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"I know how terribly lost Israel is today, but neither history nor current events nor Israel's apostasy nor the Bible teach that God is finished with Israel or that Israel today is not Israel or that the church is Israel." Page 13.

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WHAT TIME IS IT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY? ~ By David Cloud

We are living in uncertain, perilous times. There are pestilences, earthquakes, heaps of false teachers, abounding apostasy, fervor for a one world government and economy, global corporations and organizations that hate God's laws and contribute massive amounts of money to anti-God causes, atheism, wars and rumors of wars, terrorism, modern Israel, preparations for the Third Temple.

Are we seeing a fulfillment of prophecy? Absolutely, we are; but it is not the day of the Lord. It is the stage being set for the day of the Lord.

God's people are pilgrim people. We aren't in darkness. We have the mind of Christ in Scripture (1 Co. 2:9-16), the mind of the Christ in whom are hid all treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:3)! We must not follow the world's thinking or share the world's fears.



I am 100% sure that the Bible is the Word of God and that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the only Lord and Saviour.

I am 100% sure that Bible prophecy is true. I love Bible prophecy. The Bible is the only book that describes the future accurately, and how wonderful and important it is to know the future! More than one-fourth of the Bible is prophecy. Obviously it is something that God wants His people to understand and know. Bible prophecy is great light, great hope, great comfort, great encouragement, a great motivator.

It was as a young Christian that I got the key to understand prophecy in the right way, and that is the “normal literal” method of interpretation. When I was taught that, it resonated deeply with me as the truth. I have studied prophecy ever since. I have studied all views of prophecy, but the only view that unlocks Bible prophecy so that it is light and not confusion, is the dispensational, Pre-tribulational view, and I’m not talking about John Darby dispensationalism, I’m talking about apostolic dispensationalism! There are still many things I don’t fully understand in Bible prophecy; there are questions unanswered. I am learning new things all the time. But you have to first stand back and settle the big things, and I have done that and I am 100% certain of what I believe. We are not called to debate uncertainties. We are called to rightly divide the Word and then preach and teach it as absolute truth. We are to speak as the oracles of God (1 Pe. 4:11), and you can do that if you approach prophecy with a consistent literal interpretation.

Let’s see what a great light Bible prophecy, rightly interpreted, is in these perilous, confusing times.

What Time Is It for God’s People Today?

- I. It *is* church time and Christ’s Great Commission time
- II. It is *not* the day of the Lord
- III. It *is* the time of the mystery of iniquity
- IV. It *is* Rapture time

I. It is church time and Christ’s Great Commission time (Mt. 28:18-20).

This is God’s program for the church age. This is God’s program for God’s people today. This is what we must keep our attention on. See Acts 1:6-9. When the disciples asked the Lord about Israel’s kingdom being restored, He did not correct them and say, “You must understand that the church is replacing Israel and that kingdom is fulfilled in the church.” Instead, He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Christ said that it is time to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. He repeated that and emphasized that in His teaching to the disciples between His resurrection and ascension (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Lu. 24:44-48; Joh. 20:21; Ac. 1:8).

The more God’s people today do this business, the more pleased God is with us. After He was rejected by Israel, Jesus said “I will build my church” (Mt. 16:18). The church did not yet exist. It is not Israel. The church is a mystery that was not revealed in the OT (Col. 1:26-27), but Israel was revealed fully. The mystery is that the Gentiles will experience “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

The Old Testament said that Gentiles would be saved, but there is not a hint about Christ dwelling in them and them being the participants in Christ’s glory. Church-age believers are a heavenly people (“seated in the heavenlies,” Eph. 2:4-6). They are “the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven” (Heb. 12:22-24). God’s plans for the church and Israel are different, as we see plainly stated in Romans 11:25-27. The fulness of the Gentiles is the completion of the

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church which is composed of people whom God is calling out in this age from among the Gentiles (Ac. 15:13-16) by the gospel (2 Th. 2:14). This is the business of the Great Commission, and this is the business of this present time.

We see in Matthew 28 that this is a very big work that requires the full attention of all of God's people (Mt. 28:19-20). It entails preaching the gospel to every soul of every place and time throughout the age. It entails baptizing those who receive the gospel. It entails discipling every baptized believer thoroughly so that he or she learns to obey all things that Christ has commanded ("teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," v. 20). The "them" that are to be taught in verse 20 are the baptized disciples of verse 19, every one of them.

This means that every baptized believer is to be taught the whole Scripture, the whole counsel of God, the whole New Testament faith, taught how to understand and study the Bible for himself, taught every doctrine, taught and disciplined in every aspect of sound Christian living. What a big work!

Christ commanded that all of His people are to be built up to do God's perfect will. This includes all of the families. God's instruction for the family is given to the churches (Eph. 5:22 - 6:4; Col. 3:18-21; Tit. 2:3-5). It entails the children and the youth. The divine purpose of the home is to raise up a godly seed for His glory (Mal. 2:15). The fulfillment of Christ's Commission, then, requires that every church be a very serious, effectual discipling, Bible-training entity. This is such a huge job that it requires the dedication of every baptized believer in every New Testament church.

This Great Commission is done in the churches. It is not a parachurch work. This is what we see in the Pastoral Epistles. It is what we see in 1 Timothy, where the church with pastors and deacons is called "the house of God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Ti. 3:15). This is what we see in Acts 13-14, which is the biblical pattern for the work of the church as the headquarters for world missions. This is what we see in the epistle of Titus, where preachers are instructed in how to "set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city" (Tit. 1:5). This is what we see in the Acts and the New Testament Epistles. We see a church planting/building manual for the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission.

We see in Matthew 28 that this is the work of God's people today until the end of the age (v. 20). We must keep our attention on this work and not be sidetracked. Christ's Great Commission is not social work; it's not kingdom building; it's not an entertainment program; it's not building a commune; it's not preparing for the antichrist.

We see that Jesus has all power in heaven and earth. "Power" is *exousia*, which is translated authority (Mt. 7:29; 8:9). God's people have authority to do this great work. Christ is the highest authority, not parents or family or society or government.

We see that Jesus is with those churches that do this work ("lo, I am with you always," v. 20). He is with us every moment, all of the time. He said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5), which is a forceful, double promise.

This is the business we must keep our attention on. This is the business we must do no matter what is happening in the world. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded this, and He is with us, and He will open doors and provide our needs. We are "laborers together with God (1 Co. 3:9). He is ready to work!

In these times, churches need to focus more than ever on gospel preaching to every creature and building godly families and really serious discipling of all of the members.

The greatest pandemic disease is not coronavirus that has killed thousands or influenza that kills 500,000 per year or tuberculosis that kills 1.5 million per year. The greatest pandemic on this globe is the sin virus that we inherited from the first man, Adam. Its fatality rate is 100%.

The Good News is that there is a cure. The deadly virus of sin can be healed through saving faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, and eternal death can be escaped. Dr. Jesus has a 100% success rate for those who come to Him by the door of saving faith. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

The proclamation of this cure is the chief business of God's people today. We are the ambassadors for Dr. Jesus. There is no other Saviour and no other salvation. If we get sidetracked from this business, it won't be done.

It can't be done by big business or governments or NGOs or "social justice" organizations.

It's not time to fret about the coronavirus. The redeemed in Christ aren't of the world and must not share the world's doubts and fears. It's time to shine as lights in a dark place by the witness of the gospel and to build true, sound, thorough-going New Testament churches to the glory of God.

II. It is not the day of the Lord (2 Th. 2:1-14).

God's Bible-believing people are not to be perplexed, uncertain ("shaken in mind," 2 Th. 2:1-2). We have great light; we are not in darkness and confusion. We can understand the times and know what is happening and what God is doing and what the devil is doing and what we should be doing.

We are not to be afraid (2 Th. 2:1-2). 2 Ti. 1:17 says, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Fear comes, but it is not of God. If we walk with God and seek Him, He will give us power (spiritual strength by the Holy Spirit), love (concern for others, not selfishness), and a sound mind (right thinking according to God's Word).

We are not to be deceived (2 Th. 2:3); we must know God's Word and not be deceived by false teachers. The Bible warns about this many times. God's people must learn how to understand the Bible properly and how to refute error. Every church must be busy teaching all of its people how to do this.

We are not to think that we are in the day of the Lord (2 Th. 2:3-4). The day of Christ is the day of the Lord; He is the Lord. To understand prophecy it is necessary to know what is the day of the Lord.

▪ **The day of the Lord is the day of the antichrist.** This is what we see in the context of 2 Th. 2:2-4. He is called the "son of perdition" (v. 3) and "that wicked" (v. 8). He will come after the working of Satan (v. 9). He will deceive by means of lying signs (v. 9). He is going to claim to be God in the Third temple (v. 4).

