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"Keep that which is committed to thy trust..."

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"Brian McLaren's book *A New Kind of Christian* is the story of a pastor who rejects the Bible in a 'crisis of faith' and follows the guidance of a modernist. The book recounts the man's journey from a fairly solid faith in the Bible as the absolute standard for truth, in which doctrine is either right or wrong, scriptural or unscriptural, to a pliable, philosophical position in which 'faith is more about a way of life than a system of belief, where being authentically good is more important than being doctrinally right'" **Page 9.**

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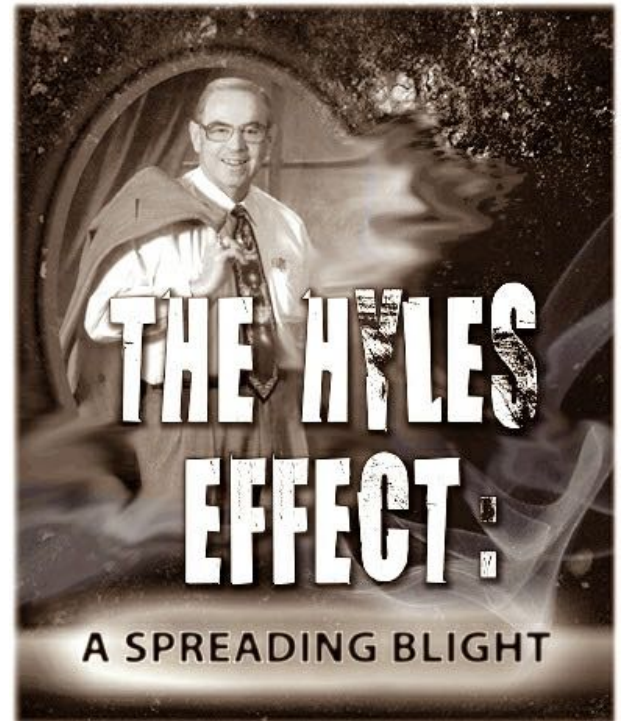
THE FRUIT OF HYLESISM ~ *By David Cloud*

The following is excerpted from the new book [The Hyles Effect](http://www.wayoflife.org), which is available as a free eBook from the Way of Life web site -- www.wayoflife.org. It is also available in print.

The fruit of the Jack Hyles model and methodology has often consisted of moral and spiritual shipwreck.

Multitudes of former members of Hyles-type churches, having witnessed so much error and hypocrisy, have abandoned church altogether. Or they have explored the contemporary emerging philosophy, having allegedly found more spiritual reality in those circles than they witnessed in "fundamentalism."

Being the products of shallow evangelism, many of these have never been biblically converted. They have prayed a sinner's prayer but haven't been born again. Having never had a real and dynamic relationship with Christ, they are man-followers, and when the man fails, they are offended and quit, sometimes blaming Christ and the church for something that is man's fault alone.



Even if they were truly saved, they were not properly disciplined and grounded in the Scriptures and in solid doctrinal truth. All too typically they have been used or neglected and sometimes abused, but not shepherded.

The following is one of the many testimonies we have received through the years of the wretched fruit of the Hyles philosophy:

"I have so much to say, I do not know where to start. I was brought up in an extremely fundamental ... Hyles and Bob Gray worshiping church in southern California. At one point this church, which averaged no more than 200 on Wednesday nights (at its peak in the late 90's), was 3rd in America in baptisms, with more than 10,000 in a single year. I was one of the 'top' teenagers in the church and I was 'in' as far as popularity and promise at our church. It was a shallow, man praising, numbers driven Christianity that has driven countless men, women, families, and teenagers to bitterness and a hatred for anything that has to do with the Bible or God. I know because I was one of them. I have many old friends who have told me they could never trust a man and/or pastor cause of the trauma they went through.

"My family is currently struggling and I am praying for my family as they, too, have grown bitter. My family is currently looking to go to the complete other side of Christianity (new evangelical/praise chapel type) and I am praying and hoping they see Christ and the Bible more real as I have during this last year. I have recently read your book 'The Two Jacks' and am currently

reading the book on quick prayerism, which I could tell so many stories about. I have had to "reset" my whole foundation of salvation, repentance and following Christ. I cannot even tell you how that the book 'The Two Jacks' took me on a roller coaster of emotions, from anger to disbelief, but I realized that all my emotions and EXTREMELY high, almost worship-like, feelings towards men were getting in the way of me worshipping and following Christ wholeheartedly.

"I was bitter and lost for most of my early 20's but I am now studying the Scriptures, discipling people, and following Christ in a new church. I am writing to say thanks!"

The solution to this problem is not to abandon church or to capitulate to a contemporary style of Christianity that is conformed to the world. The "newest" part of the true Christian faith is 2,000 years old; it simply is *not* going to be contemporary cool! Biblical Christianity is pilgrim Christianity and it is hated by this world.

When I was saved in 1973 out of a "hippie" background, I was perfectly cool by the world's standards. I was a real "dude." I had my long hair; had my self-centered attitude and my New Age smorgasbord philosophy; had my sensual party music; had my drug-using, hitchhiking background. But after my conversion I didn't search for a cool type of Christianity. I had truly repented of my foolish ways and my rebellion against God. I was fed up with it. I wanted something different: something eternal rather than temporal, solid rather than shallow, unbending rather than plastic, holy rather than worldly.

When I was confronted with cool Christianity in the form of the Jesus Movement in the 1970s, I was confused by it at first, then I was offended by it. That is what God saved me OUT OF! Why should God's people want to conform themselves to the plastic pop culture? Why should they want to conform to the world's music and appearance and drink deeply of its entertainment? The Bible is very plain that you cannot have the world and Christ, too. This world is at enmity with the holy God and His Christ, and the friend of this world is the enemy of God. And the Western pop culture is the most powerful and effective form of the "world" that has ever come down the pike. See the warnings of Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:11; James 1:27; 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17.

Many who reject "fundamentalist" type churches as being too strict and hypocritical end up straining at gnats and

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swallowing camels (Mat. 23:24). I mean that while they claim to see all of the real and perceived errors of “fundamentalists,” they overlook even worse errors in the contemporary crowd.

The church is God’s plan. Jesus said, “I will build my church” (Mat. 16:18). He said to the first disciples that He would be with His people to the end of the age as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission (Mat. 28:18-20).

We should reject unscriptural churches, but we must not reject the church as God’s holy institution.

Further, the solution is not to abandon “fundamentalism,” which I am referring to merely in the sense of practicing separatism and being strict in one’s approach to doctrine and practice. “Fundamentalism” in this sense is not the problem.

(I reject “fundamentalism” as a movement as being contrary to Scripture due particularly to its trans-denominational character, its “in essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty” heresy, and its “universal church” mentality. When I speak of holding to “fundamentalism” I am using the term as a synonym for biblical separatism. See the report “The Insufficiency and Error of Fundamentalism” and the free eBook [New Evangelicalism: Its History, Characteristics and Fruit](#) at the Way of Life web site -- www.wayoflife.org.)

God’s Word demands separation from error and worldliness (e.g., Romans 12:2; 16:17; 2 Corinthians

6:17; Ephesians 5:11; Philippians 3:17-18; Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:16-18; 3:5; James 1:27; 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17).

Separatism is not an optional part of Christianity. It is biblical and it is right and it is pleasing to God.

God’s Word demands strictness in the matter of doctrinal purity (e.g. Acts 20:27-28; Ephesians 4:14; 1 Timothy 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:2; Titus 1:9) and holy living (e.g. 2 Corinthians 7:1; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 2:11).

Just because some have practiced “fundamentalism” hypocritically and shallowly does not mean that it is wrong at its essence.

We must exercise great patience and mercy because every church has failings. Yea, we all have failings, so it would be hypocritical to demand perfection of others. We must find the wise, spiritually-mature balance of being patient with those sins, compromises, and errors of a sort that will always be a factor in a Bible-believing church, while not ignoring the sins, compromises, and errors that render the church incapable of fulfilling its God-given task. We must learn when to stay and when to leave, when to submit and when to separate, and only the Spirit of God can grant such wisdom.

The solution to the problem we discuss in this report [referring to the book [The Hyles Effect](#)] is to move beyond criticizing error and to strive to do something right, as we have discussed in the chapter “Not Enough to Criticize.”



~ ~ SERMONS ON CHILD DISCIPLINE AND THE HOME ~ ~

Two of the messages at the Contenders Conference hosted in April by Cornerstone Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, deal with the subject of child discipline and the home.

The videos of the Contender’s Conference 2025 are available online - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuxnfWUS3w2MeU3AP9KvBKMbGm4oYFI9P>



Following are the titles to some of the messages on the home:

Session 17 - “**Voice Obedience**” by Don Whitecar

Session 20 - “**The Effects of Anger on the Home**” by Don Whitecar



The following is excerpted from *The Pornographic Age and Victory in Christ*, www.wayoflife.org.

The teaching of Ephesians 4-6 refutes the popular philosophy of “cultural liberalism.”

- “Cultural liberalism” is the idea that the grace of Christ liberates the believer to relax and enjoy the worldly pop culture: rock and roll, R-rated movies, sensual video games, pro sports and all of its sin and filth, pop fashion, tattooing, drinking, perhaps even marijuana.

