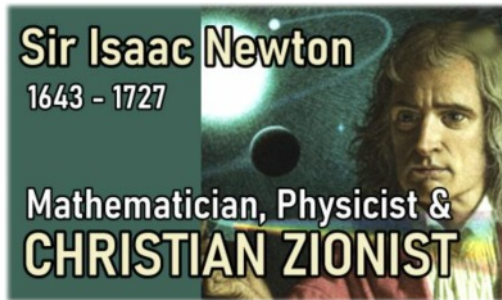


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TESTIMONIES THAT ISRAEL WOULD RETURN ~ By David Cloud

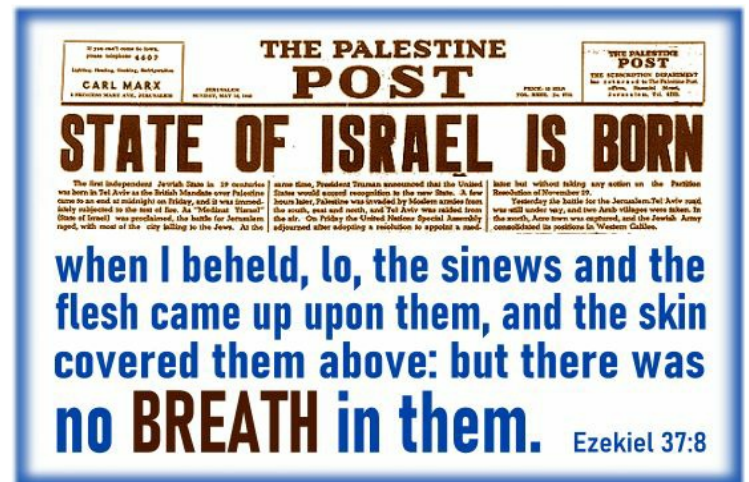
The following testimonies that Israel would be restored to her land were written prior to the overthrow of the Ottomans in "Palestine" by the British at the end of World War II. These testimonies were based on a literal interpretation of Bible prophecy.

When these statements were made, it looked impossible for the Jews to return to the land in any significant numbers and to establish a substantial civil and political presence there, because the Islamic Ottoman Empire (the Turks), which ruled "Palestine," was dead set against such a thing.

Those who interpret the Bible literally will not be disappointed!



(Some of the quotes from this new edition of "Testimonies That Israel Would Return," Aug. 25, 2022, are from *Dispensationalism before Darby* by William C. Watson, 2020).



Ephraim Huit, one of the founders of Windsor, the first town in the colony of Connecticut, 1643 --

"The Jews shall be gathered together in one from the places of their dispersion, Rom 11.26" (The Whole Prophecies of Daniel Explained, London, 1643).

William Hooke, pastor in New Haven, Connecticut, 1669--

“Some have conceiv’d there shall be no other calling of them [Israel], than what was their return out of the Babylonish Captivity ... but Isaiah speaks of a Remnant left, which should be recover’d a second time. Chap. 11.11” (“An Epistle to the Reader,” preface to Increase Mather, *The Mystery of Israel’s Salvation*, 1669).

Increase Mather, prominent Colonial preacher, 1669--

“A General conversion of the Tribes of Israel is a truth which in some measure has been known, and believed in all ages of the Church of God, since the Apostles days. ... I find it passed for current and unquestionable truth in the very next age to the Apostles. However now there are that dare affirm, that the notion of the Chiliad is Heretical, yet in the Primitive times, we read of none but Heretics that questioned the truth of it. Justin Martyr ... did firmly believe the Instauration [restoration] of Jerusalem, and the thousand years according to the Doctrine of the holy Prophets and Apostles; and moreover he saith, no thoroughly Orthodoxal Christian ever doubted of it ... the Chiliad was not denied until Antichrist began to reign, and other opinions far worse that came in the room of it. ... Certainly new discoveries of old truths ought not to be branded with the odious name of Novel opinions” (*The Mystery of Israel’s Salvation*, 1669).

William Alleine, 1684--

“God’s special providence for the Jews to return ... from their dispersion, and the subversion of the kingdom of the Beast will be brought to pass near about the same time. ... [T]he Conversion of that Nation, as a new birth, will be extraordinary and much to admiration and astonishment in respect of the suddenness and shortness of the time” (*Of the State of the Church in Future Age*, 1684, pp. 58, 79).

William Torrey, pastor in Weymouth, Massachusetts, 1687--

“When will this [Armageddon] be? It will be in the latter Days, ver. 11, and yet long before the last Day. It will be at or about the Calling of the Jews, Joel 3.1; and spoke of, Ezekiel 37, immediately before this great Destruction. ... a Time when God would gather them out of all Countries, and bring them to their own land ... which is yet future” (*A Brief Discourse concerning Futurities or Things to Come*, written in 1687, published posthumously in 1757).

Pierre Jurieu, French Huguenot preacher, 1687--

“Twill without doubt be said, that the Jews shall have the fulfilling of these great promises, through their return and calling, which will be at the end of the World. Indeed ’tis a Position in true Christianity, that the Jews shall be called again. A thousand Oracles (some of which we have cited) promise this. The Miracle, by which God doth preserve this Nation, proveth it, as I think most irresistibly. ... This plainly speaks, that God preserves them for some great work. ... There must come a time, that shall be the reign of the Messiah and the Jews, in which this Nation shall be exalted (as hath been promised to them) above all Nations, they must reign in their Saints ... in the Oracles before us, the Gentiles are evidently distinguisht from the people of Israel: Israel rules over the Gentiles; the Nations must rejoice in her light: All Nations must come day and night unto mount Sion, and to the City of Jerusalem. The Kings of the Gentiles must be her Protectors ... Gentiles must serve her. In a word, let all these Oracles be viewed, and it will be seen that the people of Israel must be the ruling, the chosen, the Holy people” (*The Accomplishment of the Scripture Prophecies*, London, 1687, pp. 297-301).

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Isaac Newton, renowned scientist, c. 1700--

“[T]he mystery of this restitution of all things is to be found in all the Prophets [but] few Christians in our age can find it there. For they understand not that the final return of the Jews captivit[y] and their ... righteous and flourishing kingdom at the day of judgment is this mystery. Did they understand this they would find it in all the old Prophets who write of the last times as in the last chapters of Isaiah. ... This was God’s covenant with Abraham when he promised that his seed should inherit the land of Canaan for ever, and on this covenant was founded the Jewish religion ... it ought to be considered and understood by all men who pretend to the name of Christians” (*Of the Day of Judgment and World to Come*, from Frank Manuel, *The Religion of Isaac Newton*, pp. 126-130).

“Sir Isaac Newton ... was, from the 1670s until his death in 1727, a premillennialist, a literal exegete of biblical prophecy, and an ardent advocate of the Jews’ restoration to the Holy Land. Like most Christian Zionists today, Newton considered God’s covenant with Abraham in Genesis to be permanent and irrevocable. ... he rejected claims that the prophecies of the Jews’ return from exile had already been fulfilled. Rather, he argued, the prophets foresaw two returns, one from Babylon, the other from the current diaspora.”

“Newton based this ‘double return’ of the Jews on Isaiah 11:11, ‘In that day the LORD will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant which is left of his people’. He believed the Jews would convert to Christianity and return to the Holy Land prior to Armageddon which he calculated would occur no earlier than the year 2060” (Stephen Spector, *Evangelicals and Israel: The Story of Christian Zionism*, 2009, p. 17).

Samuel Willard, pastor Third Church, Boston, acting president of Harvard, 1700--

“There hath not as yet been a full performance of it [the restoration of Israel], but that it is to be waited for, when that General Calling in of the Jews shall Commence, of which we have a satisfying account in Rom. 11 ... that happy time which is expected by the Church of God, when all Israel shall be saved” (*The Fountain Opened: or, The Great Gospel Privilege of having Christ exhibited to Sinfull Men*, 1700).

William Whiston, 1708--

“The Ancient Prophecies of the Messias are of two sorts: and as some of them concern his first coming to suffer ... are comparatively few; so the rest of them concern his second coming to advance his Kingdom and restore the Jews, these are by much the greater number ... The Seed or Posterity of Abraham, Isaak and Jacob should conquer and obtain the Land of Canaan ... instated in them for an indefeasible Inheritance: So that tho’ they should many times be expell’d thence and carry’d Captive for their Sins, yet should their Title endure; and they should at last return to it, and be resettled in it. ... This glorious and everlasting Covenant made with Abraham, Isaak and Jacob ... the Land of Canaan’s being their unalienable Possession and Inheritance, is in the Scripture very frequently and very emphatically expressed. ... According to these Promises, that this Land of Canaan should be to the Children of Israel an everlasting Possession ... *then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee*. ... I believe it is not far off. ... God will ultimately and completely, as he promised, Give to the seed of Abraham all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession” (*The Accomplishment of Scripture Prophecies*, Cambridge, 1708, pp. 39, 118, 119, 120, 123).

John Hildrop, schoolmaster, Wilshire, England, 1714--

“[T]he whole Nation of the Jews shall be at length gather’d together again, and restor’d to their own Country, that Jerusalem should be rebuilt, that they should all be converted to the Faith of Christ, be an holy and elect People, that they should enjoy the Blessings of Peace and Prosperity, that this Age would be what we call the Millennium and Reign of Christ upon Earth” (*Spes Filelium; or, the Believer’s Hope*, 1714, p. 61).