▪ **The day of the Lord is the day of God's wrath on this world, God's judgment upon rebellion.** The day of the Lord is mentioned 31 times. In each of these

passages we see the same fundamental truths about the day of the Lord. It is a time of God's wrath and judgment upon the nations; it is a time when God will be exalted and man debased; it is a time when God will deal with Israel and bring her to repentance and conversion. See Isa. 2:12-22; 13:6-12; 34:8; Jer. 30:7-11; 46:10; Eze. 30:3; Joe. 1:15; 2:1-11; Amo. 5:18-20; Oba. 1:15-18; Zec. 1:14-18. The day of the Lord is described in Revelation 6-18. There are seven years of judgment, and the judgments get increasingly worse as the years pass. But even the beginning judgments are terrible. See Revelation 6 - the antichrist comes on the scene as a man of peace, taking control of the world system (v. 2); wars and famines and pestilence that kills one-fourth of the people on earth (vv. 4-8); the death of the saints by martyrdom (vv. 9-11); great signs in the heavens (vv. 12-14); great fear among men (vv. 15-18). Later during the day of the Lord, the judgments grow even more severe, so that one-third of the earth's remaining population perishes (Re. 9:15).

▪ **The day of the Lord is a time of great deception** (2 Th. 2:9-12). The deception will be from the devil and from God!

▪ **The day of the Lord ends with the coming of Christ in power and glory to judge rebels and to establish His kingdom** (2 Th. 2:8).

What about the falling away (2 Th. 2:3). This is the Greek *apostasia*, which is translated "forsake" (Ac. 21:21). In context of 2 Thessalonians 2, it is associated with the revelation of the antichrist. The *apostasia* is Israel forsaking God for the false christ. It is described in Daniel 9:27; 11:32; Joh. 5:43.

Today the stage is being set for the day of the Lord, but it is not yet the day of the Lord. God's people must keep their eyes on Christ's imminent coming and on the business God has given us to do.

III. It is the time of the mystery of iniquity (2 Th. 2:7-12).

The mystery of iniquity is the devil's plan to put his man on the throne of the world. That is the context.

- The mystery of iniquity has been at work in the world since Paul's day ("doth already work," 2 Th. 2:7).

- There is one who is restraining (2 Th. 2:6-7). This is a person (“he”). This can only be God, as no one else could restrain the devil. It is the Holy Spirit.
- The Restrainer will be taken out of the way (2 Th. 2:7). That refers to the Rapture. The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost to take out of the nations a people for God’s name, and the Holy Spirit departs at the Rapture when this great work is finished.
- This is the fulness of the Gentiles described by Paul in Romans 11:25-27. During this present time, Israel is blind, and that will last until “the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.” That is the completion of God’s eternal program to create a special group of people for His glory in this present time by the preaching of the gospel. When the fullness of the Gentiles be come in, “all Israel shall be saved” (Ro. 11:26). This is explained in Ro. 11:27 as the fulfillment of God’s covenant with Israel, which is the new covenant of spiritual conversion and the restoration of her kingdom in her own land (Jer. 31:27-40; 32:37-40; 33:14-26; Eze. 16:60-63; 20:33-44; 34:11-25; 36:23-32; 37:15-27; Zec. 12:10-14; 13:1-9, etc.).
- For now, the mystery of iniquity cannot be brought to fulfillment because it is being restrained by the Spirit of God. The mystery of iniquity is like a horse, but God holds the reins. God will restrain the mystery of iniquity until His work is finished for this age. Therefore, no matter what things look like in this present age, we cannot know the time of Christ’s coming for the saints. That is always in God’s hands.
- We see this in 2 Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” This plainly states that the reason God is waiting is that He is continuing to save souls through the gospel. How long will He wait? Only He knows, and He knows exactly. But from our standpoint we are to keep preaching and keep watching until that final soul is saved for this present age. Then our work will be finished and we will be taken away to the Father’s house (Joh. 14:1-3) and God’s business with Israel will be consummated as described in Daniel’s amazing 70 Week prophecy (Da. 9:24-27).

This brings us back to the fact that it is currently church time and Great Commission time. That is what God’s people must keep their attention on until Christ comes. We must not get caught up in vain speculation about signs

pertaining to the antichrist. We must not be share the world’s confusion and fear. We must not think that we are in the day of the Lord. Christ has given us our marching orders until He comes: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world” (Mt. 28:19-20).

IV. It is Rapture time.

Paul had taught the believers at Thessalonica that they would escape the day of the Lord. “Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?” (2 Th. 2:1-5). This refers to the teaching that Paul gave in his first epistle to the church at Thessalonica.

In **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** Paul taught the church at Thessalonica about the Rapture or the catching away.

- The words “caught up” (1 Th. 4:17) are from *harpazo*, which is used for the catching away of Philip by the Spirit of God in Acts 8:39. “Rapture” is from the Latin “rapturo.”
- At the Rapture the dead in Christ will come with Him from heaven and be united with resurrected bodies (1 Th. 4:14-16).
- The living will be changed and will meet the Lord in the air (1 Th. 4:17).
- This is to be a comfort, not a fear (1 Th. 4:18). This is because we are looking for Christ, not for the antichrist; we are looking for the day of deliverance not the day of wrath.

Paul continued his teaching on the Rapture and the day of the Lord in **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**.

- There are two groups of people here: “they” (v. 3) and “we” (vv. 4-10).
- “They,” referring to the unsaved, are in darkness and the day of the Lord will come upon them as a thief, unexpected, because they do not believe God’s Word and are not watching. Their thoughts are only upon this world and the things of this world. They are trying to find “peace and safety” by their own resources.
- “We,” referring to God’s redeemed people, are not in darkness (1 Th. 5:4-5). We have the great light of God’s Word and the enlightenment of the Spirit of God.

- We must not be spiritually sleeping (1 Th. 5:6-8). We are to be on fire for Christ, maintaining that first love passion for our Saviour, separated unto Him, holy, busy in His service.
- We are not appointed to wrath (1 Th. 5:9-11). This is a clear promise of deliverance from the day of the Lord, which is the day of God's wrath. God's people in this age experience tribulation ("we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God," Ac. 14:22), but they will not experience the tribulation of the day of the Lord, for that is the day of God's wrath on this wicked world. Every part of the day of the Lord is the day of His wrath, as we have seen. Every one of the seven-seal judgments described in Revelation 6-18 is God's wrath. There is wrath at the beginning (Re. 6:16-17). There is wrath during the time of the mark of the antichrist in the second half of the tribulation when the antichrist proclaims himself as God (Re. 14:9-11). There is wrath at the end at Armageddon (Re. 14:18-19). There is wrath at Christ's coming when all unsaved will be judged (Re. 11:17-18).
- We are to be watching (v. 6). We see that the Rapture is imminent. It is to be expected at any time. We are not looking for wrath but deliverance. We're not looking for the antichrist but for Christ Himself. We see this everywhere in the Epistles. It is the example set by the apostolic churches (1 Th. 1:9-10). They were churches of born again people who were serving and waiting. Paul said, "the day is at hand" (Ro. 13:12; Php. 4:5). "At hand" is *eggizo*, meaning "near, approaching." The English phrase "at hand" is a metaphor to indicate something that is near, close by, at the ready, like your hand. It is used to describe the location of Jesus' tomb. It was "nigh at hand" to the place of His crucifixion (Joh. 19:42). Paul used it to describe his imminent death at the hand of the emperor Nero (2 Ti. 4:6). The coming of Christ for the church-age saints is always at hand, imminent, impending. Titus 2:13 says we are looking for "that blessed hope," which is the appearance of Christ, not the antichrist. James said, "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" and "the judge standeth before the door" (Jas. 5:8-9). That is the language of imminence. Christ is to be thought of as standing up and getting ready to open the door and come for His people. It could happen any moment. It is to be expected at any time. Peter said, "the end of all things is at hand" (1 Pe. 4:7). Again, this is *eggizo*, near, imminent, impending.

The Rapture is also described in *1 Corinthians 15:50-58*.

- This passage describes what happens to the living saints at the Rapture. All of the saints will be changed, transformed into glorified bodies (1 Co. 15:54).
- It is a mystery that was not revealed before (1 Co. 15:51). The Old Testament teaches about the resurrection, but the translation of living saints is not taught.
- This great blessing is God's gift in Christ (1 Co. 15:57).
- The knowledge of this event is to cause God's people to be steadfast and to be busy laboring for the Lord and not slacking off or getting sidetracked with other things (1 Co. 15:58). Every passage pertaining to the Rapture emphasizes that this great truth is to be a comfort, an encouragement, and a motivator for holy, diligent Christian living.

The Rapture is also described in *John 14:-3*.

- These words were spoken by Christ after the first Lord's Supper and before His trial at Gethsemane on the Mt. of Olives. He is preparing His "little flock" for His death. The words are addressed to Christ's believers in this age.
- This teaching is intended for comfort and peace (Joh. 14:1).
- The subject is the Father's house (Joh. 14:2). That refers to heaven.
- There are mansions there (Joh. 14: 2). Those are dwelling places for royal priests (1 Pe. 2:9; Re. 1:6). Psalm 45:6-15 describes Christ with His bride in glory and it speaks of ivory palaces.
- Christ said that He was going to prepare a place for us. This refers to His ascension.
- Christ will come again and receive us unto Himself (Joh. 14:3). In the context, the purpose of the reception is to take His people of this age to the Father's house to live in the mansions He has built. This is the Rapture of 1 Thessalonians 4. It is not meeting the Lord in the air and then returning immediately to earth. It is meeting the Lord in the air and being transported to the Father's house for the judgment seat of Christ and the marriage of the bride.

If interpreted literally, and there is no other right way to interpret them, the Rapture described in 1 Corinthians 15, 1 Thessalonians 1, and John 14 is not the coming of

Christ described in Matthew 24 and Revelation 19. These are different events; they happen at a different time; they entail a different people; they have a different purpose.

