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A Voice in the Wilderness

God tells His servants in His Word, “Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!” (Isa.58:1, Parallel Amplified Bible).

God also declares: “Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

We are living in a world gone berserk with anger and rage. “Why do the nations rage?” (Psalm 2:1). Answer – because they don’t know the true God, and are in rebellion against His laws and teachings and the true way of life and peace!

Isaiah wrote: “A voice of one who cries: *Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord* [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth a highway for our God. . . . And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it” (Isaiah 40:3-5).

The Messiah is coming very SOON! Its time to prepare to MEET Him! “Surely the Lord will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). The purpose of this magazine is to warn the world of what lies ahead, and to help prepare people to get ready to meet the Messiah, when He returns to restore all things (Acts 3:19-21), put an end to wars, and usher in the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). No matter is more urgent, today!

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The First Jesuit Pope in Prophecy!

Bible prophecy marches onward! The cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church have elected the first Jesuit in history to be the new Pontiff – a man whose past is murky at best and who stands accused of unchristian activities during Argentina’s “Dirty War” against people considered enemies of the right-wing military junta in the late 1970s and early 80s. Heinous crimes were committed and the Catholic Church, led by Cardinal Bergoglio, the chief Jesuit in Argentina, were part and parcel of an egregious cover up. Could Pope Francis – a man who seeks “CHANGE” in the Vatican – be the long-awaited “False Prophet” of the Book of Revelation who will stand side-by-side with the “Beast” – the coming political “Antichrist”? This explosive article blows the lid off what may be the most dastardly plot of the modern world, as it teeters precariously on its last legs, hurling into the gigantic maw and abyss of Armageddon!

-- William F. Dankenbring

Is Pope Francis the FINAL Pope – Petrus Romanus?

The new Pope augurs great changes for the Vatican. Will they be positive changes? Or a radical shift in Roman Catholic aims and power politics? What do we know about this Pope from the “end of the earth,” Argentina? What was his role in the “Dirty War”? What does Bible prophecy say about the final Pope?

William F. Dankenbring

The conclave ended quickly and a new Pope was chosen – a man little heralded and unexpected ascended to the throne of the Papacy. For the first time in history, a member of the Jesuit order has taken over the Papacy – Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76 years of age. He was runner up in the last papal elections which saw Benedict XVI chosen for the seat.

Although Bergoglio seems to show piety, humility, and a love for the poor on the surface, as he is widely proclaimed to have rare meekness and concern for the poor, because he travels on public transport, cooks his own meals, has lived in a relatively humble abode, and rejects the trappings of the normal papacy, what kind of man is he really?

T-shirts and mugs bearing his picture and even, according to one report, a football shirt of his beloved Buenos Aires club, San Lorenzo, with the name “Francisco” on the back have begun appearing as Argentina embraces one of its own as pope. . .

“But a pope now charged with healing divisions in a worldwide church riven by [sex scandals](#) and allegations of [financial mismanagement](#) has his own, vocal, detractors,” writes Jude Webber of Buenos Aires.

“For us, his election is a backwards step in the fight for human rights,” said Carlos Pisoni of the H.I.J.O.S. lobby group representing children of the 30,000 leftist sympathizers who died or disappeared during the Argentine military dictatorship’s Dirty War in 1976-83. There is sufficient proof that Bergoglio was complicit during the dictatorship.

Says Webber, “While no one is suggesting that the pope went to the torture centres run by the military to hear confessions, he is alleged by rights activists to have withdrawn protection from two Jesuits who were later kidnapped and tortured, though subsequently freed.

“While the pope, who has testified in two Dirty War trials, says he lobbied for their release, Horacio Verbitsky, a journalist and author of a book on the church and the dictatorship, slammed him in an opinion piece as ‘the right person to cover up rottenness. He is an expert in cover-ups.’”

H.I.J.O.S. meanwhile, displayed its disgust in a poster on its [website](#) showing a photo montage of the new pope riding in an open-topped, blood-spattered Ford Falcon “the cars used for kidnappings” alongside junta members.

Hebe de Bonafini, head of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, said the lobby group of women whose children were “disappeared” under the dictatorship considered the official Argentine church oppressive. “We compiled a list of 150 priests murdered by the dictatorship that the official church kept quiet about.”

“The Dirty War”

Although responses to Pope Francis have been [chiefly positive](#), one very dark stain in church history is raising serious questions about the new pope—what was the church's role during the dictatorship in Argentina? The church backed the dictatorship during its rule from 1976 to 1983, urging its followers to be patriotic and support the regime, too, even as thousands of people were abducted and murdered by the government, including many progressive priests. As the head of the Jesuit order in Argentina from 1973 to 1979, Jorge Bergoglio was part of the church hierarchy and has been accused of working with the dictatorship.

In 2005, Bergoglio was accused in a lawsuit of withdrawing church protection from two anti-government priests, leading to their incarceration under brutal conditions in 1976, reports the [New York Times](#). Bergoglio has called the allegation “slander” and claimed he worked behind the scenes to help the priests, but he has twice refused to testify in court about what his role had been. “I still have many doubts about his role regarding the Jesuits who went missing under the dictatorship,” says the leader of a group of left-wing priests. Others praise Bergoglio for his role in the “monumental task” of healing the church's black eye after the war: “If he can restore the credibility of the church (in Argentina),” says one expert, “he can handle the scandals that have befallen the church worldwide.”

According to an article by Sharon Churcher and Tom Worden of the *Mail*, “Damning evidence that Pope Francis may have betrayed two priests who were kidnapped and tortured by Argentina’s brutal military junta can be revealed today.

“The Mail on Sunday has seen documents which appear to show the new Pope secretly collaborated with the country’s dictatorship when he was head of the Jesuits there using his real name Jorge Bergoglio “ during the Dirty War that started in the Seventies.

Orlando Yorio

“One of the documents is a 27-page report by Orlando Yorio, one of the kidnapped priests, in which he accuses the current pontiff of secretly spreading dangerous rumours about him and a colleague while personally promising them support and protection.

“A second document is a confidential government memo written in 1979 which appears to reveal Bergoglio informed junta officials that Father Yorio and Father Francisco Jalics were suspected of collaborating with guerrillas and that Jalics was accused of encouraging dissent among a congregation of nuns.

“Bergoglio, 76, who was chosen as the new Pope on Wednesday, has been accused of effectively handing the priests over to the regime’s death squads by failing to quash rumours they were dissidents.”

The authors go on, “Pope Francis strongly denies claims he was in league with the generals who kidnapped and murdered thousands of Argentines, including pregnant women, during their seven-year rule. But the documents unearthed in Buenos Aires suggest he was complicit with the regime both before and after the two priests were seized in 1976.

“Yorio wrote his 27-page formal report to the Jesuit hierarchy in Rome in November 1977, a year after he was released from a military prison, addressing it to Father Moura, the chaplain to the Society of Jesus in Rome.” (Special Report: The damning documents that show new Pope DID betray tortured priests to the junta,” March 16, 2013).

The article continues, “It gives a chilling first-hand account of how the priests were seized by 200 armed troops, drugged, tortured and held for five months then dumped half-naked in a field.

“And it describes how Yorio and Jalics became convinced Bergoglio had betrayed them, ignoring their desperate pleas to protect them from the military.