Samuel Coller, 1747--

“The following Treatise being designed to shew, that you, who are now dispersed among the Nations, will, in a short time, with the rest of the Israelites, be restored to your own Land ... it pleased God to make choice of your great Ancestor Abraham, with his Posterity ... to give them the Land of Canaan for an everlasting Possession ... exalt them above the rest of the World ... you have a Promise of a Restoration to your own Land ... and in the last Ages be established over the whole Earth. ... the Jews have been

expelled [from] that Country for almost seventeen hundred Years, and continue even to this time dispersed among all the Nations of the Earth ... the Land of Canaan lies in a manner desolate” (*A Treatise of the Future Restoration of the Jews and Israelites to Their Own Land*, London).

Thomas Newton, Bishop of Bristol, 1754--

“The Preservation of the Jews is really one of the most signal and illustrious acts of divine Providence ... what but a supernatural power could have preserved them in such a manner ... God’s promises to them are not yet made good in the full extent ... we have all imaginable reason to believe, since so many of those prophecies are fulfilled, that the remaining prophecies will be fulfilled also: that ... the Jews will in God’s good time be restored to their native city and country ... the great Empires, which in their turn subdued and oppressed the people of God, are all come to ruin ... let it serve as a warning to all those, who are for raising a clamour and persecution against them. ... *I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them.* Lev. xxvi.44” (Dissertation on the Prophecies, 1754).

Charles Wesley, 1762--

We know it must be done for God hath spoke the word,
All Israel shall their Saviour own to their first state restored.

Rebuilt by His command Jerusalem shall rise, Her temple on Moriah stand again, and touch the skies.

Send Thy servants forth to call the Hebrews home, from west and east and south and north let all wanderers come. Where’er in lands unknown Thy fugitives remain, Bid every creature help them on Thy holy mount to gain (“Almighty God of Love,” 1762, based on Isaiah 66:19-20)

Father of faithful Abraham, hear our earnest suit for Abraham’s seed!

Justly they claim the softest prayer from us ... Come then, Thou great Deliverer, come!

The veil from Jaob’s heart remove; Receive Thy ancient people home!

That, quickened by Thy dying love, The world may their reception find life from the dead for all mankind (“Father of Faithful Abraham,” 1762, based on Romans 11:15-27)

John Gill, 1763--

“That the Jews upon their conversion in the latter day will return to the land of Judea again, and possess it, is the sense of many passages of Scripture; among others, see Jer. 30:17” (*Exposition of the Old Testament*).

Thomas Reader, 1778

“[Y]our dispersion upon the face of the earth has been long, and very tedious, especially in some countries; yet, while the Lord has made a fast end of the nations which destroyed your ancestors, his eye and his hand have been visibly upon you. ... when I consider the love which he shewed to your ancient patriarchs and prophets, whose honored descendants had the lively oracles committed to them, even all the deeds and writings which contain the hopes of the whole world. Those promises still stand ... the undeceiving pledge which God has given you of the certain happiness of your pledge which God has given you of the certain happiness of your unborn posterity ... your future glory. ... I have been much supported by the certain expectation of what God yet designs to do for you. ... This covenant being absolute, must be irrevocable ... more firm and stable than the most durable things in nature ... the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed” (*Israel’s Salvation: or, An Account from the Prophecies of Scripture of the Grand Events which await the Jew, to the end of time*, London, 1788).

John Baillie, dissenting minister of Newcastle, England, 1792--

“Surely if the history of any nation claims our attention, how much more that of a nation, stamped by sacred authority, and stiled, by way of eminence, The People Of God! A people from whom every nation under heaven have derived all their sacred and divine knowledge, and in whom all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. ... the descendants of Abraham, the friend of God, now scattered and dispersed and fallen ... will one day be collected from all the ends of the earth and shall rise to a degree of eminence and felicity, far surpassing that of the most splendid period of their history” (*Two Sermons: ... The Second on Time, Manner, and Means of the Conversion and Universal Restoration of the Jews*, London, 1791, pp. 47-48).

James Bicheno, Baptist pastor, Newbury, England, 1797 and 1800--

“[T]he resurrection of the Jews from the dead, is allowed, and all hands, to be their rising to civil and political existence, when they shall be restored from their dispersions and bondage to their own land and to liberty; and the spirit which is promised, Ezek. xxxvii.14 ... the spirit of political and civil life” (*The Signs of the Times; or, The Dark Prophecies of Scripture Illustrated by the Application of Present Important Events*, part II, 1797, p. 26).

“The Power of the Turks will be overturned. And, in the midst of these conclusions, troubles and revolutions, the Jews will be put in motion, and return to take possession of their ancient country. Of all these singular and astonishing events which the prophecies have taught us to look for, and to consider as the signs of our Lord’s near approach, there is no one which will be more calculated to strike the attention of mankind ... as the Restoration of the Jewish people ... it will, with irresistible force, command the serious attention of all true Christians. How near the Restoration of the Jews may be, is impossible to say. ... God hath, as by a continued miracle, preserved the Jews a distinct people, so that, different from what has happened to all other conquered nations, though scattered, hated and persecuted, more than any other people on earth, they have yet tenaciously adhered to their religion and rites ... But, doubtless, they are preserved for very important ends. ... The Jews, after their present long captivity, will be gathered from all nations, and again be restored to their own country, and be made a holy and happy people. ... How long it is to the time when ‘the dry bones of the house of Israel’ will begin to move ... no one can say how near, or how distant, the time may be, when God will fulfill His promises to the Jewish nation” (*The Restoration of the Jews, the Crisis of all Nations; or, An Arrangement of the Scripture Prophecies, which relate to the Restoration of the Jews, and to some of the most interesting circumstances which accompany*, London, 1800, pp. 4-7, 110, 111).

Charles Simeon, 1820--

“[T]he Jews at large, and the generality of Christians also, believe that the dispersed of Israel will one day be restored to their own land” (*Horae Homileticae, Or, Discourses Upon the Whole Scriptures*, vol. 6).

Edward Bickersteth, 1841--

“Shortly afterwards Abraham was called to survey the land of Canaan, and it was promised to him in these words, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward; for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. Gen. 13:14, 15. The promise was renewed, and confirmed to Isaac and Jacob. Gen. 17:4-16; 22:15-18; 24:3, 4; 28:13-15. The extent of the land is more explicitly stated in the words, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river Euphrates. Gen. 15:18.

“These promises, in their plain and obvious meaning, convey a perpetual possession of this land to this nation; Yet hitherto the actual possession by the children of Abraham has been very partial and interrupted. Even in the reign of Solomon there does not appear to have been that full possession and sovereignty of the whole which the promises lead us to expect. And history shews us that for 1800 years, the Jews have been driven from this land, and scattered over the face of the earth; but they are so marvellously preserved in their distinctness, in the midst of the nations, that the literal fulfillment of the prophecy is to this day a possibility, and their present state is, in the providence of God, such as to make it a probability in the eyes of men in general.

“The original promises are confirmed and enlarged in a great variety of forms in subsequent parts of the Holy Scriptures. Prophecies which describe literally their present dispensation and degradation, then promise their future restoration and glory; thus making the dispersion the pledge and assurance of the restoration.

“There have been different systems of interpretation of these prophecies in the Christian church. Some would view them as already literally fulfilled; or explain them in a figurative and mystical sense. Others, fully agreeing that true believers have, through Christ, a real interest in every spiritual and eternal blessing promised in the Old Testament, and that the New Testament justifies us in a spiritual application of some of the Old Testament prophecies to the Christian church, believe also that there will be yet an exact literal accomplishment to the Jewish nation of the promises made to them. This is the view here maintained” (*The Restoration of the Jews to Their Own Land*).

James Hamilton, 1843--

“Abstaining from all speculations regarding the period when, and the agencies by which the result is to be brought about, it will be the subject of this lecture to show I. That the Jews are to be restored to their own land; and II. That they are to be converted. In other words, the destination of the Jews includes their restoration and conversion.

“When a great city is overthrown, and the first outburst of sorrow dies away, it is either quietly rebuilt and re-occupied, or forsaken and forgotten. In either case it is only one generation which suffers. If a new city rise on the ruins of the old, the conquerors and the conquered usually blend more or less together, and in some future age they live promiscuously and rejoice in common on a soil which their fathers moistened with one another’s blood. What modern Roman lays it the least to heart that the grass waves in theatres where his forefathers sat the long summer day, and laughed, and cheered, and shouted; or, who feels it personally that the bramble grows out of the riven altar on which Romulus or Numa laid the struggling victim? The chain of identity is broken, and the new race is clean severed from the old. If, on the other hand, no new city be suffered to arise, if the shock which overturned its walls have also dispersed its people, like the shattered fragments of the avalanche, they soon melt and are lost atoms in the stream of some mightier population. Where is the bosom in which Troy awakens the faintest throb of patriotic feeling? What nation pays its pilgrimage to the swampy sites of Nineveh and Babylon? ... Where are the people who have the hereditary right to sit down among such ruins, and recognising emblems of departed glory, the right to weep because *their* ‘house is left unto them desolate?’ Where are the old inhabitants? They are not exterminated, and yet they have vanished. Merged in the nations, and mutually commingled, there is no precipitate which can decompose them and bring them out in their original distinctness again. The house is desolate; but no one feels that the house is his, so no one mourns its desolation.

