and no cannon will shoot Him out of the sky! He'll be here right on time. It will be in God's timing and not ours.

2014 14th January Scottish police arrested Tony Milano, a U.S. preacher and former Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff, for breach of the peace and for using "homophobic" language in the condemnation of sin. "It is indicative of the suppression of the freedom to speak and live out the words of Jesus Christ in public and present the teachings of the Bible," Andrea Minichiello Williams, chief executive of the British organization Christian Concern's Christian Legal Centre, said about the arrest Wednesday night. Milano's colleague, Pastor Josh Williamson of the Craigie Reformed Baptist Church in Perth, pointed out, "Tony wasn't focusing just on homosexual practice, it was about all sin."

Milano, the second street preacher to address lunchtime shoppers on Wednesday, was preaching about sin in general. He then turned to mention sexual sin, including adultery, promiscuity, and homosexuality.

As Milano started preaching about sin, a woman reportedly yelled at him, shouting that her son was gay and she would go to the police. The homosexual lobby is active in persecuting all who oppose them.

5th May For many years, the Southern Poverty Law Center in the US has labelled groups with values it doesn't tolerate as "hate groups," but now the organization is taking its attacks a step further, demanding Amazon and PayPal blacklist bloggers and websites that don't fall in line with its agenda. Headlined "Financing Hate" in the group's Intelligence Report publication, the Southern Poverty Law Center, or SPLC, listed 91 "hate groups" ranging from those clearly on the fringe to mainstream bloggers and websites such as Catholic Family News, Atlas Shrugs, Jihad Watch, World Net Daily and the Americans for Legal Immigration PAC.

Several of the targeted organizations have criticized the "thuggish" behaviour of SPLC, charging the organization is "somewhere to the left of Karl Marx." Renowned Islam expert Robert Spencer, whose Jihad Watch monitor on Islamic radicalism was targeted, said it shows "the desperate insecurity of the left: even at a time when they control the government, the media, and the entertainment industry, they have to strike out against the small, under-financed voices of truth that challenge their hegemony."

COMMENT

We have just looked at a number of prophecies involving various facets of man's response to the truth either through the attempt to form a one world religious system or through outright rejection and subsequent problems for those who wish to abide with the Lord. This antagonism has been ongoing since the start of time. Humanity is divided into two, believers who do things God's way and the rest who in various ways follow the Satanic attack on the Plan of God.

ANGELS – SATAN AND SATANIC ATTACK

1. Pre Adamic

Original Creation	Genesis 1:1	Perfection and unity.
Creation of Satan	Ezekiel 28:13-15	Created the most beautiful creature, a genius.
Fall of Satan	Isaiah 14:12-15	"I will" 5 times. Satan sets himself up as God.
1/3 of Angels follow Satan	Revelation 12:4	
God's Judgement	Matthew 25:41	Lake of fire created for Satan and his angels.
Satan appeals		Man created with a free will to show the fairness of God's judgement.

Man having been created, Satan wages war firstly to get man to sin, secondly having had a Saviour promised to attack the line of Christ, thirdly an attack on the Saviour until He completed His work, fourthly to attack the Word of God and the individual believer.

2. Stage 1 - Innocence-Sinfulness

	Scripture	Remarks
Man created	Genesis 1:26, 27	God provides everything. One tree a test of free will.
Woman falls	Genesis 3:1-6	Through ignorance of God's Word
Man falls	1 Timothy 2:13, 14	Man chooses deliberately to go against God's provision.
Salvation promised	Genesis 3:15	

3. Stage 2 - Attack on the Line of the Saviour

Object:- If Satan can prevent the Saviour being physically born he has proved that God does not keep His promise in **Genesis 3:15** and is therefore not perfect.

Attack 1. Cain kills Abel (Attack on the seed of the woman)	Genesis 4:8, 9	An unbeliever kills a believer but Seth, another believer is provided for the line of Christ.
Attack 2. Infiltration of Fallen Angels. (Attack on the humanity)	Genesis 6:1-8	Infiltration until only Noah's family left as the humanity. Flood removes angel/men demons incarcerated in Tartarus (Hades)

Attack 3. Tower of Babel (Attack on nationalism)	Genesis 11:1 -7	An attempt by Satan to bring in the Millennium without God. The original U.N. God forms nations and confuses their tongues.- Tower of Babel.
Abraham promised the Saviour will be descended from him.	Genesis 12:1-3	Attack on the line of Abraham.
Attack 4. Pharaoh of Egypt.	Exodus 1:22	Using Pharaoh by ordering the slaughter of the male Jews Satan attempts to eliminate the Jews.
David promised a King descended from him will reign forever	2 Sam 7:12-16	Satan now attacks the descendants of David
Attack 5. Against the Kings of Judah	2 Kings 22:1, 2	Josiah, boy King of Judah divinely protected comes to throne at age of 8 after coup d'etat eliminates every other member of the royal line.
Attack 6. Against the Jews	Esther 3:6	Satan attempts to destroy the Jews using Haman. Haman eventually executed.
Attack 7. Against Jerusalem.	Isaiah 37:36	185,000 Assyrian troops under Sennacherib killed by God outside Jerusalem.

4. Stage 3 - Attack on the Person of Christ

Attack 1. Possible stoning of Mary	Matt 1:18-20	The nobility of Joseph defended the as yet unborn Jesus.
Attack 2. Herod the Great.	Matt 2:16-18	Satan using Herod attempts to eliminate the Christ child by murdering all the young males in Bethlehem. Joseph takes Jesus to Egypt.
Attack 3. Temptation in Wilderness	Matt 4:9	A sinner cannot redeem other sinners. Satan offers the crown (Millennium) before the cross. Jesus follows God's plan.
Attack 4. Temptation not to go to the Cross.	Matt 16:21-23	Jesus follows God's plan although the cross was obnoxious to him.
Attack 5. Attempt to stone Jesus.	John 8:59	It was prophesied that the Saviour would die on wood. Stoning would have cut across this prophecy.
Attack 6. Attempt to tempt Jesus down from the cross.	Matt 27:40	If Jesus had come down from the cross there would have been no salvation.
Attack 7. The drugged wine.	Matt 27:34	Gall was a drug which if Jesus had accepted it would have impaired his free will resulting in no salvation.

5. Stage 4 - Attacks since the Cross

Attack 1. Against Scripture.	Attempting to get false books accepted in the canon of Scripture. Liberalism and Moderism, Humanism and Evolution.
Attack 2. Revival of Roman Empire	Under Charlemagne in 800 and Charles V in 1500. Roman Catholic Church.

Attack 3. Massacre of Jews.	Hitler's final solution attempts to eliminate Jews. No Jews no Kingdom for Jesus to reign over. Inquisition, Crusades, Russian pogroms.
Attack 4. One World Government.	Revival of the Tower of Babel concept under the League of Nations and U.N.
Attack 5. Socialism.	Satan's millennium.
Attack 6. Persecution.	Nero, Reformation, Inquisition

6. Strategy of Satan at the Present Satan's strategy is divided into 3 sections.

- (a) Towards unbelievers -
To blind them regarding the gospel. **(2 Corinthians 4:3, 4, 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10)**
- (b) Towards believers -
He accuses believers. **(Revelation 12-9, 10, Job 1:6-11)**
He persuades the believers to ignore the will of God through disobedience **(Genesis 2:17)**, through worry **(1 Peter 5, 7-9)**, ignoring doctrine **(1 Chronicles 21:1)**
He seeks to entice the believer from the will of God. **(James 4:7, 8)**
He seeks to destroy the believer's focus by getting eyes on self **(1 Corinthians 1:10, 11)** on people **(1 Corinthians 1:12)** by getting eyes on things **(Hebrews 13:5, 6)**
To get the believer frightened of death. **(Hebrews 2:14, 15)**
- (c) Towards the world in general -
Satan tries to deceive the nations. **(Revelation 20:7-10)**

Principle. The more you know about the Word of God the more you will be able to be effective as a Christian.

GOD'S POSITION

TREND 9 PERMANENCE OF THE WORD OF GOD

PROPHECY – Luke 21:33 “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.”

Jesus prophesied that even after heaven and earth pass away His words would never be forgotten. As we near the end of the age, we see that Christ's words remain as accurate, renowned, and relevant as they were 2000 years ago.

Today, Bible societies alone distribute approximately 500 million Scripture portions or entire Bibles every single year. Going back to ancient texts such as the Dead Sea Scrolls one also sees that the Word of God has been miraculously preserved over the millennia.

TREND 10 - GOD SAYS HIS NAME WILL BE GREAT AMONG NATIONS

PROPHECY Philippians 2:9-11 “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

PROPHECY Malachi 1:11”For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts”.

God said that His name would be great among the nations. Jesus in Hebrew Jehoshuah means Jehovah saves. As we begin the 3rd millennium, over two billion people profess to be Christians. Multitudes more regard Jesus as the greatest prophet and teacher ever. As foretold, no other name compares to the fame ascribed to Jesus Christ.

TREND 11 RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

All true followers of Christ will suddenly vanish, caught up by God to heaven (**1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52**) whether they believe in the Rapture or not. A false explanation will deceive the unsuspecting masses (**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12**). Today many apparitions, angels, mediums, media, films and New Agers are offering a counterfeit explanation for this event, and it is interesting to observe the preparation that the satanic is putting into this event at this point.

If the doctrine of the rapture was such a logical impossibility and such a nonsense, as many argue, the enemy would not put the resources into it as he clearly is.

[See chapter on the Rapture, the Church and Israel and Appendix A below and if in doubt about its significance do an internet search on the topic and see the non-Christian views being expressed.]

ONE WORLD FINANCE**TREND 12 GLOBAL FINANCE, ELECTRONIC BANKING**

PROPHECY Revelation 13:16-18 “And he causeth all, both great and small, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. 17 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. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred, threescore and six.”

Back in 2009, during the second year of what they were calling by then the “global financial crisis”, the UN called for the replacement of the US dollar and the creation of a Global Reserve Bank and a new currency to protect emerging markets from the “confidence game” of financial speculation. This would be a vital part of the coming New World Order in a One World Economic System.

Equally possible is the engineered collapse of the American Dollar in coming years and its replacement by a variety of monetary systems that will amplify chaos in the short term, enabling the Anti-Christ to call for the one world system that will enable total control over-night.

Any financial control system needs to be instituted suddenly and overwhelmingly with no chance for speculators to gain from it and every chance for the world ruler to be able to secure trade and commerce control on a day. Modern integration of computing systems is getting to the point where this is possible.

TREND 13 - MARKING OF OBJECTS IN RELATION TO BANKING

PROPHECY - Revelation 13:16-18 - And he causeth all, both great and small, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. 17 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. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred, threescore and six.

TREND 14 - THE SHAKING WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM

PROPHECY - James 5:1-3 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

TREND 15 SUBSTANTIAL WEALTH

PROPHECY - Revelation 3:17 “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:”

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1978

We have looked at One World Political and One World Religious but another area which a world ruler would need global control of is One World Finance. The Bible dealing with the period of the Tribulation informs us of a time where there is a global system related to acceptance of the Antichrist as the World Leader.

PRINCIPLE - 1 Timothy 6:10a For the love of money is a root of all evil.

Substantial wealth and luxuries are foreseen for the end of the age. It is interesting that 40 years ago some authorities predicted that the growing mass of humanity was so quickly depleting the world's resources, that many resources would be exhausted in a few decades. Yet today, vast material wealth and luxuries are in abundant supply just as the Bible anticipated 2000 years ago.

History is full of moneylenders, bankers and financial conspiracies. The love of money has led to tremendous human suffering. Even worse than the love of money is the lust for power.

What makes international bankers of the last two centuries different from the bankers of the past is that they have realized that rather than competing with one another, major banks have decided to cooperate with each other in their common goal. Each of the leading bankers is a ruler in their own world. The banks today are therefore all linked into a vast empire. It started with the house of Rothschild.

DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL BANKING

THE ROTHSCHILDS

This great banking dynasty was founded by a German Jew from Frankfurt, Meyer Rothschild (1743-1812), who, having studied to be a rabbi, later turned to finance. He had five sons one of whom stayed with him to run the bank while his other sons set up and headed banks in England, Austria, Italy and France. By 1850 they had accumulated more wealth than all the royal families in Europe and Britain combined.

RHODES and MILNER

Cecil Rhodes, founder of the Round Table group, with the help of the Rothschilds, succeeded in establishing a virtual monopoly over all the diamonds as well as much of the gold from South Africa. Lord Rothschild was listed as one of the inner members of the Round Table and was with his son in law Lord Rosebury made trustees of one of Rhodes' wills devoted to establish a new world order and a world government

Lord Milner, who was a close associate of Rhodes, and extremely wealthy was Governor General of South Africa. After the death of Cecil Rhodes he became the prime mover behind the Round Table. Milner was also a director of a number of banks and became one of the greatest financial powerbrokers in the world.

WARBURG

The Warburg family bank was formed in Hamburg Germany. Some members of the family arrived in the United States in 1902 and worked their way into one of America's most powerful banks cementing it by marriage. Other members of the banking leadership had bought their way into the bank with Rothschild money. Later they established the Manhattan Bank

ROCKEFELLERS

Whilst the Rothschild, Warburg and other bankers are Jewish not all international bankers come from Jewish stock. Gaining his initial wealth through oil, John D. Rockefeller [1839-1937] went into banking and bought the Chase National Bank, which later merged to become the Chase Manhattan Bank. This bank has grown into the most influential bank in the world with globally 50,000 banking agencies and is the third largest in the USA.

Other Rockefeller banks include America's second largest bank, the First National City Bank, and its sixth, the Chemical Bank. The Rockefeller families have reportedly been working with the Rothschild family since the 1880s. By the time the Round Table in the United Kingdom had been established by Milner and the Rothschilds, the Rockefellers, Warburgs and Morgans had established the American Round Table.

FEDERAL RESERVE

It was Paul Warburg who was most responsible for the creation of the American Federal Reserve System, which is the central bank in the United States. Contrary to popular belief, this bank is in private hands and is not a government agency. A privately owned bank is essential to any who want to control the economy.

Throughout the 19th Century the international bankers had established or gained control of central banks in most European nations, including England, France and Germany. Even when banks were nationalised as happened to the Bank of England in 1946, the control remained the same. It was an official change which gave the bank a government appearance.

In the 19th century the USA had a central bank which was an early attempt by the Europeans to take control. That bank was rightly abolished by President Jackson in 1836. From early times the Americans were aware of money manipulation and the central power of Government in finance. One of the early Presidents Thomas Jefferson wrote that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies.

In the 1900's the rapidly expanding banking cartels sold the people the idea of a central bank citing the need for banking reform to protect the people from vested interests. In essence the international bankers propagated the idea that the people needed to be protected from the international bankers.

Another method was to cause problems and then provide a proposal to solve the problem that they had created allowing an increase in the power of the manipulators. Thus in 1907 J P Morgan and Co triggered off a series of panics among the smaller banks resulting in runs on those banks. The suggested answer was banking reform

Paul Warburg was paid \$500,000 per annum for six years during which he spent most of the time lecturing on the need to have banking reform. There were agents in the White House and Senate also calling for reform. Colonel House a close advisor to President Woodrow Wilson guided the Federal Reserve Act through Congress in 1913. The Act was hailed as a victory for the people over vested interest but it in fact consolidated the power of the international bankers over the wealth and economy of America.

It is of interest that after the First World War the League of Nations was set up as was the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the Council on Foreign Relations. The latter was an American organisation to distance it from Europe with those in authority being of the same group which promoted the Federal Reserve Act some six years previously. The purpose of the League of Nations was to ensure there was no more war.

Over the last 40 years most of the leaders in the USA have been CFR members including Eisenhower, Johnson, Kennedy, Nixon, Humphrey, McGovern and Carter. Nixon appointed 115 CFR members to key positions including Dr Henry Kissinger.

The CFR currently has some 1600 members and has a policy which mirrors the Round Table and the Illuminati regarding a New World Order. There is a strong media representation from the CFR which shows how the concept of Internationalism is promoted.

POWER OF MONEY CONTROL

The power of money as a control is shown in the following quotes:

- (a) Reginald McKenna former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer (1924): "I am afraid that the ordinary citizens would not like to be told that the banks can and do create money. They who control the credit of a nation direct the policy of the government and hold in the hollow of their hands the destiny of the people".
- (b) President James Garfield (1881): "He who controls the money of a nation, controls the nation".
- (c) Congressman Charles Lindburg (1920): "Financial panics are scientifically created".
- (d) Meyer Rothschild: "Give me control of a nation's economy and I care not who writes the laws".
- (e) Karl Marx in his Communist Manifesto: "Money plays the largest part in determining the course of history".

WORLD CONTROL REVIEW TO 1983

In **Revelation 13:16-18** a dictator is seen controlling the population of the world financially. With his mark in one of its three forms this dictator will economically enslave the whole world, with only those who accept the world economic order of that time being able to trade.

We read about the dollar, pound, yen, yuan, euro and rouble. How diverse is the world monetary system. Is there evidence of a one world system emerging in the economic area. Yes there is.

EVIDENCE OF WORLD-WIDE NETWORKS

With today's technology, for the first time in the history of man, the opportunity exists for control of world finance by a single person or group. There are many indications of international finance:

SWIFT. Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications. This European system at the beginning of the 1980s had three centres coordinating the transfer of funds internationally. They were in Belgium, Holland, and in the United States at Culpepper in Virginia.

The European centres catered for the ten countries of the European community with five European countries being linked with Brussels [Belgium, Denmark Germany, Italy and Luxemburg] and five with Amsterdam [France, Greece, Ireland, Netherlands and the United Kingdom]. The American centre serviced North and South America and the Far East.

SWIFT carried international finance customer transfers, bank transfers, foreign exchange, statements, collections and documentary credits. It served in three ways

- (i) Specialised network functions.
- (ii) Provided services.
- (iii) Issued reports.

Transactions cover international finance functions such as customer transfers, foreign exchange, confirmation, credit debit information, statements, collections and documentary credits. It is truly a mammoth responsibility we entrust to such a system.

SWIFT was created in 1973 and by 1977 the first live network had been created with 239 banks in Europe and North America. By 1980 there were three million transactions per month among 750 banks from 26 countries. By the late 1980s every country in the world was connected into one or other of the centres providing a truly global service with all international transfers involving a SWIFT code.

EFTPOS. Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale [EFTPOS] is a system by cash card, debit or credit card which has become prevalent. It is an extension of the scanning system used in supermarkets whereby automatic transfer of funds from the buyer's bank to the vendor's bank takes place. Mobile EFTPOS is now run through mobile phones, "smart cards" now talk to banks via "smart phones". The only things "not smart" are people who do not see where it is going!

APNAS. We have been seeing over the last few years more and more bar codes on articles for sale in our shops. Australia linked up with the international European Article Numbering System in June 1979 having created the Australian Product Numbering System in 1978. Membership of this group by the early 1980s was over 400 and rising rapidly. It is now on all items sold.

The APNAS is a system based on a number of vertical bars of varying widths which are detected by the scanner. These bars are encoded forms of numbers denoting the country in which the product is manufactured, the manufacturer and the content.

The sections are divided by bars representing 6. There are three of them representing 666. The design of the bars allows scanning in either direction.

The scanned bar coding is transmitted to a central computer which sends back the information confirming the product and cost which allows a docket to be printed. It also allows a stock availability programme to run so that reordering can be done at the appropriate time and the popularity of lines of goods monitored.

AMALGAMATION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In the Kansas City Star newspaper [USA] in the 1980s it stated "Banks face major changes. The 14,000 commercial banks which exist today will dwindle to fewer than 100 important institutions and maybe several hundred community banks by the 1990's."

It has been one of the biggest upheavals ever to hit an industry. Measured in one way the financial assets would be unequalled. The process has already begun with larger banks absorbing weaker competitors. During the 1980s more and more financial institutions such as banks and building societies amalgamated.

There is significant networking of financial services with automatic tellers now compatible with a wide range of plastic cards. Many of the smaller banks in the United States historically have had little competition but with networking, competition will intensify with the result that takeovers or failure of many local banks can be expected in that country. Banking takeovers are so common as not to be even reported widely today.

AUSTRALIA AND THE CASHLESS SOCIETY

Australia is rapidly becoming involved in the cashless society Credit cards can be arranged with many department stores so that shopping can be taken home without the handling of money and also on a credit basis. Payment is made over a period of time.

David Jones is a nation wide chain of stores which uses a credit card which can be used at any of its stores all over Australia. Cab Charge is a card issued by a network of taxis which makes it easier for card carrying business men to travel in cabs in all capital cities without money, the account being sent at the end of the month.

Bankcard issued by the Commonwealth bank also is a credit card and can also be used to get a cash advance from a bank. The banks of Australia are making a concerted effort to get its customers onto cashless transactions.

More than 2 million Australians carry Bankcard in their wallets or purses and between twenty and thirty thousand people apply for this facility each month.

As far as can be ascertained all Bankcards start with the number 4 which conforms with Australia being part of region 4 under the Club of Rome numbering system

Moves are being made to give all Australians an individual identity number. A number of reasons have been proposed for such a system

1. To prevent fraud such as robbing the dole which sometimes occurs collecting it at a number of different places using different names. The Australian taxpayer has no sympathy with such actions so on this count they should welcome an ID numbering system.
2. To help check on criminals and social security crooks. According to the New South Wales [NSW] Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research computers should be used to screen current lists of company directors against files of criminals and undischarged bankrupts and people with relevant convictions. This would make it impossible for a person with any non conforming conditions to become a company director.
3. To weed out the 60,000 illegal immigrants in the country. The Australian taxpayer does not mind legal migrants but is not happy with illegal immigrants taking up work while half a million Australians are unemployed. They are also not impressed with it costing \$500,000 to deport 600 illegal immigrants in 1980.
4. To simplify identification. Instead of a person having so many numbered accounts, licences etc they need only have one number which would be used all over the country or all over the world for everything.

In 1980 a Queensland minister Russell Hinze suggested that every person should wear an identity disc or better still be tattooed with an ID number. This concept is not new, international bankers and federalists have been working on this for many years.

Many nations are already numbered and scientists may develop a laser tool to brand people in a way similar to the branding of cattle and fish. One thing we know is that every person in the world will be required to have a mark on their right hand or forehead in the second half of the Tribulation. **Revelation 13:16-18**

There will be no need for separate licences or passports or identification cards for a number on the hand will tell it all.

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CIVIL SERVICE CREDIT UNION

Being a civil servant in 1983 I received a credit card from the Civil Service Association [CSA] through the post. With it was an advertisement stating that I had to use it in all future transactions with the CSA Credit Union [CSACU] and also as an identification marker. I had no choice.

With the small amount of funds I had in the Credit Union it did not worry me too much but when I looked at the front piece it explained that the 18 digit number on the front of the card was split into sections. The first five digits involved the international number for the CSACU.

I thought it was fairly significant that I had not asked for the card, that had been issued by the CSACU and was compulsory. Being a fairly conservative group I wondered why a West Australian Government Credit Union would need an international ID number. The last few digits dealt with my account number.

ORIGINAL COMMENTS AS AT 1983 – [now prophetically accurate]

We have therefore seen computerisation internationally, computerisation of products in our shops and the coming computerisation through Bankcard and the like and the eventual marking of people which will give ultimate control to the One Word Dictator.

From the above it can be seen that there is not only a move towards a common currency but also to electronic banking which could logically lead to a centralised global control of the individuals ability to buy or sell.

WORLD WIDE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE AND INTERNATIONAL DEBT

How will this new global monetary system come into being? I believe it will be through a world wide economic collapse. In Time magazine of 10th January 1983 there is a special report called the Debt Bomb. After a decade of go lending the banks are having second thoughts about the risks.

Since the OPEC oil price hike in the first half of the 1970s, with the resultant investment of oil money in banks, and the banks' loaning those funds to Third World countries, the debt of those countries has escalated to an impossible position. The money the banks invested drained their share-holders' reserves down to a minimum.

With the drop of oil prices in the 1980s and the over-exposure of the banks, combined with an inability of many countries to repay even the interest on accumulated debts, the potential of the destruction of the existing monetary system has become a reality. This continues in 2015.

This is further complicated by the fact that oil producers, particularly the Arabs, have invested heavily in the stock markets and property of developed countries such as the United States. Should the monies invested with banks not be available, large-scale withdrawals from the market-place could also destabilise the monetary system.

The banks became so greedy that the amount of money that they invested in places like Brazil, Argentina and other countries drained their shareholders reserves down to a minimum. They find now that they are unable to get the monies back from the countries and therefore unable to pay back the oil states who have now got into a state of oil glut with falling prices. [It is interesting in 2015 we have another oil glut]

The article continued "Never in history have so many nations owed so much money with so little promise of repayment. At stake is a huge debt of \$706b held by governments, banks and financial institutions around the world against a group of troubled developing and Eastern Bloc countries. It is a sum nearly the size of the US budget and more than three times that of Japan. It is \$154 for every man woman and child on earth and has mushroomed from around \$100b only 12 years ago.

It is keeping borrowers in bondage and lenders in ongoing suspense. Much of it may never be paid off. A major default somewhere could trigger far reaching political and economic consequences. The global economy is sitting on a debt bomb.

British financier Lord Lever said "The banking system of the western world is now dangerously exposed". If lending abruptly contracts there will be an avalanche of large scale defaults that will inflict damage on world trade and on the political and economic stability on both borrowing and lending countries.

INTERNATIONAL DEBTS IN THE 1980s

Ever since March 1981 when Poland with a debt of \$27b declared that it did not have its \$2.5b dollars due its creditors that year the danger signals have been flying. In August Mexico came up with the inability to service its debt of \$80b which was soon followed by Brazil with \$87b borrowings. In 1983 Brazil reported it would not make its January repayments on nearly half a billion dollars. Argentina was also five months behind on its debts of \$40b which involved a crucial \$1.1b loan from the international banks.

The International Monetary Fund [IMF] reports that 32 countries were in arrears on their debts in 1981 compared with 15 in 1975. None of the International Banks are more involved than those of the USA. Their loans to developing nations and Eastern Bloc now amount to \$130b including \$68b to South American and Caribbean countries.

As examples New York's Chemical bank has \$1.4b on loan to Mexico and \$370m to Argentina, a sum amounting to 92% of the shareholders equity. Chase Manhattan has loans totalling \$2.5b to the same two countries which is 77% of members equity. In total the nine largest US banks have loaned out about 130% of their shareholder equity to Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. These banks have set aside \$3.6b in loan loss reserves but this amounts to only 12% of their exposure in these three countries. Last year Mexico missed \$600m in interest payments to American banks

CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTRIES IN 2014

EXTERNAL DEBT AND PERCENTAGE OF GDP IN 2014

COUNTRY	EXTERNAL DEBT \$ US BILLIONS	DATE	% OF GDP
United States	17,998	12/2014	106
United Kingdom	9,591	3/2014	406
France	5,750	3/2014	222
Germany	5,547	3/2014	145
China	3,000	12/2013	38
Japan	2,861	3/2014	60
Italy	2,651	3/2014	124
Spain	2,306	3/2014	167
Switzerland	1,611	3/2014	229
Australia	1,396	3/2014	95
Canada	1,337	3/2014	229
Belgium	1,287	3/2014	266
Hong Kong	1,231	3/2014	334
Sweden	1,146	3/2014	187
Austria	820	3/2014	200
Norway	737	3/2014	141
Russian Federation	600	3/2014	23
Denmark	593	3/2014	180
Greece	575	3/2014	174
South Korea	425	3/2014	37
Israel	95	3/2014	42
New Zealand	90	12/2012	126

Source – List of countries by external debt – Wikipedia. It should be noted that this is acknowledged debt only

It is therefore demonstrated that there are many countries which are in difficult economic situations.

The banks have over invested in these countries and with the oil glut and its price going down there is a current impasse in international economies

In the early 1980s Harry Schultz the famous economist who has been touring Australia issued a letter in which he stated in part "There is a balance of terror within the world's banks today: Phase 1 began 10-15 years ago when banks increasingly made bad loans and lowered reserves. I warned them of the danger of such practices. Phase 2 is risk awareness, Phase 3 begins when worry turns to fear and panic. Phase 4 will see the banks shut."

He continued "In 1933 it was for 11 days, this time it may be for five months. Last time 3600 US banks did not reopen, this time I guess 10,000 will stay shut plus 5000 more outside the United States. Most US banks and many non US banks are technically broke. Many corporations act like banks and are also subject to failure. The main problem is lack of confidence."

AUSTRALIAN REPORT TO THE PRIME MINISTER TITLED "TOWARDS A CASHLESS SOCIETY"

In 1986 the Australian Government published a 175 page book entitled "Towards a Cashless Society". In it ASTEC the group advising the Prime Minister stated that while such a system was inevitable there were advantages and disadvantages to the cashless system.

Obviously the document should be read in full so I will just highlight one area under paragraph A.1.15 of the report.

In 1971 the Centre for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University [USA] assigned a group of Information Technologists [IT] specialists to develop a system of surveillance of all citizens in a manner neither obvious nor intrusive: their recommendation was a national EFT-POS system.

A vivid illustration of the way in which this would work was foreseen, perhaps playfully, in 1974. As I suspected July 13th 1984 was a Friday!

DAILY SURVEILLANCE SHEET CONFIDENTIAL – JULY 13 1984

SUBJECT John Q Citizen 4 Home Street, Anywhere USA, Male Age 40, Married, Electrical Engineer

PURCHASES – Wall Street Journal \$1.00, Breakfast \$2.25, Gasoline \$6.00, Phone [111 1234] \$0.25, Phone [222 5678] \$0.25, Lunch \$4.00, Cocktail \$1.50, Bank [Cash withdrawal] \$200, Lingerie \$135.67, Phone [1118769] \$0.85, Phone [869 1111] \$0.80, Bourbon \$12.53, Boston Globe \$0.50

COMPUTER ANALYSIS

Own Stock [90% probability]

Heavy Starch breakfast – probably overweight

Bought \$6.00 of gasoline - Own a VW. So far the subject has bought \$25.00 of gasoline this week. Obviously doing something other than driving the 9 miles to work

Bought gasoline at 7.57 am at a gas station 6 miles from work. Subject probably late for work. Third such occurrence this week.

Phone Number 111 1234 belongs to Joe Book. Book was arrested for illegal bookmaking in 1970, 1974, and 1982 – No convictions.

Phone 222 5678 belongs to an expensive men's barber shop specialising in hair restoration
Drinks during lunch.

Withdrew \$200 cash. Very unusual since all legal purchases can be made using Uniform Federal Funds Transfer Card. Cash usually used for illegal purchases.

Bought very expensive lingerie – Not his wife's size.

Phone Number 111 8769 belongs to Jane Doe

Phone No 869 1111. Reservations for Las Vegas [without wife]. Third trip in last three months to Las Vegas [without wife]. No job related firms in Las Vegas. Will scan file to see if anyone has gone to Las Vegas at the same time and compare to subjects phone call numbers.

Purchased Bourbon at 4.10 pm having left work at 4 pm at a location 1 mile for his work and in the opposite direction from his house. Third bottle this month. Either heavy drinker or much entertaining.

Subject bought newspaper at 6:30 near his house. Unaccountable 2.5 hours

Subject made three purchases today from young blondes. [Statistical chance 1 in 78]

Probable weakness for young blondes [Jane Doe is a young blonde]

COMMENT

This indicates background data that is available. It is low grade but could assist in monitoring and defining background to persons of interest to a totalitarian regime!

The forthcoming world dictator with a co-ordinated computer analysis using also personal meta data of emails, phone calls and access to the internet combined with a cashless society will have huge control.

The author as a traffic engineer was able to visually scan generally low grade vehicle crash data set in categories and immediately know what the problem and solution to a crash problem at an intersection was only requiring further examination on site to finalise the remedial works needed to reduce the accident rate.

Simple computer analysis would quickly highlight atypical spending habits especially if cash transactions ceased so that criminals and non conformist people could be brought to task by a global government.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1978 It was forecast that there will be one European currency

The Soviet bloc is stated to owe \$43.5b to western financiers and this was expected to be over \$140b by 1990

1979 Special drawing rights were seen as the possible successor of the US\$ for international trade.

The new European monetary system started on March 11th

A New World Economic Order recommended by the United Nations

China offered \$15b by western financiers

World service for bankcard would allow this system to be used at 3 million establishments in 140 countries

The Evansville Courier said Imagine sitting at home in your favourite chair turning on your TV to do the banking. Bank One of Columbus will be test marketing a home based banking system that will enable customers to do just that.

1981 - In the Bulletin of 13th October appeared a report from Sweden saying "A number for everything even your sex. I am writing this story because I have a 480930-7343 and a 810130-0443 to support. It goes on in very humorous vein.

He apparently had a wife born in 1948 on the 30th September and a daughter who was born on the 30th January 1981 to support. He goes through the whole system of numbering. Apparently people in Sweden have already been given a number.

- 1983 - The Bank of International Settlements [BIS] which is based in Basel Switzerland was the subject of a report in the Sunday Independent of December 4th. It is not a Swiss Bank but is an international bank which is more powerful than the IMF or World Bank.

The board of Governors is made up of leading central bankers from eleven leading industrial nations and the official activity of the bank is conducted ten times a year by these bankers. The BIS is used to control all the transferable money in the world.

- 1984 - Professor R. Cooper of Harvard in 1984 suggests a radical scheme involving the creation of a common currency for all industrialised democracies with a common monetary policy - a one-world financial system.

"The Age" (Australia) said, "If all the information held on a person in the various computer banks were brought together it would produce a womb-to-tomb insight of immeasurable use to some people".

The European Currency Unit [EC], proposed in 1978 is only available in electronic form. It is not available in cash. The Loan Star National, a US bank no longer deals in cash but handles all its transactions by mail or electronic funds transfer [EFT]

- 1985 By the end of 1985 America was to be the world's greatest debtor nation. The US national debt is \$1,600 billion, up from \$323 billion in 1965. By 1995 it could exceed \$4000 billion.

Many countries are issuing new currency incorporating photographic pictures to prevent counterfeiting by colour photo copiers

Australia introduced the world's first national EFT-POS (Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale). Britain is planning a nation-wide system.

In addition the world's first national banking service began in Australia in April. Introduced by the Commonwealth Bank, "Telebank" operates continuously with all users connected to the central computer by telephone.

British Telecom announced a 160 million pound programme to install cashless pay phones which use plastic cards rather than cash.

Bolivia has an annual inflation rate of 14,000% and has introduced a new currency.

- 1986 – The General Manager of the Commonwealth Development Bank commenting on foreign exchange dealers running down the Australian dollar said that "The multinational bankers should never be underestimated in the lengths that they will go and the dirty tactics they will employ in pursuing their profit objectives".

Banks in Singapore settle interbank daily accounts by computer using SHIFT [System for Handling Interbank Funds Transfer]

- 1986 Twenty five Latin American nations meet in Lima to plan a common means of meeting repayments of the region, totalling \$350 billion in foreign debt. Brazil has an external debt of \$103 billion and put off repayment to the IMF for the fourth time last year. Argentina reschedules \$139 billion debt repayment. In 1987 Brazil's debt had reached \$110 billion with only \$30 billion having actually entered the country.

- 1987 On October 19th Wall Street crashed with losses of \$500 billion. Within a week over a trillion dollars evaporated making it far greater than the 1929 crash in dollar terms.

Greece in 1987 issued identity cards having a 666 prefix to its citizens.

A plan for "a new international order" was described by Leonard Silk, a CFR member including

- (a) An international bank;
- (b) An international income tax;
- (c) International economic planning;
- (d) An international investment trust;

Japan is the world's greatest creditor nation and China started setting up capitalist style stock exchanges,

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp 1484 US banks out of a total of 14,948 banks registered with them were in difficulties with 138 institutions failing last year many of them casualties of the farm and oil industries.

Belgium will issue the first ever European Currency Unit coins to symbolise European monetary integration. The National Bank plans to issue the gold and silver coins in time for the 30th anniversary of the European Community on March 25th.

During the Fitzgerald enquiry into corruption in Queensland, Australia investigators seized the banking transactions of 30 prominent businessmen and bookmakers without their knowledge.

In addition in Australia, taxation, social security, customs and the National Crime Authority have access to private banking accounts without permission of the customer.

- 1988 - The eight year Reagan era will go down in history as having turned the US, once the world's largest creditor into its biggest debtor. America's debt now touches a record \$2.6 trillion. It now has to pay \$152 billion a year to keep at bay foreign creditors of which Japan tops the list.

The World Bank estimates put the Third World Debt at \$1.3 trillion. It says that the world debt crisis which is assuming alarming massive proportions remains an elusive enemy and there may be need to remodel the methods of dealing with the problem.

Australia has the world's first nationwide EFTPOS [electronic funds transfer at point of sale] system It is called the Cashless Society but it is not entirely so.

Currency is still very much in use but it is now possible to do most of your transactions without touching cash using a plastic card on which your purchases are instantly debited. It also issued mandatory tax file numbers which act as a de facto ID card.

- 1989 – In Time magazine of July 31st the International Monetary Fund [IMF] was called the "Debt Police". The IMF is the core of a new world monetary system a superfast electronic money transfer system which is preparing the world for much more, for an integrated electronic data, transactions, communications and surveillance system.

Argentina has hyperinflation with the cost of living soaring with an inflation rate of 5,000%. It cuts its ties with the American dollar after the Minister for the Economy declares that the state is virtually bankrupt. There is hyperinflation in Yugoslavia with 2500%, and in Poland with 740%

There is now more debt in the world than there is money.

Mikhail Gorbachev offers to integrate the Russian economic system into the western system.

- 1990 A vice president of the German Bundesbank observed that "A country which merges its currency cannot remain politically independent"

Japan fears that its economy will be plunged into chaos if the nation's bloated asset values collapse even though Japan is now the world's greatest creditor nation with assets last year of \$127 billion.

- 1991 - The Boston Based Bank of New England crashed in January sending shock waves around the world . It was the largest bank failure since the Great Depression of the 1930's. It was rated 33rd of the 10,000 or so banks in America.

Investors from London to Lagos sighed with relief when American regulators moved last week to bail out the Bank of New England. For the moment at least fears that the global financial system might be torn apart by a full blown banking crisis seemed to recede.

- 1993 - The signing of the agreements by the three economic blocks proposed by the Trilateral Commission was completed in a six week period in 1993

NAFTA - North American Free Trade involving Canada, US and Mexico with likely expansion to South America

Maastricht - The European Block

APEC - Asia Pacific Economic block

GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed within days of the three blocks being set up. This was superseded by the World Trade Organisation [WTO].

- 1994 - Significant movement towards globalism is noted in that nation after nation has ratified the GATT agreement which is scheduled to usher in the World Trade Organisation [WTO]

In November 18 nations of the Pacific Rim committed themselves to expanding APEC into a massive free trade area over the next 20 years. If met it would make APEC the world's greatest trading area bringing together 2.2 billion consumers and producers in countries which already account for 41% of global commerce dwarfing both the EU and NAFTA

In December at the Summit of the Americas in Miami leaders of 34 Latin, Caribbean and North America pledged themselves to create a vast free trade zone in the form of the American Free Trade Area [AFTA] that would range from Alaska to Argentina with negotiations being completed in the next 10 years. At the end of the summit NAFTA comprising Canada, Mexico and USA announced an expansion with the admittance of Chile.

- 1998 - Australian foreign debt hits \$222 billion. The foreign debt jumped 8% last year with private companies and banks borrowing overseas contributing to the debt levels.

The Japanese government decided to nationalise the Long Term Credit Bank of Japan after it was found that its liabilities exceeded its assets by \$US 2.88 billion. The LPCB is the first such bank nationalisation since the war.

- 1999 - European businesses, banks and stock markets started using the Euro as an accounting instrument in January. The European Central Bank will be based in Frankfurt. Its 17 member council will consist of a president, vice president, four directors plus 11 representatives from the central banks of participating countries.

New billionaire financier George Soros called for a World Central Bank to replace the IMF. This world central bank will propel nations into a New World Economic Order.

An article in the Sydney Morning Herald in September said "Currency guru George Soros is probably right, a global economy needs a global central bank and a global framework of fiscal discipline in other words a global government."

- 2000 - The debt situations of many countries are considered hopeless with many sub Saharan African countries spending more on interest payments for loans than their education and health budget combined. This caused the Jubilee 2000 plan to be proposed where certain countries would be forgiven their debts

E-Commerce is a medium for commercial transactions and promotion of electronic banking. However flaws in the electronic banking system include hackers stealing or obtaining details such as pin numbers or passwords by stealth. The obvious solution to this is to take the details wherever you go in the form of an electronically readable device on one's body.

- 2001 - In mid August the IMF announced that it will provide an \$8 billion emergency aid package to Argentina. This brings the amount loaned to this country over the last nine months to \$22 billion. In October Argentina was considering adopting the US dollar as its national currency instead of devaluing its own peso.

- 2002 - In January the Euro becomes hard currency and replaces the currencies in twelve EU nations Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. In what is said to be the greatest financial transaction in history the European Central Bank has issued six hundred billion Euros to replace the currency of the twelve countries.

This is the first time since the Roman Empire introduced a common currency across Europe 17 centuries ago.

The Euro is intended to be a world currency in league with the US dollar. Its supporters are convinced that the Euro will help build an economic powerhouse that will rival the dollar and the US economy.

The Saudi royal family is believed to have at least \$600 billion invested in US stocks and bonds. Some estimates indicate it is as much as \$1 trillion which if true is one third of the total US stock market which is said to be worth \$3 trillion.

If the Saudi investment were pulled out of the US and invested in the EU it would not only destroy the US economy but would immediately shift the power and the leadership of the West to Europe

- 2003 - The IMF has painted a gloomy picture of US public finances and has warned that Americas massive trade and budget deficit threaten the world economy. The US budget deficit is \$425 billion and the trade deficit \$400 billion with the national and foreign debt of the US in trillion of dollars.

The IMF warns that in a few years the foreign obligations of the US would be 40% of its total economic output "an unprecedented debt for a large industrial country"

The adage says "When the US market sneezes the rest of the world catches a cold". The question posed in 2003 was "If the US gets pneumonia what happens to the rest of the world?" In 2009 the US could well have pneumonia and many of the rich men are howling and weeping.

On December 12 the Euro reached its highest point against the \$US for the year at \$1.23. The Euro zone is emerging as the most powerful force in the world's economy threatening to replace the \$US as the world's reserve currency.

- 2004 - The introduction of the Euro as the common currency of Europe. Very early in this century the dollar was higher in value than the Euro but by January 2004 it had reached \$US 1:30 to the Euro.

- 2005 - The Australian Treasury Secretary Ken Henry fears the US is heading for a devastating financial crash that could ravage Australia's economic growth. He likened the flood of money pouring into the US to support its budget and current accounts deficits to the stock market's dotcom bubble of the late 1990's.

- 2006 - In the case of Australia the deterioration of external debt is shown by the fact that the \$26 billion debt in 1983 had escalated to about \$450 billion by the year 2006. However this appears minor when compared to the United States Debt of several trillion dollars.

Nobel Prize winning economist Robert Mundell who is credited with paving the way to the European single currency has called for a global currency.

He says that with the emergence of the euro and the instability of the dollar Europe, the US and Asia should come together and create a new international monetary system for use in large international exchanges, for movements of capital and commercial transactions

Syria has switched all of the state's foreign currency transactions to Euros from dollars. It said the decision is to protect its export, import and service payments and to protect the national economy.

- 2007 - The \$US fell to a 26 year low against the British pound with a 2:1 ratio and a rate of \$1.44 against the Euro in October. As a result the US Treasury showed outflows of \$163b from all forms of US investments. Asian investors dumped \$52b worth of US Treasury bonds alone led by Japan [\$23b] and China [\$14.2b]. It is the first time since 1998 that foreigners on balance have sold Treasuries

"To Hell and Back" is how one newspaper described the scary stock market plunge in the US in mid August where domestic financial markets plunged 11.1% And more than \$100b was wiped out due to the housing bubble bursting and the number of sub prime borrowers defaulting on their loans increasing.

2008 - The following is only a small amount of material showing the collapse of the financial system and its likely outcome for a fully global solution to the problem rather than total reliance on the US dollar. On September 13th Lehman Brothers of the USA failed owing creditors \$613 billion and went into bankruptcy changing the USA economically as it revealed gross debts in the rest of the banking system and commenced a global crisis of major proportions perhaps not seen for around a century.

Other major banks that collapsed this year in the US include IndyMac, Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual. All these banks were felled by bad mortgage investments.

On September 26th which was the day when it was announced that the \$700 b bail out had failed the Dow Jones industrial average responded with its biggest single day fall ever, a loss of 777 points. The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index recorded a paper loss of \$1 trillion. In Russia trading was temporarily suspended on the country's two main stock markets.

Two enormous home lending institutes Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac which between them guarantee \$5 trillion of mortgage were bailed out by the Government to the tune of \$200 billion to keep the financial system whole.

The government next stepped in with \$85 billion to save American International Group [AIG] which was nearing bankruptcy. This firm had assets of \$1 trillion and more than 70 million customers so was too large to allow to become bankrupt.

In October trading in all Icelandic banks was suspended as PM Geir Haarde warned the heavy exposure of Iceland's banks was raising the spectre of national bankruptcy. Iceland's banks had lent out more than ten times the value of Iceland's economy.

After a strategic blunder in which the EU leaders refused to provide a 4 billion Euro bailout to Iceland Russia came forward to give a bailout which will give it a foothold in the North Atlantic.

A string of countries face the risk of bankruptcy including Pakistan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Argentina.

China and Saudi Arabia who are the greatest \$US creditors are calling the American economy a pyramid scheme. With vast inputs of cash into many banks the free enterprise system started looking more like turning into a fascist economy.

Warren Buffett is supposedly the world's richest man. It was reported on March 10th that he warns of the world's total exposure of a \$516 trillion bubble as a disaster waiting to happen.

Hyperinflation is occurring in Zimbabwe which used to be the breadbasket of southern Africa.

Originally the Zimbabwe \$ used to be worth 10 shillings but with rampant inflation costs have become astronomical. The author on a mission to South Africa in March this year noted that the cost of a newspaper one Sunday was \$5 million while the next Sunday it had doubled to \$10 million.

2009 - At the World Economic Forum Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the financial crisis must not be an excuse to retreat into protectionism and instead be viewed as the 'difficult birth-pangs of a new global order'.

Russian prime minister Vladimir Putin at the same meeting called for concerted action to break the stranglehold of the US dollar and create a new global structure of regional powers. 'The one reserve currency has become a danger to the world economy: that is now obvious to everybody', he said.

"Russia, Iran, and Venezuela have led the way recently in calling for a new currency, hinting that such a new currency would be genuinely global and would be the economic component of a new global political and economic structure. 'Mr Putin said: 'We are witnessing a truly global crisis It looks exactly like the perfect storm'.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicholas Sarkozy have warned the US not to block attempts to build an international financial regulator, calling for a new economic body similar to the UN's Security Council.

"I've always in my political life been a supporter of a close alliance with the United States but let's be clear: in the 21st century, a single nation can no longer say what we must do or what we must think," said Mr Sarkozy at an international symposium in Paris

In recent weeks, the world has been politely standing by and watching how things play out with the fiscal stimulus and latest bank-bailout plans in Washington.

Yes, there's been some grumbling overseas about "buy American" provisions in the stimulus bill, but for the most part, officials elsewhere don't want to step on the toes of a new President to whom they are favourably disposed. They also don't want to endanger legislation that they hope will help jump-start the global economy.

In February concern of the solvency of a number of Eastern European countries after Latvia is declared bankrupt. Belarus, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania and Ukraine all considered to have fragile economies due to toxic loans

- 2010 Gulf Cooperation Council including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain signed an agreement on monetary unity. The single currency will allow the group to have a "major currency bloc" and was effective in January 2010

Poland's co-operative BPS SA bank claimed Tuesday to be the first in Europe to install a biometric cash point allowing its clients to use their fingertips rather than a bank card to withdraw money.

"Our bank is the first in Europe to provide its clients with a new means to secure transactions to complement the secret code of their banking card," BPS SA Bank vice-president Krzysztof Jagielski told reporters.

"Thanks to a system which scans blood vessels in fingers, they can withdraw cash from a bank machine," he said of a new BPS cash point installed in the capital Warsaw. Based on "Finger Vein" technology developed by Japanese technology giant Hitachi, the bank machine which scans the unique network of minute veins in fingertips was developed by Wincor Nixdorf, a leading IT provider for retailers and retail banking.

- 2010 Dutch supermarkets are hoping to phase out the use of cash by 2014. The aim of the ban on cash is to make supermarkets less liable to robberies. According to research 87% customer support moves to stimulate the use of direct debit cards.

- 2010 Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland are all in significant economic difficulties. It resulted in a €1 trillion fund in an attempt to stabilise the euro. Greece's debt bonds have been classified as junk status by the rating agency Standard and Poor's.

Crisis await banks as trillions become due. Financial crisis forcing Europe into economic union

The Institute of International Finance, a group that represents 420 of the world's largest banks and finance houses has issued yet another call for a one world currency

Bankruptcy of the US is a 'Mathematical Certainty' says former CEO of 10th largest US bank

Sweden considers a cashless society.

- 2011 Preparation for the One World Economy – Global Stock Exchanges are headed for major consolidation.

UN Warns: U.S. Dollar Collapse Could Upset Entire Global Financial System

The Vatican published a report by the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace calling for a central world bank with global authority to rule over the world's diverse financial institutions.

In 2009 Pope Benedict issued an encyclical Caritas in Veritate in which he denounced the capitalist mentality as being responsible for the global financial meltdown.

Cashless society - Mobile phones could replace cash and credit cards

Polish government calls for a cashless society within three years

666 Update: Fujitsu develops world's first personal authentication technology to integrate palm, vein and fingerprint authentication

Cashless Society: India Implements First Biometric ID Program For All of Its 1.2 Billion Residents

The PIIGS — Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain — have major fiscal problems and are at risk of defaulting on their sovereign debt. In 2012 Portugal's public and private debt will reach 360% of GDP.

China indicated in November that it will not be the saviour of Europe. China is the holder of the world's largest foreign exchange reserves at \$3.2 trillion and wants more clarity before investing.

Greece with a national debt of over 350 billion euros has reached a point where its sovereign debt is equal to 166% of its GDP. On October 27 Eurozone leaders reached a deal with the world's major banks under which the creditors will accept a "haircut" of 50% on their holdings of Greek sovereign debt. They also want to build a firewall of a trillion euros as a firewall leverage fund.

The yield on ten year Italian bonds has risen to around the 7% mark and the Italian government can't afford to take loans which are so expensive.

The US debt has reached \$14.2 trillion by February and is growing over \$1.5 trillion a year exceeding \$17 trillion by the end of 2012.

IMF report states that the US dollar needs to be replaced as the world reserve currency and SDR's could constitute the embryo of Global Currency.

The Commonwealth Heads of Government conference in Perth was told that China's economic growth model was unsustainable with predictions of a slow down in 2013 which would have a significant effect on Australia as the commodity prices would be driven down.

2012 India and China to pay for Iranian oil by gold rather than US dollars. It should be remembered that prior to the Allied attack on Iraq Saddam Hussein had indicated that they wanted to switch oil payments to the euro. The only other country wishing to do that at the time was Iran. Both became enemies of the US. It is noted that in 2006 Syria wanted to use the euro and is now a US enemy.

In January the ratings agencies downgraded many of the Euro countries ratings including France and Austria and downgrades ratings on all four major banks in Australia.

Belgium's Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications Services [SWIFT] which handles most international bank transfers has eliminated Iran from its services. This will affect Iranian oil sales to its biggest customers in the Far East, China, Japan and India.

After the EU – China summit the EU a joint communiqué stated that the EU is willing to swiftly give China, which is already the EU's main trading partner, market economy status, a move that would help it sell more cheap goods to Europe.

The idea of living in a cashless society is gaining considerable momentum in Canada. A new survey conducted on behalf of PayPal Canada by Leger Marketing shows that 71 per cent of Canadians are comfortable with never having to handle cash to make a purchase, up 27 per cent from 2011

The PIIGS economic problems continue to cause concern with Spain having a quarter of its working population unemployed while Greece has a 50% youth unemployment. Italy has a public debt in April of \$2.5 trillion.

The banking system in Europe is so critical that the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund have stepped forward with bailouts totalling \$7 trillion

Burdened by debt the US owes its creditors \$16 trillion which is as much as the total of the gross national product of the country. The United States, Japan, and nearly every major nation in Europe are absolutely drowning in debt.

We have heard a lot about "austerity" over in Europe in recent years, but debt to GDP ratios continue to rise in Greece, Spain, Italy, Ireland and Portugal. In general, most economists consider a debt to GDP ratio of 100% to be a "danger level", and most of the economies of the western world have either already surpassed that level or are rapidly approaching it.

The U.S. debt to GDP ratio has risen from 66.6% to 103% since 2007, and the U.S. government accumulated more new debt during Barack Obama's first term than it did under the first 43 U.S. presidents combined. This insane sovereign debt bubble will continue to expand until a day of reckoning arrives and the system implodes. Nobody knows exactly when that moment will be reached, but without a doubt it is coming.

Some nations, such as Japan, are able to handle very high debt loads because they have a very high level of domestic saving. Up to this point, an astounding 95% of all Japanese government bonds have been purchased domestically. But other nations collapse under the weight of government debt even before they reach a debt to GDP ratio of 100%.

The value of the world derivative market is over one and a half quadrillion dollars. That is 1500 trillion. The nine banks with the greatest exposure to derivatives have a combined exposure of \$228.72 trillion which is three times the value of the whole world economy.

- 2013 Progress towards a global cashless society - MasterCard Tracks Global Cashless Journey - MasterCard today unveiled a new global report, "The Cashless Journey," that tracks how 33 major economies are progressing from cash-based to cashless societies. The report, produced by MasterCard Advisors, identifies new technologies, government programs and consumer preferences as key factors that are driving this shift, creating more productive and inclusive economies.

The study focuses on the value of all consumer payments (\$63 trillion in total spend), including those that happen beyond retail point-of-sale. In 2011, 34 percent (\$21 trillion) of total global consumer spend was done with cash, with cashless payments accounting for 66 percent (\$42 trillion).

The report identifies Belgium (where an estimated 93% of the value of consumer spend was cashless), France (92%), Canada (90%), the UK (89%), Sweden (89%), Australia (86%) and the Netherlands (85%) as countries where cashless payments are nearly ubiquitous, and attributes the broad movement away from cash to the uptake of new cashless payment technologies such as mobile, contactless and EMV Chip and a modern payments infrastructure.

Countries such as the United States (where an estimated 80% of the value of consumer spend was cashless) and Singapore (69%) are approaching the "tipping point" to becoming nearly cashless, and remaining cash use is largely a product of consumer habit.

Conversely, emerging economies such as Indonesia (31%), Russia (31%) and Egypt (7%) are just embarking on their cashless journey, but are in many cases changing cash share of payments at a much faster pace than developed nations.

Having relatively recently put all the elements of a modern consumer payments infrastructure in place, countries such as Brazil (57%), Poland (41%) and South Africa (43%) are now in a transitioning stage, and are quickly shifting share away from cash.

The most rapid recent shift away from cash was observed in China, where cash share of the value of consumer payments is estimated to have declined by as much as 20 percent between 2006 and 2011. The United Arab Emirates (26%) is among a group of countries where the respective governments have taken strong leadership in promoting electronic payments to support their social and economic goals. Kenya (27%) is an example where disruptive technology is contributing the most to decrease cash share of consumer spend. However, in countries such as Germany (where an estimated 76% of the value of consumer spend was cashless), Japan (62%), Spain (54%) and Taiwan (43%), cultural behaviour appears to be keeping cash usage higher than market conditions would suggest.

Kevin Stanton, President, MasterCard Advisors concludes: "While each nation's journey is unique and requires an understanding of local realities, the benefits that come with a more cashless society are universal: more convenience for consumers, better efficiencies for governments, higher productivity for businesses, and greater financial inclusion for society as a whole by bringing more

citizens into the economic mainstream. This report provides a roadmap for how countries can reap these benefits and enable a better life for all constituents."

China is of great concern to the USA as it is a powerful leader of the BRICS [Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa] group which is planning to create a new monetary system which would weaken the IMF and US dollar. BRICS countries hold reserves totalling \$5 trillion, most of them held by China which now accounts for 20% of Africa's exports. China surpassed the USA and Europe as Africa's largest trading partner in 2009 and has maintained that position ever since.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has given Visa and MasterCard permission to work to phase out signatures for card transactions. Under the terms of the proposed plan, called PIN@POS, from March 14 next year merchant terminals will be required to enforce PIN on eligible transactions. In other words, if a transaction requires a PIN the terminal will not process a transaction without the PIN. From June 30 signatures will no longer be accepted. The new rule will not apply when a magnetic stripe is used to activate the transaction; it will only apply when the chip is used. Visa and MasterCard estimate that about 45 per cent of cardholders do not use PINs when they make payments.

Out of 900 consumers involved in a recent pilot scheme, 94% said that they were ready to use finger print based technology when purchasing goods and services. The pilot, conducted by Natural Security a specialist in the area of user-authentication, involved the use of payment methods incorporating payment cards, biometrics and mid-range contactless technology. Natural Security says that this solution can be used in both in-store and online settings as well as to gain access to services.

The proximity system uses a combination of a card storing the client's biometric data together with a reader that authenticates the physical presence of the customer by reading the finger print and finger veins, all without having to remember or insert a PIN. It is interesting that the ANZ when promoting its cards always use a smiling actor Simon Baker using his fingerprint at its conclusion.

A Quadrillion Yen And Counting – The Japanese Debt Bomb How much is 1,000,000,000,000,000 yen worth? Well, a quadrillion yen is worth approximately 10.5 trillion dollars. It is an amount of money that is larger than the "the economies of Germany, France and the U.K. combined". It is such an astounding amount of debt that it is hard to even get your mind around it.

The government debt to GDP ratio in Japan will reach 247 percent this year, and the Japanese currently spend about 50 percent of all central government tax revenue on debt service. Realistically, there are only two ways out of this overwhelming debt trap for the Japanese. Either they default or they try to inflate the debt away. At this point, the Japanese have chosen to try to inflate the debt away.

They have initiated the greatest quantitative easing experiment that a major industrialized nation has attempted since the days of the Weimar Republic. Over the next two years, the Bank of Japan plans to zap 60 trillion yen into existence out of thin air and use it to buy government bonds.

By the time this program is over, the monetary base in Japan will have approximately doubled. But authorities in Japan are desperate. They know that the Japanese debt bomb could set off global panic at any time, and they are trying to find a way out that will not cause too much pain.

Right now, the yield on 10 year Japanese bonds is sitting at an absurdly low 0.76%. But even with such ridiculously low interest rates, the central government of Japan is still spending about half of all tax revenue on debt service. If interest rates go up, the game is over.

China calls for a new international currency - According to US Treasury Department data, China is the biggest foreign owner of US Treasuries at \$1.28 trillion as of July. Besides, China also holds close to \$3.5 trillion of dollar-denominated assets. A US debt default and consequent credit downgrade would significantly erode the value of China's holdings.

As the first step in creating a de-Americanised world, all nations must try to shape an international system that respects the sovereignty of all nations and ensures the US keeps out of the domestic affairs of others, Xinhua said.

"The developing and emerging market economies need to have more say in major international financial institutions including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, so that they could better reflect the transformations of the global economic and political landscape," the editorial says.

It also called for an end to the use of the US dollar as the international reserve currency, a step that would ensure the international community could maintain a safe distance from the side-effects of domestic political turmoil in the United States.

There was another major announcement which indicates that China is getting ready to make a major move against the U.S. dollar. According to Reuters, crude oil futures may soon be priced in yuan on the Shanghai Futures Exchange. China, which overtook the United States as the world's top oil importer in September, hopes the contract will become a benchmark in Asia and has said it would allow foreign investors to trade in the contract without setting up a local subsidiary.

If that actually happens, that will be absolutely huge and it was only a matter of time before they started to openly challenge the petrodollar. The world is changing and as demand for the U.S. dollar and U.S. debt goes down, the things that Americans buy at the store will cost a lot more, the standard of living will go down and it will become a lot more expensive for everyone (including the U.S. government) to borrow money.

The Growing Rift With Saudi Arabia Threatens To Severely Damage The Petrodollar - The number one American export is U.S. dollars. It is paper currency that is backed up by absolutely nothing, but the rest of the world has been using it to trade with one another and so there is tremendous global demand for US dollars. The linchpin of this system is the petrodollar. For decades, if you have wanted to buy oil virtually anywhere in the world you have had to do so with U.S. dollars. But if one of the biggest oil exporters on the planet, such as Saudi Arabia, decided to start accepting other currencies as payment for oil, the petrodollar monopoly would disintegrate very rapidly.

For years, everyone assumed that nothing like that would happen any time soon, but now Saudi officials are warning of a "major shift" in relations with the United States. In fact, the Saudis are so upset at the Obama administration that "all options" are reportedly "on the table". If it gets to the point where the Saudis decide to make a major move away from the petrodollar monopoly, it will be absolutely catastrophic for the U.S. economy.

The biggest reason why having good relations with Saudi Arabia is so important to the United States is because the petrodollar monopoly will not work without them. For decades, Washington D.C. has gone to extraordinary lengths to keep the Saudis happy. But now the Saudis are becoming increasingly frustrated that the U.S. military is not being used to fight their wars for them.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, ploughs much of its earnings back into U.S. assets. Most of the Saudi central bank's net foreign assets of \$690 billion are thought to be denominated in dollars, much of them in U.S. Treasury bonds.

In a nutshell, any country that wants to purchase oil from an oil producing country has to do so in U.S. dollars. This is a long standing agreement within all oil exporting nations, aka OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The UK for example, cannot simply buy oil from Saudi Arabia by exchanging British pounds. Instead, the UK must exchange its pounds for U.S. dollars. The major exception at present is, of course, Iran. Prior to the Iraqi war Saddam Hussein had said his oil would be paid for in Euros. It is possible that the Axis of Evil based on the petrodollar was the prime cause of the Iraq war.

This method is what has allowed the U.S. to run up trillions of dollars of debt: the rest of the world simply buys up that debt in the form of U.S. interest bearing securities. This arrangement works out very well for the United States because it can wildly print money and run up gigantic amounts of debt and the rest of the world gobbles it all up. In 2012, the United States ran a trade deficit of about \$540,000,000,000 with the rest of the planet.

In other words, about half a trillion more dollars left the country than came into the country. These dollars represent the number one "product" that the U.S. exports.

Today, Russia is the number one exporter of oil in the world. China is now the number one importer of oil in the world, and at this point they are actually importing more oil from Saudi Arabia than the United States is. So why should Russia, China and virtually everyone else continue to be forced to use U.S. dollars to trade oil? One way that this is being done is by our reckless accumulation of debt.

The U.S. national debt is now 37 times larger than it was 40 years ago, and we are on pace to accumulate more new debt under the 8 years of the Obama administration than we did under all of the other presidents in U.S. history combined. Quantitative easing is another factor that is severely damaging worldwide faith in the U.S. financial system. The rest of the globe is watching as the Federal Reserve wildly prints up money and monetizes our debt.

The future of money has arrived, and it's called Coin. It looks like a credit card. It's the size of a credit card. It swipes in credit card machines. But it holds the information of up to eight of your debit, credit, rewards, or gift cards. And you can switch between cards by simply pressing a button

China just dropped an absolute bombshell, but it was almost entirely ignored by the mainstream media in the United States. The central bank of China has decided that it is "no longer in China's favour to accumulate foreign-exchange reserves.

A judge overseeing the City of Detroit's fiscal sustainability ruled that the City can be afforded bankruptcy protection meaning that all 100,000 of its creditors now stand to lose a significant portion of monies owed to them. This in effect wiped out pension funds with 80% cuts to pensioners. Detroit's debts are pocket money compared to the \$200 trillion in future liabilities owed by the USA. Keep an eye of debt in the USA, especially in the Muslim dominated areas like Detroit. Do a regular internet search on indebtedness amongst the US States.

24th Dec 2013 China bans journalists from writing about its \$24 trillion debt bubble. Credit has been expanding at 20-30% per annum for the last five years and is now equal to the GDP of the USA and Japan banking systems combined, the biggest bubble in history. Any "blip" in Asia and the world economy may falter.

2014 **"A Precursor To The Anti-Christ's Monitoring System?"** The key feature of the "Pulse Wallet" solution is the use of "Palm Secure(R) biometric technology" by Fujitsu Frontech North America Inc., a leader in innovative technology and front-end solutions. This will develop further, but most likely be replaced by the RFID or variant chip inserted, or an invisible tattoo applied over the palm of back or the hand.

The integrated "spoof-proof" Palm Secure vein imaging technology enables merchants to provide one of the most secure payment options presently available, while providing an all-in-one payment system for consumers to access their electronic wallets. Once registered, consumers can leave their credit or debit cards at home and simply scan their palm for payment at POS. Each palm scan is encrypted thus avoiding the security exposure encountered recently by some consumers at check out.

Paving The Way For The Mark Of The Beast? Scientists Develop Human-Powered Battery For RFID Implantable Chips. The blending of man and machine took a giant leap forward after US and Chinese researchers announced they had developed a miniature implantable battery that could be powered by the human body. Increasing advances in biomedical devices have faced the dilemma of a reliable power source. By taking advantage of the contracting and relaxing motions of the heart, lung and diaphragm - these implanted devices could see a never ending power supply.

This process is referred to as piezoelectric energy harvesting. Medical biometrics may be paving the way for further consumer type advances. With continued security breaches of credit cards it is not hard to imagine people desiring a more biometrically secure method to purchase and store information.

RFID implants with credit card type applications may not be far off and thus bringing us one step closer to what Revelation describes will happen in the last days.

21st February A deeply controversial global tax information sharing regime has been unveiled by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Inspired by a U.S. tax scheme the key component would be information sharing among governments and require the collection of sensitive personal information on individuals from banks and other financial institutions in their jurisdictions. The information would be automatically exchanged between all participating governments in the scheme. OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría, said "Globalization of the world's financial system has made it increasingly simple for people to make, hold and manage investments outside their country of residence."

Referring to the new tax-information system as "a real game changer," he added that this new standard on automatic exchange of information would ramp up international tax co-operation as well as put governments back on a more even footing as they seek to protect the integrity of their tax systems and fight tax evasion. It is the "fight against global crime and criminal networks that will lead the drive to increased security measures that lead directly to total control of populations under the future rule of the Anti-Christ.

Over 40 governments, including Argentina, Brazil, China, India, the Russian Federation and South Africa, have already committed to adopt the controversial scheme. In a joint statement, participating countries endorsed the scheme and called on other countries and jurisdictions to commit to join this initiative at the earliest opportunity with the aim of rapidly creating a truly global system of automatic information exchange.

Sounding suspiciously like a threat, the participating governments also claimed that only countries with rulers who submit to the draconian new regime will "prosper in the future." In other words, join the global tax regime and violate the privacy rights of everyone in the jurisdiction, or suffer financial penalties. As critics say, "the nightmare begins".

26th February In the U.S, cash is becoming increasingly less relevant and valuable for transactions. Some stores are even entirely "cashless" in America and around the world, normally as an "anti-theft" device. Nearly 1-in-5 consumers do not carry any cash on them in the western world. In total, more than 60 percent of consumers carry \$20 or less in cash in the Western World. Surprisingly, at present about 1 in 20 people say they don't use cash and refuse to go to places that accept only physical currency. More and more are looking for innovative ways to pay using their smart phones and the apps are there to meet the "need" and build the control network the Anti-Christ will need to be operational and well tested when he seizes final control of the West and then the rest of the world.

24th March In the not-too-distant future, you'll begin to see "digital tattoos" cropping up all over the place, such as the square diagrams that are presently used to access the internet by mobile phone. Their first, and probably biggest use will be in the medical field, where an ultra thin, flexible sensor will be applied to a patient much like a child's "fake tattoo. These ultra sensitive devices will then be able to gather enormous amounts of data from your body, everything from blood pressure to heart rate, to hydration levels, and more.

Once gathered, the data will be able to be transmitted wirelessly to the cloud, where it can be accessed or manipulated by the owners of the data via app. While touted as for better delivery of health care, and probably mandatory for access to funded health care, they will be one more control technology for the central rulership to use.

Some researchers even see such a tattoo leading to a digital interface concept. The blood-powered electronic interface which is embedded under skin could be used to display videos, or act as a phone or computer - projecting right on to the skin.

Chips tend to be inflexible, and rectangular in shape. That's very limiting in terms of design, and you can only make such a structure so small before it becomes useless, but with this new approach, still silicon based, but much thinner than anyone has ever tried to make a circuit before, silicon takes on new properties that make it much more useful and malleable.

11th April Russia would have no qualms with using gold as a geopolitical weapon. The Central Bank of Russia has made a subtle but serious threat against the driving force of the American Economy – the US dollar. According to the Russian media Russia's Bank Rossiya, has just released a new logo which is a gold rouble. As a result stocks dived as Russia appears to be ready to abandon the US dollar.

24th April According to the Prime News Agency the Russian government organised a special meeting dedicated to finding a solution for getting rid of the US dollar in Russian export operations.

28th April - Scientist Claims Human Microchip Implants Will Become “Not Optional” Technologies designed specifically to track and monitor human beings have been in development for at least two decades. In the virtual realm, software programs are now capable of watching us in real time, going so far as to make predictions about our future behaviours and sending alerts to the appropriate monitoring station depending on how a computer algorithm flags your activities. That is in and of itself a scary proposition. Chances are you’re carrying a couple of RFID microchips now in your phone or watch.

And if you are, they’re sending out a 15-digit number that identifies you. That number can be picked up by what’s called an ISO compliant scanner. And they’re everywhere, too. It’s not possible to interact with society in a meaningful way by not having a mobile phone. We think human implants are likely to go along a very similar route. It would be such a disadvantage to not have the implant that it essentially becomes not optional”. Just about everyone now carries a mobile phone and the biggest push is making them easy to gain and use in the developing world.

Embedded in every one of those phones is an RFID chip that can track our every movement via GPS or cell tower triangulation.

Moreover, those microphones and cameras that come standard on every phone can be remotely activated by law enforcement surveillance systems, a capability that has existed since the early 2000s. Granted, one can simply disconnect from “the grid” by throwing away their cell phone. But, the direction these new monitoring technologies are moving coupled with continued government expansion of surveillance suggests that microchip RFID technology will eventually be non-voluntary.

Michael Snyder of “The Truth Wins” asks, “What will you do when you can no longer buy or sell without submitting to biometric identification?” This technology is going to keep spreading, and it is going to become harder and harder to avoid it. And it is easy to imagine what a tyrannical government could do with this kind of technology. If it wanted to, it could use it to literally track the movements and behaviour of everyone. And one day, this kind of technology will likely be so pervasive that you won’t be able to open a bank account, get a credit card or even buy anything without having either your hand or your face scanned first.

Eventually, once the concept is generally accepted by the majority, it will become our new “social security number.” To gain access to official services, you’ll need to be “verified” as the unique human. Without verification you won’t even be able to purchase a six pack of beer, let alone get medical care or a driver’s license. Whether we like it or not this is the future. In essence, we’ll soon live in a world of “Always On Monitoring”. Our children and grandchildren, at least most of them, will likely not only submit to implantation, they’ll gladly pay the costs so that they, too, can “interact with society in a meaningful way.”

In the Roman Empire believers were seen as “enemies of the human race”; they were weird and strange and that is the direction we are moving in again. In all contact with the New Zealand Government in 2015 all users of their business systems must have a “Real Me” identification code, and access process must be correct each and every time you interact with the government computer. You only get to speak to a person if you really need to and it costs you. This computer driven system is a “cost saving” but actually it is getting us used to being controlled by machines and answering as and when we are told.

22nd May In a symbolic blow to US global financial hegemony, Russia and China took a small step towards undercutting the domination of the US dollar as the international currency when Russia’s second biggest financial institution VTB signed a deal with the Bank of China to bypass the dollar and to pay each other in domestic currencies.

30th May A special committee headed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s chief of staff, Harel Locker, has recommended a three-phase plan to all but do away with cash transactions in Israel. The motivation for examining a cash-less economy is combating money laundering and other tax-evasion tactics, thereby maximizing potential tax collection and greatly expanding the tax base.

This is important considering the enormous strain put on Israel's national budget by the army, healthcare system and other public services. The committee estimated that the black market represents over 20 percent of Israel's GDP, and cash is the facilitating factor.

Cash enables tax evasion, money laundering and even financing terrorism. Accepting any state benefit will require cooperation with state monitoring in future.

10th July Tensions between the USA, Russia and China are building including the latter two, together with the BRICS group wanting an alternative global reserve currency than the US dollar. The "New Development Bank" is being discussed to rival the World Bank and an alternative to the IMF will be launched at a BRICS summit in 2015 meeting in July with its main headquarters probably being in Shanghai or New Delhi.

4th September Wall Street banks are getting hit by cyber attacks every single minute of every single day. It is a massive onslaught that is not highly publicized because the bankers do not want to alarm the public. But as you will see below, one big Wall Street bank is spending 250 million dollars a year just by themselves to combat this growing problem.

The truth is that our financial system is not nearly as stable as most think that it is. We have become more dependent on technology than ever before, and that comes with a potentially huge downside. An electromagnetic pulse weapon or an incredibly massive cyber attack could conceivably take down part or all of our banking system at any time.

