
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

KENNETH COPELAND'S FALSE PROPHECY ABOUT HURRICANE IRMA



Kenneth Copeland

On September 9, charismatic preacher Kenneth Copeland prayed a “word faith” prayer to stop Hurricane Irma, which was approaching the U.S. mainland. Speaking before a crowd at a Living Victory conference, Copeland said, “God is *not* in control. That comes from religious brainwashing. He is *not* in control. ... The earth doesn’t belong to God; it doesn’t belong to Jesus; he gave it to men. If you study the Scripture, you will realize that God is pretty well bound up to whatever we ask Him to do. He can’t just come butting in here and stop that storm [Irma]. Somebody on earth is going to have to start speaking to this storm” (“Kenneth Copeland delivers a special message about Hurricane Irma,” [https://](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f3gzbYU01I)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f3gzbYU01I). After uttering that bit of blasphemous heresy, Copeland then pretended to do what God allegedly can’t do, which is take power over the storm: “Father, in the name of Jesus we pray over all in the path of this storm, we curse this thing in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth. We stand before you in faith. We stand before you in the name of Jesus. We stand before you, declaring before you, that Irma the hurricane is dead! Turned! Die, saith the Lord! ... We stand together as a Holy Spirit gang [Copeland’s prayer partners]... we bind you, Satan” (Ibid.). Within days it was obvious that Copeland had again proven that he is a false prophet and that he and his Holy Spirit gang’s words don’t have creative power. Irma hit the Florida mainland as a powerful category 3 storm and caused widespread wind and flood damage. The storm was not as strong as had been predicted, but it was far from “dead”! The Bible teaches that God is in direct control of “nature.” “The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet” (Nahum 1:3).

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY REFUSES TO SAY THAT “GAY SEX IS SIN”

In a recent interview, Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury refused to call homosexual sex a sin. The archbishop is head of the worldwide Anglican Church. *GQ Magazine* asked Welby, “Is gay sex sinful?” He replied, “You know very well that is a question I can’t give a straight answer to.” When asked, further, “Why can’t you?” Welby replied, “Because I don’t do blanket condemnation and I

haven’t got a good answer to the question” (“Archbishop Justin Welby,” *GQ*, October 2017). We recommend that the archbishop consult the Bible on the subject. The apostle Paul had no problem saying that homosexuality is sinful. In Romans 1:26-28, he calls it “vile affections,” “against nature,” “unseemly,” and “reprobate.”



Israel's Yom Kippur War began 44 years ago last week. On its highest holy day (the day of atonement), Israel was attacked by two massive armies, the Egyptian to the south and the Syrian to the north. These two Muslim nations were joined in a support role by Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Uganda, Cuba, Morocco, and Pakistan, with the Soviet Union providing planes, tanks, and armaments of all sorts, including thousands of high tech missiles targeting Israel's air force. At the outset of the war, Syria's 50,000 infantry, 600 artillery pieces, and 1,260 tanks were opposed by Israel's 6,000 light infantry, 60 artillery pieces, and 160 tanks, while Egypt's 100,000 soldiers and 1,700 tanks were opposed by Israel's 450 soldiers and 290 tanks. In the first 24 hours of fighting, Israel lost 200 of those tanks. On the third day of the war, Syria was within a hairs' breadth of overrunning Israel. "[O]nly six Israeli tanks remained in action, defending a clear path into northern Israel. After the

brigade's tanks were down to their last few rounds, they began to pull back. However, right then, a force of some 15 tanks which had been scrambled together arrived. Although the group was, in fact, a scratch force of repaired tanks which had injured men among their crews, the Syrians believed that the Israeli reserves were now arriving, and began to retreat" ("Yom Kippur War: When the Nation of Israel Was Judged and Nearly Failed," *BreakingIsraelNews*, Sep. 29, 2017). After being caught by surprise and nearly overwhelmed, Israel rallied her forces and counterattacked, coming within 60 miles of Cairo and within shelling distance of Damascus, before a cease-fire was arranged by the United Nations. Ezekiel 37 describes Israel's return to the land in two stages, first in a spiritually-dead condition, followed by a spiritual rebirth (Eze. 37:7-10). The modern state of Israel is the first stage, and she is setting the stage for the fulfillment of the last week of Daniel's Seventy Week prophecy (Da. 9:27) and the second coming of Christ.