“But there is a city whose case is quite peculiar. Captured, ravaged, burnt, razed to the foundation, dispeopled, carried captive, its deported citizens sold in slavery, and forbidden by severest penalties to visit their native seats again; though eighteen centuries have passed, and strangers still tread its hallowed soil, that city is still the magnet of many hearts, and awakens from time to time pangs of as keen emotion as when its fall was recent. Ever and anon, and

from all the winds of heaven Zion’s exiled children come to visit her, and with eyes weeping sore bewail her widowhood. No city was ever honoured thus. None else receives pilgrimages of affection from the fiftieth generation of its outcast people. None else after centuries of dispersion could at the first call gather beneath its wings the whole of its wide-wandering family. None else has possessed a spell sufficient to keep in remotest regions, and in the face of the mightiest inducements, its people still distinct; and none but itself can now be re-peopled with precisely the same race which left it nearly two thousand years ago. The reason of this anomaly must be sought, not in Jerusalem, but in the purposes of God” (James Hamilton, “The Destination of the Jews,” Lecture I in *Lectures on the Conversion of the Jews*, British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews, 1843).

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1864--

“The meaning of our text [Ezekiel 37:1-10], as opened up by the context, is most evidently, if words mean anything, first, that there shall be a political restoration of the Jews to their own land and to their own nationality. And then, secondly, there is in the text and in the context a most plain declaration that there shall be a spiritual restoration--in fact a conversion--of the tribes of Israel.

“Israel is now blotted out from the map of nations. Her sons are scattered far and wide. Her daughters mourn beside all the rivers of the earth. Her sacred song is hushed--no king reigns in Jerusalem! She brings forth no governors among her tribes. But she is to be restored! She is to be restored ‘as from the dead.’ When her own sons have given up all hope of her, then is God to appear for her. She is to be reorganized--her scattered bones are to be brought together. There will be a native government again. There will again be the form of a political body” (“The Restoration and Conversion of the Jews,” Metropolitan Tabernacle).

Samuel Wakefield, 1869--

“... a future restoration awaits this people, and will be to the world a glorious demonstration of the truth of prophecy. ... Three things are certain: the Jews themselves expect it; they are preserved by the providence of God as a distinct people for their country; and their country, which is in fact possessed by no one, is preserved for them” (*Theology*, p. 96).

William E. Blackstone, 1878--

“And their wonderful preservation, as a distinct people, through all the persecutions, vicissitudes and wanderings of the past eighteen centuries down to the present moment, is a standing miracle, attesting the truth of God’s word, and assuring us of His purposes in their future history. Said Frederick the Great to his chaplain: ‘Doctor, if your religion is a true one, it ought to be capable of very brief and simple proof. Will you give me an evidence of its truth in one word?’ The good man answered, ‘Israel.’ Other nations come and go, but Israel remains. She passes not away. God says of her, ‘For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, said the Lord, thy Redeemer.’ Isa. 54:7-8. But, perhaps, you say: ‘I don’t believe the Israelites are to be restored to Canaan, and Jerusalem rebuilt.’ Dear reader! have you read the declarations of God’s word about it? Surely nothing is more plainly stated in the Scriptures” (*Jesus Is Coming*; this book sold millions of copies and was translated into more than 40 languages).

David Baron, 1894--

“This book [Jeremiah], dictated by God Himself, is a very remarkable one; for though it concerns Israel, it is addressed chiefly to the Gentile nations.

‘For thus saith the Lord Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. ... Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock’ (Jeremiah xxxi. 7, 10).

“It is a testimony, then, not so much to Israel as to the Gentile nations about Israel. Just as, in the epistle to the Romans, we find, as it were, an epistle within an epistle; three chapters—ix., x., xi.—expressly indited by the Spirit of God, for the purpose of enlightening Gentile Christians with regard to God’s purposes in Israel. The apostle is most impressed with the importance of the Church having correct views on this subject; and feels that he cannot leave them ignorant of this mystery, lest, through the erroneous notion that God hath cast away His people Israel which He foreknew, and that the special

promises and privileges reserved to Israel nationally in the Word of God have been transferred to the Church, they should fall into the danger of self-conceit.

“So here, through the prophet Jeremiah, there is a definite message, a proclamation, a warning, to the chief of the Gentile nations, and to the isles afar off, to the same purport, viz., that God is not yet done with Israel—that ‘He that scattereth Israel will gather him and keep him as a shepherd doth his flock.’ ...

“There are several methods of interpretation which seem alike unsatisfactory, and are perhaps responsible for a great deal of Jewish and Gentile unbelief. There is, first of all, the old-fashioned way of so-called spiritualizing the prophecies making Israel and Zion to mean the Church, and The Land to signify heaven; but I confess this system of interpretation has no consistency about it, and makes the Word of God the most meaningless and unintelligible book in the world. For instance, we read here:

“‘I will bring again the captivity of My people Israel and Judah; ... and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers.’

“If Israel be the Church, who is Judah? If Judah be the Church, who is Israel? What is the ‘captivity’ the Church has endured? and where is ‘the land’ from which the Church has been driven out, and to which it will return? At the end of the prophecy we read:

“‘Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner. And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath. And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kedron, 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’ (Jeremiah xxxi. 38-40).

“In what particular locality in heaven are the tower of Hananeel and the corner gate? And what will our allegorical interpretations make of the hill Gareb, and Goath, and the brook Kedron? All these are known to me in the environs of the literal Jerusalem in Canaan; but I confess some difficulty in locating them in heavenly places. If Israel does not mean Israel, and ‘the land God

gave to the fathers' does not mean Palestine, then I do not know what is meant.

"The announcement is: 'He that scattereth Israel will gather him.' Now, when it comes to *scattering*—of course, this is allowed to refer to literal Israel, to the Jews, 'scattered and peeled'; but when, in the same sentence, a gathering of the same people is mentioned oh, this is the gathering of the spiritual Israel. What consistency or honesty, I pray, is there in such interpretations!" (*The Jewish Problem: Its Solution, or, Israel's Present and Future*).

Alfred H. Burton, 1896--

"The Jews will then be settled in their own land. Having returned in unbelief, they will have formed themselves into a flourishing community. ... Reader, these things may soon take place. The mighty armies are to be mown down before the brightness of Christ's glory, when like the lightning He shall descend from heaven. Let not the infidelity of our days lead you to question the possibility of such things" (*The Future of Europe and Russia's Destiny in the Light of Prophecy*, pp. 72, 73).

Ford C. Ottman, 1905--

"Israel is yet to be revived, and Jesus says: 'Learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh' (Mat. 24:32). What is the meaning of the modern Zionist movement, and the widespread interest in the return of the Jews to Palestine? A distinguished Jewish Rabbi said recently: 'There is no Jewish nation, and there never will be. The Zionists that make so much noise do not represent Jewish sentiment. There is no general movement to restore Israel to Palestine. We preach today not Jewish nationality but universal Judaism, humanitarianism, the unity of God and man. Washington is to us a second Moses. When he freed America from Tyranny he created a haven of refuge for all the oppressed, including the Jews. Why do we need Palestine? We have America. That is enough.' The unbelieving surrender of the promises only shows how completely Israel has given up her God. But the God of Israel abides, and He will yet come forth and recover the glory due Him. Back the Israelites shall go, whether they know it or not, and God will vindicate His faithfulness and glory. The fig tree, though barren, still abides" (*The Unfolding of the Ages in the Revelation of John*, pp. 172).

Walter Scott, 1910--

"Israel is *the* subject of prophecy. In the drama of human history the Hebrew is the chief actor. In the domain of prophecy he is equally prominent. The past and future circle round the Jew. The Jew is the great factor in prophecy. ... The once mighty monarchies of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome have risen, flourished, and fallen, leaving no permanent results behind. But the Jews, whose reliable history goes further back than any of those ancient kingdoms, are with us *to-day*. In physiognomy and national characteristics the Jew is unchanged. In a history of nigh four thousands years. ... The Jews as a people cannot be destroyed. God is their keeper and preserver, even while under His governmental judgment as they are to-day. The Jews, without a home, without a country, without a government, without a head, are yet a people as distinct from the Gentiles in national faith, feeling, and hope, as in the days of David and Solomon" (*At Hand, Or, Things Which Must Shortly Come to Pass*, London: Pickering & Inglis, 4th edition, pp. 66, 68).

"The Restoration of the Hebrew Commonwealth is the first and indispensable necessity for the arrangement of the situation to suit the requirements of the prophetic orderly system mapped out in the Word. The whole prophetic future depends on *that* primary fact. The Jew, and not the Gentile, is the centre of God's government of the earth; hence all take shape and colour from the settlement of Judah in her land. This will be the great political event of the centuries, and one which will attract universal attention. ... whenever, and by whomsoever, the return of Judah is effected, the result will be to change the whole political government of the world. ... The Restoration of Israel to Palestine is the first and fundamental necessity demanded by prophecy" (*At Hand, Or, Things Which Must Shortly Come to Pass*, pp. 71, 72, 73).

B.H. Carroll, 1913-16--

"Then he [Moses in Deuteronomy 30] graciously unfolds this special mercy of God, that if when smitten and scattered and oppressed by all other nations they will in far-off lands of exile and dispersion repent and turn to God, he will forgive and restore them. It was this promise of restoration that prompted the notable paragraph in Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple (1 Ki. 8:33-40), and encouraged the later prophets, like

Zechariah, Ezekiel and Daniel in days of exile, and still later the Apostles, like Paul in his discussion, Ro. 11, concerning the restoration of the Jews” (*An Interpretation of the English Bible*).

