

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## ON THE CANADIAN ELECTION

I stay abreast of world news, and the news from the Canadian election this week was bad for conservatives. If you are merely “conservative” in a political sense, there is no real hope or encouragement anywhere, but if you are a true Bible believer the sun is always shining even in this present



*Liberal leader Justin Trudeau to be new  
Prime Minister of Canada*

dark world. I stay encouraged by keeping the focus of my heart and mind on the Person of the beautiful Lord and on His prophecies and promises. The following Psalm is packed with these things: “A Psalm of David. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land,

and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the

LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*. But the meek

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## FRENCH JEWS FIND NEW RISKS IN ISRAEL

“And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee” (Deuteronomy 28:37). The lead article in *USA Today* on Oct. 20, “French Jews Find New Risks in Israel,” describes the dangers Jews face throughout the world, including in Israel itself. France, with Europe’s largest Jewish population, has become the largest source of emigrants to Israel, and this is driven by Europe’s growing anti-semitism. Since January 2015, 6,000 French Jews have emigrated, nearly double the number in 2013. Over the past 65 years, Jews have been going home from locations all over the world. Most of them don’t know exactly what is happening, but it is a fulfillment of

prophecy. Bible believers who interpret prophecy literally are the only people on earth who know the times, and according to Bible prophecy, Israel is still under the judgment prophesied in Deuteronomy 28. God warned that if Israel rejected Him and His law, He would evict them from their land and scatter them throughout the earth. We have witnessed the fulfillment of this prophecy over the past 2,000 years. One of the most amazing facts of human history is the continued existence of Israel as a people and a nation, and it is irrefutable evidence of the divine inspiration of the Bible. The Bible describes the return of Israel to her land in a spiritually dead condition (Ezekiel 37:1-8), the reign of the antichrist

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(2 Thess. 2:3-12; Rev. 13), the Great Tribulation (Mat. 24:15-21), the spiritual conversion of Israel (Zech. 12:9-14; Ezek. 20:36-38), and the victorious return of Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom (Mat. 24:29-31). Presently, we are at the end of the Church Age, and Christ has not yet returned because He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:8-9). We don’t know exactly how long He will wait, but we can “see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:25), and the major focus of every child of God should be to find his or her place in the gospel preaching and discipleship business of the Great Commission.

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shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous. The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away” (Psalm 37:1-20).

## CHRISTIANITY TODAY RECOMMENDS THE POPE

*Christianity Today* magazine, founded by Billy Graham, has long promoted the ridiculous and unscriptural concept of “evangelical Catholicism.” The latest example is “The Pope’s Growing Evangelical Flock,” Oct. 9, 2015. It begins with the statement that “under Pope Francis’ leadership, the Catholic Church is looking more, well, Protestant.” Much is made of Pope Francis’ call for Catholics to read the Bible. What is ignored is the fact that Catholics read the Bible through the blinders of Roman heresies and the fact that Rome has formally exalted her vain tradition to the same level of authority as Scripture. The Second Vatican Council proclaimed, “Thus it comes about that the Church does not draw her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Hence, both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honoured with equal feelings of devotion and reverence” (Vatican II, “Dogmatic

Constitution on Divine Revelation,” Chap. 2, 9, p. 682). How can Catholicism be “evangelical” in any sense when it brashly denies “Scripture alone”? *Christianity Today* also notes that Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray from the heart and not only by rote. Again, what is ignored is the fact that the Pope’s most fervent prayers are addressed to Mary, which is an heretical and blasphemous practice. *Christianity Today* sites a Pew Research poll showing that 60% of “evangelicals” approve of the pope. That statistic does not prove that Rome is more biblical; it proves, rather, that evangelicalism is more Romish, and this is a major sign of the times. “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).