JASON ALDEAN'S COUNTRY ROCK PHILOSOPHY

Country rock superstar Jason Aldean, whose Las Vegas concert was interrupted by the murderous rampage of a maniac named Stephen Paddock, is your typical country rocker. Aldean's filthy songs make a mockery of God's holy laws and encourage people to live as they please and thumb their noses at God's Word. Consider the song "Church Pew or Barstool." It's about wanting to get away from a "church pew" town. The country rocker moans, "Why do I hang around in this church pew or bar stool kinda town?" In "My Kinda Party," Aldean sings about partying with "a little tan-legged Georgia dream; she's rockin' them holey jeans." He's a married man, but his music glorifies drinking and fornicating. He sings about having a "one night rodeo" with the

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aforementioned “Georgia dream.” In “Burnin’ It Down,” Aldean pursues the same filthy theme. He’s in bed with his “baby,” “sippin’ on some cold Jack Daniel’s” and getting “tangled up.” The filthy country rock lifestyle can create a flame in the night, but there is no blessing. It’s a fool’s dream. It is the sound track for broken hearts, ruined marriages, serial divorce, crashed cars, neglected children, sad and lonely people, domestic violence, suicide, raging jealousy, a drunkard’s untimely death. The country rock crowd mocks God’s holy laws, glories in every form of lasciviousness, ridicules Bible lovers, then calls out to God when they need help and sings “Amazing Grace” to spread a thin veneer of religion over their wickedness and to salve their conscience. Every preacher should be lifting his voice against these things which are destroying the moral fabric of society and sending America to hell, but the silence from most pulpits is deafening. Did I hear some preacher say, “It’s not my business”? God says it is. “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*” (Ephesians 5:11).



KENNETH COPELAND CLAIMS AMERICA IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BORN AGAIN AND TRUMP IS THE EVIDENCE

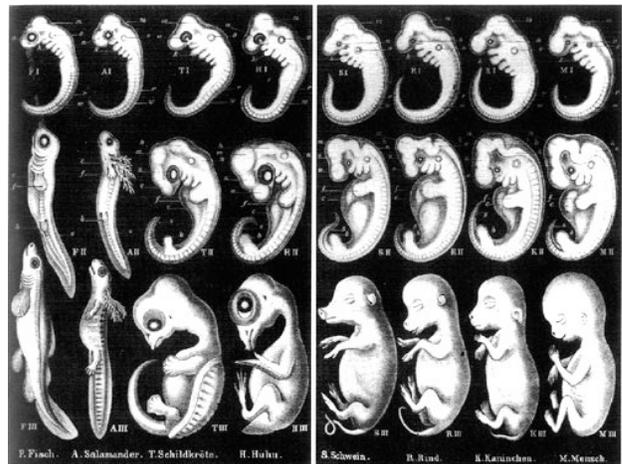
Speaking before a crowd at a Living Victory conference on September 9, Kenneth Copeland claimed that America is in the process of being born again and that President Donald Trump is evidence thereof. Copeland said, “But hear me, judgment against the United States ended on January 20, 2017 [with Trump’s inauguration]. ... How long has it been since a man has prayer people coming into the oval office on a regular basis and laying hands on the president and praying for him *in tongues*. I don’t know if it has ever happened. Donald Trump don’t know no better [sic]. He’s been born again for a long time, but he just recently totally, absolutely committed his life to Jesus. ... The word of the Lord came to me, and he said, ‘All the trouble you are seeing in these United States, these are birth pangs for the rebirth of this nation.’ America is in the birth process right now of being born again” (“Kenneth

Copeland delivers a special message about Hurricane Irma,” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f3gzbYU01I>). It’s difficult to know where to begin in analyzing these goofy statements by this false prophet. The fact that people pray over Trump in “tongues” is actually a fearful thing for those who know the Bible. Gibberish is not “biblical tongues”; it is fleshly, demonic heresy. The president isn’t going to get true wisdom from this kind of spiritual counsel. He is being led even farther into darkness and confusion than he has been heretofore. By any biblical measure, America is most definitely *not* being born again, I am very sad to say, and Donald Trump gives no evidence of being a saved man. “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:3-4).

A LINGERING MYTH OF EVOLUTION

The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 22, 2017: “Ernst Haeckel is famous for having produced diagrams of embryos, to show their similarity. His idea was that “ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny”. In other words, the developmental stages, through which an embryo goes (ontogeny), are a sort of recapitulation of the evolution of that organism (phylogeny). I clearly remember being taught this, as an evidence of evolution, when I was in elementary school. As I remember which teacher taught this, I know that I must have learned this in 1971. Haeckel’s famous drawings were published in 1874, but almost immediately criticized. Haeckel’s theory has been known to be false since at least 1965 (Simpson and Beck, *An Introduction to Biology*, p. 241). His drawings were not just an error. The drawings were deliberately shaped, to support his recapitulation theory, even though the actual shapes of the embryos did not show such similarities. Yet, when I became a schoolteacher in 1983, teaching at a government school in England, I was handed a science curriculum, which included this very concept, 20 years after it had been shown to be false, and twelve years

after I had been taught it. In my office, I have a copy of a number of high school science textbooks. One of the best known Biology textbooks is that published by Prentice Hall. My edition was published in 2002, nearly 40 years after Haeckel’s ideas were debunked. Yet, this book includes that concept as one of the main evidences for Darwinian evolution (Miller and Levine, *Biology*, p 385). One is forced to conclude that evolutionists mislead themselves, because they desperately want evidence for their ideas, and the evidence is simply not there.”



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