Arno Gaebelein, 1913--

“These things, which Moses spoke into the ears of the people [Deuteronomy 30] were to come to pass. And they have been fulfilled. The people Israel are scattered among all the nations, and yet they have not been assimilated by the nations. They are kept as a separate people. Connected with the prediction of their dispersion is the message of hope, the prophecy relating to their return. The Lord promises, that if they return unto Him and obey His voice, that He will return unto them. ‘Then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee’ (verse 3). That will come to pass when this present age closes. Then when the greatest trouble, the time of Jacob's trouble is upon them (Mt 24) they will return. The Lord Himself will return, as announced in the above verse, and gather them from all the nations. He will bring them back into their land; they will possess it once more. Spiritual blessings will also come upon them and upon their children. Earthly blessings will be multiplied unto them and the Lord will rejoice over them, because they are a converted, an obedient people. God's gifts and calling, which are without repentance, will then be fully accomplished in that nation” (*Annotated Bible*).

Jesse Forrest Silver, 1914--

“... we must remember that every promise made to the Jewish people will be literally fulfilled. God hath not cast them off forever. The Abraham covenant promised land never yet wholly possessed (Gen. 15:18). Spiritual blindness will be removed when ‘the fullness of the Gentiles be come in’ (Rom. 11:25, 26). The tabernacle of David will be rebuilt (Amos 9:11-15; Acts 15:16). (pp. 245, 246)” (*The Lord's Return: Seen in History and in Scripture as Pre-Millennial and Imminent*).

W. Graham Scroggie, 1915--

“The universal blessing through Israel, promised in the Covenant with Abram, is to be bestowed in a theocratic dispensation, which, of course, the present dispensation is not. In that day ‘the mountain of the Lord's house shall

be established in the top of the mountains ... and peoples shall flow unto it. ... And He shall judge between many peoples, and shall reprove strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.’ ... If it has any fulfillment, it must be literally as it stands; and as such a thing has never yet come to pass, the passage still awaits fulfilment. But before the Restoration, Reunion, and Readjustment take place, of which we have spoken, the Jews, in unbelief, will have returned to Palestine--a circumstance required in order to the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the end; and a circumstance which we see in process of accomplishment at the present time” (*Prophecy and History*, pp. 46, 47).

I.M. Haldeman, 1916--

“‘Here the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.’ (Jer. 31. 7-10) He will bring them into the land of Palestine. They shall no longer be two nations. They shall no longer be separate peoples, the one wanders among the Gentiles, and the other sunken in them as those who be in their graves. They shall be one nation upon the mountains of Israel; as it is written: ‘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: 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.’ (Ezek. 37:21, 22). ... The twelve apostles, themselves Jews, will be their rulers, administrators and judges, according to the promise which the Lord Himself promised” (*Ten Sermons on the Second Coming*).

C.I. Scofield, 1917--

“The Palestinian Covenant [in Deuteronomy 30] gives the conditions under which Israel entered the land of promise. It is important to see that the nation has never as yet taken the land under the unconditional Abrahamic Covenant, nor has it ever possessed the whole land (cf. Ge 15:18; Nu 34:1-12. The Palestinian Covenant is in seven parts. (1) Dispersion for disobedience, De 30:1; 28:63-68 Cmt. on Ge 15:18 (2) The future repentance of Israel

while in the dispersion, De 30:2. (3) The return of the Lord, De 30:3; Am 9:9-14; Ac 15:14-17. (4) Restoration to the land, De 30:5; Isa 11:11-12; Jer 23:3-8; Eze 37:21-25 (5) National conversion, De 30:6; Ro 11:26-27; Ho 2:14-16 (6) The judgment of Israel's oppressors, De 30:7; Isa 14:1-2; Joe 3:1-8; Mt 25:31-46 (7) National prosperity, De 30:9; Am 9:11-14" (*Scofield Study Bible*).

Arno Gaebelein, 1918--

"The near fulfillment was the return of the remnant from the Babylonian captivity. But that does not exhaust this prophecy; there is a greater homecoming in store for Israel, when they will be gathered out of all countries to possess the land and multiply there as they never did in all their past history. ... The national resuscitation of the whole house of Israel, the restoration to their own land and the accompanying spiritual revival (though the latter does not fully come into view here) is the meaning of the vision [in Ezekiel 37]. ... In the vision of the dry bones

physical resurrection is used as a type of the national restoration of Israel" (*The Prophet Ezekiel*, Loizeaux Brothers, pp. 238, 245, 246).

James M. Gray, 1918--

"Ezekiel's prophecy of the dry bones is so familiar that it is not necessary to quote it (chapter 37); but it may be sufficient to say that the resurrection it typifies is not a physical resurrection of individuals, but a political resurrection of the nation of Israel and Judah, to be then brought together again as one. ... As a closing word it may be said that, unless Israel shall be restored again to her own land, the larger part of the book of Revelation, certainly chapters 7 to 20, would be almost entirely without meaning. Those chapters are very largely Jewish, and relate to events that will take place in the history of that people, to a considerable extent in Palestine and the beloved city of Jerusalem" (*A Text-Book on Prophecy*, pp. 43, 46, 47).

HOW TO AVOID FALSE PROFESSIONS

By David Cloud

Recently I receive the following text -

"I love, read and use your material. I would just like to see if you could write maybe an outline of how you would go about using repentance in soulwinning. I was brought up using the Hyles way and never really liked it but can't seem to find a clear way of using repentance in soulwinning. I'm not sure if I just can't get past the way I have been taught or what, but it is something that I would like to be able to see in a written form. Maybe you already have something that I have just not been able to find in your books and just haven't looked in the correct places or maybe just overseeing it."

Reply from Brother Cloud -

It is good to hear from you, and that is an excellent question. I deal with it in the new Way of Life Bible course [Repentance and Soul Winning](https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/books/repentance_and_soul_winning.php), which can be found at:

https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/books/repentance_and_soul_winning.php

The outline of chapter seven ("How to Avoid False Professions") is as follows:

1. Don't Be Hasty; Avoid Shallow Presentations of the Gospel.
2. Emphasize Turning to the Lord.
3. Avoid Manipulating People.
4. Be Careful about Giving Assurance.
5. Don't Confuse Interest in the Gospel with Salvation.
6. Guard the Ordinance of Baptism.
7. Maintain the Bible Standard for Church Membership.
8. Be Careful About Terminology.
9. Be Patient, Depending upon God to Perform the Miracle of Salvation.

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?



2020 ELECTION LOST, NOT STOLEN (Friday Church News Notes, July 22, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- "Lost, Not Stolen" is the title of a newly published report by politically conservative judges, senators, and others who carefully investigated the charge made by Donald Trump that the 2020 election was stolen by corruption. This is the charge that riled up Trump fans to assault law enforcement personnel in Washington D.C. and to breach the Capitol building on January 6, 2021. The authors of "Lost, Not Stolen" are "political conservatives who have spent most of our adult lives working to support the Constitution and the conservative principles upon which it is based: limited government, liberty, equality of opportunity, freedom of religion, a strong national defense, and the rule of law." After examining "every claim of fraud and miscount put forward by former President Trump and his advocates," they present their findings in this report. It is available for anyone to examine. Their conclusion is as follows: "Joe Biden was the choice of a majority of the Electors, who themselves were the choice of the majority of voters in their states. Biden's victory is easily explained by a political landscape that was much different in 2020 than it was when President Trump narrowly won the presidency in 2016. ... Donald

Trump and his supporters have failed to present evidence of fraud or inaccurate results significant enough to invalidate the results of the 2020 Presidential Election. We do not claim that election administration is perfect. Election fraud is a real thing; there are prosecutions in almost every election year, and no doubt some election fraud goes undetected. Nor do we disparage attempts to reduce fraud. States should continue to do what they can do to eliminate opportunities for election fraud and to punish it when it occurs. **But there is absolutely no evidence of fraud in the 2020 Presidential Election on the magnitude necessary to shift the result in any state, let alone the nation as a whole.** In fact, there was no fraud that changed the outcome in even a single precinct. It is wrong, and bad for our country, for people to propagate baseless claims that President Biden's election was not legitimate."