Scott Thomas, director of the Acts 29 evangelical church planting network, says, “We won’t attack the culture in the name of Christianity.” Evangelicals mockingly call the separatist stance the “Christian ghetto” or “fortress mentality.” Mark Driscoll claims to be “theologically conservative and culturally liberal” (“Pastor Provocateur,” *Christianity Today*, Sept. 21, 2007). He criticizes “hardcore fundamentalism that throws rocks at culture” (Ibid.). He defines himself as “relevant,” “contextual,” and “cool” (“Conference examines the emerging church,” Baptist Press, Sept. 25, 2007). This philosophy permeates evangelical Christianity. It is the philosophy of Wheaton College and Moody Bible Institute and Biola and Crue (Campus Crusade for Christ) and Christianity Today and Zondervan and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, etc. Books that promote this philosophy include *The Grace Awakening* by Chuck Swindoll, *Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller, *The Radical Reformation* by Mark Driscoll, *They Like Jesus But Not the Church* by Dan Kimball, and *The Barbarian Way* by Erwin McManus.

- A video clip at McManus’ Mosaic web site is a dance sequence set to funky music “where these cool dancers come out on stage and they are beset by these ominous people in suits. In the end the cool people overcome the suit people, who lose their suits and become like the cool people. Message: Don’t be a suit--be cool.” (Brian Snider’s description after watching the video on November 26, 2007.)

The meaning of this video, of course, is that professing Christians should “loosen up” and not be so uptight and restrictive about how they dress and how they live.

- This is a brazen attack against the biblical position of separation from the world.
- It is a great enticement to young believers.
- It is a great danger to the biblical Christian life and true spiritual victory.

Consider some major lessons from Ephesians 5:10-17:

A circumspect Christian life requires a testing mindset (“Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord, Eph. 5:9-10).

- “**Proving**” (Eph. 5:10) is *dokimázo*, “to try, discern, distinguish, approve” (*Complete Word Study Bible*). It is also translated “discern” (Lu. 12:56), “examine” (1 Co. 11:28), and “try” (1 Jo. 4:1).

(1) This is the testing mindset that is an essential part of the Christian life and ministry. Compare Ac. 17:11; Ro. 12:2; 2 Co. 10:5; Php. 1:10; 1 Th. 5:21; Heb. 5:14. This is the path of spiritual safety. It is the path of God’s will.

(2) The testing mindset requires a strong knowledge of Scripture. This is the subject of Hebrews 5:12-14. There must be skill in the use of Scripture. There must be the ability to take the strong meat and not just milk. There must be the exercise of the spiritual senses “to discern both good and evil.”

(3) Everything in the Christian life is to be tested as to whether it is “acceptable unto the Lord” (Eph. 5:10). This is the only thing that matters in the Christian life. It does not matter if something is acceptable in the eyes of men. It must be acceptable to the Lord. The essential question is, “Does this thing please the Lord, my Master?”

(4) Everything is to be tested by whether it is light or darkness (Eph. 5:8). If it is of darkness, it is to be rejected, avoided, and reprovved.

(5) Everything is to be tested by the fruit of the Spirit (“For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth,” Eph. 5:9). The standard for defining goodness, righteousness, and truth is Holy Scripture. Everything must be tested by Scripture. If something is contrary to God’s Word, it is not good, not righteous, and not truth, no matter what man thinks about it. If it is contrary to God’s Word, it is the doctrine of devils and not of the Spirit of God. The better God’s people know the Word of God, the better they can discern goodness, righteousness, and truth.

- “Proving” is present tense, indicating continuous, persistent action. The proving is to be the believer’s way of life. The biblical worldview teaches me that I live in a fallen world filled with spiritual, moral, and doctrinal danger, and I must be ever vigilant to protect myself and others, ever testing.

A circumspect Christian life requires having “no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness” (Eph. 5:11).

- Again we see that this is a very strict path. “No fellowship with” is the highest standard of separation. It is contrary to the philosophy that prevails among professing Christians today, which is “lighten up, don’t be so strict, don’t be so demanding, don’t be judgmental.”

- *“Fellowship”* is *sugkoinonéo*, to participate with, to take part in, to partner with, to share together. It is translated “communicate with” (Php. 4:14) and “be partakers of” (Re. 18:4). “The word refers to a joint-participation between two or more individuals in a common interest and a common activity” (Kenneth Wuest).

- *“Works of darkness”* refer to every deed that is contrary to God’s moral law. The works of darkness are the works of sin, evil, unrighteousness, unholiness, impurity. They are called “darkness” because they are of the darkness of this fallen world and the darkness of the devil.

A circumspect Christian life requires that we “reprove” the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11-14).

- “Reprove” is *elégcho*, “to convince of error, refute, confute.” It is translated “tell him his fault” (Mt. 18:15), “convince of sin” (Joh. 8:46), and “rebuke” (1 Ti. 5:20; Tit. 1:13; Re. 3:19). It is “to reprove or rebuke so as to bring out conviction or confession of guilt” (Wuest). It is to “convict by turning the light on the darkness” (*Robertson’s Word Pictures*).

- This is the aggressive part of biblical separation. To reprove the works of darkness is to shine light upon those works so that men and women can know that they are sinners before God and that God is a holy judge. “*Rather*” means that the obligation of administering reproof is not to be reluctantly

added to that of avoiding fellowship but to be added with zest. That is what the light is for: not just to shine for itself but ‘rather’ also to blaze out into the darkness and to expose what that darkness covers up” (Robert Lenski).

- Reproving the unfruitful works of darkness is a necessary part of the gospel ministry, as we see in Romans 1-3. Paul spent more than two chapters reproving sin, showing man’s guilt before God, revealing God’s judgment. Only then did he preach the grace of Christ (Ro. 3:21-24). This is the right way to preach the gospel. Man must know that he is a lost, undone sinner before he will flee to Christ for salvation. To reprove the works of darkness is to use the law for its rightful purpose which is to be a schoolmaster to lead men to Christ (Gal. 3:24).

- Reproving the unfruitful works of darkness is a necessary part of preaching and teaching God’s Word (“reprove, rebuke,” 2 Ti. 4:2). The Word of God is profitable “for reproof, for correction” (2 Ti. 3:17). The right kind of preaching is an essential part of maintaining spiritual revival in a church.

A circumspect Christian life requires living circumspectly (“See then that ye walk circumspectly,” Eph. 5:15).

- *“See”* is *blépo*, which is translated “take heed” (1 Co. 8:9; 10:12), “beware” (Php. 3:2; Col. 2:8), and “look to” (2 Jo. 1:8). It “expresses an intent, earnest contemplation” (Vine). It means to pay attention to something, to see that you do it, to take heed to it.

- *“Circumspectly”* is *akribós*, “exactly, accurately, carefully” (Vine). It is also translated “diligently” (Mt. 2:8; Ac. 18:25) and “perfect” (Lu. 1:3). To walk circumspectly is to be careful to please the Lord in every way and to avoid sin and error. It is to pay close attention to living according to God’s will as expressed in Scripture. It is to measure everything by God’s Word.

- To walk circumspectly is to act “*not as fools, but as wise.*” To walk circumspectly is to refuse to act foolishly. Before salvation, the individual can only act as a fool by God’s measure, because his understanding is darkened and his heart is blind (Eph. 4:18). But the believer has been made alive, has the new man, and has been enlightened by God’s Spirit. He can therefore walk as wise, but this doesn’t come automatically. To walk as wise is a choice that he or she must make. I recall as a new believer at age 23, when I began reading the book of Proverbs, I saw that though saved I had many of the characteristics of the fool, and I earnestly wanted to be wise rather than foolish. I had known the Bible since childhood, but I had never cared about being wise until I was saved.

- To walk circumspectly requires “*redeeming the time*” (Eph. 5:16).

(1) “Redeem” is to buy, to purchase. Time is valuable. To redeem time is to use it wisely in God’s will. When a day is

gone, it is gone forever. It has been said, “Time is money.” Every day, and every hour of the day, is a wonderful opportunity that God gives to His redeemed, and it must be used wisely. “This is the day which the LORD hath made...” (Ps. 118:24).

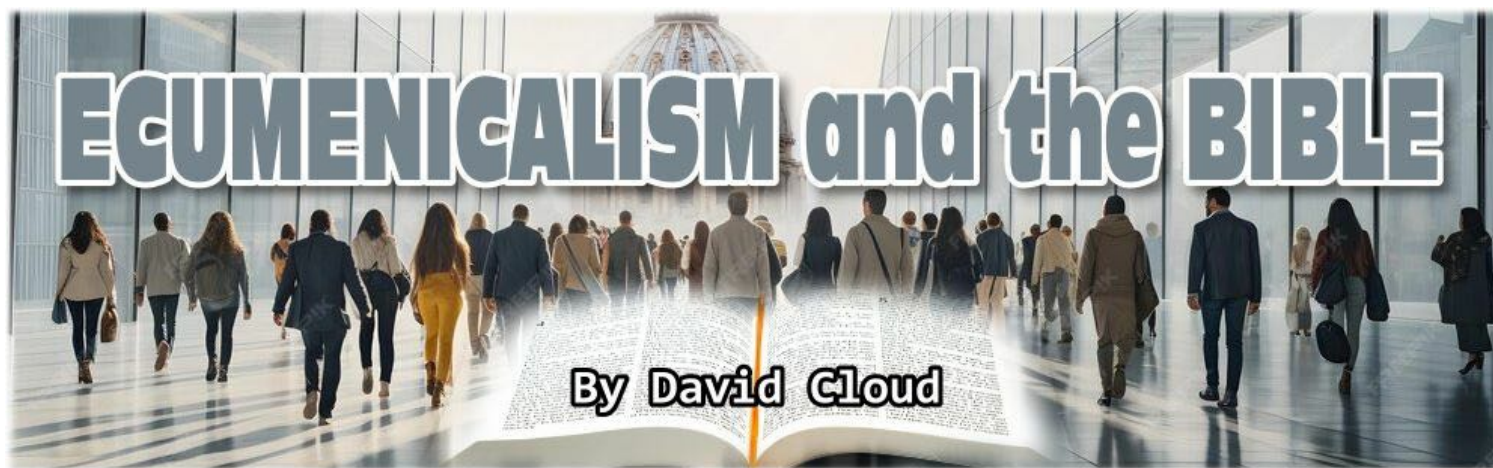
(2) Time can be redeemed because of salvation. Because I have been reconciled to God and have been made accepted in the beloved, I can serve God and please Him and do His will. God gives men a choice about how to spend time on this earth.