14th October Four out of five purchases in Sweden are paid electronically or by debit card and with the development of cheaper technology the trend is moving towards a fully cash free society, according to a new report. "Sweden and the rest of Scandinavia leads the world in terms of cashless trading," said Bengt Nilervall at the Swedish Federation of Trade (Svensk Handel). Swedes use their debit and credit cards almost every day - an average of 260 transactions per person per year. The picture is very different in southern Europe. In Italy, for example, three-quarters of all consumer purchases are still paid for in cash.

4th November MasterCard and the biometric payment company Zwipe announced plans Friday to develop a payment card that allows you to make purchases by waving it over a payment terminal while placing your unique thumbprint on the card's biometric sensor. The cardholder's fingerprint data is stored directly on the card, not in an external database. "Our challenge is to ensure the technology offers robust security, simplicity of use and convenience for the customer.

Zwipe's first trial is a significant milestone and its results are very encouraging," Bhalla said. Once a customer activates their fingerprint, it's then used as a PIN replacement, allowing them to make purchases of any amount. "Pay-wave" is now common in the Western world.

And because the newer card will tap into the power from payment terminals, it won't require a battery, Gizmodo reported. Slated for release in 2015, MasterCard and Zwipe said this is the first card of its kind to use biometric data together with contact-less application. Founder and CEO of Zwipe Kim Humborstad said feedback from the product's pilot phase has been "very positive."

2nd December There has only been one other time in history when the price of oil has crashed by more than 40 dollars in less than 6 months. The last time this happened was during the second half of 2008, and the beginning of that oil price crash preceded the great financial collapse that happened later that year by several months. Well, now it is happening again, but this time the stakes are even higher. When the price of oil falls dramatically, that is a sign that economic activity is slowing down. It can also have a tremendously destabilizing affect on financial markets.

10th December For more than half of its lifespan, the United States of America has been considered the leading economic superpower of the World. That's quite a run, and one that no other nation can lay claim to. For nearly 140 years, America's economy has been the largest among the nations; but there's a new Power that holds that position.

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), China just surpassed the United States in economic output, producing \$17.6 trillion in so-called "real" terms of goods and services. According to MarketWatch.com, as recently as 2000, the United States produced nearly three times as much as the Chinese.

The IMF is a creation of the United Nations, and here is its stated official duty: "to promote international financial stability and monetary cooperation. It also seeks to facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world. Created in 1945, the IMF is governed by and accountable to the 188 countries that make up its near-global membership." In other words, it was created to establish a global, or one-world, financial system.

But here's the irony; both China and the U.S. economies are fake; China has built "ghost cities" based on an inflated economy, while the USA has money-printed itself into a counterfeit recovery. However, for whatever reason, the global elite leaders have decided that China should now be the nation out front of the world economy. There is little substance behind either economy in real terms and the entire world economy is operating over a debt canyon that could swallow it in a second.

16th December The G-20 met recently in Brisbane Australia to make new banking rules for the next financial calamity. Financial reform advocate Ellen Brown says these new rules will allow banks to take money from depositors and pensioners globally. It allows banks in America and other nations to no longer recognize your deposits as money. During a bank failure a bank "bail in" can be declared, and in that scenario your money is classified simply as part of the bank's capital structure. This means that during a bank failure your money is no longer your money; you are just one of many creditors attempting to get their money from a failed bank. Obviously, the priority will be paying off the giant creditors. Essentially, this means that the concept of your money in your bank being insured by the FDIC is no longer a viable reality.

Brown explains, "It became rules we agreed to actually implement. There was no treaty, and governments didn't agree to all this. We take it that money banked is secured, but it can be stolen at the drop of a hat by States in the USA and governments.

They use words so that it's not obvious to tell what they have done, but what they did was say, basically, that we, the governments, are no longer going to be responsible for bailing out the big banks. These are about 30 international banks. So, you are going to have to save yourselves, and the way you are going to have to do it is by bailing in the money of your creditors.

"The largest class of creditors of any bank is the depositors." There is also \$280 trillion worth of derivatives that the five biggest banks in the U.S. are exposed to, and under the bankruptcy reform act of 2005, derivatives go first. So, they are basically exempt from these new rules. They just snatch the collateral of depositors if caught out.

US dollar as a fiat currency Andrei Kostin President and Chairman of UTB Bank of Russia stated "It is time to change the entire International Financial System that considers the Dollar as the key reserve currency. The world has changed. Russia has declared war on the petrodollar "We will sell roubles to consumers of our oil and gas and later we will exchange the roubles for gold.

China is undertaking bilateral deals around the world in the Yuan which again will put pressure on the dumping of the US dollar. China has 3000 tons of gold accumulated to hedge against the collapse of the dollar.

Swiss Shocker Triggers Gigantic Losses For Banks, Hedge Funds And Currency Traders The stunning decision by the Swiss National Bank to decouple from the euro has triggered billions of dollars worth of losses all over the globe.

Citigroup and Deutsche Bank both say that their losses were somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$150 million, a major hedge fund that had \$830 million in assets at the end of December has been forced to shut down, and several major global currency trading firms have announced that they are now insolvent.

And these are just the losses that we know about so far. It will be many months before the full scope of the financial devastation caused by the Swiss National Bank is fully revealed. But of course the same thing could be said about the crash in the price of oil that we have witnessed in recent weeks.

Citigroup, the world's biggest currencies dealer, lost more than \$150 million at its trading desks, a person with knowledge of the matter said last week. Deutsche Bank lost \$150 million and Barclays less than \$100 million. The effect after the Swiss National Bank scrapped a three-year-old policy of

capping its currency against the euro was that on that day the franc soared as much as 41% percent versus the euro.

- 2015 Ecuador Becomes The First Country To Roll Out Its Own Digital Cash. Ecuador's Sistema de Dinero Electrónico (electronic money system) started off in December 2014 by allowing qualifying users to set up accounts, and it begins acting as a real means of transaction in February 2015. Once the government flips the switch, the South American nation of 16 million will host the first-ever state-run electronic payment system.

(Other countries, such as Sweden, use digital currencies widely, but they're not state-sponsored.) Electronic money will act as a cost-saving mechanism for the government: Ecuador spends more than \$3 million every year to exchange deteriorating old notes for new dollars

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. At least 35 countries will join the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) by the deadline of March 31, the bank's interim chief, Jin Liqun, said on Sunday. Currently, India, Indonesia and New Zealand have expressed interest in joining the bank, he told a conference in Beijing, following a request by Britain, France, Italy and Luxembourg to become founding members. "By the deadline, we believe 35 countries, or more, will become founding members of the bank," he said. The Chinese government has been rumoured for many months to be working to undermine U.S. top- nation economic status and the American dollar's position in the monetary world.

Fiat Currencies The average lifespan for any purely fiat currency is around 30 years, with the dollar surpassing this by more than a decade due to its place as the global standard for trade and oil purchases. However, now that the world's financial system has become saturated with overwhelming debt, and most economies solidly entrenched in currency wars, the world is about ready for a return to sound money and a gold backed currency, which China may be providing to their trading partners within six months

The dollar is already being replaced as a reserve currency. In 2005 it accounted for 67% of trade, in 2008 it had dropped to 64% and at 2014 it had further decreased to 61%. The Federal Reserve currently has a 77/1 leverage. The International Monetary Fund [IMF] has the only clean balance sheet with a leverage of 3/1. The IMF can print their Special Drawing Rights [SDR] as a new reserve currency and thus control the world economy.

China May Be Ending Dollar's Hold On Reserve Currency As Early As September On March 9, sources within China provided new information that validates that the Far Eastern economy is now ready to compete with, or even supplant, the dollar as the sole global reserve currency as early as September of this year.

Having already completed a message interchange system that mirrors the same one in the West, the Chinese equivalent of SWIFT is now ready and is expected to be fully operational by the 3rd quarter of 2015, which will allow other nations to transact with the world's largest economy without the need to purchase dollars as a medium of exchange.

Additionally, there has been a great deal of speculation over the past two years that China might back their currency with gold once they are fully ready to float it as a global reserve, with strong indications showing that at the very least, China will be calling for the use of international letters of credit or trade notes that are backed by gold to help stabilize transactions using this historical form of sound money.

On March 16 we got proof that it is the second outcome that is about to prevail following a Reuters report that China's international payment system, known simply enough as China International Payment System (CIPS), which serves to process cross-border yuan transactions is ready, and may be launched as early as September or October.

Less than a month ago, China's close partner in Eurasia, Russia, implemented and brought online their own SWIFT alternative after economic sanctions by the U.S. continued into their second year, and information was discovered that pointed towards the NSA monitoring all messages going through the Western controlled SWIFT system.

Microsoft's Windows Hello Will Make Your Face, Finger or Iris The New Sign-In. Microsoft is the latest tech company to turn our bodies into passwords. With Windows Hello, announced in March, users of the upcoming Windows 10 operating system will be able to sign in to their devices using their fingerprint, their face or even the iris of their eye. Microsoft is expected to release Windows 10 later this year.

"You -- uniquely you -- plus your device are the keys to your Windows experience, apps, data and even websites and services, not a random assortment of letters and numbers that are easily forgotten, hacked or written down and pinned to a bulletin board," Joe Belfiore, Microsoft's corporate VP of operating systems, wrote in a blog post.

Microsoft has also joined the FIDO alliance, an industry consortium founded in February 2013 to address the lack of interoperability of authentication processes across the Web.

Nordic countries are leading a shift by rich nations towards cashless societies. Helped by wide use of computers even among the elderly, broad trust in the state and big business and only small black economies, people in Sweden and neighbouring countries are fast embracing cards, the Internet and apps for financial transactions, and forsaking notes and coins. "We are headed more and more for a cashless society," said Jan Digranes, a director at Finance Norway, which represents banks and other financial institutions.

Sweden, home of music streaming firm Spotify and the Candy Crush mobile phone game, ranks top in the European Union for card payments, with 230 transactions per inhabitant in 2012, just above Denmark and Finland and well ahead of Britain on 167, Germany 39 and Italy 28, according to the European Central Bank. Non-EU members Norway and Iceland are also among top users of cards worldwide, their central banks say.

Problems with China's Economy. China accounts for more total global trade than anyone else in the world. That is why it is so alarming that Chinese imports and exports are both absolutely collapsing. China's monthly trade data shows exports fell in March 2015 from a year ago by 14.6% in Yuan terms, compared to expectations for a rise of more than 8%. Imports meanwhile fell 12.3% in Yuan terms compared to forecasts for a fall of more than 11%.

Rich get richer in UK index of wealthiest people A new rich list being released found that the combined wealth of Britain's 1,000 richest people had more than doubled in the last ten years to over £547 billion.

Ukrainian businessman Len Blavatnik, an investor in a range of industries including oil, petrochemicals and media, is worth £13.17 billion according to the respected Sunday Times Rich List. The Sunday Times said that rich people now need to be worth at least £100 million to make it into the top 1,000, that is £15 million more than last year and up from £15 million in 1997.

Hypocrisy of the Rich -- Global Warming A squadron of 1,700 private jets are rumbling into Davos, Switzerland, this week [January 2015] to discuss global warming and other issues as the annual [45th] World Economic Forum gets underway. How much additional carbon was generated?

The influx of private jets is so great, the Swiss Armed Forces has been forced to open up a military air base for the first time ever to absorb all the super rich flying their private jets into the event, reports Newsweek. "Decision-makers meeting in Davos must focus on ways to reduce climate risk while building more efficient, cleaner, and lower-carbon economies," former Mexican president Felipe Calderon told USA Today.

Davos, which has become a playground of sorts for the global elite, is expected to feature at least 40 heads of state and 2,500 top business executives. Former Vice President-turned-carbon billionaire Al Gore and rapper Pharrell Williams will be there as well; each plans to discuss global warming and recycling respectively.

Income Inequality Another big theme of the mega-rich confab will be combating "income inequality" and how the world's rich can pay their fair share to reduce the gap between top earners and the lower class. Admission price for Davos: roughly \$40,000 a ticket.

COMMENTS

In Revelation 13 we see that the Bible stated that a global economic system would exist in the end times. This was unthinkable in the Apostle John's day. Yet today, globalists in every level of government are seeking to unite the world. Connecting the world monetarily is crucial to their goal. In addition a man would control all banking and commerce.

Until recently, you couldn't have even dreamed how a person could control all commerce. The final generation would be open to receiving a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. Consider how the up and coming generation is tattooed, pierced and marked with all kinds of insignia.

And today, for the first time in history, global tracking and marking technology is available. From the above it can be seen that there is not only a move towards a common currency in the current economic turmoil but also to electronic banking which could logically lead to a centralised global control of the individuals ability to buy or sell.

ONE WORLD CONDITIONING AND CONTROL

TREND 16 – CONSPIRING TOGETHER TO SELL A ONE WORLD CONCEPT

PROPHECY - Psalm 2:1,2 “Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing. 2 The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed.”

TREND 17 – THE ABILITY TO ANALYSE AND CONTROL A POPULATION – REVELATION 13:16-18

PROPHECY - Revelation 13:16-18 “And he causeth all, both great and small, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. 17 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. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred, threescore and six.”

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

If you can control the mind of man by half-truths, lies and propaganda, the belief in the bizarre and unusual will be much easier.

There is good scriptural evidence that Satan's emissaries, the fallen angels, concentrate in some numbers in capital cities and seats of power (**Daniel 10:13**) **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.**

Some examples of the techniques for conditioning exist include:

(a) Backmasking: the provision of a secondary message on music records which are perceived subliminally. These messages are recorded backwards. When the music is played over and over again the brain of those listening to it picks up the reverse message as well.

Using a technique which plays the music backwards one is able to hear many of the words of the backmasking. Many of these messages when heard are pro-Satan and anti-God. It has been found that with backmasking the records sold much better than without it.

(b) Subliminal broadcasting: the ability to broadcast at the "brain wave" frequency where a message can be "heard" inwardly and telepathically, a technique which the Maitreya probably would have used if he had been revealed in 1982. It is reported that an experiment like this was undertaken in Alice Springs in the early 1980's promoting the sale of Coca Cola. It was seen to be very effective with increase in sales.

(c) The printed media: the superimposition on photographs of other often suggestive pictures with the result of a significant increase in sales. A very famous example of this was a newspaper picture which showed on its front page marines coming ashore from a landing craft.

The papers sold like hot cakes. When it was examined in detail it was found that a naked woman had been superimposed over the picture. It was invisible to the naked eye but subconsciously people had responded to it and bought the paper. This technique had also been used in TV adverts and the like but officially now this has been banned.

[d] Another way is through advertising. Early in 1982 there was a conference in Canberra of all TV producers. They were addressed by a CBS expert who gave information regarding a mark which people were to receive on their hands or forehead. He told the assembled executives that it was up to them to get across to the people through adverts and innuendo that such a mark was beneficial and desirable. There has been a lot of advertising regarding cash cards and the cashless society.

In recent years the media has also concentrated in New Age philosophy and its religion as well as a biased attitude against Christians and Biblical concepts. The heathen are raging. Man's imaginations are going wild

Programmes have included Battleship Galactica with the "old man" Adama, Commander Cain and a beautiful robot with a wonderfully modulated voice named Lucifer [Ezekiel 28:13-17]. They are returning to earth from a distant planet to repopulate the earth after a disaster which is a New Age concept.

Another area which may be related is Unidentified Flying Objects UFO. What better way could there be for minimising the effect of the rapture of the Church than by the use of these flying machines to explain away the disappearance of many people.

Only three sources of UFOs are possible:

- (a) They are man made.
- (b) They are demonic in origin.
- (c) They are from another planet or galaxy.

I believe sources (a) and (b) are both possible, whilst (c) has no scriptural basis.

One Worldism. This is being promoted heavily, especially in the area of the environment with such items as the "greenhouse effect", the ozone holes over the poles and world heritage becoming prominent.

Cartoons appearing in newspapers showing characters with numbers across their foreheads in relation to money or identity checks.

In summary Way back in 1928, Edward Bernays wrote in his book, "Propaganda", the following: "The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government, which is the true ruling power in our country. We are governed, our minds are moulded, our tastes formed, our ideas suggested, largely by men we have never heard of."

This is the power of the media and those who use it for their own end. It is seen to be a major factor in conditioning.

BAR CODES

The UPC numbering system and bar symbols were conceived and designed in the early 1970's by George J. Laurer on behalf of IBM. He presented them to the grocery and food industries as a universal way to keep track of inventories, prices and manufacturers. It was chosen ahead of many other options, and has since been accepted and adopted worldwide as a unified product tracking method.

EDUCATION

Instead of wholesome teaching, education has been despoiled by secular humanism with its attendant concepts of evolution, sex education and the like.

Australia now a signatory to many hundreds of international laws. These promote internationalism over nationalism. They actively oppose Biblical standards. [See Appendix B]

Film graphics so realistic that "news" could be manipulated to confuse the masses. Control of the media in so small a group of hands as to be able to propagandise news and information. The owners of the media outlets often are transnational companies with a reason to promote globalism as a good thing. Examples are:-

- [i] The promotion of politically correct concepts and protection of various sections of society from criticism.
- [ii] The promotion of multiculturalism [cf. Daniel 2 - toes of iron and ceramics as the final empire before our Lord's return]
- [iii] The use of anti vilification laws in regards to racial and religious differences with the latter being used to harass Bible believing such as Christian Pastors in Victoria
- [iv] The promotion of the importance of preserving animal life such as whales while condoning and defending the widespread use of abortion.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1984 - An article in the Sydney Morning Herald reported on the security dangers of the cashless society. Included was a cartoon of a man with a barcode on his forehead. The caption said "Don't leave home without it" One paragraph said it all" In the quest for the ultimate means of identification there is talk about branding everyone with a number.

Any such action will surely cause an uproar but as card fraud increases and customers get tired of paying for it in increased costs it is seen as the only possible solution.

Researchers have recently discovered how to stimulate 15 known pleasure centres in the human brain giving the potential to make everyone happy.

1985 - The State of Victoria in Australia has a law under which a child who believes he has a substantial and presently irreconcilable difference with his parents or guardians may apply to be legally separated from them. In September a 15 year old boy represented by legal aid took his parents to court and was granted separation. His mother said "This law allows any spoilt brat to take his parents to court for making him eat his vegetables."

On National TV in New South Wales Australia it was announced on June 7 that Australians would be given a choice between an ID card and a mark on the arm.

In Star Trek II Admiral Kirk proved his identity by staring into a retinal scanner which allows personal identification by unique blood vessel patterns in the back of his eyes.

A court in Nevada has been told that the beat of a British rock band plus satanic lyrics and hidden subliminal messages combined with smoking marijuana had led to the suicide of two fans.

1986 - Minute by minute, day by day the small computer carefully tracks all the usage of electric gadgets in the house. It quickly learns the electric power consumption pattern of each appliance and notes when each comes on and how long it runs

Over five million American workers are monitored every moment of their working day by the computers they use in their jobs.

1987 - Fear of a court challenge under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms forced Canada to drop a test of electric devices to monitor parolees. Under the plan a radio device in the person's home could keep track of the device from as far away as 60 metres and alert authorities of the breach.

Machine readable passports are produced in Australia aimed at increasing efficient movement of passengers through airports. The Department of Foreign Affairs said that personal details would be duplicated in the passport under a sealed plastic laminate cover which could be read electronically at international exit and entry points.

A new eye identification system has been developed by scientists in the US. The system will be used to provide security for the US Strategic Defence Initiative programme. A microprocessor scans the blood vessel eye pattern of each person and compares it with the "signature" already in a database. The chance of mistaken identification are said to be 1 in 10 million.

New legislation has been passed in China requiring all citizens to carry at all times computerised Identity Cards.

- 1988 – The Australian of December 13th says “Big Brother is Watching You” It reports with our high technology we are able to monitor workers wherever they are. Trucks have monitoring devices so that the employer is able to keep tabs on how fast the truck goes, how much fuel is used and where the driver wastes time. Factories are using devices to monitor people. It is like the surveillance conditions that George Orwell predicted in his book 1984 they said.

Last year the Australian government abandoned a proposed “Australia Card” in the face of widespread public opposition. Now a de facto card has been brought in as part of the Tax File Number System.

Such numbers are not new but what is new is the integrated computer data banks that can service the ID system also the linking of ones existing bank account numbers to the tax file and the need to quote the number when taking up any employment.

Dogs receive identification marks in the form of chip implants.

- 1989 - The New York Times reported the development of another form of identification security called “Veincheck”. An electronic camera scans the subcutaneous veins on the back of the hand and converts it to a digital form for computer storage. Scanning the back of the hand of a registered person would identify them

A system of six surveillance cameras set up in Plymouth England to observe the central area continuously in an attempt to reduce vandalism.

Benjamin Crème claimed Maitreya spoke with 200 dignitaries from around the world in London. He is said to have appeared and disappeared several times during the meeting showing his powers to transcend space, matter and time indicating to the Christian a strong demonic influence.

Cars already have their ID numbers in the form of their licence plate. But now in Australia every vehicle is to be labelled with a computer linked identification number. This is under an anti theft scheme being considered by the Federal Government, Under the system 14 major car parts including the engine and chassis would be labelled with an identity number.

People in Australia starting or changing jobs are required to fill out an employment declaration with their tax file number. In Canada in 1990 every citizen or migrant is required to have a nine digit number in order to legally obtain their salary.

- 1990 – The Citizens Network for Common Security founded in 1985 is undertaking a “Global Walk for a Liveable Future”. It will commence in Los Angeles and head across the US setting up along the route Liveable World Fairs designed to educate the public on building a common security. The group’s literature call this “A time of Spiritual Renewal”.

The Sunday Times in August stated that the compulsory identification number for businesses to be introduced next year by the Australian Security Commission [ASC] will monitor all firms nationally using a super laser scanning computer sited in the National Document Processing Centre.

- 1991 - Time Magazine of November 11th is entitled “Nowhere to Hide” It reports on computers, high tech gadgets and mountains of data and the growing army of snoops that is waging an assault on America’s privacy. In the not too distant future consumers face the prospect that a computer somewhere will compile records about every place they go and everything they purchase. Prisoners on parole are now being monitored by means of an electronic device in the form of a non removable necklace or wristlet.

A new computer data matching system passed State Parliament in Western Australia. This allows the linking of computers in Taxation, Education, Employment and Training, Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Local Government, Veteran Affairs, Corrective Services, Health, Housing and Community Services and the Registrar Generals Office with data matching taking place every six weeks under tight security.

According to an interview on the Australian Broadcasting Commission [ABC] Radio 10,000 pets have already been implanted with a microchip, the size of a grain of rice.

- 1992 - Running parallel to the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in May was an "Earth Summit of Spiritual Leaders and Legislators". The "spiritual summit" elected Mikhail Gorbachev to head an international "Green Cross" that is being set up his suggestion to fight damage to the environment.

Mikhail Gorbachev also called for a creation of a global government that would adopt "A World Perspective" when resolving international problems, in other words a World Government.

The United States has asked telecommunications officials to take the first step towards extending telephone services to cover every area of earth.

The request to the UN affiliated ITU for allocation of international radiofrequencies for a low earth orbit satellite network sets the stage for development of a revolutionary communications system.

- 1994 - An article in the Australian of 11th October explained at length the international telephone numbering system. Most nations are increasing their local numbering system from 7 to 8 digits. The article speaks about number portability which implies the ability to maintain the same number even if you shift countries. This portability is known as Universal Personal Telephony [UPT] and incorporates the idea of pocket potable cellular phones so that people can reach you anywhere at any time.

- 1998 - Singapore is seeking to create a wired, computer literate, cashless society but many older workers are afraid of the technology or have no opportunity to get used to it.

In an attempt to get the whole population connected to computers the national trade union has equipped a bus with multi media personal computers, notebook computers, printers and digital cameras. The bus is now visiting factories and work sites across the island to get older workers onto the info highway.

Prisoners in Singapore will be required to wear bar coded wrist bands to track their movements in a multi million dollar computerisation of the island's penal system. Bar codes are computer readable markings popularly used to check prices at supermarket counters.

- 1999 - The OECD held a conference in October in London on the problems associated with the year 2000 computer bug. Even if the Y2K or millennium bomb does not explode in the world's computer systems at the end of the year 1999 is likely to see increasing panic as people everywhere take precautions against computer failure triggered by the year 2000.

- 2000 - According to a report in The Weekend Australian US National Security Agency [NSA] has created a global spy system known as Echelon that captures and analyses virtually every phone call, fax, email and telex message sent anywhere in the world. It is operated in conjunction with security organisations in England, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Intercept stations throughout the world capture all satellite, microwave, cellular and fibre optic communication traffic. The information is run through NSA computers that look for code words and phrases. Suspect messages are recorded, transcribed and analysed by intelligence staff.

- 2001 - On September 11 there were attacks on New York and Washington DC. As a result there came into being a vast increase in security and an erosion of the general level of freedom and enhancement of surveillance.

International airlines must hand over advance lists of passengers on flights headed for the US or face heightened inspections. Not providing the information poses a serious security risk to the US.

- 2002 - The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is a Pentagon agency that seeks to tie in various technologies and develop a "Total Information Awareness" system, a global dragnet. A Pentagon leader John Poindexter said "We must become much more efficient and more clever in the ways we find new sources of data, mine information from new and old, generate information, make it available for analysis, convert it to knowledge and create actionable options.

The VeriChip was field tested in Florida early this year. In October the US Food And Drug Administration [FDA] ruled that it would not regulate the VeriChip as a medical device unless it was sold for medical applications such as providing access to information to assist with diagnosis or treatment.

- 2003 - In November US company Applied Digital Solutions announced a new syringe injectable microchip VeriChips a Radio Frequency Identification [RFID] for humans designed to be used as a fraud proof payment method for cash and credit card transactions as well as access verification. Identity fraud is costing banking and the financial industry \$50billion a year.

Malaysia has bought the rights from a Japanese firm to the world's smallest microchip that can be embedded in everything from currencies to human bodies. They are the size of a dot and can be produced for 10 cents each.

- 2004 - After the Asian Tsunami of Boxing Day 2004 many bodies, particularly of foreign visitors were implanted with chips and buried for later exhumation and identification by DNA.

It was stated that if the chip was identified with the individual in life such as the Veri chips identification and grieving by those who had lost loved ones could be very much more rapid. Veri chips are also being considered for children and the elderly to assist with their security.

Dogs receive marks in the form of chip implants by 1986. By 2004 chips developed by Digital Angel Corp were implanted in more than 30 million pets, livestock and fish world wide

There is major use of surveillance cameras in an attempt to reduce vandalism and crime. Along with all the advances through knowledge however there are very real dangers. There is a new world of computer related crime, the invasion of privacy, the surveillance of the population and the very real danger of an immense malevolent global system that can control and destroy lives and even nations.

- 2005 - The US House of Representatives has approved a sweeping set of rules aimed at forcing states to issue all adults federally approved electronic ID cards including driving licences.

The Dean of Science at the University of NSW Australia said "Intelligent design is not science. As Australian scientist and science educators we are gravely concerned that so called intelligent design might be taught in any school as a valid alternative to evolution"

The Vatican has issued a stout defence of Charles Darwin saying that the Genesis description of how God created the universe and Darwin's theory of evolution were "completely compatible" if the Bible was read correctly.

- 2006 - The Australian government announced smart card systems for those using child care and those on aged and other pensions provided by the Federal government. The State Government also commenced issuing smart cards for those eligible for the Seniors Card.

Retrieval of property particularly those stolen from building projects was enhanced by goods fitted with GPS responders being able to be followed using satellites. The progress of the stolen goods was monitored as they were transported and stored prior to the arrest of the criminals.

- 2008 - Hatred and bias against Israel by the media has been demonstrated in the depiction of a short war with Gaza where after years of bombardment of Israel by Hamas rockets the Israelis replied. There had been no real reporting of the years of aggravation. The hatred of Israel from all quarters means that God himself will have to defend Israel whom we know will survive further attacks.

Researchers secretly tracked the locations of 100,000 people outside the US through their cell phones and concluded that most people rarely stray more than a few kilometres from their home. The researches used cell phone towers to track individuals' locations whenever they made or received phone calls and text messages over a six month period.

The Swedish Parliament has passed a controversial bill allowing the government to monitor all SMS, email and other data traffic crossing Swedish borders.

Big Brother wants to browse every e-mail and text. Britain's MI5 intelligence service has persuaded the Home Office to get government approval for a massive increase in surveillance in Britain which is already the most watched nation in the West.

In London every citizen already is captured on camera on average 400 times a day.

Now secret plans by the Security Service and Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist command wants the detail of every phone call, email, text message and online purchase in the fight against terrorism. 4 billion e-mails are sent every day in the UK. Last year 67 billion texts were sent

The British government is developing a plan to track current and former prisoners by means of microchips implanted under their skin. This has drawn intense criticism from probationary officers and civil rights groups.

Homeland Security in the United States detects threats by reading minds. It is now testing the new generation of security screening a body scanner that can "read your mind" using machines with a series of sensors and images that read your body temperature, heart rate and respiration for unconscious tell-tale invisible to the naked eye signals which terrorists and criminals may display in advance of an attack. It's like an x-ray of bad intentions.

The Ministry of Justice is exploring the possibility of injecting prisoners in the back of their arm with a radio frequency identification chip [RFID] that contains information about their name and address and criminal record. The microchips have already been placed in some Alzheimer patients.

2009 All Australians could be implanted with microchips for tracking and identification within the next two or three generations says Dr Michael G Michael from the University of Wollongong's School of Information Systems and Technology. He has coined the term "uberveillance" to describe the emerging trend of all-encompassing surveillance. "Uberveillance is not on the outside looking down, but on the inside looking out through a microchip that is embedded in our bodies," Dr Michael told Channel 9. Microchips are commonly implanted into animals to reveal identification details when scanned and similar devices have been used with Alzheimer's patients.

Dr Michael said the technology behind uberveillance would eventually lead to a black box small enough to fit on a tiny microchip and implanted in our bodies. This could also allow someone to be located in an emergency or for the identification of corpses after a large scale disaster or terrorist attack. "This black box will then be a witness to our actual movements, words, perhaps even our thoughts and play a similar role to the black box placed in an aircraft," he said.

He also predicted that microchip implants and their infrastructure could eliminate the need for e-passports, e-tags, and secure ID cards. "Microchipping I think will eventually become compulsory in the context of identification within the frame of national security,"

A proposed internet filter in Australia nicknamed the Great Aussie Firewall will make Australia one of the strictest internet regulators among democratic nations. Facebook, My Space and other similar social networking could be monitored by Government in an attempt to tackle internet crime and terrorism.

A European Union statutory order called the Data Retention Directive already proposes that all internet providers in member states store communications such as telephone calls, emails and internet visits for a year. The new concepts would extend the net. Cell phone and computer users may not realise that they have a silent companion who can track their interests, habits and location.

Worried parents can now track their children using a GPS locator watch developed by a British firm. It will co ordinate their position using Google earth to within 3 metres No place to hide- Google offers people tracking software called Google Latitude which will work initially in 27 countries.

Compulsory National Identity Cards are used in about 100 countries including Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain. German police can detain people who are not carrying their ID cards for up to 24 hours. South Korean, Brazilian, Italian and Malaysian ID cards contain fingerprints. In the European Union some cards can be used instead of passports for European travel.

India to issue all 1.2 billion citizens with biometric ID cards. The Indian Government has formed a new department the Unique Identification Authority charged with the task of assigning every living Indian with a unique number and recording all of the information including fingerprints on a data base at a cost of \$5 billion.

The World Economic Forum [WEF] meeting in Davos Switzerland considered a proposal for a new global television network to usher in a state of "global governance". The Global Agenda 2009 report is to create a new global network with the capacity to connect the world, bridging cultures and peoples, and telling us who we are and what we mean to each other.

- 2010 The New South Wales State Government in Australia is quietly compiling a mathematical map of almost every adult's face, sharing information that allows law enforcement to track people by CCTV.

Experts said yesterday few people realised their facial features were being recorded in an RTA database of drivers licence photos that the Government has allowed both state and federal police to access. The federal body CrimTrac has asked NSW for its database so it can be mined nationally by police using the facial recognition information contained in it.

UN to appoint space ambassador to greet possible alien visitors

Iran's government has launched a massive crackdown on devoted Christians, including church leaders, as part of efforts to halt the growing Christian church in this Islamic nation, according to Iranians Christians and rights activists. Arrests of Christians occurred collectively and systematically where investigators reviewing confiscated cell phones and computers disclose the location of other Christians.

- 2012 Late in the year a UN conference in Dubai is considering the takeover of the running of the internet by the UN. If in the future this succeeds Evangelical Christian websites may well be terminated due to "hate speech" regulations.

Geography text books in UK do not show Israel but shows the area as "Occupied Palestine"

The Australian and New Zealand Bank [ANZ] unveiled research showing that the majority of people would be happy with retina or fingerprint scanning technology at ATM's as it combines convenience with security.

India is well on the way to giving each of its 1.2 billion citizens, millions who live in remote villages and possess no documentary evidence of existence a cyber age biometric identity card.

Sure, it's cool and easy to pay for stuff with the wave of a smart phone. But why bother when you could just use your face? Fast-evolving biometric technologies are promising to deliver the most convenient, secure connection possible between you and your bank account using your body itself

Rumours regarding the development of a 'digital pill' with a microchip inside have been circulating for some time, but today, the FDA actually green lighted the product. The company, Proteus Digital Health, gained FDA approval for its 1 square millimetre device (the size of a grain of sand), which it believes will "shift the care paradigm" into an era of digital medicine...

The Proteus ingestible sensor can be integrated into an inert pill or other ingested products, such as pharmaceuticals. Once the ingestible sensor reaches the stomach, it is powered by contact with stomach fluid and communicates a unique signal that determines identity and timing of ingestion.

This information is transferred through the user's body tissue to a patch worn on the skin that detects the signal and marks the precise time an ingestible sensor has been taken. Additional physiologic and behavioural metrics collected by the patch include heart rate, body position and activity. The patch relays information to a mobile phone application. With the patient's consent, the information is accessible by caregivers and clinicians, helping individuals to develop and sustain healthy habits, families to make better health choices, and clinicians to provide more effective, data-driven care.

In the US Health Care Bill under the section National Medical Device Registry would if fully implemented require those who are allowed medical help to have a radio frequency identification microchip implanted in them.

Mobile phone companies can predict future movements of users by building a profile of their lifestyles. From telling us when our train is coming, helping us when we're lost and letting us watch our favourite TV shows, there seems no limit to how involved our smartphone is with our day-to-day life. Now the gadget promises something so advanced it verges on the supernatural: it will know exactly what we're doing tomorrow...

BiometricUpdate.com editors are extremely optimistic that the biometric industry is posed for incredible growth in 2013. The Biometrics Research Group estimates that total global industry revenue in 2013 will reach US\$9.3 billion.

The research firm predicts that the market for automated fingerprint identification systems and fingerprint biometric technologies will continue to account for the greatest share of this global biometrics market. Biometrics Research Group also maintains that the main driver for growth in 2013 will also continue to be government spending on security.

STATUS OF GOVERNMENT ABILITY TO CONTROL POPULATIONS IN 2012

We witnessed some really bad totalitarian regimes during the 20th century, but what is coming is going to be far more restrictive than any of the despots of the past ever dreamed was possible. Today, nearly every government on earth is tightening their grip on their citizens.

There are very, very few nations on the planet where liberty and freedom are increasing. Instead, almost everywhere you turn the "control grid" is getting tighter. Governments don't want us gathering together and interacting with one another.

THE INTERNET AND COMPUTERS 2012

The days of the free and open Internet are slowly coming to an end. Many nations around the world have implemented strict Internet censorship and many other nations are moving in that direction. With each passing year the level of freedom on the Internet diminishes. It is because western governments want to kill liberty and freedom on the Internet just like China is doing. The Internet has been a great tool for waking people up and distributing information, and those in control want to run all of our lives do not like that one bit.

Internet censorship in China, the largest nation on earth, is absolutely brutal. The Chinese government blocks any websites that talk about such topics as the Dalai Lama, the 1989 crackdown on Tiananmen Square protesters and Falun Gong. Even web searches for the English word "freedom" are blocked.

The US administration is developing a universal "Internet ID" program that would watch, track, monitor and potentially control your activity on the Internet. These "trusted identities" are being touted as a way to increase safety and security on the Internet and as a way to eliminate the need for dozens of different usernames and passwords. Internet browsers are recording your every move forming detailed cookies on your activities.

Once upon a time, the Internet was a bastion of liberty and freedom, but now nation after nation is cracking down on it. In fact, legislation has been introduced once again in Congress that would give the president of the United States an "Internet kill switch" that he would be able to use in the event of war or emergency.

The U.S. government is gathering more information on all of us than ever before. According to a recent article in the Baltimore Sun, every six hours the volume of information that the NSA gathers is equivalent to the entire Library of Congress. The truth is that the U.S. government, governments across the globe and major international corporations have more information about you than you probably ever dared to imagine.

In 2010 it was stated that the Europeans wanted to have every Google search logged and saved for 2 years. In addition the US is to set up secret "Big Brother" surveillance system to monitor internet

All of this is leading to Predictive Behaviour Technology. Using this technology it is estimated that computers know to 93% accuracy where you will be, before you make your first move. Mind machines are also available to analyse your email, phone calls and social networks to determine your mental health!

Nanotech is expected to play a big role in going even further as scientists are using nano particles to directly influence behaviour and decision making. Many of us are asking: What would someone do with all of this information to keep us tracked, traced, and data based? It seems the designers have no regard for the right to privacy and desire to become the controllers of us all.

Government agencies in the US have submitted their master plan for enforcing copyright rights to the new Office of Intellectual Property Enforcement and it includes installing spyware on everyone's computers that would detect and delete any infringing materials. The U.K.'s new Internet law includes a "three strikes" rule that allows your entire family to be cut off from the Internet if anyone who lives in your house is accused of copyright infringement. This is without proof or evidence or trial.

MOBILE PHONES AND GPS - 2012

Global positioning chips are now appearing in everything from passports and cell phones to cars. Forget your credit cards which are meticulously tracked, or the membership cards for things as insignificant as movie rentals which require your membership number.

RFID "proximity cards" take tracking to a new level in uses ranging from loyalty cards, student ID, physical access, and computer network access. Latest developments include an RFID powder developed by Hitachi, for which the multitude of uses are endless perhaps including tracking cash in hard currency so we can't even keep cash undetected. This logically will result in implantable RFID microchips for humans. In June 2010 there was reported the first human infected by virus via RFID implant. **Revelation 16:1,2**

Starting this year all new cell phones in the US will be required to contain a chip that will allow the President to broadcast "emergency alerts" to the cell phones whenever the president wants. Cell phone users will not be allowed to opt out of the presidential messages.

U.K. authorities are now admitting that every phone call, text message, email and website visit made by private citizens will be stored for one year and will be available for monitoring by government agencies. FBI surveillance teams regularly employ GPS tracking without warrants to monitor the movements of peaceful activists even if they are not suspected of ever committing a crime.

The amount of cell phone surveillance that goes on is absolutely staggering. For example, one German politician named Malte Spitz recently went to court to force Deutsche Telekom to reveal how often his cell phone was being tracked. What he found out was absolutely amazing. It turns out that in just one 6 month period, Deutsche Telekom recorded the longitude and latitude coordinates of his cell phone 35,000 times.

CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE 2012

The U.K. has more surveillance cameras per citizen than anywhere else in the world. In fact, according to one estimate, there are 4.8 million video cameras constantly watching every move citizens make.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is spending huge amounts of money to install surveillance cameras in the cafeterias of public schools so that government control freaks can closely monitor what our children are eating.

Billed as part of an effort to reduce obesity and improve eating habits, small cameras are programmed to take snapshots of lunch trays before and after each student eats. Each child is uniquely identifiable via a barcode attached to the tray.

The amount of calories and nutrients that each child has consumed is then calculated via a database containing 7,500 different varieties of food.

Thousands of "dysfunctional" families in the U.K. are being subjected to intensive 24-hour surveillance to make sure that their children attend school, go to bed on time and eat proper meals.

The San Francisco Entertainment Commission is proposing a new rule which "would require all venues with an occupancy of over 100 people to record the faces of all patrons and employees and scan their ID's for storage in a database which they must hand over to law enforcement on request."

In 2011 real time crime centres are to be based in a blimp above a city to merge thousands of private and government security cameras. To be in public is to be on camera. Technology now exists that can index and analyse video in real time marking the end of anonymity in public places.

Facial recognition software makes your face on Facebook your own worst enemy. The new software brings facial recognition technology to mobile phones and computers negating the use of passwords.

In the U.K., it is now illegal to photograph the police for any reason whatsoever. The Metropolitan Police in London has bought Geotime, a security programme used by the U.S. military which tracks suspects' movements and communications and displays them on a three-dimensional graphic.

The software aggregates information gathered from social networking sites, GPS devices like the iPhone, mobile phones, financial transactions and IP network logs to build a detailed picture of an individual's movements.

Public sound surveillance technology has come a long way from only being able to detect gunshots in public areas and is now listening in to whispers for dangerous "keywords."

ONE WORLD CONDITIONING AND CONTROL REVIEW 2014

If you can control the mind of man by half-truths, lies and propaganda, the belief in the bizarre and unusual will be much easier. In the last four decades or so instead of wholesome teaching education has been despoiled by secular humanism with its attendant concepts of evolution, sex education and the like.

Australia now a signatory to many hundreds of international laws [see appendix B]. These promote internationalism over nationalism.

The media has changed from reporting news to trying to change the mores and attitudes of society. The control of the media is in so small a group of hands as to be able to propagandise news and information.

The owners of the media outlets often are trans-national companies with a reason to promote globalism as a good thing. God promotes nations and condemns internationalism as seen at the Tower of Babel.

Examples of anti Christian attitudes are:-

- [i] The promotion of politically correct concepts and protection of various sections of society from criticism.
- [ii] The promotion of multiculturalism [cf. Daniel 2 - toes of iron and ceramics as the final empire before our Lord's return]
- [iii] The use of anti vilification laws in regards to racial and religious differences with the latter being used to harass Bible believing Christians
- [iv] The promotion of the importance of preserving animal life such as whales while condoning and defending the widespread use of abortion.
- [v] The promotion of homosexual rights.

MICROCHIPS 2014

Every day there seems to be another "technological breakthrough" making the implant of a chip or application of a electronic tattoo more inviting, seductive and logical. In the very near future there are going to be so many reasons to have such a device that those who refuse will be looked on as outcasts from modern society.

Many Christians believe that they will face this test in the future and are scared witless about it. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we will not have to consider the "mark of the beast" because we will be removed by the Rapture of the Church well before the Antichrist comes to power. He cannot be revealed until after the Rapture of the Church - **2 Thessalonians 2**

Unbelievers after the Rapture will continue into a period where this decision will be the major decision they will have to make. Those who take the mark are unable to be saved. **Revelation 14:9-11 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And**

the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

SOME CURRENT MICROCHIP APPLICATIONS IN 2014

Failure to have a chip will make life increasingly difficult and restrained as society moves inevitably in this direction. Current application for such a device and their advantages include:-

1. Opening the door to your home, office or secure area giving easy access or priority access as required by a wave of the hand.
2. Opening your car doors and starting the engine so that no one can steal your car or start your car.
3. Connect directly to your iPad Computer or Smart Phone so no need for a password, these are secure
4. Allowing you to bank and have financial dealings with no need for a pin number. Visa has banned signatures from mid year 2014.
5. Shopping on line or in stores. Major stores are now training the public to serve themselves at checkouts.
6. With all goods marked and the person marked the need for people at the checkout will disappear especially when the mark does become compulsory
7. Having access onto public transport buses and trains. There are experimental buses in France already use this technique.
8. Doctors, Hospitals Pharmacy giving very quick and full information to medical operatives enhancing good outcomes.
9. At airports allowing smooth access kerb [car] to the gate [plane] as shown in IATA demonstration from Singapore.
10. Travel allowing easy crossing of borders as covered by the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.
11. Chipping your children to reduce risk of kidnapping as well as school bus check in and check out, none left behind.
12. Monitoring the progress of a school bus so that a child's travel schedule can be monitored by a parent which is currently used in USA
13. Chips in your pills which allows for monitoring medical conditions
14. It is also of interest that there are now high power cameras for digital face recognition as well as mini drones. In fact off Cottesloe beach early in February 2014 the author saw a drone over a swimming class monitoring presumably for sharks.

LOCATION OF THE CHIP OR MARK

It is interesting that the two locations for the mark are in the right hand or in the forehead. The subtle difference between the two could be relevant to the following item from 2013. A chip in the head could allow you to receive material as well as send it and receive messages from the government as well as noting your appointments.

A Chip In The Head: Brain Implants Will Be Connecting People To The Internet By The Year 2020 –

Would you like to surf the Internet, make a phone call or send a text message using only your brain?

Would you like to “download” the content of a 500 page book into your memory in less than a second?

Would you like to have extremely advanced nanobots constantly crawling around in your body monitoring it for disease?

Would you like to be able to instantly access the collective knowledge base of humanity wherever you are?

All of that may sound like science fiction, but these are technologies that some of the most powerful high tech firms in the world actually believe are achievable by the year 2020.

However, with all of the potential “benefits” that such technology could bring, there is also the potential for great tyranny. Just think about it. What do you think that the governments of the world could do if almost everyone had a mind reading brain implant that was connected to the Internet? Could those implants be used to control and manipulate us? Those are frightening things to consider.

2013 Will Electronic Tattoos Replace Internet Passwords And All Other Forms Of Identification?

Would you wear an electronic tattoo if you couldn't log on to the Internet without one? That may sound crazy to many of you, but the technology for such a system already exists. RFID tattoos have existed for quite some time, and they are already being used on animals.

But now an entirely new generation of electronic tattoos is being developed that can be used to monitor your vital signs, interact with your mobile phone and even communicate directly with your mind.

These new electronic tattoos are thinner than a human hair, and they are going to fundamentally transform the way that we think about human identification. Right now, the Internet is being absolutely plagued by hackers and identity theft has become a multi-billion dollar enterprise. It is becoming increasingly difficult to determine if someone is actually who they say that they are. And as even more of our commerce gets conducted through the Internet, identity security is going to be absolutely critical. Without a doubt, there will continue to be a push for more secure forms of identification than we have today.

But there is also a very dark side to this kind of technology. What if someday a tyrannical government decides to make a permanent electronic tattoo for identification purposes mandatory for all citizens? What if you are not able to buy, sell, get a job, have a bank account, or log on to the Internet without “proper identification”? What if the price for receiving your tattoo is to swear absolute allegiance to that tyrannical government? The truth is that technology is always a double-edged sword. It always brings with it the promise of progress, but it also always has a dark side that could potentially be abused.

The latest generation of electronic tattoos are quite remarkable. They are called “Biostamps”, and they were originally developed for medical purposes. However, as a recent Daily Mail article detailed, Motorola believes that these Biostamps could potentially replace passwords and make the Internet a much more secure place.

Biostamps could help medical teams measure the health of their patients either remotely, or without the need for large expensive machinery. Motorola claims that the circuits, which also contain antennae and built-in sensors, could be adapted to work with mobile phones and tablets.

The mobile devices could then be used to confirm the owner's identity and log them in to accounts automatically. This would prevent thieves and other people from being able to access a phone, or individual apps on the device, if it is stolen or lost.

With a thickness of around one-thousandth the diameter of a human hair the thin mesh of silicon actually nestles in to the grooves and creases in your skin, even the ones too small to see. Being small helps, but it's also important that the silicon is laid out in a serpentine pattern and bonded to a soft rubber substrate, allowing the stiff material to flex, a little bit like an accordion.

But why would such technology be needed on the Internet? After all, don't our passwords work just fine? Actually, we are rapidly getting to the point where passwords are a joke. Hackers are becoming so sophisticated that they can crack even very long passwords with ease.

A team of hackers, commissioned by technology website Ars Technica, recently managed to crack more than 14,800 supposedly random passwords from a list of 16,449 as part of a hacking experiment. The success rate for each hacker ranged from 62 percent to 90 percent, and the hacker who cracked 90 percent of hashed passwords did so in less than an hour using a computer cluster. Obviously we need a better system or so will argue the Antichrist's people !!!

Big Brother is watching everything that you do on the Internet and listening to everything that you say on your phone. Every single day in America, the U.S. government intercepts and stores nearly 2 billion emails, phone calls and other forms of electronic communication.

No Place To Hide: Google Earth Equivalent For Every Financial Transaction

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is looking to create a "Google Earth" of every financial transaction of every American "This bill (creating the CFPB) was supposed to be about regulating Wall Street. Instead, it's creating a Google Earth on every financial transaction. That's right: the government will be able to see every detail of your finances. Your permission is not needed," Sen. Enzi said. "They can look right down to the tiny details of the time and place where you pulled cash out of an ATM," Enzi warned. And, there's nothing you can do about as if your data is being collected, you do not have the option to opt out. Nor, does the CFPD need any kind of permission from you to gather your personal information."

Has The Age Of Biometrics Arrived?

Apple's new iPhone 5S comes with the company's first fingerprint scanner. A simple stamp of your thumb can now unlock the phone or confirm online purchases. No passwords are required. Fingerprint sensors have come a long way since 2002, when researchers found a way to trick high-end scanners with fake gelatin fingers. Today's technology not only reads the tiny ridge patterns, but some can also look at blood flow and vein patterns underneath the skin.

Plus, we now know that fingerprints and irises are not people's only unique features. Scientists have devised ways to identify humans by the shape of their ears, kneecaps, and even their bottoms. A team at the Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology in Tokyo designed its rump sensor as an antitheft measure for cars. The group claims that these prototype seats can recognize the owner's posterior with 98 percent accuracy.

Canadian firm Bionym listens to people's heart rhythms. While a human heart pounds at different tempos throughout the day, each person has a unique overall pattern, one based on the size and position of the heart within the body.

The company's Nymi bracelet uses electrocardiogram technology to read this heart rhythm and confirm the wearer's identity. The odds are you are not just a face in the crowd any longer. Even if your picture isn't plastered all over social networking and photo-sharing sites, facial recognition technology in public places is making it harder if not impossible to remain anonymous.

Professor Alessandro Acquisti of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who researches how technology impacts privacy, photographed random students on the campus and in short order, not only identified several of them, but in a number of cases found their personal information, including social security numbers, just using a facial recognition program he downloaded for free.

Big Brother Moves into the Passenger Seat.

In 2008, the Washington legislature passed a law mandating a 50 percent reduction in per capita driving by 2050. California and Oregon laws or regulations have similar but somewhat less draconian targets. The Obama administration wants to mandate that all new cars come equipped with vehicle-to-infrastructure communications, so the car can send signals to and receive messages from street lights and other infrastructure.

Now the California Air Resources Board is considering regulations requiring that all cars monitor their owners' driving habits, including but not limited to how many miles they drive, how much fuel they use, and how much pollution or greenhouse gases they emit. Put these all together and you have a system in which the government will not only know where your vehicle is at all times, but can turn off your vehicle if it decides you are driving too much or driving in a way that emits too many grams of carbon dioxide

Google will let you see everything you've ever searched

In 2015 an unofficial Google blog highlighted a new feature that the Internet giant had quietly rolled out to let people download their entire Google search histories. Still, the archive is a demonstration of how much information Google quietly retains about its users.

The company is by no means unique in compiling scores of data about people's browsing habits, but its size has made it a target for privacy advocates who fear companies having access to vast amounts of personal information.

That search history can also be useful to the government, in order to track down potential terrorists or criminals. Among other things, federal agents are able to subpoena lists of search histories from companies like Google during the course of an investigation.

Smart Policing To Come Dubai With Robo-Cops

In the next two years robots will be used to bolster police forces patrolling malls and other public areas. Dubai Police will be turning into “robo-cops” in the next few years. According to the Chief Information Officer and General Director of the Dubai Police HQ Smart Services Department, the move, that is part of the lead up to Expo 2020, is aimed at helping the police deal with an ever-increasing populace. The robots will interact directly with people and tourists. They will include an interactive screen and microphone connected to the Dubai Police call centres. People will be able to ask questions and make complaints, but they will also have fun interacting with the robots.

In four or five years, however he said that Dubai Police will be able to field autonomous robots that require no input from human controllers. These will be fully intelligent robots that can interact with people, with no human intervention at all. This is still under research and development, but we are planning on it.

Western Australian Driving Licence Facial Recognition System.

The Department of Transport (DoT) is committed to safeguarding your identity through secure information management and personal identification systems. While it's not their intended purpose, learners permit and drivers licence cards are widely accepted as a form of identification and can be used to obtain passports, credit cards and bank loans. It is therefore important that DoT secures the identities of its card holders and maintains the authenticity of customers images and personal details in our database.

DoT uses a biometric facial recognition system to protect identities, improve the security and integrity of licence and photo cards and help detect potential identity fraud. The facial recognition system makes it difficult for people to obtain a fraudulent Western Australian (WA) driver's licence or photo card and prevents people from holding more than one licence card.

Belief Systems - According to a National Geographic survey, 77 percent of all Americans “believe there are signs that aliens have visited Earth”. According to a recent Harris poll only 68 percent of all Americans believe that Jesus is God or the Son of God. That means that the number of Americans that believe that UFOs have visited us is now greater than the number of Americans that believe what the Bible has to say about Jesus Christ.

AGENDA 21

Agenda 21 or “Agenda for the 21st Century is a globalist programme of so called “Sustainable Development” It was adopted by 178 governments at the U N Rio Earth Summit in 1992. The world elite insiders see the solution in a massive population reduction so that the global population should fall by 85%. Do they intend a pandemic to eliminate the useless poor who are immunologically impaired?

Under Agenda 21 national governments are committed to act as agents at the national level for the UN in controlling virtually every aspect of society including

1. Patterns of human consumption - what people eat
2. Human habitats – where people live, promoting state owned, tall apartment buildings as a desirable form
3. All future developments worldwide – World Heritage
4. The composition of the atmosphere - Greenhouse gas emissions
5. The management of land use – Vegetation Act, Desertification Act
6. The utilisation of forests
7. The development in mountainous areas
8. Types and methods of agriculture – Sustainable Agriculture
9. Areas set aside to protect biological diversity – Biodiversity Treaty
10. Genetic Engineering
11. Use of the oceans for fishing including recreational
12. Use of water worldwide
13. Management of wastes including toxic chemicals, radioactive and hazardous material
14. International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives

They also would like to eliminate the middle class which have been the mainstay in the free world leaving a small elite and the rest leading a controlled serf like existence. It is in fact the middle class which provides stability in society and a more equitable distribution of wealth and resources.

Agenda 21 is a huge subject in itself and can be further investigated on line. We need to know it exists!

ONE PERSON THEY FORGET TO CONSULT IN THEIR SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING – GOD

God makes it clear that the earth is not sustainable but will “wear out like a garment” **Isaiah 51:6. “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.”**

However in the future there will be a totally sustainable “new earth” supplied by God **Revelation 21:1 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”**

IMPLANTABLE DEVICES

Here are nine signs that implantable tech is here now, growing rapidly, and that it will be part of our lives and our bodies in the future.

1. Implantable smart phones Researchers are experimenting with embedded sensors that turn human bone into living speakers. Other scientists are working on eye implants that let an image be captured with a blink and transmitted to any local storage (such as that arm-borne RFID chip).

But what takes the place of the screen if the phone is inside you? Techs at Autodesk are experimenting with a system that can display images through artificial skin. Or the images may appear in your eye implants.

2. Healing chips Right now, patients are using cyber-implants that tie directly to smart phone apps to monitor and treat diseases. A new bionic pancreas being tested at America's Boston University, for instance, has a tiny sensor on an implantable needle that talks directly to a smart phone app to monitor blood-sugar levels for diabetics. Scientists in London are developing swallowable capsule-sized circuits that monitor fat levels in obese patients and generate genetic material that makes them feel "full". It has potential as an alternative to current surgery or other invasive ways to handle gross obesity. Dozens of other medical issues from heart murmurs to anxiety have implant/phone initiatives under way.

3. Cyber pills that talk to your doctor. Implantables won't just communicate with your phone; they'll chat up your doctor, too. In a project named Proteus a British research team is developing cyber-pills with microprocessors in them that can text doctors directly from inside your body.

4. Bill Gates' implantable birth control The Gates Foundation is supporting an MIT project to create an implantable female compu-contraceptive controlled by an external remote control. The tiny chip generates small amounts of contraceptive hormone from within the woman's body for up to 16 years. Implantation is no more invasive than a tattoo. And, "The ability to turn the device on and off provides a certain convenience factor for those who are planning their family.", said Dr Robert Farra of MIT.

5. Smart tattoos. Tattoos are popular and seemingly ubiquitous, so why not smart, digital tattoos that not only look good, but can also perform useful tasks, like unlocking your car or entering mobile phone codes with a finger-point? Researchers at the University of Illinois have crafted an implantable skin mesh of computer fibres thinner than a human hair that can monitor your body's inner workings from the surface. A company called Dangerous Things has an NFC chip that can be embedded in a finger through a tattoo-like process, letting you unlock things or enter codes simply by pointing. A Texas research group has developed micro particles that can be injected just under the skin, like tattoo ink, and can track body processes.

6. Brain-computer interface. Having the human brain linked directly to computers is the dream or nightmare of sci-fi. But now, a team at Brown University called BrainGate is at the forefront of the real-world movement to link human brains directly to computers for a host of uses. As the BrainGate website says, "using a baby aspirin-sized array of electrodes implanted into the brain, early research from the BrainGate team has shown that the neural signals can be 'decoded' by a computer in real-time and used to operate external devices."

Chip maker Intel predicts practical computer-brain interfaces by 2020. Intel scientist Dean Pomerleau said in a recent article, "Eventually people may be willing to be more committed to brain implants." "Imagine being able to surf the Web with the power of your thoughts."

7. Melttable bio-batteries. One of the challenges for implantable tech has been how to get power to devices tethered inside or floating around in human bodies. You can't plug them in. You can't easily take them out to replace a battery. A team at Draper Laboratory in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is working on biodegradable batteries. They generate power inside the body, transfer it wirelessly where needed, and then simply melt away. Another project is looking at how to use the body's own glucose to generate power for implantables.

8. Smart dust. Perhaps the most startling of current implantable innovations is smart dust, arrays of full computers with antennas, each much smaller than a grain of sand, that can organize themselves inside the body into as-needed networks to power a whole range of complex internal processes. Imagine swarms of these nano-devices, called motes, attacking early cancer or bringing pain relief to a wound or even storing critical personal information in a manner that is deeply encrypted and hard to hack. With smart dust, doctors will be able to act inside your body without opening you up, and information could be stored inside you, deeply encrypted, until you unlocked it from your very personal nano network.

9. The Verified Self This technology could be used to ID every single human being, for example. Already, the US military has serious programs afoot to equip soldiers with implanted RFID chips, so keeping track of troops becomes automatic and worldwide. Many social critics believe the expansion of this kind of ID is inevitable. Some see it as a positive: improved crime fighting, universal secure elections, a positive revolution in medical information and response, and never a lost child again.

Others see the perfect Orwellian society: a Big Brother who, knowing all and seeing all, can control all. And some see the first big, fatal step toward the Singularity, that moment when humanity turns its future over to software.

TRENDS UPDATE FROM 2012

2013 The US National Reconnaissance Office Spy Agency's new rocket which was launched on 6th December 2013 has a mission logo of an octopus whose tentacles are wrapped around the earth having the slogan beneath it "Nothing is Beyond our Reach".

The US National Security Agency is gathering nearly 5 billion records a day on the whereabouts of cell phones around the world enabling the agency to track the movements of individuals together with a map of relationships in ways that would have been previously unimaginable. Individual terrorists are being killed by missiles fired from drones that home in on their "smart" cell phones.

2014 Writing in an article called "War on Terror is not the Only Threat", Harlan Ullman from the US think tank Atlantic Council asserts that the biggest, most fundamental forces that are reshaping the international geostrategic system are not rising military powers like China, but rather, non-governmental actors like the hacker group, Anonymous, Bradley Manning, and most recently, Edward Snowden, because they encourage individual empowerment, which hobbles state control.

He continues, "Very few have taken note and fewer have acted on this realization of the information revolution and instantaneous global communications that are thwarting the "new world order" that President George H.W. Bush announced more than twenty years ago. He continues that in the absence of an "extraordinary crisis," there isn't much that can be done to limit, much less reverse the damage to the new world order by failed or failing governance". (For governance read "total control" over people).

19th February Scottish National Parliament Ministers took it upon themselves last autumn to ensure that all of Scotland's parents are properly qualified to care for their children, purportedly to protect their "rights". Even in the face of threatened legal action and angered outcries from numerous parents and organizations opposing the ludicrous legislation, the SNP pushed through its plans that will require every child under the age of 18 to have a state-appointed "guardian" to look after it. The measure is designed to identify and act upon any potential cases of abuse or developmental difficulties at an early stage, but in the process, the named person will have legal access to information about a child and his family from law enforcement and health authorities.

18th March A U.S government plan is to give away authority over the Internet's core architecture to the "global Internet community". This far-reaching decision was reached after the U.S. Commerce Department announced it would relinquish control of The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the organization charged with managing domain names, assigning Internet protocol addresses and other crucial Web functions, such as secure roadmaps from web-connected devices to websites and servers across the globe.

ICANN's current contract expires next year September 2015, and will not be renewed. U.S. officials stated that there had been plans since ICANN's creation in 1998 to eventually migrate it to international control. This again could end up as another UN controlled group and be a useful taxing opportunity for them.

25th April "An alien invasion of planet earth would not be surprising, and could unite this increasingly divided world of ours, because the differences among people of Earth would seem small in comparison. An invasion by extraterrestrials might be the best way to unite the fractious countries of our war-wracked planet, if we feel threatened by a space invader. That's the whole theory of 'Independence Day' (the hit 1996 sci-fi disaster movie)...everybody gets together and makes nice". These recent comments came from no less than a former President of the United States, Bill Clinton, on "Jimmy Kimmel Live". Back in 1987, President Ronald Reagan reportedly made a similar statement, telling the United Nations General Assembly: "I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside of this world."

COMMENT – Perhaps this scenario could occur post Rapture as part of the appearance of the Antichrist in as indicated in **2 Thessalonians 2: 9-10 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

7th September The Sydney Morning Herald reported that a new iPhone 6 was due for release that will have the capability of reading a microchip in the hand.

7th September NBC News has revealed all American citizens will/could receive a microchip implant in 2017 under the Obamacare scheme. The reason for the implant is to identify people on the spot. It was reported that the use of the Micro Chip was located on page 1014 of Bill HR 4872 under National Medical Device Registry which was passed by the government. With the RFID microchip they can track the movement of people that are implanted. They can thereby control access to money and food for the people receiving State funds for "care".

October Given the frenzy of interest following the announcement of the Apple Watch, you might think wearables will be the next really important shift in technology. Not so. Wearables will have their moment in the sun, but they're simply a transition technology.

POLITICAL TRENDS

What are the political signs necessary for the tribulation to occur? In essence there must be four spheres of influence; and a significant number of Jews in Israel.

The four spheres of influence are designated in the scriptures as the Kings of the North, South, East and West. In today's terms the King of the North is represented by the Russian bloc and its allies; the King of the South by a pan Arabic or African group; the King of the East by Communist China, India and Japan; and the King of the West by Western Europe and North America.

A significant number of Jews need to be in the land during the tribulation period, but not all Jews as shown in the 144,000 Jewish evangelists from Revelation 7 who have a world-wide ministry during these troubled seven years.

All of the four spheres of influence however focus on Israel with their actions eventually concluding in the Armageddon campaign. An outline of this campaign will form the basis of this section

ARMAGEDDON AND THE VICTORY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The word Armageddon is known throughout the world as a place of ultimate disaster as far as war is concerned. In a similar way to Biblical phrases such as the “writing on the wall”, the “casting of the first stone” the word Armageddon is synonymous with disaster. What is Armageddon, where is it, what is it all about?

Like so much of great importance in today’s world it is centred on the small country of Israel, the piece of real estate which God promised to the Jews in **Genesis 15:18**. This promise or the Palestinian Covenant was an unconditional covenant made by God. It has never been fulfilled but will be in the future during the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ during the Millennium when He will also fulfil the Davidic Covenant to Israel.

Armageddon represents man’s last attempt to thwart the plan of God and will occur at the end of the Great Tribulation which immediately precedes the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory to set up His kingdom on earth for the Millennium.

TREND 18 – PREPARATION FOR ARMAGEDDON

PROPHECY Revelation 16:12-16 “And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 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. 14 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. 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon”.

COMMENTS

Revelation 16:12-16 is the only Biblical passage in which the word Armageddon is mentioned. It deals with the penultimate of the seven bowl judgments. Armageddon is a location north west of Jerusalem where on seeing it in the early 19th century Napoleon Bonaparte remarked that all the armies of the world could manoeuvre in such a place. They will but at the time of Napoleon there was no nation Israel in the Land.

In this passage we see all the armies of the world being gathered to the battle of the great day of God Almighty. The Greek word for “battle” is “Polemos” rather than “Mache” indicating that this is part of a campaign

In verse 12 we see that to facilitate access for the eastern armies the Euphrates is dried up. In verse 13 and 14 we see that the means of enticing the armies into the Middle East is very strong demonic deception.

With this level of demonic activity it is clear that Satan who knows that his time is short wants to get all the armies of the world into this arena in order to eliminate the Jews for if all the Jews can be eliminated the unconditional Davidic and Palestinian covenants cannot be fulfilled.

In verse 15 we see that this development will come unexpectedly and that the closest of walks with God is essential. The final verse in this passage shows where this is going to occur. It will occur at Armageddon. Armageddon is derived from the Hebrew Har Megiddo meaning the hill or city of Megiddo which was on the southern rim of the Plain of Esdraelon. Megiddo is situated about 100 kilometres north of Jerusalem

It was famous for two great victories, those of Barak and Deborah over the Canaanites in **Judges 4:15** and Gideon over the Midianites in **Judges 7**. There were also two kings killed here Saul in the battle of Gilboa in **1 Samuel 31:8** and Josiah at the hands of Pharaoh Necho in **2 Kings 23:29-30, 2 Chronicles 35:22**.

WHO ARE INVOLVED?

There are four groups that are involved with the campaign

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| [a] The King of the North | Daniel 11:40-44 |
| [b] The King of the East | Revelation 16:12 |
| [c] The King of the South | Daniel 11:40 |
| [d] The Antichrist based in Rome | Daniel 11:36-44 |

DANIEL 11:36-44

All the events described in **Daniel 11** up to this point have dealt with past events. They have mostly dealt with the intricacies of the relationship between Ptolemy's dynasty of Egypt and that of Seluchus based in Damascus, the two long term lines that came out of the battle for Alexander's Empire by his surviving generals

We are now introduced to the future world ruler in verse 36-45 who is designated as the king.

11:36 And the king shall do according to his will [The world ruler can do this as a world ruler he has to please no one but himself]; **and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god,**[He also takes on absolute power in the religious realm 2 Thessalonians 2:4] **and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods,** [He blasphemes against God Daniel 7:25] **and shall prosper** [the world will be persuaded to worship him by the miracles the false prophet will perform in his name Revelation 13:11-15] **till the indignation be accomplished:**[His evil work was known by God and is used for His plan] **for that that is determined shall be done.** [The length of his successful reign is determined by God]

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. [He sets aside any religious heritage, any relationship with women in order to promote himself as god himself]

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: [He will promote military forces] **and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.** [Here as Satan's man Satan rewards him with great riches]

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. [With leaders around the world through Satanic intrigue the world is divided]

40 And at the time of the end [The end of the Jewish age just before the Second Advent of Christ] **shall the king of the south** [Pan Arabic group] **push at him: and the king of the north** [Northern confederation of Russia, Iran etc] **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.** [Therefore the northern and southern confederation will fight against the Antichrist]

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land,[The King of the North now moves his forces into Israel and he conquers and subdues much of the Middle East] **and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.** [These are the areas reserved by God for the fleeing remnant of the Jews to protect them in the 2nd half of the Tribulation]

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. [He attacks Egypt and conquers them and approaches both Sudanese and Libyans with him]

44 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. [While he is dealing with the problems in the south he hears of the Eastern Armies crossing the Euphrates and problems in the North, the World Leader getting active and returns to Israel]

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace [His army headquarters] **between the seas** [Mediterranean and Galilee] **in the glorious holy mountain;** [Mount Zion near to Jerusalem] **yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.**

We need to remember that the World Leader has been under a cloak of darkness due to the 5th bowl judgment in Revelation 16:10-11 **"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."** and that the King of the North has taken advantage of that to make an attack southwards against the southern ruler.

The final judgment is the 7th bowl with great tectonic changes to the earth announcing the return of Christ as Judge and King – **Revelation 16:17-21**

Whilst the battle of Armageddon occurs just before the return of our Lord Jesus Christ it is clear that for such a campaign to occur the population elements in Israel and for the four major spheres of influence would be in place before the removal of the Church at the Rapture

COMMENTS

Security - In recent times we have heard of security, not in terms of the military but in terms of resources. We hear of food security, water security, oil security, gas security and the like.

Larger countries like China are buying up land in countries like Australia as part of its food security. They have huge interests in the New Zealand dairy industry. China is buying up gold using funds from its 3 trillion US dollar stockpile.

Many of the conflicts in the world can be traced to oil and in latter years, gas security. Conflicts in the Middle East and Afghanistan can be traced back to pipelines and their control of the oil market. The fall of Saddam Hussein and Iran being two of the three axis of evil may well be traced back to Iraq and Iran uniquely among the OPEC group requiring payment for their oil in Euros rather than the world fiat currency, the US dollar.

Vast gas and oil fields recently found in Israel and the area in the Mediterranean which Israel controls have amplified the desire of many countries to control the Middle East.

Pressure is rising which eventually result in the Armageddon Campaign. We need to remember that this battle is at least 7 years away. With the huge amount of instability such an event is seen for the first time in history to be a realistic prospect.

2014 April The winds of war are brewing in the Middle East and they aren't the "run-of-the-mill, what-you-see-on-the-news, day-after-day, year-after-year" skirmishes between Israel and their neighbouring adversaries. It is a war of great magnitude that is thought to be the trigger war that will culminate in Armageddon. And interestingly enough Jews, Muslims and Christians seem to agree on the basic premise that indeed, an "end of days war" in the making right before our eyes. Jews are talking about the possibility that Russia's annexation of Crimea is a prophesied sign that Messiah is soon to come.

Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims fighting each other in Syria believe the battle there will spread to Israel and is their sign that that a global Caliphate will be soon be established and the Shi'ite messiah figure, the Imam Mahdi will soon appear. Bible-believing Christians have been intensely watching events in the Middle East for the past several years as they have noted the gradual development of a tight military relationship between Iran and the states of what was old southern Russia, who are the key aggressors in the end-times war on Israel described in Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39, commonly referred to as the war of Gog Magog.

And now, Israeli news writer for Haaretz.com, Chemi Shaley, says, "observers are watching closely developments in the Ukraine based on the idea that it could generate the conflict with Gog and Magog, one of the Bible's heralds of the end times and the return of the Messiah." Jews view the war of Gog and Magog as the event which immediately precedes messianic days, whereas we see this great war as setting the stage for the rebuilding of the temple and the start of the Tribulation Period. As Shaley notes, "Christians aren't the only ones who are getting excited about the standoff in Eastern Europe. According to a report catching fire over the weekend in the haredi press in Israel, the Gaon Rabbi Moshe Shternbuch told his disciples this week that, "the times of the Messiah are upon us".

And who is the source for his amazing analysis? None other than one of the top Jewish sages of all time, the Vilna Gaon himself, the Gra, 'the genius of Vilnius, "the famously harsh critic of Hasidic Judaism." The report continues, "According to Shternbuch, he is privy to a closely guarded secret handed down from the 18th Century Vilna Gaon through generations of revered rabbis: 'When you hear that the Russians have captured the city of Crimea, you should know that the times of the Messiah have started, that his steps are being heard. And when you hear that the Russians have reached the city of Constantinople (today's Istanbul), you should put on your Shabbat clothes and don't take them off, because it means that the Messiah is about to come any minute.'" Sadly it is not Messiah – but the false messiah the Anti-Christ who will come first.

ISRAEL

When Kaiser Wilhelm II posed the question, "How can you prove the existence of God?" his chancellor Otto von Bismarck, a Lutheran, answered, "The Jews, your majesty, the Jews."

Pivotal to the fulfilment of the Biblical prophecies of the Second Coming of Christ is that Israel needs to be back in the Land. Israel is unique in the fact that no nation after an absence of nearly 2000 years has been re established.

God has a special place in His plan for Israel is often referred to as the "Wife of Jehovah". There are six stages in Israel's relationship as the wife of Jehovah, a wife whom God married but who committed adultery. This was followed by a separation and divorce and today Israel is in a time of punishment. However there will be a future time when Israel will be remarried at her national regeneration and be reunited to her God with all of her blessings restored.

The Wife of Jehovah is contrasted with the Church [those who have trusted in Jesus Christ] being the Bride of Christ. Unlike Israel who was guilty of adultery when union comes between Christ and the Church, the Church will be presented as a pure virgin [2 Corinthians 11:2] which is followed by the process of maturing of the bride [Ephesians 5:25-27], the Marriage [Revelation 19:6-9] and the eternal place of the Church as the eternal wife of Christ [Revelation 21:10 - 22:5]

In the concluding week of Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy Israel has a national regeneration, is reunited with God as seen by the Lord Jesus Christ protecting her and enjoy the blessings of God in the fulfilment of the Abrahamic, Davidic, Palestinian and New Covenant in the Millennium.