“The two men were suspected of collaborating with guerrillas because of their work among the poor in Buenos Aires slums. Shortly before they were seized they were dismissed from the Jesuit order by Bergoglio.

“Yorio wrote in his report: ~Rumours emerged about our participation with the guerrillas. As things were in Argentina, a claim like that coming from important mouths (as the Jesuits are) could, plain and simply, signify our death.

~The forces of the extreme Right had already machine-gunned a priest in his house and had kidnapped, tortured and left for dead another. Both of them were living in poor towns. We had received various warnings along the lines that we should take care. Father Jalics had personally spoken with several Jesuits to warn them of the situation and

make them take note of the danger. He had also spoken about this with Father Bergoglio, making him see above all that my life had been put in serious danger.

~That month of December [1975], given the continuing rumours about my participation with the guerrillas, Father Jalics spoke seriously again with Father Bergoglio. [He] recognized the seriousness of the situation and promised to put a stop to the rumours and to hurry up and speak to people from the armed forces to testify our innocence.

“Yorio claims Bergoglio not only failed to quash the rumours, he actively spread them among Jesuits. He wrote: ~We began to suspect his honesty.”

“According to Yorio’s account, Bergoglio wrote a letter to Argentinian Archbishop Miguel Raspanti outlining serious accusations against the two priests. It is not clear if Bergoglio was making the allegations himself, or passing on accusations made by others.”

Yorio wrote: ~I went to speak to Father Bergoglio and he totally denied it. He said his report had been completely favourable and that Archbishop Raspanti was elderly and sometimes got confused.

Yorio then described the horror of being kidnapped on May 23, 1976, tortured and interrogated at a prison in the Navy School of Mechanics in the Argentine capital, where 5,000 people were murdered during the dictatorship.

He wrote: ~For five months Father Jalics and I were chained by the feet and hands and had our eyes covered. Totally incommunicado.

~The first four or five days I went without eating, without drinking water, without going to the bathroom. A month and a half later I was able to change my dirty clothes.

~On the sixth day they put me together with Father Jalics. They started giving me food and I was able to go to the bathroom.”

Yorio said he was drugged and interrogated. He was accused of being a guerrilla and of ~having sexual relations with a female catechistâ. A public outcry over their arrests meant they were eventually freed, dumped semi-naked from a helicopter in a field outside Buenos Aires on October 23. The damning report was handed to The Mail on Sunday by leading Argentine author and human rights activist Horacio Verbitsky, who began investigating Bergoglio shortly after he was named Archbishop of Buenos Aires in February 1998.

A Horror Story Worsens

The story only gets worse. It was given to him by Yorio’s family after the priest died from natural causes in 2000.

Yorio's claims are vigorously denied by the Pope. Last week, Vatican spokesman the Reverend Federico Lombardi said: "There has never been a credible, concrete accusation against him. There have been many declarations of how much he did for many people to protect them from the military dictatorship."

Mr. Verbitsky has also given The Mail on Sunday a copy of a foreign ministry memo from 1979 which suggests Bergoglio continued to collaborate with the regime even after the two priests were freed.

The typed note, over four paragraphs, appears to outline Bergoglio's criticisms of Jalics to a government official, and gave reasons why the priest, who was by then living in exile in a German monastery, should be refused a new passport.

Bergoglio told the official that Jalics was suspected of working with guerrillas and of encouraging dissent among a group of nuns. The official wrote: "These facts were supplied by Father Bergoglio himself, signature to the note with a special recommendation not to grant his request [for a new passport]."

A stamped foreign ministry paper dated December 20, 1979, reveals the passport application was then refused because of Jalics previous record.

The new Pope was last week also accused of links to officials who seized as many as 500 newborn babies from their mothers to be adopted by supporters of the junta.

Estela de la Cuadra, a woman whose pregnant sister went missing during the dictatorship, produced evidence last week that the Church suggested Bergoglio could help her quest for the truth.

He is alleged to have assigned a priest to investigate the case.

Ms de la Cuadra claims the priest later told her that her sister had given birth to a daughter and that it would be "impossible to return the child to the family as she had been given to a "too important a family.

Such corruption and wickedness is a stench to the God of heaven, and the cover-up of this vile conspiracy is egregious hypocrisy of the worst kind imaginable!

Nazi Germany

Does this not sound reprehensible and like a view back to the horrors of Nazi Germany and the Roman Catholic involvement in the gruesome, ghastly and horrendous torture, massacres, and beheadings of Serbs in Yugoslavia by Roman Catholic fanatics in Croatia? The horrors of World War II's religious persecutions reawakened in Argentina in the 1970's under the junta's "Dirty War," where some 30,000 innocent people and accused anti-government and dissatisfied peoples were put to death by the military

junta's "Death Squads." And the Jesuits and Bergoglio were in a passive and sometimes an active manner.

The same Roman Catholic Church which aided and abetted the "Dirty War" in Argentina was similarly involved in World Wars I and II. Before World War II, the Vatican quietly supported the rise to power of Benito Mussolini in Italy, a Fascist, and formed a "concordat" with him – an agreement to support his role in government for his support for the Vatican state. The Vatican, under Pope Pius XII, also contributed financially to the rise of Adolf Hitler in Germany, to the tune of millions of dollars, and a Jesuit helped him write his infamous *Mein Kampf* while in prison.

It is well known, too, that after World War II, the Roman Catholic Church helped secretly transport fleeing Nazis out of Europe through Vatican channels to safety in South America, notably Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and other countries. The infamous war criminal Adolf Eichmann, of the Nazi SS, was traced by the Jewish Nazi hunters to Argentina and captured in 1962 and tried in Israel. Eichmann was a German [Nazi SS-Obersturmbannführer \(lieutenant colonel\)](#) and one of the major organizers of the [Holocaust](#). Because of his organizational talents and ideological reliability, Eichmann was charged with the task of facilitating and managing the logistics of mass [deportation of Jews](#) to [ghettos](#) and [extermination camps](#) in German-occupied [Eastern Europe](#).

Catholics themselves denounce the complicity of the Church's leaders in the "Dirty War" waged by the military junta that ruled Argentina between 1976 and 1983 and it is scarcely surprising. They accounted for many of the estimated 30,000 workers, students, intellectuals and others who were "disappeared" and murdered, and the tens of thousands more who were imprisoned and tortured.

Bergoglio's Complicity

But some of Bergoglio's harshest critics come from within the Catholic Church itself, including priests and lay workers who say he handed them over to the torturers as part of a collaborative effort to "cleanse" the Church of "leftists." One of them, a Jesuit priest, Orlando Yorio, was abducted along with another priest after ignoring a warning from Bergoglio, then head of the Jesuit order in Argentina, to stop their work in a Buenos Aires slum district.

During the first trial of leaders of the military junta in 1985, Yorio declared, "I am sure that he himself gave over the list with our names to the Navy." The two were taken to the notorious Navy School of Mechanics (ESMA) torture center and held for over five months before being drugged and dumped in a town outside the city.

Bergoglio was ideologically predisposed to backing the mass political killings unleashed by the junta. In the early 1970s, he was associated with the right-wing Peronist Guardia de Hierro (Iron Guard), whose cadre—together with elements of the Peronist trade union bureaucracy—were employed in the death squads known as the Triple A (Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance), which carried out a campaign of extermination

against left-wing opponents of the military before the junta even took power. Adm. Emilio Massera, the chief of the Navy and the leading ideologue of the junta, also employed these elements, particularly in the disposal of the personal property of the “disappeared.”