(3) To redeem the time is to do those things found in the context of this exhortation (Eph. 5:10-19). It is to use one’s time to serve Christ and do God’s will. It is to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, to understand the will of the Lord, to be not drunk with wine, to be filled with the Spirit, to speak to yourselves in spiritual songs.

(4) Redeeming the time requires seeing each season of life as a unique opportunity to do God’s will. God divided man’s earthly life into seasons. There is childhood, youth, adulthood,

old age. Each season is addressed in Scripture. The child is to learn discipline, to be educated in God’s Word, to be prepared for salvation and God’s service (e.g., De. 6:4-7; Pr. 22:6, 15; 29:15 Eph. 6:1-4). God’s Word addresses youth (e.g., Ec. 12:1; Tit. 2:4-6) and the elderly (e.g., Tit. 2:2-3). To redeem the time is to give my full attention to doing God’s will in the season of life in which I find myself.

(5) Redeeming the time is to do what is acceptable to the Lord (Eph. 5:10). To redeem the time is to use my time to the best advantage to accomplish God’s will. It is to make a plan for my daily life so that I do God’s will and I don’t spend my days in vanity and worldliness. If God has plainly stated something in Scripture, I must do it and by doing it I am redeeming the time. For example, He has said not to forsake the assembly (Heb. 10:25). Therefore, I redeem the time by making the assembly a priority. God has said that I am to be a skillful student of Scripture (Heb. 5:12-13). Therefore, I must make Bible reading and study and meditation a priority in my daily schedule. God has said that the father is to be the spiritual head of the family and the mother is to be the keeper of the home, so the father and mother must make this a priority in their daily schedules.



We are witnessing a great blending and merging within Christianity. Unity is the cry of the times. There is a call to “break down the walls.” The ecumenical principle and spirit is gaining predominance everywhere, but it is a rebellious spirit that is contrary to the Bible.

First, the ecumenical movement has an unscriptural view of doctrine.

The term “doctrine” appears fifty-six times in the English Bible. The first characteristic of the church at Jerusalem was that it “continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine” (Ac. 2:42). The one true faith, the one true body of doctrinal truth, was given to the apostles and prophets by

divine inspiration and enshrined in the New Testament Scripture. The doctrine was inscribed, canonized, and preserved. It was “once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). The completed faith was sealed with a sharp warning in the last chapter (Re. 22:18-19). From that time, churches are to keep that same doctrine. They are to contend for it (Jude 1:3).

Paul taught Timothy to care deeply about sound doctrine. In 1 Timothy, Paul mentioned doctrine and teaching 18 times. He began the epistle by exhorting Timothy not to allow *any* other doctrine (1 Ti. 1:3). That is the strictest position possible. Timothy was to give attendance to doctrine (1 Ti. 4:13). He was to take heed unto the

doctrine and continue in it (1 Ti. 4:16). He was to separate on the basis of doctrine (1 Ti. 6:3-5). He was to keep the doctrine without spot (1 Ti. 6:20).

Most divisions between Christians are doctrinal. Why is an Episcopalian church different from a Baptist church? The doctrine is different. Consider the doctrine of baptism. One denomination teaches that baptism is the new birth; the other, that baptism is symbolic. ("In the waters of baptism, we are lovingly adopted by God into God's family, which we call the Church, and given God's own life" (episcopalchurch.org). One baptizes infants; the other baptizes believers only. ("The infant is being cleansed of original sin," *The Episcopal Dictionary*). One pours; the other immerses.

One of the names of the Spirit of God is "the Spirit of Truth" (Joh. 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 Jo. 4:6). When the Spirit comes in His saving and sanctifying power, He always comes with Truth. He never teaches heresy.

It is impossible to take the Bible's instruction about doctrine seriously and also be ecumenical.

Second, the ecumenical movement ignores the Bible's warnings about apostasy.

Christ and the apostles taught that false Christianity will increase throughout the church age and will reign everywhere at the end of the age. Those who preach ecumenical unity ignore this truth. They don't warn about apostasy. They don't identify apostasy.

- Apostasy is prophesied in Christ's parables of the mysteries of the kingdom (Mt. 13:10-11, 24-25, 33). These parables teach that the devil will sow false Christianity into the world, and it will increase like leaven "till the whole was leavened." This means false Christianity will grow throughout the centuries; it will spread throughout the earth; and it will be the predominate form of Christianity.

- Apostasy is prophesied by Paul in his final epistle (2 Ti. 3:1-13; 4:3-4). This great prophecy describes false Christianity. It will be characterized by love of self (2 Ti. 3:2). It will have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof (2 Ti. 3:5). This means it will not have the power of the new birth and the infallible Scripture. It will grow throughout the centuries (2 Ti. 3:13). It will be deceptive (2 Ti. 3:13). It will not endure sound doctrine (2 Ti. 4:3). It will preach liberty to live after one's own lusts (2 Ti. 4:3). It will be preached by "heaps" of false teachers who will give the people the kind of Christianity they want (2 Ti. 4:3). It will have fables (2 Ti.

4:4). False Christianity is filled with fables such as Mary the Queen of Heaven, transubstantiation (the host of the mass becomes Jesus), the pope having the keys of Peter, purgatory, the intercession of the saints, evolution, the book of Mormon, two Isaiahs, and the word-faith heresy.

- Apostasy is also prophesied in Acts 20:28-30; 1 Ti. 4:1-3; 2 Pe. 2:1-2; 1 Jo. 2:18; 4:1-2.

Third, the ecumenical movement is disobedience to the Bible's command of separation.

God forbids fellowship with error. A truly Spirit-filled Christian will obey the Spirit's instruction about separation and contending for the faith.

See Ro. 16:17; 2 Co. 6:14; 11:3-4; Eph. 4:14; Php. 3:1-2; Col. 2:8; 2 Th. 3:6; 2 Ti. 2:16-18; 2 Ti. 2:16-18; 3:5, 13-14; Tit. 1:10-11; 2 Jo. 1:7-11; Jude 1:3

If we obey the Bible's commands about keeping sound doctrine and separating from false doctrine, it is impossible to participate in ecumenical unity.

What about Christian unity?

1. True Christian unity is practiced in a sound New Testament church in which the members are united together in one mind to serve Jesus Christ and to fulfill the Great Commission. This is the context of the major passages on unity.

See Romans 15:5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 1:27.

2. John 17:21 does not teach ecumenical unity.

This is the main proof text for ecumenical unity, but it is taken out of context and misinterpreted.

John 17 is not a command that Christians are to obey; it is a prayer that Jesus addressed to the Father. It is not something man needs to do; it is something God has already done. It is a prayer, and the prayer was answered. The unity described in John 17 is a supernatural thing that only God could do (Joh. 17:21-24). Born again believers are one with God; they share in Christ's glory.

In John 17 is not something pertaining to all professing Christians. Christ prays only for the following:

- those who have received His Word and have believed for sure in Jesus the Christ (Joh. 17:8). These are Christians who understand the true gospel and have a know-so salvation testimony.
- those who have kept His Word (Joh. 17:6). These are obedient Bible Christians. They do not live according to their own lusts (2 Ti. 4:3-4).
- those who are not of the world but are hated by the world (Joh. 17:14, 16). These are Christians who live a separated pilgrim lifestyle; they do not love the world; they are not friends of the world.
- those who are sanctified by the word of truth (Joh. 17:17). These are Bible Christians who accept the Bible as the word of truth.

John 17 does not describe end-time Christianity with its countless heresies and fables.

This is not the Roman Catholic Church. This is not the World Council of Churches with its 350 denominations representing more than 500 million professing Christians. This is not “evangelicalism.”

True Christian unity is a unity in truth and obedience to the Scripture. It is a unity of born again, Bible-believing Christians. It is the unity of a sound New Testament church. It is not a unity that ignores doctrinal differences for the sake of an enlarged fellowship. It is unity in truth, not “unity in diversity.” It is a narrow unity, not a large unity.