The Church has been inserted into the Plan of God but has not permanently replaced Israel as those who hold to the Replacement Theology position believe. The world is not becoming more Christian, society is observably in decline.

As the Lord said in **Matthew 24:21-22** **"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."**

ISRAEL

TREND 19 - THE NATION OF ISRAEL WILL BE REBORN IN A DAY

PROPHECY Isaiah 66:8 "Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:19-21).

The return of Christ is contingent upon "the times of restitution of all things." The word "times" in the plural form, meaning "a series of events" linked to restitution. The word restitution is similar to the word restoration. The Greek word for restitution (apokatastasis) was used to describe the Jews' return to Israel from Egypt with Moses and their return to Israel after the Babylonian captivity. In both cases the Hebrew nation was released from bondage, returned to their land and brought restoration to the land through agriculture and farming (**Jeremiah. 27:22; Joel 2:25**). Christ will return after an order of restoration occurs.

The biblical prophets also predicted a series of restorations that will unfold prior to the return of the Messiah. When these predictions begin to come to pass, it is a major witness that the closing out of the end of the age is at hand and the kingdom of the Messiah is over the horizon. The first major event would be the re-establishing of Israel as a nation. Over 100 years before Israel was reborn on May 14-15, 1948, Bible scholars who accepted the literal interpretation of the restoration prophecies began writing and teaching that the Jews must return to a restored nation called Israel prior to the Lord's return.

One such man was Professor S.W. Watson, who in 1888 taught that three things must occur before Christ could return. First, Israel would again be a nation. Second, Jerusalem must be in the hands and control of the Jews, and, finally, the Jews would be returning from all nations back to the Promised Land.

In 1912, A.B. Simpson wrote a book titled *The Coming One*, in which he stated: "Then there is the promise of their [Israel's] restoration. This is to be in two stages: first, national and then spiritual. The two stages are represented by Ezekiel in the vision of the valley of dry bones."

The first restoration will be for judgment, the second for great blessing. [Please see further details of the two world wide returns of the Jews in the discussion on Israel and the Church on page 268-269.]

In 1940 Harry Rimmer wrote a prophetic book titled, "The Coming War and the Rise of Russia". In it he mentions 14 things that must occur prior to the coming of Christ. He stated that the Jews would be back in Palestine and will have Jerusalem back.

He predicted that there would be a great war that would drive the Jews back to Palestine. He also spoke of Hitler dividing Germany and how Germany would later be united again.

When examining prophetic Scripture, these men and others like them took the prophecies about Israel's restoration literally and not spiritually or allegorically.

They predicted a day when the Jews would return and rebuild the places of old, even though there was little evidence that it was possible.

FULFILLMENT

The nation Israel would be born in one day. On May 14, 1948 Israel became a nation. This prophecy has therefore been fulfilled.

The fact that Israel is in the Land as a substantial nation maintaining its cultural heritage, having been in dispersion among the nations for nearly 2000 years is one of God's great miracles.

It indicates that we are in the end times and following the fulfilment of the World War prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ in **Matthew 24:7** indicated the preparation of the Second Advent was in progress

COVENANTS – PALESTINIAN COVENANT

1. The Palestinian Covenant deals with the Jews controlling an area of land in the Middle East which was unconditionally given to Abraham. It should be noted that the Jews have never possessed the land as specified, but will do so during the Millennium. (**Deuteronomy 30:1-9, Isaiah 11:10-12, Jeremiah 23:3-8, Ezekiel 37:21-25**).

2. The Palestinian Covenant gives:

- a) Dispersion for disobedience (v 1) (**Deuteronomy 28:63-68**).
- b) The future repentance of Israel (v 2).
- c) The return of the Lord (v 3) (**Amos 9:9-14; Acts 15:14-17**).
- d) Restoration to the land (v 5) (**Isaiah 11:11,12; Jeremiah 23:3-8; Ezekiel 37:21-25**).
- e) National conversion (v 6) (**Romans 11:26-27; Joel 2:14-16**).
- f) Judgement of Israel's enemies (v 7) **Joel 3:1 -8**).
- g) National prosperity (v 9) (**Amos 9:11-15**).

3. It is unconditional - God will fulfil it.

TREND 20 – ISRAEL WILL BE ONE NATION NOT TWO

PROPHECY – Ezekiel 37:15-22 “The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, 16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions: 17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. 18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? 19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. 20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. 21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.”

COMMENTS

The nation of Israel, which had been divided into two kingdoms since the time of Solomon (950B.C.) Israel in the north and Judah in the south would be one united nation in the last days. And so it is, Israel is one nation.

This is remarkable as the northern kingdom Israel went into captivity in Assyria and was not restored. This can be contrasted with Judah who was enslaved under Chaldea but eventually went back into the land. All this happened over 2500 years ago.

Even so there were Jews from these tribes living in Israel at the time of our Lord. This can be seen by the presence of Anna in **Luke 2:36** who was from the tribe of Asher. The nation of Israel is back in the Land but as a secular nation still estranged from God.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

2013 The Jewish Agency and the Interior Ministry rejected a request from American singer Barbra Streisand's cousin to come and live in Israel. Dale Streisand, 57, was reportedly refused new immigrant status on grounds that his profile on social website Facebook indicated he had been involved in Christian missionary activity in the past. Israel's High Court of Justice has in the past also upheld a decision not to grant immigrant status to a Jewish person who converted to Christianity.

There are now more Jews living in Israel than in the rest of the world. During Passover, the Jewish population of Israel passed the symbolic 6 million mark, the same number of Jews who were believed to have been killed during the Nazi Holocaust.

The country's total population is now 8 million. Israel now has the world's largest community of Jews, replacing the U.S. (5.5 million, with 2 million in New York City alone), France (500,000, mostly in Paris) and Canada (380,000, primarily in Toronto). Britain has 290,000 Jews, most of them concentrated in London.

Israel's non-Jewish population comprises about 1.6 million Arabs and 350,000 non-Arab Christians and others (mostly immigrants from the Soviet Union whose religion has not been listed or registered by the ministry)

Upon its establishment in 1948, Israel's population totalled 806,000. At that time, Tel Aviv-Jaffa was the only Israeli city with more than 100,000 residents. Today there are 14 cities with more than 100,000 residents and six with more than 200,000.

A "lost tribe" has come home to Israel. CBN News was at Ben Gurion Airport when more than 50 members of the Bnei Menashe tribe from North India made history. The group was just the first of a long-awaited migration.

Nearly 2,000 tribe members live in Israel, but five years ago the government stopped their return. The Assyrian Empire exiled the tribe of Manassah around 2,700 years ago. Although they settled in northeast India, tribe members kept their Jewish roots for more than 2,000 years. Several Christian organizations helped bring them home.

- 2014 January - Arab foreign ministers notified US Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday that they will not accept Israel as a Jewish state nor compromise on Palestinian sovereignty in Jerusalem. In a fiery speech delivered Saturday, Abbas said that Palestinians will never forgo the demand for East Jerusalem as the capital of the future Palestinian state. Abbas also said he will not recognize Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people, an Israeli demand the United States has endorsed to this point.

TREND 21 - CONDITIONS OF THE LAND DURING THE DIASPORA

PROPHECY Deuteronomy 29:23-28 “And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: 24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger? 25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: 26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them: 27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book: 28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.” See also Ezekiel 36:8-11, 36:33-36

During the Diaspora, which is the dispersion of the Jews to the four corners of the globe, the land of Israel would become a wasteland. During the past 1900 years Israel became a nearly uninhabited, desolate wasteland. The wasteland was accelerated by the ruling Turkish Caliphate taxing the locals on the basis of the number of trees they had, which resulted in the locals cutting down the trees to reduce taxation.

TREND 22 RETURNING ISRAEL WILL HAVE NO KING BEFORE JESUS CHRIST

PROPHECY Hosea 3:4,5 “For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: 5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.”

The returning Jews would have no king until the return of the Messiah to set up His eternal reign. As foretold, Israel has been without a king for 2600 years. Amazingly, not only is Israel no longer a theocracy or a monarchy but today the Jewish state is governed by a democracy comprised of multiple political parties under a President. This situation will be changed when the Lord Jesus Christ returns at His Second Coming as the King of the Jews to commence His 1000 year reign on the earth for the Millennium.

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

1. Israel will have a king forever **2 Samuel 7:8-17.**

- a) A descendant of David in the Davidic line (v 12)
- b) He will have a kingdom to rule over. (v 12)
- c) God will provide a throne. (v 13)
- d) The throne will be forever. (vs 13,16)
- e) The Davidic Covenant is restated in (v 16)

2. The covenant has one condition - disobedience will be rewarded with discipline but will not cause the cancellation of the covenant. **(2 Samuel 7:15; Psalm 89:20-37)**

3. Discipline came with the division of the kingdom under Rehoboam. **(1 Kings 12:16-20)**

4. Discipline continued with the captivity of Samaria in 721 BC and Judah in 586 BC.

5. Since then the only King of David crowned in Jerusalem has been crowned with a crown of thorns. **(Matthew 27:29).**
6. The Davidic Covenant was confirmed to Mary. **(Luke 1:31-33; Acts 2:29-31).**
7. The Davidic Covenant will be fulfilled at the Second Advent of Christ when He will commence His everlasting rule with the 1,000 year reign of the Millennium. **(Luke 1:32, Acts 2:29-30, Revelation 20:4-6)**

TREND 23 - BLINDNESS OF THE JEWS

PROPHECY Romans 11:25-26 “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob” See also **Luke 13:34-35, 19:41-42**

Though Israel would be the focus of many fulfilled prophecies, most Jews would remain blind to the fact that Jesus is their Messiah until the very last period of time before the Second Advent. **Zechariah 12:10ff.** This was a mystery doctrine that is one of the doctrines related to the Church.

This situation would remain until the time of the Gentiles is complete and will in the end be followed by the realisation of who the Lord Jesus Christ is and the resultant mass turning of Israel back to God prior to the Millennium.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- 2013** An Israeli immigration judge ordered the deportation of a Messianic Jewish man, Barry Barnett, from England, who had been arrested a week earlier while volunteering in an evangelism event hosted by Jews for Jesus in the city of Be'er Shiva, in southern Israel.

He had been detained because the judge ruled that Barnett was not permitted to engage in missionary activity while in Israel. This was the first arrest, imprisonment and deportation of any of the group's members in Israel, and the decision raised concerns within the organization that immigration officials were cooperating with ultra-Orthodox Jews to interfere with foreign missionary work and evangelism, according to Barnett's wife.

In response, Dan Sered, Israel's director for Jews for Jesus stated in a press release for Morning Star News, “The global ethics code for tourism, which the state of Israel signed and even advertises on its own Ministry of Tourism Web page, states that tourism for the purpose of exchanging religious beliefs is not only valid but also should be encouraged”.

- 2014** The citizens of Israel heard a special early morning announcement by the Israeli Army on news broadcasts all across the country: The Ministry of Defence has ordered that all soldiers staying in Jerusalem over the Sabbath are not allowed to have any contact with members of the sect of Jews who preach faith in Yeshua (Jesus).

- 2015** **I Met Messiah': New Website Shares Video Testimonies of Jews Who Received Jesus** A new website has been launched that shares the video testimonials of Jews in professional business who have all received Jesus as the Messiah. Launched by Eitan Bar, a Messianic Jew himself, IMetMessiah.com is an evangelistic effort to speak to Jews curious about Jesus. “As Jewish people, most of us grow up without considering whether or not Yeshua is the Messiah expected by our people for millennia,” he explains on the site. “Yet, something happened in our lives that changed each of us and caused us to rethink the usual Jewish views about Jesus.” “We offer these stories to you and hope that your relationship with God will deepen through meeting our storytellers,” Bar says. With over a dozen testimonials posted online and many more marked as forthcoming, IMetMessiah.com presents the testimonies of Mottel Baleson, now a messianic preacher in New Jersey, Michael Goldstone, the founder of Regency Lighting, Grant Berry, creator of Styli-Style Cosmetics, and others.

Gallup Poll claims Israel Is One Of The World's Least Religious Countries Nearly two-thirds of the Israelis polled either described themselves as not religious, or convinced atheists. Fifty-seven percent of Israelis described themselves as non-religious, while 8% said they were convinced atheists. Just 30% described themselves as religious. This makes Israel less religious than Japan (62%), Germany (59%), Switzerland (58%) and South Korea (55%). The Jewish state was neck-and-neck with the U.K. and the Netherlands, which both had a 66% non-religious population.

The poll, however, may not be an accurate representation of religiosity in Israel because of one key element: the way Israelis view the word, "religious." According to Professor of Jewish Law at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Conservative Rabbi David Golinkin, Jews in Israel who keep certain elements of the tradition, while abstaining from some of Judaism's more stringent laws, would not call themselves "religious." Such Jews would consider themselves "traditional." "They are certainly not non-religious," Golinkin said. Indeed, the latest poll conducted by the Israel Democracy Center showed that when a more nuanced approach is used to define religiosity, only 46% claim they are fully non-religious, while 15% claimed to be Orthodox, 7% ultra-Orthodox, and 32% traditional which would make 54% of the country at least nominally religious.

TREND 24 JERUSALEM WILL BE A CUP OF TREMBLING AND A BURDENSOME STONE

PROPHECY - Zechariah 12:2,3 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. 3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

In the United Nations there have been more resolutions condemning Israel and its occupation of Jerusalem than for any other city on earth. In 1980 Israel declared united Jerusalem the indivisible, eternal capital of the state of Israel.

Jerusalem would be a cup of trembling to all surrounding peoples. Jerusalem is a small city, with no natural resources, no port, insignificant manufacturing and industrial capability, yet its very existence causes the surrounding nations to shudder.

Jerusalem would be a burdensome stone to all nations. Almost daily the world news reports on the conflict over Jerusalem.

The United Nations, the Vatican, and many world leaders want to make it an international city. However, God says that the city is His and He has given it to the Jews forever. [See **Genesis 15:18, Leviticus 25:23 and 2 Chronicles 6:6**]

All who burden themselves with it will be "cut in pieces." Despite God's warning, UN resolution 476 flagrantly reiterates that Israel's claim to Jerusalem is null and void. As a result, most countries refuse to transfer their embassies to Jerusalem - Israel's capital

Over the last 20 years or so successive American Governments of both sides of politics have actively worked against God's road map and have therefore been disciplined by God. A study of American led action to reduce the area of Covenant Land under Israeli jurisdiction and the subsequent punishment by God in a series of "natural" disasters clearly conforms to the concepts of **Jeremiah 12:14-17**. In fact nine of the ten most expensive rescue missions by the US FESA groups are intimately associated with US led attempts to deal with the Palestinian "problem" ignoring God's Roadmap and has resulted in national discipline..

AMERICA ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH GOD

DATE	AMERICAN ACTION	DATE	GODS RESPONSE
30/10/1991	President G W Bush after the Gulf War states "Territorial compromise is essential for peace"	31/10/1991	A powerful storm developed off Nova Scotia reaching hurricane strength hitting the President's seaside home in Maine
24/8/1992	The Madrid Peace Conference moved to Washington DC with the issue of Palestinian self rule in the Israeli occupied territories.	24/8/1992	Hurricane Andrew, which was the worst natural disaster to that time smashed into southern Florida, hitting Louisiana a few days later Damage \$30 billion

13/9/1993	Oslo Accord negotiated in Europe was set to be signed in by Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin surrendering Jericho, Gaza and the West Bank to the Palestinians in exchange for recognition of the State of Israel put off for two years because of Jerusalem	13/9/1993	Hurricane Emily hit the outer banks North Carolina on the very day of this Peace Accord as thousands sought safety inland. The USA had interfered with God's prophetic plan and on three occasions hurricanes had hit the United States
16/1/1994	President Clinton meets with the Syrian dictator in Geneva negotiating a peace plan in which the Golan Heights would be given by Israel to Syria	17/1/1994	A powerful 6.8 magnitude earthquake rocked the Los Angeles area causing \$25 billion damage. Scientists failed to find the fault that triggered this earthquake
Mar 1997	Yasser Arafat comes to see Bill Clinton regarding building in Jerusalem. Clinton together with the UN criticise Israel for building in Jerusalem through April	Mar 1997	On the day March 1 that Arafat landed powerful tornados hit the nation and continued to cause problems while Arafat continued on his speaking tour including tremendous flooding in Ohio, the worst in a century
27/9/1998	Secretary of State Madeleine Albright met with Arafat in New York to work out a final arrangement for Israel to surrender 13% of its land	27/9/1998	Hurricane Georges slammed into the Gulf Coast hitting Mississippi and Florida with 175 mph gusts and causing severe flooding
28/9/1998	Arafat addresses the UN receiving accolades regarding a Palestinian State and then left the USA	28/9/1998	Hurricane Georges was, as Arafat was speaking, smashing the Gulf Coast but dissipated as Arafat left the USA
4/5/1999	Yasser Arafat was due to declare a Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its capital supported by Bill Clinton but agreed to postpone it until December	4/5/1999	The most powerful tornados in US history with speeds over 300 mph fell on Oklahoma and Kansas causing Clinton to declare the area a disaster area
16/9/1999	After further overtures by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Israelis and Palestinians were meeting to give away covenant land	16/9/1999	Hurricane Floyd ravaged almost the entire coast of America with very heavy rain. In North Carolina it was stated to be the greatest disaster since the Civil War.
11/10/1999	During this week Israel evicted Jewish settlers from fifteen West Bank hilltops with the settlers resisting strongly	11/10/1999	The US stock market suffered its worst downturn since October 1989, Hurricane Irene hit North Carolina [October 15] and a 7.1 earthquake hits the south west [October 16]
12/4/2000	After meeting with Bill Clinton and the Foreign Minister of Syria re peace negotiations Ehud Barak agreed to transfer 5% of the Golan Heights to Syria.	12/4/2000	At the precise time the Israeli Prime Minister is meeting with Bill Clinton the Stock Market collapsed into the NASDAQ's worst week in history.
12/7/2000	Pres Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat met at Camp David during which Bill Clinton was personally involved in dividing Jerusalem to give land to the Palestinians	12/7/2000	As the meeting was taking place tremendous forest fires were breaking out in the west and by the end of August had developed into some of the worst fires of the century
8/6/2001	George W Bush sent a CIA director to broker a ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinians which was Bush' first involvement in the Middle East	8/6/2001	Tropical Storm Allison dumped huge rains on President Bush's home state of Texas and ravaged the United States for the whole time the CIA was in Israel
9/8/2001	George Bush demands that Israel abide by the Madrid Peace process, the Mitchell Plan and UN resolutions 242 and 338 requiring Israel to withdraw.	11/9/2001	The attack on the World Trade centre, the greatest attack on US soil in history occurs
28/4/2002	The United States pressurised Israel to lift a siege on Arafat's headquarters which had been imposed after serious fighting between Israel and the Palestinians	28/4/2002	A massive tornado storm ravaged the east coast of the United States on this day coming directly over Washington DC

4/5/2003	Secretary of State Colin Powell goes to Israel to promote the Road Map which called for Israel losing land which had been drafted by the USA, EU, Russia and the UN	4/5/2003	For the whole period of Powell's stay in Israel massive tornado storms numbering a record 412 pounded the east coast of the US ceasing on his departure on 11 th May
12/9/2003	President Bush blocked Israel from expelling Arafat and criticised Israel who were weighing up all options against him	12/9/2003	Hurricane Isabel reached category five status and its course pointed directly towards the United States
16/9/2003	The United States vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution against Israel	16/9/2003	Hurricane Isabel lessened in intensity.
18/9/2003	King Abdullah of Jordan met with President Bush to discuss the peace plan from an Arab viewpoint.	19/9/2003	Hurricane Isabel bearing down on Washington intensifies calling the meeting to end early and hits on September 19 causing \$4b of damage
7/8/2004	Elliott Abrams, American envoy to Israel was sent to pressure Israel in withdrawing from 21 settlements in Gaza and 4 in Samaria	7/8/2004	A tropical depression formed in the Caribbean Sea and became hurricane Charley which forced the evacuation of 1.4 million people from Florida hitting in August 13. Bush wanted 25 Jewish settlements close and then he declared 25 of the counties disaster areas.
30/8/2004	Israeli Prime Minister Sharon said that he would speed up the evacuation of 21 settlements in Gaza	1/9/2004	Hurricane Frances was bearing down on Central Florida. The hurricane was the size of Texas and caused 2.8 million people to flee their homes.
14/9/2004	Sharon's Cabinet created evacuation guidelines and the Israeli army establish a command to oversee the evacuation of settlers.	15/9/2004	Hurricane Ivan slammed into Florida's Panhandle and did \$12 billion worth of damage to Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and other states.
20/9/2004	Colin Powell gave a speech and said that Israeli pullout from Gaza was just a first step in peacemaking. He went on to say that there should not be a long time between the Gaza withdrawal and the final two state settlement.	21/9/2004	Hurricane Jeanne was in the Atlantic Ocean travelling course away from the United States but on September 21, following the Presidents address to the United Nations criticising Israel, Hurricane Jeanne turned round and hit central Florida
23/8/2005	President Bush and Secretary of State Rice put enormous pressure on Israeli government to evacuate Jewish settlements which was completed on August 23, 2005 with 10,000 Jews relocated	23/8/2005	Tropical depression 12 formed over the Bahamas and was upgraded to a tropical storm named Katrina. Having hit southern Florida it moved into the Gulf of Mexico, intensified, hit New Orleans \$200b damage
16/7/2007	President Bush made a speech stating that he was the first American president calling for the creation of a Palestinian state. He referred to the Israeli control of the Palestinian areas as occupation	20/7/2007	The sub-prime mortgage debt implosion hit the stock market and the economy starting the economic turmoil that shook America and eventually the world.
15/3/2008	Secretary Rice criticises Israel for not moving fast enough about the creation of a Palestinian state	15/3/2008	A severe storm hit Georgia and a tornado actually went through the heart of Atlanta
25/8/2008	Secretary Rice presses the Israelis about their Roadmap obligations	25/8/2008	Tropical storm Gustaf formed in the Caribbean headed north west towards the United States reached hurricane strength and struck west New Orleans which was evacuated for the second time since 2005
11/9/2008	Jake Walls, US Consul general to Israel said that Israel had agreed to give the Palestinians control of East Jerusalem and that Secretary of State Rice's recent visits to Israel were about dividing Jerusalem	11/9/2008	Hurricane Ike was heading towards Texas as the Wall Street bank Lehman Brothers collapsed triggering the GFC. Between October 2007 to 2008 the American stock market lost \$8.1 trillion

30/4/2010	It is reported that Barack Obama had already decided that if Israel and the Palestinians have not agreed to a peace agreement by the end of the year, the Middle East peace process will be handed over to the international community and a final solution will be imposed on both parties.	20/4/2010	Coincidentally, BP's Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico exploded on April 20th, 2010
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SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE DESTRUCTION OF GAZA AND HURRICANE KATRINA

GAZA

KATRINA

Prior to removal the Israeli government called on Jews to evacuate their homes	US government called on residents to evacuate their homes prior to the hurricane
On August 17 Israel ordered mandate evacuation of the settlements	On September 7 the Mayor of New Orleans ordered a mandate to evacuate the city
The evacuation of 12,000 Jews was the largest in Jewish history since 1948	Several million Americans were evacuated from the path of hurricane Katrina
Israel sent 40,000 troops to evacuate the settlers	The United States had to send 80,000 soldiers to destroyed areas
Many settlers went to their roofs to try and delay eviction	Thousands of New Orleans went to their roofs to keep from drowning
Gaza is located in Israel's southern coastal area	A large amount of America's southern coast was destroyed
The evacuation destroyed thousands of Jewish homes	The hurricane destroyed or damaged more than 500,000 American homes
Jews dug up their dead to re inter in cemeteries outside Gaza	Katrina's tidal surge uncovered hundreds of bodies from Gulf Coast graveyards
The Israeli government barred citizens of Gaza from their homes	American citizens in the destroyed areas were barred from their homes
Many Jewish people felt abandoned by their government	Many Americans felt abandoned by their government failure to respond quickly
The Israelis from the settlements boarded buses and were taken all over Israel	Those from New Orleans was bussed to shelters all over the United States
Gaza was a major agricultural centre	The Port of New Orleans was a major agricultural shipping centre
President Bush promised \$2.2 billion to the relocation of the settlers	The earliest estimates were a cost of upward of \$200 billion to repair damage from Katrina

COST TO FEMA [US EMERGENCY SERVICES] FOR MAJOR INCIDENTS

For the period ending June 2006 the top ten are:-

2005 Hurricane KATRINA	\$7.20b
1994 Earthquake NORTHBRIDGE	\$ 6.96b
1998 Hurricane GEORGES	\$2.25b
2004 Hurricane IVAN	\$1.95b

1992 Hurricane ANDREW	\$1.81b
2004 Hurricane CHARLEY	\$1.56b
2004 Hurricane FRANCES	\$1.43b
2004 Hurricane JEANNE	\$1.41b
2001 Tropical Storm ALLISON	\$1.34b

Hurricane HUGO in 1998 was the only one that cannot be related to Israel

CONCLUSION - It is not good policy to interfere with God's policy of having Israel back in the Land.

TREND 25 ANTI SEMITISM ANTICIPATED

PROPHECY - Luke 21:20-24 "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea 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 thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." See also Deuteronomy 28:37, Jeremiah 29:18, 44:8 Revelation 12

Anti-Semitism worldwide is anticipated. History confirms that the Jews have been persecuted as no other people group. Hitler tried to exterminate them, and the Antichrist will attempt the same during the Tribulation.

Today, anti-Semitism is a global epidemic. For example, of over 700 General Assembly resolutions passed since the establishment of the United Nations in 1945, by 2006 nearly 450 condemn Israel. None have been passed against any Arab country nor any Arab terrorist organizations! In other words, out of 190 nations in the UN, over 60% of all General Assembly resolutions rebuke just one member, Israel.

RECENT UPDATES

2013 November Responding to a proposal for Israel to participate in talks between Iran and the six world powers [5+1 group] the Iranian Foreign Minister said, "Never will such a thing happen we definitely will not be in the same room as the Zionist regime".

2014 February 2014 Two of the major banks in northern Europe, the Swedish Nordea Bank which is the largest in Scandinavia and the Norwegian Danske Bank, the largest bank in Denmark have announced that they will boycott Israeli banks because they operate in "occupied territories".

February - Jews emerging from a synagogue in Donetsk Ukraine say they were handed leaflets that ordered the city's Jews to provide a list of property they own and pay a registration fee of \$50 or else their citizenship could be revoked and they could face deportation and see their assets confiscated. In the city of Nikolayev where I ministered on my five missions the Synagogue has been firebombed. There are believed to be 200,000 Jews left in Ukraine.

There is a move to drive them all to Israel, and even in the USA the Vice President is urging Jews to be Israelis rather than Americans in an increasingly hostile nation to them.

13th May The Rise of Global Anti-Semitism is indicated in a large global survey conducted on May 13 by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The reportedly unprecedented worldwide study of "anti-Semitic" attitudes was conducted in over 102 countries and included 53,100 participants, who represented 88% of the world's adult population. Highlights of the survey findings published in adl.org included the following:

One in four adults worldwide harbour anti-Semitic attitudes;

- The nation of Greece is the most anti-Semitic country in Europe by far, with 69% of Greeks labelled anti-Semites. Poland is second with 45% and Bulgaria third with 44%. France scored 37%;
- Eastern Europe (34%) scored more anti-Semitic than Western Europe (24%);
- Christians in Catholic and Eastern Orthodox countries are more likely to harbour anti-Semitic views than those in Protestant countries. In contrast, Protestant countries such as the UK scored 8%, Sweden only 4% and the United States 9% but it is vocal and university based, and fed by Palestinian extremism.
- The highest concentration of respondents holding anti-Semitic attitudes was found in Middle East and North African [MENA] countries where nearly three-quarters of respondents, 74 percent of those polled, agreed with a majority of the anti-Semitic stereotypes that comprise the 11-question index. Non-MENA countries have an average index score of 23 percent.
- More than one-quarter of those surveyed, 26 percent, harbour anti-Semitic attitudes, representing an estimated 1.09 billion adults around the world;
- Only 54 percent of those polled globally have ever heard of the Holocaust. Two out of three people surveyed have either never heard of the Holocaust, or do not believe historical accounts to be accurate;
- The most widely accepted anti-Semitic stereotype worldwide is: "Jews are more loyal to Israel than to this country/the countries they live in." Overall, 41 percent of those surveyed believe this statement to be "probably true." This is the most widely accepted stereotype in five out of the seven regions surveyed;
- The second most widely accepted stereotype worldwide is "Jews have too much power in the business world." Overall, 35 percent of those surveyed believe this statement to be "probably true." This is also the most widely held stereotype in Eastern Europe.

According to Bible prophecy, the majority of world States will, before the return of Jesus Christ, be united in hatred and finally war against Israel and will determine with the Anti-Christ to destroy her.

From these results the stage seems to be getting very rapidly set for this exact end-time scenario with the rapid rise and spread of global anti-Semitism.

15th December In the wake of the deaths of four Rabbis in a Synagogue in Jerusalem at the hands of Palestinian terrorists last week, new allegations of media bias against Israel are surfacing. This bias is an ongoing trend by mainstream Western reporters who charge most of the violence committed in Israel against the Jews and seek to spin the facts to promote their political agenda. Their reports were as follows:-

CNN senior international correspondent Ben Wedeman, reporting on the synagogue attacks, initially penned the headline, "4 Israelis and 2 Palestinians, killed in a synagogue attack," failing to note that the Palestinians killed were the terrorists who murdered the Rabbis and were ultimately shot by Israeli Security Forces.

In similar fashion, Italy's La Repubblica reported that the attack came after weeks of tension, noting that 12 Palestinians were killed in the violence, including six who were killed by Israeli Security Forces (while murdering Israelis), seeming to equate the perpetrator and the victim as morally equal.

Focusing on the deaths of the perpetrators rather than the victim's, Canada's CBC News ran the headline: "Jerusalem police fatally shoot 2 after apparent synagogue attack"

Perhaps one of the most conspicuous blunders came on the "CBS This Morning" news program when anchorwoman Nora O'Donnell reported that "two Palestinian attackers died in a shootout with police. It happened at a contested religious site in Jerusalem." However, the shootings occurred in the uncontested Har Nof synagogue located in the Jewish orthodox neighbourhood of Har Nof in West Jerusalem.

2015 February Following further problems in Europe Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked the Jews of Europe to come home to Israel. The Israeli government has allocated a large budget sum to encourage them to do so.

UN Condemns Only Israel as Violator of Woman's Rights – This is the view of the United Nations top women's rights body, the Commission on the Status of Women. CSW ends its annual meeting on Friday, March 20 2015 by condemning only one of the 193 UN member states for violating women's rights – Israel. And the women's rights scene is not the only liberal sham at the UN.

The UN's top human rights body, the Human Rights Council (HRC), will wrap up a major session next week by adopting a minimum of four times as many resolutions slamming Israel than any other country on earth. Tallying all the resolutions and decisions condemning a specific state over the history of the Human Rights Council, one-third has been directed at Israel alone.

The 2015 CSW resolution on Israel will repeat, as it does every year, that "the Israeli occupation remains the major obstacle for Palestinian women with regard to their advancement, self-reliance and integration in the development of their society Not Palestinian men. Not religious edicts and traditions. Not a culture of violence. Not an educational system steeped in rejection of peaceful coexistence and of tolerance. Instead, the fault, for a UN statistic like this one, is that an average of 17% of Palestinian women are in the labour force as compared to 70% of Palestinian men

Who are not criticised? Not Syria where government forces routinely employ rape and other sexual violence and torture against women as a tactic of war. Not Saudi Arabia where women are physically punished if not wearing compulsory clothing.

Not Sudan where domestic violence is not prohibited. There is no minimum age for "consensual" sex. The legal age of marriage for girls is ten and 88% of women under 50 have undergone female genital mutilation as happens also in other countries such as in Somalia.

Not China where many millions of women and girls still face the prospect of forced abortion and sterilization. Not Iran where every woman who registered as a presidential candidate in the last election was disqualified. "Adultery" is punishable by death by stoning and the constitution bars female judges.

In fact, not only is there no possibility that the UN Commission on the Status of Women will criticize Iran, Iran is an elected member of CSW. Sudan, whose president has been indicted for genocide and crimes against humanity is currently a CSW Vice-Chair.

So who is calling the shots at the Council? A closer look at its members reveals human rights luminaries like Qatar that bankrolls the terrorist organization Hamas, along with China, Pakistan, Russia and Saudi Arabia. It is impossible to add this all up and conclude that the UN's treatment of Israel is anything but wildly discriminatory and Anti - Semitic.

U.S. Publishing Giant Erases Israel off Map - A Middle East with no Israel? That's what students in that region of the world will see when they open their new world atlases as provided by the American-based mega-corporation HarperCollins. The Telegraph of London has reported the global publishing house sells English-language atlases to schools in the Middle East that show Syria and Jordan extending to the Mediterranean Sea. The West Bank and Gaza Strip are also shown, but Israel is nowhere to be found on the map.

Collins Bartholomew, the subsidiary of HarperCollins that specializes in maps, told the Catholic paper Tablet that including Israel would have been "unacceptable" to its customers in the Gulf region and the change incorporated "local preferences." The Tablet said it had discovered the customs officers in one unnamed Muslim country only permitting the import of school atlases once Israel had been deleted by hand.

Just last year, another major publishing house, Scholastic Inc., was caught selling children's books that omitted Israel from an illustrated map. Scholastic, the world's largest publisher of children's books, was forced to apologize after parents began complaining and negative reviews started showing up on Amazon and Twitter. The company said in a statement it apologized and "regretted" printing a book that "inadvertently omits Israel" on a map.

TREND 26 ISRAEL WILL BE PARTITIONED

PROPHECY Daniel 11:39 “Thus shall he do in the most strongholds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain”.

PROPHECY Joel 3:2 “I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.”

Israel would be partitioned by all nations. This is another unimaginable prophecy! In 1947, UN Resolution 181 planned the partitioning of Israel.

UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 181

Passage of the resolution required a two-thirds majority of the valid votes, not counting abstaining and absent members, of the United Nation's then 56 member states. On 26 November, after filibustering by the Zionist delegation, the vote was postponed by three days.

According to multiple sources, had the vote been held on the original set date, it would have received a majority, but less than the required two-thirds. The delay was used by supporters of Zionism in New York to put extra pressure on states not supporting the resolution.

The resolution was put to the General Assembly of the United Nations on 29th November 1947 and was approved by 72% of the voting nations thus officially passing the resolution.

Countries for the resolution [33] Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Byelorussian SSR, Canada, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, Liberia, Luxemburg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Ukraine SSR, United States, Uruguay, USSR, Venezuela

Countries against the resolution [13] Afghanistan, Cuba, Egypt, Greece, India, Iran, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen,

Countries abstaining [10] Argentina, Chile, Chian, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Honduras, Mexico, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia

Absent [1] Thailand

Currently, the West Bank and Gaza have been separated into Jewish and Palestinian settlements. Dividing Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria are also being negotiated today in order to create a Palestinian state but remains unresolved.

TREND 27 ISRAEL WILL PROSPER

PROPHECY – Ezekiel 38:12-13 “To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?”

Israel would prosper economically. Amazingly, this recently regathered, often attacked, tiny nation had a gross domestic product of \$291.6b in 2013. This was inconceivable a century ago! In contrast, their neighbour Jordan had a gross domestic product of \$33.6 b, Lebanon \$47.2 b and even Egypt with \$252.2b in the same year is out valued by Israel.

Israel has increased from having the 47th Gross Domestic Product [GDP] in 1970 to 35th in showing that it has prospered more compared to other countries. The table below shows the GDP and GDP per capita [GDP/PC] rate from 1970 to 2010

YEAR	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
GDP [\$ Billions]	6.3	24.7	60.2	129.1	231.7
GDP/PC \$	2220	6599	13379	21474	31222

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2013 "In our time the Biblical prophecies are being realized," Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu declared before world leaders gathered at the United Nations General Assembly in September. "As the prophet Amos said, they shall rebuild ruined cities and inhabit them," Netanyahu said. "They shall plant vineyards and drink their wine. They shall till gardens and eat their fruit. And I will plant them upon their soil never to be uprooted again. Ladies and gentlemen, the people of Israel have come home never to be uprooted again."

2014 March A proposal for a major energy 450 km pipeline project between Israel and Turkey was announced to export natural gas from Israel's offshore Leviathan field to southern Turkey. With a capacity of 16 billion cubic metres the initiative has been lauded as a way to enable Turkish energy diversification away from Moscow. This again may be part of the "Hook in the Jaw" of the northern confederation which could bring Turkey under the Northern Group control as the Leviathan field contains 100 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

6th June Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara hosted the fifth session of the Shmuel Ben-Artzi Tanach (Bible) Study Circle at their official residence in Jerusalem this week. The Tanach Study Circle is named after the Prime Minister's late father-in-law, who passed away last November, and was a Bible teacher and researcher.

The Tanach Study Circle, held in cooperation with the Menachem Begin Heritage Center, was reinstated two years ago, renewing a tradition started by Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, and which was continued by its sixth prime minister, Menachem Begin. This evening's meeting focused on the Book of Ruth, which is read on the holiday Shavuot taking place this week.

"I have always thought and believed that the Bible is the foundation of our existence here," Prime Minister Netanyahu said. "Otherwise we would be somewhere else or nowhere at all. The influence of the written words has not lessened over the generations; on the contrary, their strength has only increased. "Therefore, I think that we need, here in the prime minister's residence, to focus on the Bible every few months."

TREND 28 - ISRAEL WILL BE INVINCIBLE

PROPHECY Zechariah 12:6-9 "In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. 7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. 8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

COMMENTS

It is prophesied that Israel would be invincible. Since 1948, tiny Israel has been attacked in four major wars and several lesser wars. Yet despite being vastly outnumbered, they have defeated all attacking foes.

Even during the final battle, when it looks like Israel will be destroyed, the Lord shall deliver her [see **Jeremiah 30:3-7, Zechariah 14 and Mark 13:14-20**].

An invincible Israel makes no sense unless you believe God's Word and that Israel has an absolutely guaranteed future. It is unfortunate that the nations do not realise this as it would radically change the foreign policy of many of them.

RECENT UPDATES

2013 All of the research groups that rank military power in the world rank Israel as between number 10 and number 15 in military power in the world right now. We're talking about a nation that is only 300 miles long and only 75 miles wide. It's one of the smallest nations in the world, and yet it's one of the world's great military powers. In fact, they not only rank it that high, but most of them rank Israel number one in the effective use of its power.

2014 August - According to a recent article in Israel Today, "over the past 10 years, a growing number of Israelis have come to the conclusion that Israel and God are in fact inseparable, and that the existence of the former depends upon that of the latter." Events like the following demonstrate how the "LORD of Hosts" defends His name and secures the existence of His people.

When an Iron Dome battery failed three times to intercept an enemy rocket headed for Tel Aviv, "the hand of God" diverted the rocket, according to an operator in the battery. The commander reported that three interceptors failed to hit their target, an extremely rare event.

With only four seconds remaining before the rocket would hit, emergency services were notified of the target location and that mass casualties would occur. The missile would hit a strategically important location in Tel Aviv; hundreds of lives were at stake!

"Suddenly, Iron Dome, which calculates wind speeds, among other things, shows a major wind coming from the east, a strong wind that sends the missile into the sea. We were all stunned. I stood up and shouted, 'There is a God!' Even the enemy is witnessing miracles!"

Last month a terrorist from Gaza reportedly stated, when asked why they couldn't aim their rockets more effectively: "We do aim them, but their God changes their path in mid-air."

As in times past, God will intervene to fulfil His purpose and protect his people! Just as in David's day, wars between the native people of the land and the armies of Israel are not about Israel's right to exist as a Jewish democracy, but rather the Divine mandate of the "LORD of Hosts", that the Jews will reside in the Promised Land forever and that He will be their Banner!

7th December - Israel Air Strikes Wiped Out Russian Hardware for Thwarting US No-Fly Zone Plan Over Syria. Israel's air strikes near Damascus international air port and the Syrian-Lebanese border are depicted by Middle East military and intelligence sources as Israel's first overt military clash with Russia in the course of the more than three-year Syrian war.

Those sources assert that the strikes demolished components of Russian SA-25 or other types of top-line anti air missile systems that Moscow had destined for Syria and the Lebanese Hizballah terrorist group after Russian President Vladimir Putin learned that the Obama administration and the Erdogan government were close to a final draft on a joint effort to activate a no-fly zone that would bar Syrian air force traffic over northern Syria. Moscow reacted swiftly and angrily with a Note to the United Nations Monday accusing Israel of "aggressive action" and demanding "that such attacks should not happen again..."

Moscow is deeply worried by this dangerous development, the circumstances of which demand an explanation." The Assad regime has held back from reacting to past Israeli air raids for preventing advanced weaponry from reaching Hezbollah. This time, spokesmen in Damascus warned that their government's response would be clandestine and cause Israel "unimaginable harm."

2015 **Israel Prepares for Top 2015 Threats** The IDF must be prepared for three principal security scenarios in the near future, former national security adviser Maj.- Gen. (res.) Yaakov Amidror has said, naming them as a large-scale ground war against Hezbollah in Lebanon, attrition against Hamas in Gaza, and the possibility of a military operation in Iran.

"The most significant threat to Israel's very existence is the possibility that Israel Prepares For Top 2015 Threats. The IDF must be prepared for three principal security scenarios in some time in 2015, Iran will reach a deal with the West that would allow it to pursue some form of nuclear military capability. This process will not come to fruition this year, but a bad deal with the superpowers would be an important milestone for Tehran," Amidror warned.

Looking ahead in 2015, Israel faces threats posed mainly by non-state entities motivated by Islamic ideology. The strongest of them is Hezbollah, which was formed with a dual purpose in mind: It represents Iran's long reach in the area and against Israel, while at the same time it aims to control Lebanon, where the Shi'ites are the largest ethnic group.

Hezbollah most closely resembles an army, and its arsenal totals some 150,000 missiles and rockets, several thousand of which can target any area in Israel. This rare and substantial firepower apparently even exceeded the firepower possessed by most of the European states combined. Additionally, Hezbollah is armed with surface-to-sea missiles, anti-aircraft missiles, drones and modern anti-tank missiles. It is well organized into a military-style hierarchy and appears to possess command and control systems of high quality. It was established by Iranian leaders, but its leadership has always consisted of Lebanese people who were closely linked to Iran's interests.

TREND 29 – THE RETURN OF ISRAEL - FIG TREE PROPHECY

PROPHECY - Luke 21:29-33 (32 AD): And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. 31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

The fig tree started shooting forth its leaves on 14 May 1948 when modern Israel was founded. Likewise, the number of independent nations has also increased greatly due to independence being granted to former colonies of Great Britain, France, Netherlands, Belgium and Portugal. This shows the shooting forth of the other trees pictured in this parable.

There were 51 initial national members of the United Nations in 1945. They were Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippine Republic, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

The growth in the number of independent nations in the United Nations is shown in this table

1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
60	99	127	154	159	189	192

We can see that the number of nations have tripled over the period with growth this century reduced significantly and that there has been over 130 nations added since Israel became a member in 1949

The fig tree has blossomed and all the other trees. There are currently 193 nations in the UN with the recent acceptance of South Sudan.

The three nations not in the UN are Kosovo which attained independence from Serbia in 2008 and is awaiting global recognition, Taiwan which was replaced by Communist China as the representative of China in 1971 and the Vatican which has chosen to remain out of the UN.

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

Jesus is giving His listeners a parable which is a story with two levels of meaning, a natural story that all can understand and a spiritual meaning only understood by believers. In addition in order to understand this parable we need to know what the various items represent.

The fig tree is a symbol of the nation Israel. All the other trees by implication are nations other than Israel. The fig tree had long been barren. In fact, Israel had not existed as a country since 70 AD. Also the number of other sovereign nations has been low but has increased significantly since World War 2. Summer represents the time when fruit is produced, a time of finality.

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The Lord Jesus Christ tells us that when we see all these nations come into being, the Kingdom of God, or the Millennium, is very near. Indeed, He states that the generation that sees this happen will be the generation which will not pass away before the Kingdom or Millennium comes. As the Rapture of the Church precedes the Millennium, the present generation is prophesied to be that generation.

We therefore see the rebirth of Israel and the birth of many other nations. Considering Israel had not been a nation for almost 1900 years, this in itself is a miracle. This is further amplified by surviving wars against huge overpowering odds in 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973.

It is also documented in the Scripture that the leader of the Western group [the Antichrist] will sign a pact for a seven year period with the leader of Israel **Daniel 9:24-27** [for details see King of the West].

Who is the leader of Israel? He is called the false prophet. He will be a Jew, I believe he will be from the tribe of Dan which is the tribe not represented in **Revelation 7** and a tribe in historic times that led in idolatry. [see **Genesis 49:17**]

HISTORY OF ISRAEL

During the Lord's ministry Israel was spiritually barren, it was religious but not righteous, it was captive to the Roman Empire but its greatest captivity was to apostasy and hypocrisy.

John the Baptist had come calling the nation to repentance and righteousness but how many repented? Only a few. A number followed the Lord Jesus Christ but as He said they did so to see miracles or because they were given a free meal rather than hear the message of God and when He started to teach some of the deeper truths even some of his closer disciples left Him.

After Pentecost there were thousands who turned to the Lord but they were always the minority. Twenty years later the number of believers among the Jews was few and the nation was more apostate than ever. The fig tree was barren, its life had withered up and very soon Israel would be cut off from the nations. Most of **Luke 21** is from the Lord's great prophecy given to his disciples on the Mount of Olives only a few days before His crucifixion. The same prophecy is given in **Matthew 24** but there are differences in the two parallel passages.

They are not contradictory but they are presented from different angles. Matthew was most concerned with the end of the Jewish Age while Luke gave a panorama of the Gentile Age.

The prophecy was given to the disciples who were with the Lord in the great temple in Jerusalem. This was the Second Temple. The original Temple built by Solomon had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC.

After their captivity in Babylon a second but smaller temple was built by Zerubbabel and this was further beautified by Herod the Great just prior to the ministry of the Lord. Herod's work on the Temple had taken 46 years. It is said that this was the most beautiful building east of Rome.

In **Luke 21:6** Jesus prophesied that the days would come when one stone will not be standing on another. As a result they asked among other questions what the sign of His coming would be.

Jesus said that before the end there would be false Christs, earthquakes, famines, wars and signs in the heavens. Before these things they will lay their hands on you and persecute you bringing you before kings and governors because of Me

Concerning Jerusalem He said that when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies then recognise that desolation is at hand. Those who are in Judea should flee to the mountains and those in the city depart and those in the country do not enter the city because these are the days of vengeance in order that all things that are written may be fulfilled.

He also prophesied that Jerusalem would be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles were completed. **Luke 21:21-24**. This judgment fell in AD 70 fulfilling the prophecy of the withered fig tree. In that year Titus the Roman led his army into Jerusalem. This was truly the days of vengeance.

The story of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD is amongst the most gruesome of any siege. Against orders the Temple was set on fire. The gold in the temple melted and as a result the stones of the Temple were removed one by one fulfilling completely the Lord's prediction.

Resistance occurred in some areas until only the fortress of Masada overlooking the Dead Sea remained. After holding out for two years the Romans made their final assault. At this point the leader of the fortress led the defenders in a death pact so that none of them would fall into the hands of the enemy. This brought the nation to a complete end in 73 AD

Over the centuries the land of Israel changed hands many times with it being in the hands of the Turks for several centuries up to the British capturing of Jerusalem in 1917.

In 1870 the Turks allowed Jews to buy land in Palestine thus a small colony of Jews started settling in the area. By 1900 there were about 40,000 Jews in the land.

In the early 1900's Britain being the main imperialists proposed that the Jews be given a homeland in Africa in an area now known as Uganda.

In 1906 a Russian born chemist Dr Weisman visited Britain to protest this proposal. Representing the Zionist movement he stressed to the British Government that a homeland other than in Palestine would be totally unacceptable to the Zionists.

By 1914 the number of Jews in Palestine had doubled to 80,000. It was in that year that the First World War began. This conflict is considered the start of the birth pangs of the Tribulation fulfilling the concept of nation rising up against nation.

During the war when Britain and its allies were critically short of explosives Weisman, now a British subject, presented it with the formula for TNT.

In recognition of his services the British suggested to him an honour but Weisman flatly refused. There is nothing I want for myself he said but I would like you to do something for my people. As he had in 1906 Weisman again explained the Zionist vision and the desire to make Palestine the Jewish homeland.

As a result on the 2nd November 1917 British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour made the following declaration in the form of a letter to Lord Rothschild

"I have pleasure in conveying to you on behalf of His Majesty's Government the following declaration of sympathies with the Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to and approved by the Cabinet. His Majesty's Government views with favour the establishment in Palestine a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country. I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation Yours sincerely Arthur Balfour".

This became known as the Balfour declaration. Dr Weisman was appointed as chairman of the Commission to implement the recommendation. Jews all over the world were delighted. A land for the Jew now seemed feasible.

The Arabs reacted bitterly to this development and riots broke out in Palestine. On 11th December 1917 the British Commander General Allenby led his troops into Jerusalem and captured the city without a shot being fired.

On 3rd January 1919 after negotiations in Palestine the agreement between Emir Faisal, who became the King of Iraq and Chaim Weizmann, later President of the World Zionist Organisation was signed. This agreement envisaged

1. An Arab state in Palestine
2. The immigration of Jews into Palestine in large numbers

3. The protection of and assistance to Arab farmers and peasants in Palestine
4. Zionist assistance to the Arab state for development
5. Islamic holy places under Muslim control
6. Complete goodwill and harmony between the Jews and the Arabs

Emir Faisal said he recognised that the Arabs and Jews had both been oppressed by groups stronger than themselves and by happy coincidence had been able to take this first step towards the attainment of their national ideals together.

"We Arabs, especially the educated among us look with the deepest sympathy on the Zionist movement. Our deputation here in Paris is fully acquainted with the proposals submitted to the Peace Conference yesterday by the Zionist organisation. We will wish the Jews the most hearty welcome home. Dr Weisman has been a great helper in our cause and I hope the Arabs will soon be in a position to make the Jews some return for their kindness."

Subsequent events caused a change in the Arab's sentiments. During the First World War the British had entered into an arrangement with Emir Hussein of Mecca the father of Faisal to help in a fight against the Turks. The Arabs were promised together with cash the independence of their countries after the war.

The Emir regarded this as the revival of the great Arab empire including Syria, Iraq, Arabia and Palestine. Thus the Balfour declaration for the Jews appeared to be in conflict with the McMahon agreement with the Arabs.

After the war the Turkish Ottoman Empire was carved up into a number of different states Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. Palestine the British explained was not in the McMahon Agreement. In 1923 the British divided the Palestine portion of the Ottoman Empire into two administrative districts.

Jews would be permitted only west of the Jordan River. In effect, the British had removed 75% of the originally proposed Jewish Palestinian homeland to form an Arab Palestinian nation called Trans-Jordan meaning "across the Jordan River".

This territory east of the Jordan River was given to Emir Abdullah. This portion of Palestine was renamed Trans-Jordan which would again be renamed "Jordan" in 1946. The remaining 25% of Palestine now west of the Jordan River was to be the Jewish Palestinian homeland.

Encouraged and incited by growing Arab nationalism throughout the Middle East, the Arabs of that small remaining Palestinian territory west of the Jordan River launched never-ending murderous attacks upon the Jewish Palestinians in an effort to drive them out. Most terrifying were the Hebron massacres of 1929 and later during the 1936-39 "Arab Revolt."

In the 1930s anti-Semitism was promoted by the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who sought to sabotage the creation of a Jewish homeland. In 1937 the British Peel Commission reported that an impressive conflict had arisen between ethnic groups within the band of one small country.

About 1 million Arabs were in conflict with some 400,000 Jews. The report also recommended the partition of Palestine into two communities.

The British at first tried to maintain order but soon, probably due to the large oil deposits being discovered throughout the Arab Middle East, turned a blind eye.

In 1939 the British abandoned the Balfour Declaration and issued a white paper which stated that a Jewish state in Palestine was contrary to British obligations to the Arabs and that Jewish immigration would be restricted to 15,000 a year for the next five years.

Just before the commencement of the Second World War the Grand Mufti entered into a secret alliance with Adolf Hitler promising Arab support in return for weapons. He himself fled to Germany as war broke out. By this time there were more than 500,000 Jews in Palestine. The Jews fought along with Britain in the war and most of their warfare training was received in those years.

After the war tens of thousands of Jews who had survived the final solution were living in very squalid conditions throughout Europe. They looked longingly towards Palestine but the doors were closed to them. A committee set up by the British in 1945 had said that Palestine could and would not become a purely Jewish land.

American President Harry Truman sent a strong plea to allow 100,000 Jews to emigrate to Palestine but Britain refused and instead stopped Jewish immigration altogether. This inhumane decision at a time when the world was coming to grips with the atrocities that had happened to the Jews was a dark blot on the history of Great Britain

The Jewish Agency and Underground bought old ships in Europe and sought to smuggle Jews into Palestine. Some of the ships reached there safely but the British set up a blockade along the coast.

Refugees caught were escorted to Cyprus where they were interned in concentration camps. Tens of thousands of them having escaped the Nazi death camps now languished in prison camps for several years in the hands of the British. Some of the ships were rammed and sunk with terrible loss of life in sight of Palestine.

What irony that the nation which a brief 30 years previously had given the Jews the opportunity for a homeland were now the Jews main enemy. The Palestinian Jews were now forced to form an organized defence against the Arabs Palestinians thus was formed the Hagana which was the beginning of the Israeli Defence Forces [IDF] and was commanded by David Ben Gurion the first Prime Minister of Israel. There was also a Jewish underground called the Irgun led by Menachem Begin who became the Prime Minister of Israel.

Finally in 1947 the British had enough and turned the Palestine matter over to the United Nations. The 1947 U.N. Resolution 181 partition plan was to divide the remaining 25% of Palestine into a Jewish Palestinian State and a second Arab Palestinian State (Trans-Jordan being the first) based upon population concentrations. The Jewish Palestinians accepted, but the Arab Palestinians rejected. The Arabs still wanted all of Palestine both east and west of the Jordan River.

The decision to partition or not was for the United Nations to make. For partition a two thirds majority was needed. Tremendous pressure was exerted on all sides. When the UN vote was taken partition won by a slender two thirds majority.

It was November 1947. There was six months left for the British mandate to end. Those months were a period of intense activity and a build up of armaments not only in Palestine but in the surrounding Arab countries. The Jews were buying arms ready to airlift them in as soon as the British left.

On May 14, 1948 the "Palestinian" Jews finally declared their own State of Israel and became "Israelis." On the next day, seven neighbouring Arab armies Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Yemen invaded Israel. The Arabs announced that this will be a war of extermination.

Most of the Arabs living within the boundaries of the newly declared "Israel" were encouraged to leave by the invading Arab armies to facilitate the slaughter of the Jews and were promised to be given all Jewish property after the victorious Arab armies won the war.

As the war continued none of the western nations lifted a finger to help. The strongest voice raised in support for Israel was ironically that of the Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Israel's Air Force began with a small flying club plane. Her navy was a converted icebreaker with two 20 mm aircraft cannon which were disguised with paper mache to make them look like 6 inch guns. This single boat sent the Egyptian fleet into hasty retreat.

When the 19 month war ended, Israel survived despite a 1% loss of its entire population! Those Arabs who did not flee became today's Israeli-Arab citizens. Those who fled became the seeds of the first wave of "Palestinian Arab refugees."

The end result of the 1948-49 Israeli War of Independence was the creation of a Jewish State slightly larger than that which was proposed by the 1947 United Nations Resolution 181. What remained of that almost-created second Arab Palestinian State was annexed by Egypt occupying the Gaza Strip and by Trans-Jordan occupying Judea-Samaria or the "West Bank" of the Jordan River and Jerusalem.

In the years following 350,000 Jewish immigrants poured in from throughout the world, 35,000 came from Yemen, 130,000 from Iraq, 32,000 from Turkey, 20,000 from Czechoslovakia, 36,000 from Bulgaria, 7,000 from Yugoslavia, 28,000 from Poland, 35,000 from North Africa and even 5,000 from China.

In 1950 Trans-Jordan formally merged this West Bank territory into itself and granted all those "Palestinian" Arabs living there Jordanian citizenship. Since Trans-Jordan was then no longer confined to one side of the Jordan River, it renamed itself simply "Jordan." In the final analysis, the Arabs of Palestine ended up with nearly 85% of the original territory of Palestine called Jordan.

This was the situation when I drove from England to southern India in 1963-4. I was able to visit east Jerusalem and many historical sites. If I had entered Israel on a visa I would not be able to return to Jordan but would have to exit via Greece where my Israeli visa, attached, not to my passport but on a piece of paper, would have to be discarded before entering an Arab country such as Syria or Jordan again.

Even so with my surname I had enough trouble getting visas for the like of Syria! I had to prove that I was not a Jew or a follower of Judaism.

The next crisis was in 1956 when Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal and then denied Israel use of it. The Security Council passed a resolution confirming free passage through the canal for all nations without distinction.

Egypt ignored this resolution and at the same time placed heavy artillery in Sinai near Akaba where Israel had its southern port. Egypt was heavily armed and far superior to Israel but under the command of Moshe Dayan Israel captured the entire Sinai Peninsula as well as 6,000 Egyptian soldiers

Throughout much of May 1967, the Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian armies mobilized along Israel's narrow and seemingly indefensible borders in preparation for a massive invasion to eliminate the State of Israel. President Nasser of Egypt ordered the UN observers out of the buffer zone but before he could launch his invasion Israel executed a perfect pre-emptive strike against Egypt.

Within two hours the Egyptian Air Force did not exist with most of its planes destroyed while still on the runways! Unaware that the Egyptians had no more air force, King Hussein of Jordan, launched his attack from the West Bank into Israel while Syrian troops prepared to descend down the Golan Heights high ground into northern Israel.

After only six days of air, sea and hand-to-hand ground warfare, Israel defeated all three Arab armies along three separate fronts, taking control of the entire Sinai Desert from Egypt, the 60 km x 20 km Golan Heights from Syria and the West Bank including East Jerusalem and its Old City from Jordan.

Most importantly was the return to Israel of its holy 3,000 year old capital city of Jerusalem along the western edge of the West Bank.

Amid the clash of battle Jewish soldiers stood and wept at the western wall. After noon on the third day of the war as mopping up operations continued the chief Rabbi of the Israeli forces reached the wall and led his troops in prayer. Shortly afterwards the defence minister Moshe Dayan told Israel "We have returned to the most sacred of our shrines never to be parted again.

The Yom Kippur war of 1973 commenced as a surprise attack by Egypt and Syria. The involvement of the USSR and USA brought the world perilously close to a nuclear war. This war did not drastically change the Middle East situation but it did pave the way for an eventual peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Egypt regained the Suez Canal and oilfields. Subsequently the canal was cleared and reopened to shipping in 1975.

In 1977 American policy swung more behind the Arabs with President Carter stating that the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people must be recognised and that Israel must give up the occupied territories. It was quite clear that Israel has no intention of doing so with Prime Minister Menachem Begin referring to the west bank as Judea and Samaria and told supporters that it was not occupied but liberated territories.

The problems have escalated over recent years with 80 or so settlements being constructed in the disputed West Bank.

There has in recent years been a change in the composition of the peace keeping group from a world UN peacekeeper to as western peace keeper group made up of people from the King of the West including Australia.

RECENT UPDATES

2014 16th May For an increasing number of Jews throughout Europe, the threat of persecution, smouldering hatred, and growing anti-Semitism has them planning or at least considering immigration to Israel. As the violence escalates and the political uncertainty persists, Ukrainian Jews are weighing their options for the future.

"An Israeli agency reports that the immigration of Ukrainian Jews to Israel has increased 142% since last year amid rising concerns over anti-Semitic displays in the embattled Eastern European country.

Anti-Semitic violence is rising, including burnings of Synagogues and reported attempts to have Jews register with the state. Jewish community leaders in the port city of Odessa, Ukraine, say they have an evacuation plan in place should the situation further deteriorate.

Interestingly, some Christian agencies are spearheading the evacuation plans for the Ukrainian Jews.

25th June - Increasing numbers of French Jews are leaving for Israel, citing dim economic prospects and a sense of being caught between an increasingly influential far right and militant Islam. More than 5,000 are on track to leave this year, the most since after the Six-Day War in 1967.

Israel, seeing the influx as a success, is doubling down on its efforts to attract Europeans, planning to dedicate \$29 million over two years to bring in new immigrants. France has the world's third-largest Jewish population after Israel and the United States: about 500,000, according to rough estimates in a country that has outlawed any official documentation of a person's religion since the Holocaust.

Since World War II, France has redoubled efforts to make Jewish families feel welcome. But many say dramatic acts of anti-Semitism coupled with France's stagnant economy which includes a 25 percent youth unemployment rate, compared with 11 percent in Israel makes a hard choice easier.

TREND 30 - EXPORT OF FRUIT FROM ISRAEL

PROPHECY - Isaiah 27:6 "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit."

The Israelis started citrus fruit plantations not only for home consumption but also for the markets of Europe. Soon fruit had become one of the greatest exports of Israel. During the 1800 years of the dispersion of Israel the land had passed from hand to hand. Many of its conquerors were filled with hatred for the Jewish people and were determined to make an end to their land.

By the early 1980s Israel had hundreds of agricultural settlements. Citrus fruit growing had become a major business, with exports over \$110million per annum. Citrus fruit from Israel was on sale in many European countries as well as the United States. Israel was, therefore, starting to "fill the face of the world with fruit".

Israel, once a desolate desert, would blossom in the last days and export produce to the world. Israel's increased rainfall and world-renowned irrigation technology have caused the land to blossom.

Incredibly, as foretold, they currently export over \$800m worth of fresh produce each year, including over \$200m in flowers and ornamental plants.

The total export of agricultural fresh produce and processed food has almost doubled from \$1.2 billion in 2003 to \$2.4 billion in 2012.

TREND 31 - REAFFORESTATION OF ISRAEL

PROPHECY - Ezekiel 36:8,9 "But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. 9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown"

PROPHECY - Isaiah 41:19,20 “I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: 20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.”

When the Jews started returning to the land in the early Twentieth Century, it was a malaria-infested swamp land. The highlands were all completely denuded of the trees. There were only 15,000 trees left in all of Israel. Today Israel is the bread-basket of the Middle East and its forests have been replanted.

The mountains of Israel were deliberately denuded of trees due to the taxation policy of the Turks and as a result the land became eroded and barren. Once fertile valleys became malaria infested swamps. The rich pasture land of the Negev, where the Patriarchs grazed their vast flocks, became a desert.

Since the Jewish state has been founded millions of trees have been planted resulting in increased rainfall. Every week tree planting ceremonies take place in which tourists are invited to participate at \$3 a sapling and the results are significant for rainfall increase and retention of soil.

TREND 32 - INCREASED RAINFALL IN ISRAEL

PROPHECY – Hosea 6:3 “Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain on the earth.”

When Jesus commanded them to learn a parable from the fig tree, they must have had swirling in their minds the recent events of the parable and the cursed fig tree. The Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) background makes it clear that Jesus is likening Israel to the fig tree and just as the fig tree withered, so too would Israel soon be destroyed by the Romans.

Israel was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD and then again in 135 AD. After the second Jewish revolt they were warned not to return to Jerusalem upon the pain of death. They were then dispersed to the four corners of the earth without a home land for nearly 1900 years. Furthermore, the curse appears to apply to the land itself as well.

Rabbi Menachem Kohen of Brooklyn discovered that the land of Israel “suffered an unprecedented, severe and inexplicable (by anything other than supernatural explanations) drought that lasted from the first century until the 20th, a period of 1,800 years coinciding with the forced dispersion of the Jews.”

Journalist Joseph Farah, prompted by the research of Rabbi Kohen, later discovered that only after the Jews returned did the rain begin to come: For 1,800 years, it hardly ever rained in Israel.

Here the latter rain appears to be related to the second coming of Jesus Christ. By the tradition of the rabbis since the destruction of the temple in 70 AD, rainfall in Israel has been intermittent.

By the 1970's there was a significant increase in the rainfall in Israel, with an increase of 200mm or 8-inches in the hills and coastal areas since the 1950's.

Annual average rainfalls in Israel (in millimetres) are as follows:

LOCATION	1930-1960	1970-1980
Coastal Area	539	761
Hills Region	710	850
Jerusalem	480	750
Jordan Rift Valley	270	330
Dead Sea	47	90

TREND 33 - JEWISH EVANGELISM IN THE TRIBULATION

PROPHECY – Revelation 7:2-8 “And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. 5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. 7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. 8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.”

In **Revelation 7:5-8** there is a list of 144,000 Jewish evangelists who are appointed to undertake a world wide ministry for the Lord during the Tribulation. The Jews are stated to be from 12 of the 13 tribes with 12,000 from each tribe. Dan is not present in the list and is possibly not included as it was the tribe who led Israel into idolatry, although this is speculation and only at the time will people realise the significance.

The Jews, due to the dispersion, are in almost every country in the world and speak local languages. Not all of the Jews will return to Israel until the Lord calls them back at the Second Advent. They are therefore in a unique position to evangelise the world once they have been converted.

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2014 6th January - Christianity Experiencing Renaissance in Israel; Relationship between Christians and Jews mandated - The consul general of Israel in Los Angeles believes that Christianity is experiencing a rapidly growing renaissance in Israel. With that, he emphasized the biblical mandate that evangelical Christians and Jews have to be in a favourable relationship with one another. Pointing to the fact that both faiths have shared foundational values, Siegel noted that in many cases these values are "identical". We live in a world that we all understand is a world that needs to be repaired."

Siegel said he believes that Israel has been experiencing a growing Christian population as a result of persecution throughout the Middle East. "Today, Israel is also a safe haven for the Christians of the Middle East who are being systematically persecuted in all sorts of countries under this guise of this 'Arab Spring,'" he explained.

He pointed out that Christians are setting up bases of operation to continue empowering their communities throughout the Middle East through charitable organizations and use of radio. "So Christianity is experiencing a huge renaissance in Israel today, both in terms of the numbers of believers, prayer houses and sessions that take place throughout the country in a multitude of languages, but also the people on the ground that are working to save lives in the Middle East," he said. "Much of the blood, unfortunately, is that of Christians.

This is the plight of Christians in the Middle East and unfortunately we don't see that much attention put to it." Siegel told CP that "the evangelical community is probably Israel's closest friend in the world, not a fair weather friend, but a constant friend whether times are good or bad."

TREND 34 - PROTECTION FOR BELIEVERS IN JERUSALEM

PROPHECY – Matthew 24:15-21 “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:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

The abomination of desolation is the statue of the World dictator which is set up in the re-built temple of Jerusalem. This, like many biblical events, had a prototype which occurred when Antiochus Epiphanes set up a statue in the temple after he had murdered many of the Levitical priests in the second century BC.

In this passage God orders those in Jerusalem at the time the image is erected to flee to the mountains of Edom, Ammon and Moab, where they will be divinely sustained.

As soon as the statue is erected they are without delay to head out from Jerusalem. It is clearly shown here that God always protects believers but that it is only by obedience, in this case based upon a thorough knowledge of His Word so that correct decisions can be made under pressure (**1 Corinthians 10:13**).

It is of interest that the tourist road to Petra which accesses the area of protection was upgraded significantly in the late 1990's which will assist Jews fleeing from Jerusalem to gain access to these mountains.

In addition with the new map of the Middle East [if adopted] the southern section of Jordan is seen to be extended further south, this being the area into which the believers would run when the Abomination of Desolation is first observed.

TREND 35 - REVIVAL OF HEBREW

PROPHECY - Zephaniah 3:8,9 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. 9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

PROPHECY - Jeremiah 31:23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.

COMMENTS

One of the most unusual signs of the coming King is a revival of Hebrew. Hebrew was the language dating back from the time of Abraham and is one of the oldest languages of the world.

The Old Testament was written originally in Hebrew. With the Babylonian captivity and in the years following Hebrew usage declined, and the spoken language of Israel became Aramaic and Greek.

When Jerusalem was destroyed the Jews were scattered throughout the world and they generally adopted the language of the country they settled in. In Europe, two languages, Yiddish and Ladino, based on German and Spanish, evolved. By the 19th Century it was thought that Hebrew might become extinct.

However in 1888 a school was set up in Jerusalem where all the subjects were taught in Hebrew, and with the multiplicity of languages of those migrating to Israel, Hebrew became the natural choice for a national language. In order that Hebrew could be adopted to suit a modern state, the vocabulary was increased from 7700 words to some 30,000 words.

The Hebrew spoken today some 4000 years from Abraham is closer to the language of the Old Testament than today's English is to that of Chaucer's day. In fact a young girl speaking Hebrew today could converse with Moses. In contrast we would have great difficulty speaking with Chaucer who lived a mere 500 years ago.

The process of Hebrew's return to regular usage is unique; there are no other examples of a natural language without any native speakers subsequently acquiring several million such native speakers, and no other examples of a sacred language becoming a national language with millions of first language speakers.

In 1948, Hebrew became an official language of the state of Israel. Originally there was only one language as stated in Genesis 11:1 and this pure speech will be restored. Interestingly, Hebrew has no swear words.

RECENT UPDATES

2013 In May the World Zionist Organization, along with the Education Ministry and several other groups, announced “the establishment of a council dedicated to the promotion of the Hebrew language among Diaspora Jewry.” The council was established in the wake of a Pew Research Study revealing increasing intermarriage and waning religious identity among Jews. It is felt that the “pure language” can, as it did in the early days of the Zionist movement, unite the Jewish population.

Ultimately, the Jewish people will be united under the rule of Yeshua Hamashiach, Jesus Christ, the Anointed One of God. This was foretold 2500 years ago and revealed to the Hebrew prophets who recorded these promises for our day.

TREND 36 - DESERT TO BLOOM IN ISRAEL

PROPHECY - Isaiah 35:1 “The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.”

In the desert areas of the Negev, towns and agricultural villages are growing rapidly. The Jews have become known world-wide for their skills in converting desert areas back to useful production. The Israelis have nearly tripled their total cropland since 1948 by draining swamps, expanding irrigation, and ending soil erosion

TREND 37 - VINEYARDS TO BE REBUILT

PROPHECY - Amos 9:13-15 “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. 14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.”

In 1848, a rabbi in Jerusalem founded the first documented winery in modern times but its establishment was short lived. In 1870, the first Jewish agricultural college, Mikveh Israel, was founded and featured a course on viticulture.

The root of the modern Israeli wine industry can be traced to the late 19th century when the French Baron Edmond de Rothschild, owner of the Bordeaux estate Château Lafite-Rothschild, began importing French grape varieties and technical know how to the region. In 1882, he helped establish Carmel Winery with vineyards and wine production facilities near Haifa.

Nowadays Israeli wine is produced by hundreds of wineries, ranging in size from small boutique enterprises to large companies producing over ten million bottles per year. In 2011, Israeli wine exports totalled over \$26.7m. This prophecy has been well and truly fulfilled.

TREND 38 - REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

PROPHECY - Revelation 11:1,2 “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months”.

PROPHECY - Psalm 102:16 “When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory”.

The re-building of the temple in Jerusalem is a powerful sign of the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Whether one views Zion as Israel or the temple, this prophecy's literal fulfilment has greatly increased in likelihood over the last 45 years.

In 1948 Israel became a nation for the first time since 70 AD. Jerusalem, the site of the temple, was restored to Israel in 1967, becoming the biggest city in Israel in 1977. In 1981 Jerusalem was declared the capital of Israel.

Preparations for a new temple in Jerusalem have been proceeding for several years, with the plans already drawn. The major problem has been the assumption that the Dome of the Rock mosque was on the exact site of the temple and would have to be demolished, causing potentially huge inter religious strife.

However, in 1983, scientists from Jerusalem and the United States, using infra-red thermography, found that the actual temple site was 90 metres north of the Dome of the Rock **Psalms 48:2**. The Dome of the Rock would therefore be placed in the outer court of the temple complex. It is worthy of note that John in **Revelation 11:1, 2** was told not to measure that area.

Another interesting aspect of the discovery was that the slab of natural rock on which the Ark of the Covenant sat is protruding above the ground today, under a minor dome called the Dome of the Tablets.

There is therefore no major reason why the Temple, which is to be used in the Tribulation, cannot be built.

For the first time in 1900 years the nation Israel has access to the Temple site and the power to erect a Temple without insurmountable problems with Muslims.

It may well be part of the solution to the Middle East Crisis that the three monotheistic faiths, Christianity, Islam and Judaism will all be allowed to have a centre for worship on Temple Mount.

A rebuilt temple in Israel was anticipated as Jesus, Daniel, Paul, and John all refer to the temple in the last days. Therefore we know it must be rebuilt. Preparations by the Temple Institute are nearly complete! The texts are **Daniel 9:27, 12:11, Mark 13:14, 2 Thessalonians 2:4, Revelation 11:1-2**

RECENT UPDATES

2013 On March 14 the Jewish Press reported that there is a new call for something previously unthinkable. Sinem Tezyapar, a Muslim TV producer in Turkey, has called for the rebuilding of the "Prophet Solomon's" Temple.

She assures her fellow Muslims that they need not be nervous because: "There is a broad expanse of land around the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

The land there is quite convenient in that respect, and the Temple can be placed just a little way from Qubbat As-Sakhrah, and a little ahead of Masjid el-Aqsa." Unfortunately, the fact that she is a woman in the Muslim world makes the idea even less feasible.