Yorio, who died in 2000, charged that Bergoglio “had communications with Admiral Massera, and had informed him that I was the chief of the guerrillas.”

The junta viewed the most minimal expression of opposition to the existing social order or sympathy for the oppressed as “terrorism.” The other priest who was abducted, Francisco Jalics, recounted in a book that Bergoglio had promised them he would tell the military that they were not terrorists. He wrote, “From subsequent statements by an official and 30 documents that I was able to access later, we were able to prove, without any room for doubt, that this man did not keep his promise, but that, on the contrary, he presented a false denunciation to the military.”

Bergoglio declined to appear at the first trial of the junta as well as at subsequent proceedings to which he was summoned. In 2010, when he finally did submit to questioning, lawyers for the victims found him to be “evasive” and “lying.”

Bergoglio claimed that he learned only after the end of the dictatorship of the junta’s practice of stealing the babies of disappeared mothers, who were abducted, held until giving birth and then executed, with their children given to military or police families. This lie was exposed by people who had gone to him for help in finding missing relatives.

The collaboration with the junta was not a mere personal failing of Bergoglio, but rather the policy of the Church hierarchy, which backed the military’s aims and methods. The Argentine journalist Horacio Verbitsky exposed Bergoglio’s attempted cover-up for this systemic complicity in a book that Bergoglio authored, which edited out compromising sentences from a memorandum recording a meeting between the Church leadership and the junta in November 1976, eight months after the military coup.

Interestingly, the Dirty War accounts are at complete odds with Bergoglio’s demeanor as a humble servant of Christ, a meek old man who loves the poor and is solicitous of their welfare.

Interestingly, too, one of the Concentration Camps of the junta was actually right on Catholic Church property!

Human Rights Watch has said there is little question that in Argentina many senior church leaders were complicit with the generals. Argentine investigative journalist Horacio Verbitsky, in his book *El Silencio*, reports that one concentration camp was set up on church property which had previously been used as a retreat for senior clergy.

In the 1970's, Bergoglio was on a "fast track" in the church hierarchy. He had been made the Jesuit Provincial in Argentina, at the age of 36. The strong suggestion is that he gained and preserved his position there by avoiding responsibility and evading trouble by cooperating with the junta and following along with and quietly supporting it.

The current ongoing trial of 44 military men in Argentina for their part in the Dirty War has reopened raw wounds. When pregnant women were abducted, and "disappeared," by the military elite, their babies were allowed to be born first, and then were adopted into high level, favorable families, or given to couples deemed sympathetic to the cause.

During the Dirty War, the detention and torture centers were all assigned "priests" whose job was not to comfort the prisoners or abductees, but to assuage the consciences of the torturers and killers! They assured those operating the "death flights," where people were taken aloft in helicopters, drugged, stripped naked and then thrown overboard into the sea to their deaths, that they were doing "God's Work," and they were "separating the wheat from the chaff." Other priests participated in the torture sessions and tried to use the rite of confession to extract information of use to the torturers.

The Final Pope?

The fact that such a man as Bergoglio could be selected to be the next Pope speaks volumes about the dire state of morality of the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy worldwide. Such a deed must serve as a stark warning to the world that we are entering into uncharted waters, and grief and tribulation and horror lie ahead. The horrific crimes carried out in Argentina, on behalf of the bestial dictatorial junta, with the collaboration of the Roman Catholic Church, and the Jesuits in particular, is a warning to all the world that even worse horrors lie ahead of us, multiplied a thousand fold.

As for Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, "History condemns him. It shows him to be opposed to all innovation in the Church and above all, during the dictatorship, it shows he was very cozy with the military," says Fortunato Mallimacci, the former dean of social sciences at the University of Buenos Aires.

There is a "power elite" in the world today who are contemplating the use of similar methods once again to seize control of the nations and peoples of the world and all their assets and wealth, out of a strong compulsion to rule over all mankind.

Could Francis be the "last pope" who will assist and cooperate in this global conspiracy? Bible prophecy speaks out on this issue with force and clarity. Soon to arise will be a "beast" power which will for a short time rule the whole earth in a "New World Order" just before the coming of the Messiah, and who will lead the world's nations to fight against the returning Christ, calling Him an "alien invader" from outer space, when He comes with an army of angels to reestablish God's government over the earth!

The Petrus Romanus Prophecy

An author who predicted Pope Benedict XVI would be the first pontiff in nearly 600 years to resign believes the election today of Jorge Mario Bergoglio as the 266th Roman Catholic pontiff lines up with a medieval prophecy that would make him the “final pope” before the End Times.

Tom Horn, co-author with Cris Putman of the book *“Petrus Romanus: The Final Pope is Here,”* told WND today Bergoglio’s selection was a “fantastic fulfillment of prophecy.”

His book examines St. Malachy’s “Prophecy of the Popes,” said to be based on a prophetic vision of the 112 popes following Pope Celestine II, who died in 1144.

Malachy’s prophecies, first published in 1595, culminate with the “final pope,” “Petrus Romanus,” or “Peter the Roman,” whose reign ends with the destruction of Rome and the judgment of Christ.

Horn has said a pope of Italian descent would fulfill the prophecy, noting Bergoglio is the son of Italian parents and a Jesuit.

“Being a Jesuit is a very important aspect of our prediction in our book,” Horn told WND in an email.

Citing his book, Horn said the name “Petrus Romanus” in the prophecy “implies this pope will reaffirm the authority of the Roman Pontiff over the Church and will emphasize the supremacy of the Roman Catholic Faith and the Roman Catholic Church above all other religions and denominations, and its authority over all Christians and all peoples of the world.”

Horn pointed out the Jesuits order was organized “to stop Protestantism from spreading and to preserve communion with Rome and the successor of Peter.”

He also sees significance in Bergoglio naming himself after Francis of Assisi, an Italian, or Roman, priest whose original name was Francesco di Pietro (Peter) di Bernardone, “literally, Peter the Roman.”

As [WND reported](#), Horn and his co-author, Chris Putnam, predicted in their book Benedict would step down, making way for history’s “final pope.”

The 2012 prediction

Remarkably, Horn told WND, more than 60 years ago a Belgian Jesuit theologian and academic named Rene Thibaut came up with the date 2012 as the culmination of Malachy’s prophecies.

Horn points to reports that Benedict made his decision to resign last year, before announcing it in February.

Thibaut's book was published in French only four months before Thibaut died.

Horn and Putnam translated the Belgian priest's rare 1951 book, "The Mysterious Prophecy of the Popes," into English.

"Adopting the methodology of a mystic as well as a scholar," Horn and Putnam write in the first chapter of their book, Thibaut "makes a compelling case that 'The Prophecy of the Popes' is a real supernatural prophecy."

Horn noted Thibaut is among many Catholic leaders, including popes, cardinals and priests, who have affirmed Malachy's work, which was kept in the Vatican archives for five centuries before it was first published. He said Thibaut used a number of methods of cryptographic analysis to come up with the date 2012, including calculating the average length of papal reign up until the time he wrote his book.

"In other words," Horn and Putnam write, "2012 was seen as an end-times 'event horizon' by at least one Jesuit priest before most readers were born."