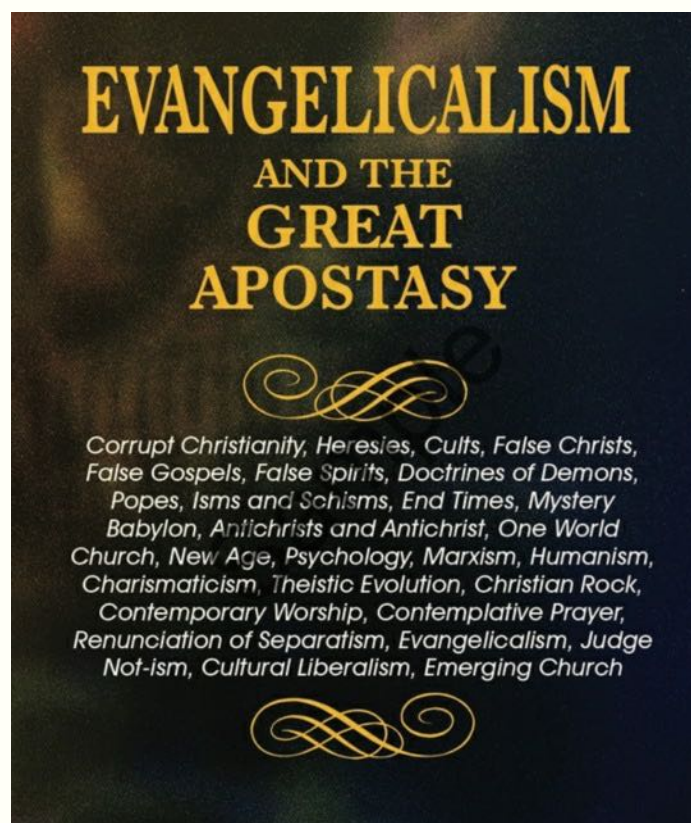
EVANGELICALISM

AND THE GREAT APOSTASY

By David Cloud

[*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy*](#) is a new book and Bible course, has two major themes: ***apostasy*** as taught in the Bible and as seen through the age and ***evangelicalism*** as the broad sphere of apostasy in the last hours of the church age. We document how the apostasy developed in the first 1800 years of church history, how it exploded in the 19th century, how it reached new heights in the 20th century, and how it is nearing its apex in the 21st century. **It is evangelicalism, with its profession of biblical faith yet lack of real boundaries, that is destroying the black and white of truth and error and creating the gray of compromise. Everything is changing, moving, merging, blending, homogenizing.** In dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the stage is being set for the day of the Lord and the rise of Mystery Babylon.

[*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy*](#) is a 402-page book. It is also a Bible course consisting of a textbook, review questions, tests, and the PowerPoint “Evangelicalism a Bridge to Dangerous Waters,” which deals with the following dangers: The John 17 heresy, charismaticism, rejection of the pre-tribulation Rapture, ecumenism, Catholicism, the one-world church, the world of secular rock, homosexual Christianity,



contemplative prayer, modern Bible versions, cultural liberalism, the downgrade of Bible inspiration, process salvation, salvation apart from faith in Christ, theistic evolution, the downgrade of hell, open theism, and false gods and goddesses.

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The following is excerpted from [What Is the Emerging Church?](http://www.wayoflife.org) which is available from Way of Life Literature, www.wayoflife.org -



The emerging church is a magnet for those who have rejected the “old-fashioned” New Testament faith and who despise traditional Bible-believing churches, dogmatic biblical preaching, and biblical “judgmentalism” in regard to lifestyle choices.

Many of the books I have read by emerging leaders make this admission.

For example, in *Blue Like Jazz* Donald Miller tells how that he refused to be restricted by the teaching of traditional-type churches. He wanted to drink beer and watch raunchy movies and talk trashy and run around with atheists and other rebels. In discussing his involvement in church in his youth he says, “I wished I could have subscribed to aspects of Christianity but not the whole thing” (p. 30). He complains, “In order to believe Christianity, you either had to reduce enormous theological absurdities [i.e., Garden of Eden, universal flood] into children’s stories or ignore them” (p. 31). He wanted to believe the gospel “free from the clasp of fairy tale” (p. 35). In other words, he wanted to pick and choose what parts of the Bible he would believe. He despised dogmatic Bible preaching and hated it when preachers “said we had to follow Jesus” because “sometimes they would make Him sound angry” (p. 34).

In fact, Jesus *was* angry sometimes even in His incarnation (“*he looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts,*” Mark 3:5), and He will be *very* angry in the future when the wrath of the Lamb is poured out upon mankind as

described in the book of Revelation and many other places in Scripture!

When Miller decided to attend a raunchy secular college in Portland, Oregon, where most of the students are atheists and agnostics and they use drugs and openly fornicate and sometimes run around naked, a Christian friend sat him down and warned him that God did not want him to attend there. That was good biblical advice (e.g., 2 Corinthians 6:14-17; Ephesians 5:11; 2 Timothy 3:5; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17), but Miller ignored the warning and felt that the wicked atmosphere was a liberating experience. He writes: “The first day of school was exhilarating. It was better than high school. Reed had ashtrays, and everybody said cusswords” (p. 38). After spending time with drug-using, atheistic hippies who lived in the woods he said, “I had discovered life outside the church, and I liked it. As I said, I preferred it” (p. 210).

At a book signing event, one enthusiastic reader of Miller’s *Blue Like Jazz* said: “I love *Blue Like Jazz* because it’s, like, a Christian book, but it doesn’t make you feel bad about yourself” (“A Better Storyteller,” *Christianity Today*, June 2007). Another said: “I’ve already bought *Blue Like Jazz* 13 times. But I gotta have all these to give to people. I’m a Jesus girl, but I also like to go out and do tequila shots with my friends. This is a book I can give to those friends.”

Some members of Spirit Garage meet in an Irish bar in downtown Minneapolis on Wednesday for a weekly Theology Pub, a mix of biblical discussion and beer. Lindsey Gice, a member of Spirit Garage, says that when the subject of Christianity comes up, “I always feel like I have to qualify it, like, ‘I’m not that kind of Christian, I go to a cool church’” (“Hip New Churches Pray to a Different Drummer,” *New York Times*, Feb.

18, 2004). Gice said that she left church after high school because her former churches were “way too judgmental.”

Brian McLaren’s book *A New Kind of Christian* is the story of a pastor who rejects the Bible in a “crisis of faith” and follows the guidance of a modernist. The book recounts the man’s journey from a fairly solid faith in the Bible as the absolute standard for truth, in which doctrine is either right or wrong, scriptural or unscriptural, to a pliable, philosophical position in which “faith is more about a way of life than a system of belief, where being authentically good is more important than being doctrinally right” (from the back cover of *A New Kind of Christian*).

In *A Renegade’s Guide to God*, David Foster mocks “Bible thumpers” and calls for a “renegade” type of Christianity that “resists being named, revolts at being shamed, and rebels against being tamed” (p. 8). He says, “We won’t be ‘told’ what to do or ‘commanded’ how to behave” (p. 10).

Nanette Sawyer, in her chapter in *An Emergent Manifesto of Hope*, begins by describing her “explicit rejection of Christianity” (p. 43). She rejected the division of people into categories of saved and unsaved. She rejected the restriction on women church leaders. She renounced the doctrine that man is “inherently bad” and the necessity of judging oneself a sinner. She complains, “This didn’t leave any room for questions, doubts, or growth in faith.”

The testimony of Anna Dodridge of Bournemouth, England, is featured in the book *Emerging Churches* by Eddie Gibbs and Ryan Bolger. She describes how that she grew up in a Christian home but fell in love with the world and got deeply involved in the club culture, which involves all night dance and drug parties. Her interests were “in drinking and kissing boys” (p. 262). She got fed up with the churches because they “refused to support me” and “couldn’t see how I could possibly want to go into nightclubs, and they thought it was disgraceful that we were encouraging the culture.” As a result, she “went off to Ibiza, Spain (a magnet for clubbers from all over Europe) for a couple of weeks.” She and others that support the emerging church philosophy are “fed up with traditional church, heavy-handed guidance” (p. 264).

The membership of the emerging church congregation called Revive in Leeds, England, is “mainly made up of people who didn’t fit into ‘regular’ church. They were too

cynical, too rebellious, too radical” (*Emerging Church*, p. 273).

Jonny Baker of Grace in London, England, says: “We once did a service called ‘we’re right, follow us’ that explored the discomfort we all feel with that old-school, arrogant approach to evangelism” (*Emerging Church*, p. 123).

Donald McCullough complains about those who make “cocksure pronouncements about God” and engage in “doctrinal warfare” and are “eager to condemn others to hell” (*If Grace Is So Amazing, Why Don’t We Like It*, p. 25). He is opposed to preachers who “crack the whip of the imperative (‘Do this!’) [rather] than announce the news of the indicative (‘God has done this!’)” (p. 78). He doesn’t like the type of preaching that says, “... don’t do that, curb your appetites, reign in desire, discipline and sacrifice yourself” (p. 104). He claims that grace means “we may relax in our humanity” (p. 141).

These people are rebels against the plain teaching of the Bible, and as a magnet for rebellion the emerging church holds a wide attraction in these last days as prophesied in Scripture:

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

This prophecy describes a great turning away from the truth among professing Christians. It says they will reject the sound teaching of the Bible and desire a new type of Christianity that allows them to live after their own lusts. That is a strange type of Christianity, but we are seeing its fulfillment before our very eyes. The prophecy says there will be heaps of teachers who will give the people this new type of Christianity, and this is exactly what we see. Christian bookstores are filled with books and the Internet is filled with Christian articles and blogs, but the majority of this material does not contain the straightforward preaching of God’s Word that reproves, rebukes, and exhorts (2 Timothy 4:2). Rather, they are filled with doctrine that scratches the itching ears of those who have rejected the Bible. They are filled with pop novelties, psychology, self-esteemism, pampering of the ego, friendship with the world, heresies, questionings, boastings, doubtings, illicit fellowship

with error (e.g., evangelicals and contemplative spirituality), railings against “legalism” falsely so called, fairy tales, fictional romance, reconstructed history, fascination with ancient heretics wrongly called “church fathers,” and many other such things.

The New Evangelicalism of the 1950s was a rebellion against strict biblical Christianity, and the emerging church is simply a step further in that fearful direction.