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"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Romans 13:12).

Coronavirus Crisis Helping Us Have A STRONGER CHURCH For The 21st Century



The title of one of our new books is [21 Steps to a Stronger Church for the 21st Century](#). This is not mere theory or "armchair theology." This is what we are building by God's grace. We are church planters, have been since the 1980s. Our goal is to see 100 sound churches established for the glory of God and the enlightenment of this dark world.

We want Biblical churches, not American churches or Nepali churches or Australian churches or Spanish churches or Filipino churches. As a heavenly, pilgrim people, we intend to test the cultures of this present world by Scripture and conform them to Scripture. We want churches founded solidly on the New Testament, not after the pattern of the church fathers or the Waldenses or the Anabaptists or Lutherans or Anglicans or Reformed or Puritans or Methodists or Fundamentalists or Brethren or even the Independent Baptists. We don't despise tradition; we learn from it; but *all* ecclesiastical tradition must be tested by the *sole* authority, which is Scripture rightly divided. We pray always that God will remove all unwitting traditional blinders from our eyes so that we can see His Word without obstruction and obey it and please Him.

We are focused on using this coronavirus crisis to prepare for the near future when (we believe, in answer to prayer) it is dissipated and we regain our liberties. As long as the Lord tarries, we have our marching orders in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), which is a

very big work and at the heart of which is preaching the gospel to every soul and the building of sound, life-changing New Testament churches, which are the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Ti. 3:15). We are focused on this *like a laser*.

This week where we minister, we are on nationwide house lockdown. We can't even take a walk or visit a store, but we see it as an opportunity rather than a frustration. God's people are not in the hands of the times, the times are in God's hands, and so are we. "My times are in thy hand (Ps. 31:15); "neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (Joh. 10:27-28). **We have instructed our church members to be busy in three projects so that we will come out of this time better prepared to be what God wants us to be and to do what God wants us to do.**

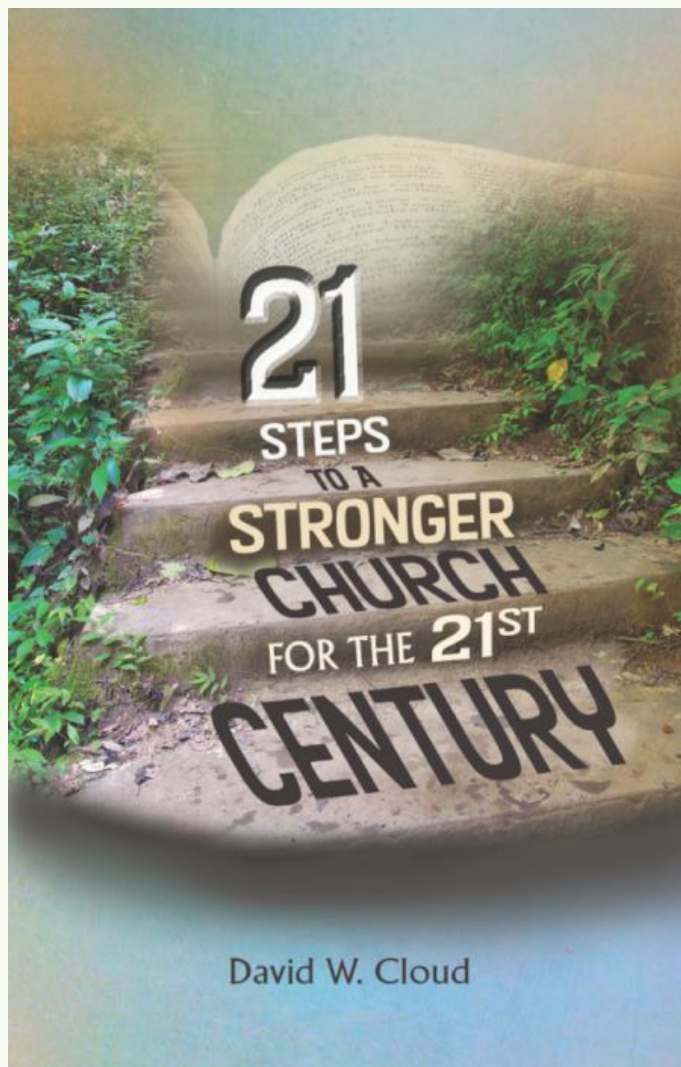
First, Bible study. Those who haven't done this before have been assigned the project of reading Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah (11 books) as quickly as they can with good understanding and writing out the major events in Old Testament history. We have seen recently that though our church members read through the Bible each year as a congregation, many of them aren't reading with enough understanding. Many still don't have a good timeline of Bible events ready at hand in their minds. So reading these 11 books and focusing on this one thing as they read should give them this essential knowledge on

which they can build. When they finish the Old Testament, they will read Matthew and write out the major events in Jesus' life, and then Acts and write out the major events in the history of the first churches. The goal is to be able to list all the major events in Bible history from memory.

Second, family life. Our families are focusing on being what God's wants them to be by working on godly husband-wife relationships, godly child training, and family devotions. For devotions, the families are reading a page of *Child Discipline* (a free eBook available from Way of Life) and discussing it and praying together. Without godly families that are raising a godly seed (Mal. 2:15), we can't have truly fruitful New Testament churches.

Third, prayer. We are praying especially for the following things: for our government leaders and those worldwide to have wisdom, that people will be more eager to listen to the gospel and be saved here and we will have much new fruit of conversions this year, that the travel restrictions will be eased so we can have our assemblies and pursue evangelism, and that the coronavirus will stop *completely* by the end of April everywhere in the world, that it will dissipate like fog in the sunshine.

Our faith is resting on the following wonderful promises of our merciful and almighty God: Psa. 50:15; 91:14-15; 145:18; Jer. 33:3; 2 Ch.16:9; Eph. 3:20. ([21 Steps to a Stronger Church for the 21st Century](#) is available as a free eBook from www.waylife.org.)



21 Steps To A Stronger Church For The 21st Century

By David W. Cloud

In a time when the average Baptist church is getting steadily, shockingly weaker, moving farther down the contemporary path with each passing year, we are intent on moving in a much stronger direction, and we are thankful for the churches that we know of personally that are on the same path. We have no intention of following the crowd, and we are not afraid of being in the minority.

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CORONAVIRUS

Good News & Odd News

By David Cloud

As the COVID-19 crisis continues and economic problems mount, there is good news.

COVID-19 is still a small thing compared to influenza, which has infected 36 to 51 million, hospitalized about one-half million and killed 22,000 and 55,000 *in America alone* since October (“Influenza Preliminary In-Season 2019-2020,” Centers for Disease Control). In 2018, there were 80,000 flu deaths in America, which was about 450 deaths per day. Worldwide, influenza kills about 500,000 annually during the flu season. That is about 6,250 deaths per day or 260 PER HOUR.

The largest global infectious pandemic is tuberculosis (TB), which sickens 10 million and kills 1.5 million annually (a death every 21 seconds). It is the world’s No. 1 infectious killer and the ninth-leading cause of death worldwide. WHO estimates that 1.8 billion people are infected by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that causes TB. It is a global disease, found in every country in the world. “TB is an airborne disease that can be spread by coughing or sneezing and is the leading cause of infectious disease worldwide. There is growing resistance to available drugs, which means the disease is becoming more deadly and difficult to treat. There were more than half a million cases of drug resistant TB last year” (TBAAlliance.org).

The Wuhan district of China, ground zero for COVID-19, is getting back to work, temporary hospitals are closing, and travel restrictions are being lifted. All of China had zero new infections on March 18-19.

The fatality rate for COVID-19 is smaller than WHO reports originally showed. Large numbers of those who have contracted the respiratory virus are not part of the statistics because the symptoms are often so mild. The current statistic is 1.4 percent even in Wuhan

(“Coronavirus latest news,” *New Scientist*, Mar 19, 2020). *Time* magazine said, “That means the total number of reported cases is very likely an underestimate—and by not counting many mild or asymptomatic cases, we’re likely overestimating the disease’s overall mortality rate. ... COVID-19 LOOKS A LOT CLOSER TO THE SEASONAL FLU THAN TO PREVIOUS CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAKS. A more complete—and, hopefully, less severe—picture of COVID-19 will likely emerge as the outbreak continues, testing capacity increases and data are refined” (“The WHO estimated COVID-19 Mortality,” *Time*, Mar. 9, 2020).

Schools reopened in Singapore on March 23 under wise, no-panic rules (*The Straits Times*, Oct. 20, 2020). The government has an eye on the sustainability of its educational system. Sustainability is an important concept in this crisis. Many factors must be weighed, including the economy.

CURES AND BLOCKERS

The anti-malaria drug hydroxychloroquine in combination with azithromycin is proving successful in treating coronavirus patients in tests in Australia, France, and elsewhere. “A French study with a small sample size showed it to be 100 percent effective. The French study, led by researcher Didier Raoult and his team, has received worldwide attention. In it, six COVID-19 patients were given Plaquenil – a brand-name hydroxychloroquine drug – in tandem with the antibiotic drug azithromycin, *Forbes* reported. All six patients tested negative for COVID-19 by day six. In Australia, a University of Queensland study that used the anti-malaria drug in combination with an anti-HIV drug also was highly effective. The Queensland team is now using the drugs in a clinical trial. ‘Prior to the clinical trials

going ahead, the medications were given to some of the first Australian patients infected with COVID-19, and all have completely recovered without any trace of the virus left in their system,’ David Paterson of the University of Queensland said in a press release. ‘These medications have the potential to be a real cure for all, unlike the random anecdotal experiences of some people.’ The university’s press release called it a ‘coronavirus cure’” (“Patients ‘Completely Recovered,’” *Christian Headlines*, Mar. 19, 2020).