St. Malachy, an Irish saint and the archbishop of Armagh, who lived from 1094 to 1148, described the "final pope" this way: "In the extreme persecution of the Holy Roman Church, there will sit Peter the Roman, who will nourish the sheep in many tribulations; when they are finished, the City of Seven Hills will be destroyed, and the dreadful judge will judge his people."

As [WND reported](#), he described the penultimate pope, which Horn believes is Benedict, as "Gloria Olivae," or "Glory of the Olive." Benedict was not a Benedictine priest, yet he chose the name of the founder of the Order of Saint Benedict, which also is known as the Olivetans. The symbol of the Benedictine order includes an olive branch.

Chris Putnam Speaks Out

Says Chris Putnam, co-author of *Petrus Romanus* with Tom Horn, "According to the prophecy of St. Malachy, *Petrus Romanus* has arrived. Pope Francis I, formerly known as Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was the son of an Italian railroad worker from Turin, Italy. While those of shallow vision will be quick to point out 'his name is not Peter,' prophecy is often fulfilled enigmatically in a manner not entirely clear until it is resolved. For example, who could have known that 'labor of the sun' John Paul II would be buried during an eclipse until his papacy had ended? We have stated from the beginning that the title "Peter the Roman" was likely symbolic. All popes claim apostolic succession from Peter and for this reason it is called the *Petrine* office."

For instance, Tom Horn stated in a recent interview for World Net Daily: "Regardless, Horn said he's always maintained that it doesn't take someone whose Christian name is Peter to fulfill the prophecy. In fact, if any Italian is elected, that would be a fairly transparent fulfillment," he said. Moreover, he argued, 'in a very general sense,

every pope could be regarded as “Peter the Roman,” and in that sense, this could be the last one.”

Rome was an empire and a city so his Italian ancestry arguably meets the Roman aspect albeit in an oblique way. Interestingly, Rene Thibaut, the Jesuit who wrote in 1950 that the papacy would be abdicated in 2012, rejected the possibility of a pope named Peter and wrote that the name symbolized the totality of the papacy: “There is only one Peter, the first of the Roman pontiffs, and he was seen in his many successors. He is still to serve in the final as in the first persecution. We believe Petrus Romanus represents all the Roman Pontiffs from St. Peter to the recipient Gloria Olivae.”

In Thibaut’s reckoning all the ambitions and pretensions of the papal dynasty are now encompassed in one man. Paramount is the fact that he is the first ever Jesuit pope. This has great prophetic significance as the Jesuit order was formed specifically to combat the protestant reformation and assert papal supremacy over the entire world.

According to a historian, “The Jesuits were the soldiers of the pope: they knew no law but the will of their general, no mode of worship but the pope’s dictate no church but themselves.” Because of this, the Jesuit order was suppressed and disbanded for its pernicious skullduggery by Pope Clement XIV in 1773 and by the mid-eighteenth century, the Jesuits had earned a bad reputation in Europe for political maneuvering and economic exploitation bar none.

The Fourth Vow of Obedience

Interestingly, Pope Benedict XVI addressed the Jesuit order in 2008 encouraging them to reinvigorate the *fourth vow*. He said, “For this very reason I have invited you and also invite you today to reflect in order to rediscover the fullest meaning of your characteristic “fourth vow” of obedience to the Successor of Peter, ...”

The fourth vow of obedience to the pope is one of “absolute subservience to the pope; to do whatever he enjoined, and go on any service he wished, and into any quarter of the globe.”^[5] A few ex-Jesuits have called this a blood oath involving pagan rites which were laid bare in the suppressed document “[Jesuit Extreme Oath of Induction](#)” which was recorded in records of the U.S. Congress. According to this document, they are indoctrinated into the principle of IUSTUM, NECAR, REGES, IMPIOUS:

When a Jesuit of the minor rank is to be elevated to command, he is conducted into the Chapel of the Convent of the Order, where there are only three others present, the principal or Superior standing in front of the altar. On either side stands a monk, one of whom holds a banner of yellow and white, which are the Papal colours, and the other a black banner with a dagger and red cross above a skull and crossbones, with the word *INRI*, and below them the words *IUSTUM NECAR REGES IMPIUS*. The meaning of which is: It is just to exterminate or annihilate impious or heretical Kings, Governments, or Rulers.

Today the Jesuit Order has about 19,000 members. Of the about 13,500 priest members, some have taken the 4th vow secret oath in which killing a ‘heretic’ is not considered a crime. The ranks of Jesuits are thinning; From 36,000 members at the order’s zenith in the mid-1960’s, to 26,000 in 1983, to 23,000 in 1995 [10]. The Jesuits are geographically organized by 91 provinces (61?), which each belong to one of 10 assistancies around the world.

The [Military Order of Malta](#) has about 12,500 members (excluding volunteers), and Opus Dei has about 26,000 celibate members (excluding volunteers).

The Vatican-Jesuit-Masonic crusades, up to our present time, show their criminal “full-spectrum dominance” doctrine is effectuated all over the world by:

War, genocide and depopulation (recent examples: Canadian natives genocide between 1880-1984, the “Vatican managed Serbian genocide during WWII” with an ongoing US court case, and the ongoing Shia Muslim genocide in Iraq with over 1,217,892 deaths)

Says Chris Putnam, further, “In *Petrus Romanus* we stated our belief that the name ‘Peter the Roman’ implies this pope ‘will reaffirm the authority of the Roman Pontiff over the Church’ and ‘will emphasize the supremacy of the Roman Catholic Faith and the Roman Catholic Church above all other religions and denominations, and its authority over all Christians and all peoples of the world.’

“This seems in line with the Jesuit agenda. Still more, Catholic mystic Ronald L. Conte Jr., who predicted in 2002 that the successor to John Paul II would choose the name Benedict XVI, commented on 3-13-13: ‘I never expected Peter the Roman to be Italian or Roman or to have the first name Peter, or to take the papal name “Peter”. So these points do not imply that Pope Francis is not Peter the Roman. The prophetic phrases of St. Malachy describe the Pontificate of each Pope, not his name.’

“According to Conte, ‘During the reign of Pope Peter the Roman, the great apostasy begins’ and this pope will mark ‘the first part of the tribulation, during our generation.’”

The Jesuits and Abraham Lincoln

The fact that Francis is a Jesuit is very meaningful and ominous. The Jesuits are the fundamental branch of Catholicism which militantly strives to destroy all opposition to the Catholic Church and its teachings and any threat to its power.

In his book *50 Years in the Church of Rome*, Charles Chiniquy declares how the Vatican attempted to destroy the fledgling United States and subvert it to Catholicism in the days of Abraham Lincoln. Chiniquy was a Catholic priest at the time and greatly persecuted by his own church and superiors he did not follow along in their trough of corruption and wickedness and oppression.

Says Chiniquy, "The Jesuits are a military organization, not a religious order. Their chief is a general of an army, not a mere father abbot of a monastery. And the aim of this organization is power. Power in the most despotic exercise. Absolute power, universal power, power to control the world by the volition (will) of a single man. Jesuitism is the most absolute of despotisms (dictatorship); and at the same time, the greatest and the most enormous of abuses" (The most monstrous hurt, injury and damage).

"The general of the Jesuits insists on being master, sovereign, over the sovereign. Wherever the Jesuits are admitted they will be masters, cost what it may. Their society is by nature dictatorial, and therefore it is the irreconcilable enemy of all constituted authority. Every act, every crime, however atrocious, is a meritorious work, if committed for the interest of the society of the Jesuits, or by the order of its general."