However, this is not the first time this idea has come from the lips of a Muslim. According to an article in Word Net Daily, an influential Muslim leader by the name of Adnan Oktar in Turkey is described as making the same proposal, to rebuild the Jewish Temple, calling it the "Palace of Solomon."

If a significant Muslim leader would declare that Solomon's Temple should be rebuilt, then if the Muslim community would follow, it is likely the Jewish people would jump at the opportunity and be able to overcome whatever ceremonial obstacles also lie in the path.

This is very significant prophetically, because the Jewish Temple must be standing at the mid-point of the time period commonly known as the Tribulation.

July - An Israeli cabinet minister publicly stated that perhaps the time has come to rebuild the biblical Temple on Jerusalem's Temple Mount.

Most Israelis have no aspirations of rebuilding the Temple. Even among those who would like to see the Temple restored, most do not believe Israel can undertake something so controversial apart from a direct act of God.

But that didn't stop Housing and Construction Minister Uri Ariel (Jewish Home) from stating that "we need to build a real Temple on the Temple Mount." Ariel was speaking at a press event in the Samaritan community of Shilo, where archaeologists have uncovered remains of the biblical Tabernacle that was located there for hundreds of years before King David's conquest of Jerusalem.

A small but growing movement by Jewish activists demanding the right to pray at the site of their destroyed temple, in the heart of this disputed capital's Old City, is creating a potentially explosive clash with the Muslim world, which considers the spot holy and bans Jews from public worship there.

Each week, hundreds of Jews ascend the creaky wooden ramp built above the Western Wall and enter what is often called the most contested real estate on Earth. Many then embark upon a game of hide-and-seek with their police escorts, whispering forbidden prayers while pretending to talk into cellphones, and getting in quick but banned bows by dropping coins and then bending to pick them up.

Their proposals, long dismissed as extremist, are now being debated in the Israeli parliament and embraced by an expansionist wing in the ruling coalition government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

These political leaders, many in Netanyahu's party, want Israel to assert more, not less, control over the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Old City, including the place known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as Haram al-Sharif, or the Noble Sanctuary.

"We're looking for it to be divided between Jews and Muslims," said Aviad Visoli, chairman of the Temple Mount Organizations, which claims 27 groups under its umbrella. "Today, Jews realize the Western Wall is not enough. They want to go to the real thing."

In August an Army Radio expose revealed that Israel has been subsidizing non-profit organizations that advocate the building of the Third Temple atop Jerusalem's holiest site. Over the course of the last decade, the Education Ministry and the Culture and Sport Ministry have transferred between NIS 300,000 and 700,000 to a non-government organization known as The Temple Institute. Just last year, the group received NIS 282,000 from the Education Ministry and another NIS 134,000 from the Culture Ministry.

"The Temple Institute is dedicated to every aspect of the Biblical commandment to build the Holy Temple of God on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem," the group's website reads. "Our short-term goal is to rekindle the flame of the Holy Temple in the hearts of mankind through education. Our long-term goal is to do all in our limited power to bring about the building of the Holy Temple in our time."

Army Radio also discovered that aside from subsidies, the state also permits young women who opt to forgo compulsory military service to perform national service as unpaid tour guides and instructors with the institute. The women are also sent to schools and kindergartens around the country to speak about their experiences as well as the educational programs the institute has to offer.

- 2014 First Step to Rebuilding the Jewish Temple? - Rabbis Seek to Build Synagogue on the Temple Mount. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu received a letter this week, in April, from a group of rabbis from the National Religious camp, advocating for the construction of a synagogue on Israel's holiest site, the Temple Mount. Represented were a wide ranging group; signers included rabbis of conservative, liberal and Religious Zionist persuasions, as well as professors, educators and professionals.

"The Temple Mount is a unique place for prayer," the letter stated. "As Prime Minister, we ask you to do what is necessary to establish a place of prayer for Jews on the Temple Mount, in a respectable and peaceful manner, that will honour the holy place we all long for." The document was authored and delivered by the Amutat Yishai organization, which supports building a synagogue in a specific location on the Temple Mount that many rabbis agree Jews are permitted to ascend to. The letter advocates building a structure in that area where Jews can pray.

Another Step to Rebuilding the Temple - Holy of Holies Veil is being recreated. If the Jewish Temple is ever to be rebuilt in Jerusalem, the massive curtain, 66 feet high by 33 feet wide and 2 inches thick, that once hung in the Second Temple and was consumed by fire in A.D. 70, will need to be recreated.

That task is already underway in the Jewish community of Shiloh, located in biblical Samaria about 40 minutes north of Jerusalem, reports Israel Today. For more than two years women from the community have been working to assemble the materials and learn the techniques needed to weave the veil that will hang between, and separate, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies.

While the command given to Moses at Sinai – “You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen ... with an artistic design of cherubim” **Exodus 26:31** may have been clear to the people of Israel in the mid-15th century B.C., the techniques for weaving the required six-cord threads and the proper way to recreate the needed dyes are unknown today.

The veil project mirrors another that has been underway for four years, recreating the priestly garments needed for Temple worship. Some Jews who claim priestly lineage have already purchased the special clothing. The weavers of the veil see their work as a “holy activity” that hastens the time of Israel’s redemption.

In October it was announced that the Temple Institute Raises \$100k for Third Temple Plans. The Temple Institute’s “crowd funding” campaign to raise funds for the modern architectural plans for the Third Holy Temple in Jerusalem came to a close on Rosh Hashanah after surpassing its \$100,000 goal in 60 days.

The initiative began on the first day of the month of Av, when Jews commemorate the destruction of the ancient Holy Temples both of which were destroyed on the 8th of that month. Almost 900 pledges have come in from more than 30 countries worldwide.

Jews have prayed to rebuild the Temple, three times daily since its destruction by Roman Legions in 70 AD. The Temple Institute’s project to draw up architectural plans began three years ago with the Chamber of Hewn Stone, depicted in a video.

Jewish Temple Altar Rebuilt, Ready for Use The Temple Institute in Jerusalem has announced that it has finished building an altar suitable for the Temple service. The altar, which took several years to build, can be operational at little more than a moment’s notice, reported Matzav Haruach magazine. The Temple Institute is committed to preparing all the necessary clothing and tools for the rebuilt Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The altar is a central component to the Biblical sacrificial service. In fact, there were separate altars for the incense and for other sacrifices. The larger altar sat in the outer courtyard of the Tabernacle, and later the Temple. It was approximately five metres tall and 16 metres wide, with four “horns”, or raised corners, and a ramp.

According to the Bible, the altar may not be made out of stones hewn by metal implements. The altar prepared by the Temple Institute, under the direction of architect Rabbi Shmuel Balsam, follows this requirement. It is constructed instead from bricks fired at roughly 1,000 Celsius, to withstand the immense heat of the Temple’s eternal flame and the weight of the sacrificial animals. Its measurements conform to the interpretation of Maimonides.

What makes the altar so unique is that it can be disassembled and reassembled easily, allowing it to be transported quickly and efficiently from its current location, on display at the Institute, to the Temple Mount when the time comes. It was inaugurated in December 2014 and is now ready for use.

TREND 39 - TEMPLE SACRIFICES TO RESUME

PROPHECY - Daniel 9:27 “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate”

PROPHECY – Daniel 12:11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

As seen above the temple sacrifices would be reinstituted in Israel in the last days. Daniel foresaw the Antichrist ending the daily sacrifices.

Therefore, the Jewish sacrificial system must have first been restored in the last days. Currently, the Temple Institute has created the temple furniture, vessels, and priestly garments. There are also several hundred young Jewish men in training for the Levitical priesthood.

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2013 August, the Temple Institute, along with various other organizations tasked with the rebuilding the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, held a special practice drill in preparation for the reinstitution of the 'daily perpetual offering' recorded in the book of Leviticus. This is the first time such an event has taken place in over 1900 years, since the destruction of the Second Temple by the hands of the Romans in 70 AD. That evening, for the first time since the destruction of the Holy Temple, a historic practice drill of the daily Tamid offering was re-enacted by a group of contemporary kohanim [Levitical priests-in-training].

2014 An Israeli researcher says she has identified a nearly 2,000-year old textile that may contain a mysterious blue dye described in the Bible, one of the few remnants of the ancient colour ever found. Naama Sukenik of Israel's Antiquities Authority said Tuesday that recent examination of a small woollen textile discovered in the 1950s found that the textile was coloured with a dye from the *Murex trunculus*, a snail researchers believe was the source of the Biblical blue. Researchers and rabbis have long searched for the enigmatic colour, called tekhelet in Hebrew.

The Bible commands Jews to wear a blue fringe on their garments, but the dye was lost in antiquity. Sukenik examined the textile for a doctorate at Bar-Ilan University and published the finding at a Jerusalem conference Monday.

Attempted Animal Sacrifice on Temple Mount for Passover puts spotlight on desire for rebuilt Temple. An attempt to slaughter an animal for a Passover sacrifice atop the Temple Mount in Jerusalem has led to the arrest of eight Jews and brought the desire of many Jews for a rebuilt temple back into the spotlight. According to local media, eight Jews were taken into custody Monday as they ascended the mount, considered the holiest site in Judaism where two of God's temples once stood. They were carrying a goat and were reportedly seeking to slay the animal in accordance with biblical instructions.

"The sacrifice is supposed to take place on the Temple Mount, which is the site of the two former Holy Temples of Jerusalem but which today is occupied by the Islamic Al Aqsa Mosque complex," Israel National News reported. "By order of the Islamic Waqf authorities who administer the site, Jews are forbidden from praying or carrying out any other religious rituals on their holiest site, in what activists have repeatedly condemned as a capitulation by police to Muslim extremists."

The paper noted the Temple Organizations Headquarters, which represents several Jewish-rights groups, condemned the arrests as "a severe blow to freedom of religion, the Basic Law of Freedom of Worship, the holy places and the rule of law in Jerusalem." "The time has come to allow Jews to act as a free people in the State of Israel, without worrying about or surrendering to Islamist threats," the group continued, referring to threats of violence by Islamist groups if Jews are granted equal prayer rights on the Temple Mount.

Jewish Priests Train To Serve In Rebuilt Temple. Preparations toward the building in Jerusalem of the 3rd Jewish temple, together with the re-institution of the related ancient Jewish sacrifices, seem to have begun in earnest.

In a recent edition of U.S News and World Report, Yuval Avivi details the practices and processes that were expected to be launched as from 10th April 2014, in an article titled 'Israeli Institute Prepares Priests for Jerusalem's Third Temple'. The plan to rebuild the Jewish temple has significant implications with regards to end-time Bible prophecy, and as such is being viewed with interest primarily by Christians, Jews and Bible scholars, especially students of eschatology.

The timing of the gathering has been matched to the date on which the people of Israel were commanded to take a lamb and sacrifice it, before the Exodus from Egypt. Temple rites will entail slaughtering lambs, sprinkling their blood on the altar by priests dressed in kosher priestly garments and roasting the lambs with their heads, legs and innards, in the exact manner that God first prescribed to the Jewish people or 'children of Israel' at the first Passover.

Yuval explains that in the first stage, hundreds of Jews will gather at the Maimonides rabbinical institution plaza in the Kiryat Moshe neighbourhood in Jerusalem and start learning the Jewish laws of Passover. Rabbis and experts, including Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, the head of the Temple Institute in the Old City of Jerusalem, the leading body preparing for the establishment of the third temple, will teach the audience the laws of the Passover sacrifice.

Alongside Ariel, the ritual slaughterer (shoheit) Rabbi Yehudah Giatt will teach the audience about the unique elements of the slaughter of the Passover sacrifice. After the lessons, the real thing will start: the simulation of the Passover sacrifice.

The practice drill and re-enactment of the Passover sacrifice has been assigned to the students of the school for priests, Nezer Ha-kodesh, which started operating this year to train the hundreds of priests that would be needed to work at the third temple.

October - For the first time since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD a re-enactment of the famed Festival of the Water Libation was held during the Feast of Tabernacles [Festival of Sukkot] under the direction of the Temple Institute. Cohanim [men of priestly descent] dressed in priestly garments descended to the spring of Siloam and drew water in a special Temple vessel.

By the time the procession reached the old city of Jerusalem the group had swelled to over one thousand. This is one of two key ceremonies, the other being the kindling of lights and requires a huge golden lampstand set up in the Temple Compound.

In the Jewish tradition in the pouring of the water ceremony the priests came up from the pool of Siloam and marched up Temple Mount singing the Psalms of Ascent Psalms 120-134 as they ascended the fifteen steps into the Temple compound and the water was poured into a large laver.

The rabbis interpreted the pouring out of the water as a symbol of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the whole nation of Israel in the last days. The prophets predicted the day would come when the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon the whole nation Israel [see the Dry Bones prophecy].

December - First Pure Olive Oil Produced In 2000 Years' Says Temple Institute. The holiday of Hanukkah is known as the festival of lights, but in many respects it is also the festival of oil, specifically the olive oil used in Temple times to light the Temple menorah, which we commemorate by lighting hanukkiot, as well as feasting on festive treats such as doughnuts and latkes.

This year, the Temple Institute, an educational and activist group dedicated to preparing the vessels for a third Temple, has produced pure olive oil fit for use in the menorah of the Temple for what it says is the first time in 2,000 years.

The production of four and a half litres of the precious olive oil this year was an extremely complex process due to the necessity of keeping it pure according to Jewish law. In addition, the ceramic flasks also had to be made to conform to the standards of religious purity required for use in the Temple. The newly pressed olive oil will feature in a festive procession through the Old City of Jerusalem on the seventh night of Hanukkah on Monday from the Zion Gate to the Temple Institute's visitors centre.

2015 Historic Omer Barley Offering Held in Jerusalem. The Temple Institute held a re-enactment of new barley offering on same day it was performed in Holy Temple thousands of years ago. After re-enacting the historic Pesach (Passover) sacrifice offering on April 1st 2015, the Temple Institute together with Women on Behalf of the Holy Temple held another historic event, renewing the Omer harvest and offering of the new barley crop on Sunday.

The re-enactment of the offering and training session for kohanim priestly descendants was held on the 16th of Nisan in the Jewish calendar, the same day when the Omer offering was performed in the Holy Temple in ancient times. Offering the Omer is a commandment from the Torah, and was instituted to be held annually at the Temple.

It marks the first day of the fifty day countdown from Pesach up until the Shavuot holiday, which commemorates the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai in Biblical times. It was held as part of the Temple Institute's activities to prepare for renewed Temple service at the time of the Third Temple.

TREND 40 - SEARCH FOR THE RED HEIFER

PROPHECY - Numbers 19:2-9 “This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke: 3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: 4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times: 5 And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: 6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. 7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. 8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. 9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.

A red heifer without blemish must be born and sacrificed to purify the temple in Israel. During a March 2010 radio interview a Temple Institute representative claimed that there is now "definitely a kosher red heifer in Israel".

RECENT UPDATE

2014 19th August - Several months ago the Temple Institute was delighted to announce the birth of a perfect red heifer in the USA. This heifer was a proper and fitting candidate for the 'ordinance of the red heifer' (Numbers Chapter 19), which is a prerequisite for the restoration of purity and the ultimate resumption of the Divine service in the Holy Temple. The heifer was born to friends of the Temple Institute, who promptly notified the Institute and communicated their intentions to raise the animal in strict accordance with the requirements of Biblical law and ultimately, to donate the heifer to the people of Israel through the Institute.

The news of the red heifer's birth generated tremendous interest internationally and created palpable excitement for many who understood the historical and spiritual significance of the event and its propitious repercussions for Israel and all mankind.

The Temple Institute began to make preliminary arrangements for the shipment of the heifer to Israel, as well as provisions for the heifer's care upon arrival.

Unfortunately upon recent inspection it has become clear that Talia, as she is affectionately known, has become disqualified for use for the ordinance of the red heifer and is now unfit according to Biblical law.

This is on account of a change of pigmentation in a patch of skin, as well as the appearance of white hairs in the affected area. Changes of this nature are not uncommon occurrences in the bovine world as a heifer matures, a fact that contributes to the rarity of finding a perfectly pure, kosher red heifer.

TREND 41 - ANCIENT CITIES REBUILT

PROPHECY - Amos 9:14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

PROPHECY - Ezekiel 36:33-38 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. 34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. 35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. 36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it. 37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. 38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

One of the features of the nation of Israel since its founding in modern times in 1948, has been the aggressive development of areas under its control. This not only has consisted of re-afforestation, agriculture and fruit growing, but to the development and expansion of many settlements throughout the land. With the migration of the Jews, whose numbers expanded from 10,000 Jewish inhabitants in 1870 to some three million in 1980 and 7.7 million 30 years later, "the waste cities shall be filled with flocks of men".

TREND 42 - TIME OF THE GENTILES

PROPHECY - Luke 21:24 "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentles, until the times of the Gentles be fulfilled."

The times of the Gentiles should be dated from the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC. With that act the Jews were banned from the Jerusalem area and it thus came under Gentile rule. Various groups, including the Romans, Arabs, Crusaders, Turks and finally the British, controlled the area and it wasn't until the Balfour Declaration of 1917 that the first definitive signs of the end of the times of the Gentiles appeared.

The sign that the times of the Gentiles were terminating was further progressed by the establishment of the State of Israel in May 1948, the taking of Jerusalem in 1967, and its proclamation as the capital city of the Jewish State. The times of the Gentiles have lasted over 1900 years to date and will finally terminate with the return of the King of the Jews, the Lord Jesus Christ, at His Second Advent.

TREND 43 - PEACE TREATIES

PROPHECY - 1 Thessalonians 5:3 "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

There would be a global cry for peace. Never has there been such a concerted, global effort to bring about peace at any cost as there is today. In the last days Israel would have a peace treaty in place that the Antichrist will confirm and eventually break as shown in **Daniel 9:27**. Currently the world's governments are striving for an Israeli peace treaty.

The Antichrist would use a false peace to destroy many as shown in **Daniel 8:23-25**. "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. 25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

With all the problems facing mankind, multitudes are looking for a saviour to usher in peace and prosperity without moral accountability. The Antichrist will promise the world and Israel such a peace if they follow him but his intentions will be sinister.

RECENT UPDATES

2013 In May the arrest of the Jerusalem Mufti for throwing chairs at Jews on the Temple Mount prompted the Jordanian parliament on Wednesday to demand that King Abdullah expel the Israeli envoy. The legislators also called to start a draft for a law to scrap the peace treaty with Israel. Police arrested an Arab from entering the Temple Mount, and an enraged Grand Mufti and other Arabs began throwing plastic chairs at five Jews who entered the Temple Mount under police escort.

May It was reported that the administration of President Barack Obama has been recruiting Arab states to support a U.S. drive for a Palestinian state in 2014.

Officials said the White House and State Department have been lobbying Arab allies of Washington, to support a peace deal with Israel that would enable the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank.

They said the Arab states were urged to move away from their traditional demand of a total Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem. "We believe that with active Arab support, a peace initiative between Israel and the Palestinians would have a much greater chance of seeing results over the next year," an official said.

Qatar, which hosts Hamas headquarters, said it was ready to approve a peace deal that would include minor land swaps between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Qatari Prime Minister Hamad Bin Jasssem Al Thani, who spoke in Washington, said this position was shared by the rest of the Arab League. "The Arab League delegation understands that peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis is starting [and] is a strategic choice for the Arab states," Hamad said.

"The Arab League delegation affirmed that agreement should be based on the two-state solution on the basis of the 4th of June 1967 lines, with the possible of comparable and mutual agreed minor swap of the land."

- 2014** The EU threatens to punish Israel if the Palestinian peace talks fail. Presently the EU gives over \$400 million aid to the Palestinian Authority. In 16th December 2013 they said that they were ready to provide both sides "unprecedented financial, political and security assistance and a significant upgrade in ties if the two made a peace agreement. This could represent a prototype of the treaty between the Antichrist and Israel which will mark the official commencement of Daniel's 70th week.

Israel and Saudi Arabia: Unlikely Allies. Media outlets have been speculating about the emerging alliance between Israel and Saudi Arabia. The International Business Time, quoted London's Sunday Times as saying that "Israel and Saudi Arabia were working together to bring down Iran's nuclear activities." Clearly, having a mutual interest in stopping the threat of a hegemonic and nuclear Iran has made the two unlikely allies.

Saudi and Israeli interests have converged more than once before. First, during the Yemen War, Egypt's dictator Gamal Abdul Nasser sought to sustain the revolutionary republican Yemeni officers who brought down the Hamiduddin dynasty. In the mountains of north and east Yemen, Imam Mohammad al Badr and his royalist insurgent army fought back.

In the five-year war (1962-1967) in which the Egyptians committed 70,000 troops (it became Nasser's Vietnam), the Saudi's and Israelis, fearful of Nasser's hegemonic ambitions, helped the royalist forces. Bruce Riedel of the Brookings Institute wrote: "To get more arms to the royalists, the Saudis and their mercenaries turned to another enemy of the Egyptian dictator, Israel.

In early 1964, the Israeli intelligence service, the Mossad, made arrangements for the Israeli Air Force to begin flying clandestine supply missions down the Red Sea from Israel to parachute weapons to the royalists. The mission was approved by the senior leadership in Israel, and the flights were code-named Operation Leopard."

In the years 1964 through 1966, the Israelis flew more than a dozen resupply flights to aid the royalists. In 1991, during the First Gulf War, Saddam Hussein launched Scud missiles at both Israel and Saudi Arabia, and the two countries found themselves again on the same side. In the 1990s, Saudi Arabia accepted the permanence of Israel's position in the Middle East by agreeing to support the Madrid and Oslo peace processes.

Now, in the wake of the recent P5+1 Geneva interim agreement with Iran over Tehran's nuclear program, Saudi Arabian and Israeli interests have found common ground once more. Both nations are critical of the Obama administration's handling of Iran. Iran is using the ISIS crisis to expand its power.

TREND 44 - ATTACK ON JERUSALEM

PROPHECY - Zechariah 14:1-9 "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of

Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. 6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: 7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. 8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

In the history of Jerusalem there have been many sieges. The Jebusites held Jerusalem for many centuries. It was the only part of the Promised Land that was not conquered by Joshua. It was left to David many years later to conquer this stronghold.

Two of the major dates involve the fall of Jerusalem, 586 BC and 70 AD with Nebuchadnezzar taking the southern Kingdom of Judah into captivity in Babylon in the first occasion while the Romans dispersed the Jews on the second.

There will be a third siege of Jerusalem which will not be successful. That will be at the end of the Tribulation. This is the occasion which is dealt with in this chapter.

One phrase that is repeated a number of times in this and subsequent sections is "in that day". When the Jews give an account of something they give a summary account and then subsequently go back and give additional details.

To ensure that the relevant sections of the passage are tied together the phrase "in that day" is used. In this chapter verses 1 and 2 are the introduction to the subject and verses 3,4,6,8 and 9 are five sections which amplify it.

The fulfilment of this prophecy therefore should not be confused with the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. In this prophecy, the time of the prophecy is linked with the day of the Lord, a term used for the Tribulation, Second Advent and sometimes the Millennium.

In addition the city is not completely taken and the Lord fights against the nations **Revelation 19:11-21**. The attack on Jerusalem represents the final period before and during the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

RECENT UPDATES

2014 Israel and Hizb'ullah – Israel is preparing for a powerful and conclusive attack on this most dangerous terrorist group to seek to destroy thousands of missiles. Israel and Palestinians - The current Kerry peace plan is biased and could lead to a fulfilment of **Zechariah 12:6** rather than peace.

23rd April - Hamas and Fatah have signed another pact to unite them in a unity government within 5 weeks with elections to be held within six months. On 2nd June the Palestinian parties Fatah and Hamas have now formed a unity government. The ministers were sworn in along with a new Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah.

PA chief Mahmoud Abbas [PLO] has issued instructions to members of the international media urging them to stop using the term "Temple Mount" and to instead refer to the holy site as "the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound" or "Noble Sanctuary".

4th July - Iraq Invaders Threaten Nuke Attack On Israel - The well-organized army of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, claims it has access to nuclear weapons and a will to use them to "liberate" Palestine from Israel as part of its "Islamic Spring."

Franklin Lamb, an international lawyer based in Beirut and Damascus, said the move is part of the ISIS aim of creating a caliphate under strict Islamic law, stretching from the Mediterranean Sea to Iraq. Lamb, who has access to ISIS fighters and sympathizers, said ISIS has been working with a "new specialized" unit organized at the beginning of 2013 to focus "exclusively on destroying the Zionist regime occupying Palestine."

TREND 45 - LAYOUT OF JERUSALEM

PROPHECY - Jeremiah 31:38-40 “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner. 39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill of Gareb, and shall compass about to Goah. 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the Lord; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.”

PROPHECY - Zechariah 14:10 “All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's wine presses.”

"Jerusalem will encompass the Tower of Hananeel - Gate of the Corner - Gareb - Hill Goah - Valley of dead bodies - Ashes - Fields - Brook Kidron - Horse Gate."

A study of the expansion of Jerusalem reveals that it has expanded point by point in close relation to the prophecy of **Jeremiah 31:38-40**, most of the expansion being undertaken since 1900.

With the return of the Jews to Israel this prophecy of Jeremiah could be considered to be fulfilled.

TREND 46 - THE EASTERN GATE TO JERUSALEM REMAINS SEALED

PROPHECY - Ezekiel 44:1-3 “Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. 2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. 3 It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.”

The Eastern Gate would remain closed until the Messiah returns. At Christ's Second Coming, He will enter Jerusalem through the now sealed Eastern Gate.

Today, as prophesied, the Eastern Gate remains sealed. The Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent sealed off the Golden Gate in 1541. While this may have been purely for defensive reasons, in Jewish tradition, this is the gate through which the Messiah will enter Jerusalem and it is suggested that Suleiman the Magnificent sealed off the Golden Gate to prevent the Messiah's entrance.

The Muslims also built a cemetery in front of the gate, in the belief that the precursor to the Messiah, Elijah, would not be able to pass through the Golden Gate and thus the Messiah would not come.

This belief was based upon two premises. First, according to Islamic teaching Elijah is a descendant of Aaron, making him a priest. Secondly, Jewish priests are not permitted to enter a cemetery. This second premise is not wholly correct because a priest is permitted to enter a cemetery in which primarily non-Jews are buried such as the one outside the Golden Gate.

The earthquakes described in **Revelation 16:17-20** make clear that the walls will fall down burying the cemetery anyway – the Lord will enter through the open gateway – that his judgments have shaken open.

TREND 47 - JERUSALEM REBUILT ON ITS OWN RUINS

PROPHECY - Jeremiah 30:18 “Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.”

PROPHECY - Zechariah 12:6 “In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.”

Jerusalem would be rebuilt on its own ruins. Since 1948, Jerusalem has been rebuilt on the old ruins exactly as foretold. This could be considered as a fulfilled prophecy.

TREND 48 - ISRAEL WILL DWELL WITHOUT WALLS

PROPHECY - Ezekiel 38: 8 “After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. **9** Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. **10** Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: **11** And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates”

Israel would dwell without walls prior to the invasion from the north. As foretold, Israel now dwells "without walls" or bars or gates.

Until 1900, most Middle East cities and villages were fortified. Yet modern weaponry can "ascend...covering the land like a cloud" making these barriers obsolete.

TREND 49 - RETURN TO ISRAEL

PROPHECY - Isaiah 11:12 “And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”

PROPHECY - Romans 11:26,27 “And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: **27** For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.”

PROPHECY - Ezekiel 36:24 “For I will take you from among the heathen, and will gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.”

These prophecies are only fulfilled in their entirety when the Lord Jesus Christ comes to reign over Israel in fulfilment of the Davidic covenant. However, in the time preceding the second advent of Christ, there would be expected to be an increase in the number of Jews in the land.

The increase over the last 110 years has been dramatic with 13.5 fold increase in Jews in the Promised Land over the period 1900 to 2010 and a doubling of the Jewish population in the 40 years from 1970.

REGION	1900	1942	1970	2010
AFRICA	370,000	594,000	195,000	76,000
AMERICAS	1,550,000	4,800,000	6,200,000	6,040,000
ASIA	350,000	780,000	2,940,000	5,740,000
EUROPE	8,980,000	9,240,000	3,230,000	1,460,000
OCEANIA	17,000	27,000	70,000	115,000
ISRAEL	40,000	400,000	2,580,000	5,420,000

In 2010 we see over 40% of the world's Jewry living in Israel compared with 2.5% some 70 years earlier.

However there still remain many Jews world-wide living in countries outside Israel: the majority being in the United States. This widespread group, it appears, will in many cases stay in their adopted countries, speaking the languages of the Gentiles, to fulfil the mass evangelism portrayed in **Revelation 7.6**.

It is of interest that the Jews were told of the good news in Gentile languages immediately after the first advent of the Lord Jesus Christ at Pentecost **Acts 2:5-12**.

Through the sealed 144,000 Jews God will now bring world-wide the good news to the Gentiles in their own languages immediately prior to the second advent of the Lord.

These Jews will be evangelists in every country of the world. Here, because of the dispersion, they will give the gospel in many languages. The ability in the first case at Pentecost in 32 AD was miraculous, whilst in the second case it is likely, while divinely planned, to be largely based on a learnt language.

TWO WORLDWIDE REGATHERINGS OF ISRAEL

The Bible states that there are going to be two worldwide gatherings of the Jewish people. The first is a worldwide regathering in unbelief in preparation for judgment, specifically the judgment of the Tribulation. The second will be the worldwide regathering in faith in preparation for blessing, specifically in the Millennium. This two stage sequence is well illustrated in the Dry Bones passage of **Ezekiel 37: 1-13**.

From the above data we note that since World War II we have seen the first regathering taking place with Israel becoming strong but not accepting in large numbers Jesus Christ as the Messiah. It is physical but not spiritual. In the future there will be a spiritual revival in Israel which will result in the return of the Messiah and the Second world wide regathering of the Jews.

TREND UPDATE FOR 2014

A Record Breaking Year for Immigration Although Israel faced another war and tensions rose in Jerusalem, 2014 was a record-breaking year in terms of aliyah (immigration) statistics. According to the end-of-year figures released on Wednesday by the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, aliyah hit a 10-year high in 2014 with the arrival of about 26,500 fresh immigrants. The year 2014 saw a 32% increase in immigrants, compared to the approximately 20,000 immigrants that made aliyah to Israel in 2013.

For the first time in Israel's history, France has topped the list of countries of origin for immigrants to Israel as 7,000 new immigrants from France arrived in Israel in 2014, more than twice as much as the 3,400 French immigrants who arrived last year. Furthermore, about 5,840 new immigrants came to Israel from Ukraine, compared to 2,020 in 2013. The 190% immigration increase was primarily due to the ongoing instability in the eastern part of Ukraine.

Jewish Agency Chairman Natan Sharansky said, "2014 was a year of record-breaking aliyah. This year also saw a historic shift: For the first time in Israel's history, the number of immigrants who came to Israel from the free world is greater than that of immigrants fleeing the countries in distress. "This trend is evidence of Israel's attractiveness as a place where it's good to live, as well as of the success of our joint efforts to promote aliyah and strengthen connections between Jews around the world and the State of Israel." Minister of Immigrant Absorption Sofa Landver said: "We expect that some 10,000 new immigrants will come from France alone next year, and we will surpass 30,000 immigrants from around the world – and even more."

TREND 50 - RETURN OF THE ETHIOPIAN JEWS TO ISRAEL

Zephaniah 3:10-11 "From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. 11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain."

In 1984, Operation Moses saw the airlift of 15,000 Ethiopian Jews who had already fled to refugee camps in Sudan to escape starvation. In 1991, Operation Solomon flew 20,000 Jews to Israel from Ethiopia itself. A further airlift began in June of 1999, aimed at transporting the last 8,000 members of the Quara Jewish community from north eastern Ethiopia to Israel.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRENDS REGARDING ISRAEL 1978 – 2012

1978 - In May Israel celebrated its 30th birthday which is an age of maturity in the Jewish tradition.

1979 – 30,000 Jews left the USSR in 1978 making 175,000 who have left from there since the 1960's

On 28th March 1979 – The Israeli and Egyptian peace treaty was signed in the United States. The United States promises Israel diplomatic, economic and military protection as necessary. Here we have the current leader of the western confederacy guaranteeing the integrity of Israel. This is what happens also in the Tribulation.

5th November 1979 – The PLO stated that it might recognise Israel which could further consolidate the feeling of peace in the area.

1981 - It was reported in "The Jerusalem Post" of November 22 1981 that the original Ark of the Covenant had been found in a cave at Pisgah, Mt Nebo.

Jerusalem declared capital of Israel with its boundaries extended to comply with prophecy in Jeremiah.

1984 - Oil has been discovered in the "toe of Asher". It is as such a depth that it could prove to be the central source of Middle East oil. Asher was promised "the fatness of the earth" in Isaac's blessing Genesis 27:39. In the Hebrew fatness is said to mean oil.

1985 - A special school is operating in Israel to train young Levites in the ritual of sacrifices.

3000 Ethiopian Jews from Sudan are airlifted to Israel in "Operation Moses". They are traditionally considered to be from the tribe of Dan

1986 - Israel has been producing nuclear warheads for the past 20 years and become one of the world's leading nuclear powers The Sunday Times of London reported based on evidence given by Mordechai Vanunu a 31 year old Israeli technician who had worked in this area for nearly ten years. Now it has almost certainly begun manufacturing thermonuclear weapons capable of destroying complete cities continued the report.

The Israeli Ministry of Absorption is sending a representative to South Africa to meet Jews interested in coming to Israel as part of a plan to encourage the 15,000 Israelis to return. To date some 200 have done so.

1987 – Thousand of Jews on October 12 packed the plaza in front of the sacred wailing wall to observe a biblical prayer ceremony for the first time in almost 2000 years. The ceremony known as Hakhel was celebrated every seventh year during the Succoth festival until the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD

The Palestinian Liberation Organisation [PLO] initiated a new type of war an Intifada, a violent uprising, against Israeli administration in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

1988 - Since the start of the 20th century the Jewish National Fund claims to have planted 170 million trees in Israel. A large number of nature reserves have been established. The aim is to make the cities of this land as green as possible. This has been quite a challenge due to the general lack of fresh water.

In April the second Christian Zionist Congress was held in Jerusalem. The purpose of the Congress is to encourage those who love Zion to express love and commitment. The first congress was held in Basel Switzerland in 1985

1990 – The PLO sided with Saddam Hussein in the attack on Kuwait and in his bid to attack Israel. The war ended with disastrous results for both Iraq and the PLO. As the PLO had backed a loser their previous Arab financial supporters cut them off.

In November Israel and Ethiopia reached an agreement to allow all Ethiopian Jews the opportunity to leave if they wished.

1991 - Operation Solomon involved government approval for El Al, the Israeli airline to fly on the Sabbath. Commencing on May 24th and continuing non stop for the next 36 hours 36 El Al Jumbo jets and Hercules C 130's brought a further 14,324 Ethiopian Jews home to Israel.

In August the Italian Foreign Minister offered Israel integration with the European Community in 1993 if it made concessions for peace in the Middle East.

In fulfilment of the Fig Tree prophecy the strength of nations in the UN has risen by seven states to 166. These include the three Baltic States as well as South and North Korea, Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

- 1993 - The Jewish Agency has reported that over 90,000 new Jewish immigrants mostly from the former Soviet Union arrived in Israel during the first nine months of this year

The Vatican and Israel recognise each other after 2000 years of hostility in Christian Jewish relations.

The recognition is expected to make it easier for Pope John Paul II to accept standing invitations by Israeli government and Jewish religious leaders to visit the Holy Land.

- 1994 – Israel recognises Jordan's custodianship of the Islamic Shrines in Jerusalem and it also signs a peace accord with Jordan.

- 1995 – A UN resolution in November condemning Israel's occupation of a united Jerusalem was passed by 133 countries. 13 nations abstained with Israel casting the only vote against it.

Also in November Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated in an attempt to torpedo the peace process.

- 1996 – Israel is now one of the world's top three powers for information technology. Elron Industries is one of Israel's highly successful electronic companies which in 1994 generated more than \$1 billion in sales of advanced semi conductors software and information technology. Israel has the highest proportion of scientists and engineers in any country in the world.

- 1999 - Operation Exodus, a Christian organisation, sought to help Jews from the former Soviet Union. Currently they were hoping to assist 3,300 Jews from Turkmenistan and 1500 from Kyrgyzstan to migrate to Israel.

- 2000 - Last year Israeli flower exports reached an unprecedented peak of 1.5 billion flowers. The leading flower export is roses, carnations and gypsophila. Ninety percent of the flowers go to Holland and Germany. **Isaiah 35:1**

- 2002 - On August 11th Israel's Interior Security Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said that Temple Mount would be re-opened to Jewish and Christian visitors next week, with or without the agreement of the Islamic Wakf [religious administration]. On the 21st several hundred Jewish and Christian visitors toured the site without any reports of violence.

In desperation to defend itself from terrorists Israel started building a wall of separation. Palestinian officials and Human rights groups have also been organising tours for foreign diplomats to the west bank to explain the dangers of the wall

- 2003 - For the first time in 2000 years Israel has the largest Jewish community in the world with 5.4 million Jews living in Israel compared to 5.2 million in the US

Shimon Peres the head of Israel's opposition Labour Party has suggested resolving the Israeli – Palestinian conflict by putting the holy sites under UN stewardship.

He called for the declaring of a holy area which is sacred to Christians, Jews and Muslims in Jerusalem's Old walled City as a world city with the UN Secretary General as mayor.

- 2004 - In October a group of 71 rabbis and scholars formed themselves into a new body and called themselves the Sanhedrin. Although not considered legitimate by the secular government the Sanhedrin will have significant backing from the Orthodox and religious communities. Leading rabbis maintain that only a properly ordained Sanhedrin can authenticate the Messiah when he comes.

Israel has unveiled a \$60 million plan to build homes for thousands of new settlers on the occupied Golan Heights. They say that the population will rise by 50% over the next 3 years to strengthen Israel's grip on the land seized from Syria during the 1967 war. The Golan Heights has important water resources and provides Israel with a third of its water needs.

There are one million Russian Jews in Israel causing the Russian language to be ranked with English and Arabic just behind Hebrew. It is known that many of them are Christians.

There could be reservoirs of 980 million barrels of oil at the Meged 4 well east of Kfar Sava, exploration company Givot Olam says while announcing the findings of geological studies.

Based on information whistleblower Mordecai Vanunu gave in 1986 experts conclude that Israel has the sixth largest arsenal of nuclear weapons in the world

- 2007 - In January a report in the Sunday Times reported that the Israel Air Force was preparing to carry out a nuclear attack on Iranian's nuclear plants. IAF pilots have been carrying out special training in Gibraltar and three flight paths to the target sites in Iran have already been mapped out.

A radical member of Israel's Sanhedrin says sacrifices should be renewed on the Temple Mount. "When the people of Israel were in the Diaspora, sacrifices were not possible, but now they are"

- 2009 Hamas undeterred after the 22 day war with Israel is building up its arsenal and command structure. Hamas and Hezbollah likely to cause more difficulties for Israel. Israel warned Hezbollah and Syria that they would be attacked if they supported Hamas in Gaza war

King Abdullah of Jordan says that Israel faces all out war within 18 months if it does not come to terms with the Arab world and allow the establishment of a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem.

The Palestinian Authority considering transferring their jurisdiction over the Temple Mount in Jerusalem to the 57 country Saudi based Islamic Conference Organisation based on an Israeli agreement to the status of Iran.

The Temple Institute in Jerusalem have announced the completion of a model of the biblical altar which God, through Moses, commanded the nation of Israel to build at the Mount of Eval (Ebal) overlooking Shechem: (Deuteronomy 27:5,6). For many years, the Institute has been examining ways of building a model of the altar from whole stones that had not been touched by iron tools.

The Temple Institute, the organization that has tasked itself with preparing for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple, has filed a petition with the Supreme Court of Israel calling for the right for Jews to perform animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount.

The Temple Institute has announced the completion of the manufacture of two golden sensors which are to be used by the priests in the soon to be constructed Temple. The Temple Institute has tasked itself with rebuilding the Jewish Temple and has constructed many of the instruments needed for it to function

Mainstream orthodox rabbis have opposed attempts to rebuild the Temple since it came under Israel's control in 1967. However several grassroots groups such as the Movement to Restore the Temple and the Temple Institute have called for the rebuilding of the Temple and the restoration of sacrifices on Temple Mount.

For the first time about two thirds of all Israeli's want to have a rebuilt temple. The Temple Institute is building the altar for the Temple. It will be of minimum size so that it can be easily transported to the site on Temple Mount. Many of the other temple items have been completed including the Menorah or seven stemmed lamp.

- 2010 The action of media, the UN, Europe and others demonises Israel with biased reporting against Israel. Ships from Iran and Turkey threaten to force the embargo of sea access to Gaza. The fact that Egypt had also offered its port to the "aid shipment" was dropped from news bulletins.

The Rabbinical Council of Judea and Samaria issued a statement in which it said that the results of the incident in which Israel intercepted a flotilla trying to break the naval blockade of Gaza seem like the Biblical description of "the beginning of the Gog and Magog process where the world is against us, but which ends with the third and final redemption."

Vatican Condemns Christian Fundamentalists Unwavering Support Of Israel. In "The Catholic Church in the Middle East: Communion and Witness, it states "The Israeli occupation of Palestinian Territories is creating difficulties in everyday life, inhibiting freedom of movement, the economy and religious life.

Moreover, certain Christian fundamentalist theologies use Sacred Scripture to justify Israel's occupation of Palestine. Many Evangelical Christians, especially Americans, have thrown their total and unwavering support behind the Jewish state in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.'

Israeli Gas and Oil find could change Israel's geopolitical standing in the world. Thanks to the discovery of a vast oil and gas deposit off its coast Israel will become a player in the global energy market, and will potentially supply energy to many other countries. It may also provide the hooks to drag invading armies in towards Israel [Ezekiel 38:4ff]

The Temple Institute In Jerusalem has spent approximately 27 million dollars on preparations for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple . The Temple Mount Institute has filed suit in its fight for the right to sacrifice a sheep on the Temple Mount prior to Passover, as commanded in the Torah.

The command to perform a Paschal [Passover] sacrifice is a positive commandment; the punishment for failing to perform it is 'karet' [lit. -- 'cut off', meaning that a person is cut off from the Nation of Israel], and it can be performed only on the day before Passover and only on the Temple Mount," the organization explained in a petition to the Supreme Court.

Fighting the group's request are the Israel Police, who argue that the sacrifice would lead to Muslim riots and thus threaten public safety. Jews have the right to offer animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount under Israeli law, the organization claimed. Israelis are guaranteed the right to freedom of worship, and Israel prides itself in allowing members of all faiths to access their holy sites.

In previous years, the court has ruled that the right to freedom of worship is outweighed by the consideration of public safety, and has forbidden the Paschal sacrifice.

Israel's population to be greater than the Diaspora for the first time in 2000 years

Israel's Messianic Jewish population estimated at 15,000, 42% of Jews are secular

Immigration to Israel on the increase with 19,000 Jews moving to Israel in 2010

New survey indicates large oil field buried under Negev sand. Could the oil and gas riches be the spoil mentioned in Ezekiel?

October - Religious rabbis flock to Temple Mount

The 3 D revolution: Breakthrough means holographic images can be seen without special glasses bringing worship of the Antichrist's image universally possible

Israel incensed as UN demands Rachel's Tomb be removed from the National Heritage and declares it a mosque

Foreshadowing of Daniel 9:27 the US wants a Middle East agreement in a year but implemented over ten.

Israel attacks flotilla of activists trying to lift the blockade on Gaza. Relations between Israel and Turkey deteriorate as a result. 10,000 rally in Istanbul, Israel will drown in our blood

2011 In February the Temple Institute reveals the first blueprints of a portion of the Third Temple

Rabbi calls for resumption of Passover sacrifice on Temple Mount

Descendants of Aaron recite priestly blessings on Temple Mount for the first time in modern history

Rebuilding of the Temple discussed at Holy Temple Conference in Jerusalem

IDF deputy chief says that Israel need faith in God rather than in tanks and sees the current Arab unrest as being ordained from above

Israel concerned about peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan in light of the "Arab Spring"

Lebanon PM: New government to liberate land under occupation of 'Israeli enemy'

Saudi official warns American veto of Palestinian state will 'end special relationship' and make the US 'toxic' in the Arab world

2012 After suffering hundreds of rocket attacks from Gaza over several weeks open conflict occurred for 8 days over the period 14-21 November.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS ON ISRAEL

We should look for Israel to continue to be threatened but to be supported by a western group with perhaps a mutual defence pact. Perhaps we will see a temple built.

It is concluded that the presence of Israel and a significant number of Jews in the land is a critical element to lead to the Battle of Armageddon. Not only do we have Israel but we need now to address the other elements, the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western power blocks.

Returning Jews would come from the north, south, east, and west. Amazingly, nearly a million Jews have emigrated from Russia in the north. Over 100,000 Ethiopian Jews have emigrated from the south. Since 1948, Jews have emigrated from Europe, Asia, the Americas, everywhere!

POLITICAL TRENDS

What are the political signs necessary for the tribulation to occur? In essence there must be four spheres of influence; and a significant number of Jews in Israel.

The four spheres of influence are designated in the scriptures as the Kings of the North, South, East and West. In today's terms the King of the North is represented by the Russian bloc and its allies; the King of the South by a pan Arabic or African group; the King of the East by Communist China, India and Japan; and the King of the West by Western Europe and North America.

A significant number of Jews need to be in the land during the tribulation period, but not all Jews as shown in the 144,000 Jewish evangelists from Revelation 7 who have a world-wide ministry during these troubled seven years.

Every one of the four spheres of influence however focus on Israel with their actions eventually concluding in the Armageddon campaign. An outline of this campaign will form the basis of this section

KING OF THE NORTH

TREND 51 - ALIGNMENT OF THE NORTHERN BLOC

PROPHECY - Ezekiel 38:1-9 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: 6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. 7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. 8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. 9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

It should be noted that the above passage does not relate the Northern group to the battle of Armageddon which post dates this invasion by the northern group. However if we are in the years just prior to the Armageddon campaign the King of the North is headed up by the Russia.

In the **Ezekiel 38,39** passage the Northern group attacks Israel in a huge invasion and it is only the intervention of God which repels this army on the mountains of Israel and causes the turning of Israel to belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and a spiritual awakening in which the 144,000 Jewish witnesses of Revelation 7 and 14 commence their ministries.

The northern bloc is a massive force led from the north of Israel. Details of this group are given in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. This prophecy, because of its length, is not reproduced in full. The following evaluation is made quoting excerpts from the passage, which is entitled "The prophecy against Gog".

That Gog is related to the King of the North or the Russian-led group, is noted in **Ezekiel 38:2 "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.** In ancient times Gog was the leader of the people living in the area now known as Russia. Magog, Meshech and Tubal are all mentioned as sons of Japheth in **Genesis 10:2.**

From Magog the ancient Scythians were descended. These now dominate the population of Russia. Tubal's descendants peopled the area south of the Black Sea, its tribal name being perpetuated in Tobolsk, while Meshech settled around Moscow.

The leader of the Northern group is known as Gog which means high or mountain. In the ancient world it referred to the group of people living in the area we now call Russia. In the end times the Russians will lead this large power bloc.

In these verses the attention is centred on Gog prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. Gog is not a proper name but a title like Czar, Kaiser, Caesar or Pharaoh. This shows that the main players in this group are Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.

These were ancient tribes who occupied the areas of modern day Russia between the Black and Caspian Seas. The tribes of Meshech and Tubal later gave their names to the cities of Moscow and Tobolsk the latter being a major city in the Urals in Siberia. Rosh was what is now known as northern Russia. In the ancient world many of these comprised the Scythians who joined with the Chaldeans and Medes to crush Assyria

These names cover the territories of the old Soviet Union including the 5 "Stans" Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

COUNTRY	CAPITAL CITY	EAST LONGITUDE
Kazakhstan	Alma Ata	76.50
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkele	74.40
Tajikistan	Dushanbe	68.50
Turkmenistan	Ashkhabad	58.00
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	69.00
Russia	Tobolsk*	68.40

The inclusion of the five "Stan" countries can be seen in the table above by the longitude positioning of their capitals in relation to Tobolsk, the historic capital of Siberia. All five "Stan" countries are Islamic with the greater majority being from a Sunni background. They are immediately north of another of the allies Iran which unlike the "Stans" is predominantly Shiite.

The northern group will be drawn into the Middle East by God. **I will put hooks into your jaws (Ezekiel 38:4).** Perhaps the vast mineral wealth of Israel in the Dead Sea area and oil in the Middle East will force the Russians to advance. This advance may be to prevent one of the other political groups gaining ascendancy in the region.

Persia [Iran] , Ethiopia and Libya with them, Gomer and all his bands, the house of Togarmah of the north quarter and all his bands and many people with thee (Ezekiel38:5,6).

In the ancient world it is of interest that there were two Ethiopias (the west being what we now call Sudan and the east which is now known as Afghanistan) as well as Libya, Gomer (identified as Ukraine), and Togarmah, a son of Gomer, are already well in the Russian camp. Notice that while a number of groups are identified it also says that there will be **"many people with thee"** This gives a scope of the vast alliance.

When will they attack? In the latter years says **Ezekiel 38:8ff.** The Russian group will come after many days in the latter years (v 8), in great hordes (v.9); when Israel appears secure (v.11); they will head into Africa to take spoil (v.12,13), there will be earthquakes (v.19) which will cause confusion (v.21); this will be accompanied by hailstones, fire and brimstone (v.22) as well as diseases. God will show his power.

The King James version says one-sixth of the Russian led army will retreat **Ezekiel 39:2** and it will take seven months for the dead to be buried (v.9). The other versions say none will escape

It can be seen that the grouping of the northern confederacy is almost completely in place for this attack in the "latter years and for the Armageddon campaign to commence.

TREATY OF USSR WITH IRAN

Iran or Persia has a treaty with Russia dating back to 1921 which gives Russia a legal excuse to invade Iran to 'assist' the government of Iran. The treaty states that both the Russian and Persian governments will not allow their territory to be used by groups fighting the other government, thus preventing the stationing of any third country's armed forces in their country.

Under Article 6 of the treaty, in the case of a third country intending to pursue incursion into Persian territory or to make Persian territory a base for attacks against Russia, the Russian government will have the right to send its army to Persia in order to take the necessary military steps in its own defence.

This treaty has no time limit and is still current. The Russians used this clause to invade Persia in 1941 to remove German agents who were influencing Reza Shah, the Persian ruler at that time. They may invade again to 'assist' the Iranian government.

In 1958 and 1959 Iran tried to cancel the contentious articles but negotiations broke down on trying to define base of military attack. Iran argued that it had been a temporary arrangement to cope with White Russian attack on the Bolshevik army. On March 15th 1959 Pravda the Russian paper said that the articles were unchangeable.

In 1980 the new Iranian government tried cancelling two of the articles of the USSR – Iran treaty but early in 1981 the Soviets broadcasted that this treaty still had its full effect. It can therefore be seen that Russia and Iran are mutually linked by this defence treaty.

Under the Baghdad Pact of 1955 and later the Central Treaty Organisation [CENTO 1958], Turkey, Iran and Pakistan were armed by the West denying the USSR access to the Indian Ocean and Middle East oil.

When I travelled from England to India in 1963 I spent some three weeks in Iran. It was a very western style of country. However after the fall of the Shah of Persia and the subsequent rise of militant Islamic fundamentalism CENTO was broken and as we entered the 1980s with the American hostage crisis alignments had radically changed as Iran had now become an Israel hating Islamic theocracy.

In 1972 the USSR made a 15 year treaty of friendship with Iraq. This shows that the USSR is consolidating this group. As another element of the consolidation Ethiopia signed a friendship pact with the USSR on 25th November 1978. In 1979 the Russians invaded Afghanistan. The northern bloc is coming into being.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1978 Ethiopia signed a friendship pact with the USSR.

1979 The Shah of Iran who is pro western is removed from power in a religious Islamic revolution

The Russians invade eastern Ethiopia [Afghanistan]

1984 It was stated that Soviet military general staff have long considered control of Iran to be an absolute prerequisite to their domination of the Middle East. In the same year the USSR and Turkey sign a 10-year renewable economic, commercial and scientific cooperation programme. This has significance in relation to Beth Togarmah of **Ezekiel 38:6**.

1989 In June 1989 the President of Iran signed a number of wide-ranging agreements with Russia, involving economic, cultural and other ties, bringing Iran more into the Soviet orbit. He also strongly denounced the United States. Iran elected an anti-West speaker for the Iranian Parliament after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini.

1990 Throughout most of the eastern bloc there has been a determined repudiation of Marxism. As a result the Soviet Union itself is facing erosion if not disintegration as the Baltic States, Azerbaijan and other Soviet Republics demand independence or autonomy.

On July 1 the monetary union of East and West Germany marked an historic turning point in post war Europe. And it prepared the way for the fulfilment of **Ezekiel 38:6**

1994 One of the major leaders in post Soviet Russia has written a book called Last Push South paralleling Ezekiel's prophecy. With the economic problems in Russia after the fall of Communism a Middle East adventure by the Russian military forces reinforced by Iran could be enhanced Turkey has not as yet been accepted into the EU even though it has tried on a number of occasions

- 1995 Russia and Libya signed a \$1.5 billion agreement on July 22nd which will allow Russian companies to help build oil and gas pipe lines, power stations and electricity transmission lines in Libya. The agreements also provide for the forming of a joint government commission to boost economic, scientific and technological co-operation
- 1998 Armenia sees Russia and Iran as key allies. Armenia's presidential adviser on foreign policy issues Aram Sarkisyan said on November 21st that Russia, Armenia and Iran could form a geostrategic axis of stability citing the Turkey Israel military pact as a major concern.
- 2000 A summit in Berlin in June between Vladimir Putin and Gerhard Schroeder produced a vigorous rapprochement between Russia and Germany. President Putin stated "Germany is Russia's leading partner in Europe and the World"
- 2002 Russia has more economic interest in Iraq than in any other Arab country but reports say that Russia has become increasingly disenchanted with Iraq and its policies. President Putin no longer believes that Baghdad will repay its \$10 billion debt to Moscow.
- 2003 Russia's ties with the Islamic world have improved as a result of President Putin's decision to apply for Russian membership of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference [OIC]. Almost 15% of Russia's population of 144 million are Muslim
- 2004 Turkey and Syria who were former foes have signed a free trade accord in Damascus. Turkey according to Ezekiel 38:6 will join the Northern bloc and appears to be moving away from the West. Turkey is designated as Togarmah which is believed to encompass the Turkic peoples of central and west Asia Turkey, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.
- 2005 Iran has been making increasingly virulent verbal attacks on Israel and this has increased markedly with the election of a more radical President in 2005 who says that he wants to eliminate Israel.
- Russia has accelerated an effort to train more than 1000 Iranian technicians to operate the Bushehr nuclear reactor in 2006
- 2007 After a period of outward democracy we see Russia returning to its old ways moving strategically to resume its old status as a world power with relationships not only with the Islamic group but also with countries in Central and South America
- Vladimir Putin visited Iran, the first visit by a Russian President since 1943. Putin who is now being called the "New Czar" of Russia is seeking to create a confederation including Iran and the Caspian and other states of Beth Togarmah.
- 2008 Israeli military sources say Syria has agreed to an expanded Russian Navy presence, particularly at the ports of Latakia and Tartous. They also expect Russian submarine reconnaissance activity near the Israeli coast.
- 2009 Kyrgyzstan began moves early in 2009 to close a U.S. military air base in the former Soviet republic which is vital for supplying U.S. led troops fighting in Afghanistan. The decision by a traditional Russian ally in Central Asia sends a tough signal and challenge to new U.S. President Barack Obama as he plans to send additional troops to Afghanistan." As the rest of the world spins rapidly toward regional governments, Russia needs to reassert her dominance over her traditional Sphere of Influence if she is going to create region 5 of the 10 region reorganization plan.
- Russia and Libya sign a \$200 million contract for three Russian missile boats. Iran said to be ready to produce first nuclear weapon. Russia in talks to sell Turkey its most advanced air defence system. For the first time Russia and Iran will hold joint naval exercises in the Caspian Sea
- After years of being refused entry into the European Union Turkey has lost interest and is following a pro Arab Islamic foreign policy. During this year there was a reversal of Turkey's relations with Israel and the Western Nations. Turkey is deepening relations with Syria, Iran and Russia consolidating the northern confederation. It has had war games with Syria and on October 19 signed a treaty with Syria.

On October 9th Christian Armenia which is already pro Russian signed a peace accord with Muslim Turkey bringing to an end a schism which has lasted around a hundred years since the massacre of the Armenians in the First World War.

- 2010 Ahmadinejad of Iran stated that the Palestinians and nations of the Middle East will be rid of the bad omen once Israel has been annihilated. He said that Israel is a foreign presence and a western prodigy in the region and has reached the end of its road

Russia and Turkey are becoming strategic partners, President Dimitri Mendeleev said shortly before his visit to Ankara, due May 11-12. "First of all, we can say with conviction that Russian-Turkish ties are reaching the level of full-scale strategic partnership," the Russian leader said, adding that a declaration signed by the two presidents in Moscow in February 2009 testified to that. He also said Russia sees Turkey as a "good and reliable neighbour with whom we are happy to jointly build plans to further strengthen cooperation for the good of our countries' peoples."

Fear of return to Soviet era as the Russian security group given power to prosecute "thought crimes"

Poll says Turkey prefers Middle East alliance over that with Europe

In October President Obama announced that all US soldiers will be brought home from Iraq by the end of the year. More than 30,000 armed members of the Al Qods Brigades, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards terrorist arm are already deployed there. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al Maliki and other top Iraqi officials lived in Teheran during much of Saddam's reign and developed close relations with Iranian officials. As a Shiite he is attempting to remove his Sunni deputy so that Iraq is moving into the northern bloc. They will once more become an intensive adversary of Israel as foretold in Psalm 83:1-8

- 2011 Anti-Israel Party Wins Big In Turkish Election As Islamist Party Consolidates Power

Not a single Christian church left in Afghanistan

Moscow, eyeing U.S. missile defence plans, announces work on 100-Ton "Monster" missile

Bashar Assad warns that he will set the Middle East on fire if NATO forces attack Syria. He says he will need not more than 6 hours to fire hundreds of missiles on Tel Aviv. Also he said Iran will attack US warships and European interests simultaneously.

It has been reported that Israel's response to this by stating If a single Syrian missile explodes in Tel Aviv Damascus will be the first to pay the price and if the missile offensive persists one Syrian town after another will be destroyed. **Isaiah 17:1-3** predicts this will happen to Damascus, a fate that it has not suffered in its 4000 years.

With the consolidation of Europe to its west and the rise of China to its east the only obvious way in which Russia can expand is to the Islamic south which is where it is prophesied to be involved in the end times.

- 2012 Iran's Ayatollah Khamenei said Iran must attack Israel by 2014 and called on neighbouring countries to mobilise their forces in preparation for the coming of the saviour of Islam [The Mahdi]. He says Muslims must kill Jews and annihilate Israel and that they can do that in just nine minutes.

The Turkish regime is gradually suppressing freedom as its society moves steadily toward a more hardline Islamic identity. Keep in mind that Turkey has been a very self-consciously modern and secular country

Georgia unexpectedly democratically elects a Russian leaning Government

Vladimir Putin elected as President of Russia and will now press on with his vision of a Eurasian Union in his words creating a powerful supranational union as well as providing an effective bridge between Europe and the dynamic Asia Pacific Region

Israel's once hidden oil riches are now certain to be so large its treasures could make it the richest oil country in the world. And, its neighbours are not only noticing, they're boiling mad. It was just forty years ago when Golda Meir, the former prime minister of Israel once famously quipped, "Why did Moses lead us to the one place in the Middle East without oil? This recent huge oil and gas deposits may be a fact in the hook in the jaws which draws in future the Northern led confederation into the Middle East as outlined in **Ezekiel 38**.

- 2013 Russia may become drawn into military conflicts as world powers begin to vie for energy resources in the next two decades, said Valery Gerasimov, the head of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces. By 2030, the level of "existing and potential threats will significantly increase," Gerasimov said during a security conference in Moscow, according to Interfax. Leading world powers will soon begin to struggle for fuel, energy and labour resources, as well as new markets in which to sell their goods; some powers will "actively use their military potential," he explained.

He also observed that the sphere of combat is moving away from traditional battlegrounds such as land and sea to aerospace and information. Conflict zones in North Africa and the Middle East point to such changes in the use of military force, the general said.

In the absence of American strength and reliability globally but specifically in the Middle East, all the players are turning to Russia, which is emerging in various ways

- as a vocal defender of Christianity against Muslim persecution around the world and the homosexual lobby;
- as a plausible peacemaker in the Middle East, with far better relationships with Israel, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Syria than America has today;
- as the monopoly natural gas supplier for Germany, with the consent of the Franco-German axis;
- as the only country with a credible nuclear umbrella to protect its friends and deter its enemies;
- as a country that understands the value of relatively free markets as shown by the 14% flat tax Putin just introduced in Russia.

Vladimir Putin now looks like the heir of Peter the Great, the modernizing Tsar. This is another bizarre twist in history, but facts are facts. Putin's Russia is not a Marxist imperialist power. Today, Putin has to be practical, to build up Russian strength after decades of imperial overreach and national decay. He is therefore using the Russian Orthodox Church as his ideological base, to build his own popularity.

He is following in the footsteps of the Tsars. So far he is not moving aggressively, aiming instead for international prestige, economic gains, and influence in the near abroad. One reason is that he has a global competitor, China. That doesn't mean Putin is a nice man, or that Russia isn't going to pursue greater power. Putin is a Great Russian ruler. China, Europe, and Islam are his biggest historical threats.

Turkish and Iranian Foreign Ministers Ahmet Davutoglu and Javad Zarif secretly signed in Ankara a pact covering intelligence cooperation between their two countries, Friday, Nov. 1 2013. Although a member of NATO, Turkey undertook under this accord to stop cooperating with any third countries in spying on Iran and to roll up anti-Iranian spy rings operating from its soil.

Most significantly, the Erdogan government agreed to end the activities of agents collecting information on Iran from the Turkish side of the Iranian border. The new pact presents a major obstacle to any further credible intelligence-gathering on Iran from Turkey. The final for of the King of the North includes Turkey.

- 2014 April - The Head of the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran [AEOI] underlined that the country is entitled to enrich uranium to a level of 90% and said Iran intended to build another four nuclear plants with Russian help.

May A NATO "restricted" document singles out Armenia, Azerbaijan and Moldova as countries, all former Soviet republics that might benefit from increased Western military support. There are fears in Washington that 1,000 Russian troops massed on the Ukrainian border are poised to take Transnistria, a Russian speaking enclave that has declared independence from Moldova.

May Recently it was announced that Iran and Russia had made progress towards an oil for goods deal that would be worth up to \$20 billion which would enable Teheran to boost vital energy exports in defiance of Western sanctions. Another report suggests that Russia does not need to physically import the oil but will pay for it and then leave the oil in Iran to be sold for roubles or a non dollar currency to a third party.

May Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan signed the Eurasian Economic Treaty in Astana Kazakhstan. It will cut down trade barriers and comprise over 170 million people and will be the largest common market in the old Soviet area. Armenia and Kyrgyzstan are expected to join soon and it could eventually include China, Mongolia, Iran and other nations, possibly even India and Pakistan.

December An Iran-Russia Axis? What do two nations with a history of over 200 years of enmity and war do when they seek a change of discourse? Find a common enemy, real or imagined. For Russia and Iran, traditional foes since the 18th century, that common enemy is the United States, according to political circles in Moscow and Tehran.

Russian President Vladimir Putin dwelt on the idea last month during a speech in Sochi. He said the United States regards "Russia, because of its military might, China because of its rising economic power and Iran because of its nuclear program" as "enemies."

On that basis, earlier this year, Putin tried to persuade China to transform the so-called Shanghai Group, set up to fight Islamic terrorism, into a fully-fledged military alliance that would also include Iran. When the Chinese wiggled out of the scheme, Putin focused his attention on "closer cooperation" with Tehran.

Russia and Iran share a number of grievances against the United States and its allies in Europe and the Middle East. Both have been subjected to sanctions that have already hit their economies, compounding the effects of global recession. Both claim that the current fall in oil prices represents a conspiracy by Washington and its oil-rich Arab allies to push Russia and Iran, both heavily dependent on export revenues, to the wall.

- 2015 Russia And Iran Sign Deal To Widen Military Cooperation - The cash-strapped Russians have become less choosy these days about clients for their prized S-300 defensive systems and even more advanced S-400 missiles. They are now ready to sell the former not just to Iran, but also to Egypt, Syria and the Lebanese Shiite Hezbollah. Iran won this breakthrough with the signing of a new military cooperation pact in Tehran on 20th January. At this time both Iran and Russia are under Western sanctions and willing to help each other impede US Middle East interventions.

TREND 52 - BIRDS OF PREY WILL EAT FLESH

PROPHECY - Ezekiel 39:17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; **Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood**

FULFILMENT - Revelation 19:17-21 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, **Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.**

Birds of prey would eat the dead flesh of the enemy armies that fall in battle against Israel. It is a little known fact that Israel is the bird migration capital of the world. Israel, located at the junction of three continents, is crossed by migrating birds on a scale unparalleled anywhere.

Studies over the past decade show that about 500 million birds cross Israel's narrow airspace twice every year in the course of their migrations. Consequently, Israel has become an attraction for bird enthusiasts worldwide.

Although Israel has laws that protect migrating birds, the massive migrations have created a grave safety problem for both the Israel Air Force and the birds. A joint study conducted over the past decade by the Israel Air Force and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel led to several solutions that have reduced the number of accidents involving aircraft and birds by 88 percent, thereby helping to protect pilots, aircraft, and the migrating birds that fill Israel's skies by the millions twice each year.

Research on migrating birds in Israel, based on satellite and radar monitoring, makes it possible today to track the birds from Israel to their winter nesting grounds in Africa, and back northward, via Israel, to their summer nesting grounds in Europe.

At The International Centre for Study of Birds Migration located on the main highway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, interdisciplinary and educational activity is being developed to permit computer tracking of migrating birds and exchange of information with ornithologists and students in neighbouring countries.

Many of these migratory birds are raptors; carrion, that is dead flesh eating birds of prey. In fact, 34 species of raptors migrate over Israel showing that God has already prepared for the fulfilment of this prophecy.

KING OF THE SOUTH

TREND 53 - THE KING OF THE SOUTH

PROPHECY - Daniel 11:40-43 (534 BC): And at the time of the end [in the Tribulation] 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. 41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon [areas in Jordan reserved by God for the protection of the Jews in the second half of the Tribulation]. 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. [The king of the north routes the southern confederation]

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

This comprises the pan Arabic and North African group probably including Egypt as in the book of Daniel the King of the south always referred to the Ptolemy dynasty which ended into the death of Cleopatra. This prophecy refers to the Arab and Egyptian avowal to drive Israel into the Mediterranean.

This Egypt has been threatening to do since Israel's revival in 1948. Four times they and the Arabs have tried to destroy Israel in 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973. Each time they have been routed and suffered great losses.

Along with Egypt 13 Arab nations hate Israel to varying degrees from the most radical to moderate. They are Iraq, Syria, Libya, South Yemen, Yemen, Algeria, Sudan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia and Morocco. The Arabs are very much divided among themselves except for the issue of Israel.

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This has never happened in history. Yet today, Israel is surrounded by Muslim nations sworn to her destruction. Muhammad said: The Hour (last day) will not be established until you fight with the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say 'O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so kill him.'" (Sahih Al-Bukhari, vol. 4, b. 52, Hadith # 177). Yet even here, as we have seen above, in earlier points, some nations stand with Israel (Saudi, UAE, Jordan...) when it suits them. The enemy is in disarray.

The 18 day war in 1973 commenced with Egypt and Syria attacking Israel on the Feast of Atonement Yom Kippur. The Egyptians succeeded in thrusting 100,000 troops across the Suez Canal and gaining control of a large strip of the Sinai Peninsula.

Before the ceasefire Israel succeeded in breaking through the Egyptian lines and in a brilliant move 20,000 Israeli troops and 500 tanks crossed the Suez Canal into Egypt where they cut off the supply lines. They also captured the city of Suez.

On the Golan heights the Syrian assault was repulsed after savage fighting. The war brought 8 nations into conflict with Israel with the USSR and USA becoming more involved. At least 20,000 Arabs and Israelis were killed or wounded and \$6b of military hardware was destroyed.

The Arab Israeli hatred goes back 4000 years to Ishmael and Isaac. Ishmael the elder son of Abraham was the son of Hagar the bondmaid while Isaac was the son of Abraham's wife Sarah. Ishmael's contempt for Isaac was very evident and this turned to hatred when he and his mother were expelled from Abraham's household.

Ishmael married an Egyptian and his daughter became the wife of Esau. Ishmael became the father of several Arab nations. Isaac according to the promise of God became the father of the Jewish race.

The current problems really are based on a dispute as to who the land belongs to. God originally promised the land to Abraham and his line through Jacob. The Jews possessed most of the land promised for 2000 years except for periods of captivity in Egypt, Assyria and Babylon.

After 70 AD and 135 AD when the Jews were dispersed the land passed from hand to hand but was conquered by the Arabs in 638 AD who had by that time become Muslims. The Arabs possessed the land until they were dispossessed in 1077 and for the next 110 years ending with the Crusaders. This was followed by Saladin until the Marmeluke Turks gained control.

In 1518 the Ottoman Turks replaced them ruling the area until 1917 with the exception of a short period of the 18th century when it was controlled by Egypt. These Turks rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and refurbished the Dome of the Rock mosque on Temple Mount. Under the Turks the land was marked by general neglect, depression and stagnation.

With the signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, as a result of the Camp David accord in 1979, the Arabic states consolidated in a hegemony against both Israel and Egypt, applying sanctions against the latter. The waging of a Jihad or Holy War by the Muslims against Israel has been proposed.

There is still at least one final war to be waged in the Middle East. This will be the third World War leading to the Armageddon Campaign

In history not since the rise of Islam some 1000 years ago has there been such a structured Arab bloc. The recent increase in Islamic interest is seen as a method of binding this group, which has a history of instability, together. We should therefore look for an increasing rise of Islam with a possibility of waging a holy war against Israel with the aim of retaking Jerusalem and solving the Palestinian question once and for all.

Is there evidence of the King of the South? There is in such things as since 1973, due to OPEC and the price of oil, the King of the south has had a major effect on the economy of the world. In the last 30 years the OAU (Organisation of African Unity) has brought much of Africa together.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1979 - On 15th November an Arab summit of the century to study anti-Israel moves occurred. The USSR backs the Arabs with the possibility of a pact.

1987 - In the four years since the Israeli invasion of the Lebanon President Assad of Syria has spent an estimated \$12 billion on expanding the Syrian army and equipping it with the best Russian equipment. Syria now almost matches Israel in aircraft with 650 compared to Israel's 700.

1985 - It is announced that a single unified passport for nationals of all six Gulf countries is scheduled to be issued by 1987

1989 - PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said his organisation's charter calling for the elimination of Israel had been superseded.

The 49-member Organisation of African Unity (OAU) endorsed the creation of an African Economic Community at its summit meeting in Addis Ababa in July

Increasing expansion of Islam in the African continent during the 1990's

1990 - Saddam Hussein seen as a major figure in a pan Arabic bloc. He calls for a Holy War to cleanse Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem. In August he annexes Kuwait but is defeated in 1991 in the First Gulf War.

1992 – Colonel Moammar Gadhafi of Libya urged Muslims around the world to “Sharpen their swords to resist a new crusade against Islam from the Christian west. He continued “Muslims all over the world the battle being waged by Western Christian crusading forces, having ended against communism, is now being directed against Islam.”

2002 - A Saudi Arabian peace initiative offers relations with Israel only in exchange for its full withdrawal from occupied territory including the Golan Heights and the creation of a Palestinian State

Saudis have pulled some \$200 billion out of the US signalling a deep alienation from America The US Saudi alliance was put under considerable strain after September 11 when 15 of the 19 hijackers we found to be Saudi nationals.

Egypt's most prominent Muslim cleric Grand Mufti Sheikh Mohammed Ahmed al Tayeb defended the Palestinians use of suicide bombers against Israel as the sole means of struggle that the Palestinians have in current circumstances.

2004 - A respected Arab newspaper editor and a Yasser Arafat confidante said recently that the deceased PLO chief had signed the Oslo Accords in order to drive the Jews from the Middle East. He said “The day will come when you will see thousands of Jews fleeing Palestine. The Oslo Accords will help bring this about.

2005 - The week long March Arab summit did not see the historic breakthrough for peace with Israel that King Abdullah of Jordan had hoped for. Syria and its allies Lebanon Sudan and Yemen led the fight to reject the proposal.

2006 - In an interview a senior Gaza based Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Zahar surprisingly said that “we do not regard the West as an enemy but we believe Christian Zionism [Christians who support Israel] is criminal.

2008 - Plans for a \$10 billion 5,250 ft high tower in the Saudi Arabian desert has been unveiled by the Arab owner of London's Savoy Hotel. It is being planned for a new city near the Red Sea port of Jeddah. On a clear day the view from the top will take in the Middle East, North Africa and the Indian Ocean.