President Trump is streamlining the testing of hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 patients and has instructed the CDC to cut all red tape.

The Israeli company Teva is donating 16 million hydroxychloroquine tablets to hospitals in America for testing purposes (6 million immediately and 10 million more within a month). Teva is a global leader in generic and speciality medicines.

Following is the testimony of a man whose life was saved by hydroxychloroquine:

“Rio Giardinieri, 52, who is vice-president of a company that manufactures cooking equipment at high-end restaurants in LA and around the world, thinks he contracted COVID-19 at a conference in New York. He had a fever for five days, horrendous back pain, headache, cough, and tiredness. ... Doctors diagnosed him with pneumonia and coronavirus. They put him on oxygen in the ICU but he says he was still unable to breathe. ... Friday evening, he said goodbye to his wife and three children. ... A dear friend immediately sent him a recent article about hydroxychloroquine ... So, Giardinieri reached out to an infectious disease doctor. ‘He gave me all the reasons why I would probably not want to try it because there are no trials, there’s no testing, it was not something that was approved. And I said look I don’t know if I’m going to make it until the morning because at that point I really thought I was coming to the end because I couldn’t breathe anymore. He agreed and authorized the use of it and 30 minutes later the nurse gave it to me. ... they gave me some Benadryl [that allowed me to go to sleep and when I woke up at exactly 4:45 in the morning, I woke up like nothing ever happened.’ Miraculously, he’s since had no fever or pain, feels fine and he’s able to breathe again” (“A man with coronavirus,” *Fox10 Phoenix*, Mar. 23, 2020).

Remdesivir, an experimental antiviral drug that holds out hope as a COVID-19 blocker, is undergoing large human trials in China and the US.

Kaletra, a combination of anti-HIV drugs that stops viral replication, has shown some effectiveness in trials in China. India’s Chief Medical and Health Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh announced on March 16 that three COVID-19 patients have recovered by means of a combination of HIV drugs. “It appears it is working because three patients have recovered. Good thing is that all the three patients are elderly and the successful result of the drug patients of such age is a big thing” (“Combination of two anti-HIV drugs proved crucial,” *The Economic Times*, Mar. 16, 2020).

Israel’s Institute of Technology (Technion) announced a new COVID-19 testing procedure that can test more than 60 patients at one time. The institute said they have “successfully tested a method that will dramatically increase the current COVID-19 testing capacity using existing available resources” (“Technion, Weizmann Institute,” *No Camels*, Mar. 18, 2020).

VACCINES

The first COVID-19 vaccine (by the company Moderna) has begun human testing in Washington state (“Biotech company ships first batches of vaccine,” *Fox News*, Mar. 16, 2020).

Israel’s Ministry of Science and Technology branch at Galilee (MIGAL) has a vaccine that it hopes will achieve safety approval in a short time through expedited trials and fast-track approvals (“Israeli breakthrough in coronavirus vaccine imminent,” *Israel Today*, Mar. 16, 2020). MIGAL’s vaccine is a by-product of the development of a vaccine against Avian coronavirus.

Other companies have vaccines ready for testing. The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) is backing a vaccine developed by Oxford University and one by the US company Inovio, which had a vaccine ready three hours after the gene sequence was published in January.

“It plans clinical trials in April and to have a million doses by December, if the approach works” (“The race to test coronavirus antiviral drugs and vaccines,” *New Scientist*, Mar. 11, 2020).

The French company Sanofi Pasteur is hybridizing the COVID-19 virus with a baculovirus already approved for its flu vaccine as a possible fast track to a vaccine that could be quickly mass produced.

With \$87 million backing from the European Commission, German firm CureVac is promising a vaccine in around six months by fast track. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen spoke of her hope to bring a vaccine to market “perhaps before autumn” (“More Firms Enter Race for Vaccine as EU Suggests Accelerated Trials Process,” CNSNews.com, Mar. 18, 2020).

MISCELLANEOUS

Some companies in America are hiring large numbers of new workers to keep up with increased demands caused by the coronavirus crisis. Walmart announced on March 20 that it is hiring 150,000 additional workers and has expedited the hiring process from two weeks to 24 hours. Walmart is raising the wage for entry level workers and is also providing \$550 million in cash bonuses to its hourly employees. Amazon is hiring 100,000 new workers for its American warehouse and delivery wings. CVS Pharmacy is hiring 50,000 and paying some workers bonuses of \$500. Domino’s pizza is hiring 10,000. Walgreens is hiring 9,500. Pepsi is hiring 6,000 new full-time employees. Dollar Tree is hiring 25,000. 7-Eleven is hiring 20,000. Kroger, Costco, Albertson’s, and Aldi are hiring.

The coronavirus crisis has resulted in a massive increase in government surveillance of citizens. It looks like a trial run for a one-world government, and it is working very well. Ten countries are tracking phone data. Poland is requiring home quarantined patients to use a special app to take regular selfies to prove they are indoors; failure results in a visit from police (“Poland made an app,” *Business Insider*, Mar. 23, 2020). Taiwan has introduced “electronic fences” which alert police if suspected patients leave their homes (“Taiwan’s New Electronic Fence,” *New York Times*, Mar. 20, 2020).

Some liquor distilleries in America have switched to producing hand sanitizer.

Muslims have largely abandoned the Temple Mount after the closure of the Aqsa Mosque, while Jews have increased their presence (“Coronavirus causes Muslims to Abandon Temple Mount,” *Breaking Israel News*, Mar. 19, 2020).

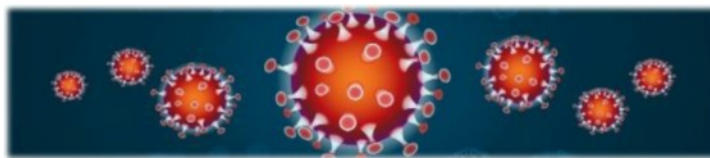
A religious Jew who stole an antiquities artifact in Israel 15 years ago returned it, fearing that the end of the world is at

hand. He was a teenager when he took the Roman ballista stone from an archaeological exhibition. It is from the siege of Jerusalem in AD 70. Now married with children, the man is seeking to have a clear conscience when he stands before God (“‘It’s the End of the World,’ Says Repentant Israeli Antiquities Thief,” *Israel Today*, Mar. 18, 2020). If he would read his Bible with open eyes, he would see that he will give account for *every* sin against God in *thought* and *deed* and therefore there is no possibility of being justified by one’s deeds; only through the Messiah’s vicarious atonement can a sinner be justified. “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil” (Ecc. 12:14). “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isa. 53:5-6).

Iran has scaled back its terrorist activity across the Middle East because of the coronavirus (“IDF indicates Iran scaling back,” *The Times of Israel*, Mar. 17, 2020).

For the redeemed, the Bible is full of wonderful promises from God our Saviour. “But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God. My times *are* in thy hand...” (Psalm 31:14-15). Susannah Spurgeon, wife of Charles, commented on this promise as follows: “Not one or two important epochs of my history only, but everything that concerns me;—joys that I had not expected,—sorrows that must have crushed me if they could have been anticipated,—sufferings which might have terrified me by their grimness had I looked upon them,—surprises which infinite love had prepared for me,—services of which I could not have imagined myself capable;—all these lay in that mighty hand as the purposes of God’s eternal will for me” (cited from *Susie: The Life and Legacy of Susannah Spurgeon* by Ray Rhodes Jr.).

The best news is that any individual infected by the deadly virus of sin can be healed through saving faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, and escape certain eternal death. Sin has a 100% mortality rate, but Dr. Jesus has a 100% success rate for those who come to Him by the door of saving faith. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).



COVID-19 & PRAYER

By David Cloud



“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (Jeremiah 33:3).

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him” (2 Chronicles 16:9).

“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me” (Psalm 50:15).

“Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: *I will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him” (Psalm 91:14-15).

“The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth” (Psalm 145:18).

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” (Ephesians 3:20).

In light of these great promises and the encouragement that God Himself gives to His people that they might pray in faith and expect real answers, I pray that panic will subside, that good reason will reign, that government leaders will have wisdom and not be driven by panic-mongers, that God will protect our president, that God will be merciful to an undeserving people, and that many be confronted with their mortality and turn to Jesus Christ.

I also pray that the coronavirus will dissipate like fog in the sunshine by the end of April and that all of the doomsayers will be proven wrong. They won’t acknowledge that it was an answer to prayer and will doubtless take credit, but those who pray will know what happened and will rejoice in God’s great mercy and power.

For God’s people, difficult times call for prayer rather than panic. We have *glorious* promises, such as Romans 5:3-11 and 8:28. That’s why Proverbs says, “The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.” We aren’t foolish, but we are bold, because “God has not given us

the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7).

Prayer in God’s will changes things. It’s God’s eternal plan that it be so. The God who answered Hezekiah’s prayer for deliverance from the fearful might of Assyria is still alive and still in the prayer answering business.