CONCLUDING NOTE: I don't know for sure whether the election was stolen or not, and neither do any of my readers. The view that the election was *not* stolen is held by Trump's own U.S. Attorney General William Barr, by his own Vice President Mike Pence, and by the state and federal judges who ruled on Trump's lawsuits. Trump did a lot of good for America and Biden has been a complete disaster, but the fundamental principles of the 2020

election are found in Holy Scripture. It's high time that professed Bible believing Christians stop thinking like unregenerate political conservatives and start thinking biblically, that they stop ranting and fretting and start walking in the peace of Christ like Paul did in the wicked Roman Empire, that they stop putting their affection on things below and put it, rather, on things above, that they stop messing with dirty politics and get back to Christ's Great Commission of preaching the life-changing gospel and building holy Christian homes and churches. **We suspect that Trump lost the 2020 election because of his own incredible arrogance (he's the king of sore losers!) and because of God's judgment on wicked America. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).**

FORMER TRANS "WOMAN" DESCRIBES HOW YOUTH ARE LED INTO TRANSSEXUALISM (Friday Church News Notes, July 22, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from *"Trans Woman returns to life as man," New York Post*, July 11, 2022: "Coming out of my transition was like leaving the Twilight Zone, but

the rest of society is still in it.' After living nearly a decade of his life as a transgender woman named Brianna, Brian Wagoner ultimately came to realize his transition had been a mistake. ... 'There's a lot of money to be made by doctors here. They see the dollar signs, and in the end, money talks.' Wagoner reached out to *The Post* after reading an article in June that profiled two young women who regretted transitioning to men in their teens. ... As a closeted teen, Wagoner began dabbling in drugs, and by the time he transferred from a junior college to the University of La Verne in California to study sociology at age 20, he said, he was regularly using marijuana, ecstasy, Adderall and cocaine that he got from friends and dealers at his school. ... Gay porn led him to transgender fetish content--which sparked a sudden feeling of gender dysphoria, also described as a discomfort within one's body. 'Before I discovered this bizarre subgenera of pornography, the idea of being a woman never crossed my mind. Never. It just came out of nowhere, really,' he said. Desperate for a lifeline, in early 2012, he started searching for information about the transgender movement on YouTube and found a clinical social worker based in Los Angeles who made videos about trans people. He made an appointment to see her. During their first in-person session, he said, she immediately told him he

could be transgender. After just a couple therapy sessions, the therapist gave Wagoner, then 22, a referral letter to see a doctor in Hollywood who wrote him a prescription for estrogen on his first visit. ... He was also rewarded socially for transitioning to a woman at college, where he remained a student until he was 25. 'At my college, I was basically like a minor celebrity for being trans.' ... After he started tuning out 'woke political beliefs' on social media and listening to contrarian media figures like Jordan Peterson and Joe Rogan, Wagoner said, he realized he no longer wanted to be Brianna. 'Once I got off drugs and got a real job, I just had a clear head and started feeling a new gender dysphoria all over again,' he said. 'I was looking at myself in the mirror and looking at my childhood photos as a little boy and started thinking, What have I done?'"

CONCLUDING NOTE: This man's story is very telling. America's pop culture is a wicked, unhealthy thing, and this young man is a sad product of it. Not possessing the life-changing power that comes by a personal relationship with his Creator through faith in Jesus Christ, and lacking the wisdom that comes by God's supernatural Word, he was a pawn in the hands of the demonic pop culture, its lies, and its fatal attractions: evolution, atheism, humanistic psychology, moral relativism, yogic mysticism, the glorification of sexual freedom, unisexuality, occultism, the drug culture, pornography. It's a conspiracy, but not man's, and it cannot be defeated with human weapons. It's the devil's mystery of iniquity. He laughs as his victims are enticed, trapped, defiled, corrupted, ruined, and sent to the depths of hell. I thank the blessed God for the saving



gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto salvation for all sinners, even those who are in the depths of moral depravity.

THE LIE THAT NO SCIENTISTS REJECT DARWINIAN

EVOLUTION (Friday Church News Notes, July 22, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

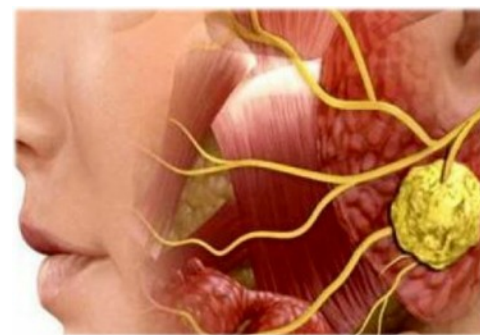
- In June 2022, Armin Moczek, a biologist at Indiana University, told Stephen Buranyi of *The Guardian* (London), "There are certain core evolutionary principles that no scientist seriously questions." Richard Dawkins says: "Evolution is a fact, and [my] book will demonstrate it. No reputable scientist disputes it, and no unbiased reader will close the book doubting it" (*The Greatest Show in Earth*). This is not true. Dr. Jerry Bergman has compiled a list of **3,000 "Darwin Skeptics,"** including about a dozen Nobel Prize winners. See <https://www.rae.org/essay-links/darwinskeptics/>. Bergman has a private list of about 1,000 names of persons who do not want their names on a public list "because of real concerns over possible retaliation or

harm to their careers." Bergman says, "I estimate that, if I had the time and resources, I could easily complete a list of over 10,000 names" ("Darwin Skeptics: A Select List of Science Academics, Scientists, and Scholars Who Are Skeptical of Darwinism," Aug. 24, 2014). This is a result of the Darwinists who act like howler monkeys and Nazi SS troopers to try to stamp out every vestige of "creationism" from the field of science. (For documentation, see *Silencing the Darwin Skeptics: The War Against Theists* by Jerry Bergman.) The Discovery Institute has published **"A Scientific Dissent from Darwinism"** --

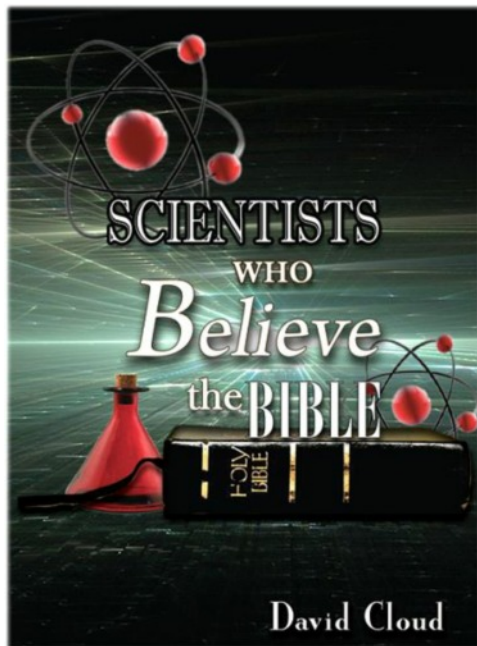
<https://dissentfromdarwin.org>. On the front page is the following quotation from David Berlinski, Ph.D., Philosophy, Princeton University: "Darwin's theory of evolution is the great white elephant of contemporary thought. It is large, almost completely useless, and the object of superstitious awe." As of May 2021, the list had been signed by about 1,213 scientists who agree with the following statement: "We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged." The book **SCIENTISTS WHO BELIEVE THE BIBLE**, available in print or a free eBook edition, contains testimonies of nearly 100 scientists and inventors of the 20th and 21st centuries who believe in a literal six-day creation. Most have earned doctorates. We have included selections from their testimonies and writings. *Many of these men and women are former Darwinists who rejected it on the basis of evidence.* See: <http://www.wayoflife.org>.

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SALIVA IS NOTHING TO SPIT AT (Friday Church News Notes, July 22, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The following is from CreationMoments.com, June 14, 2022: "Someday, instead of having to give a blood sample during your physical exam, the doctor might just ask you for a saliva sample. Saliva is an amazing fluid. Besides helping us moisten and digest food, saliva is able to speed healing and fight bacteria, fungi and viruses. Saliva is chemically almost identical to the clear part of your blood. It even has, in lesser concentrations, the infectious organisms found in your blood. Let's say, for example that you suddenly find yourself in a stressful situation. The level of the hormone cortisol will increase in your blood in response to the stress. Within 20 minutes, that increase will be evident in your saliva. This means that someday saliva tests may replace blood samples. In the United States, saliva tests have been approved to diagnose AIDS, illegal drugs, periodontal disease, alcohol and premature labor. If the hormone estradiol rises in a woman's blood before 36 weeks of gestation, doctors know that the woman may go into labor prematurely. Saliva testing is also used to check hormone levels in women who are having a difficult time conceiving a child. Other



countries have approved a saliva test for hepatitis B. Saliva's remarkable abilities are a witness to a loving Creator. He knew that we would sin and thus bring disease into the world. So He gave us saliva that, not only defends us against infection but also helps us heal. But the greatest love He has shown us is in sending His Son to give us spiritual healing. Ref: Judy Foreman, 'The spitting image gains credibility,' *Star Tribune*, September 12, 1999, p. E3."

SOUTHERN GOSPEL: MIXING THE HOLY WITH THE PROFANE (Friday Church News Notes, July 29, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- As recent evidence of the worldly direction of Southern Gospel, we consider Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, one of the most popular contemporary Southern Gospel quartets. Their new CD, *Decades of Love*, covers 29 secular "love" songs, but secular "love" isn't biblical love. The world's love songs do not celebrate holy matrimony; rather they celebrate and encourage fornication and adultery. Secular rock bands covered by Ernie Haase include the Beatles, the Bee Gees, Frank Sinatra, and Johnny Mathis. Songs include "Everybody Loves My Baby," "Taking a Chance on Love," "Can't

Take My Eyes Off You," "I Can't Help Myself," "Can't Help Falling in Love," "Even the Nights Are Better," "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," and "All of Me." By the titles, it is obvious that the "love" this Southern Gospel quartet is celebrating is pop culture eros love. It is something you "fall into" and "can't control." It is lust, not love. Our friend Jeff Royal observes, "Keep in mind that Ernie Haase & Signature Sound are promoting this CD for churches. If you want to see where Southern Gospel is heading, look no farther than Ernie Haase & Signature Sound. They love to mix the holy in with the profane and that combination as we know is disastrous." "Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them" (Ezekiel 22:26). For more on this subject see the free eVideo *A Plea to Southern Gospel Fans*, https://www.wayoflife.org/s3/satani_c_attack_on_sacred_music.php

BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN CONSIDERING SUPPORT FOR SAME-SEX "MARRIAGE" (Friday Church News Notes, July 29, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The Baptist Union of Great Britain is considering changing its rules to allow its ministers to contract marriage with people of the same sex. "In a communication with its churches, it confirmed a request was made in 2020 by 70 members--the majority of which are ministers. The request asked that the Ministerial