2009 - President Moammar Gadhafi of Libya has been named chairman of the African Union wresting control of a body he helped found and has long wanted to remake in his Pan-African image. His installation as the new head of the 53-member body resembled more of a coronation than a democratic transfer of power. Gadhafi was dressed in flowing gold robes and surrounded by traditional African leaders who hailed him as the "king of kings."

Gadhafi is an ardent supporter of a long-held dream of transforming Africa, a collection of post-colonial fragments divided by borders that were drawn arbitrarily by Western powers, into a vast, unified state that could play a powerful role in global affairs.

He has repeatedly proposed immediate unity and the establishment of a single currency, army and passport for the entire continent. He pledged to bring up the issue for a vote at the African Union's next summit meeting, in July.

In July it was stated that President Obama's recent meeting with King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia did not produce a commitment to encourage other Arab states to have a normalisation of relations with Israel. Obama said that in such a situation the Americans can't continue demanding gestures only from Israel such as the demand that Israel freezes settlement construction.

In fact Arab officials said "Our goal has never been peace". Peace is that means: the goal is Palestine, meaning the conquest of Israel. The Palestinian Authority will resume violence and terror against Israel when it is capable to do so and according to what time seems right.

2010 Saudi Arabia gives clear skies for Israel to attack Iranian nuclear sites

October - Muslim Brotherhood declares war on the United States

December 18 Uprising against long term dictator of Tunisia. Demonstrations in Algeria, Libya Bahrain, Iran and Yemen

2011 Action in Ivory Coast suggests UN is now becoming World Policeman with US support

January Muslim Brotherhood – Arabs will topple leaders allied to the US

February 11 Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak resigned after 30 years in power. Later he faces trial

UN intervention into Libya an ominous precedent for Israel

April First panic in Assad regime: High Syrian officials evacuate families

August 21 Tripoli falls to anti Gaddafi forces. Col Gaddafi killed on October 20 making him after Tunisia and Egypt the third of the dictators of the southern Mediterranean countries to be overthrown

A southern Islamic Alliance could be formed by the "new" North African nations Egypt, Yemen, Tunisia

Mideast Christians fear "Arab Spring" will turn to the "Summer of Sharia"

2012 On January 23 the long term dictator of Yemen steps down and travels to US under indemnity.

On May 7th a prominent Egyptian cleric claims Muslim Brotherhood presidential candidate Morsi will make Jerusalem 'the capital of the forthcoming caliphate'

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Still, there were eight countries that voted with Israel in the 138-9 diplomatic drubbing (with 41 abstentions). Washington and Ottawa are Israel's staunchest supporters in the international arena, so the no votes from the US and Canada came as no surprise. But they were joined by Panama and the Czech Republic, as well as four countries most people would have difficulty finding on a map: the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru and Palau

June - Kuwaiti lawmakers have passed a legal amendment authorizing the death penalty for Muslims who curse their God or the Quran, or who defame their Prophet Mohammed or his wife. In the amended article, if the defendant publicly repents and apologizes for the crime, the penalty will be reduced to five years in jail, a fine of 10,000 Kuwaiti Dinars (KD), or both

In December Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal, making his first ever visit to the Gaza Strip, vowed on Saturday never to recognize Israel and said his Islamist group would never abandon its claim to all Israeli territory

Syrian Rebels Next Target After Assad – Israel More evidence the Syrian civil war isn't only about control over Syria: A Salafist leader in Jordan – and prominent supporter of radical Islamists fighting in Syria - is warning that once rebels finish off Syrian President Bashar Assad, they will look south and aim for Israel.

Sheikh Abu Muhammad al-Tahawi (aka, Abed Shihadeh) who heads Jordan's radical Salafist group made a fiery speech at the funeral of a suicide bomber on Sunday. Roi Kas of the Israeli Ynet translated the threatening quotes: "We tell Benjamin Netanyahu, the (Israeli) prime minister, get ready. The army of the Prophet Mohammad is coming your way."

Shihadeh added: "Those carrying explosives in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan will find you, Allah willing," he added. "The next fight is between us and you." The jihadist leader further pledged to "Take over Damascus and then head to Tel Aviv... As far as we are concerned, Palestine stretches from river to sea, from Rafah [southern border with Egypt] to a-Nakura [Rosh Hanikra northern border with Lebanon]. We will not rest until Palestine is liberated."

In May thousands of Jordanians including the Muslim Brotherhood have taken to the streets demanding an end to the country's 18 year old peace treaty with Israel.

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TREND 54 - EGYPT WILL STILL EXIST THOUGH NOT POWERFUL

PROPHECY - Ezekiel 29:14-16 "And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom. 15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. 16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I am the Lord GOD."

Egypt's counter-revolution brings down the Muslim Brotherhood. After more than 22 million Egyptians sign petition calling for President Mohamed Morsi to step down, the Egyptian military mobilized troops and tanks, arresting Morsi and top Muslim Brotherhood leadership, outlawing the Brotherhood, and promising new elections and a new constitution.

Morsi and his fellow Radicals had come to power after the fall of President Hosni Mubarak calling for the imposition of Sharia law and new hostilities with Israel. The region's oldest Radical Islamic jihadist organization was toppled in 2013 and the military continues to crack down on the Brotherhood. President General Sisi is working hard to fight Islamist terrorism, including launching a major series of offensives against terror groups operating in the Sinai Peninsula.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi called for a "religious revolution" against extremism within the Islamic world in an interview on a religious public radio station. Sisi called for countering "extremist" views and erroneous religious beliefs, adding that the Islamic value of tolerance must be promoted, according to the report. He has been leading a fight against an Islamist insurgency at home and has allied with anti-revolutionary Gulf states, which have provided needed economic aid. Previously in January 2015 Sisi made a similar call for a "religious revolution," warning, "the Islamic nation is being torn apart and destroyed" by extremism. Speaking at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, one of the world's top centres for Sunni learning, Sisi said, "I am addressing the religious scholars and clerics. We must take a long, hard look at the current situation. It is inconceivable that the ideology we sanctify should make our entire nation a source of concern, danger, killing and destruction all over the world. It has reached the point that this ideology is hostile to the entire world. Is it conceivable that 1.6 billion Muslims would kill the rest of the world's population of 7 billion, so that they could live on their own? This is inconceivable,"

TREND 55 - THE FUTURE OF THE ARABS

PROPHECY - Psalm 83: 3-8 “They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. 4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. 5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: 6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; 8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot.”

In **Psalm 83** the writer views prophetically the union of nations which comprise the modern Arab states, conspiring together to eliminate Israel.

The nations are as follows:-

v6 Edom - Southern Jordan, Ishmael is the father of one segment of the modern world, Moab is in Central Jordan, the Hagarines were from Egypt.

v7 Gibal is in Lebanon, Amon is in Northern Jordan, Amalek was in the Sinai Peninsula, Philistia is in the Gaza Strip, Tyre is in Lebanon.

v8 Assyria comprises all of Iraq and much of modern Syria.

THE FUTURE OF THE ARAB NATIONS.

Lebanon - peace will come by means of occupation. Scripture gives the borders of Israel during the Messianic kingdom. It shows Israel occupying all of modern day Lebanon during that period. (**Ezekiel 47:13-48:29**)

Jordan - comprises three ancient nations; Edom, Moab and Ammon. In all three cases peace comes between Israel and Jordan by destruction though not all to the same extent.

Edomites - in (**Ezekiel 35:6-9**) it becomes a perpetual desolation whilst in (v 14-16) it remains desolate even when the rest of the world is beautified during the Millennium. This is again confirmed in (**Isaiah 34:8-15**) and in (**Jeremiah 49:14-22**). In (**Obadiah 17-21**) it is noted as part of Israelite territory though no one gets to live there. Finally in (**Ezekiel 25 :12-14**) the cause of their destruction is the nation Israel. War will therefore break out between Israel and Jordan and the southern part of Jordan will be destroyed as a result.

Moab - which comprises central Jordan will also be destroyed but not to the same degree according to (**Jeremiah 48:1-46.**) In (v 47) the Scriptures indicate that there will be a Moabite land during the Millennium.

Ammon or northern Jordan will also be destroyed but will be inhabited according to (**Jeremiah 49:1-6**)

Egypt - peace comes to Egypt by destruction initially followed by conversion as stated in (**Isaiah 19 :1-22**). In the first ten verses God's punishment of Egypt is described with economic collapse and wide scale unemployment.

The conversion of the Egyptians will occur in three stages in Isaiah 19:- [a] In (v 16-17) the Egyptians will develop a fear of Israel; [b] in (v 18) we note that five cities in the land of Egypt will be speaking the language of Canaan which is Hebrew; [c] in (v 19-22) we are told that the Egyptians will fall under a cruel dictatorship which will cause them to turn away from their god to worship the true God, the Messiah.

According to (Joel 3:19) Egypt was to suffer a similar fate as Edom but not quite the same. In (**Ezekiel 29:8-14**) the land of Egypt will be desolate without inhabitants with the Egyptians dispersed among the nations for the first forty years of the Millennial Kingdom.

After the forty year period the Egyptians will be regathered to form a nation in the Kingdom. According to Zechariah 14 they will have an annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles

Syria and Iraq - peace with Israel will occur through conversion according to **Isaiah 19:23-25** and will be blessed in the Kingdom with the exception of the city of Babylon which will be a perpetual desolation.

Three distinct blocs have formed since the fall of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt:- [1] The Shi'ite bloc consisting of Iran, Hezbollah, parts of Iraq and the Syrian regime, [2]The pro Muslim Brotherhood Sunni bloc consisting of Turkey, Qatar, Tunisia, Hamas and some Syrian rebels and those opposed to both [1][+2] consisting of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, other Syrian rebels and some other Arab States.



The "New Pentagon Map of the Middle East" was printed in the American Armed Forces Journal in June, 2006 Although the map does not officially reflect Pentagon doctrine, it has been used in a training program at NATO's Defence College for senior military officers.

This map, as well as other similar maps, has most probably been used at the National War Academy as well as in military planning circles. This has certainly been updated since the emergence of ISIS but may not be released for some time.

Consisting almost entirely of Muslim countries many of whom have had long term dictators this has been perhaps the most fragmented region of the ten. There are 21 countries listed in the 1972 report with Cyprus being the only nominated country which has integrated with Region 2 Starting with the overthrow of the government of Iraq in 2003 successive long term dictators have been deposed.

This map of the "New Middle East" seems to be based on several other maps, including older maps of potential boundaries in the Middle East extending back to the era of U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and World War I.

This map is showcased and presented as the brainchild of retired Lieutenant-Colonel (U.S. Army) Ralph Peters, who believes the redesigned borders contained in the map will fundamentally solve the problems of the contemporary Middle East.

Development of Free Kurdistan

2014 - The Kurdish leaders have taken advantage of the chaos of northern Iraq to seize control of the oil-rich region of Kirkuk for themselves. [see map above] The oil fields of Kirkuk have been a long-standing issue of controversy in Iraq, especially since the liberation of the country in 2003. Whoever controls those fields would control enormous wealth as the oil there is more fully developed and shipped to markets around the globe.

The Kurds, generally, are Sunni Muslims, but they are not ethnically Arabs. Indeed, many Kurds, like the Persians, have a deep hatred for the Arabs. Several decades ago, the world created a special, protected, autonomous region for the Kurds in the north region of Iraq, after Saddam Hussein repeated attacked and tried to destroy the Kurds, including with the use of chemical weapons.

Ultimately, many Kurds want to create an independent country of their own, uniting Kurds living in Iraq, Iran, Syria and Turkey. Yet each of those national governments strongly opposes the creation of an independent Kurdistan.

What's fascinating is that the modern Kurdish people were known in ancient, Biblical times as the Medes. It is of interest that such an ancient independent nation is on a modern strategic map of the Middle East. The control of various areas of Syria, Iraq and Yemen is starting to look very much like the plan.

Greater Jordan

In the above map which shows allocation of land in accordance to groupings it is noted that Jordan's holding extends further south. It is of interest that this is where the believers from Jerusalem are told to flee for protection half way through the Tribulation Matthew 24:15ff

Russian influence in the Middle East is increasing with big arms deals with Egypt. Saudi Arabia, The Emirates and Arab nations are furious with Obama's virtual capitulation to Iran over the nuclear issue. Saudis are seeking their own nuclear weapons from Pakistan as a result.

Yemen

In March 2015 the Saudi air attacks on Yemen are a historic and potentially fatal blow to the Kingdom and to the Middle East. The "story" of Yemen appears simple. Houthi rebels, who are Shia Muslims, have captured the capital of Sanaa with the alleged help of the Iranians. The legitimate President – Abed Rabou Mansour Hadi has fled to the Saudi capital of Riyadh from his bolt hole in the old southern Yemeni capital of Aden.

The Saudis will not permit an Iranian proxy state to be set up on their border, always forgetting that they already have an Iranian-proxy state called Iraq on their northern border, courtesy of the 2003 Anglo-American invasion of Iraq.

The real "story" is more important. Perhaps half of the Saudi army is of Yemeni tribal origin. Saudi soldiers are intimately through their own families involved in Yemen. To the north, the Shia Muslim Iranian Revolutionary Guards are assisting the Shia-dominated Iraqi government in their battle against Sunni Muslim Isis. To the north-west, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards are assisting the government of Alawite (for which read, Shia) president Bashar al-Assad against Isis and al-Nusrah and whatever is left of the so-called "Free Syrian Army".

The Shia Hezbollah from Lebanon are fighting alongside Assad's army. So are Shia Muslims from Afghanistan, wearing Syrian uniforms. Saudi Arabia claims the Iranians are in Yemen with the Houthis. This is unlikely but certainly their weapons are in Yemen.

Unprecedented in modern Arab history, a Sunni Muslim coalition of 10 nations, including non-Arab Pakistan, has attacked another Arab nation. The Sunnis and the Shia of the Middle East are now at war with each other in Iraq, in Syria and Yemen. Pakistan is a nuclear power. The armies of Bahrain and the Gulf states include Pakistani soldiers. Pakistanis were among the dead in the first great battle against Iraqi troops in the 1991 Gulf War.

The Americans do not know what to do. They cannot give the Saudis direct military assistance as their nuclear talks with Iran are more important and so their soft verbal support for King Salman is supposed to mollify their Sunni allies and avoid antagonizing the Iranians.

But the closer a nuclear deal comes between the US and Iran, the more forcefully their partners in the Arab world will push their cards. What provoked the Saudis into their extraordinary adventure in Yemen was not the approach of Houthis towards Aden but the approach of US-Iranian agreement at Lausanne.

History may say that the attacks on Yemen are the start of a great civil war between Sunnis and Shia in the Middle East. This would satisfy the West and Israel in a belief that the Arabs are at war with themselves. But it may also be true that this is the last attempt by the Saudis to prove that they are a major military power. In 1990, faced with the arrival of Saddam's legions in Kuwait, they asked infidel America to protect them. Saudi Arabia is a Wahabi nation, loyal, officially at least, to the same theology as the Taliban and Isis.

The last time the Saudis involved themselves in Yemen, they fought Nasser's Egyptian army. It was a disaster. Now they have the Egyptians on their side. Indeed, they even suggest the Egyptians may stage a landing in Yemen. But to do what? Will this assuage the Sunni militias battering the Egyptian army in Sinai?

Islamic Leader: No Such Thing as Radical or Moderate Muslims When it Comes to Sharia. Fahad Qureshi, who founded Islam Net and is considered an Islamic leader in Norway, told a large group of Sunni Muslims that, contrary to media claims that it is only “radicals” and “extremists” who support barbaric punishments for those who violate sharia, regular Muslims support such things, including the “death penalty for homosexuals” and “stoning for adultery.”

"Every now and then, every time we have a conference, every time we invite a speaker, they [the media] always come with the same accusations: This speaker supports the death penalty for homosexuals, this speaker supports the death penalty for this crime or this crime or that he is homophobic, that he subjugates women, etcetera," said Qureshi in a video posted by the Middle East Memory Research Institute (MEMRI).

"I always try to tell them that it is not that speaker that we are inviting who has these 'extreme radical views,' as you say. These are general views that every Muslim actually has." "Just because they are not telling you about it, or just because they are not out there in the media, doesn't mean that they don't believe in them."

Boko Haram Pledges Allegiance to ISIS An oath of allegiance from Boko Haram, the Nigeria-based militant group, to the Islamic State in March 2015 reinforces Western fears that the terrorist group is growing beyond its base in Iraq and Syria. These worries have prompted American and allied commandos to rush to train African counterterrorism troops to fight extremists on the continent. The expanding effort here on the edge of the Sahara to fight militancies like Boko Haram comes as the group has kidnapped schoolgirls, slaughtered thousands of people, and now has expanded its attacks from Nigeria into Cameroon, Niger and Chad.

ISIS Completely Blows up Ancient City of Nimrud - 800-year-old city and archaeological treasure trove levelled by ISIS in new video, to 'remove idolatry.' The Islamic State (ISIS) group have released a video that shows terrorists smashing artefacts at the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud in northern Iraq before blowing up the site. The undated video suggests that the site, on the Tigris River about 30 kilometres southeast of Mosul, was completely levelled. The ruins of the city founded in the 13th century BC were one of the most famous archaeological sites in a country being often described as the cradle of civilization. Nimrud is on UNESCO's tentative list of world heritage sites.

TREND 56 - FUTURE REVIVAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST

PROPHECY - Isaiah 19:16-25 "In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it. 17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it. 18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction. 19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. 20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. 21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it. 22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them. 23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. 24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: 25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance."

In examining the above prophecy it is clear that many from Egypt to Assyria (Iraq and the Middle East) would call upon the name of the Lord and be saved. Please see book 121 "Rediscovering the Faith of their Father Abraham [The Arab Nations in the Latter Day]" by Dr John C McEwan [September 2010].

TREND 57 - DAMASCUS DESTROYED

PROPHECY - Isaiah 17:1 "The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap". See also Isaiah 17:14, Jeremiah 49:23-27, Amos 1:3-5, Zechariah 9:1-8

Damascus would be destroyed. Damascus, the capital of Syria is increasingly in the news and is extremely anti-Semitic. Many terrorist organizations have their bases in Damascus.

God declares that Damascus will become a ruinous heap because they have violently taken what was not theirs. In 2007 Israel vowed to wipe Syria off the map if Syria attacked by chemical weapons.

With the huge instability we see in Syria at the start of 2013 such an event as the destruction of Damascus appears quite possible. As I write these words Israel has just bombed a convoy near Damascus which allegedly was taking material to Hezbollah in Lebanon.

TREND UPDATE FOR 2014

2nd January The Syrian death toll keeps climbing amidst horrific civil war and chemical weapons use in Damascus. More than 130,000 Syrians have died. Some two million Syrians have reportedly fled their country, taking up refuge in neighbouring countries. An estimated five million Syrians are "internally displaced" - they have fled their homes but have not yet fled the borders of their imploding nation.

25th November Understanding The Role of Syria in Islamic End Time Belief. The gruesome video released by the Islamic State (ISIS or IS) emphasizes that the beheading of Peter Kassig took place in the town of Dabiq, Syria. The town was chosen because of its significance in Islamic end-of-time prophecies about the time when the Mahdi and Isa (the Islamic version of) Jesus will bring victory over those who oppose Sharia. The Islamic State named its English-language magazine "Dabiq" for the same reason.

This evil group is telling Muslims that it is fulfilling prophecy, enticing them to participate in one of the most important moments in world history.

A secondary message is that Islamic State supporters should not worry about the military superiority of their enemy or the terrorist group's setbacks because they will soon be made victorious with help from the Mahdi, Islam's messianic figure, and Jesus (when he joins Islam, which he will according to Islamic prophecy). A Lebanese reporter in an Arab publication wrote that Iranian intervention in Syria and the ongoing civil war there is seen by the Iranian regime and Hezbollah as setting the stage for the appearance of the Mahdi.

KING OF THE EAST

TREND 58 - THE KING OF THE EAST

PROPHECY - Revelation 16:12-14 (96 AD): And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 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. 14 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. [Armageddon]

Today we see the rise of eastern giants in China, India and Japan, which are together strong enough to challenge the hegemony over the Middle East. The last 40 years have been ones of awakening. For the first time in recent history the eastern group is now in our generation strong enough to be globally competitive and have access into the Middle East in significant numbers.

China made significant gains through the World Financial Crisis. China bought up large amongst US corporations securing all their Research and Development knowledge also. America was slow to realise the coup that China scored by their multiple purchases at bargain basement prices.

In 2010 it was noted that the continuing economic woes in Europe and the United States are cultivating a spirit of regionalism in China, Japan and South Korea, so much so that the three East Asian nations can and should upgrade themselves to become the world's economic centre, according to some experts.

There is the proposed linking the exchange rates of the Chinese yuan, Japanese yen and Korean won with one another, as a step toward a single regional currency like the euro in Europe.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1978 - The road between China and Pakistan across the Himalayas was completed in 1978. This 800-kilometres road took ten years to build by 24,000 Pakistanis and 40,000 Chinese. In that year also Japan and China sign a treaty of friendship. Dams have been constructed across the Euphrates which would allow the crossing of the dried-up Euphrates.

1979 - China – Japan trade amounted to \$5b per annum. China signed a contract with Nippon Steel to build a \$4b steel factory complex in Shanghai. The two nations also have an 8 year \$20b trade agreement.

This consolidation is considered important in the light of prophecy bringing together the financial might of Japan and the population might of China which would certainly make a powerful combination.

1985 - China is steadily boosting its commercial interests in the Middle East and at the same time expanding its diplomatic interests in this strategic area China now has relations with three of the Gulf states Kuwait, Oman and the UAE and would like to expand ties to include Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar.

Japan and China have signed a nuclear cooperation pact. The area of cooperation under the agreement includes the design construction and operation of light and heavy water reactors, radioactive waste processing and disposal and exploration of uranium resources.

1986 - New legislation passed in China requiring all citizens to carry compulsory ID cards at all times.

1987 - China is set on a course to become a leading space power.

1989 - Japan is now the world's richest nation with assets of \$58,000 billion.

APEC begins as an informal ministerial meeting of 12 countries in Canberra, Australia. As it develops it increases co operation between nations in the Asia Pacific region.

1995 - China announced plans to cut 500,000 soldiers from its army as part of its efforts to modernise. It will still have the largest standing army in the world.

1998 - A missile from North Korea was fired over Japan resulting in Japan initiating joint research into defence systems with the United States

India explodes three nuclear devices

1999 - On August 15th India became the second country in the world to achieve a population of one billion.

2001 - China became a member of the World Trade Organisation [WTO] and had to integrate its trading system with the World economy. As a result they have been struggling to balance its economic reforms with its social stability.

China, Japan and South Korea are taking steps towards closer ties. The three nations will start holding regular talks that will likely strengthen their relations and which may eventually lead to a major change in East Asian geopolitics.

Chinese Finance Minister Xiang Huaicheng announced in his annual budget speech to the legislature that defence spending would increase 17.7% this year. China has long been increasing its military budget in order to modernise the People's Liberation Army.

2002 – China signed a \$1.6 billion deal in May to buy 8 Russian Kilo class diesel electric submarines, one of the quietest subs in the world.

The rapid and increasing rise of China as a global challenger to the economy of the United States and a major manufacturer in the first years of the 21st century

2003 - China is on the way to becoming the worlds next superpower with Russian technical help. During his first trip abroad the Chinese President Hu Jintao visited Russia to sign a number of far reaching agreements on energy, space engineering, security and arms supplies.

China carries out its first space mission in October and wants to have a space station by 2010

2007 - Internal meetings of the Chinese State Administration for Religious Affairs revealed research indicating that the number of Christians in China has reached 130 million including 20 million Catholics. The unprecedented growth of the Chinese church has happened under ceaseless persecution said China Aid Association President Bob Fu.

2008 China has now for the first time produced a home grown jet fighter of equivalent standard to any in the world

2009 Signs of the end? The Euphrates is drying up. Throughout the marshes where the reed gatherers used to float over they shout out to passing tourists "There is no water"

2009 The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a rival to NATO. Its membership at present comprises six core nations China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Four other nations have observer status India, Iran, Mongolia and Pakistan. Here we see an agglomeration of the east with some from the north. Preparing the way for the King of the East China is modernising the world's largest army

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China's dominance of rare earth elements has US worried

Fears of Chinese land grab as Beijing's billions buy up resources

2011 Game changer as China claims air supremacy with its new J-20 stealth fighter

2013 China has laid bare the scale of its rapidly expanding military might for the first time in a paper that argued that the American "pivot to Asia" was destabilising the region. China's People's Liberation Army, or PLA, has some 850,000 service members spread across seven regional commands, according to the defence report issued Tuesday. The navy and air force have 235,000 and 398,000 service members respectively.

The total number of service members listed was 1.48 million. In 2006, China said the military had a total of 2.3 million members. It was not clear if the new count represented a real reduction in numbers, or if the shortfall was made up by other ground force units that appeared to have been omitted from the count, including the Second Artillery Force.

Here are a few facts about China as of 2013

When you total up all imports and exports, China is now the number one trading nation on the entire planet.

Overall, the U.S. has run a trade deficit with China over the past decade that comes to more than 2.3 trillion dollars.

China has more foreign currency reserves than anyone else on the planet.

China now has the largest new car market in the entire world. China now produces more than twice as many automobiles as the United States does. After being bailed out by U.S. taxpayers, GM is involved in 11 joint ventures with Chinese companies.

China is the number one gold producer in the world.

- # The uniforms for the U.S. Olympic team were made in China.
- # 85% of all artificial Christmas trees the world over are made in China.
- # China now consumes more energy than the United States does.
- # China is now in aggregate the leading manufacturer of goods in the entire world.
- # China uses more cement than the rest of the world combined.
- # China is now the number one producer of wind and solar power on the entire globe.
- # China produces 3 times as much coal and 11 times as much steel as the United States does.
- # China produces more than 90 percent of the global supply of rare earth elements.
- # China is now the number one supplier of components that are critical to the operation of any national defence system.
- # In published scientific research articles China is expected to become number one in the world very shortly.

2014 May President Xi Jinping called for the creation of a new Asian structure for security co-operation based on a regional group that includes Russia and Iran but excludes the USA.

This met with a chilly response from the US which is focussed on a 12 country trade agreement known as the Trans Pacific Partnership which excludes China.

Water Wars Indicates Method of Fulfilling Bible Prophecy. The Turkish government has in an apparent act of aggression, recently cut off the flow of the Euphrates River, threatening primarily Syria but also Iraq with a major water crisis that has dropped the water level in Lake Assad by about six metres.

This development has left millions of Syrians without drinking water or electricity, and threatens Iraq with similar consequences. Al-Akhbar.com reported that in so doing, the Turkish government violated international norms. A source for the publication warned that "a further drop of one additional metre would put the dam out of service." Meanwhile, water supplies in auxiliary reservoirs are said to be close to being depleted and were expected to run out of water completely in a matter of hours.

According to Al-Akhbar sources, losing water supplies in the dam means that the silt in the lake will dry off which would pressure its structure, subjecting it to fissures and eventually total collapse – hence making it crucial to shut down the dam. However that action would only further aggravate the situation, hence alternatives such as activating dormant thermal plants are being considered although it seems certain that they would be inadequate to solve the problem, unless the Turkish government takes the decision to resume pumping Euphrates water.

That process, if resumed, would still take about a month to return water to its normal levels. In that period, the suffering of the people depending on these water supplies is expected to be severe.

The Turkish government ability to completely stop Euphrates waters from leaving Turkey and flowing into Syria is a feat made possible by the enormous reservoir behind its Atatürk Dam.

What is significant about this is that Turkey could at will, use its technological control of the Atatürk Dam to quickly and easily dry up the flow of the Euphrates in order to achieve military advantages, such as allowing military troops and trucks to cross over the Euphrates on dry land.

The Bible prophesied that in the last days, this would actually happen: **Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. (Revelation 9:13-15).**

God obviously will do this by whatever means He chooses but it is of interest that Turkey can do it now!

December In a recent analysis titled 'Is China's Current Military Build-Up Prophetic?' Howard Green attempts to answer these questions. Green explains that a resurgence of Russian and Chinese military power has over the past two decades or so begun to rival U.S military supremacy.

It started with Russia but China is the country that has more recently reflected a challenge to U.S economic and military domination. Green proceeds to give some additional reasons for this:

On October 14th of this year, the IMF reported that China just surpassed the U.S as the world's largest economy. The significance of this is that the continued growth of China's economy fuels its massive military build up and thirst for expansion to gain additional natural resources such as island chains and waterways, and especially oil.

US allies including the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan have all been the target of bullying by a robust Chinese navy despite U.S presence and disapproval. There have also been a number of 'close calls and provocations' by the Chinese.

It may not be long before there is a miscalculation or a provocation that will set off a chain of events and the result could be a regional conflict or war. China may not necessarily win but could inflict major damage.

Some defence analysts project China will match the U.S in military strength within 20 years. China is also forging greater military ties with Russia and other U.S adversaries.

China has engaged in cyber warfare against the U.S in numerous ways in recent years, including through hacking into a defence contractor's system and stealing the information to make its own aircraft.

The communist nation is aggressively planning, producing, and deploying hypersonic weapons that could overwhelm U.S missile defence systems, and place U.S aircraft carriers, land based targets, and allies at much greater risk than ever before.

In addition according to Investors.com, China now also has the capacity to knock out the entire U.S. power grid. The director of the National Security Agency, Adm. Michael Rogers, has so warned a congressional panel about the Chinese cyber threat, stating that China and "one or two other nations," after performing constant "reconnaissance" missions on U.S. utility companies, were now in a position to blow out the U.S power grid.

It would be an act of war that would leave the U.S. powerless to retaliate and, worse still, powerless to identify the perpetrators.

CONCLUSION

There is a major group in the east including China, India and Japan that is progressively getting stronger. With reliance on oil and gas the sudden disruption of the supply could bring them into the Middle East and Armageddon.

KING OF THE WEST

TREND 59 - TEN REGIONS OF THE GLOBAL EMPIRE

PROPHECY - Daniel 2:37-44 Thou, O king,[Nebuchadnezzar] art a king of kings [leader of the Chaldean Empire]: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. 38 And whosoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all [he controls the known world]. Thou art this head of gold.[The Chaldean empire is the head of Gold] 39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee,[the Medio Persian Empire] and another third kingdom of brass[the Greek Empire of Alexander the Great], which shall bear rule over all the earth. 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron [the Roman Empire]: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all

things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. 41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes [End time 10 area Empire of the Antichrist], part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay [the group is not united]. 44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom [Christ returns and sets up the Millennium], which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. [Christ's kingdom is eternal]

TREND 60 - THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

PROPHECY - Revelation 13:1-5 "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. 2 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. 3 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. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 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."

PROPHECY - Revelation 17:9-13 "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains [Rome], on which the woman sitteth. 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, [Egypt, Assyria, Chaldea, Persia, Greece] and one is [Rome], and the other is not yet come [World wide ten region empire]; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 12 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. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

The final sphere of influence or political grouping is probably the best defined and the best known. It is the King of the West. In 2012 a reflection group of select EU foreign ministers have discussed the merging of the roles of the EU Council and European Commission presidents to form a EU President who would be elected by Members of the European Parliament.

These discussions have a habit of turning into firm proposals in a short time. The proposed EU President would have more powers than given to a US President. It should be noted that the Antichrist will eventually come from Europe – the power base of the old Roman Empire.

BACKGROUND TO THE TRENDS AS AT 1983

The final sphere of influence or political grouping is probably the best defined and the best known. It is the King of the West. There are four sections of Scripture which are most relevant to prophecies for our present day consideration of an emerging group based on Europe.

The first relates to a dream that God gave Nebuchadnezzar of the history of man from his time to the setting up of the Millennial Kingdom by Christ.

DANIEL 2

In the passage from Daniel 2 above the dream of Nebuchadnezzar represented four great kingdoms, the gold kingdom of Babylon, the silver kingdom of Medio Persia, the brass kingdom of Greece and the iron of the ruthless kingdom of Rome. The two legs or iron represent the split of the Roman empire into the western area under Rome and the eastern section ruled from Constantinople the division occurring from 364 AD.

The ten toes and ten horns refer to a ten region global confederation which will eventually rule in the last days. The stone represents the Lord Jesus Christ at his second advent who will subdue all powers and establish His reign of righteousness over the whole world. He is also called The Ancient of Days speaking of His eternal existence

DANIEL 7

In Daniel chapter 7 we read of four beasts which refer to the same four world empires. The lion with eagles wings in **Daniel 7:4** refers to the Chaldean Empire of Nebuchadnezzar and is comparable with the head of gold, the bear with three chops in **Daniel 7:5** with one paw raised is the Medio Persian Empire with the upper paw representing the Persians who were always the dominant partner, the leopard with four heads in **Daniel 7:6** the Greek Empire of Alexander which, after his death was split into four and the iron monster of **Daniel 7:7** the Roman empire, the Empire with ten leaders and the World Leader **Daniel 7:8** and the eventual setting up of the Kingdom of God, the Millennium on earth **Daniel 7:9-14**.

In both Nebuchadnezzar's dream in **Daniel 2** and the passage in **Daniel 7** man made empires are destroyed by God. Worldwide empires tend to elevate man to a place of self glorification whilst all glory should go to God. God promotes nation [**Genesis 10**] and judges internationalism [**Daniel 2:7**]

REVELATION

The Antichrist, is also seen in **Revelation 13:1-5** and **Revelation 17:9-13** above. In **Revelation 13** we note that he comes from the sea which shows he is a Gentile. The seven heads that are seen here relate to Empires that have or will persecute the Jews.

This interpretation is drawn from Revelation 17 which says that five of the seven have fallen, one is and one is yet to come. The five that had already gone were Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia and Greece, Rome was in existence at the time of John writing the Revelation and the final world empire is still to come.

Today we are witnessing an emerging united Europe. In March 1957, statesmen from six nations met in Rome and signed an historic document to form the European Economic Community [EEC]. It was called the Treaty of Rome and came into operation on January 1st 1958.

The original six were France, West Germany, Italy Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg. It accomplished much in the unification of trade and elimination of barriers between member countries. The organisation however became stagnated in the 1960s.

French President Charles De Gaulle opposed British membership in the EEC but after his passing the new French president encouraged the British to join.

On 1st January 1973, Britain, Ireland and Denmark joined the community, which was further expanded in 1981 by the inclusion of Greece to make it a ten nation confederation.

In October 1972 there was a meeting of the nine countries in Paris. Divisions were evident among the leaders France maintained that a loose confederation of nation states should exist while others were committed to a Europe which is looking forward to a creation of a political as well as financial union.

This would not only involve a common currency but also a common passport. Reflecting this wider role the group became known as the European Community [EC] rather than the EEC

The current population of the European Community in 1983 was over 300 million and had a gross production of \$700 billion per annum in the early 1980s. The EC budget for 1979 was \$19 billion. By 1983 the EC had become the most powerful trading group in the world. It now had a common Parliament.

The European Community has four main aims:

- (a) Economic cohesion.
- (b) Monetary union.
- (c) Political unity.
- (d) Unified military command including a strategic force and nuclear deterrent.

The King of the West is the group that makes a treaty of defence with Israel in the Tribulation period and comes to their assistance after the King of the North's attack and movement into the Middle East.

The computer centre of the world is located in the EC. The World Dictator will also come from this group. With the rise of the world dictator controlling the economic life of the planet, the western group becomes very powerful.

The acceptance of such a person in the EC is indicated by Henry Spaak, a former leader of the EC, who stated, "We do not want another committee. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of the people, and to lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man and be he God or the devil we will receive him".

In the late 1970s a common driving licence for the EC announced and polls for, and the opening of, the EC Parliament occurred. To commemorate the second election of the European Parliament in 1984, Britain will issue postage stamps depicting a woman riding over the sea on a beast.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1978 - A common driving licence for the EC announced in November

1979 – With east west relationships having become poor the USA stated it would guarantee fuel for Israel.

 Polls opened for the EC parliament on June 8th with a right wing dominated parliament being expected. The EC budget - \$19 billion.

1981 - Greece joined the EC to form the 10th nation to join

1984 - The EC announced a proposal to free-movement of all goods and people from all border control by 1992. A resolution calling for a new federal Europe in 10 years was passed by the European Parliament in February. 1984

 The 2nd Election of the European Parliament took place mid year. To commemorate the occasion Britain issued postage stamps depicting a woman riding over the sea on a beast. **Revelation 17:1-5**

1985 - Most EC countries issued European passports in 1985; the European thrust being spearheaded by Italy which issued passports in 1984. West Germany has passed a Bill legalising computer readable identity cards and passports.

1986 - On February 9 of the EEC 12 member countries signed amendments to the founding treaty that would expand the bloc's role beyond commercial and agricultural fields into foreign policy, monetary, environment and social issues.

 Spain and Portugal joined the European Community.

1988 - The EC has 325 million people and is the world's largest trading bloc. Europe is set within 10 years to direct 80% of economic legislation which implies that it may become the centre of a new world order.

1991 – The Maastricht Treaty was signed by the existing twelve nations calling for a united banking system and European Union by 1999 and the expansion of the EU to include former East European nations

1994 In December the people of Norway voted 52.2% to 47.8% in a referendum to reject membership of the EU. This was the second time in 22 years that the Norwegians had decided that the costs of membership outweighed the benefits of joining.

1995 - On January 1st Austria, Finland and Sweden became members of the EU bringing the total membership to 15.

1996 – The EU is issuing common passports for citizens of the 15 nations and it has now removed the border checkpoints between the EU nations on the continent effectively masking them one nation.

 The author travelled extensively through Europe in 1967 and with his family in 1995 and was amazed by the lack of passport control on the latter visit. As we were travelling on Australian passports which required a French visa we had to stop at the border, knock on a door and alert customs officials that the drive of the UK registered vehicle were in fact people with expensive French visas!. Unlike 1967 we therefore had few official border crossing stamps in our new passports.

With the inception of the Euro some of the oil producing countries such as Iran and Iraq made moves to use the Euro rather than the US dollar as the means of payment for their oil. The Euro is therefore seen as an alternative global reserve currency and has appreciated significantly against the greenback in recent years which has significant financial implications.

- 1999 - In March Washington led NATO to war on behalf of the Kosovar guerrillas. Many observers believe these fighters are linked with Albanian separatists in Kosovo and Southern Serbia who are working towards the goal of an eventual Greater Albania.
- 2001 - On September 11 the unprecedented and unbelievable events at the World Trade Centre and Pentagon changed history for all time. Viewing the destruction of the twin towers from across the water on television one was reminded of the prophecy in **Revelation 18:19** "Woe woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been brought to ruin."
- 2002 - British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said he wanted to have an end to the current system of "musical chairs" under which each EU state holds a rotating chairmanship of the Union for six months. "The stop go comes at the expense of consistency and efficiency" he said. "A full time president is the answer" he said chosen by and accountable to EU leaders, serving for several years, overseeing the delivery of the Union's strategic agenda and communicating a sense of purpose to Europe's citizens".
- 2003 - Europe wants to rival US as a military superpower. In November Europe's Big Three Britain, France and Germany agreed to give the European Union its own facility for military planning independent of but compatible with NATO.

The EU launched its first ever peace keeping force in Macedonia in March.

EU members failed to approve the draft of a new constitution due to arguments over voting rights. Many hoped that the new constitution would speed up decision making process which will become more unwieldy as the EU membership expands.

- 2004 - EU High Representative Javier Solana has unveiled a series of concrete measures which he hopes will push the establishment of Palestinian state forward. The EU is determined to take a leading role in getting a Palestinian state established in the Holy Land as soon as possible.

Ten more states join the EU which will bring the total EU countries to 25. The new members are Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Greek Cyprus and Malta.

With these additions the EU population increased from 378 million to 453 million becoming the world's third largest entity after China and India.

With the European Union continuing to expand in recent years, taking in many of the former eastern European countries, Russia has been forced to look south to Islamist States for trade and relations.

President Bush while maintaining the economic recovery in the US is firmly in place has proposed adding \$1 trillion to the national debt to fund the cost of shifting to a partially privatised Social Security system This comes on top of a \$7 trillion national debt which is growing at \$500 b per year.

President Bush has signed into law the Global Anti Semitism Review Act of 2004 which requires the US State Department to monitor anti Semitism and rate countries annually on their treatment of Jews.

- 2005 - Ratification of the EU treaty could occur by popular vote across the EU on the same day as the European election in 2009
- 2006 - Polish President Lech Kaczynski said his country wanted a new 100,000 strong EU army created to work with NATO in trouble spots in the world or to defend Europe. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said "In the EU itself we must come closer to a common European army."

2007 - With the latest additions the EU's population increases to 493 million and its economy grows to 10.9 trillion Euros making it the largest single market in the world. The EU reaffirmed backing for the eventual membership of Turkey and the western Balkan states of Albania, Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia

Slovenia, the first of the new 2004 members became the 13th EU member state to introduce the Euro, ditching the Slovenian Tolar on January 1. Both the Tolar and the Euro were in dual use for only two weeks.

2008 - In July leaders from 43 nations including Israel, the Palestinians, all Mediterranean states except Libya and all 27 EU members met in Paris to launch a regional union.

The summit whose official name was "Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean" was hosted by French President Nicolas Sarkozy who said its aim was to see the region was a place where people could love each other instead of making war.

2009 The EU is to launch biometric passports by June 29. All EU countries plus Iceland, Norway and Switzerland are to complete this by 2012. Improved security would also require fingerprints as well as biometric data.

The blueprint for an EU Army has the influential backing of France and Germany who propose to set up SAFE [Synchronized Armed Forces Europe] as the first step towards a European army. Government Minister Caroline Flint said that Britain is willing to provide all its armed forces to fight under the EU flag in all future wars.

The Parliament in Iceland has voted to join the European Union. Five EU members are among the ten least religious countries in the world.

The president of the Czech Republic has signed the European Union's Lisbon Treaty, completing the ratification process of a charter aimed at streamlining decision making in the 27-nation bloc.

The European Union prepares for a long term President rather than a six month rotating presidency is seen as a consolidation of Europe as a multinational entity.

2010 Democracy could 'collapse' in Greece, Spain and Portugal unless urgent action is taken to tackle the debt crisis, the head of the European Commission has warned. Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso set out an 'apocalyptic' vision in which crisis-hit countries in southern Europe could fall victim to military coups or popular uprisings as interest rates soar and public services collapse because their governments run out of money.

France wants EU seat at Middle East conference and Tony Blair Urges creation of European Superstate to Rival US/China

2011 Experts Predict United States of Europe to Rise from Economic Ashes with EU chiefs drawing up plans for a single "Treasury" to oversee tax and spending across the 17 eurozone nations. This is the closest sign yet of a new United States of Europe with Britain left on the sidelines. The EU already has its own foreign ministry based in Brussels headed up by Baroness Ashton the former British Labour minister. The European Council President says that the crisis will strengthen European integration.

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In Greek mythology, the Phoenician princess Europa was abducted and raped by the king of the gods, Zeus. But her image will from next year replace pictures of windows and doors on euro banknotes as a security and decorative feature. She will first appear on the €5 note in May, with other notes introduced in ascending order in the next few years.

European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso has told the Chinese public that the EU will become a fully fledged political union after the financial crisis

2013 August - European Union Foreign Ministers Look To Create Super President For The European Union - A select group of European Union foreign ministers are working on a plan to create a super president for the European Union that would include merging the roles of the presidents of the European Union Council and the European Commission which would be a more legitimate democracy in the European Union because this super president would be elected by the members of the European Parliament. This proposed new super president of the European Union would be the overall powerful leader of Europe with responsibility over Europe's economic matters, all foreign policy, and any European military operation.

2014 June Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova have signed partnership agreements with the European Union in a move strongly opposed by Russia who immediately banned importing meat from Moldova. This partnership would bind the three countries more closely to the West both economically and politically.

June Italy is to push for 'United States of Europe' when it holds the EU Presidency. Matteo Renzi, the Italian prime minister, has said that Italy will push for a "United States of Europe" during its six-month EU presidency, in a move likely to raise hackles in Britain. Launching an appeal to convince European leaders to show "that a stronger and more cohesive Europe is the only solution to solve the problems of our time", Mr Renzi said: "For my children's future I dream, think and work for the United States of Europe."

Italy takes over the rotating EU presidency from Greece on July 1. Its job will be to steer the EU at a time when the so-called "European Project" is coming under renewed attack, in the wake of an EU-wide surge in support for Eurosceptic parties in the recent European elections. Mr Renzi, whose country will preside over the EU until December, said the only effective response to the outcome of the European elections is to offer "an idea of Europe that corresponds to an attractive adventure, rather than just a financial or economic exercise." He said it was vital to show that the EU "is not only a common past but a common destiny."

Two other pillars of the Italian presidency will be the push for growth over austerity, and greater help with the migration crisis in the Mediterranean. More than 50,000 people have arrived in Italy by boat from North Africa this year.

July - Twenty years ago President, Bill Clinton, enacted the NAFTA, North American Free Trade Agreement. NAFTA eliminated most tariffs on trade between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Its stated purpose was to encourage free trade and economic activity between the three nations.

NAFTA created the world's largest trade area, linking 450 million people producing 17 trillion dollars worth of goods and services. Although we hear little about NAFTA from the main stream media these days, the idea of uniting the 3 countries of North America still exists and is being pursued academically and politically.

Since the 1994 implementation of NAFTA, each successive US President has sought to deepen the "ties that bind" the three nations together, possibly adding the Central and South American nations, into a North American Union which would resemble the European Union.

Much of the negotiations concerning future, expanded trade agreements such as the controversial TPP, Trans Pacific partnership, are shrouded in secrecy due to opposition by citizens of the involved nations. According to Adm. Ward, the goal of the Council of Foreign Relations leaders is the "submergence of U.S. sovereignty and national independence into an all-powerful one-world government."

July - European leaders in Brussels have nominated Jean-Claude Juncker, the former prime minister of Luxembourg, to be the next president of the European Commission, the powerful bureaucratic arm of the European Union. Juncker, a European federalist, is well known for his commitment to further expanding the power of the European Union.

His nomination, expected to be easily approved by the European Parliament on July 16, sends a clear signal that the European establishment has no intention of slowing the relentless march towards a United States of Europe, despite the surge of anti-EU sentiment across Europe. British Prime Minister David Cameron and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban were the only two leaders of the 28-member bloc to vote against Juncker during a special meeting held in Brussels on June 27.

Cameron said he was opposed not only to Juncker as a candidate, but also to the way in which his candidacy was put forward. Previously, the president of the European Commission was selected by European leaders on the basis of consensus. But in what many see as a power grab aimed at downgrading the influence of national governments within the EU, new rules state that the party winning the most votes in elections for European Parliament puts forth its preferred candidate.

National governments are then obliged to "nominate" the candidate, after which the individual is formally approved by the European Parliament. Juncker was the "lead candidate" of the centre-right European People's Party (EPP), which won the European Parliament elections that ended on May 25. He therefore has a "popular mandate" to lead the European Commission, according to Juncker and his supporters.

- 2015 Fresh calls for Creation of a European Army – March. The European Union needs its own army to help address the problem that it is not “taken entirely seriously” as an international force, the president of the European commission has said. Jean-Claude Juncker said such a move would help the EU to persuade Russia that it was serious about defending its values in the face of the threat posed by Moscow. However, his proposal was immediately rejected by the British government, which said that there was “no prospect” of the UK agreeing to the creation of an EU army.

UN Plan To Settle One Million Refugees An Invitation To Terror, Critics Warn - Early in 2015 the humanitarian disaster unfolding on the Mediterranean is likely already providing a "shield" for Islamist terrorists to infiltrate waves of migrants attempting the perilous crossing from North Africa to Europe, terrorism experts and other strategic observers are warning.

And they say a UN plan to resettle one million refugees in Western nations would turn the situation into a full-blown security crisis. The exodus now unfolding, as well as the UN call to take in refugees from war-torn Middle Eastern and African nations over the next five years, is providing a “shield for the passage of jihadists to Europe,” said one analyst. Once absorbed into the societies of Europe and other rich countries such as the United States, ISIS operatives would be set to eventually gain all the freedoms of other citizens of those countries, including the freedom to travel, often without having to go through the extra scrutiny involved in obtaining a passport visa.

“ISIS has threatened to infiltrate the migrants and German intelligence already said that this is a real threat,” Dutch lawmaker Geert Wilders told FoxNews.com from The Netherlands. “An open door policy would – both for the USA and Europe – mean that the threat of Islamists and terrorists entering our countries would increase to a very dangerous level.” Muslims among migrants trying to reach Italy by boat from Libya tossed 12 fellow passengers overboard this month because they were Christians, Italian police said. All 12 drowned, leading the Italian authorities to charge 15 Muslim men with murder fuelled by religious hatred.

DEGENERACY IN THE WEST

As a group of nations we have turned our back on God. We have removed Him out of our schools and out of the public arena. We have declared Him to be off-limits. We are in the process of becoming thoroughly secular and pagan nations. And in the process, we are courting the wrath of God. We also need to remember that the West is not superior to the other regions as it is out of the West that the Antichrist will come! While the facts and numbers relate to the United States this could well apply to Western Democracies as a whole at this time. As an example this is the fact sheet on the USA

*Since 1973, we have murdered our babies in their mothers' wombs at the rate of 4,000 a day, totalling nearly 60 million, and their blood cries out for vengeance.

*We consume more than one-half of all the illegal drugs produced in the world, yet we constitute only 5% of the world's population.

*We spend \$2.8 billion dollars per year on Internet pornography, which is more than half the world total of \$4.9 billion.

*Our rate of cohabiting partners has increased tenfold since 1960, totalling over 12 million unmarried partners today.

*Our divorce rate is the highest of any nation in the world.

*Forty percent of our children are born to unmarried women.

*We spend over \$100 billion per year on gambling.

*Our number one drug problem is alcohol, producing over 17.6 million adults who are alcoholics or who have alcohol problems.

*Our nation has become a debt junkie, leading the world in both government debt and personal debt.

*Blasphemy of God's name, His Word, and His Son has become commonplace in our media.

*We are the moral polluter of planet earth through the distribution of our immoral, violent and blasphemous television programs and movies.

*We have forsaken the nation of Israel, demanding that they surrender their heartland and divide their capital city.

*We have become a nation that calls good evil and evil good. And we are paying the price:

*Our schools have become arenas of deadly violence.

*Our prison population is increasing exponentially, from 500,000 in 1980 to over 2.5 million today. Over 7.2 million of our people are under some form of correctional supervision.

*Over 1.5 million of our women are reported victims of domestic violence each year, and it is estimated that the majority of cases are never reported.

*We are currently averaging over 3 million child abuse cases each year, involving 6 million children.

*We experience more than 12 million crimes every year, more than any other nation in the world.

*Teen violence has increased exponentially, with youngsters killing each other over tennis shoes.

*Gangs are terrorizing our cities.

*Even the nicest of our neighbourhoods are no longer safe, requiring us to protect our homes with security systems and weapons.

*Our money is becoming increasingly worthless.

*Our economy is being choked to death by a pile of debt that is beyond comprehension.

*Our major corporations and labour unions are in bondage to greed.

*Our society has become deeply divided, splintered among competing groups defined by racial, religious and economic factors.

*Our families are being destroyed by an epidemic of divorce.

*Our entertainment industry consists of vulgarities amusing barbarians.

*One of our fastest growing businesses is the pagan practice of tattooing and body piercing.

*Our universities and media outlets are controlled by radical leftists who hold God in contempt.

*Our federal government has become top-heavy with bureaucrats who are insensitive to taxpayers.

*Our politicians have become more concerned with power than service.

*All levels of government have become increasingly oppressive, seeking to regulate every aspect of our lives.

*Taxation has become confiscatory in nature.

*Our legal system has been hijacked by activists who desire to impose their will on the people, regardless of what the people desire.

*Our freedom of speech is being threatened by "hate crime" legislation.

*Our forms of sports are becoming increasingly violent, reminiscent of the gladiators of ancient Rome.

*Our society has become star-stuck, more interested in celebrities than people of integrity.

*Our churches are caught up in an epidemic of apostasy as they set aside the Word of God in an effort to cozy up to the world and gain its approval.

*We are experiencing one major natural disaster after another in unprecedented volume and ferocity.

*We have become afflicted with a plague of sexual perversion, producing an army of hard core militant homosexuals.

In summary, we are a people who have become desensitized to sin, and in the process, we have forgotten how to blush.

CONCLUSION

We can see that Europe is consolidating into a unified group. A continuation of the EC can be expected.

The five political entities Israel and the four Kings are therefore demonstrated to be building towards the framework which would conform to that expected by a study of the Scriptures.

In the recorded history of mankind throughout the centuries never have the spheres of influence and Israel been so well in line to allow the Battle of Armageddon to take place.

NATURAL SIGNS

PROPHECIES INVOLVING NATURAL EVENTS

This section on Natural Signs is subdivided into three groups:- EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOS, FAMINE AND DISEASES AND WEATHER

INTRODUCTION

Just before His crucifixion the Lord walked on the Mount of Olives with His disciples. Seeing that the climax of His ministry was upon Him his disciples asked Him **“Master, but when shall these things be? and what signs shall there be when these things shall come to pass?”**

Among many of the signs of the time of His return would be the devastations of World Wars, famines and diseases and the occurrence of many earthquakes.

EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOES

TREND 61 - EARTHQUAKE ACTIVITY

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places.

PROPHECY - Luke 21:7,11 And they asked him, saying, Rabbi, but when shall these things be? and what signs shall there be when these things shall come to pass? . 11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places.

SIGNIFICANT EARTHQUAKES TO 2015

YEAR	LOCATION	YEAR	LOCATION	YEAR	LOCATION
856	Greece	1946	Japan	1980	Algeria
1556	China	1948	Japan	1985	Mexico
1737	India	1949	Ecuador	1987	Japan
1755	Portugal	1950	India	1990	Iran
1819	India	1952	Russia	1993	India
1883	Dutch Indies	1957	Alaska	1995	Kobe Japan
1897	India	1960	Chile	1998	Afghan & Tajik
1902	Martinique		Morocco	1999	Colombia
1906	San Francisco	1962	Iran		Turkey
1908	Italy	1964	Alaska		Taiwan
1915	Italy	1968	Iran	2001	Gujarat
1920	China	1970	Peru	2002	Afghanistan
1922	Japan	1972	Iran	2003	Algeria
1923	Japan		Nicaragua		Iran
1927	China	1974	Pakistan		Japan
1932	China	1976	Guatemala	2004	Indonesia
1933	Japan		China	2005	Pakistan
1934	India		Philippines	2008	China
1935	India	1976	Turkey	2010	Haiti
1939	China	1978	Iran	2011	Japan
1939	Turkey	1980	Algeria	2015	Nepal
1944	Japan		Italy		

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

In 1981 it was reported in the Brisbane Sun that the earth was wobbling on its axis, with the movement being up to 15cm a day. In addition, the occurrence of major earthquakes was found to correlate with maximum sunspot activity which has an 11-year cycle.

It gave as an example the fact that of the eight major earthquakes that have occurred in the last 150 years within a radius of 80km of the Golden Gate Bridge all have occurred within two years of maximum sunspot activity.

No longer can the coupling of earth wobble and serious earthquakes be considered as coincidence according to such distinguished experts as Dr Charles Whitten, chief geologist of America's National Ocean Survey, who has developed a graph showing the relation of earthquakes and the daily movement of the pole.

As a result he concluded that there is no doubt that major earthquakes coincide with maximum earth wobble.

The major region for earthquakes is the Pacific Ring of Fire, with another earthquake line running through the Middle East, Iran and Burma. About 80% of earthquakes occur around the Ring of Fire, with 15% in the Middle East, and the remaining 5% scattered throughout the rest of world.

It is reported that there will be more major earthquakes reported in the 20th Century than in the previous recorded history. Of the 13 worst earthquakes known in history, 10 occurred in that this century.

At the beginning of the 20th century there was a major earthquake each three years. Now there are many major earthquakes every year. However the effect of the number of recording stations may have had some influence here.

The number of reported significant earthquakes increased over 11 fold in the decade commencing with 1967, the year of the taking of Jerusalem by the Jews.

In July 1979 it was reported that in the first half of 1978 there had been 47 Richter +6 earthquakes of which 7 had been +7. It should be remembered that a 7 Richter is ten times as strong as a 6 Richter earthquake.

+6 RICHTER EARTHQUAKES IN THE 20TH CENTURY

1901-10 19	1911-20 17	1921-30 25	1931-40 30	1941-50 31
1951-60 31	1961-70 39	1971-80 32	1981-90 32	1991-2000 42

This list of 20th-century earthquakes is a global list of notable earthquakes that occurred in the 20th century.

After 1900 most earthquakes have some degree of instrumental records and this means that the locations and magnitudes are more reliable than for earlier events.

+6 RICHTER EARTHQUAKES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

2001 20	2002 23	2003 27	2004 23	2005 18
2006 15	2007 26	2008 26	2009 25	2010 28
2011 30	2012 28	2013 17	2014 24	2015

Source – Mainly U S Geological Survey

SUPER 9+ EARTHQUAKES IN LAST 100 YEARS

YEAR	LOCATION	MAGNITUDE
1908	Italy	9.0
1952	Russia	9.0
1957	Alaska	9.1
1960	Chile	9.5
1964	Alaska	9.2
2004	Indonesia	9.0
2011	Japan	9.0

VOLCANOES

Another area of seismic activity is volcanoes. Early in the 1980s Mount St Helens literally blew up, causing widespread devastation. In addition, a new island was formed in Iceland by volcanic activity.

An international flight to Australia by British Airways was disrupted by a volcano erupting in Indonesia. The plane lost power in four jet engines and fell in elevation six miles before they were re-started.

In the late 1970s scientists warned that catastrophes are unavoidable with a major movement of the San Andreas fault expected by the end of the century.

Anti-earthquake devices costing \$6.5 billion are being installed in Tokyo, a city which is subject to major earthquakes on a regular basis the last of which was in 1923.

A volcano in Iceland caused widespread flight disruption in Europe in early 2010.

GLOBAL EARTHQUAKE

Haggai 2:6,7 (520 BC): For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; 7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts.

EARTHQUAKES AND THE RETURN OF CHRIST

At the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth, His feet will touch the Mount of Olives. There will be an earthquake and the Mount of Olives will split in two, allowing a means of escape to those in Jerusalem (**Acts 1:10-12, cf. Zechariah 14:4,5**).

This prophecy relates the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ with a major earthquake. The Lord shook the heavens, the earth, the sea and the dry land before at the previous world-wide judgment of the flood. That the flood was world-wide is shown in **Genesis 6:17**.

The correlation between the flood and the second advent is demonstrated by the Lord Jesus Christ in **Matthew 24:37-41 (32 AD): But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the Ark. 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**

It should be noted that this passage of Scripture, which is often viewed as a portrayal of the Rapture of the Church, is related to the Second Advent. The ones that remain are blessed because they proceed into the Millennium to repopulate the earth; those who are taken receive judgment

The shaking of the earth at the time of Noah caused the earth's axis to move from its original position of 5 degrees to 23.5 degrees. At the Second Advent it may be that the axis would be shifted back to its original orientation.

We do, however, know that there will be no repeat of the universal flood where the waters on and under the earth were augmented by the water in the canopy above the earth (**Genesis 9:15**).

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

- 1978 - Anti earthquake devices costing \$6.5 billion being installed in Tokyo.
- 1979 - Scientists warn that catastrophes are unavoidable with a major movement of the San Andreas fault expected by the end of the century.
- 1980 - Mt St Helens in Washington State explodes killing over 40 people and destroying large areas of forest.
- 1983 - Most violent earthquake to hit Assam in 115 years.
- 1985 - Strongest earthquake to strike Tokyo in more than 50 years.

A 8.1 earthquake killed 9,500 people in Mexico while another rated as 7.4 levelled two towns in China near the Sino Soviet border. This quake was felt as far away as Islamabad and Tashkent in the Soviet Union,

- 1988 - There we 16 earthquakes of seven or more Richter intensity this year according to seismological reports. In addition a Richter 6.9 earthquake hit Leninakan causing the deaths of perhaps 100,000 and making half a million homeless. It is estimated that the cost of the earthquake will be \$8.4 billion.
- 1998 - A huge earthquake at 8.1 Richter struck Antarctica west of the Belleny Islands in March. The fact that such a strong earthquake should occur in Antarctica was unusual because it did not occur on a fault line.
- 1999 – A 7.4 Richter earthquake with its epicentre near Izmit on August 17 was the most devastating disaster in Turkey for 150 years with a death toll of 40,000 and 600,000 being left homeless.

The US Geological Survey published in Science magazine that an earthquake fault line has been discovered directly beneath downtown Los Angeles with a potential to trigger an earthquake of 7.5 Richter.

This would be 15 times stronger than the 6.7 Richter quake of 1994 which killed 57 people and cost \$40 billion damage

- 2000 - Natural catastrophes have killed 1.4 million people around the world in the second half of the 20th century and scientists are fearful that global warming will intensify the problem. A survey by giant reinsurance firm Munich Re showed about 250 major catastrophes had hit the planet in the past 40 years with the late 1980s and 1990s suffering a level of disasters four times higher than the 1950s.

The rate of major earthquakes appears to be increasing with an average of 10.5 earthquakes per year above 6.9 on the Richter scale for the 1980s and 15.3 for the 1990s a rate that has continued in the first five years of the new decade.

Very severe earthquakes of 8 Richter or above have increased from 4 per decade in the 1980s to 6 per decade in the 1990s and to date 10 per decade in our present decade. This trend is of interest as we approach the end of the Church Age.

- 2001 - On India's Republic Day January 26 India suffered its strongest earthquake in 50 years when a 7.9 Richter earthquake shook India. The epicentre was near Bhuj in western Gujarat with 6000 being killed in the city and four hospitals "vanished from the face of the earth with their entire staff".

Seattle earthquake causes damage costing billions registering 6.8 on the Richter scale

- 2003 - The director of the Geological Institute of Israel Amos Bein says that Haifa Bay area is a ticking bomb which will explode when and if an earthquake occurs.

It won't be the earthquake that kills but the collapsing infrastructure" he warned referring to the Haifa Bay's gas lines and reservoirs, plants and concentration of toxic substances

It was reported that there were 63 earthquakes reported globally this year of +6 Richter and above

2004 - On December 26th a massive 9.0 Richter off Banda Aceh in Indonesia caused a Tsunami which devastated coastal areas around the Indian Ocean causing huge loss of life. A group of 400 Christians who had been refused permission to hold a Christmas service near the sea in Meulaboh Indonesia went into the mountains and none were hurt. Unfortunately 80% of the citizens near the sea in that area died on Boxing Day

2007 - In April up to 7000 people were made homeless after a tsunami triggered by a 8.1 magnitude earthquake swept through the western Solomon Islands. The seismic jolt lifted an entire island metres out of the sea destroying some of the world's most pristine coral reefs. In an instant the grinding of the Earth's tectonic plates forced the island of Ranongga up three metres.

On 15th August a 8 Richter earthquake hit the coast of Peru killing more than 500 people, leaving at least 1500 injured and thousands homeless. Also in August there was a 7.2 Richter earthquake in Vanuatu and a 7.5 in Indonesia.

2008 – On May 12 an 8.0 Richter earthquake in Sichuan province China killed 90,000 and left 5 million homeless. Hundreds of aftershocks including three of 5.34 Richter and above destroyed another 420,000 homes.

It also affected some of China's nuclear facilities including several nuclear warheads causing tremendous explosions. The following month strong earthquakes hit Greece and Japan.

Continued reports of swarms of earthquakes in the Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone is a caldera 70 kilometres long by 30 kilometres wide. Eight kilometres beneath the earth's surface lies a huge magma cavern containing vast amounts of molten rock. The author visited Yellowstone in 2008 and was impressed by the level of thermal activity in the area.

An Oxfam report analysed data from Red Cross, UN and researchers at Louvain University in Belgium. The results showed that the earth is currently experiencing approximately 500 natural disasters a year compared with 120 incidents in the early 1980s. The number of weather related disasters in 2006 was 240 compared with 60 in 1980.

2009 A major earthquake devastated Port-au-Prince the Haitian capital in January. Many thousands of Haitians have professed faith in Christ with many conversions taking place during the three days of prayer and fasting called for by the Haitian government during 12th to 14th February.

People were in the streets literally begging God forgiveness and mercy. A reported 40,000 Haitians have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ since the major earthquake hit the impoverished nation.

2010 On April 12th a 7.1 earthquake rocked Tibet killing more than 2,000 people and injuring 10,000. This is the 24th earthquake measuring at least 6.5 since January 1st.. The earthquakes this year have killed as many as 300,000 people. Over the same period in 2009 there were 12 major earthquakes.

2011 February 22 - Major earthquake in Christchurch New Zealand

March 11 a 9.0 earthquake struck Honshu triggering a tsunami killing some 20,000

2012 From 1990 to 1999 there were 1515 quakes of Richter 6 and above, During 2000-2010 there were 1776 quakes of 6 and above

2013 This year will go down on record, as seeing the most volcanic eruptions recorded in modern history. The previous number was set in 2010, at 82 volcanic eruptions for the year. The number of volcanoes erupting across the planet has been steadily rising from a meagre number of just 55 recorded in 1990.

While most scientists may readily dismiss any significance to the latest figures and may be quick to say the planet is just experiencing normal geological activity, it does raise other concerns about just what may be transpiring within the interior of our planet. The average number of volcanic eruptions per year should be about 50 to 60; as of December 5, 2013, we already at 83.

Volcanic eruptions are one way the planet dissipates a dangerous build-up of heat, magma, and pressurized gases. The planet's outer core is thought to flirt with critical temperatures in the range of around 4400°C (8000°F).

Any rise or major fluctuation in interior gradient could have profound and disruptive effects on processes whose very properties are governed by convective heat emanating from the planet's outer core: magnetic field propagation, tectonic plate movements, sea-floor spreading mechanics, and mantle plume activity. Mantle plumes or hotspots are thought to be the central mechanism which fuels the vast underground chambers of many of the world's super-volcanoes.

2014 September The number of volcanoes that are erupting continues to rise, and scientists cannot seem to explain why this is happening. In 2013, we witnessed the most volcanic eruptions worldwide that we have ever seen in a single year. By early December 2013 a total of 83 volcanic eruptions around the world had been reported which is a new annual record. In November 35 volcanoes were erupting around the globe. This increased activity has carried over into 2014.

In recent months, we have seen major volcanoes roar to life in Russia, Peru, Hawaii, Reunion Island, Indonesia, and all over Alaska. It is highly unusual for so many volcanoes to all be erupting at the same time. According to Volcano Discovery, a whopping 34 volcanoes are erupting around the globe right now.

FAMINES AND DISEASES

TREND 62 - FAMINES AND DISEASES

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:7 "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

The incidence of famines and the world population explosion are two sides of the same coin. Even allowing for miracle strains of staple crops which increase yields substantially, the war against the world population explosion is not being won. The population explosion is best shown in a tabulated form by date as to when the population of the earth passed each successive one billion mark:

DATE	POPULATION BILLIONS	TIME GAP SINCE LAST BILLION
0	About 200 million	
1804	1b	
1927	2b	123
1960	3b	33
1974	4b	14
1987	5b	13
1999	6b	12
2012	7b	12

The world population may exceed 11billion by 2100.

Food Production. The following facts were considered pertinent: in the early 1980s

- (a). To improve nutrition, food production required quadrupling between 1975 and 2000.
- (b). To maintain the present poor nutrition, 10-20 million hectares of new land has to be developed annually.

(c). Every day 10,000 people throughout the world die of starvation or malnutrition.

(d). Most of the good arable land in the world is under pasture or being tilled at the present.

Famines and food production are greatly affected by weather conditions which most meteorologists agree are in an unstable and unpredictable state. The thinking person seeing major increases in world population, and the food production data, must come to the conclusion that famines are inevitable. With the so called Greenhouse Effect people are being encouraged to afforest land: whilst population expansion requires increased arable land to be brought into production.

PROJECTIONS

In 1975 the World Food Conference in Rome stated that the annual famine toll in that year was 57 million, or 156,000 every day of the year.

Those starving in 1975 were three times the number who were starving in 1970. In the Food Conference in Manila in 1978 it was stated that one baby in three will never reach the age of five because of malnutrition.

The United Nations states that we are in the grips of the worst food problems the world has ever seen. The only disposable food left is in countries such as Europe, the United States and Australia. Ninety percent of the world's food is grown in areas where a 5% change in rainfall would render them less productive.

PROPHECY REGARDING FAMINE IN THE TRIBULATION

Revelation 11:3,6 (96 AD): And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophecy a thousand two hundred and three score days clothed in sackcloth. 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy, and have power over waters to turn them to blood and to smite the earth with all the plagues as often as they will.

The two prophets who minister during the first half of the tribulation period cause drought to occur over the earth. By implication the drought will cause famine and great testing.

DISEASES

Whilst the scourge of smallpox has been removed from the world, many other diseases have become more resistant to medicines and have staged a counter-attack. New diseases have emerged such as AIDS, which are causing world-wide concern.

In 1976 there was a meeting in the United States between leading American and British medical experts, where great concern was expressed about the reduction in the effect of antibiotics because disease causing organisms were increasing their immunity.

In 1965 it appeared that by using DDT, malaria was on the way to extinction. However, by the early 1980s malaria is back on a rampage in Africa, Asia and Latin America, with 120 million cases a year. In India there were 40,000 cases of malaria reported in 1966. This increased to 1,430,000 in 1972 and further escalated to 5.8 million in 1976.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1978 - China records its worst drought in a century.

1979 12 million of the world's children died each year from preventative diseases, due to lack of funds.

1984 - By August 13,000 full cases of AIDS had been registered world wide with several million people believed to be carrying the HIV virus or AIDS antibodies. In New York city AIDS was the main killer of men in their 30s

1985 An estimated two million people died of famine in Africa, with a further 100 million undernourished. Egyptian water supply is also threatened as even the Nile runs low. Officials from the Ministry of Irrigation say that the waters of Lake Nasser behind the Aswan Dam are dangerously low.

- 1986 - In 1984/5 an estimated 2 million people in Africa died of famine. Then followed the good rains of 1985-6. In June this year rains promised a good year but by July the rains had stopped and the crops withered and died resulting in at least 6 million people facing famine which is worse than 1984.

Africa is also bracing itself for a locust invasion, the largest in 50 years at a time when the continent's locust control organisations are collapsing. The Migratory Locust Control Organisation was set up in Mali by the colonial powers after the locust plague of 1930 to monitor the Niger delta a traditional breeding ground for locusts but some African states have not paid their fees and it has been forced into liquidation.

- 1987 - The UN World Food Programme listed 15 needy nations estimating their food need as 2.7 million tonnes. They are Angola, Botswana, Chad, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Global 2000 plan calls for a population reduction of two billion by 2000 bringing the population back to 1960 level. In March the world population reached five billion.

More than 500 species of insects are immune to insecticide. About 15 species are so resistant that they are very hard to kill.

- 1988 - It is expected that unless populations are curtailed, some of the world's biggest cities could collapse within 40 years. By 2025 Mexico City would have a population of 37.5 million, Shanghai 36.1 million, Beijing 31.9, and Sao Paulo 29.6.

- 1989 - Over half a billion people in the world suffer from hunger and malnutrition. The most affected are the populations of Africa South East Asia and Central America.

According to the World Food Council the number of such people has been increasing in the 1980s five times faster than in previous years. It also states that reallocation of only a small proportion of funds spent on armament would solve the problem.

- 1991 - A recent Reuter report from Washington entitled "AIDS devastates Africa" says that the disease is spreading rapidly throughout Africa and it has become the leading cause of death in many parts of the continent. Ann Kimball of the WHO said more than 6 million Africans were infected with the AIDS virus about one in every forty adults. She said 500,000 African infants had been born infected with AIDS.

- 1993 - TB and AIDS is a fatal combination. One third of the world's population has already been infected with TB. If these individuals contract HIV infection it dramatically shortens their lives causing an acute case of TB to erupt from their previously harmless infection. For someone who does not have a TB infection but has contracted HIV exposure to the TB germ can be devastating with the patient often dying within weeks.

- 1994 The UN Food and Agricultural Organisation [FAO] listed 30 countries which were currently facing food shortages half of which were in central Africa. It was reported that rats in China destroyed seven billion kilograms of rice which is enough food for 40 million people for one year

According to the WHO India tops the world in HIV infection cases and it tops Asia in the number of AIDS cases with an estimated 100,000 AIDS patients

- 1995 Floods in South China cause severe grain reserve levels with the country importing large amounts of food. China's population now 1.2 billion

- 1998 WHO reveals that AIDS has become the world's deadliest disease displacing TB. It is now the fourth largest killer after heart disease, strokes and acute respiratory diseases leading to 2.3 million deaths this year. Two years ago AIDS was ranked at number nine amongst the world's killer diseases.

The world population had reached 6 billion

- 1999 - The use of antibiotic drugs on chickens and cattle appears to be a major reason for the emergence in the USA of two kinds of drug resistant salmonella based diarrhoea originating from unpasteurised milk.

In August India's population passed the billion mark. Only China has more people than India. China has a current population of 1.248 billion. India has increased life expectancy from 39 to 63 in less than 50 years and cut its fertility rate in half from 6 to 3 children per woman.

2002 The international community gave massive support to 13 million Ethiopians who were starving with the USA donating one million tons of food and the EU tens of thousands of tons

2003 Cannibalism is increasing in North Korea following another poor harvest and a big cut in international food aid according to refugees who have fled the stricken country. If a funeral takes place during the day and burial is performed that evening the grave may be dug open and the body stolen before morning said one refugee

World grain harvests have fallen for four consecutive years and world grain stocks are at the lowest level in 30 years.