I would urge each born again child of God to take some special time to pray about this situation, and to keep praying day-by-day until we have deliverance.

God has told us to pray for those who are in authority, “that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Timothy 2:1-2). That is exactly what we need! If God has specifically instructed His people to pray for this, is He not ready to answer?

President Trump called for a national day of prayer last week. I wonder how many Bible-believing churches prayed? God doesn’t hear the prayers of those who come to Him in any other way than through the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. “For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time” (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

The day of the Lord has not yet come. It will come soon enough and the pestilences and other judgments will be unprecedented (Matthew 24:3-31).

As for prayer for leaders, the Bible teaches us that the governments are in God’s hands and that He can and does lead unsaved men. The prophet Daniel said, “... he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding” (Da. 2:21).

Let’s do some real praying, brethren, in these panic times. How is your prayer life? Let’s use this occasion to raise the temperature of our prayer lives to a higher level. Do you have a daily prayer closet when you do some real intercessory prayer before the throne of grace? Do you have family altars when the family really prays together? Do you have active prayer partners? Does your church have real prayer meetings when the people actually pray together? This has become a rarity, and it is high time to get back to prayer.



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“Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever” (Jeremiah 31:35-36).

Israel has been the subject of false teaching and unbiblical thinking among professing Christians since the time of the church fathers, so called, and the invention of Replacement Theology and the subsequent sad history of persecution of Jews by professing Christians.

These heresies were subsumed by the Roman Catholic Church and were part of the heretical baggage that was brought out of Rome by many Protestants. Luther did not get his ideas about burning synagogues from Scripture rightly divided.

I have been amazed and saddened in recent days to learn of a growing (though small) movement among fundamental Baptists to adopt the ancient heresy of Replacement Theology.

I love Israel, and I love Israel because I love the Bible. I don't love Israel because I am a “Christian Zionist” or because of the Scofield Bible or Darby Dispensationalism.

I love Israel because the Bible teaches me to love Israel.

I love Israel because Jehovah God loves Israel and says, “If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD” (Jeremiah 31:37).

The Lord Jesus taught me to love Israel when He wept over her on the eve of His crucifixion (Luke 19:41) and said on the cross, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34), and when He rose from the dead and commanded that the gospel be preached “among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47).

The apostle Paul taught me to love Israel by his great Christlike love for her even in her rebellious, gospel-rejecting condition (Romans 10:1-4) and by his lifelong ministry to Israel even in the face of her stubborn persecution of the gospel (16 times in Acts we read about his preaching in the synagogues) and by his teaching that the gospel is for the “Jew first” (Romans 1:16).

I love Israel's past, present, and future. I have studied Israel for 44 years, since I was saved, primarily by studying the Bible, but I have also studied every aspect of Israel from a great many sources. I'm not

an expert on Israel, but I am a serious student of Israel. I have read and skimmed a couple hundred books about Israel, and I have published many books of my own about Israel.

I've studied Israel in museums and other locations in America, England, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Italy, Greece, Jordan, and Turkey.

I have studied her history, her laws, her prophecies, her enemies, her topography, her climate past and present, her people, her culture, her archaeology, her Diaspora.

I have studied the Talmud, Zionism, the kibbutzim, the Rothschilds, Israel's modern wars, her military, her leaders, her development, her ingenuity, her technology.

I have studied her rebellion against God, her stubbornness as denounced by her own prophets, her amazing rejection of her own Messiah.

I have studied Israel on the ground multiple times, from the Red Sea to Mt. Hermon. I have traveled the entire length of the Jordan River, taken a boat entirely around the Sea of Galilee, observed the Plain of Megiddo from a hot air balloon, and gone to many places where tourists rarely or never go, including Mt. Meron, Jezreel, Mt. Gerizim, Eglon, Gath, Ashkelon, Shiloh, Timna, Eilat, the Scorpion Ascent, Zin, Yodfat, Harod spring, the Elah Valley, Shaaraim, Ziklag, Gibeon, Bethpage, Anathot, Mt. Gilboa, Nain, Endor, Shunem, Gezer, Mt. Arbel, Tabgha, Katzrin, Dor, Bet Shearim, Avdat, Tel Sheva, Garar, Lachish, Maresha, Machpelah, Jericho, Mt. Tabor, and Ein Gev.

I've interviewed Netafim engineers and Biobee representatives, toured banana, mango, and dairy farms, visited many of the kibbutzim and a great number of Israel's museums.

I know that Israel is still in rebellion against God just as surely as when Jeremiah preached 2,600 years ago, but I love Israel and look forward to her salvation.

I know that Israel was at the forefront of the death of Christ, that the Jewish leaders pressed Pilate to crucify Him, but I love Israel and look forward to the day when a remnant will look on him "whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his own son" (Zechariah 12:10).

I know that rabbinic Judaism is a false religion, but I love Israel and look forward to the day that she will turn from these broken cisterns to the life-giving words of the living God.

I have studied the Talmud and Kabbalah and world history and Jewish history and American history and Hasidic Judaism and Nachman and the Na Nach movement and Schneerson and the Chabad movement.

I have studied all sorts of conspiracy theories. I have studied the history of false Jewish Messiahs. I have been to Mt. Meron and observed the occultic Kabbalah rituals at the tombs of the rabbis. I have seen images of the pagan Zodiac and the Greek sun god on the floors of ancient synagogues.

We have witnessed to atheist Jews and homosexual Jews. We know that Israel is a hotbed of relativistic morality, a mecca for "gays," that the Israel Defense Force (IDF) is a proving ground for transsexual rights.

I know how terribly lost Israel is today, but neither history nor current events nor Israel's apostasy nor the Bible teach that God is finished with Israel or that Israel today is not Israel or that the church is Israel.

As a born again believer in Jesus Christ, I am a son of Abraham by faith, but I am not a son of Jacob. And it is Jacob who will be saved and restored (Isaiah 59:20).

I know that modern Israel is not the fulfillment of the kingdom prophecies, that modern Israel is an unrighteous secular state, but I love Israel and look forward to when the desert shall blossom as a rose as a divine miracle and not as a result of drip

irrigation (Isaiah 35:1) and sorrow and sighing shall flee away (Isaiah 35:10) and the Branch of righteousness will reign over a righteous Israel as the capital of His world kingdom (Jeremiah 23:5).

I would not join “Christian Zionists” in giving one dime toward the Temple Institute’s program to build the Third Temple, knowing that it will be occupied by the Antichrist rather than the Christ, but I love Israel and am fascinated by the fulfillment of prophecy before my very eyes in these preparations.

It is impossible for me *not* to see the hand of God in modern Israel, in her partial return after 2,000 years of wandering among the nations, in the resurrection of her ancient language, in the winning of her wars against all odds, in the development of the land in the face of great and continual difficulties and almost worldwide opposition.

To understand modern Israel, I turn to the great prophecy of Ezekiel 37, which teaches that Israel will return from her Diaspora, which is described in terms of a valley of death, in two stages, and in the first stage she will return in a spiritually dead condition (verses 7-10). Verse 8 says, “... lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: BUT THERE WAS NO BREATH IN THEM.”

This is exactly *what* Israel is today and *where* Israel is today prophetically.

Modern Israel is setting the stage for the fulfillment of the last stage of Daniel’s prophecy of the 70 Weeks (Da. 9:24-27), which describes the entirety of God’s dealings with Israel from the time of the Babylonian Captivity to the second coming of Christ.

The prophecy is specifically said to pertain to Daniel’s people, Israel, and it is specifically said to describe the finishing of Israel’s transgression, the making of reconciliation for her iniquity, and the bringing in of everlasting righteousness, which will begin with Christ’s return (verse 24).

By this prophecy we know that one prophetic week of seven years remains of God’s final dealings with Israel, and at the beginning of that week the antichrist will arise and make a seven-year covenant with many in Israel and half way through the seven years, he will break the covenant and desecrate the third temple and cause the renewed sacrifices to cease, which will initiate the last half of the seven years, which is called the Great Tribulation in the New Testament (Matthew 24:15-22).

Modern Israel is setting the stage for these events. She is back in her own land, having partially returned from the nations. She is preparing for the building of the third temple. She is looking for a peace-making, temple-building Messiah, which is a perfect definition of the antichrist at the beginning of his reign.

When I visit Israel, I feel as if the whole place is just vibrating, as it were, in anticipation of the fulfillment of prophecy.

The stage is set!

2 Thessalonians 2:6-8 explains why the 70th Week of Daniel’s prophecy has not yet been fulfilled, and it has to do with God’s great love for sinners. The one who withholds the devil’s “mystery of iniquity” program to put the antichrist on the throne of the world is a Person. The one who withholds is twice called “he” in verse 7. This is none other than the Holy Spirit, who came into the world to empower the saints for world evangelism during the church age as described in Acts 1:8 and who will be “taken out of the way” in the sense of the lifting of His present restraining ministry toward the devil’s program.

The Holy Spirit is omniscient and has always been in the world and cannot leave the world, but Paul is talking about a particular ministry of the Holy Spirit during the church age.