Recognition Rules be changed to remove a line which says that marriage is defined as 'exclusively between a man and a woman.' ... In a long letter addressing the issue, Baptist Union general secretary Lynn Green said: 'A number of conversations and a consultation will take place in the coming months but no time scale has been provided. The Baptist Union has, however, confirmed that no decision will be made at the Council meeting in October'" ("Baptist Union to Consider," *Premier Christian News*, June 22, 2022). This measure probably won't be officially approved, but it would not even be entertained if Baptist Union pastors were true Bible believers. This is the same Baptist Union from which Charles Haddon Spurgeon, pastor of Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England, withdrew in October 1887. A few months earlier he wrote, "Believers in Christ's atonement are now in declared union with those who make light of it; believers in Holy Scripture are in confederacy with those who deny plenary inspiration; those who hold evangelical doctrine are in open alliance with those who call the fall a fable, who deny the personality of the Holy Ghost, who call justification by faith immoral, and hold that there is another probation after death. ... It is our solemn conviction that there should be no pretence of fellowship. Fellowship



with known and vital error is participation in sin” (*The Sword and the Trowel*, Aug. 1887).” The Baptist Union has continued to pursue the path of apostasy. In the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, H. Wheeler Robinson, pastor of Baptist Union churches and principal of Regents Park College, denied the infallibility of Scripture, considered the Old Testament a product of religious evolution, and denied the historicity of Adam and original sin. He blasphemously claimed that Jesus was not right in everything He said. “[T]he language and the thought of a particular generation [are] stamped upon His sayings” (Robinson, *Ancient and English Versions of the Bible*, p. 287). In 1971, Michael Taylor, principal of the Baptist Union’s Northern Baptist College, addressed the London Baptist Assembly on the theme, “How much of a man was Jesus?” He denied that Jesus Christ is God. Though many protested the man’s heresy, the Baptist Union refused to discipline him or remove him from office. In 2013, Lynn Green became the first female president of the Baptist Union. She received a standing ovation for her inaugural sermon. She proclaimed, “I believe that our union is ready for generational change ... It is time to ... embrace a new way of being for the 21st century.” This is the philosophy of the emerging church.

WHO DECLARES MONKEYPOX A GLOBAL CRISIS (Friday Church News Notes, July 29, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Israel365 News, July 25, 2022: “As the global COVID pandemic wanes, the World Health Organization has declared a new global health crisis; monkeypox. ... More than 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been



reported across more than 70 countries so far this year, and the number of confirmed infections rose 77% from late June through early July, according to WHO data. Five deaths from the virus have been reported in Africa this year. No deaths have been reported outside Africa so far. More than 80% of confirmed infections have been in Europe, but the US has reported more than 2,891 monkeypox cases so far across 44 states. States reporting cases have received 370,000 vaccine doses. The disease has clear vectors of transmission, with male-to-male sexual contact accounting for the vast majority of cases. 99% of the cases reported outside Africa are among men, and 98% of the infections are among men who have sex with men, primarily those who have had multiple, recent anonymous, or new sexual partners.”

WESLEY’S FIRST METHODIST CHAPEL TO ALLOW SAME-SEX “MARRIAGE” (Friday Church News Notes, July 29, 2022,



www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The New Room in Bristol, the first Methodist chapel established by John Wesley, has announced that it supports same-sex “marriages.” In a Facebook post, the church said, “We are delighted to announce that John Wesley’s New Room is now available to host, officiate, and celebrate same-sex weddings!” (“John Wesley’s First Methodist Chapel,” *Premier Christian News*, June 30, 2022). In his commentary on Romans 1, John Wesley made the following statements about homosexuality: “*Therefore God gave them up to vile affections--To which the heathen Romans were then abandoned to the last degree; and none more than the emperors themselves. Receiving the just recompense of their error--Their idolatry being punished with that unnatural lust, which was as horrible a dishonour to the body, as their idolatry was to God. God gave them up to an undiscerning mind--To do things not expedient--Even the vilest abominations, treated of Rom. 1:29-31.*”

EVANGELICAL COLLEGES DESTROY STUDENTS’ FAITH (Friday Church News Notes, July 29, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Christian Colleges Destroyed Children’s Faith,” *Lighthouse Trails Research*, June 27, 2022: “I am a Westmont College grad from the early 70s, and, with my husband, a Multnomah University alum as well. I grew up in a church closely associated with Multnomah when its slogan was: ‘If you want Bible, you want Multnomah.’ But no longer. We live near the school and have seen the apostasy firsthand. It breaks our hearts. Westmont was beginning to



crack while I was there. Most of the older faculty were still OK but the administration was caving in to vocal students who were very rebellious, especially toward the Christian stance of the school. We sent a daughter to Trinity Western University in Langley British Columbia, in 2000, back when I still believed printed doctrinal statements. She went from respecting the Word of God and loving her parents to becoming a radical socialist

activist who excises out of her life anyone who doesn't support her current values, including us. I don't know of any of her friends from there who haven't followed the same path, either becoming indifferent to, or antagonistic toward, biblical Christianity. She goes to a social justice episcopal church. My niece, a pastor's daughter, went to Texas Christian University, graduating around 2006. She became a Unitarian a few years ago. The daughter of my husband's boss is an enthusiastic Biola grad. She is also a shaven head goth who spoke at her grandfather's funeral, calling up his spirit and having a lovely visit with him over a glass of wine! We pray for their salvation. I believe the reason our other children still walk with the Lord is because they eschewed

college (and debt) for other kinds of career training. The Lord is blessing them." [Concluding Note: Biola, originally the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, began in 1908 as a fundamentalist school. The first Dean, W.E. Blackstone, was the author of *Jesus Is Coming*. The next Dean was R.A. Torrey (1912-1924). Today, Biola has a same-sex attraction club on campus.

THE BIBLE PROPHECIES PRO-ABORTION "CHRISTIANS"

(Friday Church News Notes, August 5, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The June U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade and placed the abortion issue in the hands of the states was criticized by a large number of "Christians" who support

FROGS IN THE DESERT (Friday Church News Notes, July 29, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from creationmoments.com, December 1, 2021: "Even though many frogs live much of their lives out of the water, they need water to reproduce. This can be a problem since some frogs live in trees and some even live in the desert! For a tree frog, the trip from the treetops to a nearby pool is a long and dangerous journey. However, the Creator cares about all of His creatures. The leaves of the bromeliad that grows in the branches of many trees in the tropical forest form a private pool far above the ground. As a result, mama frog can raise her young without ever leaving the treetops! The desert would seem to offer an even greater challenge for a frog. However, since it pleased the Creator to place frogs in the desert--maybe to challenge the evolutionists--He has also provided for their needs. It may rain only once every two years in the deserts of central Australia. When it does rain, the water-holding frogs emerge from their underground hideaways to lay their eggs in the puddles. Before the puddles disappear, not only do the eggs hatch, but the young grow and develop into frogs that are able to store water until the next rain. As the desert again



takes over, the frogs dig themselves back into the ground and go into suspended animation until the next rains come. A year or two later, the new generation will emerge after the next rain to raise their young. Neither chance nor the smartest frog in the world could design or create these abilities. Only a wise Creator could. And if the Creator has provided this much care for frogs, just think of how much more He cares about you and me in our everyday lives! Author: Paul A. Bartz. Ref: Wilder, Rachel, 1983, 'Flying frogs,' *Science Digest*, Nov. p. 120."



abortion. Darryl Ford, pastor of Ikon Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia, called the pro-life movement “the beginning of a demonic agenda,” and William Murphy, pastor of dReam Center Church of Atlanta, said the abortion issue is “about human rights” (“Woke Churches,” Breitbart, July 11, 2022). U.S. denominations that support abortion to various degrees are the American Baptist Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Metropolitan Community Church, Presbyterian Church USA, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and Unitarian Universalist. Pro-abortion clergy associations include the Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, the Religious Coalition on Reproductive Choice, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America Clergy Network. Prior to *Roe v. Wade*, the Clergy Consultation Service, a coalition of rabbis, Protestant ministers, and Catholic priests, helped 250,000 women obtain abortions. In a major prophecy on end-time apostasy, the Bible describes some of the characteristics of those who support abortion rights. “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, ... Without natural affection ... incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good ... heady ... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of

God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Timothy 3:1-5). This is an accurate description of those who support the murder of unborn children. “These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him ... hands that shed innocent blood” (Proverbs 6:16-17).

CANADA PASTOR WINS APPEAL OF CONTEMPT CHARGE FOR VIOLATING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

(Friday Church News Notes, August 5, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Pastor Artur Pawlowski,” *Christian Headlines*, July 28, 2022: “A Canadian appeals court handed a victory to a pastor charged with contempt of court for holding church services in violation of COVID restrictions. Artur Pawlowski, Pastor of Street Church and the Cave of Adullam in Calgary, received news of the court victory Friday, *The Christian Post* reports. ‘It’s a slam dunk win,’ tweeted Sarah Miller, Pawlowski’s attorney. ‘The Court of Appeals made a unanimous, sound decision and overturned the finding of contempt made against my client.’ ... They also ordered Alberta Health Services to pay the Pawlowskis \$15,733.59. ‘This is great news for Canadians because if I would fall, if my brother would fall, if Chris Scott would fall, then you’re next,’ Pawlowski said in a radio interview. ... He also explained that he hopes his case brings to light the overreach of the Canadian government during the pandemic. ‘Let us live our lives free,’ he said, adding, ‘respect our fundamental rights. Leave the pastors alone, leave the clergymen alone, leave the Christians alone. This



country was built of Judeo-Christian values, the supremacy of God and the rule of law,’ he pleaded. ‘We’re not criminals. Those that did that to us are criminals.’ ... Pawlowski also served 51 days in custody after he was accused of inciting mischief during his speech to a crowd of participants in the Freedom Convoy.”