During the time of Abraham Lincoln, the master plan of the Vatican for the fall of the United States was under way. The Jesuits and Pope Pius IX were preparing to send French troops into Mexico under Maximilian to back the South when the Civil War began. At that time Chiniquy was part of Rome's land-grab attempt to establish a colony to control the breadbasket of Illinois and the Mississippi Valley. He attended a seminar in which the Roman pontiff's plans were laid bare to take possession of the United States using the utmost secrecy and wisdom, to bring poor Catholics from every corner of the world to America and put them in the major cities, and multiply their votes silently and patiently, while Americans slept on, till all elected officials would be Roman Catholic.

By the 1980s their plot was progressing greatly, to the point where 80% of Congressmen were pro-Roman Catholic.

In Lincoln's own time, the Papacy backed the Southern states under Jefferson Davis. History books neglect or omit these details, but they are fact. After Lincoln was elected President, on his way to Washington, hit-men were waiting to ambush him in Baltimore, but the conspiracy was discovered in time and he was secreted away on a midnight train.

In the Civil War, 600,000 Americans would die, brother fighting brother. Chiniquy warned Lincoln repeatedly that the Jesuits were trying to kill him. Lincoln told Chiniquy that Samuel Morse, inventor of the Morse code and the telegraph, had been in Rome and had heard of a plot to destroy the U.S.

Lincoln also told Chiniquy that something puzzled him: A great number of newspapers written by Roman Catholics were reporting that Lincoln was born a Roman Catholic, and they called him a "renegade" and an "apostate." At the time he laughed it off, but its persistence troubled him. Chiniquy replied that it was obvious the Vatican was setting him up. The articles, he said, were Lincoln's death sentence. Rome was attempting to brand Lincoln with the mark of apostasy, to inspire fanatical Catholics to plot to murder him as an object of apostasy and evil.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy was on the side of the South and wanted to destroy the Protestant North. Lincoln told Chiniquy, “It is more against the pope of Rome, his perfidious Jesuits and their blind and blood-thirsty slaves, than against the real American Protestants that we have to defend ourselves.”

In retrospect, setting up the assassination of Lincoln, Pope Pius IX wrote a letter to Jefferson Davis of the Confederacy calling him “the illustrious and honorable President of the Confederate States.” The letter meant that Lincoln would have to give an account to God for fighting against a man and government approved by the pontiff, the “vicar of Christ” on earth. This meant Lincoln was anathema, ex-communicated, because he was fighting against a government endorsed by the “infallible and holy pope of Rome.”

Subsequently, knowing of the growing plot against him, Lincoln went to the Ford theater with his wife, April 14, 1865, and was gunned down by John Wilkes Booth, an actor and devout Roman Catholic who cried out “Sic semper tyrannis” – “Thus always to tyrants,” and fled the scene. He was later caught and killed, along with other collaborators and fellow Catholic conspirators involved in the plot.

Chiniquy spent twenty years researching the assassination, later, and told the American people that “the President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by the Jesuits of Rome.”

Now, today, the Jesuits are completely enthroned at the Vatican in the person of Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope in history.

Why the Name “Francis”?

Chris Putnam points out that even Saint Francis of Assisi—one of the most venerated religious figures in history—gathered his devotees shortly before his death and prophesied that: “At the time of this tribulation a man, not canonically elected, will be raised to the Pontificate, who, by his cunning, will endeavor to draw many into error and death... Some preachers will keep silence about the truth, and others will trample it under foot and deny it...for in those days Jesus Christ will send them not a true Pastor, but a destroyer.”

Was there something uncanonical about the election of Pope Francis I? It seems arguable. For starters, Pope Benedict XVI simply retiring makes for an unprecedented situation. Next, the fifteen day rule between the vacancy of the office and the start of the conclave was circumvented in order to speed up the process. The two living popes situation alone supports a charge of one “not canonically elected.”

Pope Francis says he chose the name “Francis” hearkening back to Saint Francis of Assisi, who was noted for his poverty, humility, and his love for the poor. But as Francis is a Jesuit, there is another “Francis” in his pedigree – Saint Francis Xavier, one of the founders of the Jesuit Order, along with Ignatius of Loyola, a man with a military

background. Xavier was infamous for the Goa inquisition, which extended the European inquisition to the Indian state of Goa and the Portuguese empire. Some 16,202 persons were brought to trial resulting in untold numbers of executions by burning at the stake, as well as other tortures

The Amazing Mystery of Numbers

The biblical scholar and theologian E.W. Bullinger wrote an exhaustive treatise in the 19th century which has yielded some fascinating usages of numbers in the Scriptures. One of those very interesting numbers is “13.” The number “13” is considered “unlucky” in the world’s arcane imagination, but in Scripture it signifies “rebellion.”

Interestingly, the number “13” connects very powerfully to the new Pontiff. The numbers surrounding Pope Francis’ election keep coming up *thirteen*. White smoke at 7:06 PM which in numerology $7 + 6 = 13$ and he is 76 years old $7 + 6 = 13$ and then he was elected on the calendar date 3/13/13 which sports two 13s of its own but in numerology 3/13/2013 also yields $3+1+3+2+0+1+3=13$ and he was announced at precisely 8:13 PM Vatican time or in military and European time 20:13 making for 3/13/2013 at 20:13.

Says Bullinger: “As to the significance of *thirteen*, all are aware that it has come down to us as a number of ill-omen. Many superstitions cluster around it, and various explanations are current concerning them.

“Unfortunately, those who go backwards to find a reason seldom go back far enough. The popular explanations do not, so far as we are aware, go further back than the Apostles. But we must go back to *the first occurrence* of the number *thirteen* in order to discover the key to its significance. It occurs first in [Genesis 14:4](#), where we read “*Twelve* years they served Chedorlaomer, and the *thirteenth* year they REBELLED.”

“Hence every occurrence of the number *thirteen*, and likewise of *every multiple* of it, stamps that with which it stands in connection with *rebellion, apostasy, defection, corruption, disintegration, revolution*, or some kindred idea.”

This ill omen suggests the “many tribulations” of the Malachy prophecy could coincide with the apostasy of [2 Thes. 2:3](#) ensue but Bullinger goes on to cite an exhaustive list of thirteens and factors of thirteen including examples like:

Satan, in Hebrew = 364 (13 x 28) שָׂטָן

Satan, in Greek = 2197 (133) “That old serpent, even Satan” (ὁ ὄφις ὁ ἀρχαῖος... καὶ ὁ Σατανᾶς) 2756 (13 x 212)

“According to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air” = 9178181 (13 x 706)

“The power of the air” = 2600 (13×200) [\[17\]](#)

While we could go on and on (Bullinger does) with a long list of similar demonic thirteens, one verse in particular is pertinent:

[Revelation 13:11](#), The whole verse = 6318 (13×486)

θηρίον (*theerion*), beast = 247 (13×19)

ἄλλο θηρίον (*hallo theerion*), another beast = 378 (9×42)

“He had two horns” = 1521 ($13^2 \times 9$)

“And he had two horns like a lamb” = 2704 ($13^2 \times 16$) [\[18\]](#)

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.” ([Revelation 13:11](#), AV)

Do all of these thirteens add up to a coincidence?