Why is God waiting? Peter explains. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count

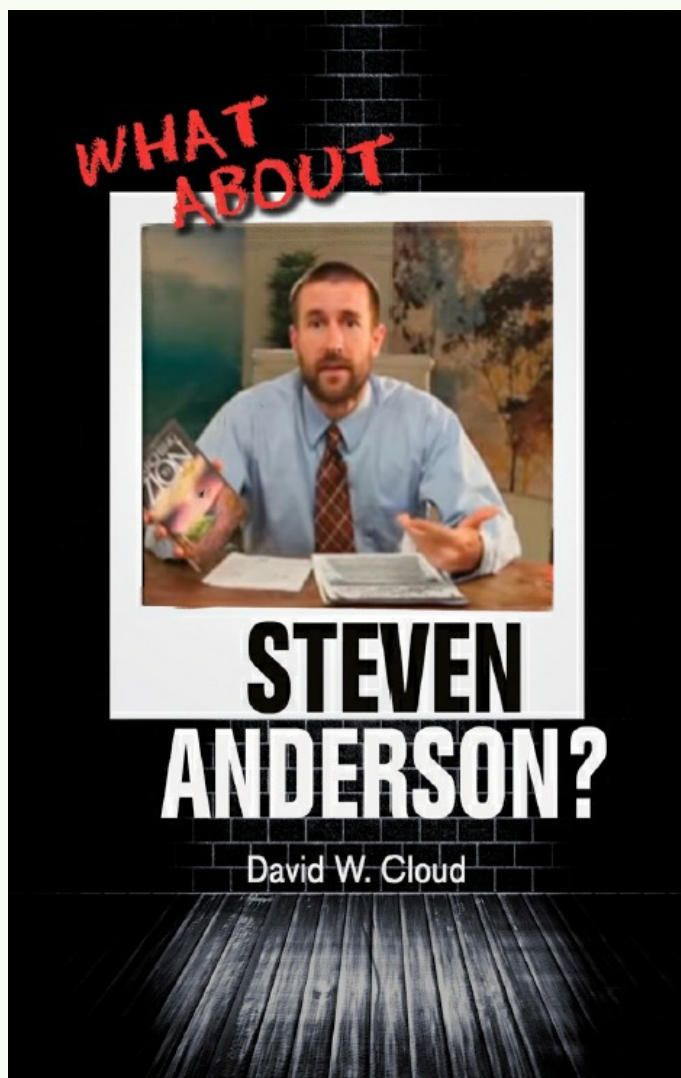
slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). God continues to call out a people from the nations for His name (Acts 15:14).

I love Israel. I am sad at her stubborn rejection of God’s Word, but I look forward to her conversion and beyond to ruling and reigning with the redeemed of Israel in Christ’s millennial kingdom and beyond that, in the New Jerusalem, the gates of which are named for the twelve tribes of Israel and the foundations of the wall of which are named for the twelve apostles of the church (Revelation 21:12-14).

The church and Israel are different bodies and different programs in God’s great eternal plan, but they are closely associated in that they have the same father, Abraham, and the same Saviour, Jesus Christ, and they will live forever in the same City.

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DIGGING IN THE WALLS

God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw. ..." (Ezek. 8:7-10).

Ezekiel was then instructed to preach against the errors of the leaders and to tell the people the things he had witnessed.

"Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ... Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewed me" (Ezek. 11:4,25).

The hour in which we live is very similar to that of Ezekiel's day. Many of those who profess to be the people of God are apostate. It was prophesied in the New Testament Scriptures that such would be the case in the closing hours of our age. This will culminate in the brief worldwide rule of an utterly apostate Harlot "church" (2 Tim. 3-4; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Pet. 2-3; Jude; Rev. 17).

As in Ezekiel's day much of the apostasy of our hour is hidden from the view of the average Christian. We intend by God's grace to "dig in the walls" of modern ecumenism and to expose and cry out against the things we find. In this section we also report on secular events which are relevant to Christians. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to obey. Is the truth of God not worthy of defense?



TRUMP APPLAUDS/PRO-MOTES HOMOSEXUAL

AGENDA WORLDWIDE (Friday Church News Notes, February 28, 2020, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Donald Trump Applauds," *Breitbart*, Feb. 21, 2020: "President Donald Trump applauded the release of an upcoming Bollywood film featuring its first-ever gay male lead, as his administration continues to push for the decriminalization of homosexuality around the world. Trump applauded the news shared by the left-wing British human rights campaigner Peter Tatchell, who noted how the film was 'hoping to win over older people following the decriminalization of homosexuality.' In a sure sign of his approval, Trump simply wrote: 'Great!' ... Homosexuality became fully legalized across India back in 2018 when the country's Supreme Court ruled that Section 377, a piece of colonial-era legislation banning sexual acts 'against the order of nature' was unconstitutional. Trump's pleasure is likely the result of his administration's policy of pushing for the decriminalization of homosexuality around the world, with countries including Botswana, Chad, Angola, and Trinidad and Tobago also choosing to legalize the act since he took power in 2017. Last May, Trump even marked Pride celebrations by praising the 'outstanding contributions' LGBT

people have made to America's history while calling on people to 'stand in solidarity with the many LGBT people who live in dozens of countries worldwide that punish, imprison, or even execute individuals on the basis of their sexual orientation.'"

THE PRESIDENT PARDONS ANOTHER BATCH OF CRIMINALS; I GOT A PARDON, TOO

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- On February 18, President Trump pardoned seven people from federal crimes, making a total of about 30 he has pardoned. The U.S. president has the authority to pardon anyone convicted of federal crimes. According to the U.S. Constitution, "He shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offenses against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment" (Article II, Section 2). In 2018, Trump pardoned conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza who was convicted of illegally using straw donors to funnel donations to a Republican Senate candidate. Last year, Trump pardoned Michael Behenna, former U.S. Army Ranger convicted of murdering an Iraqi bomber who had planted an IED that killed two of Behenna's fellow soldiers. He also pardoned Maj. Mathew Golsteyn who had been charged with murdering a Taliban bomb maker. In 1973, I was pardoned of all of my crimes against Almighty God. I was "con-



demned already” by the Highest Court in the universe (John 3:18), and my punishment would have been eternal judgment in the lake of fire. My pardon was issued by the Judge Himself, based on the fact that His only begotten Son took my due punishment and satisfied His law. Not only was I pardoned, I was adopted into the Judge’s family and made a joint heir with His Son.

ANOTHER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY OVER CHILD ABUSE LIABILITIES

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- The Roman Catholic diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has filed for bankruptcy in the face of millions of dollars in liabilities over child sex abuse by priests. The diocese has settled 111 cases, but there are an estimated 200 more. It claims liabilities of between \$50 million and \$100 million, with assets of less than \$10 million. The announcement comes after the disclosure that the diocese paid \$12 million to people abused as children. In 2018, a grand jury concluded that more than 1,000 children were abused by Roman Catholic priests in six Pennsylvania dioceses alone over the last several decades. The report, the product of a two-year investigation, identified 300 abusing priests and lay “brothers” and found evidence of a systematic cover-up by senior church leaders in Pennsylvania



and at the Vatican in Rome (“Report Identifies More Than 1,000,” Associated Press, Aug. 14, 2018). At a news conference, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro said, “The cover-up was sophisticated. And all the while, shockingly, church leadership kept records of the abuse and the cover-up. These documents, from the dioceses’ own ‘Secret Archives,’ formed the backbone of this investigation.” The six dioceses represent only half of the Catholic churches in Pennsylvania. Most of the victims were boys. The Roman Catholic Church in America has paid over \$2 billion to settle lawsuits against immoral priests. The Bishop Accountability organization said that more than 4,000 priests have been accused of abusing children (“US Church to Pay 12.6 Million,” AFP, Aug. 11, 2008). A conservative Catholic organization documented this wretched business in the fall/winter 2002 issue of the magazine *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, observing: “... the overwhelming majority of sexual abuse cases in the Catholic Church--about 90%--involve homosexual priests preying on teenage boys. The major media and the U.S. culture at large want to deny or spin the homosexual factor out of the scandal.” So far, at least 22 Catholic dioceses and religious orders in the U.S. have filed for bankruptcy.

SMARTPHONE/SOCIAL MEDIA ADDICTION

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- The following is excerpted from “Your smartphone is making you stupid, antisocial and unhealthy,” *The Globe and Mail*, Apr. 10, 2018: “If we have lost control over our relationship with smartphones, it is by design. In fact, the business model



of the devices demands it. Because most popular websites and apps don’t charge for access, the internet is financially sustained by eyeballs. That is, the longer and more often you spend staring at Facebook or Google, the more money they can charge advertisers. To ensure that our eyes remain firmly glued to our screens, our smartphones--and the digital worlds they connect us to--internet giants have become little virtuosos of persuasion, cajoling us into checking them again and again--and for longer than we intend. Average users look at their phones about 150 times a day, according to some estimates, and about twice as often as they think they do, according to a 2015 study by British psychologists. Add it all up and North American users spend somewhere between three and five hours a day looking at their smartphones. As the New York University marketing professor Adam Alter points out, that means over the course of an average lifetime, most of us will spend about seven years immersed in our portable computers. These companies have persuaded us to give over so much of our lives by exploiting a handful of human frailties. One of them is called NOVELTY BIAS. It means our brains are suckers for the new. ... it makes us twig helplessly to Facebook notifications and the buzz of incoming e-mail. That’s why social media apps nag you to turn notifications on. They know that once the icons start flashing onto your lock

screen, you won't be able to ignore them. It's also why Facebook switched the colour of its notifications from a mild blue to attention-grabbing red. ... Matt Mayberry, who works at a California startup called Dopamine Labs, says it's common knowledge in the industry that Instagram exploits this craving by strategically withholding 'likes' from certain users. If the photo-sharing app decides you need to use the service more often, it'll show only a fraction of the likes you've received on a given post at first, hoping you'll be disappointed with your haul and check back again in a minute or two. 'They're tying in to your greatest insecurities,' Mr. Mayberry said. ... Some of the mental quirks smartphones exploit are obvious, others counterintuitive. The principle of 'variable rewards' falls into the second camp. Discovered by the psychologist B.F. Skinner and his acolytes in a series of experiments on rats and pigeons, it predicts that creatures are likelier to seek out a reward if they aren't sure how often it will be doled out. Pigeons, for example, were found to peck a button for food more frequently if the food was dispensed inconsistently rather than reliably each time, the Columbia University law professor Tim Wu recounts in his recent book *The Attention Merchants*. So it is with social media apps: Though four out of five Facebook posts may be inane, the 'bottomless,' automatically refreshing feed always promises a good quip or bit of telling gossip just below the threshold of the screen, accessible with the rhythmic flick of thumb on glass."