Rebellion is a natural product of our fallen nature. The Old Man, as it is called in Scripture, which we inherited from Adam’s fall, is at enmity against God and His Word. True Christianity requires a new birth. There are no “second generation” Christians in the true biblical sense. Thus each person that grows up in a Christian home and church must come to grips with the gospel for himself and herself, and because the devil and the indwelling fallen nature are real, there is a spiritual battle that must be waged. I faced this battle in my youth. I grew up in a Bible-believing church and went through the motions of

receiving Christ and joining the church, but I wanted my own way more than Christ’s. I rejected the Bible, left the church, and went very far into the world before being converted at age 23. Emerging church philosophy would doubtless have been appealing to me in my unsaved, rebellious condition.

Because of this ongoing battle that rages with each new generation, the rebellion that is part and parcel of the emerging church philosophy is very enticing to a wide range of people.

The emerging church is a fulfillment of the prophecy of 2 Timothy 4:2-4.

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

What is the Emerging Church?



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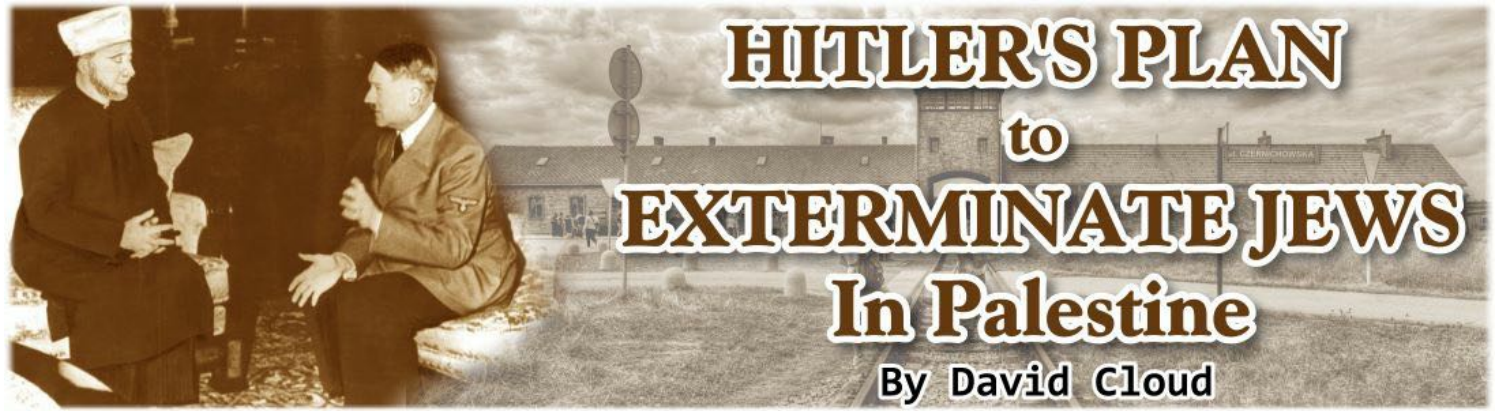
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Emerging church leaders have the objective of proselytizing our children and grandchildren. In his 2008 book *Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices*, Brian McLaren describes his plan to infiltrate churches and Christian institutions that are currently rejecting the emerging church.

In this book we explore the following: (1) What is the Emerging Church? (2) A Great Blending and Merging (3) The Liberal Emerging Church (4) The Conservative Emerging Church (5) Brian McLaren: The Emerging Church’s Biggest Mouth (6) Cain the First Emergent Worshipper (7) Charles Spurgeon Exposed the Emerging Church.

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Allah, history and religion. This serves your honor, Allah is with you" (Jeffrey Herf, *Nazi Propaganda for the Arab World*, p. 213).

Third Reich dictator Adolph Hitler had a little-known plan to destroy the Jews in Palestine.

Beginning in the 1930s, Hitler began communicating with Palestinian leaders to forge an alliance against the cause of a Jewish homeland.

In 1937, the German Consulate in Palestine stated in a report, "The formation of a Jewish state ... is not in Germany's interest because a [Jewish] Palestinian state would create additional national power bases for international Jewry..."

In July 1938, Nazi agent Adam Vollhardt was sent to Palestine for face-to-face meetings with Arab leaders.

There were also personal meetings of **Haj Amin al-Husseini** (the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem) with Hitler and Adolf Heinrich Himmler. Hitler told Hussein,

"Germany's objective ... [is] solely the destruction of the Jewish element residing in the Arab sphere" ("The Holocaust: The Mufti and the Fuhrer," *Jewish Virtual Library*).

Husseini was the instigator of murderous rampages against Jews in Palestine. He spent most of World War II in Germany broadcasting Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda to the Middle East, including calls for the destruction of Jewish settlements. On March 1, 1944, Hussein stated on a Berlin radio Arabic broadcast,

"Arabs! Rise as one and fight for your sacred rights. Kill the Jews wherever you find them. This pleases

Husseini lived in a luxurious villa at Nazi expense and received a massive 90,000 Reichmarks monthly stipend, at a time when only 17 percent of Germans had *annual* incomes of 2,400 Reichmarks or more ("Haj Amin al-Husseini," Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, Jan. 5, 2016).

Concrete plans were laid for the Nazis and Arabs to work together toward the extermination of the Palestine Jews.

Hitler's Afrika Corps entered North Africa in February 1941 with the objective to destroy the British army in Libya and Egypt. Under the leadership of the brilliant Erwin Rommel (called "the Desert Fox"), the British were pushed farther and farther east.

At the time, the German forces appeared invincible. They occupied western Europe and appeared to be on the verge of defeating Stalin in Russia.

In the event of defeat in Egypt, the British planned to take a final stand in Iraq to protect their oil fields, which were essential for the war effort. That would have left Palestine open for the Germans.

In expectation of a victory by the Africa Corps over British forces, German units were assigned to the Corps to join the Arabs in exterminating Jews as soon as the way was open. These units were Einsatzkommando mobile killing squads (composed of SS and Gestapo) and SD (Sicherheitsdienst, the intelligence agency of the SS), the primary Nazi agents tasked with exterminating the Jews in Hitler's "Final Solution." The units assigned to the Afrika Corps were trained in Greece by SD officer Walter

Rauff, the originator of the gassing van experiments in Poland.

“The culmination of these plans came in the summer of 1942, when the extermination of the Jews that had begun in Europe was to be expanded to the Yishuv [Jewish settlement in Palestine] as well, with the active assistance of local Arab collaborators” (Klaus-Michael Mallmann, *Nazi Palestine: The Plans for the Extermination of the Jews in Palestine*, p. viiii).

The Jewish Haganah was aware of what was happening and planned to move the Jews of Palestine to a base on Mount Carmel in a last ditch effort against the Germans and Arabs. They said, “If we are destined to fall, let us fall here ... the Hebrew flag in the Land of Israel will be worthless if the Jews of Palestine do not rise up in a last heroic attempt to defend it” (Yitzhak Tabenkin, cited from “The Nazi invasion of Palestine, 1942,” *The Times of Israel*, Apr. 19, 2015).

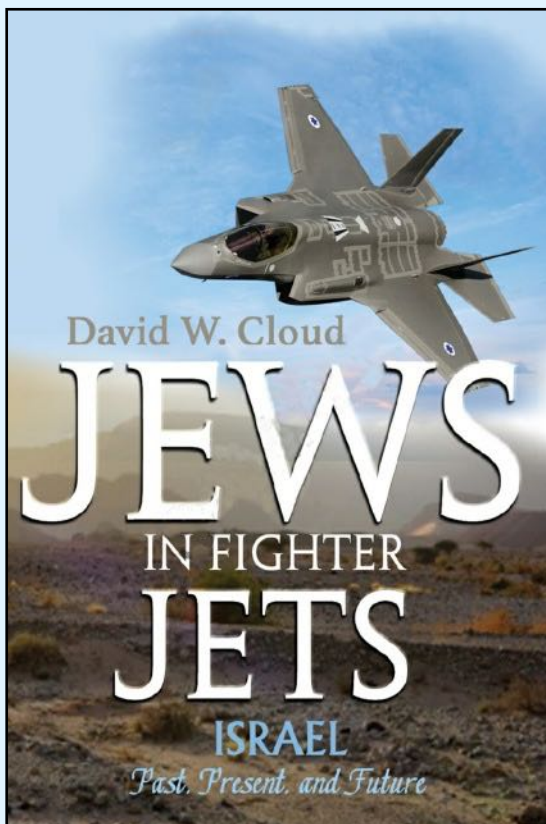
The “Carmel Plan” to relocate a half million Jews from various parts of “Palestine” to the mountain and build defensive systems was prepared in detail by Yitzhak Sadeh, commander of the Haganah, and Yochanan Ratner of the Technion University. There were to be air strips,

agriculture, cave redoubts, etc. They planned for supplies to be air dropped by the Allies. They even trained a squad of German-speaking Jews with “Aryan looks” who would infiltrate, gather intelligence, and kill German troops.

But by the end of 1942, the war was unexpectedly going against the Germans on both fronts. In Russia, the battle of Stalingrad began to turn in Russia’s favor. In Africa, the British and Americans gained the ascendancy over Rommel’s forces. In November 1942, the Nazis suffered a major defeat at the Second Battle of El Alamein in Egypt that turned the tide of the war in Africa. In May 1943, the Afrika Corps surrendered.

This was the end of Hitler’s dream of liquidating the Jews of Palestine.

After El Alamein, Walter Rauff shifted his Einstazkommando killing units to Tunisia. He was joined by Oswald Pohl, who had organized the concentration camps in Eastern Europe. Many Jews were murdered and died in labor camps in Tunisia, but the work of the German killing squads was cut short when the Afrika Corps surrendered to Allied forces.