Or to a dire prophecy and strong warning about the nature and work we can expect from the new Pope?

The biblical prophecy alone in Revelation 13 seems to describe someone like Pope Francis for two reasons: 1) the second beast “looks like a lamb,” with two horns and a lamb’s appearance – an innocent, guileless little lamb. But 2) he has the heart and soul of a “dragon” – and the “DRAGON” is a symbol for Satan, the devil, “that old serpent and dragon, that deceives the whole world” (Rev.12:9).

This prophecy points directly toward the papacy. Why not? Look at the true history of the papacy for a moment.

A Pagan Church

Of course, many of the teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church can be traced back to ancient paganism! Alexander Hislop traces the Catholic religious festivals of the mass, Christmas, Easter, Lent, Whitsunday, and others, back to the ancient Babylonians, and the arch-conspirators this side of the great Flood of Noah’s time – Nimrod and his consort wife, Semiramis.

Hislop, in his remarkable book *The Two Babylons*, shows with great exactitude the sources of much Roman Catholic doctrine and beliefs, tracing them to ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece, Asia Minor, and most of all, Babylon.

In fact, Ariel and Will Durant, in their epochal work *The Story of Civilization*, wrote of the growing, gentitized Christian church, dominated by Rome: “Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it. The Greek mind, dying, came to a transmigrated life in the theology and liturgy of the Church . . . the Greek mysteries passed down into the impressive mystery of the Mass. Other pagan cultures contributed to the syncretist result. From Egypt came the ideas of a divine trinity . . . from Egypt the adoration of the Mother and Child, and the mystic theosophy that made Neoplatonism and Gnosticism, and obscured the Christian creed . . . From Phrygia came the worship of the Great Mother [Mary, in Catholic theology!]; from Syria the resurrection drama of Adonis [a pagan messiah]” (vol.3, page 595).

In fact, Will and Ariel Durant hurl the charge, “Christianity [as we commonly know it, today] was the *last great creation of the ancient pagan world*” (*ibid.*).

In 324 A.D., this revised, paganized “Christianity” became “recognized as the official religion of the Roman Empire, and a Christian emperor held supreme authority, with a court of professed Christians around him,” writes Jesse Lyman Hurlbut in *Story of the Christian Church* (page 73). He adds, “It seemed but a single step from facing lions in the amphitheatre to a place beside the throne of the world!” This was the age of Constantine.

Says Hurlbut, “It was two generations after Constantine when *images* began to appear in the churches; the early Christians having a horror of all that might lead to idolatry” (p.75).

The changes in the church began to flow thick and fast. “The ministers of the church soon became a privileged class, above the law of the land” (p.76). “The first day of the week was proclaimed as a day of rest and of worship, and its observance soon became general throughout the empire” (p.77).

Paganism crept into the church, and by stealth, subverted and overcame it! The teachings of Christ and the apostles became buried under an avalanche of pagan doctrine, holidays, rituals, and observances!

Says Hurlbut, “Everybody sought membership in the church, and nearly everybody was received. Both good and bad, sincere seekers after God and hypocritical seekers after gain, rushed into the communion. Ambitious, worldly, unscrupulous men sought office in the church for social and political influence” (p.79).

In a stunning expose, he says: “The forms and ceremonies of PAGANISM gradually crept into the worship. *Some of the old heathen feasts became church festivals* with change of name and of worship. About 405 A.D. images of saints and martyrs began to appear in the churches, at first as memorials, then in succession revered, adored, and worshiped. The adoration of the Virgin Mary was substituted for the worship of Venus and Diana; the Lord’s Supper became a sacrifice in place of a memorial; and the elder evolved from a preacher into a priest” (p.79).

The Great Whore

A diabolical persecuting power of the end time is described vividly in Revelation, chapter 17. This chapter describes the great persecuting Church of the end of days, led by the supreme apostate Church of Rome.

“So he [an angel of God] carried me away in the spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet BEAST that was full of blasphemous names, and it had SEVEN HEADS and TEN HORNS” (Rev.17:3).

Notice that this “beast” or kingdom is ridden by a “woman” – a harlot (verses 1-2). A “harlot” is a symbol in the Bible of a great false Church. It deceives all nations (compare Isaiah 47).

This “harlot” represents the great false religion that dominates the western world – a Great Religious Movement which dominates the Western World. Could this be the incredible reconciliation now going on between Roman Catholicism and the Protestant churches? It is called, “Babylon the great, *mother of whores* and of earth’s abominations” (v.5). She is “drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the witnesses of Jesus” (v.6).

This final Beast will be greatly influenced by Roman Catholicism and the Vatican! Recently the United Nations voted to give the Vatican full membership and voting privileges in the world organization. The influence of the Vatican is increasing by leaps and bounds. This church has shed the blood of true saints of God since its inception when it persecuted and martyred all those who disagreed with its theology and teaching. Millions were put to death during the Middle Ages and the Inquisition.

The Roman Catholic Church used the Inquisition during the Middle Ages to kill over 70 million innocent victims, whom it viewed as heretics and disbelievers – those who did not bow in worship and obedience to the Pope. *Fox’s Book of Martyrs* documents the atrocities perpetrated by the Vatican and its agents during this horrific period of world history.

Strangely, the “daughters” of this great whore are now returning to her fold, as evangelical leaders in Christianity are moving their flocks steadily towards a modern rapprochement with the Roman Catholic Church – the “second Beast” of Revelation 13:11-18 – the “beast” that has “two horns like a lamb” – that appears like a Christian body – but “spake like a dragon” – teaches and rules like Satan the devil (compare Rev.13:11 with Rev.12:9).

“So he carried me away in the spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a WOMAN [symbol of a church] sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of

abominations and the impurities of her fornication; and on her forehead was written a name, a mystery: ‘BABYLON THE GREAT, MOTHER OF WHORES and of earth’s abominations.’ And I saw that *the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the witnesses to Jesus*” (Rev.17:1-6).

John was very amazed when he saw this vision and the power of the great whore. The angel told him, “Why are you so amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her.” He goes on to describe the “Beast,” and then says, “This calls for a mind that has wisdom: the seven heads are *seven mountains* on which the woman is seated” (Rev.17:9).

Seven mountains? Rome is the city of “seven hills”! Alexander Hislop writes, “No other city in the world has been celebrated as the city of Rome has, for its situation on seven hills. Pagan poets and orators, who had no thought of elucidating prophecy, have alike characterized it as ‘the seven hilled city.’ Thus Virgil refers to it: ‘Rome has both become the most beautiful (city) in the world, and alone has surrounded for herself seven heights with a wall.’ Propertius, in the same strain, speaks of it (only adding another trait, which complete the Apocalyptic picture) as ‘The lofty city on seven hills, which governs the whole world.’ Its ‘governing the whole world’ is just the counterpart of the Divine statement – ‘which reigneth over the kings of the earth’ (Rev.17:18)” (Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, p.2).

The seven “hills” can also refer to seven consecutive empires or kingdoms that the papacy has and will control down through history, since its inception (see chart). These compare with the “seven heads” of the beast.

This is the same beast mentioned in Revelation 13 that rises out of the sea (of nations)! Notice that it is ridden by a “woman” – a harlot (Rev.17:1-3). A “harlot” is a symbol in the Bible of a great false Church. It deceives all nations (compare Isaiah 47).