Ethiopia is once more in the grip of famine. The situation today is more grim than the famine of 1984-1985 when a million people died.

Today more than 12 million are at risk 50% of them being children under 15 years old. While Ethiopia is an extreme case it is an indication of what may soon happen in other African nations

Faced with the alarming new epidemic medical scientists around the world marshalled in a hi-tech attempt to contain SARS the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome that first struck in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong in mid November 2002.

By the end of April 2003 SARS had spread to 30 countries with almost 6000 cases and 400 deaths. The WHO had a tough time getting accurate information on the epidemic in China as several authorities had covered up the extent of the SARS situation.

The discovery of a case of mad cow disease in Washington State is threatening to seriously damage an industry that has been enjoying growing exports. At least 15 nations immediately banned the importing of US beef

Estimates published by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Joint United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) put the number of adults living with the HIV virus globally at the end of 2003 to be 37 million. This compares with 3,000 cases of HIV/AIDS globally twenty years ago.

A further 2.5 million children are also thought to be infected with the virus. During 2003, 3 million people died from HIV/AIDS and another 5 million are thought to have become infected with HIV. Around 95% of the people infected with HIV live in the developing world.

2004 More than 20 million people had died of AIDS over the last 25 years.

More than 2000 of Britain's 5000 haemophiliacs are believed to be carrying the AIDS virus. Several new viruses similar to AIDS have been identified in West Africa and Europe. South Africa reported as having 5.6 million HIV/AIDS sufferers with India having 5.1 million

In an invasion of north and west Africa that may take on biblical proportions the largest swarms of locusts for many years are threatening crops already shrivelled by years of drought.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation [FAO] announced on July 5 that the first swarms of desert locusts were abandoning their spring breeding area and heading into Mauritania, Senegal, Mali, Chad having already had a field day in Algeria and Morocco.

2005 - An estimated 12 million people in six southern African countries are expected to need food aid before the next harvest in February due to crop failure and the rising cost of grain. In Malawi alone up to 5 million people representing 40% of the population are facing shortages.

The rural work force is being decimated by AIDS in southern Africa. About 20% of Zambia's 11 million people are infected with HIV and life expectancy has dropped to just 37 years.

The world is in a grip of panic over a potential avian flu pandemic involving a virus named H5N1. This flu virus transferred from sick poultry to humans in Hong Kong in 1997. As a result all of the 1.5 million chickens in the territory were destroyed.

Perth based microbiologist Calvin London maintains that widespread use of antibiotics in the livestock industry is creating superbugs that could exacerbate a potential bird flu pandemic.

Whilst antibiotic abuse is a global problem the US is the worse offender with up to 70% of antibiotics being used in livestock. In Australia 50% of all antibiotics goes into meat. The EU has banned all antibiotic use in its meat industry from 2006

- 2008 - Today we see a new global tragedy as food prices soar worldwide. In many places in the world the rising costs have already reached crisis level. According to the UN global food prices rose 35% in the last year. Corn prices have hit a 12 year high and the price of wheat has jumped almost 90%.

On April 25 it was reported that rice had hit \$1000 a ton and 100% B grade white rice could soon reach \$1300

The cause of the exorbitant food is a combination of various factors including growing populations, harsh weather conditions including drought, plagues, record oil process, the use of grains to produce bio fuels and speculators trading in local market places.

Local problems such as a cyclone in Bangladesh, drought in Australia, a plague of rats in India, the demand for more meat in increasingly prosperous Asia, panic buying in Hong Kong, and the outpacing of consumption of rice over production.

- 2009 Current world population at February 2009 – 6.9 billion

The rate of HIV /AIDS infection in India expected to be above 10 million by the end of the century. A UN report stated that 2.1 million have died of AIDS In 2007.

There has been much publicity recently regarding the possibility of a bird flu pandemic with the possibility of many millions dying from it world wide.

New deadly swine flu jumps to humans, outbreak in Mexico may spread. Swine flu the first official pandemic in 41 years has started.

- 2010 Environmentalists pushing for a two children limit and abortion as the world population of 6.7 billion expected to rise to 9.2 billion by 2050. The ILO [International Labour Organisation predicts that the loss of jobs due to the economic crisis could multiply the food crisis

Fears grow over world food supply with a billion people currently suffering from hunger

Bee decline already having dramatic effect on plant pollination

- 2011 Think tank – Food prices to rocket by 50% as global hunger epidemic causes riots and famines

Man-made flu virus with potential to wipe out many millions is created in Research Lab

December 20th US federal government ask scientists not to release method used to develop human bird flu because of threat of bioterrorism

- 2012 World grain reserves are so dangerously low that severe weather in the United States or other food-exporting countries could trigger a major hunger crisis next year, the United Nations has warned. Failing harvests in the US, Ukraine and other countries this year have eroded reserves to their lowest level since 1974. The US, which has experienced record heatwaves and droughts in 2012, now holds in reserve a historically low 6.5% of the maize that it expects to consume in the next year, says the UN.

"With food consumption exceeding the amount grown for six of the past 11 years, countries have run down reserves from an average of 107 days of consumption 10 years ago to under 74 days recently.

Prices of main food crops such as wheat and maize are now close to those that sparked riots in 25 countries in 2008.

FAO figures released this week suggest that 870 million people are malnourished and the food crisis is growing in the Middle East and Africa. Wheat production this year is expected to be 5.2% below 2011, with yields of most other crops, except rice, also falling, says the UN.

- 2013 Antibiotic-resistant bacteria with the potential to cause untreatable infections pose "a catastrophic threat" to the population, England's chief medical officer warns in a report calling for urgent action worldwide. If tough measures are not taken to restrict the use of antibiotics and no new ones are discovered, said Dame Sally Davies, "we will find ourselves in a health system not dissimilar to the early 19th century at some point".

While antibiotics are failing, new bacterial diseases are on the rise. Although the "superbugs" MRSA and *C. difficile* have been reduced to low numbers in hospitals, there has been an alarming increase in other types of bacteria including new strains of *E. coli* and *Klebsiella*, which causes pneumonia.

Antibiotics fail because bacteria develop resistance to the drugs over time. In the decades after the invention of penicillin it did not seem to be a problem because drug companies developed new versions. But no new classes of drugs have been discovered since 1987 and the pipeline has now dried up.

- 2013 Death of Bees - Since 2006 honey bees responsible for pollinating more than 100 crops from apples to zucchini have been dying by the tens of millions. As a new report from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) details, scientists are still struggling to pinpoint the cause of so-called Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) and time is running out.

"Currently, the survivorship of honey bee colonies is too low for us to be confident in our ability to meet the pollination demands of U.S. agricultural crops," the report states.

Some signs of "beemageddon": CCD has wiped out some 10 million bee hives worth \$2 billion over the past six years. The death rate for colonies has hit 30% annually in recent years and there are now about 2.5 million honey bee colonies in the US, down from 6 million in 1947 and 3 million in 1990.

That downward spiral leaves "virtually no cushion of bees for pollination," the report's authors write. If that sounds scary, it is. Take almonds. California harvests more than 80% of the world's almonds. But you can't grow the nut without honey bees and it takes 60% of the US's remaining colonies just to pollinate that one \$4 billion cash crop.

If the death toll continues at the present rate, that means there will soon be barely enough bees to pollinate the almonds, let alone avocados, blueberries, pears or plums. "We are one poor weather event or high winter bee loss away from a pollination disaster," USDA scientist Jeff Pettis said in the report.

- 2014 May - Fears for Antibiotic 'Apocalypse' Grow - The biggest threat to human health today isn't global warming, says a group of eminent scientists, it is resistance to antibiotics. The situation, which has been described as 'apocalyptic', is so desperate that a global response, similar to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, is urgently needed, said experts gathered at the Royal Society in London. The World Health Organisation is considering a global action plan to fight the problem.

At least two million Americans a year are infected with drug-resistant bugs and 23,000 die as a direct result. Even more die from other illnesses that were made worse by infections that cannot be treated, according to a report by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last year. Another 5,000 die annually in Britain, where the first antimicrobials were developed a century ago.

Dame Sally Davies, Britain's Chief Medical Officer, warned Parliament last year of an "apocalyptic" situation where people would die from routine operations. One of the main threats comes from MRSA, Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* [Golden Staph]. A recent study found that 4.6 per cent of patients in US healthcare facilities had the bug.

September Sierra Leone has announced a three day lockdown in an attempt to contain the Ebola epidemic which so far has killed 2,000 and is sweeping through West Africa

October - Why Are So Many Deadly Diseases Breaking Out All Over The Globe Right Now? Ebola, Marburg, Enterovirus and Chikungunya - these diseases were not even on the radar of most people coming into 2014, but now each one of them is making headline news. So why is this happening? Why are so many deadly diseases breaking out all over the world right now?

Is there some kind of a connection, or is the fact that so many horrible diseases are arising all at once just a giant coincidence? And this could be just the beginning. For example, there are now more than a million cases of Chikungunya in Central and South America, and authorities are projecting that there will be millions more in 2015.

The number of Ebola cases continues to grow at an exponential rate, and now an even deadlier virus (Marburg) has broken out in Uganda. We have gone decades without experiencing a major worldwide pandemic, and many people believed that it could never happen in our day and time. But now we could potentially see several absolutely devastating diseases all racing across the planet at the same time.

According to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention approximately one third of the entire population of the US currently has a sexually transmitted disease. It is noted that sexual diseases in the Canaanites at the time of Joshua were so prevalent that some of their god idols statues portrayed sexual infections.

Deadly diseases (which the Bible calls pestilences) would be common. Emerging diseases such as AIDS, Ebola, Hanta virus, Dengue, West Nile, SARS, bird flu, etc., underscore this fact. Ironically, just a few decades ago, some scientists were forecasting that advances in medicine might soon eradicate deadly diseases. According to the United Nations, an estimated 854 million people went hungry in 2006.

- 2015 Ebola may have killed off one-third of gorillas in the world. According to a new study the deadly virus may be responsible for the deaths of one-third of the global population of gorillas. Chimpanzees are also experiencing massive numbers of early deaths from the deadly virus. Around 95 percent of gorillas and 77 percent of chimpanzees who contract the illness perish from the disease. Researchers believe there are no more than 100,000 gorillas in the wild.

Between 2002 and 2003, an outbreak of the Zaire version of Ebola killed around 5,000 western gorillas in the Democratic Republic of Congo. More than 90 percent of gorillas living in Minkébé Park within northern Gabon perished during an earlier outbreak, in 1995. Ebola was successfully treated in great apes in clinical trials announced in 2014, but manufacture of the drug has not begun, making an immediate treatment program impossible.

WEATHER

TREND 63 - WEATHER DISTURBANCES

PROPHECY - Luke 21:25b “And there shall be upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity: the sea and the waves roaring”.

TREND 64 - CELESTIAL AND TERRESTRIAL DISTURBANCES

PROPHECY - Luke 21:25a “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars;”

Chaotic weather would be prevalent. Jesus foresaw the seas and the waves roaring in the last days. He also likened these signs to birth pangs. The Greek word *odin*, often translated as sorrows in, literally means birth pangs. Furthermore, the Apostle Paul reminded us that the creation itself will be delivered from the curse at the end of the age. And that the whole creation groans and labours with birth pangs until then.

As delivery draws near, birth pangs always increase in both intensity and frequency. Therefore, the creation itself would travail as the time of delivery draws near. Of course chaotic weather is not new, but there are indications that we are witnessing an increase in strange weather

This is however not caused by humans, it is a judgment given by God, the very existence of whom most scientists choose to ignore. This warning has not been modelled into their computer based predictions!

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BACKGROUND TO THE TRENDS AS AT 1983

During the time of the Tribulation, extreme problems with the weather are predicted. Over the last twenty years weather patterns have been erratic with records being set in many areas. The weather patterns are also predicted to change due to the Greenhouse Effect, with the increase in temperature causing rising of sea levels.

In the first half of this century the world enjoyed better weather than for the previous 1000 years. Since then, however, the weather has changed on a world-wide basis to a less kindly norm. There was an increase in population of two billion during that period. The change in weather patterns will affect food production, bringing hunger to many.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

- 1979 - Scotland records lowest ever temperatures; sea freezes. Moscow sizzles, highest recorded this century. Fiercest hurricane of the century in the Caribbean.
 - 1982 - It was reported that the ice caps are melting causing sea levels to rise. This phenomena is thought to be caused by the “Greenhouse effect”
 - 1983 - El Nino causing problems in the weather in the Pacific, including drought in Australia. The Jet Stream has increased from 100 to 150kmh.
 - 1986 - Violent hail storms in China destroy 100,000 homes killing at least 120.
 - 1987 - More than 15 million trees were blown down by the hurricane of October which struck South-East England in October. In Sussex, Suffolk and Kent a fifth of all timber is down. The damage to forests and woodlands is more than double that of any previous gale in living memory.
 - 1988 - Three quarters of Bangladesh with its 100 million people lay under water after it and neighbouring India, Bhutan and Nepal suffered the heaviest monsoon in 70 years. The flooding left 30 million homeless. Many hundreds died. Experts estimate that up to 500,000 new cases of diarrhoea are occurring each day
 - 1989 - International conference on climate changes held in Nairobi Kenya in June especially dealing with the Greenhouse Effect
 - 1999 - Glaciers in the Himalayas are melting at an alarming rate and could cause catastrophic flooding if melt water lakes overflow into surrounding valleys. The Gangorti glacier at the head of the Ganges River is receding at a rate of 30 metres a year.
- If current trends blamed on global warming continue it is predicted that all the glaciers in the central and eastern Himalayas could disappear by 2035 with disastrous consequences for India, Pakistan, Bhutan, Tibet and China.
- 2003 - In the opening years of this century there have been many unusual weather patterns with increasing intensity. In the summer of 2003 an unprecedented heatwave in Europe killed 20,000 and caused agricultural losses amounting to \$10 billion

On September 18th super hurricane Isabel, a category 5 storm with winds up to 370 km/h formed off the United States. Only 3 storms of this category have hit the USA in the last 100 years. On September 23rd Typhoon Maemi became the most powerful storm to strike South Korea in decades.

In December a UN Conference on Climate change held in Milan was told that natural disasters which are mostly caused by extreme weather cost more than \$60 billion this year.

On March 6th the largest most active sunspot ever seen occurred bombarding the earth with solar X rays, gamma rays, protons and creating a surging solar wind that disturbed the Earth's magnetic field. This claimed two satellites as casualties and apparently cut power to 20,000 Swedish homes.

On November 7th it was reported that the sun had erupted nine times in the last two weeks. These explosions sent out a cloud of charged gas 13 times the size of the earth.

Scientists who have been monitoring the 21 solar cycles of 11 year duration since 1755 have never seen a string of activity to match this. The unusual fact is that we are past the maximum point of the cycle by 3 years.

2004 - On January 7th the island of Niue 2000 km north east of New Zealand was virtually flattened by a category 5 cyclone with winds up to 300 km/h.

An unprecedented heat wave in Europe has fanned forest fires, wiped out crops, triggered blackouts and killed thousands of people. Funeral home giant OGF says almost 3500 people will have died in Paris by the end of the month.

2005 Greg Holland at the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) published a study which found that the number of category 4 and 5 hurricanes had increased over the past 35 years, mostly in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. In July, Holland published a new study which found that the number of tropical storms in the Atlantic have doubled over the past century due to global warming.

The study claims that the number of tropical cyclones averaged six per year between 1905 and 1930, rose to 9.4 annually between 1931 and 1994, and jumped to 14.8 per year since 1994.

2007 Weather is breaking records around the world. The climate this year is being called a 100 year weather rarity. The world has experienced a string of record breaking weather events from early 2007, with tropical storms, hurricanes, tornados, floods, heat waves, forest fires, snow fall in South Africa and with the Arabian Peninsula's first tropical cyclone.

2008 - Immense disaster was caused by cyclone Nargis which hit Burma on May 2. The cyclone caused huge tidal waves that swept inland over the low lying delta. 130,000 were reported as dead or missing and 2.4 million were left homeless and hungry.

2009 - A combination of record high temperatures and very strong winds in early February caused a catastrophic bush fire in Victoria Australia with over 200 dead.

2010 The US National Academy of Science issues a report funded by NASA warning that the 2012 Solar Maximum could lead to disaster with solar flares knocking out electricity grids. High-energy electric pulses from the sun could surge to Earth and cripple our electrical grid for years, causing billions in damages, government officials and scientists worry. Solar storms occur when sunspots on our star erupt and spew out flumes of charged particles that can damage power systems.

The sun's activity typically follows an 11-year cycle, and it looks to be coming out of a slump and gearing up for an active period. The sun is waking up from a deep slumber, and in the next few years we expect to see much higher levels of solar activity," said Richard Fisher, head of NASA's Heliophysics Division. "At the same time, our technological society has developed an unprecedented sensitivity to solar storms." A major solar storm could cause 20 times more economic damage than Hurricane Katrina.

Quakes and floods mark this year as the deadliest in more than a generation.

2011 May 22 Deadliest recorded tornado hits city of Joplin killing 157 people.

Millions face food poverty as northern Europe is hit by worst drought in 35 years

- 2012 In April 100 tornados roared across 5 Midwest states within 24 hours. The USA also is experiencing the worst drought it has seen since the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s with close to two thirds of the continental US experiencing some level of drought.

In 2009 Al Gore boldly declared that "the entire north polar ice cap during some of the summer months could be completely ice-free within the next five to seven years." The truth is that the polar ice cap is actually growing. It is about 50 percent larger than it was at this time last year. A shocking UN report that was recently leaked shows that the planet has actually not been warming for the past 15 years.

On the other hand, there is rising concern about what "global cooling" will soon do to the planet as we suffer through the beginning of the coldest winter in decades. Thanks to an unusually quiet solar cycle and an unusually high number of volcano eruptions, global temperatures have been falling. And if this cold weather persists, that could lead to massive global problems. Periods of very low temperatures throughout history have resulted in mass crop failures and widespread famines.

- 2013 Our star is now at "solar maximum," the peak phase of its 11-year activity cycle. But this solar maximum is weak, and the overall current cycle, known as Solar Cycle 24, conjures up comparisons to the famously feeble Solar Cycle 14 in the early 1900s, researchers said. "None of us alive have ever seen such a weak cycle. So we will learn something," Leif Svalgaard of Stanford University told reporters on December 11 at the annual meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

Another factor that is causing all of this cold weather is a dramatic rise in volcanic activity [see above]. Throughout human history, volcanic eruptions have produced some of the coldest winters ever recorded, and in 2013 we have witnessed a record number of volcanic eruptions.

The truth is that volcanoes can influence our climate far more than normal human activity ever possibly could. When a tremendous amount of volcanic debris gets ejected into the atmosphere, it can have a huge impact on global temperatures and the consequences can be quite dramatic.

The effects of volcanic eruptions historically have been significant. Most recently, the 1991 explosion of Mount Pinatubo, a strato-volcano in the Philippines, cooled global temperatures for about 2-3 years. In 1883, the explosion of Krakatoa (Krakatau) created volcanic winter-like conditions. The four years following the explosion were unusually cold, and the winter of 1887-1888 included powerful blizzards. Record snowfalls were recorded worldwide.

The 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora, a strato-volcano in Indonesia, occasioned mid-summer frosts in New York State and June snowfalls in New England and Newfoundland and Labrador in what came to be known as the "Year Without a Summer" of 1816.

A paper written by Benjamin Franklin in 1783 blamed the unusually cool summer of 1783 on volcanic dust coming from Iceland, where the eruption of Laki volcano had released enormous amounts of sulphur dioxide, resulting in the death of much of the island's livestock and a catastrophic famine which killed a quarter of the Icelandic population. Northern hemisphere temperatures dropped by about 1 °C in the year following the Laki eruption.

In 1600, the Huaynaputina in Peru erupted. Tree ring studies show that 1601 was cold. Russia had its worst famine in 1601-1603. From 1600 to 1602, Switzerland, Latvia and Estonia had exceptionally cold winters. The wine harvest was late in 1601 in France, and in Peru and Germany, wine production collapsed. Peach trees bloomed late in China, and Lake Suwa in Japan froze early.

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11th December a major meteor shower named Geminid exploded over Tucson Arizona rattling houses in its path.

One Direct Hit from a Solar Storm could change life as we know it. Is Planet earth merely “lucky” or are we destined to enjoy protection based on a Divine Blueprint and timeline? We just evaded a “technical Armageddon.” Most people have absolutely no idea that the Earth barely missed being fried by a massive EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse) burst or solar storm from the sun in 2012, in 2013 and as recently as February 2014.

The report states that if any of those storms (also known as coronal mass ejections) would have directly hit us, the result would have been catastrophic. Electrical transformers would have burst into flames, power grids would have gone down and much of our technology would have been fried.

The last most famous incident happened in 1859, and was known as the Carrington Event, the largest solar magnetic storm ever reported on the planet. If another “Carrington Event” happened today, it would be a complete and utter nightmare, taking a horrific \$2.6 trillion chunk out of the global economy, and up to a decade to repair the damage based on estimates. A solar super storm today would include damage to the earth’s magnetic field, electrical grids and disable satellites in space.

In February of 2014, a huge magnetic filament shot out of the sun, sending shockwaves racing at 1.7 million miles per hour, a brief roar of static through shortwave radios across the planet and a geomagnetic storm. Fortunately, the massive blast reportedly shot off the sun and into space, away from our planet, so it didn’t have the same effect on radio signals, power grids and communication satellites that an Earth-facing eruption would have.

So are we just sitting ducks waiting to be roasted by the next well-timed solar flare? Not quite as the Earth can raise shields to protect itself against solar storms. For the first time, satellites and ground-based detectors have watched as the planet sends out a tendril of plasma to fight off blasts of charged solar matter. The discovery confirms a long-standing theory about Earth’s magnetic surroundings and offers us a way to keep track of the planet’s defences.

Earth is always surrounded by a bubble of magnetism called the magnetosphere, which protects us from the bulk of the solar wind, a stream of high-energy particles constantly flowing from the sun.

Brian Walsh at NASA said “For the first time, we were able to monitor the entire cycle of this plasma stretching from the atmosphere to the boundary between Earth’s magnetic field and the sun’s. It gets to that boundary and helps protect us, keeps these solar storms from slamming into us.”

However not every solar storm generates a plasma plume, which means ground-based observations will continue to be vital for understanding the phenomenon. Meanwhile, we can trust that God who made the heavens and the earth, can and will keep us safe if we put our trust in Him.

TREND 65 - GLOBAL WARMING

PROPHECY - Revelation 16:8-9 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Over the last few years society has been inundated with “news” of man made global warming or more recently climate change. In Revelation 16 God in his fourth bowl judgment will provide real global warming! There is real global warming on the way, but the present hype is just that – hype without real substance – but it is perhaps a satanic pre-warning of what is to come.

This real global warming coming in the Tribulation is however not caused by humans, it is a judgment given by God, the very existence of whom most scientists choose to ignore. This massive warming has not been modelled into their computer based predictions!

It is of interest that according to verse 9 “**And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory**”.

PROPHECIES CONCERNING MAN MADE AREAS

This section deals with man-made conditions are divided into four sections: WAR, KNOWLEDGE and TRAVEL, POLLUTION and MORAL DECLINE

WORLD WAR AND PREPARATION FOR WAR

TREND 66 - WORLD WAR

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:6,7 “And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.”

In these verses Christ revealed a single event that will indicate the end of the age has begun “**Nation shall rise up against nation and kingdom against kingdom**” coupled in verse 8 with famines and earthquakes. This is said to be the beginning of travail or birth pangs. This idiom when taken in the Jewish context means world war or a total conflict of the area in view.

The idiom is found in two Old Testament passages **Isaiah 19:1-4** which speaks of conflict all over the land of Egypt “**The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.**”

The other passage is **2 Chronicles 15:1-7** “**And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity. Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded**”. This again speaks of conflict over all the Middle East. In the Olivet Discourse the whole world is in view hence World War

The World Wars are therefore a warning that the tribulation period is on its way and is a fulfilment of Second Advent prophecy.

TREND 67 - PREPARATION FOR WAR

PROPHECY - Joel 3:9-12 “**Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: 10 Beat your ploughshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. 11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. 12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.**”

In December 1978 it was stated that \$400b was spent on arms in the world per annum or \$100 per head of population. Many families in under-developed countries do not have an income of \$100 per annum. Amazing proportions of gross national product are expended.

At that time both Israel and Egypt spent more than 25% of their GNP on arms. One would have to be a wide-eyed optimist to apply Scriptures dealing with the peace in the millennium reign of Christ to this present troubled age. In 2012 it was stated that the present annual global military spending is over \$1.7 trillion.

TREND 68 - NUCLEAR WAR

PROPHECY - Joel 2:30,31 "And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come."

PROPHECY - Zechariah 14:12 "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

The use of nuclear weapons is anticipated and battle field nuclear strikes are described. The neutron bomb melts (dissolves) its victims just as God warned 2500 years ago. "Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths."

This was unimaginable in Zechariah's day but the prophet saw the day that is coming.

In these verses the phrase "pillars of smoke" should be translated "palm trees" or palm trees of smoke. This could speak of thermonuclear mushroom clouds.

When the Allies dropped atomic bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, those in direct line of the blast disappeared but their shadows were burnt into the ground. Those affected somewhat less had injuries described in the above verse.

The bombs being made today are 2500 times the size of those used on Japan, with the power of 50 million tonnes of TNT. In addition the neutron bomb has been produced which will kill people but allow property to remain.

Nuclear Arsenal Proliferation - There is a proliferation of nuclear armed countries. Originally it was the West versus the Communists with a balance of power giving a period of peace.

There are five nations under the NPT [non proliferation treaty], three nations known to have nuclear weapons but not under the treaty and Israel who has not confirmed they have nuclear weapons [as at 2012]

COUNTRY	WARHEADS		DATE OF COMMISSIONING	NPT	NAME	DELIVERY
	ACTIVE	TOTAL				
United States	2104	4804	16 July 1945	Yes	Trinity	Triad
Russia	600	4480	29 August 1949	Yes	RDS -1	Triad
United Kingdom	160	225	3 October 1952	Yes	Hurricane	Sea based
France	290	300	13 February 1960	Yes	Gerboise Bleue	Sea & Air
China	N A	250	16 October 1964	Yes	596	Triad?
India	N A	110	18 May 1974	No	Smiling Buddha	Triad
Pakistan	N A	120	28 May 1998	No	Chagai-I	Land & Air
North Korea	N A	< 10	9 October 2006	No		Land?
Israel	N A	90	22 September 1979?	No		Triad?

Five countries in Europe have 150-200 nuclear weapons between them in association with NATO. It has been argued that the weapons' sharing is compliant with the NPT because the U.S. nuclear weapons based in Europe are in the sole possession and under constant and complete custody and control of the United States

COUNTRY	Belgium	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Turkey
AIR BASE	Kleine Brogel	Buchel	Ghedi Torre, Aviano	Vokel	Incirlik
CUSTODIAN	31 st Fighter and 52 nd Fighter Wings and 39 th Air Base Wing				
WARHEADS	10-20	10-20	60-20	10-20	60-70

Because of tensions especially in the Middle East Iran and Saudi Arabia [via Pakistan] may become nuclear armed nations in the future

Broken Arrows: Nuclear Weapons Accidents - Since 1950, there have been 22 nuclear weapon accidents involving ships and aircraft, known as "Broken Arrows." A Broken Arrow is defined as an unexpected event involving nuclear weapons that result in the accidental launching, firing, detonating, theft or loss of the weapon. Eight have involved Aircraft and 14 Ships, mainly submarines. To date, six nuclear weapons have been lost and never recovered.

TREND 69 - MAN ABLE TO DESTROY ALL LIFE

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:21-22 "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

With the amount of weapons of mass destruction mankind is capable of destroying all life. Consider that when Jesus made this prophecy the armaments of His day were swords and spears which would not eliminate all life but today, with nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, it is possible to wipe out all human life on planet earth. The Bible is clear – it will not happen but in the Tribulation Period it comes close.

WAR IN THE TRIBULATION

PROPHECY - Revelation 6:3,4 (96 AD): And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. ⁴ And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

This shows clearly a major war at the beginning of the Tribulation period, which would require a massive arms build-up in the years prior. The American general Albert Pike, who became the chief of the Illuminati, stated that there would be three World Wars. The first two world wars have been completed.

If he is right the third world war will commence in the Tribulation. Nuclear warfare and the ensuing holocaust is officially the great fear of politicians in this era. The nuclear winter is viewed by them as a real possibility.

COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL WARS SINCE 1945 by 1983

Afghanistan	China	India	Namibia	Sudan
Algeria	Colombia	Indonesia	New Zealand	Syria
Angola	Congo	Iraq	Nicaragua	Tajikistan
Argentina	Croatia	Iran	Nigeria	Tanzania
Armenia	Cuba	Ireland	Pakistan	Thailand
Australia	Cyprus	Israel	Papua New Guinea	Tibet
Azerbaijan	Czechoslovakia	Jordan	Philippines	Timor
Bangladesh	Dominican Rep	Korea	Poland	Turkey
Bosnia	Egypt	Laos	Rhodesia	Vietnam
Brazil	Eritrea	Lebanon	Romania	Uganda
Bulgaria	Ethiopia	Liberia	Russia	UK
Burundi	France	Libya	Rwanda	USA
Burma	Georgia	Malaya	Somalia	West Papua
Cambodia	Greece	Mauritania	South Africa	Yemen
Chad	Guatemala	Morocco	Spanish Sahara	Yugoslavia
Chechnya	Hungary	Mozambique	Sri Lanka	Zaire

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1979 - More than 50% of scientists and technologists in the world were said to be working on arms production. World arsenals contain a huge number of nuclear weapons. Russia spends more than 27% of its GNP on arms

1981 - Vietnam is using toxic chemicals on people in Cambodia and Laos

1983 - Russia announced a hydrogen bomb 100 times larger than any other bomb, and equivalent to one billion tonnes of TNT.

1984 - According to the International Institute of Strategic Studies military spending is now at \$1100 billion
China develops a sea skimming missile similar to the French Exocet.

1985 - It is said that if South Africa were to fall to a Soviet-style regime, the USA would be forced to surrender to the Soviets within five years as a major war could not be won without South African manganese, chromium and vanadium.

Forty years of arms race has cost between \$3-4 trillion to produce 16,000 mega-tonnes of explosives, compared to 11 mega-tonnes which killed 39 million people in World War 1, Korea and Vietnam. The superpowers have nuclear weapons amounting to 10 billion tonnes of TNT

1986 - In Iran 60,000 child soldiers are under training. Most of them are between 10 and 14 years of age.

SDI lasers designed as a shield against nuclear missiles could become offensive weapons incinerating a city within minutes.

Military Expenditure during 1980-84 and percentage of arms sale to developing countries

COUNTRY	\$ BILLION	PERCENTAGE
USA	284.9	48
USSR	226.2	77
FRANCE	63.0	81
BRITAIN	30.6	73
WEST GERMANY	23.1	61
ITALY	22.0	92

Libya supplies Iran and Syria with nerve gas warheads for Soviet built missiles

1987 - This year the nations of the world spent \$US 1.8 million per minute on its military or about \$930 billion overall. This was an increase of \$50 billion over last year's expenditure. Saudi Arabia signs a contract with UK for \$30 billion

Japan's military budget for the year was \$32 billion which makes it the world's third largest

China sold 96 Silkworm missiles to Iran for use against shipping at a cost of \$1 billion

1988 - Saudi Arabia buys from China intermediate range missiles capable of reaching any part of the Middle East with an atomic warhead.

On May 22nd India launched its first Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile and has joined the US, USSR, France, China and Israel who have also developed the technology.

1991 – First Desert Storm war after Iraq invades Kuwait but they are driven out by coalition forces.

1992 - Four of the former Soviet republics have a colossal nuclear arsenal

COUNTRY	ICBM	NUCLEAR WARHEADS
Belarus	72	1222
Kazakhstan	104	1690
Russia	1035	17505
Ukraine	176	1690

1996 – At least 16 nations have developed biological and biochemical weapons [bacteria, germs, poisons and gases] which have the capacity to destroy whole continents in a very short period of time.

These include Pneumonic Plague, Pulmonary Anthrax, Typhus, Botulism Toxin and Nerve Gases. Leading nations are now working on new types of weapons called geo-physical weapons where lightning, cyclones and other natural conditions are mobilised for destructive use.

2000 - A missile test in early July signalled the determination of the US to build a controversial “Star Wars style” nuclear shield. The missile defence system which would cost \$60 billion is opposed by environmentalists who state that the danger is that the whole process will create an arms race in missiles and make the world a more dangerous place.

Around 100 million people were killed in wars in the 20th century

2002 – Scientists have warned that the influenza virus could be used in a similar way to anthrax and smallpox as a biological weapon. They warn that genetic mapping of the virus opens the way to the possibility of synthesising an infectious agent which could be propelled by aerosol. A terrorist need only to aerosol a plane with such material to start a global infection.

2003 - Japan’s Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba has stressed his country’s right to strike North Korean missile sites if an attack is believed to be imminent as attacking them after a missile attack would be too late. The threat from North Korea is seen as a global one. According to the South Korean Defence Ministry North Korea delivered 400 scud type missiles to countries in the Middle East including Iran, Iraq, Syria and Yemen.

US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is considering a plan for multi pronged attacks on insurgency strongholds in such countries as Lebanon and Somalia.

2004 - In one of its most secret projects Israel is constructing an underground military command centre in the Judean hills near Jerusalem. It will be able to withstand atomic, biological and chemical weapon attacks and will be used at times of extreme emergency.

2005 - Beyond the 10 nations who have declared nuclear arms there are more than 40 countries with peaceful nuclear programmes that could make weapons.

2007 - Global military spending totalled almost \$ US 1.34 trillion in 2007 a real term increase of 45% since 1998. This is equivalent to \$200 a year for each person in the world.

2008 - On August 7th the Georgian government in Tbilisi launched an assault on South Ossetia in an attempt to retake this small province that had broken away from Georgia in the 1990s.

As a result they came into conflict with Russia who attacked Georgia to prevent genocide according to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

2009 - The London Sun reported that terrorists died horribly at a forest training camp in Algeria. The terrorists were members of AQLIM, Al Qaida in the Land of Maghreb, whom the Sun identified as the largest and most powerful al Qaida group outside the Middle East.

The fact that these terrorists all died from Pneumonic Plague is of great concern as a person can be infectious for a week or more before symptoms occur. A former adviser to Mikhail Gorbachev Dr Igor Khrupinov said “Instead of using bombs people with infections could be walking through cities”

Major cyber attacks represent the greatest threat to the USA after an atomic attack on a city or weapons of mass destruction.

Calling it “cybergeddon” an FBI chief said attack by hackers into a country highly reliant on computers could be disastrous. US counterterrorism officials have authenticated an Al Qaeda recruiter video threatening to smuggle biological weapons into the US via tunnels from Mexico

A home grown Israeli missile defence system performed well in its first live trial bringing down a short range rocket similar to those used by the Palestinian and Lebanese militants.

Defence Ministry officials said the missile from the “Iron Dome” system intercepted and destroyed a “Grad” rocket. Concern regarding increasing possibility of a war in the Middle East

2010 US military planners have won the support of President Obama for a new generation of high speed weapons that are intended to strike anywhere on earth within an hour.

North Korea has threatened to scrap all military assurance agreements with South Korea and warned of an immediate attack should Seoul intrude on the disputed maritime border, further raising tensions on the peninsula.

Pyongyang's threat to abandon the agreements designed to prevent accidental armed clashes and protect the safety of South Korean workers in a Northern factory enclave came as Seoul elevated its alert level and began anti-submarine exercises off the west coast of the peninsula. The threats mark the most serious deterioration in relations between the neighbours, who are still officially at war, in more than a decade.

South Korea deploys robot capable of killing intruders along border with the North.

Israel's secret new weapon? Nanotechnology paint to defeat radar

US military working on insect cyborgs? Dragonfly drones and cyborg moths: Tiny flying robots set to be the future of spying and rescue missions

Stuxnet worm still out of control at Iran's nuclear sites says expert

Pentagon prepares test of super weapon – conventional attack anywhere in the world in an hour

2011 Maiden flight of US Navy bat winged robot stealth bomber that has no need for a human pilot.

Russia prepares for future conflict with the largest rearmament programme since the Soviet era with a \$650 billion price tag

Infrastructure vulnerability as Russian hackers seize control of U.S. Public Water System

May 2 Osama Bin Laden killed in Abbottabad Pakistan

MIT develops new radar technology allowing the military to see through walls. They can also detect heartbeats through a thick wall rendering walls incapable of hiding opponents.

A leading Internet security expert has warned that a cyber terrorist attack with catastrophic consequences looks increasingly likely in a world already in a state of near cyber war.

Every day we see attempts on an industrial scale to steal government secrets, information of interest to nation states not just commercial organisations.

Continuing pressure placed on Iran by the West in relation to their production of nuclear arms over the year continues into 2012. Threat of an attack by Israel mooted.

2012 At present annual global military spending is over \$1.7 trillion

The Israel Army's Engineering Corps has been working with civilian partners to develop robots that could detect and stop infiltration threats along the borders of Egypt, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip.

Spy planes able to photograph sunbathers in their back gardens are being deployed by Google and Apple. The U.S. technology giants are racing to produce aerial maps so detailed they can show up objects just four inches wide .

On February 2nd Israeli Military Intelligence Chief said 200,000 enemy missiles are ready at any given time to be fired on Israeli cities.

2013 Russian nuclear forces conducted a major exercise last month that tested the transport of both strategic and tactical nuclear weapons near Europe, according to United States officials. The exercise raised concerns inside the Pentagon and with the U.S. European Command because it was the largest exercise of its kind in 20 years and involved heightened alert status of Russian nuclear forces. The nuclear drills were part of other military manoeuvres in Russia carried out between February 17th -21st.

The exercises followed a recent surge in Russian strategic bomber flights that include a recent circling of the U.S. Pacific island of Guam by two Tu-95 Bear bomber and simulated bombing runs by Tu-95s against Alaska and California in June and July 2012.

General Gerasimov head of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces said, The role of non-military instruments is increasing, including information wars, secret operations and the use of the "protest potential of a population," adding that such non-military means are often more effective than the use of military power. Given these challenges, Russia's possession of state-of-the-art weaponry is a "vital condition for the country's existence," he said.

By 2015, the number of modern weapons and military hardware across Russia's Armed Forces will reach at least 30 percent. And by the end of the decade, all guided missile brigades will be supplied with Iskander tactical missile systems. However, priority is still being given to strategic nuclear forces to ensure deterrence. He said that Russia plans to re-arm its nuclear arsenal with modern Topol-M and RS-24 Yars strategic missiles, new submarines, and modernized Tupolev Tu-160 and Tu-95MS bombers.

Experts Warn That Britain's Deadly Superdrone Picks Its Own Targets Could Mark the Start Of 'Robot Wars' It is named after the Celtic god of thunder, can fly faster than the speed of sound and evades enemy radar with its single-wing stealth design.

This is Taranis, Britain's latest pilotless combat aircraft, which is even capable of selecting its own targets. The revolutionary super-drone is due to make its maiden flight in the next few weeks in Australia and could spearhead the fight against terrorism in Africa.

Military chiefs believe Taranis's ground-breaking technology will allow a powerful new generation of drones equipped with deadly payloads to fly from British bases to attack targets worldwide. Britain's armed drones are currently piloted remotely by aircrews on the ground but Taranis will follow a set flight path using on-board computers to perform manoeuvres, avoid threats and identify targets. Only when it needs to attack a target will it seek authorisation from a human controller.

US Navy Could Soon Use 3-D Printers To Manufacture Drones And Weapons When U.S. Navy ships need to resupply ammunition and other essential equipment, they have to pull into port. But could the advent of 3-D printers cut out the middleman, allowing the military to literally print out weapons and other supplies? Writing in the Armed Forces Journal, Lt. Cmdr. Michael Llenza says rapidly evolving technology may soon make 3-D printer warfare a reality.

"For the Navy, the technology promises to shift inventory from the physical world to the digital one," Llenza writes. "Instead of actual parts, a ship might carry 3-D printers and bags of various powdered ingredients, and simply download the design files needed to print items as necessary.

The eventual goal is a drone that flies right out of the printer with electronics and motive power already in place," he writes. "An organic ability to print replaceable drones from ships, forward operating bases or during disaster relief operations to serve as targets or observation platforms could be a huge enabler for sailors and Marines."

November - Iran and the group of 5+1, the permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany came up with a six month Joint Plan of Action to lay the groundwork for the resolution of the West's decade old dispute with Iran over its nuclear energy programme.

- 2014 Saudis preparing to purchase Pakistani nuclear warheads. The Saudis are in the process of purchasing nuclear warheads from Pakistan, so convinced they have become that the Obama administration has no idea how to stop Iran. "Saudi Arabia has invested in Pakistani nuclear weapons projects, and believes it could obtain atomic bombs at will," the BBC reported.

On 2nd May Saudi Arabia became the first Middle East nation to publicly exhibit its nuclear-capable missiles. On the inspection stand was a Pakistani General confirming the likely source of nuclear weapons

Benjamin Netanyahu said "the whole world knows Teheran is after nukes and in fact could build a nuclear weapon in as little as six weeks and the goal of wiping Israel off the map."

May Virtually every country on Earth will be able to build or acquire drones capable of firing missiles within the next ten years. Armed aerial drones will be used for targeted killings, terrorism and the government suppression of civil unrest.

July - Hamas Just Attempted to Create a Horrific Nuclear Disaster In The Heart Of Israel. After the horrors of the Fukushima nuclear disaster, how insane do you have to be to fire missiles directly at a major nuclear facility? No matter what side you are on in the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians, everyone should be able to agree that it is utter madness for Hamas to fire rockets at the Dimona nuclear installation in the Negev.

The intent, of course, was to destroy the Dimona facility and create a horrific nuclear disaster in the heart of Israel. Fortunately, the area is heavily protected by the Iron Dome missile defence system and none of the rockets did any damage.

And it is questionable how much damage to the facility that Hamas missiles could actually do. But that is not the point. What matters is that Hamas is trying to do it. With each passing year, Hamas rockets are becoming more advanced, more accurate and more powerful. And when Hamas fires some of their best rockets at a major nuclear facility, they are committing an act of all-out war. If Hamas continues to do this, it could spark a major regional war in which countless numbers of people could die. Is that what they want?

August Google Glass-Equipped Rifles Offer 'Mind-Blowing' Fire Superiority. TrackingPoint Inc., the Texas company that specializes in creating precision guided firearms, has harnessed Google Glass technology to create a firearm that can hit targets that are behind corners. It's called the first precision-guided firearm (PGF).

"When paired with wearable technology, PGFs can provide unprecedented benefits to shooters, such as the ability to shoot around corners, from behind low walls, and from other positions that provide exceptional cover," TrackingPoint claimed in a press release. "Without PGF technology, such positions would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to fire from."

October For the first time, Russia, which is in the midst of a major strategic nuclear modernization, has more deployed nuclear warheads than the United States, according to the latest numbers released by the State Department. Russia now has 1,643 warheads deployed on intercontinental ballistic missiles, submarine-launched ballistic missiles and heavy bombers.

The United States has 1,642, said the fact sheet released Wednesday. Russian military has carried out a flight test of a new multi warhead ICBM which has a range of 3,500 miles and has been touted by Russian officials as designed specifically to defeat US missile defences.

During the year China, Japan, South Korea, The Philippines and USA are in conflict regarding control of islands in the South China Sea with significant build up in Chinese military build up in capability.

2015 Nuclear weapons Between the two of them, Russia and America control over 90% of the world's nuclear weapons. However, Moscow is far more dependent on its nuclear arsenal for security, because it cannot afford to keep up with U.S. investments in new war fighting technology. Russian military doctrine states that it might be necessary to use nuclear weapons to combat conventional attacks from the West.

Many Russians think that attacks on their country are a real possibility, and that their nuclear deterrent, which consists mainly of silo-based missiles in known locations, might have to be launched quickly to escape a pre-emptive strike.

Moscow staged a major nuclear exercise during the -2014 Ukraine crisis in which it assumed missiles would have to be launched fast on warning of a Western attack. A senior Russian officer has stated that 96% of the strategic rocket force can be launched within minutes.

The \$18bn Arms Race Helping to Fuel Middle East Conflict - The Middle East is plunging deeper into an arms race, with an estimated \$18bn expected to be spent on weapons this year, a development that experts warn is fuelling serious tension and conflict in the region.

Given the unprecedented levels of weapons sales by the west (including the US, Canada and the UK) to the mainly Sunni Gulf states, Vladimir Putin's decision in April 2015 to allow the controversial delivery of S-300 anti-aircraft missiles to Iran, which had been voluntarily blocked by Russia since 2010, seems likely to further accelerate the proliferation. That will see agreed arms sales to the top five purchasers in the region - Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Egypt and Iraq surge this year to more than \$18bn, up from \$12bn last year. Among the systems being purchased are jet fighters, missiles, armoured vehicles, drones and helicopters.

Iran helping Hamas and Hezbollah Build a Fleet of Suicide Drones. Iran is building an explosive fleet of so-called "suicide kamikaze drones" while also providing know-how on assembling these new weapons to its terrorist allies Hamas and Hezbollah, according to a new report commissioned by the US Army. It says that no aspect of Iran's overt military program has seen as much development over the past decade as Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

Whereas a decade ago Iran's UAVs and drones were largely for show, a platform with little if any capability, the Iranian military today boasts widespread use of drones, employed not only by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), but also by the regular army, both regular and IRGC navy, and the regular and IRGC air forces.

This development is significant for Israel because both Hamas and Hezbollah have sought to deploy drones which have penetrated Israeli airspace. Thus far, they have not managed to cause damage, though drones outfitted with explosives could inflict casualties against soldiers and civilians.

While it is easy to dismiss the idea of a suicide drone as more symbolic than real in an age of cruise missiles and precise Predators, utilizing suicide drones is an asymmetric strategy which both allows Iran to compete on an uneven playing field and poses a risk by allowing operators to pick and choose targets of opportunity over a drone's multi-hour flight duration.

COMMENT

Preparations for a global war anticipated. Never in history have so many nations stockpiled weapons of mass destruction. The use of nuclear weapons anticipated. The neutron bomb melts (dissolves) its victims just as God warned 2500 years ago. "Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths." This was unimaginable in Zechariah's day.

TREND 70 - ETHNIC CONFLICTS

PROPHECY - Luke 21:10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom

Ethnic conflicts would be prevalent. Jesus used the Greek word *ethnos* to describe the last day's battles. Today, as never in history, we have ethnic group rising against ethnic group. Many wars would erupt. According to Project Ploughshares, there are dozens of major armed conflicts in the world today.

Many volumes could be written on this trend alone. Here are provided some items over the last 2 years.

2013 According to the Jerusalem Post in November 2013 Mossad of Israel is working with Saudi officials on contingency plans for a potential attack on Iran in the event that Tehran's nuclear program is not sufficiently curbed in the deal that may be concluded between Iran and world powers in Geneva this week, The Sunday Times reported. Both Jerusalem and Riyadh have expressed displeasure at the deal being formulated between Iran and the P5+1 group of world powers that they see as doing little to stop Tehran's progress toward a nuclear weapon.

The Times reports that Riyadh has already given its consent for Israel to use Saudi airspace for a potential attack on Iran. The paper quoted a diplomatic source as saying the Saudis were willing to assist an Israeli attack by cooperating on the use of drones, rescue helicopters and tanker planes. "Once the Geneva agreement is signed, the military option will be back on the table. The Saudis are furious and are willing to give Israel all the help it needs," the Times quoted the source as saying.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in an interview with French daily Le Figaro on Saturday that there is a "meeting of the minds" between Israel and the "leading states in the Arab world" on the Iran issue - "one of the few cases in memory, if not the first case in modern times. We all think that Iran should not be allowed to have the capacities to make nuclear weapons," he said. "We all think that a tougher stance should be taken by the international community. We all believe that if Iran were to have nuclear weapons, this could lead to a nuclear arms race in the Middle East, making the Middle East a nuclear tinderbox."

- 2014 January France: The Looming Battle over Muslim Integration. A panel appointed by French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault to review France's integration policies has urged the government to implement a "new form of secularism" that would raise the profile of Islam in public life in order to improve the integration of Muslim immigrants.

Among a long list of recommendations aimed at "recognizing the richness of multiple identities," the panel says that public schools in France should begin allowing Muslim pupils to wear headscarves in class (clothing that has been outlawed since 2004), and that courses should be taught in Arabic and African languages rather than in French.

The panel also recommends a number of other multicultural changes that would provide greater recognition to the "Arab-oriental dimension" of France's national identity. These include changing street and place names, overhauling the history curriculum taught in schools and creating a special day to honour the contribution of immigrant cultures. More notably, the panel says that authorities and the media should be prohibited from referring to people's nationality, religion or ethnicity in public, and that the government should create a new law that would make "racial harassment" a punishable offence.

The war in Syria has developed three sides at the start of the year, the Regime, the Free Syrian Rebels and the Extremists. Bashar Assad seeks to hand over his chemical weapons to the west

On going Sunni – Shia conflict is threatening to inflame Lebanon even more as well as in Iraq.

Egypt has declared the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organisation. Egypt is greatly divided as the battle continues and chaos reigns as Hamas, the Brotherhood and al Qaida attack Egyptian forces in the Sinai

Conflict has broken out in Southern Sudan between two ethnic groups with many killed

Conflict in Nigeria and the Central African Republic between Christians and Muslims

Conflict in Ukraine between Russian and Western leaning groups

- 2015 Is ISIS Building a Drone Army? As U.S.-led coalition forces confirm they shot down an ISIS drone in March and experts warn the extremists could soon adapt the technology for battle purposes. The U.S.-led coalition took one of their drones out near Fallujah, Iraq, in an airstrike and destroyed. The unmanned drone had been conducting surveillance nearby

Shiite/Sunni War in Yemen Could Inflame Entire Middle East - A senior Iranian official has warned Saudi Arabia that it is endangering the entire Middle East with its U.S.-supported aerial bombardment of Iranian-backed al-Houthi positions in neighbouring Yemen.

The warning comes just as questions are being raised about U.S. policy, since it is backing Shiite Iran in bombing Sunni ISIS positions in Iraq but supports Sunni Saudi Arabia in Yemen.

In slamming the Saudis, who are leading a 10-nation coalition of Sunni countries attacking the Houthis in Yemen, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said the Saudi military attacks are a "strategic mistake."

Calling the Saudi military attacks against Yemen an act of aggression, Amir-Abdollahian said "the fire of war in the region from any side will drag the whole region to play with fire." This is not in the interest of the nations in the region."

Both countries for years have been in a series of proxy battles across the terrain of Iraq, Bahrain, Syria and now Yemen. Indeed, their feud goes back to A.D. 680 when Muhammad's grandson, Hussein ibn Ali, was beheaded at the Battle of Karbala after being captured.

The event is seen as the beginning of Shiite Islam's challenge to Sunni Islam, which in turn has morphed into the extremist form of Saudi Arabia's ultra-fundamentalist Wahhabism, the inspiration for the ISIS.

KNOWLEDGE AND TRAVEL

TREND 71 - INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE

PROPHECY - Daniel 12:4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

The expansion of knowledge especially in medical, computing and many other areas has been phenomenal. This is a very powerful trend to confirm what was prophesied in Daniel over 2500 years ago.

There is no doubt that in the last five decades there has been a unique knowledge boom. Knowledge is doubling in the scientific area every ten years. Discoveries in the areas of electronics, genetics, computers, communications and physics have been so phenomenal that no one can keep up with them all.

It is said that a man in the 18th Century boasted that he knew everything there was to know about the mathematics and science of his day. A statement like that today would be unthinkable even when related to a very specialised field. Such a knowledge boom is a definite sign of the end times.

The boom is also illustrated by the fact that 80% of all scientists and technologists in history are alive at this time. 35,000 scientific journals are published in the world each year. Half of medical knowledge is out of date each decade. Over 75% of medicines in use today have been developed since 1945.

In Canada, there are seven times as many graduates from tertiary institutions as there were in 1950, whilst in India the factor is ten.

As far as world literacy is concerned, the number of books published each year is escalating. Russia publishes 90,000; the USA 85,000; West Germany 45,000; and Great Britain 35,000.

The rise of computers and electronics has been a feature during this period. When Apollo 13 got lost in space, a calculation which would have taken scientists a million years, was completed in 90 minutes by NASA computers.

In 1980 the Seiko digital diary was produced. It was able to give not only the time but also cash-card account number, names and addresses, phone numbers, business and social appointments, passport numbers, traveller's cheques numbers, birthdays and anniversaries, day, date and time. It had seven memories. How we have moved on in a quarter of a century!

Examination of the Scriptures reveals an apparent increase in technology prior to the Flood, the last universal judgment on the world.

Some recent innovations

2013 Mouse Cloned From Just One Drop Of Blood - A team of Japanese scientists has cloned a mouse from a single drop of blood, demonstrating for the first time that mice can be duplicated using "circulating blood cells." Announcing their findings in the journal *Biology of Reproduction*, the researchers described how they took blood from the tail of a donor mouse, isolated the white blood cells and used the nuclei for cloning trials.

This process is called "somatic nuclear cell transfer", the same cloning technique scientists used to produce Dolly the sheep in 1996, the BBC reported. The cloned female mouse lived a full life and was able to reproduce, the researchers told the BBC.

They added that the easy availability of the circulating blood cells gives them hope that they can now reproduce more scientifically valuable lab mice.

Google's Future: Microphones In The Ceiling And Microchips In Your Head - Scott Huffman does envisage a world in which Google microphones, embedded in the ceiling, listen to our conversations and interject verbal answers to whatever inquiry is posed. Huffman, Google's engineering director, leads a team tasked with making conversations with the search engine more reflective of the complex interactions people enjoy with each other.

"Computing is becoming so inexpensive that it's inevitable that there will be a ubiquity of connected devices around us, from our laptop to our car to Google Glass [a new optical head-mounted computer]," said Huffman during a visit to the UK from the company's California base.

A microphone hanging from the ceiling, responding to verbal queries, would remove the need to whip out a phone to remind yourself what time tomorrow's flight leaves. It could also make sure you don't miss the flight altogether.

"Like a great personal assistant, it will interrupt you and say 'you've got to leave now'. It will bring you the information you want," Mr Huffman said. The information could be relayed via "a wearable device, perhaps it might have a small screen, which you can only interact with through your voice and maybe touch but nothing else".

2014 16th January Genetic Selection May Allow Parents To Pick Their Smartest Embryos. Genetic selection has seen increasing controversy over the last few years, as advances have been made in selecting certain DNA traits that would allow the choice of hair or eye colour. To many it may seem harmless or even exciting to be able to choose physical characteristics of your child, but what happens when genetic enhancement is used to give children a distinctive edge in athletic ability or intelligence? Will only those better-off parents be given this ability due to the costs while the rest of society falls further and further behind in their competitive edge?

The Chinese Beijing Genomics Institute is rapidly forcing this issue to be confronted as it pushes ahead with research that will give parents the choice of picking the "best embryo" to succeed in certain inherited traits such as math.

31st January Genetically Modified Humans - Coming This Year. England is on the verge of passing a new law that would involve making a new form of IVF (in vitro fertilization) available to couples. This new form of IVF would include DNA from three parents, and if passed, would be the first law to allow for pre-birth DNA modification. The new procedure involves replacing mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) to avoid destructive cell mutations. Mitochondria convert energy from food into what our cells need to function, and they carry their own DNA apart from the nuclear DNA in our chromosomes where most of our genetic information is stored.

Only the mother passes on mtDNA to the child, and it can sometimes contain mutations that can lead to serious health problems or genetic defects. To put some numbers behind the science, an estimated 1 in five to ten thousand people carry mtDNA that contains mutations. These mutations can lead to such things as blindness, diabetes, dementia, epilepsy and several other impairments.

19th May 10 Amazing Superpowers humans will be able to get from Brain Implants. A tiny computer chip surgically embedded in your brain could give you superpowers. By using electronic signals to stimulate parts of the brain, these chips can now deliver visual and auditory signals and restore connections that have been severed by trauma.

Once our understanding of the brain has improved, researchers think it will be possible to deliver more data to the mind. It's currently risky to drill into the skull and put a small electronic device in there, but the technology is rapidly advancing. Here are some of the things that brain implants will make possible.

1. Hear a conversation from across a room, or in a crowded club.
2. Give you the ability to see in the dark
3. Give you sight that can zoom in on things that are far away.
4. Make you better at maths and navigation.

5. Allow you to download skills like in the movies "The Matrix."
6. Restore damaged memories.
7. Cure depression and control mood.
8. Enhance focus and energy, like stimulants without the drugs.
9. Control machines with your mind.
10. Search the web and translate languages.

Once these implants can transmit and receive information, it should be possible to think of a topic — or look at a tree or painting — and send that information to the web, and have relevant results fed back into your brain. This technology is still far away, and will depend on smaller and biologically safer computer chips, as well as better brain maps.

Once that's possible, it will have even greater implications. Imagine being able to travel anywhere in the world and being able to understand what's being said. The same technology that transmits auditory information could potentially feed that data through a translating service and interpret it for you in real time, like your very own Babel fish.

17th June Google Will Now Be Able to Zoom In to Within One Metre Nearly Anywhere on Earth - Getting a bird's-eye view can often provide game-changing perspective, and now Google has secured a new level of high-ground imagery with their latest acquisition.

Google confirmed their \$500 million purchase Tuesday of satellite company SkyBox, a company known for its "sub-meter" imaging capabilities thanks in part to their 26 mini-satellites currently orbiting the earth. This causes real problems for everyone's privacy.

8th October Self-driving cars are considered the next big revolution in the industry, with even technology companies like Google hoping to take a slice of future revenues. Research and advisory firm Lux Research predicts automakers and technology developers can look forward to a market worth \$87 billion by 2030, while IHS Automotive estimates that by 2035 self-driving cars will account for half of the vehicles sold in North America and sales worldwide reaching about 11.8 million units

- 2015 Scientists are developing ways to edit the DNA of tomorrow's children. George Church likens this to a new technological genesis one in which man rebuilds creation to suit himself. An engineering director at Google states "in just over 30 years humans will be able to upload their entire minds to computers and become digitally immortal, an event called singularity.

Biological parts of our body will be replaced with mechanical parts by the end of the century. These people are trying to make man immortal without the assistance of God! Our brains will be largely non biological so we will become basically machines. The concept therefore is that we can stop ageing and live indefinitely. We have to get over our biological limitations.

Babies born in the United States would soon get genetic fingerprints. This will allow the possibility to ascertain what illnesses they may be subject to in the future. The genome mapping involving this technique is being discussed at a conference in Australia in May. This could well enhance infanticide if adopted.

COMMENT

DNA is a book, it has structure and can be read as a genetic book for every species on earth. God wrote the book, He is the author and has the copyright on it. Psalm 139:16 "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." My DNA was written by God. Man does not have the right to take out what he does not like.

Scientists say that they have undesirable genes and they are going to change their genetic structure. However the Cross allows us to live forever, the price has already been paid for our mortality.

MIT researchers reveal an interface that can allow a computer to plug into a brain in a similar way to the Matrix films. This is in line with **Genesis 11:6-7** "they have imagined to do, the people are one and all have one language"

TREND 72 - CHRISTIAN GOSPEL TO ALL NATIONS

PROPHECY - Mark 13:10 “And the gospel must first be published among all nations.”

REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

It is of course of extreme importance to evangelise the lost. God makes it clear that each believer has a ministry of reconciliation **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

The question is who are the responsible parties to do the evangelising in different eras of history?

Replacement theology states that the role that Israel played in the Plan of God until Pentecost has now been permanently given to the Church and as such the church is responsible to complete this task. This includes both trend 72 and 73.

The Scriptures make it clear however that God still has a mighty work for the Jews in the field of evangelisation as demonstrated by the 144,000 evangelists in **Revelation 7:1-8**.

The removal of the Church at the rapture allows them to progress the task under God's guidance with God providing a final completion as seen in **Revelation 14:6-7**

The Church has been inserted into the Plan of God to undertake a great task but it will be God who completes it combination with the Jews in the period immediately prior to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Second Coming.

DEVELOPMENTS

Ministries in India are reporting significant growth in the Christian Church among middle and upper caste Indians and the younger Indian generations. Long recognized as one of the most diverse nations in the world, India is currently the second-most populous nation on earth, with over 1.2 billion residents. Experts predict that India will soon eclipse China as the world's most populous country.

The Christian gospel would be preached as a witness to all nations. Today, portions, or the complete Bible have been translated into over 2,400 languages and dialects covering over 90% of the world's population

It was reported in 2012 that Amity Printing has been publishing the Bible in China since 1988, when the company was started as a joint venture between the United Bible Societies (UBS) and the Amity Foundation. Qiu Zhonghui, chairman of the board of Amity Printing Co. Ltd., said the 100 millionth copy was printed in July 2012. This has been a great effort but its fulfilment is seen in Trend 73

The president of the largest Bible translation organization in the world Wycliffe Bible Translators says that more people than ever before can access the Bible in their own language, that translation programs for every native language in the world will be underway in twelve years.

"More people have access to scripture than at any other time in history," Bob Creson, told The Christian Post. Recently Wycliffe announced that 4.9 billion people can now read the Bible in their native language. Creson declared that by 2025, there will be "translation occurring in every community that needs it." Only 1,919 language groups still lack access to the Bible, and Creson expects that to drop below 1,900 soon.

On 28th October 2014 - The cruelty of the Islamic State (ISIS) has led to unprecedented receptivity to the message of Christ in Iraq. A curious colonel from the Kurdish forces battling ISIS in Iraq approached members of an indigenous Iraqi ministry team to ask them questions about the aid they were offering to the people in crisis there.

He was curious about the reasons that motivated the actions of the ministry team that, with the assistance of Christian Aid Mission was supplying displaced people with food, clothing, beds, medicine and Bibles. The colonel had observed these workers demonstrate Christ's love in a tangible way, and how these followers of Christ were bringing love and peace and goodness to people everyday.

What was the reason for offering all this aid? What was the motivation, what was the source of it? The ministry team director reported on the moving conversion of the colonel after the team was able to have a long talk with him about Christ. As a result of this encounter the colonel bowed and prayed, asking Christ into his life, and received a copy of the Holy Bible.

The colonel said, 'Today I am the happiest person – I've had the privilege of making this decision. Satanic evil always goes too far and the door opens to the gospel message in the strangest of ways. Our call is to pray that the promise of **Romans 8:28** becomes a reality we expect to see daily.

TREND 73 - GOSPEL GIVEN TO ALL

PROPHECY - Revelation 14:6-7 “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Many in the Church are under the impression that the Lord will not return until the Church has preached the gospel to everybody on the planet. The above passage shows that this does not occur until the Lord does it through a mighty angel.

This however in no way should reduce our evangelistic ardour as we are all ambassadors for Christ and it is our duty to ensure that the maximum number of people is reached.

TREND 74 - MASS CONVERSIONS

PROPHECY - Revelation 7:9-17 “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

During the Tribulation, innumerable multitudes from every nation would wake up and turn to the true Jesus of the Bible and be saved. Today, the seeds of the gospel are being spread in every nation!

Conversion in the Tribulation is highlighted in the conversion of Israel en masse prior to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to first rescue them and then reign from Jerusalem. In Revelation 7 we also see the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists effectively ministering in the Tribulation period

SOME EXAMPLES FROM 2014

China attempts to curb the rapid growth of Christianity. The Christian Church in China is growing by leaps and bounds, capturing the attention of the country's Communist Party leaders, who are alarmed at the rapid rise in sheer numbers of Christ followers. A survey of the Asian country's social media platform, Weibo, found that Chinese censors are permitting more Christian-themed tweets on the site – a Chinese version of Twitter.

According to a study released last week, this has resulted in more than 18 million mentions of "Jesus" on Weibo versus only 4 million mentions of Chinese President Xi Jinping. State-run newspapers, in contrast, write almost daily about Jinping and rarely ever mention Jesus. The research also revealed that "Christian congregation" appeared on Weibo more than 41 million times, while "Communist Party" generated just 5.3 million mentions.

A leading expert on religion in China, said he believed the Asian country could overtake Brazil, Mexico and the United States to become the world's most numerous Christian congregation by 2030. However, Prof. Yang warned that Chinese Christians should brace themselves for growing interference as the Communist Party fought to stunt the Church's growth.

December - Atrocities by the Islamic State (ISIS) are softening the hearts of Muslims to Christianity, and evangelistic techniques and technologies are proving effective, but locally-based missionaries say the main reason for the spike in conversions in the Middle East is simply that former Muslims are finding God is real. In war-torn areas of Syria and Iraq where ISIS is fighting to establish a caliphate, Muslim refugees to neighboring countries, Internally Displaced People and people remaining at home are learning about Christ from native aid workers, podcasts and TV/Internet broadcasts. Tent churches among refugees are sprouting like mushrooms.

For people who have suffered such deep loss, seeing that they can pray to a personal God whom they can call Father has been the critical factor. "You can see the tears in their eyes when we pray – that God would care," said the director of one ministry working in the region. "It's the connection that makes a huge difference."

Muslims who were previously taught to pray by rote to Allah, who by Koranic definition was unknowable, can feel the difference of having a relationship with God through Christ. "They see that God can give you strength, can heal you," said the director. "They say that things have changed, that they have a peaceful attitude towards those 'who have done this to my kids, wife, or husband - I can pray about it and give it to God.'"

Former Muslims, who once prayed five times a day as a duty, say they don't quite know how to describe the difference. "They say, 'Now with our relationship with God, we see a huge difference; something has changed in our life,'" he said. "You can see it on their faces. They say, 'Every time we pray, there's a difference.'" The soul-crushing loss of loved ones, home and country that people have suffered at the hands of ISIS has helped open Muslims to the gospel. Another ministry director said Syrian and Iraqi refugees are more open to the gospel than at any time in history because of the atrocities by ISIS. "Absolutely," he said, "because ISIS is saying that the things they are doing come from the Koran."

TREND 75 - TWO WITNESSES SEEN GLOBALLY

PROPHECY - Revelation 11:9, And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half,

In 1976 there were 400 million television sets throughout the world, or one television for every ten people at that time. The UNESCO Statistical Yearbook, 1998 showed that between 1980 and 1996, the number of television sets in the world grew from 561 million to 1.361 billion or an average of 5.7 percent per year. By 1996 the ratio of televisions to people was now 1 television for every four. It would be expected that this ratio would have gone down further in the last twenty years

The use of television explains where the world is able to see the witnesses lying dead in the streets of Jerusalem during the Tribulation period. Nowadays is about as early a date in history where this prophecy could be literally fulfilled.

The Bible prophesies that the entire world will see certain events unfold. The invention of the television and the deployment of global satellite networks during the late 20th century allow news to travel the world at the speed of light for the first time ever. Remember that in the Apostle John's day, news travelled at the speed of horseback

This event may in fact be the trigger to start the mass conversion of the Jews to belief in their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. In His ministry on the earth the Lord said the only sign that would be given to the antagonistic Jewish leadership was the sign of Jonah which represents the Resurrection from the dead.

The first confirmation was in the resuscitation of Lazarus, followed by His own Resurrection. Both events were rejected. With the murder of the two witnesses in Revelation 11 and their subsequent resuscitation which occurs at the time of the erection of the image of the Antichrist in the Temple in Jerusalem the Jews start to repent.

They at this critical time in their history recognise the Messiah by the sign left to them by Christ. It is also of note that the Lord delayed raising Lazarus until he was demonstrated as dead by Jewish tradition. Christ was physically dead three days and nights before His resurrection as are the two witnesses in Revelation 11 which showed they were genuinely dead.

SOME EXAMPLES FROM 2014

April 25th - Pope Francis will become the first pontiff seen globally in 3D (three dimensions) during the unprecedented double canonization of papal predecessors John Paul II and John XXIII, in an upcoming April 27 ceremony in St. Peter's Square. The ceremony will also be beamed into 3D movie theatres across Europe and in North and South America, in what is being touted as the first convergence of HD, 3D and 4K technologies for such a high-profile multimedia 3D event.

Approximately 200,000 viewers will form the global TV audience. More than 100 movie theatres in Italy will screen the ceremony in 3D through Nexo Digital, which will also beam it into movie theatres around the world, everywhere for free. Roughly five million pilgrims are expected in Rome for the event, which will see four popes united in St Peter's, given that the Vatican has confirmed that former Pope Benedict XVI will attend.

Other examples of similar transmissions based on hologram technology, dating from the year 2011 were given: Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan used an enormous hologram of himself to attend and address a party meeting that he could not attend in person, and was transmitted into the party chambers instead. Music group Black Eyed Peas performed holographically at an awards show in France. Two small airports in Britain at Manchester and London Luton have holographic images of staffers explaining security clearance rules.

In 2012, an Indian politician, Narendra Modi, made use of the same technology as part of a promotion. In his efforts to seek re-election, he successfully broadcasted 26 holograms of himself onto stages across the Indian state of Gujarat. On April 15, 2012, the late Tupac Ravi Shakur gave a performance 'from beyond the grave' at the Coachella Music Festival in California. Others to appear via hologram technology in recent years: Former vice president Al Gore, Microsoft founder Bill Gates and British airline and media mogul Sir Richard Branson.

But is there any significance to these developments apart from the technological wizardries and the ability to reach more people in more "interactive" and "immersive" ways? Yes - if reference is made to Biblical end-time prophecies. **Revelation 13:15** says: **He (the Antichrist or Beast) was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

TREND 76 - AIR TRAVEL

PROPHECY - Isaiah 60:8 "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?"

This chapter in Isaiah deals with the deliverer coming out of Zion. Air travel is seen here, with windows perhaps referring to air terminals. By the 1980s tens of thousands were flying across the Atlantic every day. Planes are now being constructed to carry several hundred passengers at nearly 1000 kilometres per hour, so that prices are cut and even the poorer people are flying to and fro.

In 2010 it was announced that NASA to develop hypersonic passenger jets that travel at 5 times the speed of sound. There is also talk of a sub space aircraft underway travelling at 15 times the speed of sound.

TREND 77 - TRAVEL

PROPHECY - Daniel 12:4 “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro”.

The period since the late 1950s has been the age of the travelling common man. Prior to this period it was only the rich who could afford to travel or had sufficient leisure time to travel.

The author drove from England to Singapore by car in 1963-64, over a period of five months. This was followed by two months in New Zealand in 1965; seven months in Europe (1967); two months in Queensland (1972); one month in South Africa and five months in Europe (1975). Then occurred three round the world trips of several months duration in 1988, 1995 and 2008 and a dozen teaching mission trips out of Australia between 1998-2002.

My father would not in his wildest dreams have expected to undertake such journeys. With the advent of the package tour, travel by the common man has boomed. Currently some 7 million Indians travel by train each day on 11,000 trains on rail tracks which are long enough to go twice around the world. At no time in previous history has mankind travelled as much as they do now and growth of travel is exponential.

TREND 78 - MOTORISED TRAVEL

PROPHECY - Nahum 2:4 “The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.”

For any who have driven in any major city or town this statement could be analogised as motor traffic and congestion. Although horse drawn chariots have raced madly in the streets in past ages prophets such as Nahum and Daniel 2500 years ago could never imagined the speed of vehicles and the pace of life in the end times.

Poor Nahum actually got a baffling vision of this and recorded it in his language and experiences, but identified that they moved faster than lightning to his eyes, and there was an internal fire running their engines that he saw coming out from them also.

There are now racing cars which can go from 0 to 275 km/h in 10 seconds. A space shuttle reaches 28,000 km/h just 8 minutes after lift off as it soars into orbit. Some say that this is not a prophecy regarding motorised traffic but as I was a former senior traffic engineer, this interpretation greatly appealed to me and nothing else comes anywhere near its meaning!

SOME DEVELOPMENTS IN KNOWLEDGE

1978 - Laser death ray tested off the USA coast. Five years ago a high voltage laser shot down a Jindavik.

1979 – The computer industry expected to be the world’s biggest by 1985.

It is reported that 44,000 have lost their jobs to machines on building sites over the past 6 years.

1980 - Australia’s first test tube baby born followed by the world’s first twins in 1981, triplets in 1983 and quads in 1984. In that year the first test tube gorilla was born.

1984 - By the end of the year the words of the Bible could be read in 1808 languages with the entire Bible in 286 languages.

1985 - Pocket telephone – imagine making calls wherever you wanted from a portable telephone you could carry in your briefcase or handbag or make a business call while driving to work. This will be possible in Australia in 2 years according to Mr Duffy the Minister of Communications.

Japan has developed a computer which is capable of computing at a speed of a billion calculations a second. Computerising of fingerprints is speeding up the checking of suspects. Around 18% of crimes solved in this way compared with 1% using manual checking.

In South Australia genetic engineering is used to produce a more effective vaccine against cholera. Transgenic rabbits, sheep and pigs reported. The experiments show that it is possible to design new breeds of farm animals.

- 1986 - The first diamonds to be mined, cut and polished in Australia went on sale in August last year. High technology has ensured that each of the new gems has a microscopic difference from any previously available diamond. With stones valued at more than \$2000 carrying its own laser inscribed distinguishing mark a figure plus letters ADS standing for Argyle Diamond Sales

Engineers at IBM general technology division in East Fiskhill NY have unveiled a still experimental memory chip claimed to have the highest speed-density ratio of any device of its type. The 32K static RAM chip is just 0.26 inches on its side. The operating speed is from two to four times faster than is attainable with the current 16 k chip.