Jews in Fighter Jets: Israel Past, Present, and Future

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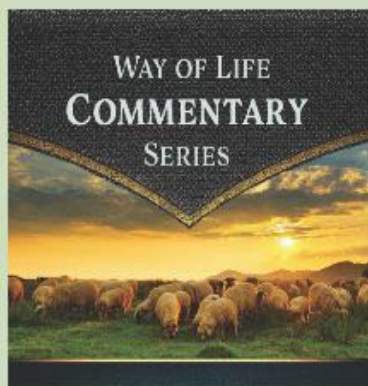
This title is a major enlargement of *Israel: Past, Present, and Future*, which was published in 2010. This course includes 2676 slides in 16 presentations.

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“I love a good commentary. It is my normal procedure to investigate a passage of the Bible, and then look up a few trusted commentaries to see how these good men handled the same passage. Right now, I am preaching through I Timothy in our midweek service, and I picked up the Pastoral Epistles Commentary. The information is thorough and completely trustworthy. I really enjoyed reading the introduction (read it a couple of times). We are now in chapter 5, and I am indebted to the valuable research that your commentary provides. I have also read your commentaries on Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel to accompany my own morning devotions. I consider it a spiritual challenge every time I pick up one of your books, but your commentaries are my favorite so far. Thank you for being used of God to be a blessing to many others. Every pastor should invest in the treasure of books you have written for their personal library, for their church library, and church book store. Our people have been very blessed and strengthened by your hard work.”

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Psalms 2 volumes 1026 pages

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Romans 398 pages

Corinthian Epistles 563 pages

Prison Epistles 576 pages

Thessalonian Epistles

Pastoral Epistles 492 pages

Hebrews 401 pages

General Epistles 618 pages

Revelation 555 pages

THE JELLY FISH THAT SAILS AGAINST THE WIND (Friday Church News Notes, October 17, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is from CreationMoments.com, Sept. 22, 2025: “Do you know how to handle a sailboat? If you had to sail to a destination that was not exactly downwind, would you be able to do it? Unlike most jellyfish, velella does not merely drift with the wind. Velella has a triangular sail. [This is called a latine sail on ships; it was invented by man in the 15th century at the dawn of the Age of Discovery.] However, unlike some jellyfish with sails, velella’s sail doesn’t simply catch the wind and move velella along with it. Velella’s triangular sail has an S-shaped base so that it can stand up to winds from any direction. The sail is set on top of velella’s body at an angle to its length. This makes velella a biological oddity—because its body is not symmetrical. This asymmetry is not without purpose. The unusual body design of this jellyfish allows it to sail as much as 60 degrees off the direction of the wind. This is what sailors call a broad reach. Some velellas have their sails tilted to the right, allowing them to sail up to 60 degrees to the right of downwind. Others have their sails tilted to the left, allowing them to sail up to 60 degrees left of downwind. What’s more, velellas can change their angle of sailing by extending or retracting their tentacles in the water. When scientists noticed that velella’s body was asymmetrical,



they immediately looked for a purpose behind the design. Even though many scientists will not recognize the Creator, they understand enough to realize that nothing in the creation is without purpose or design. So while many deny the Creator, they still recognize the pattern of His handiwork! Ref: ‘The by-the-wind sailor: a masterpiece of natural design.’ *Discover*. Velella, Wilson44691, CC0, Wikimedia Commons.”

DIGGING IN THE WALLS

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

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

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

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

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



TRUMP'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE PLAN (Friday Church News Notes, October 3, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - On September 29, U.S. President Donald Trump and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced in a joint press conference the "Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict." Trump said, "Gaza is one thing, but we're talking about much beyond Gaza. The whole deal, everything getting solved. It's called peace in the Middle East." John Hinderaker summarizes the plan as follows: "The war ends; Israeli troops begin to withdraw; hostages, both living and dead, are returned within 72 hours; Israel will release more Hamas terrorists and others; aid will be sent to Gaza; Hamas members who put down their weapons will receive amnesty; there will be an economic development plan for Gaza. ... Gaza will be governed, on an interim basis, by a 'technocratic, apolitical Palestinian committee,' supervised by 'a new international transitional body, the Board of Peace,' headed by none other than Donald J. Trump. Tony Blair will also be a member. As Israeli forces are withdrawn, order will be maintained in Gaza by 'a temporary International Stabilization Force' which will be formed by 'Arab and international partners'" ("Peace in

Our Time?" *PowerLine*, Sept. 29, 2025). Mr. Trump boasts of his deal making ability and wants a Nobel Prize for Peace, but he doesn't have the power to bring peace to the Middle East or to the world in general. God's Word tells us exactly what is going to happen. The Bible's prophecies pertaining to Christ's first coming were fulfilled precisely, and its prophecies pertaining to His second coming will be fulfilled in like manner. The world will have no peace until the return of the Prince of Peace and the establishment of Christ's kingdom. Before that, the day of the Lord will bring unprecedented destruction. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them" (1 Thessalonians 5:3). Israel will have no peace until she repents and turns to her God and receives Jesus as her Messiah. Israel will be deceived by the Man of Sin, the Antichrist, who will come on the scene as a great peace king who will make every deal maker of history look like small-time amateurs. The Antichrist will sign a peace covenant with Israel and make it possible for the Third Temple to be built, but he will break the covenant after three and a half years, set himself up in the temple, and demand global worship on pain of death. "... that man of sin [will] be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:16-17). In the press conference, Mr. Trump

spoke highly of President Erdogan of Turkey and considers him part of the peace process, but Erdogan has plainly and publicly expressed his support of Hamas, calling them a liberation group, and charged Israel with mass murder, genocide, mental illness, and illegal occupation of "Palestine" ("Turkey's Erdogan," Reuters, Oct. 25, 2023). Israel's Muslim neighbors will be a reed that will pierce the hand as Egypt of old (2 Ki. 18:21). The hour is very late when the offer of the gospel will end. Mr. Trump, Mr. Netanyahu, and every other unregenerate person needs to be born again by "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21) before it is too late.

HOMOSEXUALS PARTICIPATE IN VATICAN JUBILEE (Friday Church News Notes, October 3, 2025,

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On September 5-6, a group of homosexuals participated openly in the Vatican's Jubilee, which occurs every 25 years and features entrance into the "Holy Doors" of St. Peter's Basilica and other basilicas. Entering the doors, which are normally closed, is considered a sacrament of salvation ("LGBTQ+ Jubilee pilgrimage marks new chapter for Catholic Church," *GMA News Online*, Sept. 7, 2025). More than 1,300 homosexuals and their supporters, including priests and nuns, "entered St. Peter's carrying



rainbow crucifixes and wearing shirts with rainbow hearts" ("These Catholics just became the first LGBTQ+ people to participate," *Advocate*, Sept. 8, 2025). The pilgrimage was arranged by La Tenda di Gionata (Jonathan's Tent), "an Italian association for LGBTQ+ Christians." They called it "a symbol of visibility and hope" and "a unique opportunity to stand united and bear witness to the beauty of a Church that embraces everyone without exclusion." Bishop Francesco Savino, who conducted a mass during the Jubilee, said, "It is necessary to get rid of prejudices. No one must feel excluded. I insist, no one should feel excluded."

PASTOR INQUIRES ABOUT A BOOK TO GIVE TO VISITORS (Friday Church News Notes,

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Recently I received an email saying, "My pastor thought it would be nice to give every visitor who comes to our church a book to read, a book to get them thinking about God, life, etc., along those lines. What book would you recommend?" I replied, "I suggest that you take a look at the following books: *Bible Critics Were Wrong*, *Bible Prophecies Fulfilled Today*, *The Bible's Proof, Does Salvation Make a Difference?*, *Questions Answered on the Bible*, *Scientists Who Believe the Bible*, and *Seeker's Bible Study*. These can be found in eBook format at the free book section at Way of Life web site, www.wayoflife.org.

FREE THE POLAR BEARS (Friday Church News Notes,

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4143) - The following is excerpted from "Free," *Powerline Blog*, Sept. 24, 2025: "It has been a while since we have checked in on polar ice. I'm sure you remember the hysteria of a few years ago--Arctic sea ice is melting! Al Gore predicted, in 2009, that the Arctic would be 'completely ice-free' by 2014. Far from having disappeared, there are still 1.8 million square miles of ice floating in the Arctic Ocean [at sea ice minimum at the end of summer]. To sum up: '[T]here has been no significant downward trend in September minimum extents over the past two decades.' Meanwhile, ice in the Antarctic region has generally expanded in recent years. Happily, the polar bears are doing fine too, as are the walruses. Climate models are consistently wrong, as are climate predictions (not only those by Al Gore)."

GOOGLE, YOUTUBE ADMIT BIDEN ADMINISTRATION PRESSURED THEM TO BAN CONSERVATIVES (Friday

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4143) - The following report documents the relentless tyranny of the Democratic Party in America today, and a large portion of the nation votes Democrat and thus supports tyranny. This is excerpted from Da-



vid Marcus, “Dems freak out,” *Fox News*, Sept. 24, 2025: “On Tuesday, Alphabet, the parent company of Google and YouTube, sent a letter to the House Judiciary Committee that not only exposed the massive effort by Joe Biden’s administration to make them censor conservative voices, but also promised to offer those creators reinstatement on their platforms. It’s too little, too late, but it’s better than nothing. This happy news means that conservative figures such as current FBI Deputy Director Dan Bongino, Trump ally Steve Bannon, and podcasters like Tim Pool will all be able to apply to use YouTube again. While they never should have been banned to begin with, the first step in Google fixing its problems is admitting it has one. According to the letter, **first obtained by Fox News Digital**, the Biden administration ‘conducted repeated and sustained outreach to Alphabet and pressed the Company regarding certain user-generated content...that did not violate its policies.’ **It is an extraordinary admission that builds upon a mountain of evidence that COVID contrarians, who mostly turned out to be right, by the way, were severely censored by big tech, at the insistence of Biden’s executive branch.** ... Biden had no authority to bully social media companies. Lack of authority did not stop Biden, though. First, through the release of the Twitter files after Elon Musk bought that platform and renamed it

X, and now with the admissions from Google, we can clearly see that censorship over COVID, at the behest of the state, was vast and widespread. This didn’t just harm conservative or COVID contrarian creators by silencing them and cutting off their ability to make money from their content, it harmed every American who was denied the ability to consume that content.