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The seven historical revivals of this church-state world kingdom are as follows:

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| 1. Justinian of Italy | 554 A.D. |
| 2. Charlemagne of the Franks | 800 A.D. |
| 3. Otto the Great of Germany | 961 A.D. |
| 4. Charles V of Austria | 1519 A.D. |
| 5. Napoleon of France | 1804 A.D. |
| 6. Hitler/Mussolini of Europe | 1936 A.D. |
| 7. End-time Beast | 2015 A.D.? |

Hislop continues, explaining, “Now, while this characteristic of Rome has ever been well marked and defined, it has always been easy to show, that the Church which has its seat and headquarters on the seven hills of Rome might most appropriately be called ‘Babylon,’ inasmuch as it is the chief seat of idolatry under the New Testament, as the ancient Babylon was the chief seat of idolatry under the Old.”

In fact, says Hislop, “It has been known all along that Popery was baptized Paganism; but God is now making it manifest, that the Paganism which Rome has baptized is, in all its essential elements, *the very paganism* which prevailed in the ancient literal Babylon” (*ibid.*).

The Inquisition

Thus the widespread professing church did not transform the world; the world transformed the CHURCH into its own image and likeness! Administrative regions of the Church were modeled after the administrative regions of the Empire. Thus the church evolved into the “image” of the “Beast”!

Hurlbut concludes, “In the west . . . the church gradually usurped power over the state, and the result was not *Christianity* but a more or less corrupt *hierarchy* controlling the nations of Europe, making the church mainly a political machine” (p.80).

Of course, the most iniquitous episode in all church history is the sad tale of the Inquisition of the Middle Ages, when the papacy caused the deaths of millions of innocent people whom it regarded as heretics. Canon Llorente, the Secretary of the Inquisition in Madrid, Spain, from 1790-92, estimated the total number of people condemned to death in Spain alone to have been greater than 3 million souls. Some 300,000 were burned alive at the stake.

Says Henry Halley, “It is stated that in the 30 years between 1540 and 1570 no fewer than 900,000 Protestants were put to death in the Pope’s war for the extermination of the Waldenses. Think of Monks and Priests, in holy garments, directing, with Heartless Cruelty and Inhuman Brutality, the work of Torturing and Burning alive Innocent Men and Women, and doing it in the Name of Christ, by the direct order of the ‘Vicar of Christ.’ The Inquisition was the Most Infamous and Devilish Thing in Human History. It was devised by Popes and used by them for 500 years to Maintain their Power” (p.777).

After Martin Luther led the Protestant Reformation, the Catholic Church countered by instituting the order of the JESUITS, founded by Ignatius Loyola, a Spaniard, on the principle of absolute and unconditional obedience to the Pope. Its purpose was to counter the Protestant Reformation and reconquer territory lost to the Protestants and Mohammedans, and the conquest of the entire heathen world for the Roman Catholic Church. Their supreme aim was the utter destruction of all heresy, and

to accomplish this any act, deception, untruth, immorality, vice – even murder – was deemed “justifiable.”

There is an interesting historical footnote to the Napoleonic Wars. When Napoleon conquered Spain in 1808, the Dominicans who were in charge of the Inquisition blockaded themselves in the monastery in Madrid. When his troops forced their way into the monastery, the inquisitors denied the existence of any torture chambers. The soldiers made a thorough search, and found them hidden beneath the floors. The torture chambers were filled with prisoners – all of them naked, and many of them having gone insane. Napoleon’s men, repulsed by the scene, emptied the chambers and blew the monastery to kingdom come.

The power and influence of the Vatican has grown by leaps and bounds during the past fifty years. Today, the Roman Catholic Church is the richest church in the world, the most influential in the vast majority of nations, and even in America the Catholic tentacles have spread alarmingly into the halls of political power. Five of the nine Supreme Court Justices are Roman Catholic -- Kennedy, Scalia, Thomas, Roberts, and Alito. The Vice President Joe Biden is a Catholic. Congress is filled with Catholics. Rome has placed her minions strategically in order to gain power and control. Her stealth campaign has succeeded beyond her wildest dreams.

What does Bible prophecy say about this phenomenon?

The Harlot and the Second Beast

We read in the book of Revelation of a great worldwide political empire which will rise up in the “end of days.” It is called “the beast,” and is a union of nations with “ten horns and seven heads” (Rev.13:1). See our article in the January-February 2005 issue of Prophecy Flash on the “Beast with Seven Heads and Ten Horns.” This “beast” will rule the world for a period of “forty two months” or 3 ½ years (Rev.13:5).

After seeing this great beast rise up, John says, “Then I saw another beast rising up out of the land [itself]; he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke (roared) like a dragon. He exerts all the power and right of control of the former beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell upon it to exalt and deify the first beast [the coming world dictator!], whose deadly wound was healed, and to worship him” (Rev.13:11-12).

The second “beast” is a world religious leader. He looks on the surface like a “lamb” – that is, a Christian – but talks like the devil himself!

This religious leader “performs great signs (startling miracles), even making fire fall from the sky to the earth in men’s sight. And because of the signs (miracles) which he is allowed to perform in the presence of the [first] beast, he deceives those who inhabit the earth, commanding them to erect a statue (an image) in the likeness of the beast who was wounded by the [small] sword and still lived” (verses13-14).

This aggrandized papal power, according to the revelation of John, “compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name” (verses 16-17).

This final end-time religious figure will be a powerful pope – at the head of a united world religion, all under the sway and rule of the papacy of Rome.

John says, “Here is [room for] discernment [a call for the wisdom of interpretation]. Let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, for it is the human number [the number of a certain man]; his number is 666” (verse 18).

The number “6” is the number of man, or human perfection, created on the sixth day of Creation. The triple “6” of “666” is the number of emphatic, concentrated “human” power or perfection – the “trinity” of human perfection, or the “perfection” of imperfection! It symbolizes the acme and culmination of human pride and arrogance, dignity and aplomb, apart from and independent of God.

Says Bullinger in *Number in Scripture*, “But 666 was the *secret symbol* of the ancient pagan mysteries connected with the worship of the Devil. It is today the secret connecting link between those ancient mysteries and their modern revival in Spiritualism, Theosophy, etc. The efforts of the great enemy are now directed towards uniting all into one great whole. . . The societies for the re-union of Christendom, and the conferences for the re-union of the Churches, are alike parts of the same great movement, and are all making for and are signs of the coming Apostasy” (p.283).

The number 6 was stamped on the old mystery religions. The great secret symbol was SSS, because the letter S in the Greek alphabet was the symbol for the figure 6. When it came to 6, the Greek alphabet had another letter – a peculiar form of S, called “stigma.” The word “stigma” means “a mark.” Says Bullinger, “especially a mark made by *a brand* as burnt upon slaves, cattle, or soldiers, by their owners or masters; or on devotees who thus branded themselves as belonging to their gods” (*ibid.*). “Stigmata” or such “marks” are noted among Roman Catholic worshipers and devotees, even in modern times, as a badge or mark of holiness and devotion.