ILLINOIS HEALTH CARE WORKERS WIN LAWSUIT FOR DENIAL OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR COVID VAC

(Friday Church News Notes, August 5, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Health Care Workers Settle,” *American Faith*, Aug. 1, 2022: “Today, Liberty Counsel settled the nation’s first classwide lawsuit for health care workers over a COVID shot mandate, for more than \$10.3 million. The class action settlement against NorthShore University HealthSystem is on behalf of more than 500 current and former health care workers who were unlawfully discriminated against and denied religious exemptions from the



COVID shot mandate. The agreed upon settlement was filed today in the federal Northern District Court of Illinois. As a result of the settlement, NorthShore will pay \$10,337,500 to compensate these health care employees who were victims of religious discrimination, and who were punished for their religious beliefs against taking an injection associated with aborted fetal cells. This is a historic, first-of-its-kind class action settlement against a private employer who unlawfully denied hundreds of religious exemption requests to COVID-19 shots. ... As part of the settlement agreement, NorthShore will also change its unlawful 'no religious accommodations' policy to make it consistent with the law, and to provide religious accommodations in every position across its numerous facilities. No position in any NorthShore facility will be considered off limits to unvaccinated employees with approved religious exemptions. In addition, employees who were terminated because of their religious refusal of the COVID shots will be eligible for rehire if they apply within 90 days of final settlement approval by the court, and they will retain their previous seniority level."

BEYONCÉ'S FILTHY SONG "CHURCH GIRL" (Friday Church News Notes, August 5, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Beyoncé, one of the most influential pop singers, has long sought to break down the divinely-made barrier between the holy and the unholy. The song "Church Girl," from her new album, justifies those who want to love God and the world, too, and it glorifies self-love, which is the heart of end-time apostasy. "This know also, that in the last days perilous

times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves..." (2 Timothy 3:1-2). "Church Girl" features the Black gospel group The Clark Sisters. "Church Girl" begins with the pious words, "I wanna be centered in thy will," but quickly moves into the territory of rebellion and moral filth. "I'm warnin' everybody, soon as I get in this party I'm gon' let go of this body, I'm gonna love on me. Nobody can judge me but me. I was born free. Bad girls actin' naughty. ... Church girls actin' loose. ... Bad girls actin' raunchy." Many of the lyrics cannot be quoted. The song claims that "church girls" who want to live for themselves are persecuted by the churches, but the vast majority of churches are silent in the face of evil. "Church Girls" is a song of the unredeemed, a hymn of apostasy. It is a blatant rejection of the holy God and His holy Word. The pop culture is the devil's most effective siren call to church youth, and churches must protect their young people by regeneration, biblical education, discipleship, and effectual separation. The true grace of God is described in Titus 2:11-14: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."

NORTH KOREAN DEFECTOR WARNS ABOUT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES (Friday Church



News Notes, August 5, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from *Battle for the American Mind: Uprooting a Century of Miseducation* by Pete Hegseth & David Goodwin: "[I]n June 2021 a North Korean defector, Yeonmi Park—turned Columbia University graduate—went even further, saying of the state of Ivy League education, **'Even North Korea is not this nuts.'** She continued with a dire warning, saying the United States' future **'is as bleak as North Korea'** unless our self-loathing education system is overhauled. Think about that! A North Korean defector—who experienced the most brutal, repressive, and anti-American regime in the world until she was thirteen years old—believes our elite schools are even more nuts than North Korea. That should be a wake-up call. The condemnation of dissent may look different—North Korea prefers concentration camps, America prefers cancellation, marginalization, and labeling—but the reality is the same:

ORCHIDS AND BEES (Friday Church News Notes, August 5, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, July 20, 2022: “When I was a science teacher, in government schools in England, I used to like to show a particular video to my classes. This video featured some unusual plants that had strange reproductive methods. The most unusual of all was the bucket orchid. This orchid grows in Central and South America. The flower forms a bucket, which fills with a sticky secretion from the plant. The flower then has to sit and wait for a bee. But it is not just any bee that can pollinate this plant. It has to be the special, beautiful, green orchid bee. The bee is attracted by the sweet liquid, but slips and falls into it. The exhausted bee eventually climbs out, through a passage way of Goldilocks proportions—not too big, not too small, just right. As the bee tries to escape through this passage, the flower holds it tight, and glues two pollen sacks on its back. After holding the bee long enough for the glue to dry, the flower releases the bee. If a bee arrives at the



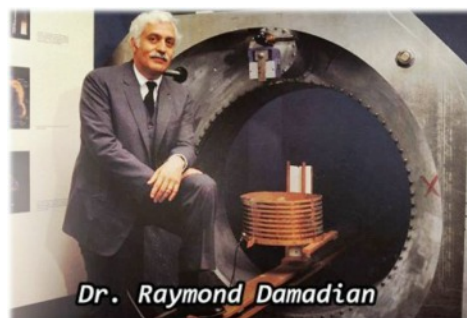
orchid, with pollen sacks already on its back, the flower lets it quickly through the system, and takes away the pollen sacks, before the bee can finally escape. Evolutionists maintain that this is an example of co-evolution—two organisms evolving so that they cannot do without each other. Which evolved first? It is difficult to see how one could have evolved before the other. It is far more sensible to take the biblical presupposition, that both were the work of our Creator. Author: Paul F. Taylor. Ref: *Encyclopædia Britannica*.”

America’s elites are [determined to change] the landscape in America, one incoming freshman class at a time—and they are succeeding. In America today, private thoughts are not allowed to translate into public speech, provoking the question, Are we really free? Are our kids?”

CONCLUDING NOTE: As long as public schools continue to operate as humanistic brainwashing institutions, nothing on the political or judicial side will have a lasting impact on America. There must be true revival in many churches, and it must be led by born again, Spirit-filled, truth-loving, tradition-hating, courageous pastors. I know some of these men, and I pray daily and earnestly for their number to increase.

INVENTOR OF THE MRI PASSES AWAY (Friday Church News Notes, August 12, 2022, www.wayoflife.org,

fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Noted Christian inventor Raymond Damadian passed away on Aug. 3. He was 86. Dr. Damadian, biophysicist, was the recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Achievement Award as “the man who invented the MRI scanner.” In 1988, he was awarded the National Medal of Technology, America’s highest award for applied science, and a year later, he was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame, an honor he shared with Thomas Edison, Samuel Morse, and the Wright Brothers. The first MRI scanner that Dr. Damadian and his



colleagues built in 1977, “The Indomitable,” resides at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. In a 2012 interview, Dr. Damadian was asked, “Why do you believe that the Bible is true?” He replied, “If you take the trouble to examine the evidence supporting the Bible and contradicting alternative theories, from my perception, the evidence is overwhelmingly in support of the biblical record and vacates alternative thoughts such as evolution. The evidence for evolution is non-existent. **In my opinion, evolution is science fiction.**” Dr. Damadian was also asked, “How can you be sure of going to heaven?” He replied, “In John 3:3 and 5, Jesus makes this unequivocal. Jesus said, ‘Except that a man be born again, he shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.’ And John 3:16, ‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

CONSPIRACY THEORIST ALEX JONES LOSES

DEFAMATION TRIAL (Friday Church News Notes, August 12, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Alex Jones, head of the Infowars conspiracy/nutrition supplement/survival gear empire, has been ordered to pay a draconian \$45.2 million in punitive damages for claiming that the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting was a government hoax orchestrated to tighten gun laws. Nineteen children and six staff members died in the massacre, but Jones claimed that no children died and the families were actors in a government hoax and were lying about the event. The current trial is a defamation suit brought by Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, parents of a six-year-old who died at Sandy Hook. Separate suits have been filed against Jones by two other Sandy Hook parents. On August 3, Jones finally acknowledged that the Sandy Hook shooting was “100% real.” **Jones has made a long list of conspiratorial claims, including these:** the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing was staged by the FBI; the 2011 shooting of congresswoman Gabby Giffords was a government mind control operation; Hillary Clinton was part of a child sex trafficking ring that

operated out of a pizza restaurant in Washington, DC; the September 11th attack on the New York Twin Towers was a U.S. government operation (“criminal elements in our government working with Saudi Arabia and others wanted to frame Iraq for it”); the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, was a government job to “go after the states’ rights movement” and to “demonize the growing militia movement.” He has claimed that “thousands of astronauts have died.” Of course, the “mainstream media” is filled with lies and conspiracies of their own, and if they were to pay damages, they would be bankrupt. **Our point, though, is to urge God’s redeemed people to beware of spending the fleeting minutes of their lives on conspiracy-oriented web sites and social media pages.** Even if a conspiracy is true, there is nothing you can do about it. It creates endless anger, bitterness, and frustration, which is not the fruit of the Spirit. If you are saved, God has given your marching orders for this life. You are a priest of God (1 Pe. 2:5), an ambassador of Christ (2 Co. 5:20), a worker in the harvest (1 Co. 3:8), a soldier in spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10-18), a minister of spiritual gifts (Ro. 5:3-8), a builder of the church body (Eph. 4:11-16), a builder of the home (Eph. 5:22 - 6:4; Tit. 2:3-5). Focus your attention on these things. Make sure you are in a strong New Testament church that understands these things and is giving its people a proper biblical education. Relocate, if you have to. It’s that important.