The largest submarine optic fibre network in the world is being constructed by OTC. Tasman 2 will connect Australia and New Zealand carrying 57,000 high quality digital telephone channels.

- 1987 - Japanese railways has developed a train that flies hugging its magnetic guide way. Called Maglev Uooz it has achieved an experimental speed of 420 km/h on a seven kilometre elevated track in western Japan.

The Smart Card manufacturers foresee a day when one card will serve as a credit/debit card, a medical information card, an identification card and a personal history card.

- 1988 - Drivers in future cars could never have an excuse for getting lost as in car guidance systems will see him to his destination. The machine will guide you verbally and visually to your final destination warning you if you deviate from the route.

- 1989 - A permanently staffed space station operated jointly by 12 industrial nations will orbit the earth by the beginning of 1996. It will be the largest international peacetime cooperative venture ever. Research conducted will help in the understanding of earth's atmosphere, land masses, oceans and climate and much more.

Hologram number plates capable of being read at a distance by electronic scanners will appear on all new cars in the UK. Gradually they will replace all number plates until all cars can be traced through police computers.

Qantas fly London to Sydney direct in a new long range Jumbo in 22 hours

- 1993 - On December 10th an El Al Jumbo touched down for the first time at Bombay airport. This was as a result of full diplomatic recognition between the nations and is good news for Christians wishing to visit the Holy Land with cheaper costs compared to the previous route via Cairo, Athens or Rome. Christian groups are already planning tours.

- 1994 - In June the Courier Mail [Queensland] announced 'A new nation with a population half the size of Britain is taking over the globe. An estimated 23 million people in 56 countries belong to this international family talk to each other using the largest communications system ever built. It is called the internet. This revolution in communications is as important as that brought about by the telephone and television.

- 1995 - TIME magazine on July 17th had a headline "The Future is WOW" and described ten technologies that are going to impact lives and transform society very soon. They were Hydrogen Fuel-cell Vehicles, High Temperature Superconductivity, Genetic Engineering, Bionics, Universal Personal Telephones, Voice Activated Computers, Nanotechnology, Optical Electronics, Virtual Reality and New Materials

A Concorde with 99 passengers and 16 crew circled the globe in 31 hours stopping 6 times for refuelling.

- 1999 - Peas crossed with beans so that they are more resistant to insects. Tomatoes that won't ripen until you are ready to eat them. Strawberries that help against cancer. Bananas injected with fish genes to help them weather the cold. These are the types of things that can happen with GM foods.

- 2000 - Scientist are reported to have made the world's first synthetic DNA, the molecules that form the blueprint for life. The breakthrough means that the first artificial organisms could be "born" within two years and raises the prospect of humans redesigning whole species including themselves.
- 2002 - Researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot Israel unveiled a programmable molecular computing machine composed of enzymes and DNA molecules instead of silicon microchips. While silicon chips have become so small that they cannot be scaled down much further, the microscopic DNA molecule "can hold more information in a cubic centimetre than a trillion music CD's
- 2003 - The first cloned horse was announced in Italy in August bringing to eight the number of mammals that have been made using adult stem cells.

On November 3rd it was announced that scientists have created an artificial virus based on a real one in just two weeks. When scientists made a genetic map of the virus and implanted it in a cell it started reproducing. Contrasting this with man the virus had 5000 base pairs in its genome while man has 3 billion.

In December it was announced that scientists had moved a step closer to creating life in a Petri dish without a man. Researchers at Harvard Medical school say that they have succeeded in turning embryonic stem cells from mice into primitive sperm cells and then successfully used them to fertilise eggs.

- 2008 - An American super computer assembled from components originally designated for video game machines has reached the long sought after computing milestone by processing more than a quadrillion [one thousand trillion] calculations per second.
- 2009 - IBM is to build a hugely powerful supercomputer capable of performing at 20 petaflops per second, twenty times faster than the current record holder, namely the 1 petaflop Roadrunner machine it delivered back in June to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

IBM has been contracted by the US government to build the machine, dubbed Sequoia, and is still developing the technology needed.

According to Big Blue, Sequoia will have the power of 2 million laptops. Its closest rival, the world's first petaflop machine, Roadrunner, can perform at speeds with its equivalent to 100,000 laptops combined.

- 2010 Google is extending its Street View service to peer at 95 per cent of homes in the UK, despite criticism that it amounts to an invasion of privacy. From today, 360-degree pictures will be available of virtually every street from Penzance to Shetland.

An extra 210,000 miles of detailed mapping will be made public. The service has previously been restricted to major cities. It means Britain will join Spain, France, Italy and the U.S, which already have nationwide coverage.

Lines at the grocery store might become as obsolete as milkmen, if a new tag that seeks to replace bar codes becomes commonplace. Researchers from Sunchon National University in Suncheon, South Korea, and Rice University in Houston have built a radio frequency identification tag that can be printed directly onto cereal boxes and potato chip bags.

The tag uses ink laced with carbon nanotubes to print electronics on paper or plastic that could instantly transmit information about a cart full of groceries.

"You could run your cart by a detector and it tells you instantly what's in the cart," says James M. Tour of Rice University, whose research group invented the ink. "No more lines, you just walk out with your stuff."

Bible translators hope to have every language covered in 15 years

The Heavens declare the glory of God – scientists find 200 sextillion more stars in the sky.

In **Isaiah 40:26** makes it clear that God named the stars allowing for the greatest story ever to be given to be done so with absolute accuracy. **"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."** Also in **Psalms 147:4** the Psalmist tells us **"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names."**

The conclusion, in the fact that God individually named at least 200 sextillion stars is that He has a very comprehensive vocabulary!

Last year, the Digital Universe (the amount of digital information created and replicated in the world) grew by 62% to nearly 800,000 petabytes (a petabyte is a million gigabytes, or a quintillion bytes), and this year, the Digital Universe will grow almost as fast to 1.2 million petabytes, or 1.2 zettabytes, according to IDC's annual report, "The Digital Universe Decade - Are You Ready?" May 2010, which monitors the amount of digital information created and replicated in a year.

"Between now and 2020, the amount of digital information created and replicated in the world will grow to an almost inconceivable 35 trillion gigabytes, as all major forms of media voice, TV, radio, print complete the journey from analogue to digital.. This explosive growth means that by 2020, our Digital Universe will be 44 times as big as it was in 2009."

2011 Scientist unveil chip which could make desktop computers 20 times faster

Sept 26 Israel's National Museum made some of the Dead Sea Scrolls including the book of Isaiah available on line.

November 18 Scientists report that they have clocked neutrinos moving faster than the speed of light

Can We Trust Anything? New Super-Photoshop Lets You Add Anything To Photos

2012 One of the Earliest Drawings of the Tower of Babel Found on Ancient Stone Tablet

IBM reported that a prototype optical chip it has developed has reached one terabyte or one trillion bits a second in optical data transfer ability. This is like downloading 500 HD movies at once.

It is estimated that 80% of all scientists who have ever lived are alive today. Every minute they add 2,000 pages to man's scientific knowledge, and the scientific material they produce every 24 hours would take one person five years to read.

The scientific journals cannot publish all the academic articles that are being written. Many have to limit the articles to one page abstracts, and even then most articles are rejected for a lack of space.

Consider how rapidly knowledge is increasing
 From Jesus to 1500 it doubled (1,500 years)
 1500 to 1750 it doubled again (250 years)
 1750 to 1900 it doubled again (150 years)
 1900 to 1950 it doubled again (50 years)
 Today, knowledge is doubling every 12 months!

In 1995 on the Internet, there were only 16 million people using it. Three years later, in 1998, there were 150 million. Today in 2012 there are 2.2 billion users worldwide!

POLLUTION

TREND 79 - POLLUTION

PROPHECY - Revelation 8:10,11 "And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."

TREND 80 - ENVIRONMENTAL DEVASTATION

PROPHECY - Revelation 11:18 “And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth”

Environmental devastation of the planet was clearly foreseen by poor John in his visions that lead to the book of Revelation. Our generation has done more to ravage the environment than any previous generation. Whilst these judgments deal with the Tribulation Period, pollution is already one of the world's most critical problems. Imagine John as he saw the worst of what we can see on TV daily of toxic waste dumping, or as we drive past an industrial site and smell its fumes.

How do we get rid of waste atomic material, poisons, chemical residues from industries, nerve gas? Do we put it in the sea, pump it in the rivers, place it in the desert? In the case of exhaust of cars, trucks, trains and aircraft we simply pump it out into the atmosphere. What of all the toxic waste dumps around the world? The Lord will expose many of them as part of the judgments of the Tribulation, and the Lord alone will be able to clean up mankind's mess. It is now well beyond man to clean up the planet.

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

The United Nations environment group by the 1980s believed that the Mediterranean may have gone past the point of no return. Ten million tourists who go for a swim in the Mediterranean come out covered with the scum of oil over their bodies.

Noise pollution and electronic pollution are increasing problems in the modern world. The Geneva International Standardisation Organisation warned in 1976 that if urban noise continues to grow at its current rate of 1 db per annum, most city dwellers will be deaf by the year 2000. The noise of some rock concerts is four times as loud as safe levels allowed in industrial production.

In the early 1980s only 38% of the world's population had treated water supplies. 80% of communicable diseases involve a water-borne medium. In the world during a year, 400 million will suffer from gastroenteritis, 160 million with malaria, 30 million with river blindness.

Acid rain is threatening fish in 20,000 Swedish lakes. Sulphur dioxide is carried on the prevailing winds from industry in the Eastern bloc and deposited as sulphuric acid on Scandinavia. During the spring thaw, acid accumulated in the snow affects the water, killing fish and water life.

Pollution is also affecting Japan, with chemicals leaching into the water supplies of Tokyo. In the United States the city of Niagara was partially evacuated when toxic chemicals were dumped into the Love Canal. Public protests have also occurred over the pollution of beaches by surgical wastes and hypodermic needles in North-Eastern United States.

Pollutants are said to be causing the Greenhouse Effect, with the warming of the atmosphere and consequent change in weather patterns.

In the 1980s a large hole appeared in the ozone layer over the Antarctic, with a significant thinning of the ozone layer occurring over the Arctic region. Much of the depletion of the ozone layer (which helps protect man against skin cancer) has been blamed on aerosol propellants.

In Guatemala, 40% of productive capacity has been lost to soil erosion. In Turkey 54% of the land is severely affected, while 40% of Africa's non-desert regions are rapidly becoming unproductive, with resultant reduction in per capita food production.

In Haiti 14 million cubic metres of topsoil are lost each year, whilst in areas of Nepal 35-75 tonnes of soil per hectare are lost. India suffers erosion by water and wind to 25% of the nation's total land area, and the other Asian giant China, has lost 11 % of its arable land since 1957.

In 1970 many countries protested against the US plans to discard containers of obsolete nerve gas in the ocean. The fear was that the gas which had already begun to leak out of their containers might destroy both marine and land life.

A ship carrying 418 concrete containers of poison gas was scuttled 300 kilometres off the Florida coast. The scuttling was more rapid than planned causing the ship to hit the sea bottom heavily. No one knows about the integrity of the containers.

After two years at sea searching for a port that would take its deadly cargo the freighter "Pelicano" was forced to abandon its 60,000 tonnes load of toxic waste arsenic, mercury, dioxin and other poisons at sea. It is believed it was dumped in the Indian Ocean.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

- 1978 - Increase in ultra violet light causes doubling in skin cancer rate from 1970 to 1978
- 1979 - Pollution to get worse says OECD report. Pollution seen as the third rating global problem after inflation and unemployment.
- 1981 - A batch of deadly virus disappeared from a US Army and the Defence Department refrigerator. The Chikungunya virus causes a disease of explosive potential as either a biological warfare agent or natural disease threat. The batch that went missing was of a size that could infect the entire human population many times over.
- 1983 - 7.7% of West Germany's forests visibly affected by acid rain which increased 34% this year. 86% of East Germany's forests affected.
- 1984 - The Bhopal gas tragedy was an industrial disaster that took place at a Union Carbide subsidiary pesticide plant in the city of Bhopal, India on 3 December. The plant released 42 tonnes of toxic methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas, exposing more than 500,000 people to toxic gases. The death toll rose to beyond 15,000 with many people suffering from the long-term effects of the exposure to the gases.
- 1985 - Scientific researchers reported a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica and later over the North Pole. The holes are actually the depletion in the ozone level. Scientists were apparently aware of a thinning of the layer in the 1950s. Such holes allow ultraviolet rays to strike the earth causing concern regarding skin cancer. The US EPA stated that a 1% reduction in the global ozone layer could cause 20,000 additional skin cancers in the US annually.
- 1986 - Six "unbelievable" blunders caused the Chernobyl nuclear disaster which killed over 30. 150,000 people were evacuated from the area.

The worst mistake was a highly irregular shutdown of the emergency cooling system of the fourth reactor at Chernobyl during tests to determine how long stable power could be maintained after switching over to a diesel generator.

For almost 12 hours unit four was functioning with the cooling system switched off which is against all regulations. It is also of interest that Chernobyl is the Ukrainian word for 'wormwood', a bitter herb used in rural Russia as a tonic. On my first Mission to Ukraine in 1998 stayed with a family at Rovno about 100 kilometres from Chernobyl where all four daughters in the family were being treated for radiation sickness problems and whose uncle had died after being detailed to work near the reactor after the mishap. It should be noted that the third trumpet judgment in **Revelation 8:10,11** involved a star named Wormwood, which caused water to turn bitter and many men died.

The world destroys tropical rain forest three times the size of Switzerland annually. 25,000 of all flowering plants are on the verge of extinction.

- 1987 - For the 12 million that live in the Los Angeles area the problem is that the area is often covered with smog with the level of ozone pollution over the city clearly visible to the human eye. This year the smog level exceeded the federal standard for air quality on 141 days.

The level of air pollution in many cities is poor. The author noted this in Kuala Lumpur on a visit in 1990.

Italian male babies have developed female breasts after being fed infant food containing traces of animal growth hormones.

1988 - A mistake in manufacturing the genetically altered food supplement tryptophan led to 37 deaths and 1500 people suffering permanent sickness such as paralysis, neurological problems, swelling and cracked skin.

1989 - On 24th March eleven million gallons of oil were spilled in Alaska by the accident caused by the Exxon Valdez which struck Prince William's Sound Bight Reef. This caused one of the world's largest ecological disasters

In Minamata a small port south of Japan 778 people have died and 2157 have been recognised as invalids for life but 33,000 inhabitants go on living in the shadow of the Chisso Corp the chemical plant responsible for one of the most deadly cases of pollution

Environmental ministers of the 12 EU nations agree that their countries would reduce CFC production by 85% as soon as possible and try and ban production completely by 2000. President Bush agreed as long as adequate substitutes can be found.

1991 - A major environmental disaster occurred during the First Gulf War when hundreds of oil well in Kuwait were set alight and oil polluted the Arabian Gulf.

1992 - Mexico City with a population of 20 million is becoming a giant gas chamber. Things got so bad in March that the government declared a state of emergency banning 40% of the cars, closing down schools and ordering several industries to reduce their discharges. There are concerns that there may be deaths caused by this pollution.

1999 - Up to 4 million people in Bangladesh and West Bengal in neighbouring India who have contracted skin diseases, keratoses and melanomas from chronic arsenic poisoning after drinking contaminated water from artesian wells could die. Up to 100 million people are exposed to the arsenic laced water in hundreds of wells in those areas.

2000 - The Chernobyl reactor was eventually shut down this year. It was stated at its decommissioning that this disaster would affect many for years to come. The cleanup bill was estimated at \$12 billion.

2008 - Contamination of milk products, particularly infant formulas, in China where a plastic compound was added to milk to "boost" protein levels killed several children and caused severe health problems to others.

2010 On April 20 a BP oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico about 50 miles off the Louisiana coast exploded killing 11 workers.

The oil well is in 5000 feet of water at the point where it ruptured releasing an estimated 200,000 gallons of oil from the oil well under awesome pressure every day.

Environmentalists said it could take decades for the marshes which comprise more than 40% of Americans ecologically fragile wetlands to recover if the oil gains access to them over miles of booms set to protect the coast.

In what appears to be a honeybee mystery of Armageddon proportions that has baffled scientists and beekeepers, more than one-third of the nation's commercial honeybee population is mysteriously disappearing and researchers warn the unexplained phenomenon threatens one-third of the American diet.

Entire colonies of honeybees are abandoning hives and food stores, including honey and pollen. In collapsed colonies, adult bees mysteriously disappear, and there is no accumulation of dead bees. Even hive pests such as wax moths and hive beetles are nowhere to be found around affected colonies. Likewise, other honeybees are reluctant or unwilling to rob the abandoned hives of honey.

2011 Environmentalist call for population control and carbon tax for children

March 11th A 9.0 earthquake struck Honshu damaging the Fukushima nuclear power station with hazard rating increased to the maximum level of 7 later in the year

- 2013 Death in the Pacific. Something is causing large numbers of dead birds to wash up on shores all over Alaska. Hundreds of dead birds washed up on the shores of St. Lawrence Island towards the end of November. And though the cause of the die off isn't yet known, the quick response demonstrates a mounting capacity for dealing with unexpected environmental events in the region.

Scientists do not know why this is happening. Some of them are blaming "harsh weather". Something is also causing large numbers of seals and walruses to lose hair and develop "oozing sores". Polar bears along the Alaska coastlines are also suffering from fur loss and open sores.

Wildlife experts are studying whether fur loss and open sores detected in nine polar bears in recent weeks are widespread and related to similar incidents among seals and walruses. The bears were among 33 spotted near Barrow, Alaska, during routine survey work along the Arctic coastline.

The population of sockeye salmon along the coastlines of Alaska is at an historic low. Aboriginal people in British Columbia who rely on Skeena River sockeye are facing some extremely difficult decisions as sockeye salmon returns plunge to historic lows.

Some residents of Alaska are absolutely convinced that Fukushima is to blame for the rapidly declining fish populations. Currents of the world's oceans are complex. But, generally speaking, two surface currents, one from the south, called the Kuroshio, and one from the north, called the Oyashio, meet just off the coast of Japan at about 40 degrees north latitude.

The currents merge to form the North Pacific current and surge eastward. Fukushima lies at 37 degrees north latitude. Thousands of miles later, the currents hit an upwelling just off the western coast of the United States and split. One, the Alaska current, turns north up the coast toward British Columbia and Southeast Alaska. The other, the California current, turns south and heads down the western seaboard of the U.S.

A very experienced Australian adventurer said that he felt as though the ocean itself was dead as he journeyed from Japan to San Francisco recently. The next leg of the long voyage was from Osaka to San Francisco and for most of that trip the desolation was tinged with nauseous horror and a degree of fear. "After we left Japan, it felt as if the ocean itself was dead," Macfadyen said. "We hardly saw any living things. We saw one whale, sort of rolling helplessly on the surface with what looked like a big tumour on its head. It was pretty sickening. "I've done a lot of miles on the ocean in my life and I'm used to seeing turtles, dolphins, sharks and big flurries of feeding birds. But this time, for 3000 nautical miles there was nothing alive to be seen."

Fukushima - The Japanese government has estimated that approximately 300 tons of highly radioactive water is pouring into the Pacific Ocean from the destroyed Fukushima nuclear facility every single day, and according to a recent RT article, outdoor radiation levels at Fukushima recently hit a new all-time high.

Outdoor radiation levels have reached their highest at Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant, warns the operator company. Radiation found in an area near a steel pipe that connects reactor buildings could kill an exposed person in 20 minutes, local media reported.

So the total amount of radioactive material that has been released into the Pacific Ocean is constantly going up, and considering the fact that some of these radioactive particles have a half-life of about 30 years, all of this nuclear material is going to be sitting in the Pacific for a very, very long time. And guess what? Even more highly radioactive water may soon be released into the Pacific Ocean.

16th December a report was issued revealing that an area of the Pacific Ocean seabed off Japan was 98% covered by decomposing sea creatures in July 2012 where just 4 months earlier only 1% of the same area was covered. [Revelation 16:3]

The Japanese are running out of places to store the radioactive water that they have been able to capture, and the IAEA is actually recommending that the "storage problem" should be solved by dumping the water into the ocean.

In an attempt to solve the storage problem the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) proposed on Wednesday to consider dumping toxic water into the ocean after lowering the level of radioactive materials.

The mainstream media has been greatly misleading the public as to the true nature of the disaster at Fukushima. According to nuclear expert Mycle Schneider, the lead author of the World Nuclear Industry status reports, the rest of the world should be very alarmed by what is happening. "It is much worse than we have been led to believe, much worse."

2014 Japanese PM Shinzo Abe's government is planning a state secret act that critics say could curtail public access to information on a wide range of issues including the Fukushima nuclear crisis. In reality journalists covering this topic have long been harassed and censored. This disaster is far worse than has been acknowledged by the Japanese Government that has "saved face" before with denials of fact, but the cover up in this case is a catastrophic one.

Russian experts say that clearly a large amount of fish, seaweed and everything in the sea has been polluted by radiation, causing concern as they can be consumed by people on a massive scale and render cancer prone all who eat fish from the north Pacific Ocean.

MORAL DECLINE

TREND 81 - MORAL DECLINE

PROPHECY - 2 Timothy 3:1-4 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;"

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

The moral decline especially of the Western world can be seen from various points of view. It is obvious to even the casual observer that the accepted moral standards have been rapidly eroded away during recent years in the area of books, films, music and television.

Immorality both in the sexual and violent areas have become, so we are told, the norms of modern society. Those who do not conform to these norms are considered prudes.

The morals of a people can also be viewed in the response of the public to various phenomena. Indifference to people in difficulties is a prime example of this.

Repeatedly in history, decline in moral fibre of a nation or empire has caused its downfall. Prime examples of this are the fall of the Roman Empire to the Goths; and the Chaldean Empire under Belshazzar to the Persians in 538 BC (see **Daniel 5**).

Decadence also breeds weakness in the men of a nation, this being a major factor in the decline of Greece as a power in ancient times. The major factor of decline is the rejection of Bible doctrine or at least moral principles outlined in the Scriptures as a basis for a nation's life.

Moral decline is also seen in the increase in crime throughout the world. For instance in Western Australia we have had a 40 fold increase in burglaries over the last 30 years even though the number of Police Officers per head of population has increased significantly.

In Sweden 800 parents have approached school authorities, demanding that children be protected from extreme sex education which they believe is corrupting their children.

British anthropologist John D Unwin, who has spent years studying the rise and fall of 80 civilisations, concluded that no society can long endure widespread sexual promiscuity. He found that all the cultures he studied followed a similar sexual pattern.

During their early days of existence, premarital and extra marital sexual relationships were strictly forbidden. This coincided with great creative energy causing the culture to prosper. Later rebellion against those standards occurred with people demanding their freedom. As the morals weakened, social energy abated, eventually resulting in the decay or destruction of the civilisation.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1978 - Twice as many abortions as live births in Washington DC. In 1985 50 million babies reported as being aborted annually in the world.

1979 - WHO describes alcoholism as a rapidly increasing world wide problem with a 60% increase in drunk death rate in the last decade.

1984 Human flesh reported as being sold in the markets in the Philippines

1985 - Prostitutes from North America and Europe with observers from Thailand gathered in Amsterdam for a three day convention to discuss ways to fight discrimination. Discriminatory laws must disappear and those who want to ply this trade will benefit from the same protection as other workers said one of the organisers Ms Gail Pheterson an American who teaches at Utrecht University

1986 - Of the one million teenagers who became pregnant in the US, 80% were unmarried.

Doctors who have serious objections to abortion and embryo experimentation are being denied jobs in Australian hospitals according to the Catholic Weekly

1987 - Brazilian doctors have been accused of removing kidneys and other organs from living patients for sale to transplant teams in the city of Sao Paolo.

1988 - Commenting on global planning in NEWS- TIME on January 12th it stated A prominent ecologist has advocated that starving people in famine wracked lands be left to die, millions of them if necessary for the good of their countries in the long run.

Professor Garrett Hardin, the Californian ecologist whose thoughts helped to launch the environmental movement in the 1960s thinks every morsel given will simply increase public suffering later. His stand has outraged relief organisations calling for emergency food aid to Ethiopia.

1991 - Britain is soon to have an "all sex" television channel despite nationwide protests. This channel is the first of its kind in Britain though many homes get to watch a Scandinavian sex channel via the satellite Astra. There are already sex channels in America and Europe.

1993 - Late in October the news of human cloning hit the media around the world The New York Times flashed the headlines "Scientist clones human embryos and creates an ethical challenge". The scientists are Jerry Hall and Robert Stillman of George Washington University. Their experiment was reported at a meeting of the American Fertility Society and their paper on the "breakthrough" was awarded first prize.

1999 - Germany's secret service has reported that Russian gangs are killing street children and selling their organs to rich patients in Russia and the West. Police in St Petersburg have found over the past few years growing numbers of dead street children with their organs removed.

2000 - To start the new Millennium Gary Streeter MP shadow Secretary of State made the following observations regarding the situation in Britain 435 abortions take place every day, 480 couples are divorced every day with nearly half of marriages ending in divorce, Crime in England costs 14 million pounds a day, On average a child in the UK spends three hours a day watching TV and three minutes talking to their fathers, Every year there are 7,000 successful suicides in the UK and Ireland and 100,000 attempted suicides, A racist attack takes place every 4 minutes

2003 - Soaring rates of sexually transmitted infections are overwhelming the British National Health System and are threatening the health of a generation of young people.

Cases of Gonorrhoea have risen 86% in five years, and those of Chlamydia have doubled. Syphilis is making a return and the rate of HIV infection rose to its highest level last year.

2009 [i] EU approves resolution to force homosexual “marriage” acceptance in all member states.

[ii] President Obama confirms that he will fund foreign abortions

[iii] The parents of some 30 primary school children in the UK are being fined by the local council for their children not attending a week’s school lessons coinciding with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History week where deviant lifestyles are publicised is heavily funded by the Department of Education, Skills and Equalities.

[iv] Abortion clinics are to be allowed to advertise on television and radio in UK in response to the Government calls for action to reduce teenage pregnancies which have increased this decade after a 300 million pound Government education programme had been undertaken.

[v] The head of Dignitas the Swiss euthanasia Ludwig Minelli said he believed that assisted suicide should be available on demand for the healthy as it is a marvellous possibility for all.

[vi] An associate professor of obstetrics at University of WA is reported as saying “Every newborn Australian baby represents a potent source of greenhouse gas for a period of 80 years. Far from showering a financial bounty on mothers a Baby Levy in the form of a carbon tax should be applied on the principle that a polluter pays.

[vii] Sweden who introduced legal abortion in 1938 has taken it a step further by legalising gender based abortion which allows a mother to abort her child on the basis of his or her sex.

2010 Game show contestants turn torturers in a new psychological experiment for French television, zapping a man with electricity until he cries for mercy then zapping him again until he seems to drop dead. "The Game of Death" has all the trappings of a traditional television quiz show, with a roaring crowd and a glamorous and well-known hostess urging the players on under gaudy studio lights.

But the contestants did not know they were taking part in an experiment to find out whether television could push them to outrageous lengths, and which has prompted comparisons with the atrocities of Nazi Germany.

The news out of Sarasota, Florida caught many people by surprise. A doctor in the city has lost his license because he aborted what is now described as the “wrong” baby. Back in 2006, Dr. Matthew Kachinas had been asked to perform an abortion on a baby that had been identified as having Down syndrome and other congenital defects. Instead, the doctor aborted that baby’s healthy twin.

The Miami Herald reported A Sarasota doctor has lost his license for mistakenly aborting a healthy twin during a procedure targeting a deformed fetus immediately after the Florida Board of Medicine’s decision Saturday, Dr. Matthew Kachinas was involuntarily hospitalized because he said he planned to commit suicide.

Kachinas had blamed faulty ultrasound equipment for the 2006 mistake. He was targeting a fetus with Downs syndrome and signs of a heart defect. Recent data shows that 80-90% of suspected Downs syndrome fetuses are aborted.

2011 UN Plan to give bugs and trees the same rights as humans

150 human animal hybrids grown in UK Labs

Into the Abyss - Move to classify paedophilia as simply another sexual orientation

No jail time for woman who strangled newborn because Canada accepts abortion, says judge

The Results of Population Control: 40-Million ‘Surplus’ Males by 2020

First Euthanasia in Netherlands of Severe Alzheimer’s Patient Performed

The insanity of "Wrongful Life" lawsuits - Disabled children suing doctors for not aborting them

Helping with abortions required by university for nursing students to graduate

January 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade, the landmark case that granted women the constitutional right to have an abortion. In the 40 years since the court's ruling there have been more than 55 million abortions in the United States.

Statistics show that nearly one out of every five pregnancies in the US will end in an abortion. The number of Americans who consider themselves "pro-choice" dropped to a record low of 41 percent in 2012

Peter Jensen the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney recently decried the rate of abortion in Australia and said "What sort of society is it that kills 100,000 children in the womb each year?" Early this year the Journal of Medical Ethics published a paper by two Melbourne philosophers defending "after birth abortion", the killing of newborns including the cases where the newborn is not disabled. About 44 million babies are aborted worldwide each year.

For the first time the percentage of US families headed by a married couple has dropped below 50%

One of the first things Barak Obama did after he was made president was to sign a bill legalising abortion right up to full term. The next he supported US funding of abortion around the world. Since 1973 more than 55 million legal induced abortions have been performed in the USA. Within the next year or two that will rise to 60 million which is ten times the number of Jews the Nazis were said to have killed in the Holocaust!

A 15-page report was just released by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, conveying the panel's displeasure with the way the Vatican has responded to the sexual abuse of minors by priests.

There is much more to the report than first meets the eye, because the true goal of the U.N. panel is to require the Catholic Church to change Canon Law in order to adopt the U.N. Convention's precedence over internal laws and regulations.

Dr. William Donohue, president and CEO of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights points out, these demands would include ending the practice of "baby boxes". Orphanages in many countries have drop boxes conveniently placed so that unmarried girls and those who can't care for their babies may leave them so others can care for their child.

"It is a humane practice", assures Dr. Donohue, "one that is widely practiced in South Korea. What is not humane is to kill babies in utero, which is precisely what this U.N. panel recommends".

2013 Killing the New Born - Early this year, "a group of medical ethicists linked to Oxford University" published an article in the Journal of Medical Ethics arguing that, "Parents should be allowed to have their newborn babies killed because they are 'morally irrelevant' and ending their lives is no different to abortion." According to the article, "newborn babies are not 'actual persons' and do not have a 'moral right to life'.

The academics also argue that parents should be able to have their baby killed if it turns out to be disabled when it is born." This would include a baby born with Downs Syndrome whose condition had not been diagnosed by prenatal testing?

By all means, Alberto Giubilini and Francesca Minerva, the authors of the article argue, the parents should have the right to kill the baby. And these are "medical ethicists" linked to Oxford University, not Nazi doctors linked to the Third Reich.

December Belgium: Senate Approves Measure Allowing Doctors to Euthanize Children The Belgian Senate voted today 50-17 to extend euthanasia to children with disabilities, in a move pro-life advocates worldwide had been fearing would come and expand an already much-abused euthanasia law even further.

The vote today in the full Senate comes after a Senate committee voted 13-4 to allow minors to seek euthanasia under certain conditions and the measure also would extend the right to request euthanasia to adults with dementia.

No age limit would be set, but the children who are euthanized would have "to possess the capacity of discernment." There is still a chance to stop the bill in the House of Representatives, though pro-life campaigners fear it will become law.

Religious Groups Celebrate Day to Thank Abortion Doctors - In case you missed it, March 10 was National Abortion Provider Appreciation Day. Yes, a special day to celebrate the work done by our friendly neighbourhood abortionists.

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC), which enjoys official, unqualified endorsements from a collection of liberal Protestant, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, and atheist/humanist groups, marked the holiday by e-mailing supporters a statement entitled "The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice Thanks and Blesses Abortion Providers."

According to this church-endorsed, atheist-funded interfaith group, religious leaders should celebrate the "holy work" (which has claimed the lives of over 55 million Americans since 1973), by thanking, blessing, and offering prayers of gratitude for the work of "abortion providers around the world." After all, performing abortions is driven by "equal parts compassion and courage," as well as, for many providers, "a deep religious faith," RCRC assures us.

RCRC's endorsers include four old line Protestant denominations: the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Episcopal Church, and the United Church of Christ. While many members of each denomination have protested this affiliation, RCRC enjoys strong support from the liberal factions and denominational elites in all four.

- 2014 February Revised Euthanasia Law Grants The "Right to Die" To Belgian Children Earlier this month, the Lower House of the Belgian Parliament adopted a bill which will remove all age restrictions from its existing euthanasia law legalized in 2002, to grant the right to die to minors with terminal illnesses. This will position Belgium as the first country in the world to remove any age limit on the euthanasia practice. Though the Belgian bill is widely supported in a country where close to 75 percent of the population is said to be Roman Catholic, it has ignited stern opposition from critics.

Brussels Archbishop Andre-Joseph Leonard head of the Catholic Church in Belgium led a prayer vigil last week in disapproval, asking why minors would be granted such great responsibility under this new law, when they are deemed too immature under the age of 18, to receive other legal rights. "The law says adolescents cannot make important decisions on economic or emotional issues, but suddenly they've become able to decide that someone should make them die," the Archbishop stated.

- 2015 Australian Hypocrisy Up to their execution and even afterwards all sides of politics and the media put up a constant fight for two drug smugglers to avoid the death penalty in Indonesia. This included the recall of the Australian Ambassador in protest. However the same Australian groups condone the legal killing of 100,000 unborn innocent Australian children each year, every year by abortion.

In Western Australia 100,000 children have died in this way since abortion was legalised in the 1990's. The oldest would now be 17 and about to join the workforce. Now Australians are concerned about the disproportion of working age people into the future compared with the increasing elderly component. The reason is that we have been killing a lot of the potential workers regularly year by year.

Today, the United States has the highest abortion rate in the entire western world, and hardly anyone makes a fuss about it anymore. In fact, a lot of Americans laugh about it, and some even do comedy skits about it.

We are so casual about abortion these days that one university is actually recruiting teen girls to have abortions for a "scientific study" that is being conducted. But someday we will be judged for what we have done.

The following are a selection of 10 statistics about abortion in the USA.

#1 More than 56 million American babies have been murdered since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973.

#2 Annually the toll of all forms of abortion, including abortion drug RU 486, is one million babies in US

#3 The number of babies killed annually is roughly equal to all U.S. military deaths in all wars combined.

#4 Approximately 3,000 Americans lost their lives on 9/11. Daily the US aborts more than 3,000 babies

#5 About one-third of all American women will have had an abortion by the age of 45.

#6 Some 47% of the women that get an abortion each year in the US have also had a previous abortion.

#7 It has been reported that 41% percent of all New York City pregnancies end in abortion.

#8 Two thirds of women that get abortions in the US claim to be Christian. Protestant 42% Catholic 27%

#9 One shocking study found that 86% of all abortions are done for the sake of convenience.

#10 Overall, there has been well over a billion abortions performed around the world since 1980.

Europe Aborting Itself into Shariah Law A number of countries in Europe have a vast imbalance between the Muslim birth rate compared with the native population which if continued will naturally evolve to them becoming Islamic and under Shariah law on the basis of population numbers. This is being accelerated by the recently announced UN concept of allowing a million North African "refugees" being resettled in Europe.

Principle - Even in the most primitive of societies the population does not deliberately kill their children which they rightly see as their future.

TREND 82 - SEXUAL IMMORALITY

PROPHECY - Jude 18 "How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts."

PROPHECY - Revelation 9:21 "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."

The Bible predicted that sexual immorality would be rampant. Keep in mind, Jesus said whoever looks to lust has already committed adultery in his heart. Therefore, God equates addictions to Internet pornography, lustful movies, TV shows, and magazines to fornication.

The availability and consumption of sensual products has exploded in our generation.

In 2014, according to the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children there are 747,408 registered sex offenders in the US.

In addition a survey in the US has found 49% of Americans in the 18 to 34 age group consider pornography to be "morally acceptable". With sexual immorality the family and marriage are unhinged and children made far more vulnerable to other evils.

Remember the satanic strategy is always to destroy the "Four Divine Institutions". He destroys Free Will by drugs and alcoholism, Marriage by sexual immorality, and the Family by all things that unhinge stability. The result of it all is suicide, violence and despair.

The only good thing here is that desperate and deeply sad people who are jaded by the lack of love in the devil's world may hear the gospel and believe.

TREND 83 - HOMOSEXUALITY

PROPHECY - Luke 17:28-30 (32 AD) : Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

The rise of homosexuality and the tolerance of homosexual groups is a sign of national degeneracy. This is the sin of Sodom and a rise of this degeneracy in the end times was prophesied by the Lord Jesus Christ in this passage. This type of activity is delineated in Romans 1:21-32.

The rise of the homosexuals has been a feature of the last 25 years, with homosexual churches, homosexual clubs, homosexual magazines and papers.

Homosexual marriages have been performed by ministers in church and legislation has been mooted which will give such relationships opportunity to adopt children.

If the present rise of the homosexual movement is not a sign of the end times it is certainly a sign of the breakdown in civilisation and a pointer to its destruction in the near future. Taken in conjunction with the other signs in the end time area, however, I believe this rise can be classified as an end time sign.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1984 - By some estimates at least 50% of homosexual men in San Francisco and New York harbour AIDS antibodies. West Hollywood is the first town in modern times to be administered by a declared homosexual majority.

1989 - On November 20th TIME came out with a strong endorsement of homosexual marriage in an article "Should Gays Have Marriage Rights"

2003 - In June the Kansas City Star reported that an Ontario appeals Court ruled that Canada's ban on homosexual marriage is unconstitutional clearing the way for the country's first legal same sex weddings

The Australian of December 27th reports that Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria has threatened to lead his 17 million plus Anglicans out of the worldwide Anglican communion because of the appointment of the appointment of an openly homosexual Bishop by the American Episcopalians.

He said that because of the high degree of Muslims in Nigeria who oppose homosexuality such an appointment would be very damaging

2004 - From the start of the year same sex couples in Tasmania have been able to register with the Office of the Registrar of Marriages to receive the same benefits of medical, superannuation, carer and parental entitlements as heterosexual couples

2010 For the first time since Gallup began measuring the "moral acceptability" of homosexuality, a majority of Americans support gay and lesbian relations. Last month's poll found 52 percent of adults consider homosexuality acceptable, while 43 percent find it morally wrong. Poll show most Americans support homosexual marriage

UK law forces almost all Christian adoption agencies to close due to homosexual adoption requirement

Pro-homosexual foundations attempt to change Church doctrine through millions in grants to dissident church groups

2011 June 1st President Obama declares LGBT Pride Month for the third time.

June 16th – U.N. Group backs homosexual rights for the first time ever.

2012 'Queen James Bible': Now There's A Homosexual Friendly Version Of Scripture With the Bible traditionally viewed as a document that condemns the actions associated with same-sex attraction, some anonymous editors have set out to reinterpret scriptures to create a new translation — "The Queen James Bible" that is favourable to homosexuals

2013 Ellen DeGeneres as Jesus in the "Lesbian Last Supper" West Hollywood lesbian artist Bronwyn Lundberg has a new piece she has just unveiled and it comes with much controversy but Lundberg is not surprised by the criticisms nor the praises she has received for her work of art. In the world of art, you can't please everyone as she has crafted her latest the "lesbian last supper."

In the "Lesbian Last Supper," Lundberg replaced Jesus with Ellen DeGeneres and Judas with "The L Word" character "Shane McCutcheon." Other lesbians depicted in the art piece are Wanda Sykes, Portia De Rossi, Rosie O' Donnell and Rachael Maddow. "I drew it because it made me smile and because I wanted to pay tribute to the woman who made it easier to be myself" says Lundberg.

Majority Now Say Gay Sex, Unwed Births, Are Morally OK - A Gallup poll shows that a majority of Americans now believe that sexual relations between two men or two women, and unmarried women having a baby, are morally acceptable.

In the new survey, 59 percent of American adults answered that gay or lesbian relations are morally acceptable, a 19 percentage point increase since 2001 when only 40 percent said it was morally acceptable. 60 percent of respondents said that having a baby outside of marriage was morally acceptable, a 15 percentage point increase since 2002 when only 45 percent said it was morally acceptable.

Of the 20 issues which Gallup asked about their moral acceptability, same-sex sexual relations and unwed pregnancies saw the greatest increases. They were also the only issues which changed from a minority to a majority of the country finding them morally acceptable over the past decade.

Lesbians in Argentina - We move forward into the new year, 2014, and leading the procession worldwide is unadorned evil. We should expect no less, I suppose, considering the more than obvious lateness of the prophetic hour in which we find ourselves. Some of the evil is blatant-in your face.

Like the 17,000 lesbians meeting in Argentina late in 2013, many of whom, topless and painted with Nazi swastikas, attacked men praying in front of a Catholic cathedral to protect it from vandalism. The lesbians were protesting any and all opposition to abortion.

One Fox News reporter who witnessed the assault said you could sense an evil there. I heard another person say she could feel an almost demonic presence within the viciousness with which the women assaulted the men.

2014 President Obama declared his government's full support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender [LGBT] movements while declaring June 2014 a LGBT Pride Month. In July he signed an executive order banning workplace discrimination against LGBT workers of federal contractors and federal government with no exemptions for religious groups.

Next, we have the Lunacek Report, presented to the European Parliament by Austrian Green politician Ulrike Lunacek, arguing for designation of LGBT special rights and privileges, allowing LGBT lobby groups to veto any legislation that goes against their interests.

Additionally, LGBT groups could be given immunity from freedom of speech limits that are applied to other areas of EU law, and homophobic hate crimes would be classified as a completely separate category.

The Parliament, which states that its goal is to "protect and promote human dignity based on the anthropological truth that man is born in the image and likeness of God," approved the controversial Lunacek Report, adopting it by a vote of 394 to 176, with 72 abstentions. J.C. von Krempach, a writer for 'Turtle Bay and Beyond'—a blog focused on international law, policy and institutions—described the decision as follows: "the European Parliament has with today's vote rejected the principle of universality of human rights. This is a day of shame."

2015 **LGBTTQQFAGPBDSM? Housing for 15 Alternative Sexualities Is OK, but Men-Only Fraternities Are Not, Wesleyan University Says.** Campus housing specifically for 15 alternative sexualities is acceptable, but fraternities that just allow men are not, at Wesleyan University.

According to the suit, Wesleyan offers a range of housing options for its undergraduates (who are required to reside on campus), including, Women of Color House, Womanist House, Malcolm X House, Lighthouse (for "open-minded" Christians), and houses specifically for Latinos and Asians. One of those housing options is called "Open House," which is for LGBTTQQFAGPBDSM individuals, according to Wesleyan's Office of Residential Life.

The 15 letters stand for a wide range of deviant behaviour, lesbian, gay, bisexual etcetera. It is noted that Wesleyan University is now secular but indicates the extent of the undermining by sexual based politics when combined with the expansion of legislation relating to "Hate speech".

COMMENT

Homosexuality would be flaunted at the end of the age. Jesus warned that the last days would be like the days of Lot who lived in wicked Sodom. We know that the root of Sodom's sin was pride and complacency as it is today.

However, Sodom's lasting infamy stemmed from their aggressive homosexual sin. Today, the homosexual agenda is flaunted and forced upon our entire society

TREND 84 - APOSTASY

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:3-5 "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:23,24 "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

The last half century or so has seen a vast falling away from the Scriptures and from God in the West, with the acceptance of false doctrines and apostasy. It has come in many guises starting with the Higher Criticism of the German school spreading over into Liberalism in various forms; culminating in the "God is dead" theology of the 1960s.

Sadly it is not just the atheistic, intellectual, or Buddhist like rejection of biblical truth but the acceptance of emotional religious experience with no reference to the scriptures that is most troublesome to the church. People now acknowledge Christ while walking away from His Word to them!

A poll undertaken amongst Protestant ministers in the USA in 1969 showed that: 40% denied the physical resurrection of Christ, 50% denied the virgin birth of Christ and 80% denied that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. If these were the shepherds what chance have the sheep got? What has changed in your nation as at today? Check for your local figures on the beliefs of clergy and see how much certainty there is and how much confusion.

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In **Luke 18:8** there is a sobering question put by the Lord. "When the Son of Man returns, will he find faith upon the earth?" The indication is that the answer is, "not very much at all"! Men would sear their conscience so they could continue in sin without guilt. Therefore we sin with knowledge when we ignore God's moral law and violate our own conscience. People would reject the sound doctrine of the Word of God and follow the doctrines of men that appeal to their own lusts.

Others would confess faith in Christ, but not obey His Word. Despite the Bible's numerous warnings and last days prophecies, many people would be taken off guard when these events culminate. Apostasy would occur just before the Antichrist is revealed.

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1978 - Jonestown mass suicide by cultists in Guyana

1979 - Religious education library in Queensland does not include the Bible.

1984 - The newly appointed Anglican Bishop of Durham Rt Rev David Jenkins denies some of the fundamental beliefs of the Anglican Church particularly the virgin birth and resurrection of Christ. Now he has caused an uproar while speaking on a BBC programme likening Christ's resurrection to "a conjuring trick with bones"

1985 - An Aboriginal pastor Bob Brown was brought before the Supreme Court of South Australia for preaching the gospel to Aborigines of the Pitjanjatjara tribe without a permit. He was convicted, mainly due to the case being dealt with under International Law, rather than the Australian Constitution which grants religious freedom to all.

1986 - The WCC, UN and Survival International in England are accusing missionaries of committing the crime of cultural genocide. New Tribes missionaries are accused of "changing the culture" of tribesmen in converting them to Christianity. In 1971 the WCC made a declaration at their Barbados meeting that "it would be wise to terminate all missionary activity."

The Biblical account of the origin of life was banned in 1986 as a scientific theory in New South Wales state schools in favour of evolution.

1988 On the front cover of the May edition of Witness which is a magazine published by the Episcopalian Church in America was a picture of Christ shackled to prison bars. Nothing too unusual about that, except this Christ is black, and female and wearing only a loin cloth. The executive editor was the Right Rev Barbara Harris the world's first female Anglican Bishop.

1991 - The WCC took ecumenism to its farthest limits suggesting Muslims, Hindus and others achieve salvation in the same way as Christians and warning the latter against "narrow" thinking. The Council's Director of Interfaith Dialogue Dr Wesley Ariarajah said it was inconceivable to him that God listened to Christian prayers but ignored those praying to their particular version of God.

1992 - Dr Barbara Thiering published a book "Jesus the Man" which says that Jesus was naturally conceived, and did not die on the cross, married Mary Magdalene and probably died of old age in Rome or the south of France. In the Australian magazine in May it said that once again some will see her as an antichrist a mischievous scholar determined to destroy Christianity. To others she will be a source of comfort and peace enabling them the lead "Christian lives" without having to accept as fact Jesus' divinity, his miracles, the virgin birth and resurrection.

- 1993 - A New Age Bible has been published called "The Jesus Letters". Authored by two Connecticut women Jane Palzere and Anna Brown who are both theosophists and claim that a spirit named the "Master Jesus" came to them during meditations and dictated the book to them.

In March it was stated that the Bible had been well digested. The Readers Digest will release a shortened version of the Bible with 40% of the original text. The Sunday Telegraph in London said that it took the Readers Digest seven years to condense the Bible. It said that there were three governing principles for condensing the Bible: repetition, rhetoric and passages of reduced relevance.

Using these three rules they had removed half of the Old Testament and a quarter of the New Testament. According to the publishers it is the first condensed Bible for 1700 years. They said that the original authors would have supported the reduction. They say that parts of St Matthew's gospel are a condensation of St Marks.

The most popular parts of the Bible, the 23rd Psalm, the Lord's Prayer and Paul's eulogy on Love in 1 Corinthians 13 have been retained in full. The words of Jesus have been trimmed by only 10% and the reduction does not affect the Ten Commandments. The Readers Digest is in great error when they say that the original authors would have approved this condensed version especially when one reads **Revelation 22:19**.

- 1994 - Many Christians are getting caught up in false doctrines and experiences such as: Dominion Theology, Manifest Sons of God [we will become Christ], Replacement Theology [Israel has no future in God's plan and is replaced by the Church] Prosperity doctrine [name it, claim it and its yours], the Toronto Blessing and Laughing revival and spurious Latter Rain and Tabernacles teaching

- 1995 – A "communion" service involving symbolic sex but no mention of Christ was celebrated by a pagan priestess and a Church of England vicar as part of an interfaith forum.

The Yorkshire post reported that the Bishop of Edinburgh Rt Rev Richard Holloway recently told the Times that man was designed for adultery. God has given us our promiscuous genes so I think it would be wrong for the church to condemn people following their instincts

- 1996 – Some 40 Christian nudists from around the US stood naked at a conference in North Carolina which ended with ministers both robed and unrobed distributing communion to the worshippers.

- 2003 - A study showed that only 9% of "born again" Christians in the US have a Biblical viewpoint. Although most people own a Bible and know some of its content the report said most Americans have little idea how to integrate core biblical principles to form a unified and meaningful response to the challenges and opportunities of life.

Josh McDowell the famous worker with youth said that he was concerned about the declining rate of Christian youth as far as believing that there is such a thing as absolute truth. Interviewing Christian youth showed that decline in believing in absolute truth was from 48% in 1991 to 9% in 2002

There is a continuing attack on the Word of God as one would expect in an unbelieving world with many more people wanting to believe the Da Vinci Code, even though the author says it's a novel, rather than read the true account in the Scriptures.

- 2004 - A recent report says that although nearly two million people claim their current religion as Church of Scotland only about 240,000 worship regularly. The report adds "People know what they want from the Church: a good funeral, a happy wedding, a celebration of a birth, but they resist when the Church tries to take this further and seems to want to take over their lives"

For more than 50 years the Canadian Bible Society has welcomed immigrants at citizen ceremonies offering them copies of the Scriptures. The right of the Society to do so was formalized in an agreement signed in 1988 with the government. Now a Senior Citizenship Judge has removed this freedom noting that Canada is a multicultural society and allowing holy books being made available at citizenship ceremonies detracts from this message.

- 2007 - The new "Mixing it up with Harry Potter" study guides for the church of England is a 12 part series from J K Rowling's Harry Potter books and movies to help children discuss big issues such as death, sacrifice, loneliness, fear, mercy and grief said Bishop John Pritchard.
- 2009 Apostasy is shown in the following
- [i] Episcopal bishop from California claims that "Being gay is a gift from God"
 - [ii] The United Methodist Church in the USA recognise the creation of Israel as a catastrophe.
 - [iii] Study shows that less than 1% of young Americans aged 18-23 have a Biblical worldview
 - [iv] Over 100,000 Britons have downloaded Certificates of De Baptism from the internet to renounce their Christian faith.
 - [v] Benedict XVI meeting with Chief Rabbi Shlomo in Jerusalem has agreed that the Roman Catholic Church will no longer evangelise the Jews
 - [vi] Members of the Evangelical Left in US are supporting a bill before Congress that would include sexual orientation and gender identity in a list of "hate crimes" in law.
 - [vii] A Pagan Pride march took place in London. We are moving into a new time says the leader brandishing a huge set of antlers. We are becoming more accepted.
- 2010 Five Cardinals Petition Pope to Proclaim Mary, Spiritual Mother of Humanity & Co-redemptrix With Christ This definition of Mary as spiritual mother would include her three maternal roles as the human "Co-redemptrix" (which literally means "a woman with the Redeemer" but never on a level of equality with her divine son), "Mediatrice" or distributor of the graces of the redemption, and "Advocate" or principal intercessor to her Jesus Christ.
- Methodist Seminary, Claremont School of Theology, located in Southern California has announced that it will be partnering with Jewish and Islamic schools to offer clerical training to students of various faiths.
- Students will be trained in their own religious traditions as well as gain understanding of other faiths through shared classes with the Academy for Jewish Religion and the Islamic Centre of Southern California. Eventually, the seminary plans to expand its training to include Hinduism and Buddhism, among others.
- Abdicating the Faith – Methodist Seminary to train Muslim Imams
- Most Protestants and Evangelicals in the USA accept universalism
- 2011 Losing My Religion - Canada, Australia and New Zealand face sharp religious decline.
- 2013 Almost Five Million Australians Say They Have No Religious Beliefs - In the past 100 years, the number of Australians reporting on the national census that they have "no religion" has jumped from one in 250 in 1911 to more than one in five in 2011. In addition, many of those who nominate a religious affiliation do not actively participate in religious activities. The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics social trends report provides the first in-depth look at the 2011 census data on religion.
- "Rates of reporting no religion have been steadily rising, and Australia is not alone in this - rates are also rising for countries like New Zealand, England and Wales, Canada, the United States and Ireland," said ABS Director of Social and Progress Reporting Fiona Dowsley.
- While 4.8 million, or 22 per cent, of Australians reported "no religion" in the 2011 census, 25 per cent nominated as Catholic, and 17 per cent as Anglicans. On present trends, "no religion" will be the most popular response by the next census.
- About half of those reporting no religious belief are less than 30 years old. Almost a third of 22 to 24-year-olds reported no religion, and about one in five children under 15 live in a home where one or both parents reported no religion.

The ranks of non-believers also increases with higher education, with almost a third of those older than 19 with postgraduate qualifications reporting no religion compared with one in five of those with only a school education.

The ABS report found that the rising numbers of non-believers mirrors a steady decline in people reporting Christian beliefs, while those professing other beliefs, including Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism, were on the rise. The fall in Christian beliefs has driven an increase in civil marriages, with seven in 10 marriages now conducted by a civil celebrant.

The report found non-believers are slightly less likely to do volunteer work (17 per cent) than people with Christian beliefs (20 per cent) but more likely than those with other beliefs (14 per cent). The 2010 General Social Survey found that only 15 per cent of men and 22 per cent of women had actively participated in a religious or spiritual group.

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- 2014 April Church of England Shrugs Off Biblical Doctrine with New Law. A report commissioned by the Church of England last year, which was meant to promote discussion amongst Anglican bishops and not represent "a new policy statement" from the Church, seems to have metamorphosed fairly quickly into a new law.

According to the BBC, the report - produced by four bishops and chaired by former civil servant Sir Joseph Pilling - recommended that priests should be "free" to give gay couples a "public service", saying the Church must find "ways of honouring" gay Christians who "conscious of the Church's teaching, have embraced a chaste and single lifestyle, and also those who in good conscience have entered partnerships with a firm intention of life-long fidelity".

As of March 28th, 2014, the Archbishop of Canterbury revealed that the Church of England will no longer resist gay marriage among churchgoers, causing bitter divisions within the church. In a rapid sea change, the new law became legal last week, prompting the planning of thousands of ceremonies across England.

Just last July, a law permitting same-sex marriages in England and Wales received Royal Assent, allowing religious groups to "opt in" to offer gay marriages, but at that time, the Church of England and the Church in Wales were banned from doing so. The ban was used as part of a "legal lock" to prevent them from being "forced" to conduct same sex marriages, as both churches had stated their opposition to carrying them out, according to Culture Secretary Maria Miller.

December - The newly appointed dean for religious life at Stanford University Rev Jane Shaw has some advice for churches. They should stop doing all those conversions and shouldn't even "do religion" all the time she contends.

She plans to teach "empathy" in her religion classes. The school explained her duties are to provide "spiritual, religious and ethical leadership to the university community, serve as minister of Memorial Church and also teach undergraduates and graduate students as a professor."

Provost John Etchemendy praised her as "both a charismatic leader and an accomplished academic." "Dean Shaw is equally committed to the educational mission of the university and the ecumenical mission of Memorial Church," he said. It was in a taped interview when she complained that churches should be more into art, global warming and the like.

2015 Hundreds of 'Churches' To Celebrate 'Evolution Sunday' As Others Celebrate 'Creation Sunday' Nearly 500 churches in the United States will commemorate Charles Darwin's birthday this week with "Evolution Sunday," but many other congregations plan to recognize the biblical Creator and celebrate "Creation Sunday" instead. February 12, Darwin's birthday, is commemorated each year by atheists as International Darwin Day. Since 2006, thousands of congregations that believe the Bible and evolution are compatible have observed Evolution Sunday and similar events.

So far, nearly 500 congregations have pledged to recognize the event this year, with California, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio being the states with the most participating "churches." To counter the Evolution Sunday apostasy, many churches are planning to instead observe "Creation Sunday" as an affirmation of their beliefs in biblical creation. Tony Breeden, founder and organizer of Creation Sunday, told Christian News Network that biblical creation beliefs are important, because "evolution undermines the authority of God's Word and the foundational basis of the gospel."

Celebrating Evil - Kansas Church Invites Community To Celebrate 42 Years Of Abortion In America According to recent reports, St. James Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas., is preparing to mark the 42nd anniversary of legalized abortion with a dinner on church grounds later this month.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$1,000 for the Planned Parenthood-sponsored event, which promises "an evening of stimulating conversation, refreshments and CHILI!" The event, dubbed Chili for Choice, is one of many anniversary celebrations planned throughout the nation to mark another year of allowing American women to legally kill their unborn children.

Concerts and celebrity appearances mark many of these gatherings; however, an ostensibly Christian church willing to openly endorse abortion has attracted significant social media criticism.

COMMENTS

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TREND 85 - VEGETARIANISM PROMOTED

PROPHECY 1 Timothy 4:3,4 "Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.⁴ For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving"

Increased interest in vegetarianism anticipated. The New Age Movement has swept the globe during the past 50 years popularizing this, and all manner of diets are touted as curative for all manner of illnesses, mostly without any evidence at all. All food is to be accepted by the believer with prayer of thanks and it will be useful for the body.

TREND 86 - MARRIAGE FORBIDDEN

PROPHECY - 1 Timothy 4:3a "Forbidding to marry

Marriage would be forbidden by many. The Bible states that marriage is honourable among all. **Hebrews 13:4a. Marriage is honourable in all.** Despite this, the Roman Catholic Church since 1074 forbids their 400,000 priests, 800,000 nuns and numerous bishops, cardinals, and monks from marrying.

The Orthodox Church, as well as Hindus, Buddhists, and other religious groups also impose mandatory celibacy for certain orders. Will church marriages be banned in the future by anti-religious States? Satanic strategy has always attacked marriage in any way possible to undermine the family and faithful commitment to marriage partners. Satan's hatred of marriage and the family will increase as the days grow darker – watch for developments in your own nation with Law changes that undermine marriage and the family.

TREND 87 - BLASPHEMY MORE COMMON

PROPHECY - 2 Timothy 3:2 “For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy”

Blasphemy would be common. Consider how often people use their Creator's name (God, Lord, or Jesus Christ) as a curse word. What they have done is liken the One who is the source of every blessing to a four-letter curse word. Fifty years ago, Hollywood seldom used God's name in vain. Today, nearly every movie includes blasphemy.

TREND 88 - NOAH'S FLOOD DENIED

PROPHECY 2 Peter 3:5,6 “For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished”

The fact that God once flooded the earth (Noah's Flood) would be denied. There is a mass of fossil evidence to prove this fact, yet it is flatly ignored by most of the scientific world because it was judgment from God on man's wickedness. Those who reject God's active involvement in the affairs of mankind do not want any teaching that would indicate that God judges.

TREND 89 - CORRUPTION

PROPHECY - Luke 17:26 “And as it was in the days of Noe(Noah), so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”

Genesis 6:11 “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.”

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

Time of July 13th 1998 called it “The Cancer of Corruption. The seven page cover story details corruption world wide. “Call it bribery, baksheesh, guandao, palm tickling corruption is a wasting disease even if its beneficiaries regard it as mother's milk, no country is exempt, though poor nations usually suffer the worst”.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

2003 The Agence France Presse of October 7th reported on the annual survey of the anti-graft watchdog Transparency International [TI] which compiles a Global Corruption Index [GCI] as a result of a poll of 133 nations. India fared better on the latest index, ranking 83rd best while Asia as a whole had a poor show, with many nations in the region ranked among the worst in the world for graft and honesty. The countries considered least corrupt were Denmark, Finland and Iceland. Bangladesh which took out the title of the most corrupt nation polled did so for the third successive year.

2012 The world's first genetically modified humans have been created, it was revealed last night. The disclosure that 30 healthy babies were born after a series of experiments in the United States provoked another furious debate about ethics.

So far, two of the babies have been tested and have been found to contain genes from three 'parents'. Fifteen of the children were born in the past three years as a result of one experimental programme at the Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Science of St Barnabas in New Jersey.

The babies were born to women who had problems conceiving. Extra genes from a female donor were inserted into their eggs before they were fertilised in an attempt to enable them to conceive. Genetic fingerprint tests on two one-year- old children confirm that they have inherited DNA from three adults --two women and one man.

The fact that the children have inherited the extra genes and incorporated them into their 'germline' means that they will, in turn, be able to pass them on to their own offspring.

Recently it was revealed that scientists in China have genetically modified 300 cows to produce milk that has many of the same qualities that human breast milk does. So how did they do this? Well, they inserted human genes into the cows. So those cows are now essentially part human and part cow.

Scientists in Japan have created a genetically modified mouse that tweets like a bird. A GM salmon which grows twice as fast as ordinary fish could become the first genetically-modified animal in the world to be declared officially safe to eat, after America's powerful food-safety watchdog ruled it posed no major health or environmental risks

In Japan, scientists have discovered that they can grow rat organs inside of mice. The researchers hope to use the same technology to grow human organs inside of pigs. Scientists are even creating "spider goats" and fluorescent cats now. And these are just the things that they are admitting to publicly.

- 2013 Bribery & Corruption Worsening Worldwide, Survey Shows - Corruption and bribery are perceived to be getting worse in many countries, and trust in governments is falling worldwide, according to a survey by the group Transparency International. One in every four people paid a bribe in the last 12 months when accessing public institutions and services, according to Transparency International's report. Robert Barrington is Executive Director."

In terms of bribe paying, there are a couple of countries where three in four people say they have had to pay bribes in the past year. That's Sierra Leone and Liberia," said Barrington. "Ultimately our target has to be policymakers because leadership from the top is critical in this.

And when you look at the countries that have improved, perhaps Georgia and Rwanda compared to past surveys, it's generally been politically-driven governments that want to do something about corruption that's made the change," he said.

All too often a leader's drive to tackle corruption fades, says Bertrand de Speville who heads an anticorruption consulting firm that has advised more than 50 governments. In India in 2011, social activist Anna Hazare gained worldwide fame after leading a hunger strike against corruption.

"I want the poor to get justice. I want the money back that we have lost to corruption," said Hazare. Hundreds of supporters joined him in the hunger strike, and the government agreed to introduce anti-corruption legislation. But the so-called Lokpal Bill has yet to be passed.

De Speville says the poor suffer the most - and bribery must be tackled on every level. "You only have to think of the fields of security or public health to realize the truth of that. One small bribe can have disastrous consequences," he said.

But, says de Speville, advice on tackling corruption by institutions such as the World Bank have had little effect. "Given the amount of resources that have been devoted to the problem, in my view, it is little short of scandalous. I don't believe it is that difficult. And indeed, places like Hong Kong and Singapore have demonstrated that it's not that difficult," he said.

- 2014 Turkey is deeply involved in the Middle East but the PM has been caught up with the corruption of several ministers and their sons. The Nigerian elections in early 2015 had a major focus on corruption as the money leaking out of the economy is greater than the money being spent on infrastructure and the good of the people.

This is the case in many nations. Protestors are seeking resignations of corrupt politicians everywhere – but their paid supporters resist as they love the satanic “grave train” that corruption provides. Thailand has ongoing disturbances due to corruption accusations. Remember, the satanic thrives on chaos, and the more corrupt the more paralysed a State becomes and the harder it is to stop violence and abuse. It is to “sort out problems” that the Anti-Christ comes and receives the support of the majority.

TREND 90 - FALSE CHRISTS

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:4,5 “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”

In the 20th century there have been no less than 12,000+ people who have claimed that they are Christ, God or even the Holy Spirit. They have taken many names including Divine Father, Divine Mother, the Messiah, the Christ, Master of Masters, God of Gods.

On April 25th 1982 an advertisement was placed in many of the leading newspapers throughout the world stating that “the Christ” had returned.

The Christ was also referred to as the fifth Buddha, the Imam Mahdi and Krishna. It should be noted that the Maitreya was due to appear in June of 1982, when he was to speak inwardly and telepathically to all men. Technology exists to be able to do this via satellite.

On the day of invocation severe sunspots interfered drastically with communications, showing that God, not the Maitreya, is in charge of history. It should be noted also that if Maitreya is the Antichrist, **2 Thessalonians 2:7-12** states that he will not be revealed until the Holy Spirit, and with Him the Church, are taken out of this world.

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1992 - Thousands of people go to Brazil each year to visit the Miracle Healer of Brazil Joao De Deus [John of God] He does not actually do the healing but allows himself to go into a trance and become controlled by up to 33 spirit guides who he believes are departed doctors and other medical personnel.

1993 – David Koresh was an American who believed he was Jesus Christ and a spokesman for Yaweh the Almighty who perished in a fire with 85 members of the Branch Davidians at Waco in Texas

A Ukrainian Maria Devi Khrystos claimed to be a living god and the Messiah the reincarnation of Christ forming the White Brotherhood with her husband.

1994 – In the years prior to his death this Brooklyn rabbi Menachem Schneerson was widely proclaimed to be the Messiah, King of Israel.

1998 - Islamic Iran is being driven by Mahdist prophecies and sees itself as the catalyst to bring about a new Islamic world order and as the spearhead of the Imam Mahdi's end time agenda for the destruction of infidels.

2009 Benjamin Crème who caused a stir in the 1980's with his announcement of the imminent unveiling of the Maitreya has again been in the media talking about his coming.

2010 President Ahmadinejad of Iran prepares for end times and claims direct communication with the 12th Mahdi, the Shiite Messiah

COMMENT

Many would call themselves the Christ. Jesus was an itinerate preacher who never travelled outside the tiny nation of Israel and He had the audacity to say that many would come in His name, claiming to be the Christ. And yet today, multitudes within the New Age Movement, Eastern religions, and the cults call themselves the Christ. This is another incredible prophecy!

TREND 91 - FALSE BIBLE TEACHERS

PROPHECY - 2 Peter 2:1-2 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.”

False Bible teachers would bring in heresies, have many followers, and cause others to reject God's Word. It is very common today to find people who reject the Bible out of hand because they have heard it misrepresented by a false teacher.

False teachers have many motivations, from the self centred desires for money, sex or power, through to the satanically or psychiatrically “genuine” belief that they are “god’s gift” to mankind.

Some would say that Christ is in the secret chambers or inner rooms in the last days. According to the Catholic Church, Christ is in the inner rooms of hundreds of thousands of Catholic churches either in Eucharistic tabernacles or monstrances.

RECENT TRENDS

2013 Episcopal Leader Claims St. Paul of Tarsus' Curing Of Demon-Possessed Girl Was Wrong - The head of the Episcopal Church has garnered outrage from some in the Anglican Communion over her claim that St. Paul of Tarsus' curing of a demon-possessed slave girl as described in the Bible was wrong.

In a sermon delivered before the Diocese of Venezuela on the island nation of Curaçao, Presiding Bishop The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori said that by driving the demon out of her Paul was "depriving her of her gift of spiritual awareness."

"Paul is annoyed, perhaps for being put in his place, and he responds by depriving her of her gift of spiritual awareness," said Jefferts Schori. "Paul can't abide something he won't see as beautiful or holy, so he tries to destroy it. It gets him thrown in prison. That's pretty much where he's put himself by his own refusal to recognize that she, too, shares in God's nature, just as much as he does – maybe more so!"

2015 Convicted Heavy Metal ‘Christian’ Singer Admits Being Atheist, Duped Fans to Sell Music. A so-called Christian heavy metal band whose frontman was convicted of attempting to hire a hitman to murder his estranged wife has admitted that it duped fans into believing that they were Christian in order to sell their music.

“Truthfully, I was an atheist,” Tim Lambesis, the lead singer and founder of ‘As I Lay Dying’ told the Alternative Press in a recent interview. “I actually wasn’t the first guy in As I Lay Dying to stop being a Christian. In fact, I think I was the third. The two who remained kind of stopped talking about it, and then I’m pretty sure they dropped it, too.”

TREND 92 - SUICIDE

PROPHECY - Luke 21:25,26 “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”

In the early 1980s it was reported that economic pressures in the United Kingdom were leading to an increase in suicides. After 1973 suicides soared according to a Samaritans report on the UK. Sadly younger and younger people take their own lives, and “copy cat” killings sweep schools where despair has got hold, and where faith is emotional rather than doctrinally grounded.

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- 1985 - It was reported that 10,000 attempted suicide each day world-wide. About 10% are successful. At least 30,000 Americans suicide each year: 6000 of them being teenagers.
- 1988 Suicide is the main cause of death for Queensland men between 25 and 44
- 2010 In 2010 assisted suicide for anyone over 70 who has simply had enough of life was being considered in Holland and was approved. Non-doctors may soon be trained to administer a lethal potion to elderly people who 'consider their lives complete' in a number of countries. This radical move can be expected and will push the boundaries even further in the euthanasia debates world wide.
- 2011 It was reported that suicide rates have risen sharply across Europe since the banking crisis". The Independent Today newspaper says a study has found that Britain has been affected particularly hard, experiencing an 8% rise in suicide rates between 2007 and 2009. Ireland and Greece, two of the countries reported to be in greater financial difficulty, have seen suicides rise 13% and 16% respectively.
- 2015 It was reported in Australia that the largest cause of death for people in the age bracket 18 to 39 was suicide.

TREND 93 - OCCULTISM

PROPHECY - 1 Timothy 4:1,2 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron";

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- 1985 - The occult is flourishing in France where last year an estimated 8 million people or one in every four working people consulted a clairvoyant, sorcerer or astrologist. According to the tax office there are 50,000 registered clairvoyants in France more than doctors or priests with a business turnover of \$600 million
- 1986 Devil worship in the UK has increased ten fold in the last few years
- 1987 – Perth is said to be the witchcraft centre of Australia with an old cemetery subject to grave robbers. Six million witches said to be practicing in the USA.
- 2000 - At least 70% of Americas daily newspapers carry horoscope columns. An increasing number of high schools and universities offer courses on witchcraft and occult arts.
- 2005 - In Western Australia in 2005 a collection of booths with clairvoyants, tarot card readers, mediums and others was seen at a shopping and tourist development openly touting for business.
- 2009 - Occult books are becoming very common as seen in the huge popularity of the Harry Potter series which have created a fascination in millions of people in occultism
- 2010 Why did this so-called occult revival occur in the late twentieth century? The occult emerged for most of the same reasons that other new religions did. As Jeffrey Russell has demonstrated, from a broad historical view "interest in the occult has grown significantly in periods of rapid social breakdown, when establishments cease to provide readily accepted answers and people turn elsewhere for assurance."

Periods for which this generalization seems accurate are the third century A.D., which witnessed the decline of Roman society; the late Middle Ages and Reformation era, when the medieval synthesis was collapsing; and the late twentieth century.

But for the roots of the current occult revival, one must turn to the nineteenth century. As noted, this century was congenial to occult-metaphysical developments, including Transcendentalism, Spiritualism, the Shakers, Theosophy, New Thought, Christian Science, and many Eastern faiths.

Moreover, the first half of the twentieth century witnessed the rise of many prominent occultists. Hence, by the last third of the twentieth century there existed a vital tradition from which the occult and metaphysical movements could draw.

COMMENT

The past decades have seen an amazing resurgence of witchcraft, Satanism and interest in the occult. In Britain, which has been named as a centre of witchcraft, it is said that half of present-day Britons are involved with the occult in some way, whilst only 2% go to church.

In Austria, one is able to take a Doctorate in the Occult at university, whilst in Columbia some 20,000 delegates participated in the first world Congress of Sorcery as far back as in 1975.

TREND 94 DRUG ADDICTION

PROPHECY - Revelation 9:20,21 “And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”
 “(Sorceries is the translation of the Greek word “Pharmakeia” which implies drug addiction.)

I cannot recall anyone using illegal drugs fifty five years ago when I was at college studying engineering. Occasionally a film such as the "Man with the Golden Arm" was released. However, the general consensus of opinion on addicts was that anyone who ended up in that condition was very foolish. In the 60s we all mocked or felt sorrow for those trapped in any drug use. It was a sign of their great distress or foolishness.

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- 1978 - It is reported that 20-30% of some units of the US Army in Germany use heroin regularly
 - 1980 - California's top cash crop is marijuana at \$880 million per annum
 - 1984 - Mexican and US drug agent seized and destroyed 9,000 tons of Marijuana in Chihuahua State North Mexico in November. It has a street value of \$4 billion. The size of the seizure stunned US officials.
 - 1985 - Almost 50 million people in the world are presently addicted to illicit drugs according to the WHO. Out of this 30 million smoke marijuana, 7 million use cocaine, 1.7 million opium, 700,000 heroin with the balance using other narcotics and chemicals.
- US officials seized 8000 kg of cocaine worth \$600 million from a Colombian 747 jet
- 1986 A super cheap form of cocaine called crack is hooking teenagers and adults
 - 1987 Drug addiction among children in the UK has tripled in the last three years.
 - 1990 - ICE is a designer drug which was invented by the Japanese in the late 19th century and was used during World War II to keep troops and munitions workers alert. It was banned in Japan in the 1950s and many laboratories shifted to South Korea which has 130,000 ICE addicts. A Honolulu Police Chief states that the drug has turned Hawaii into a battleground.