## FRANCE'S TOP WEATHERMAN SUSPENDED FOR QUESTIONING GLOBAL WARMING

The following is excerpted "France's top weatherman sparks storm," *The Telegraph*, London, Oct. 15, 2015: "Every night, France's chief weatherman has told the nation how much wind, sun or rain they can expect the following day. Now Philippe Verdier, a household name for his nightly forecasts on France 2, has been taken off the air after a more controversial announcement--criticising the world's top climate change experts. Mr. Verdier claims in the book *Climate Investigation* that leading climatologists and political leaders have 'taken the world hostage' with misleading data. In a promotional video, Mr. Verdier said: 'Every night I address five million French people to talk to you about the wind, the clouds and the sun. And yet there is something important, very important that I haven't been able to tell you, because it's neither the

time nor the place to do so.' He added, 'We are hostage to a planetary scandal over climate change-- a war machine whose aim is to keep us in fear.' His outspoken views led France 2 to take him off the air starting this Monday. 'I received a letter telling me not to come. I'm in shock,' he told RTL radio. 'This is a direct extension of what I say in my book, namely that any contrary views must be eliminated.' ... He said he decided to write the book in June 2014 when Laurent Fabius, the French foreign minister, summoned the country's main weather presenters and urged them to mention 'climate chaos' in their forecasts. 'I was horrified by this discourse,' Mr Verdier told *Les Inrockuptibles* magazine. Eight days later, Mr Fabius appeared on the front cover of a magazine posing as a weatherman above the headline: '500 days to save the planet.'"

## RECOMMENDATION OF NEW YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

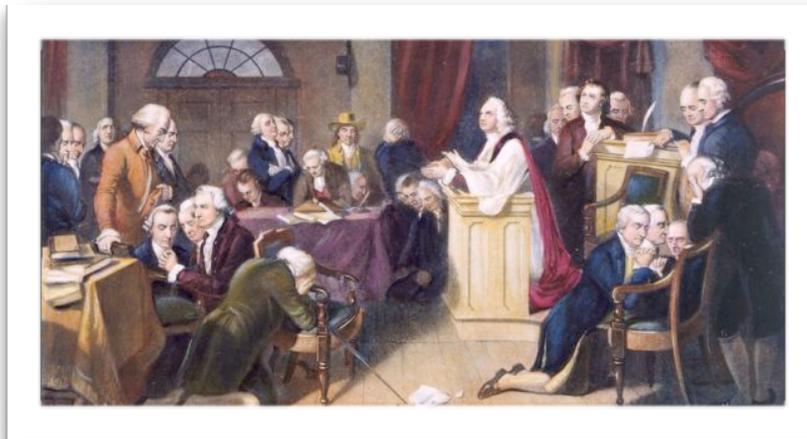


The following is by Don Jasmin, editor of *The Fundamentalist Digest*: "The new book by David Cloud entitled *The Mobile Phone and the Christian Home and Church* is a helpful resource for training of young people via the home and the local church. This manual is literally loaded with informative and instructive, Biblically-based principles to assist both parents and churches in their God-given responsibilities of guarding and guiding young people in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In addition, the book contains excellent practical helps for how families and churches can properly harness modern technological tools to protect and assist young people with the use of smart phones, music, videos, and other modern electronic tools. The book is part of a larger *Youth Discipleship Digital Library* that contains 20 hours of video courses, plus books that total 4,500 pages. This reviewer highly recommends the purchase of the book and the much larger digital library as well."

## THE PRAYER THAT INFLUENCED THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

Whether or not America was ever a “Christian nation,” there can be no doubt that she has a unique spiritual and moral heritage, which makes it all the sadder to see the ongoing downfall. The following is from *American Minute*, Sept. 1, 2015: “The First Session of the Continental Congress opened the beginning of September in the year 1774 with prayer in Carpenter’s Hall, Philadelphia. Threatened by the most powerful monarch in the world, Britain’s King George III, America’s founding fathers heard Rev. Jacob Duche begin by reading Psalm 35, the Anglican Book of Common Prayer’s ‘Psalter’ for that day September 7, 1774: ‘Plead my cause, Oh, Lord, with them that strive with me, fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of buckler and shield, and rise up for my help. Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those who pursue me; Say to my soul, I am your salvation. Let

those be ashamed and dishonored who seek my life; Let those be turned back and humiliated who devise evil against me.’ Then Rev. Jacob Duche prayed: ‘Be Thou present, O God of Wisdom, and direct the counsel of this Honorable Assembly; enable them to settle all things on the best and surest foundations; that the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that Order, Harmony and Peace may be effectually restored, and that Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety, prevail and flourish among the people. ... Preserve the health of their bodies, and the vigor of their minds, shower down on them, and the millions they here represent, such temporal Blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world, and crown them with everlasting Glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Saviour, Amen.’”



### INFORMATION

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