WHAT THE INFOWARS CROWD DOES NOT KNOW

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- This is a dark world full of lies and wickedness, both secret and public, and the American government has more than its share, but the Bible pulls back the curtain so that we can see the fundamental realities and the real solutions and the way to live that pleases God. **First, the conspiracies that really matter are spiritual ones.** The devil is a real being, called “the god of this world,” and he is working out a plan called “the mystery of iniquity,” the goal of which is to put his man, the Antichrist, on the throne of the world. This was revealed to the apostle Paul and recorded in Holy Scripture in 2 Thessalonians 2. Paul said that it “*doth already work*” in his day, so it has been operating throughout the church age. The mystery of iniquity encompasses everything that is preparing the way for the Antichrist: false religion, false Christianity, cults, peace movements, spiritism, Satanism, globalism, cashless society, anarchy, humanism, atheism, evolution, Marxism, Maoism, dictatorships, socialism, humanistic abortion rights, psychology, unisexism, homosexual rights, transsexualism, Critical Race Theory, etc. The mystery of iniquity explains the commitment of international corporations and giant entertainment and social media companies to support such things as Marxism, socialism, atheism, abortion rights, and transsexualism when it would seem to make more business sense to stay away from them.



Second, there is an Almighty God who is in ultimate control of human history, including the devil's program. The prophet Daniel revealed this 2,500 years ago. "Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding" (Daniel 2:20-21). **Third, God's eternal plan is as follows:** "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him" (Ephesians 1:10). Man was created by God and sinned against God, plunging the world into chaos. God's compassionate plan of redemption is through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who is the focus of Old Testament prophecy and who came 2,000 years ago to fulfill the prophecies. By His virgin birth, He became "God manifest in the flesh." His death on Calvary was planned and accomplished by God as a sacrificial offering to satisfy God's broken law. (Democrat-run cities show what happens when laws are not satisfied.) Christ rose from the dead the third day and ascended back to heaven in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. For 2,000 years, a time called the church age, the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ has been published to the nations. The end of the church-age will be followed by seven years of judgment and unprecedented trouble and the brutal reign of the Antichrist. Christ will return to earth and establish God's eternal kingdom on earth, the earth that He made and that He owns. Infowars has no gospel of salvation, no promise of victory, no future, only

fear, worry, frustration, a sense of hopelessness, anger, railing, cursing, bitterness, and psychoactive self-medication. The Alex Jones's need to be born again through repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ before it is too late.

WE MUST SEE AMERICA THROUGH GOD'S EYES (Friday Church News Notes, August 12, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- America is in a mess, socially, politically, economically, educationally, by almost any standard. Patriots are perhaps more discouraged than since the darkest days of the War of Independence, and that's saying a lot because the nation has been through many severe trials. What's going on? We need to look at things in this world through God's eyes, and we can do that by His Word. America is in a mess because of rebellion against God. It's that simple. America's problem today is not systemic racism; it is systemic wickedness. America is unique in that it has had more spiritual light than any nation in history (ancient Israel had only part of the Scriptures), yet America has sinned greatly and brazenly against that light. Her churches are in a most wretched condition. Most are entirely apostate, and most of the rest are lukewarm and worldly, Sardis at best. "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Revelation 3:1). Churches that are praying

instead of partying are shockingly rare. God's name is used everywhere in vain, and the holy name of Jesus Christ is a cheap curse word across vast swaths of society. Holy matrimony is despised and defiled. The Bible says, "Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge," but most Americans think that is unreasonable. Science and mother nature receive the glory due to the Creator. The gospel is widely perverted. Babies are cut to pieces by the millions. The nation is besotted with drink and drugs. Moral abominations are accepted as "alternative lifestyles." The justice system dispenses very little justice. Thugs, rapists, sexual predators, and murderers are released to continue their careers. Lying in politics is applauded. Atheism is on the march. Occultism is pervasive. The Bible says life is for God's will, but most Americans think life is a party. The nation's cities are moral cesspools. The entertainment industry would make ancient Corinth blush. Children are sexualized. Pornography is a national past-time. The public educational system is in flagrant rebellion to the Bible. The government confiscates the wealth of hard workers and redistributes it to bums. The highest judges thumb their noses at God's Word. The Bible says "there is none that doeth good," but most Americans think of themselves as good. God is allowed as a Saviour, but not as a Judge. Hell is denied. At funerals, everyone goes to heaven, which is a great deceit. The only surprise is that America is not in more of a mess than she currently is. That is God's mercy, but the day of the Lord is fast approaching. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). "The wicked shall

be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17). “Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be ill with him*: for the reward of his hands shall be given him” (Isaiah 3:11).

HISTORIC SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH APPOINTS HOMOSEXUAL CO-PASTOR

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- On August 14, Crescent Hill Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, by unanimous vote, appointed homosexual Jordan Conley as co-pastor. The other pastor is a woman. According to the church’s web site, Conley “lives with his husband, Patrick Allison, and their dog, Kenzie.” Crescent Hill Baptist was established in 1908 and was long aligned with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Called “the seminary church,” its facilities were used by the seminary and many faculty and students were members. In the 1960s, the church embarked on a path of apostasy, embracing the social gospel and psychological counseling (including Divorce Recovery Workshops). In 1966, Sunday School attendance peaked at 1,756. In 1972, the first women deacons were ordained. In 1975, the pastor of Crescent Hill led a delegation to the very liberal Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm. By the 1980s, Crescent Hill supported the ordination of female pastors. It also put on the heretical drama *Godspell*



in which Jesus is crucified on an electric fence and there is no resurrection. In 1991, Crescent Hill joined the liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In 1996, Crescent Hill ordained a homosexual deacon. In 2014, the first “same sex marriage” was held at Crescent Baptist. Today, this once-sound Baptist church has no authoritative Bible and no saving gospel. The church’s “Timeline” begins with these words: “13.7 billion years ago the universe began whether as a ‘big bang’ or some other event. Likely there were other universes before this one, and there will be others after ours ceases with the Force or Word expressing itself continuously in a variety of ways in each of these.”

CHRISTIAN BAKER DRIVEN OUT OF BUSINESS BY HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVISTS IS RAISING FUNDS FOR A BAKERY IN A NEW LOCATION

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- The following is excerpted from “Christian Baker Fined,” *CBN News*, June 23, 2022: “Melissa and Aaron Klein, the bakers at the center of a years-long battle centered on their refusal to make a same-sex wedding cake, are fundraising to open a new shop where they hope to ‘show God’s goodness to everyone.’ The Kleins, who shuttered their Oregon-based shop Sweet Cakes by Melissa amid outrage after declining in 2013 to make the cake for a lesbian couple, told CBN’s *Faithwire* about their aspirations. ... The baker and her husband, Aaron, have made national and international headlines over the past nine years as they have refused to back down while navigating the ebbs and flows of their legal battle. The Kleins have specifically

challenged government mandates that initially landed them with a \$135,000 fine from the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries for their gay cake refusal. Their problems began in 2013, when they declined to bake the cake for a lesbian couple, citing the bakers’ Christian stance on same-sex nuptials. After a complaint was waged by the same-sex couple, the state stepped in and awarded the massive sum of money, claiming the Kleins were guilty of discrimination. But Klein has explained over the years she had no problem serving the couple; she simply did not want to participate in the wedding. ... But now the Kleins, who have moved to Montana since their case began nearly a decade ago, are hoping for a new beginning--and for new memories to be made. As their attorneys continue the legal fight, the family is looking to raise \$50,000 [through cookie sales and FreeFunder] to open up another shop. ... It’s unclear where the Sweet Cakes case will go next, though attorneys for the Kleins expect to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case before the end of this summer. This move comes after the Oregon Court of Appeals found in January 2022 that the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries violated the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment by not acting with neutrality. But, while the \$135,000 fine was struck down, the case was sent back to the same commission for review.”



HYDRAULIC SPIDERS (Friday Church News Notes, August 19, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from creationmoments.com, November 30, 2021: “Hydraulic machines are part of our everyday lives. When you step on the brakes in your car, brake fluid, which cannot be compressed, is forced from a cylinder into the braking mechanism attached to your wheels. Hydraulic mechanisms work because fluid cannot expand, but it will easily flow to areas where there is less pressure. However, humans were not the first to invent uses for this principle. The spider uses it all the time. The spider has his skeleton on



the outside of his body and his muscles inside his skeleton. Since our muscles are outside our skeleton, we can use muscles both to bend our legs and stretch them out. However, the spider’s arrangement allows his muscles only to bend his leg. When he wants to straighten out his leg to take another spidery step, he pumps fluid

into his leg, and the leg joint hinges open. The North American dwarf mistletoe builds up hydraulic pressure equal to that found in a truck tire. It uses that stored pressure to catapult its seeds up to 50 feet at a speed close to 60 miles per hour. The squirting cucumber, found in the Mediterranean area, uses the same principle to propel its seeds up to 40 feet. Who would believe that the brake system in an automobile came together by chance and natural forces? Neither does it make sense to believe that spiders, other animals and plants came about without a Designer and Creator. Author: Paul A. Bartz. Ref: Tributsch, Helmut, 1983, “How spiders stretch,” *Science Digest*, Oct. p. 74.”



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