The ICE problem is so bad that Crack pales by comparison. ICE is cheaper to make and is more addictive than heroin. There have been scores of murders and ICE associated deaths in Hawaii in the past year” he said.

- 1992 - Teenage students are setting themselves up as organised drug dealers in Queensland high schools according to the Sunday Mail of April 5. Most are working independently sometimes with the blessing and help of their parents. In at least one Brisbane High School a group of ethnic students has "taken control" of all drug dealings.
- 1994 British customs officers seized more than 51 tonnes of drugs worth 550 million pounds. Record levels of heroin, LSD, and Ecstasy were found and the amount of cocaine seized was up 224% on last year.
- 1996 In San Francisco Dr Barry Ramer director for the Study for Special Problems calls heroin "now the most available drug on the streets". He added "In my wildest nightmares I have not dreamed of what we are seeing today"
- 2003 - Afghanistan has re emerged as the worlds leading source country for opium and heroin rapidly returning to the levels of the 1990s when it produced 70% of the world's illicit opium supply.
- The UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention [UNODCCP] report said half a million people are involved in Afghanistan's trafficking chain. It has an estimated income of \$25 billion despite a ban put on opium production by Afghan President Hamid Karzai.
- 2004 - The London Mirror reports that from the start of the year smoking marijuana will no longer be against the law. Recreational use of the drug will be free from prosecution unless they are pushers.
- The growing of opium poppies is thriving in Afghanistan after the removal of the Taliban who had been very successful in suppressing it. Three quarters of the worlds opium is grown in this country with half of the nation's income coming from growing opium and selling heroin.
- 2009 - In the last 20 years it would appear that the deterioration has continued to occur with more drugs and crimes related to drug addiction.
- The world is currently experiencing an alarming drug crisis, much of it occult related. The drug trade is worth billions of dollars worldwide. Today millions of young people are being hooked on marijuana, heroin, ice, ecstasy, cocaine, LSD and barbiturates.
- 2010 Young adults appear to be the group showing the greatest increase in drug use according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In addition, according to the new study, the increase has largely been driven by more marijuana use and there are the numbers to prove it. In fact, in 2010 some 17.4 million Americans were using marijuana, compared with 14.4 million in 2007, the researchers found. This is an increase in the rate of marijuana use from 5.8% in 2007 to 6.9% in 2010.
- Time spent social networking increases the risk of teens smoking, drinking and using drugs, according to a national survey of American attitudes on substance abuse. For this same age bracket, social-network-savvy teens are five times more likely to use tobacco; three times more likely to use alcohol; and twice as likely to use marijuana than teens who do not spend any of their day on social networking sites. Results revealed that half of teens who spend any time social networking in a given day have seen pictures of kids "drunk, passed out, or using drugs on these sites
- 2013 Uruguay's move to legalise the production and sale of marijuana breaks international law, the world drugs body said Wednesday, warning it would encourage addiction. INCB president Raymond Yans accused the country's lawmakers of ignoring scientific evidence on the health risks of marijuana, and said claims the law would help reduce crime relied on "rather precarious and unsubstantiated assumptions." The move "will not protect young people, but rather have the perverse effect of encouraging early experimentation, lowering the age of first use, and thus contributing to... earlier onset of addiction and other disorders," said Yans.
- Uruguay's parliament voted on Tuesday to legalise marijuana, becoming the first nation in the world to oversee the production and sale of the drug. "The war against drugs has failed," said Senator Roberto Conde as he presented the bill on behalf of the ruling leftist Broad Front, calling it an "unavoidable response" to that failure. The law not only authorises the production, distribution and sale of cannabis, but also allows individuals to grow their own on a small scale, and creates consumer clubs -- all under state supervision and control.

2015 Latest prescription data shows consumption of psychiatric drugs continues to soar. Who needs illegal drugs with Pharmacies providing them, 85 million prescriptions in 2014 in UK alone and this is only the total for psychiatric drugs, let alone total scripts for other ailments.

COMMENT

What a change has occurred in the period to 2015. With the ever-increasing rate of change of events, instability in the nation, in the family, and work prospects, and a frantic search for happiness, the widespread use of drugs by many thousands of people has evolved. The papers tell graphically how the situation is deteriorating year by year. This is a clear biblical sign of the end times.

Drug abuse has become the number-one health problem in the United States, with 20 million smoking marijuana, four million regularly using cocaine and 500,000 using heroin.

By 1983 WHO reported that almost 50 million people in the world were addicted to drugs and things are way worse now. Internet search the latest figures in your own country and see what is reported, and see how much of a cover up of this issue there is.

The Greek word translated sorceries is pharmakeia which can also refer to drug use, both illegal drugs and mind-altering drugs. The use of illegal drugs and the dispensing of mind-altering drugs has risen sharply during our current generation. Satan delights in the destruction of human beings in any way he can destroy them and the drug world, and even modern pharmacy in many cases through "side effects", does a totally evil job of this.

TREND 95 - VIOLENCE

PROPHECY - Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

PROPHECY - John 16:2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

BACKGROUND TO THE TREND AS AT 1983

Society is becoming progressively more violent Violence is seen on our television, in films, in the media, and in the pursuit of crime. Comparing current society to those 30 years ago reveals a very noticeable increase in violence. Much of it is associated with the criminal element. Aimless violence in crime, with little or no remorse, is indicative of our society.

During an eleven-year period ending in the early 1980s it was reported that crime had increased 500% in Washington DC. The most common cause of death amongst children in the United States is child abuse.

Politically inspired violence, such as at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, now means that even at international sporting events security is high on the list of necessities. Soccer hooliganism is also a feature of the past decade.

Because of violence against the person, many will not become involved in protecting or rescuing those who are subject to attack. Rather than the Good Samaritan, they act more like those who passed by on the other side.

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1985 - The Soviet Union runs over 1000 camps containing more than five million slave labourers.

1986 - International terrorism claimed more than 600 lives in 1985

1993 - It is reported that 100,000 children in the USA carry guns to class each day, many of them to protect themselves from violence in the schools

1994 – Hutu militia kill half a million Tutsi and moderate Hutus in Rwanda

2003 According to the Department of Justice the US federal, state and adult correctional population rose 2% to a record 6.5 million in 2000. The Bureau of Statistics say the US has the worlds largest jail population

According to World Net Daily of 28th December al-Qaida has purchased at least 15 ships in the last two years creating a terror fleet. The ships fly the flags of Yemen and Somalia where they are registered and are capable of carrying cargoes of lethal chemicals, a dirty bomb or even a nuclear weapon. Intelligence sources say that it is more likely that the next terror attack will come at sea rather than in the air

Israel's security forces have thwarted an average of one mass terrorist attack every two days for the last ten weeks it was reported in December. On October 4th 21 Israelis were murdered and 60 others wounded when a Palestinian terrorist a 29 year old lawyer blew herself up in the Jewish Arab owned Maxime Restaurant in Haifa

2004 On September 1st children were celebrating the start of a new school year with parents and staff when 32 male and female masked Chechen, Ingush and Arab militants wearing bomb belts and brandishing guns burst into a school in Beslan North Ossetia and took about 1200 hostages.

In the resultant conflict which involved a commando attack, after bombs went off in the classroom, 336 people died and many injured.

Dr Harold Shipman was found dead in his cell on 14th January. As a General Practitioner from Northern England he had been convicted of killing 15 patients and suspected of killing 200

2005 The infamous attack on the World Trade Centre in 2001 and Bali, Madrid, London and other violent acts continue this outspreading of violence

2010 IMF fears “social explosion” from world jobs crisis.

2011 March 26th Mobs of masked thugs attack police in London starting fires and causing damage in London's busiest shopping district. Over 200 people arrested

August 6-10 Further rioting and arson across British cities with 3100 arrested and 1000 charged.

Sept 17th Occupy Wall Street demonstrations start in New York protesting about unemployment and economic inequality. The movement started by Canadians spread to various cities around the world.

The earth would be filled with violence. In the United States alone, violent crime has increased nearly 500% since 1960. Fifty years ago abortion, the violent murder of an unborn child, was illegal in most countries. Today abortion is legal in most countries and 46 million children are aborted each year.

Some London shopkeepers in Muslim dominated areas have been warned by Muslim groups that they will face Sharia punishment of 40 lashes if they continue to sell alcohol. Love is in short supply in most of our cities, and when the evil drug lords, or extremists gain power we often see how shallow community “love” really is. Rape, Theft, and Murder are common in our cities where crime lords or ISIS type groups rule.

In 2014 one of the major events was the emergence of ISIS, The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The Levant refers to the eastern Mediterranean lands including Cyprus, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Jordan, the West Bank, Sinai and southern Turkey. In its embryonic form it conforms with the Sunni Iraq in the map above and was actually supported (as Al Queda before) by the US in their strange policy in the Middle East.

They have emerged as the most brutal and lethal terror group on earth thus are included under the violence trend. Turkey has been its largest supporter and enabler providing much of the funding, logistics, training and arms until recently when they realised that ISIS cannot be “used”.

ISIS/ISIL is a Sunni organisation which is well organised and is fanatically anti democratic, dedicated to the overthrow of the Shi'ite dominated government in Iraq. It also has declared a Caliphate on June 29th and renamed itself IS, The Islamic State. Ultimately they are looking at conquering Saudi Arabia and destroying the Kaaba the black stone in Mecca which IS sees as the centrepiece of idolatrous worship.

Iran, a Shi'ite country wants to establish its own Caliphate in Jerusalem while Saudi Arabia, the Sunni leader wishes to establish its own, and Turkey wants to resurrect the Ottoman Caliphate. It is also the ultimate ambition of al-Qaida to rule the entire area.

These groups all have the demonic self worship and self belief in their "rightness" and desire power above all things, but quickly their rule sinks into theft, murder, slavery of others, and rape of all women they desire. Their behaviours have left most staggered, but all who read the scriptures can pray, for they simply illustrate **Galatians 5:19-21**.

The leaders of the Islamist Boko Haram has declared an Islamic Caliphate in Nigeria's NE Borno State

Offering a service to their god! We now have psychotic religious warriors that believe that they are offering a service to God by killing Christians. They are ISIS and their fellow fanatics. These are people that believe that they score major points with their god when they kill us.

And they especially seem to relish the opportunity to kill Christians. Sadly, this is all part of a rising trend of Christian persecution all over the planet. Christian churches are being burned to the ground in places such as Egypt, India and West Africa, and in April we witnessed a horrific incident during which more than a hundred Christians were mercilessly gunned down in Kenya. It is becoming increasingly dangerous to be a Christian, and it is only going to get worse in the years ahead.

You have to keep in mind that these ISIS fighters and other militant groups are actually convinced that they are the good guys. They don't believe that what they are doing is evil. When they kill Christians, they are just doing what they believe their god wants them to do. The commentary accompanying a video released in February showing the beheading of a group of 21 Coptic Christians says it all.

Here the narrator says "All praise be to Allah, the Lord and cherisher of the world and may peace and blessings be upon the Prophet Mohammed. To the nation of the cross, we are back again on the sands, where the companions of the Prophet, peace be upon him, have stepped on before, telling you: Muslim blood that was shed under the hands of your religion is not cheap. In fact, their blood is the purest blood because there is a nation behind them (which) inherits revenge. And we swear to Allah: the one who disgraced you by our hands, you will not have safety, even in your dreams, until you embrace Islam."

There is no room for negotiating here. What is being said there is that they will not stop fighting until we all embrace Islam. Meanwhile, other Islamic groups all over the planet are starting to take their cues from ISIS, and this is resulting in a rising tide of violence against Christians.

A recent example was the martyrdom of 12 Christian migrants on a rubber dingy who were thrown overboard to drown in the Mediterranean Sea by Muslims because they prayed to God and not to Allah.

TREND 96 FEARFUL SIGHTS

PROPHECY – "Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven."

Jesus foretold that there would be fearful sights. The Greek word translated fearful is "phobetron", which can also be translated terror. According to the U.S. State Department, between 1981 and 2006, there were more than 38,000 international terrorist attacks.

Let us sit with these words beyond simply the evils of wicked men and women and see the "phobia" caused by tsunami and tornado, and other awe inspiring natural disasters, for men see things today on TV nightly that their ancestors were never exposed to.

The greatest signs in the heavens have been seen recently, with the "Blood Moons" at the Jewish Feasts from September 2014 through until October 2015. These lunar eclipses have awed many and are seen by many as "heavenly signs" when occurring at every key Jewish Feast through this period.

We do not speculate on their final significance, but we note that they are signs to look up in these dark days.

TREND 97 - IMMORALITY**PROPHECY - Luke 17:26 “And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”**

With the minimal number of believers at the time of Noah (eight out of a population of many million), immorality was rampant and largely uncontrolled. Even though God loved mankind, the gross rejection of his love resulted in judgment of those on earth by the universal flood.

In the case of the Tribulation aggressiveness against believers by the world population reaches a maximum with believers being killed by the tens of thousands for their faith. Eventually another judgment will fall upon the earth to cleanse mankind: the baptism of fire at the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Immorality can come in many forms, including permissiveness, pornography, abortion, homosexuality and prostitution. The young are actively encouraged into immorality through examples set by rock musicians, by their life-styles and the lyrics which they sing.

The new generation which came out of the 1960s into the permissive 1970s, unlike their parents, saw premarital sex as good instead of bad. By 1970 a poll taken among students found 75% of them indifferent to virginity, or lack of it, in the person they marry.

Pornography comes in many guises: written, spoken and seen. During the 1970s the standard of literature allowed on the bookstalls deteriorated following the landmark decision on D H Lawrence's book “Lady Chatterley's Lover”. Spoken pornography in the main was the lyrics of pop music promoting sexual promiscuity, drug addiction and degeneracy.

This was often accompanied by blasphemous and anti-social attitudes of the performers. With the natural rebellion of the young, these groups, which in previous generations would have been correctly judged as the dregs of society, were promoted by the immature into idols.

After retiring as Britain's movie censor for 12 years in 1971 Sir John Trevelyan said that, “he was glad to be liberated from the sex jungle on the screen. When I leave this job I will have had enough of anything goes. I think people are sex mad”, he said.

In 2012 the 10th Preventing Abuse Conference in Iowa on October 18th was advised that 60,000 to 80,000 children are abducted by non family members in the USA every year.

Many of the children end up in child pornography which is the fastest growing form of pornography on the internet. Government attitude to sexual morality is contributing to the sexualisation of the culture which fuels the demand for human trafficking, child pornography and prostitution

A popular bumper sticker in the 1970's summed it up “If it feels good, do it!”

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1985 - Over 100,000 march in Manila to protest against child prostitution, pornography and exploitation of Filipinos by foreigners.

Pornography now forms a major growth industry involving more than \$7 billion annually.

1986 - A dramatic 5440 km walk across America is being undertaken by Pastor Norman Stone of Wisconsin and “Baby Choice” an abortion victim. The coast to coast marathon is taking place to focus on the outrage of abortion ending at a national Americans Against Abortion rally. The most controversial part of the walk is the presence of Baby Choice a preserved aborted baby 18 to 21 weeks old carried in a tiny wooden coffin with brass handles.

Doctors who have serious objections to abortion and embryo experimentation are being denied jobs in Australian hospitals according to the Catholic Weekly

1989 - Bride burning in India still occurs. It is estimated that 10,000 such incidents occur each year. The cause of this action is that the bride has not fulfilled her dowry agreement. Many of the deaths are through kerosene burning.

1992 - Two and a half years after Romania overturned a Ceausescu era ban on abortions there are now more abortions than live births in the country.

National statistics has shown that there were 275,000 live births compared to 882,000 abortions. Even the most ardent supporters of abortion have noted that contraception which is little used in Romania would be a safer and cheaper way of avoiding unwanted pregnancies.

1994 In a CBS television programme in the US it was reported that a super computer could determine when to "pull the plug" and cause a sick person to die. All vital medical statistics are entered into the computer and the situation is assessed according to health and economic factors whether he or she is terminated.

1995 – Australia's Northern Territory became the first jurisdiction in the world to allow doctors to take the lives of terminally ill patients who wish to die. Voluntary euthanasia will lead step by step to the ultimate totally planned world that decrees when a person should die.

1996 – Abortion is being promoted by globalist plans. The world aborts 50 million babies each year. In China, India and other overpopulated nations abortion is encouraged as a means of family planning and population reduction.

2000 - With a decrease in morality, legislation of abortion, homosexuality and prostitution has come into the political arena. In the 1990s Western Australia legislated for abortion on demand resulting in 8000 abortions a year. They also allow some brothels to operate. Private members Bills for the legalising of homosexuality has also been passed by State Parliament.

2001 - On April 9 a new step in the acceptance of euthanasia occurred when the Netherlands passed a law that says that the doctor must terminate the patient's life or provide suicide assistance with medical care and attention. Even without the law Dutch doctors kill or allow patients to die unnecessarily at the rate of about 5000 a year. A crowd of 10,000 turned out in mass protest but their action was ignored

2003 - On 12th August the Daily Telegraph in London reported that a draft version of the Mental Incapacity Bill which is designed to protect patients who lose their mental faculties had been strongly criticised a groups who say it represents the first step to the legalisation of euthanasia.

On October 26th the New York Times reported that the Indian census commissioner estimated that as many as 26 million fetuses have been aborted in India in the last twenty years because they are female. The 2001 census figures showed that there were only 927 girls for 1000 boys under the age of six.

2005 -Americans spend \$13.1 billion on pornography a year which is the same as it provides in foreign aid. More than 260 million internet pages are pornographic an 18 fold increase in the last five years. Wendy Wright of the Concerned Women for America said" The average age of a child's first exposure to hardcore pornography is 8. Most kids see 14,000 references to sex on the TV each year

2010 Human-animal hybrid experimentation has occurred. Scientists have had some success with human-animal hybrid experiments. In 2003, Chinese scientists at the Shanghai Second Medical University fused human cells with rabbit embryos, according to National Geographic News.

The embryos were given several days to develop before the scientists destroyed them to harvest stem cells. According to the report, researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota were able to create pigs with human blood flowing through their bodies in 2004.

Condom distribution to commence in elementary school

2012 The 10th Preventing Abuse Conference in Iowa on October 18th were advised that 60,000 to 80,000 children are abducted by non family members in the USA every year. Many of the children end up in child pornography which is the fastest growing form of pornography on the internet. Government attitude to sexual morality is contributing to the sexualisation of the culture which fuels the demand for human trafficking, child pornography and prostitution

2013 UK May Approve Creating Babies With DNA From 3 People - Britain may allow a controversial technique to create babies using DNA from three people, a move that would help couples avoid passing on rare genetic diseases, the country's top medical officer says. The new techniques help women with faulty mitochondria, the energy source in a cell, from passing on to their babies defects that can result in such diseases as muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, heart problems and mental retardation.

About one in 200 children is born every year in Britain with a mitochondrial disorder. For a woman with faulty mitochondria, scientists take only the healthy genetic material from her egg or embryo.

They then transfer that into a donor egg or embryo that still has its healthy mitochondria but has had the rest of its key DNA removed. The fertilized embryo is then transferred into the womb of the mother.

Some groups oppose artificial reproduction techniques and believe the destruction of eggs or embryos to be immoral.

British tabloids jumped on the procedure when it was first announced in 2008 and labelled it the creation of a three-parent baby -- the mother, the donor and the father -- a charge scientists claim is inaccurate because the amount of DNA from the donor egg is insignificant.

TREND 98 - PURSUIT OF PLEASURE

PROPHECY 2 Timothy 3:1-5 “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

In 1968 Dr Francis Schaeffer in his book “Escape from Reason” strikes at the mentality of the 20th century saying, “Man is dead, God is dead. Life has become meaningless existence, and man a cog in a machine. The only way of escape lies in a non rational fantasy world of experience, drugs, absurdity, pornography and an elusive final experience, madness.”

Men would be lovers of themselves. This generation, like no other, regards self above all else. Self-love, self-esteem, self-reliance, self-gratification, are encouraged by the media, schools, psychologists, etc. In contrast, Jesus taught self-denial. Even many churches today preach a “feel good about yourself” message. Youth have become increasingly rebellious.

Humanity have become increasingly materialistic and lovers of pleasure. No generation in history has had so many means to entertain and arouse the senses. Every imaginable hedonistic pleasure is available and has become big business. People today lose themselves in “apps” for their computers and phones, that tie up more and more of their time in nonsense and so Satan wins over them and distracted from eternal realities they drop into hell.

In 2013 Time Magazine promotes a childless lifestyle as the path to the good life for U.S. couples - There is a relentless assault on the family in America today unlike anything that we have ever seen before. For decades, the entertainment industry and the mainstream media have been portraying marriage as the time “when your fun is over” and they have been encouraging young adults to put off marriage for as long as possible. So now the marriage rate in the United States is at a record low and the average age for a first marriage is at a record high.

Meanwhile, the entertainment industry and the mainstream media have been heavily promoting the philosophy that having fewer children is better, and they have been teaching our young people that abortion is a really good option if an unwanted pregnancy comes along. The whole idea is that children are going to keep you from enjoying the kind of life that you really deserve to have. This philosophy is taken even further in a new Time Magazine article. The article is entitled “The Childfree Life: When having it all means not having children”, and it openly promotes a “childless lifestyle” as the path to the good life for young U.S. couples.

TREND 99 - SLAVERY

PROPHECY - Revelation 18:11-13 “And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.”

It is clear from the above passage, which deals with economics in the Tribulation period, that trafficking will not only be in goods but also in people. It may well be that a person who runs out of credit during this period will become a bonded labourer to the central bank/state.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TREND

1985 - A public prosecutor in Milan has announced a crackdown of child slavery with arrest warrants against 77 Yugoslavs and an Italian accused of training minors to commit crimes. Once the children who were often bought from poverty stricken Yugoslav families for \$3000 are in Italy they are trained in housebreaking and pick pocketing. An important condition was that the children should be under 14, the minimum age that minors can be prosecuted in Italy

1988 - The Anti Slavery Society names two areas where there is the selling of children. One is in Thailand where you can buy a child slave just out of Bangkok for as little as \$200.

Some are smuggled as babies into Malaysia where they can fetch \$2000. More than 10,000 babies are reputed to have been smuggled out in the last ten years. The second in Sudan where children are sold for \$60-\$100

2001 – Millions of women and children are being forced or tricked into slavery every year. Children in slavery around the world are in their millions. Slavery is a global issue says Beth Herzfeld spokeswoman for the British based charity Anti Slavery International. There is no country that does not have child slavery.

2002 – An estimated quarter of a million women are shipped out of the former communist countries of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union enticed by advertisements offering jobs overseas. As soon as they land in the designated city they are immediately placed into slavery with their passports taken away.

2003 - International Christian Concern of December 12 reported that new legislation passed by the US Congress could help the 27 million people languishing in the international sex trade and other forms of slavery.

2004 - The UN proclaimed 2004 as International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition, but without honouring the Christians who stopped the slave trade in the British Empire. UNESCO set August 23rd as International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. Events were also held to highlight the fact that millions still live as slaves and the Bible predicts more will as the days darken.

2007 - Millions of children across the world, some as young as six are forced to work up to 15 hour days as domestic workers. Many are beaten, starved and sexually abused. There are 200,000 child domestic workers in Kenya, 550,000 in Brazil and 264,000 in Pakistan. 300,000 children under 15 are involved with fighting forces including government armies. Boys and girls in at least 13 countries are actively being recruited as child soldiers or as army “wives”. Around 11,000 children in the Democratic Republic of Congo are currently being held by fighting groups.

2010 Sex slavery is rampant among tribal regions in Ghana. One of the worst forms of practice referred to as Trokosi is where young girls are given to tribal priests as payment for sins. They become slaves and concubines. Recently one of the head priests converted to Christ and 55 slaves were liberated.

2011 July 16th Mexican police swept through Ciudad Juarez and arrested more than 1,000 people in an operations aimed at cracking down on human trafficking and sexual exploitation as part of a programme to locate missing children.

2013 30 million living in slavery worldwide - A report by an international foundation on modern slavery has revealed that nearly 30 million people are enslaved across the globe. The index released by the Walk Free Foundation (WFF) on Thursday said the slaves are either trafficked into brothels, forced into manual labour, fall victims to debt bondage, or are even born into servitude.

Almost half of these people are in India, where "by far the largest proportion of this problem is the exploitation of Indian citizens within India itself, particularly through debt bondage and bonded labour," the survey found. The index also showed that aside from India, the problem is most rampant in the West African country of Mauritania, where four percent of the population is estimated to be held in slavery.

The report by the Australian-based group described Mauritania as a nation with "deeply entrenched hereditary slavery," where "people in slavery may be bought and sold, rented out and given away as gifts."

The WFF index ranked 162 countries on the number of people living in slavery, the risk of enslavement, and the strength of government action to counter the illegal activity. Figures indicate human trafficking along with arms dealing is the second largest industry in the world after drug dealing.

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More than 15 million people worldwide are refugees which create tensions for even willing host countries. Could these be some of those seen as being traded in the Tribulation?

COMMENT

As believers we are called to stand for righteousness and be the voice for the oppressed and bring the gospel message to all the lost.

TREND 100 - CHRONOLOGY – THE SEVENTH MILLENNIUM

In biblical numerology 6 is the number allocated to man whilst 7 is God's perfect number.

The Jews have long had the understanding that there will be 6000 years of man's rule on the earth and then the Messiah will come and reign for a 1000 years which is God's Millennium or the seventh millennium – **Revelation 20:1-6**

From Biblical sources it is interesting that the commencement of man's journey on this earth was approximately 6 millennia ago.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

Approximately 27% of the Bible is prophecy. Unlike any other book ever published the Prophecy in the Bible is specific and clearly stated. Unlike any other book Bible Prophecy is fulfilled in full and on time.

In this study we have been looking at future events that are predicted to occur close to the time of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom on the earth to confirm the promises of God to Israel regarding a King who would rule over them forever and an establishment of an area for His chosen people as promised to Abraham. We cannot say exactly when this will occur but it is demonstrated there is a very large number of apparently unrelated areas which are converging at this time in history which merit our attention as in the past as shown below fulfilled Biblical prophecies have conformed to what the Bible predicted.

WHEN WILL IT OCCUR?

In verse 1 Corinthians 15:52 we are informed that this event will occur “**at the last trump**”.

Those who believe the Church will be removed half way through the Tribulation point to the last of the Trumpet judgments in Revelation 11:15 as the trumpet call that Paul referred to. However the Corinthians would have had no knowledge of that trumpet blast as the Apostle John did not reveal it until over 40 years after Paul had addressed them.

Paul also used the definite article “[the] last trumpet” which is a technical term for the last great trumpet blast of the Feast of Trumpets which the Corinthians would have known about.

There were a hundred trumpet calls during the Feast of Trumpets. The first 99 are short trumpet blasts but the last trumpet is called the “tekiah gedolah” which ends the Feast.

FEASTS OF ISRAEL

There are seven feasts of Israel, four in the northern springtime and three in the autumn with a four month gap during the northern summer.

The first feasts which occurred on specific days have been fulfilled to the day.

Passover was fulfilled by the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

First Fruits was fulfilled by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Pentecost was fulfilled to the day with the group having to wait ten days for the Holy Spirit to come to start the Church.

On God’s past performance it does not seem unreasonable to therefore expect the feast of Trumpets to be fulfilled to the day.

As Pentecost was the feast that started the Church logically the Feast of Trumpets will be fulfilled by the sudden removal of the Church, the Church having done its job on the earth at that point.

Pentecost recognised that a new group (of both Jew and Gentile – the Church) had temporarily replaced Israel as the “light bearers” of the gospel message. The Feast of Trumpets, which is the New Year for Israel, indicates that it is the time when Israel replaces the Church – which has then fulfilled its purpose in God’s Plan. The Feast of Trumpets indicates a time when there would be a new start for Israel.

NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY OR HOUR

Immediately the objection is raised – “no one knows the hour and the day”. **Matthew 24:36** states, “**But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**”

The question that needs to be asked is what event this deals with. If you look in context it is seen that it is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth that is the event in focus not the Rapture of the Church.

The return of Christ occurs at the end of the Tribulation period. The Rapture of the Church does not start the Tribulation. The seven year Tribulation starts with the signing of a covenant between Israel and the Antichrist, the World Leader emerging, according to **2 Thessalonians 2**, only after the Church is removed.

When that is signed people on the earth at that time will likely know of the year of the Lord’s return but not the day or hour as stated in Matthew as we are told that the time of the Tribulation will be shortened otherwise there would be no one living on the earth if it went for its full time period of 2520 days.

However it would appear that we may know the day and the hour of the Rapture, the sounding of the last trumpet on some future Feast of Trumpets but certainly not the year.

It is therefore true that no one knows when the Rapture or the Second Coming of Christ will take place.

This is hardly surprising as the Bible states that it is “God Breathed”, that it is God's word to man **2 Timothy 3:16. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness** and whilst it was written by man they were guided by God **2 Peter 1:20,21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”**

Outlined above are 100 prophecies relating to the Second Coming of Christ and the major event of the seven year Tribulation which precedes it.

It is clear that the vast number of prophecies could not have been fulfilled at the end of World War II yet they can all be fulfilled only 70 years later. This clearly demonstrates that we are the unique generation, a group of believers who will see all the prophecies fulfilled.

Of prime importance is the clear division of the Church and Israel and that there is a central role for the Jews still to play in the Plan of God.

When could the Rapture occur? The answer to that question is now, there is no unfulfilled prophecy needing to be finalised before the Rapture of the Church. The Rapture is imminent in that sense.

I trust that as you consider these things the believer is encouraged to know that God is in complete control of History and as a person trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ God will prevail. **Romans 8:38-39.**

If you have not trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour please look back at page 1. We plead with you - Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. **Acts 16:31.**

THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH AND ISRAEL IN THE END TIMES

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH, ISRAEL AND THE COMING TRIBULATION

INTRODUCTION

The position of the Church and its relationship with Israel is a topic of interest to many in the Church nowadays. In this generation which is facing globalisation and its attendant technological changes on an unprecedented scale there is a need to evaluate Biblically what God has in store for the human race as a whole and the Church in particular.

HAVE WE BEEN LEFT IN THE DARK?

The answer is a definitive NO! More than a quarter of the Bible is predictive prophecy. A huge number of the prophecies clearly laid out in the Scriptures have yet to be fulfilled.

Both the Old and New Testaments are full of promises about the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Second Advent. Over 1,800 references appear in the Bible with seventeen Old Testament books giving prominence to this theme.

Of the 260 chapters in the New Testament, there are more than 300 references to the Lord's return which is one out of every thirty verses.

Twenty-three of the twenty-seven New Testament books refer to this great event. Three of the four other books are single-chapter letters written to individuals concerning a particular subject, and the fourth is Galatians which does involve dealing with Christ's coming again.

For every prophecy on the First Coming of Christ, there are seven on Christ's Second Coming. There are no prophecies to be fulfilled before the pre tribulation rapture of the Church so understanding these prophecies is important for the whole human race as those not “in Christ” are going to be involved.

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

The Church is different from Israel.

1. The Jewish People (Hebrews/Israelis) started with Abraham **Genesis 12:1-3**. – The Church started at Pentecost. **Acts 2, Galatians 3:26-28**
2. Israel was promised blessings on earth. **Deuteronomy 28:1-14** - The Church is promised blessings in heavenly places. **Ephesians 1:3, Hebrews 3:1**
3. Israel's relationship to God was based on a Covenant. **Genesis 17:7,8** - The Church's relationship to God is based on new birth. **John 1:12-13, 1 Peter 1:23**.
4. Israel's prophecy is mainly in the Old Testament. - Prophecy relating to the Church is only in the New Testament. Church Age doctrine is called "mystery doctrine"
5. Israel worshipped at Jerusalem. **Psalms 122:1-4** - The Church worships where two or three are gathered together in Christ's name. **Matthew 18:20**
6. Israel lived under the law. Ezekiel 20:10-12 - The Church is under grace **John 1:17; Romans 6:14**.
7. Israel's destiny is with Palestine. **Isaiah 60:18-21** - The Church's destiny is heaven. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
8. Christ is King and Messiah to Israel. - Christ is the Head and Bridegroom to the Church.
9. Israel contained Jews only. - The Church is made up of both Jews and Gentiles.
10. Israel contained believers and unbelievers. - The Church contains believers only.

BRIDEGROOM AND KING - KINGDOM NOW

The relationship between God with the Church and God with Israel has become unclear in a number of areas. One is the fact that Christ is the Bridegroom and the Head of the Church [His virgin Bride] while to Israel He is predominantly the King of the Jews. This of course does not downplay the fact that He is All Powerful and Sovereign King of kings and Lord of lords.

However the personal relationship between Christ with the two groups is different. It is noted that especially in the area of songs and hymns the King of kings aspect has all but drowned out the Bridegroom and Bride relationship between Christ and His Body the Church.

Many people clearly see that we are entering into a time of great stress. Some Bible students are also aware of the numerous trends of Bible Prophecy that are now able to be fulfilled in our post World War II generation. Our post War generation has seen the stage been set for all else to be fulfilled.

The time of great problems for Israel is well defined as the Great Tribulation, a series of Divine Judgments on the earth with the majority of unsaved people dying before its end.

Many Christians say that the Church will go through this terrible period. In this paper it will be proposed that the Church will not but will be removed before the Divine Judgments occur.

TESTING TIMES FOR THE CHURCH

Any student of Church History knows all too well of the oppression and persecution of the Church over the centuries. We need only to think of the great persecution by the Roman Emperors prior to Constantine, the terrible affliction of the Inquisition, and massive persecution nowadays, amid many other examples, to know that our brethren over the centuries have been tortured and killed because of their faith.

One may ask, why therefore should not then the Church be subject to the Tribulation judgments?

We need to understand that the major difference between the Tribulation and the other persecutions is that the Tribulation judgements are judgments specifically sent on humanity as a whole by God Himself.

The general persecution of the Church is caused by one part of humanity inflicting oppression, which is sometimes satanic, on another group for its own purpose. This is generally caused by power and money concerns/lusts of the oppressors. God has never abused his church, and does not abuse his children. The present sees persecution by evil forces due largely to Satan knowing we are on the last leg of the journey towards his incarceration at the Second Advent. However we also see protection by the Lord of His own.

In the Tribulation period the Lord is actively testing with Divine judgments rejecting mankind as He is not willing that any should perish. **2 Peter 3:9**. This period of the Tribulation is however the last period before He judges all at the Second Advent.

GRACE BEFORE JUDGMENT

Over the history of mankind God has provided Grace before Judgement. According to the Bible there are three universal judgments by God on humanity as a whole. The first was the universal Flood where warning by the Holy Spirit was given before judgment came - **Genesis 6:3**. The second is the time in which we now live before the return of His Son - **Matthew 25:31-46** and the third is at the end of the Millennium when the final judgment will take place.

God does not condemn believers He protects them! **Romans 8:1**

ISRAEL THE WIFE OF JEHOVAH

Israel was not in the original table of nations. Because of the failure of man at the Flood and then again at Babel God created a special group through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The relationship between God and Israel is in six distinct stages.

- 1 **The Marriage Contract** - God entered into a marriage contract with Israel at Mt Sinai with those who were present at this time. Such a covenant was always recognised as a marriage contract by Jewish prophets. **Deuteronomy 5:1-3**. Israel is warned against following other gods which would result in being subject to the anger of God. **Exodus 20:1-6, Deuteronomy 6:13-15**. Israel is again described as the one chosen by God **Deuteronomy 7:6**. Later in the chapter God shows His faithfulness and generosity to his wife. **Deuteronomy 7:9-11**
- 2 **The Adultery** - Israel however failed and did not only commit adultery with one lover but was guilty of promiscuity with many lovers. Adultery meant that the marriage contract was now null and void. **Jeremiah 3:1**. In **Ezekiel 16** the prophet details the adultery which was with the gods of Egypt, Assyria and Chaldea. The stupidity of these actions is that Israel willingly gave herself to the gods of these nations who did the most to hurt her. She had turned away from the husband who had faithfully provided for her to those who would just use her.
- 3 **The Separation** - Because of this adultery a separation took place between God and Israel in the times of Isaiah. Rather than divorce, a separation which lasted around a century took place. The separation involved the removal of blessings which were to be received by Israel if she remained faithful. **Isaiah 50:1**
- 4 **The Divorce** - In the days of Jeremiah Israel was divorced by God. **Jeremiah 3:6-10**. The century of separation had failed to produce repentance in Israel so that the divorce was made on the basis of Israel's adultery. Samaria, the ten tribes had already been taken into captivity by the Assyrians in 722 BC and only a remnant returned as part of the southern group. The southern kingdom of Judah had had some response to the Lord under Josiah but it was short lived and they went into captivity to the Chaldeans under Nebuchadnezzar in a series of action completed in 586 BC. We now entered into the "Time of the Gentiles".
- 5 **The Punishment** - The punishment of God is mentioned in a number of passages. In **Ezekiel 16:35-43** after stating the need of punishment due to adultery, the use of former lovers is seen as the means of punishment, Egypt, Assyria and Chaldea. The purpose of the punishment was to cause Israel to stop sinning.

In verses 58-59 it is seen that the punishment is because she has broken the marriage contract. God constantly calls on Israel to stop sinning but they continue to do so. This call is given in **Jeremiah 3:11-18**. However to date Israel is still under punishment as shown by her worldwide dispersion and the persecutions of the Jews around the world.

- 6 The Remarriage** - However the sixth stage which is yet to come was foretold by the Jewish prophets. After the divorce this would require a new marriage contract. This is the New Covenant of **Jeremiah 31:31-34**. This time, unlike the Mosaic Covenant, which was conditional, the new marriage contract will be unconditional and everlasting. The times of the Gentiles will finish. Israel's land will be restored. In the future, after the acceptance of the Messiah by Israel in the time of the Tribulation, Israel and Jehovah will be re-married with all her blessings restored.

TWO WORLDWIDE REGATHERINGS OF ISRAEL

The Bible states that there are going to be two worldwide gatherings of the Jewish people. The first is a worldwide regathering in unbelief in preparation of judgment, specifically the judgment of the Tribulation. The second will be the worldwide regathering in faith in preparation for blessing, specifically in the Millennium. This two stage sequence is well illustrated in the Dry Bones passage of **Ezekiel 37**.

THE REGATHERING OF ISRAEL FOR JUDGMENT

The present status of Israel is that the Jews are in a portion of the Land but in unbelief. In **Ezekiel 20:33-38** Ezekiel draws an analogy between wilderness generation which God brought out of Egypt.

It is of interest that PM Netanyahu on February 15th 2015 called for European Jews to return en masse to Israel, their home, and Vice President Biden less than seven days later warned all Jews in America that their only protection would be in Israel, not the USA.

The Exodus Jews arrived close to the Promised Land early in their wanderings but due to rebellion they were in the wilderness for 40 years and were subject to judgment. God states that He will draw out the Jews worldwide a first time but it will be for the purging of the nation.

WHEN IS THE FIRST REGATHERING?

Zephaniah 1:7-18 describes the situation in the Tribulation period. The first two verses in chapter 2 indicate that this gathering together will be before the Tribulation period. We are seeing this happen in our day and age where Israel is receiving people worldwide in a state of unbelief to settle in the Land after nearly two millennia. The second regathering will be when the King of the Jews calls the dispersed believing Jews back at the setting up of the thousand year kingdom.

THE NEED FOR ISRAEL TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE LAND

Until 1948 Israel had not been a country since 70 AD when they were dispersed. There are a number of reasons why the physical reestablishment of Israel was necessary prior to the Millennium in the Plan of God.

Firstly in order for the Tribulation to commence there needs to be a significant nation of Israel for the Antichrist to sign a seven year agreement with. The start of the Tribulation is not at the Rapture of the Church but occurs by the signing of a covenant between Israel and the Antichrist. **Daniel 9:27**

Secondly there needs to be an operating Temple for the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests to be terminated half way through the Tribulation. **Daniel 9:27a**. This in itself requires the Temple Mount to be under the control of Israel. This did not occur until 1967. Even so the administration of Temple Mount has been under Jordanian Islamic control since that time.

Thirdly the Invasion of Ezekiel 38 and 39 requires a State of Israel to be in place for the northern confederation to attack and be destroyed on the mountains of Israel. **Ezekiel 39:1-4** Again from 1948 to 1967 the mountains which form the backbone of the country were not under Israeli control. In the 1967 war they were added to be under Israel's administration allowing for them to be designated the mountains of Israel.

Fourthly there needs to be an incentive for the Northern confederation to invade. **Ezekiel 38:3-4a**. The very recent large gas and oil deposit discoveries may well be the incentive to invade as hydrocarbons have caused conflicts in the past.

Fifthly there needs to be an established nation of Israel for the Lord Jesus Christ to come back and defend at Jerusalem but also to relieve the beleaguered Jews and believing Arabs at Petra at His Second Advent as seen in **Zechariah 12:7**. **CONCLUSION** Remember the Lord backs Daniel's words, urging the believers of those days to flee into Jordan and the southern mountains of Judah. **Matthew 24:9-28**.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the modern state of Israel is totally compatible with the significant unbelieving country described in scripture, and it is in place as the first worldwide focus of re-gathering prior to the Tribulation. The fact of the existence of the Jews at all as a special group has impressed thinking people over the years as their retention of a national status and culture over two millennia is unique. Here are a couple of quotes prior to the establishment of Israel.

Sir Winston Churchill said, "Some people like the Jews, and some do not. But no thoughtful man can deny the fact that they are, beyond any question, the most formidable and the most remarkable race which has appeared in the world."

Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany asked Bismarck, "Can you prove the existence of God?" Bismarck replies, "The Jews, your majesty, The Jews." This group of people should not have survived, others facing lesser hatred and malice have not survived, but Israel has.

THE SECOND REGATHERING OF ISRAEL FOR BLESSING

The regeneration of the nation due to the Tribulation judgments will create a second group which will be called to move into the Land under the King Messiah at His Second Advent. In **Ezekiel 22:17-22** Ezekiel focuses on the city of Jerusalem which becomes the furnace of affliction, a place of judgment

The fact of two regatherings of Israel is recognized in **Isaiah 11:11-12:6** which speaks of the second worldwide regathering, this time in faith for blessing." This movement cannot be confused with the return from Babylon as many worldwide locations are cited.

PURPOSE OF THE TRIBULATION

The main purpose of the Tribulation I believe is God's desire that man should repent and enjoy a permanent relationship with Him through Christ. 2 Peter 3:9. It is great judgment upon the determinedly unsaved and haters of God, but it is the greatest time of evangelism and salvation in the history of the world. The Church, made up of believers already has that relationship with Jesus. They have repented and are in union with His Son who He loves with an Infinite Love.

There are however myriads of people who do not have that relationship at this time and the Tribulation is the time of "sudden death playoff" that many need to focus their minds and repent, when in the days of the Church they dithered and distracted themselves.

Apart from the Church there are two categories of humanity on earth, the Jews and the Gentiles. While it is God's desire that all should be saved there is a requirement for Jews en masse to be saved so that the remarriage of God and Israel can take place. **Zechariah 12:10ff**. They at long last will recognise Jesus Christ as the Messiah subsequent to which He will set up His Kingdom and reign as the King of Jews.

EVANGELISM IN THE TRIBULATION

There will be a lot of evangelism in this period as shown in Revelation 7 with great results especially in Israel where, under great pressure and with imminent catastrophic defeat staring them in the face, they call out to God.

ISRAEL –WIFE OF JEHOVAH AND THE CHURCH – THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

One of the more difficult areas in the Scriptures is the relationship of Israel and the Church with God. The Scriptures maintain the distinction between the Church as the virgin Bride of Christ and Israel as the Wife of Jehovah which we have seen above has six stages. We will now look at the Church.

THE VIRGIN BRIDE OF MESSIAH – THE CHURCH

The relationship between God and the Church is radically different from that between God and Israel. In fact the Church occurs and is completed within the period between the divorce and dispersion and the remarriage of Israel. This occurs in the Time of the Gentiles.

Unlike Israel who was guilty of adultery the Church will be presented as a pure virgin at her wedding to the Messiah. At the feast of Pentecost in 32AD the Church, a new spiritual group, was formed. The basis of the Church is regeneration of its members so that they are all, at the point of salvation, given the righteousness of Christ.

The Church is said to be the Bride of Christ but before the marriage ceremony in order to be presented as a pure virgin. This requires the removal of the sinful nature, the provision of a resurrection body and the removal of good works that have not been done under the power of the Holy Spirit [human good].

This occurs at two points. Firstly at the Rapture of the Church where the Resurrection Body is provided and the Old Sin Nature is removed and secondly at the Judgment Seat of Christ in Heaven where our good works are evaluated, divine good is rewarded and human good removed. **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**. We are then the pure virgin presented to the Messiah as His Bride.

While the marriage ceremony will take place in Heaven before the return to earth of the Lord Jesus Christ the Marriage feast will take place on the earth after the Second Coming starting the Millennial reign of Christ in which the Church will co-reign with the Messiah.

The Bride returns in triumph with Christ at the Second Advent. We note that our Lord Jesus Christ returns with all of His saints **1 Thessalonians 3:13**.

On the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth He is Crowned King of the World. **Revelation 19:6**

The Wedding Supper of the Lamb is described in **Revelation 19:7-9**. The marriage has occurred in heaven but the wedding supper may take place on earth. There are four groups involved in this supper:-

1. **The Groom** - Jesus Christ.
2. **The Friends of the Groom** - Old Testament Saints (John 3:29)
3. **The Bride** - Church Age Believers.
4. **The Friends of the Bride** - Tribulation believers, i.e. those who have known the Bride and become believers after the Rapture of the Church (Matthew 25:1-13)

The eternal abode of the Bride is the New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:9-22:5

CONCLUSION

It is totally illogical that Jesus Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church would allow members of His beloved virgin bride to be tortured, torn apart and killed during large numbers of deadly Divine judgments sent by Him onto the earth.

Believers have been treated this way by the enemy, **Hebrews 11:32-12:3**, but the Lord would not send such things directly upon his own people!

The purpose of the judgments is to challenge and give maximum time for rejecting mankind to come to a saving knowledge of Him not to destroy his Bride. This is shown by the provision of grace before judgment.

This does not mean that the Church will not come under testing in time as clearly and increasingly this is the case but these testing are not divine judgments sent to the earth by God but satanic attack.

The assault on the Church is from sinful man and the Prince of this world. These assaults are being restrained by the Holy Spirit as seen in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 before the Holy Spirit returns to his ministry under the Age of Israel after translation of the Church at the Rapture.

DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK

A study of Daniel's 70 weeks of years shows that the 69th week of years terminated with Christ being "cut off" for the sins of the world at the Cross two millennia ago. This leaves a period of 7 years yet to run. The 70th week terminates with the start of the thousand year reign as shown in **Daniel 9:24**. As it is longer than seven years since Christ rode into Jerusalem there clearly is a gap in the 70 weeks of years allotted to Israel.

PRINCIPLE

Not only is there a long gap in Israel's relationship with God but the relationship will be restored before Christ returns to set up everlasting righteousness and five other features of His reign. Israel therefore has a future in God's plan. As God does not deal with Israel and the Church at the same time it implies that the church which had been inserted into God's plan has been removed before these events occur.

INSERTION OF THE CHURCH INTO THE PLAN OF GOD

The Church Age is not mentioned in the Old Testament. It has been inserted later by God. Since the Church is a mystery it was not revealed to Old Testament writers. **Colossians 1:25-26**.

The Old Testament Scriptures include everything such as the Incarnation, the Cross, the Resurrection, Ascension and Session of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament Scriptures then skip over the Church Age to the Tribulation, Second Advent and Millennium.

Therefore all doctrine pertinent to the Church Age is intercalated or inserted, and is called by many scholars the "Great Parenthesis".

Scriptures in the Old Testament where the Great Parenthesis occurs are:

Daniel 2:40 and 41

Daniel 7:23 and 24

Daniel 9:26a and 26b,

Daniel 11:35 and 36

Isaiah 61:2a and 2b

We are also told in Romans 9-11 that Israel has been "blinded" to truth at the time of Paul, to allow the Gentiles to come into relationship with God as the wild olive branch, but that will continue only until the full number has been achieved and then Israel will be taken up again.

REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

Replacement theology is the view that the international Church has superseded for all times national Israel as the institution for the administration of divine blessing to the world. This means that they consider the Church is the new or true Israel that has permanently replaced or superseded Israel as the people of God.

Replacement theology has been the fuel that has energized Mediaeval anti-Semitism, Eastern European pogroms, the Holocaust and contemporary disdain for the modern state of Israel. It may also influence how one views the modern state of Israel and events in the Middle East. Wherever replacement theology has flourished it has been bad news for the Jewish people.

We believe that the church is the current instrument through which God is working in this age, but God has a future time in which He will spiritually revive national Israel for around seven years as the institution for the administration of divine blessing to the world.

THE RISE OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

Replacement theology has been the consensus of the church from the middle of the 2nd century AD to the present day, with few exceptions. Even though the ante-Nicene fathers were predominantly pre-millennial in their understanding of future things, they laid a groundwork that would lead to the rise and development of replacement theology.

Premillennialist Justin Martyr was the first to view the Christian Church as the true spiritual Israel around 160 AD. Justin's views laid the groundwork for the growing belief that the church had superseded or replaced Israel. Replacement theology received great impetus in an early political-ecclesiastical alliance forged between Eusebius Pamphilus and the Emperor Constantine.

Constantine, regarding himself as God's representative in his role as emperor, gathered all the bishops together on the day of the 30th anniversary of his reign, an event which he saw as the foreshadowing of the future Messianic banquet. The results of that meeting, in Eusebius' mind, made it unnecessary to distinguish any longer between the Church and the Empire, for they appeared to merge into one fulfilled kingdom of God on earth in the present time.

This viewpoint was built upon by Augustine of Hippo's work "The City of God" written around 410 AD. Such a move in viewpoint thus removed the role and the significance of the Jewish people in any future kingdom considerations. By this time the Church had become overwhelmingly Gentile reinforcing their belief that the Jews have no role in future events.

THE IMPACT OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

The doctrine of replacement theology reflects a wide range of Christian thinking, from aggressive anti-Jewish hatred to simple misunderstanding and misapplication of biblical texts. Since Israel is a subject found on just about every page of the Old and New Testaments, to get that subject wrong can only lead to a massive distortion of Scripture. This has indeed been the case throughout the history of the church.

Paul says in **Romans 11:7-8**, "**But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.**"

Yet, this view of most during the church age has been an attitude of arrogance toward God's wayward, chosen people-Israel in the form of anti-Semitism. Such an attitude of arrogance has led to a distortion of so many biblical teachings.

The church often allegorizes many portions of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, in order to teach that since the time of Christ Israel has no claim to the land of Israel.

However while the church is said to be a partaker in Israel's promises in the New Testament, nowhere is she said to be a taker over of Israel's promises.

PRINCIPLES

It is said that replacement theology is bad news for both the Church and Israel as it fails to see how the Bible distinguishes between God's plan for Israel and His plan for the Church. Replacement theology also requires the spiritualising of large sections of the Bible rather than taking the Bible simply as the literal viewpoint allows. Strangely most of Christendom view the gospels, fulfilled prophecy of the First Advent and most of the Bible literally but look at future prophecy as an allegory. A number of books of the Bible such as Daniel, Zechariah and Revelation are considered in large allegorical rather than literal. This causes prophecies of the future to be ignored as well as a trend towards denying the Millennium as a physical 1000 year reign of Christ as the King of the Jews from Jerusalem.

In many cases the Church believes that by human achievement they will succeed where Israel failed and fail to discern that in the end the Church will fail. The unscriptural notion that God has permanently cast off His people Israel and simply replaced it by the Christian Church is denied in the three chapters [Romans 9-11] which emphatically forbid us to speak of the Church as having once and for all taken the place of the Jewish people. Yet, today, even some evangelicals, are attempting to develop new reasons to replace Israel with the church. [Also See Book 124 on the EBCWA Website for more details regarding Israel and the Church]

APPENDIX A – 66 ARGUMENTS FOR PRE-TRIBULATIONAL REMOVAL OF THE CHURCH**DEFINITIONS**

The term pre-tribulation indicates that the removal of the Church takes place prior to the Tribulation

The term mid –tribulation indicates the removal of the Church occurring half way through the Tribulation

The term post – tribulation indicates the removal of the Church at the end of the Tribulation

The term rapture or translation is used for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His church

The term second coming refers to His coming to earth to set up His Millennial Kingdom.

ARGUMENTS**A - Historical**

1. While post-tribulation appeared as early as we see in the Thessalonian church, **2 Thessalonians 2** many in the early church believed in the imminent return of the Lord which is the essential doctrine of the pre - tribulation position.
2. The detailed development of the pre tribulation position in the last two centuries does not prove that the doctrine is new or novel. Its development is similar to that of other major doctrines in the history of the church which were revived after many years of obscurity. We should expect this truth to emerge to prominence only in the last years of the church.

B – Text Interpretation

3. Pre tribulation is the only view that allows literal interpretation of all Old and New Testament passages on the Great Tribulation.
4. Pre tribulation clearly distinguishes between Israel and the church and their respective programmes in the plan of God. This is shown in the doctrine of kenosis.

C – The Nature of the Tribulation

5. Pre tribulation maintains the scriptural distinction between the Great Tribulation and problems for believers in general in the ages that precede it.
6. The Great Tribulation is properly interpreted by pre tribulation as a time of preparation for Israel's restoration **Deuteronomy 4:29-30, Jeremiah 30:4-11**. There are two worldwide returns of Israel to the Land, firstly in general unbelief in the Messiah.

Due to events in the Great Tribulation there is a massive conversion of Israel to believe in Jesus Christ as their Messiah which is followed by a second worldwide return.

In contrast, the church, which is the virgin bride of Christ, does not require the Tribulation to prepare the church for glory. The church going through the tribulation would reflect very poorly on the bridegroom who told her not to worry and that He would return for her.

7. None of the Old Testament passages on the Tribulation mention the church. **Deuteronomy 4:29-30, Jeremiah 30:4-11, Daniel 8:24-27, 12:1-2**.
8. None of the New Testament passages on the Tribulation mention the church. **Matthew 13:30, 39-42, 48-50, 24:15-31, Thessalonians 1:9-10, 5:4-9, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-11, Revelation chapters 4 to 18**.
9. Pre tribulation provides an adequate explanation that the removal of the church occurs before the Great Tribulation of **Revelation 6**.

In fact it is seen in heaven in Revelation chapters 4 and 5 with the opening of chapter 4 beginning "After these things" i.e. After the Church Age. Mid tribulation however refutes the plain teaching of Scripture that the Great Tribulation begins long before the seventh trumpet of **Revelation 11**. We believe they have picked the wrong trumpet.

10. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians advised that the translation would occur at the last trumpet which is the technical term for the last trumpet call of the Feast of Trumpets. The Corinthians would know about the Feasts of Israel and probably would be aware that three of the previous feasts had been fulfilled to the very day by our Lord Jesus Christ at the First Advent as he died at Passover as the Lamb of God and rose on First fruits and had predicted the commencement of the church on the next feast Pentecost.

The sequence would therefore logically continue to the next feast Trumpets. The Corinthians would have no knowledge of the last trumpet judgment in **Revelation 11** as the Apostle John would not write that book for around another 40 years.

11. The unity of Daniel's 70th week is maintained by pre – tribulation whereas both mid and post tribulation destroy that unity and confuse Israel's programme with that of the church.

D – The Nature of the Church

12. The translation of the church is never mentioned in any passage dealing with the second coming of Christ after the Tribulation.
13. The church is not appointed to wrath **Romans 5:9, 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, 5:9**. The church therefore cannot enter "the great day of their wrath" **Revelation 6:17**.
14. The church will not be overtaken by the Day of the Lord **1 Thessalonians 5:1-9** which includes the Tribulation
15. The possibility of a believer escaping the Tribulation is mentioned in **Luke 21:36**
16. The church of Philadelphia was promised deliverance from "the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. **Revelation 3:10**
17. God delivers believers before a divine judgment is inflicted as illustrated by the deliverance of Noah, Lot, Rahab and others. **2 Peter 2:5-9**.
18. At the time of the translation of the church all believers go to the Father's house **John 14:3** and do not immediately return to the earth as taught by post tribulation.
19. Pre tribulation does not divide the body of Christ at the rapture on the basis of works. The teaching of a partial rapture is based on the false doctrine that the translation of the church is a reward for good works. It is in fact the climax of salvation by grace of the entire body of Christ.
20. The Scriptures clearly teach that all, not part of the church will be removed at the coming of Christ for His church. **1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 1 Thessalonians 4:17**
21. As opposed to a view of a partial rapture pre tribulation is founded on the definite teaching of Scripture that the death of Christ frees us from all condemnation. **Romans 8:1-2**.
22. The godly remnant of the Tribulation are pictured as Israelites in Revelation 7, not members of the church as maintained by post tribulation.
23. The pre tribulation view unlike the post tribulation does not confuse general terms like "elect" and "saints" which apply to the saved of all ages with specific terms like "church" and "in Christ" which refer to believers in this age.

E – The Doctrine of Imminent Return of Christ

24. The pre tribulation interpretation teaches that the coming of Christ is actually imminent thus requiring no prophecy to be fulfilled before He returns for His church.

25. The exhortation to be comforted by the coming of the Lord in **1 Thessalonians 4:18** is very significant in the pre tribulation view and is contradicted by most post tribulation teaching. It would be cold comfort to suffer this if the Church is subject to Divine judgments.
26. The exhortation to look for “the glorious appearing” of Christ to his own **Titus 2:13** loses its significance if the Tribulation must intervene first. Believers in that case should look for signs.
27. The exhortation to purify ourselves in view of the Lord’s return has most significance if His coming is imminent. **1 John 3:2-3**
28. The church is uniformly exhorted to look for the coming of the Lord, while believers in the Tribulation are directed to look for signs, reverting back to the Age of Israel format.

F – The Work of the Holy Spirit

29. The Holy Spirit as the restrainer of evil cannot be taken out of the world unless all the church age believers, which the Spirit individually indwells, is translated at the same time. The Tribulation cannot start until the restraint is lifted. The hindrance of Holy Spirit filled believers is lifted in a second when all leave, and only over time do believers emerge again and the Holy Spirit can empower them as he did for Israel. The Holy Spirit operates then in His role as it was in the Age of Israel.
30. The Holy Spirit as the total restrainer (1 John 4:4) must be taken out of the world before the “lawless one”, who dominates the Tribulational period, can be revealed. **2 Thessalonians 2:6-8**
31. If the expression “except there come a falling away first” in the King James Version is translated literally “except the departure come first” it would plainly show the necessity of the Rapture taking place before the beginning of the Tribulation. Satan has a brief window with no believers on the earth to seriously launch his last and most vicious work through the Anti-Christ.

G – The Necessity of an Interval between the Rapture and the Second Coming

32. According to **2 Corinthians 5:10** all believers in this age must appear before the judgment seat of Christ in heaven, an event never mentioned in the detailed accounts associated with the Second Coming of Christ to the earth.
33. If the twenty four elders of Revelation chapters 4 and 5 are representative of the church as many expositors believe, it would necessitate the rapture and rewards of the church before the Tribulation. It is noted that the elders represent royal priests which are a characteristic of all church age priests.
34. The coming of Christ for His bride [the church] must take place before the Second Coming to the earth for the wedding feast. **Revelation 19:7-10**
35. Tribulational saints who survive the Tribulation are not translated at the second coming of Christ but carry on ordinary occupations such as farming and building houses and will have children on earth. **Isaiah 65:20-25**. This would be impossible if all the saints are translated at the Second Advent as is the post tribulation view.
36. The judgment of the Gentiles followed by the Second Coming **Matthew 25:31-46** indicates that both saved and unsaved are still in their natural bodies. This would be impossible if the translation had taken place at the Second Coming
37. If the translation took place in connection with the Second Coming to the earth, there would be no need of separating the sheep from the goats at a subsequent judgment as the separation would have taken place in the very act of the translation of the believers before Christ actually sets up His throne on earth. **Matthew 25:31**
38. The judgment of Israel **Ezekiel 20:34-38** which occurs subsequent to the Second Coming indicates the necessity of regathering Israel. The separation of the saved from the unsaved in this judgment obviously takes place sometime after the Second Coming and would be unnecessary if the saved had previously been separated from the unsaved at translation.

H – Contrasts between the Rapture and the Second Coming.

39. At the time of the Rapture the saints meet Christ in the air, while at the Second Coming Christ returns to the Mount of Olives to meet the saints on the earth.
40. At the time of the Rapture the Mount of Olives is unchanged while at the Second Coming it divides and a valley is formed to the east of Jerusalem **Zechariah 14:4-5**
41. At the Rapture living saints are translated while no saints are translated in connection with the second coming of Christ to the earth.
42. At the Rapture the saints are translated to heaven while unbelievers stay on earth while at the Second Coming the saints remain on earth without translation and it is the unbelievers that are removed.
43. At the time of the Rapture the world is not judged and continues in sin while at the Second Coming the world is judged and righteousness is established on the earth. **Daniel 9:24**
44. The translation of the church is pictured as deliverance before the day of wrath, while the Second Coming is followed by the deliverance of those who have believed in Christ during the Tribulation.
45. The Rapture is described as imminent while the Second Coming is preceded by numerous definite signs.
46. The translation of a group of living believers is a truth revealed only in the New Testament while the Second Coming with its attendant events is a prominent doctrine of both Testaments.
47. The Rapture concerns only the saved while the Second Coming deals with both saved and unsaved.
48. At the Rapture Satan is not bound while at the Second Coming Satan is bound and cast into the abyss.
49. No unfulfilled prophecy stands between the church and the Rapture while many prophecies and signs must be fulfilled before the Second Coming.
50. No passage dealing with the resurrection of the saints at the Second Coming ever mentions translation of living saints at the same time.

I – Biblical Pictures from Here to Eternity

51. The Book of the Revelation shows in sequence the person of Christ [chapter 1], the Church on Earth [chapters 2-3], the Church in Heaven [chapters 4-5], the Tribulation [chapters 6-18], the Second Coming [chapter 19], The Millennial Reign [chapter 20] and Eternity Future [chapters 21-22].
52. The split in Daniel's 70 weeks into three portions, firstly 7 weeks of years involving the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem followed immediately by 62 weeks of years ending with the death of Jesus Christ making 69 weeks of years. The remaining one week of 7 years is still unfulfilled and ends with the setting up of the Millennial Kingdom at the end of the Tribulation. The gap in between is the present age which terminates before the Tribulation.
53. The Feasts of Israel which have a harvest time between the Feast of Pentecost, the day on which the Church started and the Feast of Trumpets when Israel returns as the witness to God's plan.
54. The Jewish wedding ceremony where having paid the dowry for the bride the bridegroom returns to His Father's house [heaven] to prepare a place for his bride [the church]. In the future He returns to his bride's home [the earth] and takes her to the prepared place [heaven] for the dressing of the bride and the wedding ceremony.
55. The lack of the words "what the Spirit says to the churches" in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 compared with **Revelation 13:9** which says, "If anyone has an ear let him hear" indicating no mention of the Church. Quite different to the first three chapters where the Church is directly mentioned.

J – The Church and Israel Contrasted

56. The Church is different from Israel and God deals with both groups separately.
57. The Hebrews started with Abraham (**Genesis 12:1-3**).
The Church started at Pentecost. (**Acts 2; Galatians 3:26-28**)
58. Israel was promised blessings on earth. (**Deuteronomy 28:1-14**)
The Church is promised blessings in heavenly places. (**Ephesians 1:3; Hebrews 3:1**)
59. Israel's relationship to God was based on a Covenant. (**Genesis 17:7,8**)
The Church's relationship to God is based on new birth. (**John 1:12; 1 Peter 1:23**)
60. Israel's prophecy is mainly in the Old Testament.
Prophecy of the Church is only in the New Testament.
61. Israel worshipped at Jerusalem. (**Psalms 122:1-4**)
The Church worships where ever two or three are gathered together in Christ's name. (**Matthew 18:20**)
62. Israel lived under the Mosaic Law. (**Ezekiel 20:10-12**)
The Church is under grace (**John 1:17; Romans 6:14**).
63. Israel's destiny is with Palestine. (**Isaiah 60:18-21**)
The Church will be removed from the earth. (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 21-22**)
64. Christ is King and Messiah to Israel.
Christ is Head and Bridegroom to the Church.
65. Israel contained Jews only.
The Church is made up of both Jews and Gentiles.
66. Israel was the wife of Jehovah (**Deuteronomy 5:1-3**) but committed adultery (**Jeremiah 3:1**), was in separation (**Isaiah 50:1**) and eventually divorced (**Jeremiah 3:6-10**). The church is the virgin bride of Christ. After the removal of the church there is a great repentance of Israel and the remarriage with Jehovah. (**Jeremiah 31:31-34**). That Israel is not finished is also seen in (**Zechariah 12:7-9**)

APPENDIX B – INTERNATIONAL TREATIES IN WHICH AUSTRALIA IS INVOLVED

The Charter of the United Nations is the foundational treaty of the intergovernmental organization called the United Nations. It was signed at the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center in San Francisco, United States, on 26 June 1945, by 50 of the 51 original member countries. (Poland, the other original member, which was not represented at the conference, signed it two months later.)

It entered into force on 24 October 1945, after being ratified by the original five permanent members of the Security Council—the Republic of China (later replaced by the People's Republic of China), France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (later replaced by the Russian Federation), the United Kingdom, and the United States and a majority of the other signatories.

Furthermore, Article 103 of the Charter states that obligations to the United Nations prevail over all other treaty obligations. Most countries in the world have now ratified the Charter.

- United Nations Charter

A

- Abolition of Forced Labour Convention
- Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora
- Agreement Establishing the Advisory Centre on WTO Law

- Agreement on Agriculture
- Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
- Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
- Agreement on Trade Related Investment Measures
- Agreements on the Enforcement of Sentences with the International Criminal Court
- Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports
- ANCODS
- Antarctic Treaty System
- Apostille Convention
- Arms Trade Treaty
- Asbestos Convention
- Agreement for the establishment of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission
- Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
- Agreement establishing the Asian Development Bank
- Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency
- Australia–France Marine Delimitation Agreement
- Australia–New Zealand Maritime Treaty
- Australia–Solomon Islands Maritime Boundary Agreement
- Australian–Thai Peace Treaty

B

- Basel Convention
- Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation
- Batman's Treaty
- Treaty of Bern
- Berne Convention
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- Biological Weapons Convention
- Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons
- Brussels Agreement (1924)
- Brussels Collision Convention
- Brussels Convention on Assistance and Salvage at Sea
- Budapest Treaty

C

- Canberra Agreement
- Canberra Pact
- Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security
- Establishment Agreement for the Center for International Forestry Research
- Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons
- Chemical Weapons Convention
- Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
- Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
- CITES
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
- Convention for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean
- Convention on the Continental Shelf

- United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods
- Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs
- Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
- Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals
- Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes (1907)
- Convention on Cluster Munitions
- Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas
- Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters
- Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
- Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
- Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone
- Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons
- United Nations Convention against Corruption
- International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency
- Covenant of the League of Nations
- Convention establishing a Customs Co-operation Council
- Customs Convention on Containers
- Customs Convention on the ATA Carnet for the Temporary Admission of Goods
- Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles
- Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring
- Convention on Cybercrime

D

- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention
- Dock Work Convention, 1973
- International Convention against Doping in Sport

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- Sunrise International Unitization Agreement
- Treaty on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Convention against Discrimination in Education
- Protocol to the Convention against Discrimination in Education
- Employment Policy Convention, 1964
- Employment Service Convention, 1948
- Environmental Modification Convention
- Equal Remuneration Convention
- Equality of Treatment (Accident Compensation) Convention, 1925
- Agreement establishing the European Molecular Biology Laboratory
- Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War

F

- International Convention to Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material
- Final Articles Revision Convention, 1946
- Final Articles Revision Convention, 1961
- Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization
- Food Assistance Convention
- Forced Labour Convention
- Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards

- Forty-Hour Week Convention, 1935
- Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention

G

- General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes
- General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- General Agreement on Trade in Services
- Geneva Convention on Road Traffic
- First Geneva Convention
- Second Geneva Convention
- Third Geneva Convention
- Fourth Geneva Convention
- Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development
- Geneva Phonograms Convention
- Geneva Protocol
- Genocide Convention
- International Grains Agreement

H

- Statute of The Hague Conference on Private International Law
- Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
- Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
- Hague Convention on Parental Responsibility and Protection of Children
- Hague Adoption Convention
- Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907
- Hague Divorce Convention
- Hague Evidence Convention
- Hague Hijacking Convention
- Hague Marriage Convention
- Hague Service Convention
- Hague Trust Convention
- Hague–Visby Rules
- International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships
- International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System
- Convention on the High Seas
- Hostages Convention
- Human Resources Development Convention, 1975

I

- United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials
- Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific or Cultural Materials
- Charter of the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation
- Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
- International (Nice) Classification of Goods and Services
- Statute of the International Agency for Research on Cancer
- International Agreement for the suppression of the White Slave Traffic
- International Air Services Transit Agreement
- Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency
- Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- International Cocoa Agreement (1972)
- Statutes of the International Committee of Military Medicine
- International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
- International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage

- International Convention on Load Lines
- International Convention on Salvage
- International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage
- Articles of Agreement of the International Development Association
- Convention relating to International Exhibitions
- Articles of Agreement of the International Finance Corporation
- Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization
- UNIDROIT Statute
- Constitution of the International Labour Organization
- Convention on the International Maritime Organization
- Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization
- Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund
- Agreement establishing the International Organisation of Vine and Wine
- Constitution of the International Organization for Migration
- Constitution of the International Refugee Organisation
- Convention and Statute on the International Régime of Maritime Ports
- International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea
- Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency
- Constitution of the International Rice Commission
- Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union
- Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
- Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- Istanbul Convention on Temporary Entry
- ITU Radio Regulations

J

- Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management

K

- Kellogg–Briand Pact
- Agreement on the establishment of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization
- Kyoto Protocol

L

- Labour Administration Convention, 1978
- Labour Inspection Convention, 1947
- Labour Statistics Convention, 1985
- 1946 Lake Success Protocol
- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- Lisbon Recognition Convention
- London Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter

M

- Madrid Protocol
- Maritime Labour Convention
- International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue
- Marking of Weight (Packages Transported by Vessels) Convention, 1929
- MARPOL 73/78
- Marrakesh Agreement
- Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia

- Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks
- Metre Convention
- China–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
- Japan–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
- Republic of Korea–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement
- Protocol on Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices
- Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970
- Minimum Wage Fixing Machinery (Agriculture) Convention, 1951
- Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery Convention, 1928
- Montreal Convention
- Montreux Convention Regarding the Abolition of the Capitulations in Egypt
- Montreux Convention Regarding the Regime of the Straits
- Moon Treaty
- MOU Box
- Convention establishing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

N

- Convention on the Nationality of Married Women
- Nauru Island Agreement
- Niue Treaty
- Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident
- Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
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- Nuclear Terrorism Convention

O

- Agreement for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications
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- Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981
- OECD Anti-Bribery Convention
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- Ottawa Treaty
- Outer Space Treaty

P

- Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations
- Pacific Islands Cetaceans Memorandum of Understanding
- Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property
- Part-Time Work Convention, 1994
- Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
- Patent Cooperation Treaty
- Philippines–Australia Status of Visiting Forces Agreement
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- International Plant Protection Convention
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- 1991 Paris Peace Accords
- Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations

- Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies
- Convention Relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite
- Protection of Diplomats Convention
- Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
- Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
- Protection of Workers' Claims (Employer's Insolvency) Convention, 1992
- Protocol Bringing under International Control Drugs outside the Scope of the Convention of 13 July 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs
- Protocol I
- Protocol II
- Protocol III
- Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty
- Convention on Psychotropic Substances

R

- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- Ramsar Convention
- Treaty of Rarotonga
- Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance
- Convention relating to the Status of Refugees
- Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees
- Registration Convention
- Rescue Agreement
- Right of Association (Agriculture) Convention
- Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949
- Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations
- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
- Rotterdam Convention

S

- International Convention for Safe Containers
- Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation
- Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf
- Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation
- Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel
- Treaty of San Francisco
- Seabed Arms Control Treaty
- Section 123 Agreement
- Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States
- Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks
- Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs
- Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs
- 1926 Slavery Convention
- Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery
- Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air
- SOLAS Convention
- Agreement establishing the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission
- South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency Convention
- South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement
- Space Liability Convention
- Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
- Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness

- STCW Convention
- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Straddling Fish Stocks Agreement
- Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification
- International Sugar Agreement
- International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age

T

- Termination of Employment Convention, 1982
- Terrorist Financing Convention
- Terrorist Bombings Convention
- Timor Gap Treaty
- Timor Sea Treaty
- Tokyo Convention
- United Nations Convention against Torture
- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children
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- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
- Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia
- Treaty of Peace with Italy, 1947
- Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976
- TRIPS Agreement
- International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983
- International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994
- International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006
- Agreement Concerning an International Trust Fund for Tuvalu

U

- UKUSA Agreement
- Unemployment Convention, 1919
- Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
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- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Universal Copyright Convention

V

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- Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations
- Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
- Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983

W

- Waigani Convention
- Warsaw Convention
- Wassenaar Arrangement
- Wellington Convention
- WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
- WIPO Convention
- WIPO Copyright Treaty
- WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty

- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981
- Workers' Representatives Convention, 1971
- Workmen's Compensation (Agriculture) Convention, 1921
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- Workmen's Compensation (Occupational Diseases) Convention, 1925
- Constitution of the World Health Organization
- Convention of the World Meteorological Organization
- Statutes of the World Tourism Organization
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