GENDER THEORY INVENTOR ADMITS HE MADE IT UP (Friday Church News Notes, March 6, 2020, www.wayoflife.org)



fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Parents As First Educators (PAFE), Mar. 2, 2020: "In an article published last fall in the online Canadian magazine *Quillette*, historian Christopher Dummitt discusses how he went from denying that sex is a biological reality to admitting that he was wrong. Dummitt describes how in the 1990s as a graduate student he promoted the idea that sex is wholly a social construct—'that there was no such thing as sex.' At that time he couldn't find many people that agreed with him because 'such beliefs went against common sense.' Fast forward 25 years and 'now my big idea is everywhere,' writes Dummitt. It shows up especially in the talking points about trans rights, and policy regarding trans athletes in sports. It is being written into laws that essentially threaten repercussions for anyone who suggests that sex might be a biological reality. Such a statement, for many activists, is tantamount to hate speech. Dummitt admits he was wrong in promoting the idea that sex is a social construct, and says that he and others in the gender-studies field were 'making it up' when it came to their research. Yet this 'baseless' idea that Dummitt and others promoted is what is driving the transgender movement and its lobbying to have pro-transgender policies put in place. Dummitt laments the fact that, 'My flawed

reasoning, and other scholarship using the same defective thinking, now is being taken up by activists and governments to legislate a new moral code of conduct.' This 'flawed reasoning' and 'defective thinking' has found its way into the Ontario sex-ed curriculum and who knows how many 'spontaneous' classroom discussions about sex and gender identity led by activist teachers. It is also what is behind the dramatic rise in children claiming they are transgender and the medical establishment's approach to such children: affirming their new identity and offering them drugs and surgery to 'transition.'"

CAN A CHILD REPENT? (Friday Church News Notes, March 6, 2020, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Recently I received the following question: "I've always wondered about this question ... can a child repent? ... I asked Jesus to come into my heart when I was seven. I can't recall repentance. I recall saying that I knew I was a sinner, but I don't recall any turning back. So am I not saved? ... There were many years of self-centered living, but I always came back after periods of wandering. There have been times of doubt too. So I must ask that question, can a child repent?" **BRO.**

CLOUD'S REPLY: A child old enough to understand repentance and the gospel and saving faith can repent. But we need to be exceedingly wise about child evangelism, as we explain in the report "[Careful Child Evangelism](#)." There we give 11 suggestions: 1. Fill their minds with God's Word (2 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 4:12; Psa. 19:7; 119:130). 2. Teach them the gospel, and teach them, and teach them (Ro. 1:16; 1 Co. 15:3-4). 3. Deal with repentance (Lk. 17:3; Acts



17:30; 20:21). 4. Don't pressure them. 5. Discipline them. 6. Pray, pray, pray (Jam. 5:16). 7. Look for the convicting, drawing work of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 12:32; 16:7-11). 8. If a child does profess saving faith in Christ, encourage him or her to seek the Lord and His will (2 Tim. 2:19). 9. Look for scriptural evidence of salvation in the child's life. (We give five chief evidences.) 10. Let God confirm to the children that they are saved (Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:6). 11. If the child later expresses doubt about salvation, encourage him to settle it. See <https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/careful-child-evangelism.php>

GOD, GIVE US SPIRITUAL WARRIORS LIKE PAUL! (Friday Church News Notes, March 13, 2020, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The apostle Paul was a fighter. His bodily presence might have been weak, as his enemies claimed (2 Co. 10:10), but he was a special forces-caliber warrior for truth. On the very first stop of his first historic mission-



ary journey, he called out a prominent member of Salamis with these shocking words, "O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord," and struck him with blindness for good measure (Ac. 13:10-11)! What a fireball for God's truth! As for two preachers of that day, Hymenaeus and Alexander, Paul turned them over to the devil "that they may learn not to blaspheme" (1 Ti. 1:20). In an epistle meant to be read by all of the churches, Paul called out two other preachers by name, Hymenaeus and Philetus, labeling their teaching "profane and vain babblings" (2 Ti. 2:16-18). In the same epistle, Paul publicly exposed Alexander the coppersmith's evil (2 Ti. 4:14-15) and called out the preacher Demas, a former coworker, for "having loved this present world," holding him up as a bad example and a warning to all the churches. Paul even rebuked Peter publicly for hypocrisy (Ga. 2:11-14). The apostle to the Gentiles taught a vast amount of truly deep, "positive truth," but he was never content with that. He fought against Galatian Judaizers and Corinthian spiritualizers and Colossian gnostics. He stood against false christs and false gospels and false spirits of any and every sort, but he didn't stop there. He stood against carnality, worldliness, man-centeredness, pride of scholarship, unqualified pastors, dishonesty, laziness, every type of sin in the churches. He was an unwavering disciplinarian (1 Co. 5; 1 Ti. 20). He was big on rebuking (2 Ti. 4:2; Tit. 1:13; 2:15). Unlike many preachers since then, Paul never backed down, never softened his stance, never regretted or repented of fighting for truth's sake. At the very end, Paul summarized his

Christian life with these words, "I have fought a good fight" (2 Ti. 4:7). Indeed! Any preacher who is not a fighter is not walking in the footsteps of Paul. God, give us spiritual warriors!

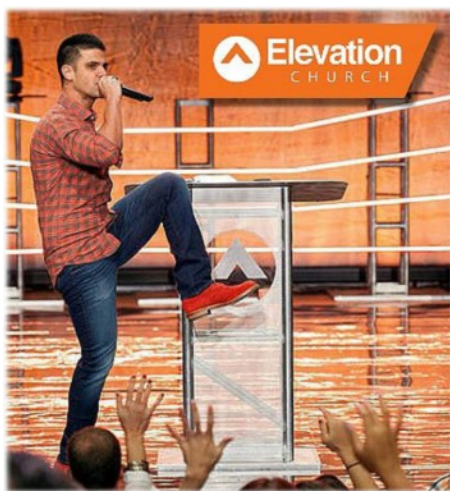
"GAY CHRISTIANITY" MOVEMENT INVADES MENNONITE CHURCHES (Friday Church News Notes, March 13, 2020, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from *Reformation Charlotte*, Mar. 4, 2020: "Posture Shift is a 'gay Christianity' Conference held by a ministry called Lead Them Home that seeks to change how the church views homosexuality and pushes for full inclusivity of gays, lesbians, and other sexually-confused individuals such as 'transgenders.' Many of the Posture Shift speakers and team overlap with the Revoice Conference and one conference was even held at a Southern Baptist Church a few years ago. While the ministry claims according to their website to hold to a biblical ethic on sexuality and marriage, the notion that they actually practice what they preach is clearly absurd. In fact, just taking a look at some of the staff on the ministry's website will paint a completely different picture. For example, look at Lesli Hudson-Reynolds--the ministry's 'Gender Identity Ministry Director.' A simple glance at her shows she doesn't hold to a biblical world-

view on gender and sexuality. Further, upon a quick glance at her public Facebook profile reveals that she has embraced a gay-inclusive form of Christianity that is found nowhere in Scripture. According to the ministry staff bio page, Lesli ‘currently serves as Gender Identity Ministry Director for Lead Them Home.’ She also ‘mentors youth and adults seeking God’s will in their gender identity,’ and is developing a resource designed to ‘thoughtfully engage church leadership in the gender conversation.’ These people believe that it’s perfectly fine to express your aberrant sexuality--you can be a ‘gay Christian,’ or a ‘transgender Christian’--so long as you don’t perform sexual acts. Lesli, herself, appears to identify as a ‘non-binary’ person. In fact, her entire public profile is littered with gay propaganda.”