SET YOUR AFFECTIONS ON THINGS ABOVE,

AMERICANS (Friday Church News Notes, October 3, 2025,

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The following by Dwight Gullion of Gullion’s Christian Supply of King, North Carolina, expresses a proper attitude toward America by Bible believing Christians: “I must say that my heart swells with emotion and American patriotism at times. It’s not that I don’t love the land of my earthly citizenship, it’s just that, in light of eternity, my earthly nation is but a tiny speck in comparison to my heavenly one, and my heart, emotions, and mind *should be consumed* with loyalty to my true King and His eternal Kingdom. It may even be that the more patriotic we tend to be to America in our flesh, the more we should study to keep that loyalty in check.”

TRUMP SAYS HE WILL NOT ALLOW ISRAEL TO ANNEX THE “WEST BANK” (Friday Church News Notes, October 10, 2025,

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On September 25, speaking to reporters in the Oval Office at the White House, President Trump said, “I will not allow Israel to

annex the West Bank. Nope, I will not allow it. It’s not going to happen” (“Trump Says,” Associated Press, Sept. 26, 2025). We would make four comments on this. **First, the President’s statement is in clear opposition to God’s Word, which says God gave the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their seed.** The Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12) is the title deed to the land of Canaan. The giving of that land to Abraham and his seed is mentioned at least 12 times in Genesis. See Ge. 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:7, 18 (“from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates”); 17:8 (“an everlasting possession”); 24:7; 26:3 (God repeated the promise to Isaac); 28:4, 13 (God repeated the promise to Jacob); 35:12 (the land is promised to the seed of Jacob). Though God gave the land to Israel, He still owns it. He calls it “my land” (2 Ch. 7:20; Isa. 14:25; Jer. 2:7; 16:18; Eze. 36:5; 38:16; Joe. 1:6; 3:2). It’s not Israel’s land to do with as she pleases. **Second, the state of Israel was wrong in turning control of Gaza, Judea, and Samaria (the “West Bank”) over to the Palestinians.** Israel has used its God-given land as bargaining chips in their own deal making, but attempts at appeasement have never worked. *Israel 365 News* says, “Let us be honest: this is not about Trump. It is about us. We have treated



THE MOST PERFECT DESIGN (Friday Church News Notes, October 3, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 11, 2025: “‘The most perfect design I’ve ever seen.’ Those words were uttered by a materials engineer after studying a deep sea sponge from the Pacific Ocean. And, indeed, the *Euplectella aspergillum*, claimed to be an early and primitive sponge, can teach modern materials engineers a number of useful things. The sponge’s body is made up of a thin layer of cells over an intricate glass skeleton. The sponge grows into a cylindrical shape about 8 inches long and about an inch across. The wonder lies in the glass skeleton that is made up of vertical and horizontal beams of glass. Diagonal beams strengthen this grid. One-third of these beams are thicker than the others, adding the extra strength of ridges to the cylinder. What’s more, each of these glass beams is made up of small cylinders of glass glued together with more glass-like tree rings. The result is a structure that spreads the pressures that might crush an ordinary glass structure this size. It is a delicate looking, but nearly unbreakable, glass



structure. In a less-than-scientific test, one researcher noted that one has to jump full weight on one of these cylinders to even produce any cracking, and such jumping will still not break it. ‘The most perfect design I’ve ever seen,’ said the researcher. There’s little that we at Creation Moments can add to that. Ref: *Science News*, Aimee Cunningham, ‘Making the Most of It.’”

sovereignty as a political tool instead of a divine mandate. We have allowed thirty years of cowardice to harden into policy. And unless we repent, we will go on hearing the nations tell us what we ourselves have already implied: that God’s land is negotiable” (“Don’t Blame Trump,” *Israel 365 News*, Sept. 29, 2025). **Third, the meddling of U.S. presidents and other world leaders into Israel’s affairs is evidence that we are still in “the times of the Gentiles”** (Lu. 21:24), which is the period during which Israel is under Gentile domination. It began when Nebuchadnezzar took Judah captive (2 Ch. 36:1-21). Even today when Israel has returned to the land and has her own national identity, she is not at full liberty to make her own decisions even when her welfare is at

stake. The times of the Gentiles will end when the remnant of Israel repents and Christ delivers the nation at Armageddon. **Fourth, Gaza, Judea, and Samaria will probably at some point be claimed by Muslims as the “Palestinian state” that has been recognized by 151 nations**, including France, Britain, Australia, Canada, Portugal, Belgium, Norway, Spain, Ireland, Sweden, Turkey, India, and China. Yasser Arafat proclaimed a Palestinian State on Nov. 15, 1988, and Algeria was the first country to officially recognize it. Today, only about two dozen nations do *not* recognize it, chiefly the United States, Italy, Germany, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. Philippe Sands, Franco-British law professor at University College London and

barrister who appears as counsel before the International Court of Justice, says, “I know for many people this seems only symbolic, but actually in terms of symbolism, it is sort of a game changer, because once you recognize Palestinian statehood ... you essentially put Palestine and Israel on level footing in terms of their treatment under international law.” In truth, there is no Palestinian state and can be no Palestinian state. The “Palestinian people” have no historic reality; they are a myth created by Israel haters; and the “Palestinians” themselves, so called, are hopelessly divided into violent sects (e.g., Hamas, Muslim Brotherhood, Fatah and the Palestinian Authority, Shiite, Sunni), often hating one another nearly as much as they hate Israel.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE'S MORAL PERVERSION

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- The National Football League has selected Puerto Rican rapper Benito Martinez Ocasio to headline its 2026 Super Bowl halftime show. He will perform in Spanish. His moniker "Bad Bunny" is well deserved. "Bad Bunny is about as divisive as an individual can get when it comes to cultural norms, gender fluidity, politics, and the United States' rule of law. ... The NFL is amplifying an anti-American, anti-law enforcement, anti-God, cross dresser and putting him on its biggest stage. ... [Ocasio] questions the definition of a man and a woman" (NFL Turns Its Back on Moral Values," *Outkick*, Oct. 1, 2025). Ocasio frequently dresses as a female in homosexual "drag" and ridiculously claims that this means nothing. The National Football League pretends to be pro-American by playing the national anthem and even covering the playing field with a 57-000-square-foot American flag (Las Vegas, Dec. 16, 2024), but in truth it is on the cutting edge of promoting the new morally-perverted America by its vile rock & roll culture. The game is played on the second Sunday in February which is called "Super Bowl Sunday." It is massively popular and "frequently commands

the largest audience among all American broadcasts." It is impossible to imagine the apostle Paul being enthusiastic over professional sports today and wasting days and hours on this vanity. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).

SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTOR SAYS 20 MINUTE SERMONS ARE BEST

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- Ed Young, pastor of Fellowship Church in Grapevine, Texas, said in a Sept. 28 video that 20 minutes is the best length for a sermon. "Preachers, we preach too long, I guarantee it. Just look at yourself," he said. "I preach too long. Once a sermon gets past 25 minutes, I'm so [attention deficit disorder]. I lose it" ("Megachurch Pastor Ed Young," *The Christian Post*, Oct. 3, 2025). Young is the oldest son of Homer Edwin Young, pastor of megachurch Second Baptist of Houston, Texas, author of many books, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention (1992 and 1993). It was reported in 2010 that Ed Young has a private jet, an annual salary of \$1 million, and a housing allowance of \$240,000 ("Prominent Grapevine pastor linked to luxury," WFAA-TV, Feb. 5, 2010). For our part, the length of a sermon depends on the occasion and the quality of the preaching. Some occasions call for short sermons, and many preachers should limit their sermons to 5 or 10 minutes on all occasions. For others, an hour can be too short. Consider Lawrence Chaderton, one of the translators of the King James Bible. As a young man Chaderton began a



series of afternoon sermons at the church of St. Clement's, Cambridge, that continued for 50 years. "Sermons were timed by an hour glass, which stood beside the pulpit. Chaderton's biographer tells how once having preached for two hours, he feared he had worn out his listeners' patience and stopped. But the entire congregation cried, 'Go on! We beg you, go on!' Chaderton continued for another hour" (Olga Opfell, *The King James Bible Translators*, p. 47). When he announced that he was retiring from these lectures, forty of the clergy, who said they owed their conversion to his preaching, begged him to reconsider. There are very few preachers of this caliber. It has been well said that the preacher should quit when the audience would have him continue rather than long for him to stop.