EMERGING CHURCH PASTOR SAYS YOUNG PEOPLE NEED A CALLING, NOT RULES (Friday Church News Notes, March 13, 2020,, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Rock & roll loving Steven Furtick of Elevation Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, says that what this generation needs is not more rules to live by, but a calling to live for



(“Charlotte Pastor,” *The Christian Post*, Nov. 26, 2010). This is typical emerging church philosophy. In reality, what youth need is *both* a call to real discipleship *and* biblical rules to live by. (The first thing they need is born again salvation, which a great many church youth don’t have.) In Scripture, discipleship involves keeping God’s rules. The Lord Jesus instructed the churches to teach converts to “observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20), and those “all things” are found in the New Testament Scriptures. Consider the epistle of Ephesians. It teaches the glorious truth that salvation is by God’s grace without works, but it also contains three chapters packed with rules for believers to live by, rules that cover every aspect of life, private, family, and work. I have counted 88 specific “rules” in the epistle of Ephesians that every saved by grace child of God is commissioned to keep. Addicted to the pop culture, this generation has rejected rules for a “me first” lifestyle and philosophy, and the emerging church is tickling itching ears with a lusty Christianity, which is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy (2 Timothy 4:3-4). Assuming an upbeat emerging stance, Furtick claims that this is “the most driven, most opportunistic, most positioned generation in history to take the gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world.” In fact, this is a generation that generally lacks the self-sacrifice, discipline, and long-term commitment to accomplish such a great task, but when a young person rejects his “generation,” repenting of his love for the ungodly, vain pop culture, and becomes a true disciple of Christ, submitting himself to Christ’s rule as expressed in Scripture, he can indeed help take the

gospel of Christ to this needy world. This is the objective that every church should have for its young people. What we do agree with is that young people in Bible-believing churches don’t need JUST rules, and they particularly don’t need a mere list of shallow external standards divorced from training in genuine heart-level discipleship and in how to apply the principles of God’s Word to daily living. The essence and fundamental of the Christian life is not rules; it is Christ Himself. True discipleship is to know and serve Jesus Christ, and that will make one a pilgrim and stranger in this present world.

SMARTPHONE/SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS: THE TIME IN WHICH WE LIVE (Friday Church News Notes, March 20, 2020, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

It is a time when

- * the average teen spends almost 11 hours per day in consuming electronic media (TV, radio, internet, etc.)
- * 53% of children go online with no parental supervision
- * 38% of teens have received sexually suggestive content via a device
- * very young children are becoming addicted to online pornography, with their first exposure as young as 8 years old
- * 56% of children 8-11 and 69% of 12-year-olds in America have a smartphone
- * the average smartphone user touches his phone 2,600+ times every day
- * By 2016, youth 13-18 were spending nearly nine hours a day consuming entertainment media (*Business Insider*, Jun. 22, 2016).
- * 66% admit to *nomophobia* (*no-mobile-phone-phobia*),

the fear of not having your phone

- * 40% of smartphone users check their phones in the middle of the night

- * 52% of teens sit around in silence, staring at their smartphones when together with friends

- * 88% of American youth 18-29 use social media and 45% say they are online "on a near-constant basis"

- * there are 2.5 billion monthly Facebook users (one-third of the global population)

- * 90% of teens use Snapchat and 72% use Instagram

- * "If you walk into any middle school in the United States and stop a random 13-year-old girl and ask her how many followers she has on Instagram, she will tell the exact number as of 5 minutes ago" (Jesse Weinberge, *The Boogeyman Exists*, p. 138).

- * new apps like TikTok can explode in popularity from zero to half a billion users in a matter of months

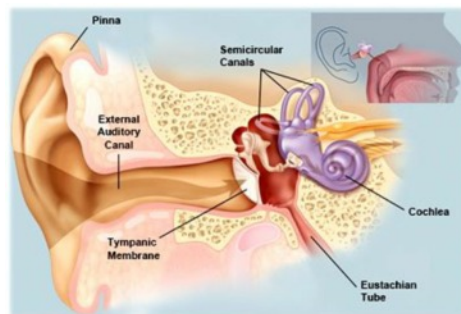
- * 95% of the most watched YouTube videos are highly sexualized music videos

- * the top YouTube celebrity is a video gamer nicknamed PewDiePie with 102 million subscribers, a young man who has made about \$90 million through the social currency of his YouTube channel

- * one very liberal-minded company (Google) controls 73% of all internet searches (on all devices) and 93% of smartphone searches

- * six very liberal-minded corporations own most of the news and broadcast media in America, controlling 90% of what people read, watch, and listen to.

THE TALKING EAR (Friday Church News Notes, March 20, 2020, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



The following is from creationmoments.com, February 12, 2020: "Can your ear talk to you? New research seems to show that your ear actually generates sound that echoes whatever you hear. Startled scientists are making new discoveries that appear to show that we have hearing aids built into our ears. Yes, our ears do produce sounds. When sound hits the eardrums, the vibrations move bones within the ear, causing a bone called the stapes to vibrate. These vibrations are translated to pneumatic pressure within the cochlea. The oscillating pressure is picked up by tiny inner hairs in the cochlea that vibrate with the sound. These vibrations generate an electrical signal that is sent to the brain. Researchers have learned that outer hair cells within the cochlea respond to the incoming signals by generating audible sounds that can be picked up by tiny microphones. The sounds are generated as the hairs dance up and down in time with the incoming sound, just like the cone of a loudspeaker. The effect is that the ear echoes the incoming sound a few thousandths of a second after it enters the ear. The echo generated within the cochlea is not necessary for hearing. However, scientists suspect that this feedback system helps people smoothly hear sounds that range from soft to loud. Some scientists have voiced their skepticism about these astonishing findings. Our ability to hear sound is much more elegant in design than

scientists ever expected. The technically precise details of the ear's design discredit all claims that the ear could have evolved."

ANTIQUITIES THIEF FEARS END OF THE WORLD IS AT HAND (Friday Church News Notes, March 27, 2020, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

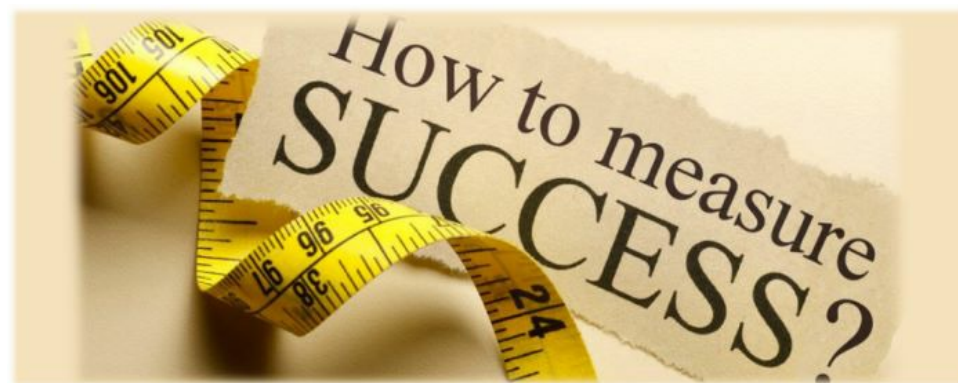
- A religious Jew who stole an antiquities artifact in Israel 15 years ago returned it recently, fearing that the end of the world is at hand. He was a teenager when he swiped a Roman ballista stone from an archaeological exhibition. It is from the siege of Jerusalem in AD 70. Now married with children, the man is seeking to have a clear conscience when he stands before God ("It's the End of the World,' Says Repentant Israeli Antiquities Thief," *Israel Today*, Mar. 18, 2020). If he would read his Bible with open eyes, he would see that he will give account for *every* sin against God in *thought* and *deed* and therefore there is no possibility of being justified by one's deeds; only through the Messiah's vicarious atonement can a sinner be justified. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil" (Ecc. 12:14). "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are



healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:5-6).

A BIBLICAL MEASURE OF A CHURCH (Friday Church News Notes, March 27, 2020, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Instead of "How many members do you have?" or "How many are you running in Sunday School?" or "What's your Sunday morning attendance?" or "What was the attendance of your last special day?" or "How many young people are attending activities?" or "How many kids were at camp this year?" or "How are the offerings?" or "How much is your property worth?" biblical questions would look like the following: Are we seeing life-changing conversions of sinners? What percentage of those who have professed Christ have gone on to be baptized and to grow in Christ and serve Him? What percentage of our members are real Bible students? What percentage faithfully, enthusiastically attend prayer meetings? Do you have real prayer meetings in which the members themselves spend time in prayer together? What percentage of our homes are holy and separated from



the world? What percentage of our homes are effectually raising their children for Christ? What percentage of the husbands are the spiritual leaders of their homes and are modeling a serious walk with Christ, Bible study, prayer, love for souls, ministry in the church? What percentage of the wives are modest and spiritual keepers at home? What percentage of the children in the homes are properly disciplined and biblically educated? What percentage of the youth are on fire for the Lord, meaning surrendered to Christ and separated from the world from the heart and testing their friends, music, and social media by God's Word and being transformed by the renewing of the mind by being serious Bible students and seeking to prove the perfect will of God according to the path of Romans 12? What percentage of the members are actively seeking to share the gospel and win people to Christ as the

ambassadors God has called them to be? Does the church have an aggressive program to reach everyone in the community and beyond with the gospel? What percentage of the members participate in the church's evangelistic outreaches? Is the church holding the line against the world's music and contemporary music? Is it being properly educated in this important issue? Is the church seeing men called to preach and is it training any men for the ministry? Is the church spiritually stronger today than it was 10 years ago? Is the church starting other sound churches? Is it multiplying itself? If these are the questions that preachers are asking, they will have different goals, different plans, different programs, different emphases than most churches today. And they will be laying a foundation to avoid the great collapse that we see on every hand.

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