FEMALE, SAME-SEX BLESSING ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

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fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - For an apostate Christian denomination, it is appropriate that the newly elected head of the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a woman who supports the blessing of same-sex "marriages." When Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, Sarah Mullally, was asked by a reporter in 2023 if sexual intimacy in a same-sex relationship is sinful, she replied that some such relationships could be blessed ("Gafcon laments future of Anglican communion," *The Christian Post*, Oct. 3, 2025). Mullally is the latest in a long line of ultra liberal archbishops (an office that has no authority in God's Word). On October 31, 2024, Justin Welby tweeted a praise of Hinduism, calling it "light." In a July 2014 interview, Rowan Williams said that he practices a combination of Buddhist/Catholic/Orthodox meditation practices" ("Rowan Williams: How Buddhism Helps Me Pray," *The Telegraph*, London, July 2, 2014). In 1996, George Carey lashed out at fundamentalists who place the Bible "above and beyond human inquiry" (*Christian News*, Dec. 9, 1996). In 1982, Robert Runcie said he was an agnostic as to why Jesus suffered on the cross (*Sunday Times Weekly Review*, London, April 11, 1982). In 1961, Michael Ramsey said, "[H]eaven is not a place for Christians only. ... I expect to see many present day atheists there" (*London Daily Mail*, Oct. 2, 1961). In 1934, William Temple, in his book *Nature and God*, said, "[T]here is no such thing as revealed truth."

ANOTHER FAILED DATE SETTING PREDICTION FOR CHRIST'S RETURN (Friday Church News Notes, October 10, 2025, www.wayoflife.org

fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The Lord Jesus Christ plainly and unequivocally said of His return, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). Every



individual who sets a date for Christ's return flies in the face of this divine statement. We can "see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25), but we cannot know the day, nor even the month or the year. Most recently, South African pastor Joshua Mhlakela claimed that Jesus appeared to him in a vision and told him that He would return on Sept. 23-24, 2025. This is the latest in a long line of deluded prognosticators, including Thomas Muntzer (1525), William Aspinwall a Fifth Monarchist (1673), Ann Lee of the Shakers (1770), George Rapp of the Harmony Society (Sept. 15, 1829), William Miller (October 22, 1844), Jonathan Edwards (1866), Charles Taze Russell, founder of the Watchtower Society of the Jehovah's Witnesses (1874), Hal Lindsay (no later than 1988), Edgar Chisenant (1989), Harold Camping (May 21, 2011), Ronald Weinland (May 27,

PRESIDENT TRUMP ANNOUNCES "DAWN OF A NEW MIDDLE EAST" AND "LOVE AND PEACE FOR ETERNITY" (Friday Church News Notes, October 17, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - President Donald Trump was given a hero's welcome on October 13 at Israel's Knesset before his speech on the occasion of the release of the remaining Hamas hostages. The standing ovation lasted several minutes. Trump said, "After so many years of unceasing war and endless danger, today the skies are calm, the guns are silent, the sirens are still, and the sun rises on a Holy Land that is finally at peace. **This is the historic**

dawn of a new Middle East. It is an incredible triumph for Israel and the world to have all these nations working together as partners in peace. **Generations from now, this will be remembered as the moment that everything began to change**" ("Trump declares dawn," *The Washington Post*, Oct. 13, 2025). Later, speaking to roughly 20 heads of state in Egypt, Trump said, "Together, we have achieved what everybody said was impossible. **At long last, we have peace in the Middle East.**" Aboard Air Force One, Trump said, "I am good at solving wars. I'm good at making peace" ("I'm good at making peace," *The Washington Post*, Oct. 13, 2025). He also said the theme for his message at Israel's Knesset would be "**love and peace for eternity**" ("Trump declares the Gaza war 'is over,'" *World Israel News*, Oct. 13, 2025). Sadly, the President doesn't know what he is talking about. Any Middle East peace program is an ignorant pipe dream that flies in the face of the holy Bible's clear teaching. Twice God said through the prophet Isaiah, "There is no peace unto the wicked" (Isa. 48:22; 57:21). And the apostle Paul prophesied, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1 Thessalonians 5:3). Peace comes only through "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ac. 20:21), and this is lacking by all parties to the current program. Israel's future is plainly described in Bible prophecy. Deuteronomy 28, a 3,400 year old prophecy, is an exact description of Israel's history under God's judgment for her stubborn sin, proving that the Bible is the infallible Word of God. "And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee. ... And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes,



and sorrow of mind: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life” (De. 28:37, 65, 66). The return to the land in the 20th century is not the promised return in God’s blessing that is the subject of dozens of prophecies. Rather, it is the return to prepare for the fulfillment of Daniel 9:27, which is the covenant with the Antichrist, the building and desecration of the Third Temple, and the desolations of the day of the Lord. Deuteronomy 30 describes Israel’s conversion, which is obviously yet future. “And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day” (De. 30:5-8).

ISRAEL’S REAL PROBLEM AND THE REAL SOLUTION (Friday Church News Notes, October 17, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Israel’s real problem is her relationship with God. She’s been in rebellion for a

very long time, and that’s the root of her endless troubles. That’s why her neighbors are perpetual, irreconcilable, insanely hateful enemies. Israel’s real problem is not Hamas or Hezbollah or Iran (Persia). The problem and the solution are described in Psalm 80, which is a prophecy that looks beyond the days of Asaph to our time. It is a prayer for God to save Israel from the destruction that has been visited upon her. For 2,000 years, Israel has prayed for restoration, but the prayer has not been in true repentance. We see this even in the psalm. Instead of, “We are suffering because we have sinned,” the psalmist asks, “Why hast thou then broken down her hedges?” The psalm ends with a Messianic prophecy and with Israel turning to God, calling on God, being made alive (quickened), and saved (Ps. 80:17-19). When Israel repents and calls out to God, the Palestinian problem will be solved forever. “Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure. **Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.** Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. ... Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest

strong for thyself. So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.” (Psalm 80:3-7, 17-19).

HAMAS’S HUDNA (Friday Church News Notes, October 17, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Hudna,” *PowerLine*, Oct. 9, 2025: “Roger Simon has a Substack piece on the cease fire announcement in Gaza, to which he has added this sobering update: ‘This is a time when I don’t particularly like being prescient. Just a few days ago, I posted *Gaza--Genuine Peace or a Hudna?* A hudna, for those who missed it, is a tactical pause to allow Islamic forces to regroup. Minutes ago ... Hamas published, ‘God, let the ceasefire be like the Treaty of Hudaibiyyah--followed by conquest, like the conquest of Mecca.’ ... Context: The Treaty of Hudaibiyyah was a temporary peace agreement signed by Mohammed with the Quraysh tribe, which he later broke before conquering Mecca. The statement implies that Hamas views the ceasefire as a tactical pause before a future ‘victory’ or takeover. No one who pays attention will be surprised. The cease fire agreement contemplates that the remainder of President Trump’s peace plan, which calls for an end to Hamas rule and an international

coalition to supervise Gaza on an interim basis, will be negotiated in good faith. But of course Hamas has never done anything in good faith, and it is hard to imagine that the remainder of the peace plan will actually be implemented.”

THE PRICE OF THE DEAL - PART 1

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295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Israel’s Hostages,” *World Israel News*, Oct. 9, 2025: “[E]ven as the world celebrates the return of Israeli hostages, we must ask: at what price? And more critically: what comes next? The arithmetic of this exchange should give everyone pause. Israel will release [2,000] Palestinian prisoners, including 250 serving life sentences for the most heinous acts of terrorism. These aren’t stone-throwers or protesters. These are the architects of the Park Hotel Passover massacre, the planners of the Sbarro pizzeria bombing, the orchestrators of attacks that turned school buses into crime scenes. They have blood on their hands and expertise in their heads. ... Every released prisoner returns to Gaza or Judea and Samaria as a hero, a symbol of resistance, armed with years of additional training and burning with renewed purpose. **History provides a grim preview of what comes next.**



Yahya Sinwar, the architect of October 7, spent 22 years in an Israeli prison studying Hebrew, analyzing Israeli society, planning his revenge. Released in the 2011 Shalit deal among 1,026 other prisoners, he used his freedom to orchestrate the deadliest day in Israel’s history [note from D. Cloud - not the deadliest day, by far]. Today, Israel is releasing another generation of potential Sinwars.”

THE PRICE OF THE DEAL - PART 2

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fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “The Price,” *PowerLine*, Oct. 12, 2025: “As part of the phase one deal brokered by President Trump between Israel and Hamas, Israel is to receive 20 living hostages taken by Hamas and 28 corpses of hostages killed by Hamas. Hamas gets 2,000 prisoners released

from Israeli detention, 250 of whom are terrorists sentenced to life in prison for murdering Israelis. In his *It’s Noon In Israel* newsletter this morning, Amit Segal provides details on three of them: ‘**Hilmi Abdul Karim Muhammad Hammash**, who coordinated a 2004 suicide bombing on a bus in Jerusalem, killing 11 Israelis and wounding 50. **Morad Bader Abdullah Adais**. In 2016, he stabbed to death Dafna Meir, a 38-year-old

mother of six, in front of her teenage daughter, at the entrance to their home in Otniel. **Jihad A-Karim Azziz Rom**. 25 years ago today, IDF reservists Vadim Norzhich and Yosef Avrahami accidentally drove into Ramallah, and were detained by Palestinian Authority police. Once word got out that two Israeli soldiers were at the police station, a crowd gathered outside the station, before eventually breaking in, where they beat and stabbed Norzhich and Avrahami to death. Azziz Rom participated in the lynching, as well as the kidnapping and murder of 18-year-old Yuri Gushchin in 2001. Few, if any, Palestinian terror attacks are seared into the Israeli psyche as deeply as the Ramallah lynching, thanks to a TV crew capturing the moment Aziz Salha ran out to proudly show his blood-soaked hands to the Palestinian crowd outside the police station. (An IDF airstrike in Gaza late last year killed Salha.)”

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