The number 666 is connected with Rome. Irenaeus, a student of Polycarp, who learned under the apostle John, understood the number 666 to be the Greek word LATEINOS, which means “Latin.” The official “language” of the Roman Catholic Church is “Latin.” Historically, its masses are all said in the Latin tongue. Notice how the word “LATEINOS” computes in Gematria:

L	=	30
A	=	1
T	=	300

E	=	5
I	=	10
N	=	50
O	=	70
S	=	<u>200</u>
Total		666

“Lateinos” also means “Latin Kingdom.” Papal Rome made Latin the official language of the Empire. It is still the official language of Rome. The Roman Catholic Church’s official canons, missals, prayers, decrees, bulls, blessings, cursings, are all in LATIN. Thus the name of “Lateinos” is branded on this church, as well as the number “666”!

Watch and Pray!

If the predictions of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Malachy are truly at their culmination, then the second beast, the one that rises up from the earth, who is called the “false prophet” ([Rev. 16:13](#); [19:20](#); [20:10](#)) or *Petrus Romanus*, has arrived on the world scene and has taken power over the papacy and the Roman Catholic Church. The Bible prophecies of Revelation are coming to pass before our very eyes. Very likely, this is the one who will lead the world to worship the dragon, and the image of the first “beast,” the New World Order Empire itself and its leader.

Keep your eyes on Pope Francis. The evidence seems clear as crystal. The verdict is still pending, but the evidence is very strong and there is little doubt. As Christ said of false prophets and spiritual wolves in sheep’s clothing, “You will know them by their fruits” (Matt.7:20).

Keep your eyes open, watch and pray, that you may be counted worthy to endure, and to escape the terrible things shortly that will come to pass. “But keep watch on yourselves, or your hearts will become dulled by carousing, drunkenness and the worries of everyday living, and that Day will be sprung upon you suddenly like a trap! For it will close in on everyone, no matter where they live, throughout the whole world. Stay alert, always praying that you will have the strength to escape all the thingsx that will happen and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34-36, Jewish New Testament).

“But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose; for it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth. Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Parallel Amplified Bible).

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Obama Picks Muslim for CIA Chief

One of the FBI's former top experts on Islam has announced that President Obama's pick to head the Central Intelligence Agency, John Brennan, converted to Islam years ago in Saudi Arabia.

As [WND has reported](#), former FBI Islam expert John Guandolo has long warned that the federal government is being infiltrated by members of the radical Muslim Brotherhood. But Guandolo now warns that by appointing Brennan to CIA director, Obama has not only chosen a man "naïve" to these infiltrations, but also picked a candidate who is himself a Muslim.

"Mr. Brennan did convert to Islam when he served in an official capacity on the behalf of the United States in Saudi Arabia," Guandolo told interviewer and radio host Tom Trento.

"That fact alone is not what is most disturbing," Guandolo continued. "His conversion to Islam was the culmination of a counterintelligence operation against him to recruit him. The fact that foreign intelligence service operatives recruited Mr. Brennan when he was in a very sensitive and senior U.S. government position in a foreign country means that he [is] either a traitor ... [or] he has the inability to discern and understand how to walk in those kinds of environments, which makes him completely unfit to be the director of Central Intelligence."

Brennan did indeed serve as CIA station chief in Riyadh in the 1990s and today holds the official title of Deputy National Security Advisor for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism. On Jan. 7, Obama nominated Brennan as the next director of the CIA, though he has yet to be confirmed.

"Are you kidding me?" Trento balked at Guandolo's allegations. "The head of the CIA is a Muslim? For real? ... Are you sure?"

"Yes I am," Guandolo asserted. "The facts of the matter are confirmed by U.S. government officials who were also in Saudi Arabia at the time that John Brennan was serving there and have direct knowledge. These are men who work in very trusted positions, they were direct witnesses to his growing relationship with the individuals who worked for the Saudi government and others and they witnessed his conversion to Islam."

A former Marine and combat veteran, Guandolo worked for eight years in the FBI's Counterterrorism Division as a "subject matter expert" in the Muslim Brotherhood and the global spread of Islamism. Guandolo boasts he created the Bureau's first counterterrorism training/education program and twice received United States Attorney's Awards for investigative intelligence.

Guandolo is also one of the authors of the Center for Security Policy's Team B II report, "[Shariah: The Threat to America](#)."

My contention is that [Brennan] is wholly unfit for government service in any national security capacity, and that would specifically make him unfit to be the director of Central Intelligence," Guandolo told Trento.

Guandolo then broke down a three-part argument against Brennan's confirmation.

"The first is he has interwoven his life professionally and personally with individuals that we know are terrorists," Guandolo asserted. "He has overseen and approved and encouraged others to bring known leaders of Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood into the government in positions to advise the U.S. government on counterterrorism strategy as well as the overall 'war on terror.'"

Second, Guandolo asserted, Brennan has "proven through his own comments publicly that he is clueless and grossly ignorant of Al-Qaida's strategy.

“Third and finally, which some would say is most disturbing, is Mr. Brennan did convert to Islam,” Guandolo said, but stressed, “I think the [larger] news is that that conversion is the culmination of the work of people in Saudi Arabia who worked for the Saudi Government – and that makes John Brennan just naïve, foolish, dangerously ignorant and totally unfit for this position.

“That in and of itself, again, shouldn’t be shocking to people,” Guandolo continued. “Mr. Brennan, they have the clip where he specifically says during a public address ... he said during that speech that he has learned and gets his understanding and his ‘worldview’ in large part from Islam. It shouldn’t be a large leap to imagine he’s converted to Islam.” (Drew Zahn, World Net Daily, February 10, 2013).

The Real Reason Behind Sandy Hook Massacre

Amid national soul searching in the wake of one of the worst mass shootings in American history, faith leaders say the removal of God from the nation’s schools and communities is at the root of this monstrous tragedy.

Marshall Foster, a Christian historian, founder of the World History Institute and author of the introduction to the newly-republished [1599 Geneva Bible](#), says he’s sick of the media’s attempt to make excuses for Adam Lanza’s mass murder of school children at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

In the face of all the “politically correct mumbo jumbo,” Foster says the culprit is “not an imbalance of chemical enzymes in Lanza’s brain; the culprit is Lanza’s sin nature.”

For years, public schools have been teaching children that evil does not reside in their souls and is therefore, by default, circumstantial, Foster says, and according to this misguided worldview, there must have been something circumstantially that caused Lanza to shoot innocent children.

“So when we look at the tragedy that just took place and we start blaming ... we immediately go to guns and other purported causes,” Foster told WND. “We go to some external cause: It’s

his psychology, it’s his mother, it’s the divorce. It’s something outside, instead of looking at the real cause, which for thousands of years since the time of Christ, people have understood to be good and evil.”

Mankind, Foster says, always looks for excuses “outside himself,” but he never wants to face the “demons in his own soul.”

“If Lanza’s mass murder of innocents is given a pass, what about the thousands of Nazis who killed six million Jews? Did all of them have autism too? Or is the Holocaust not prima facie evidence of the very existence of evil?” Foster asked.

A number of faith leaders in the past week have weighed in on the spiritual dimensions of what may have motivated Lanza, 20, to kill his mother, 20 children and six adults at the school before killing himself.

As police seek a motive, the London Daily Mail reported Dec. 19 that a former classmate claimed Lanza “worshipped the devil and had an online page dedicated to Satan.”

In a blog posts earlier this week, New York Times bestselling author Joel Rosenberg – author of [“Implosion: Can America Recover from Its Economic and Spiritual Challenges in Time?”](#) – wrote the slaying is the 18th mass murder this year.

“The demons of violence and lawlessness are on the loose all across America – in Newton, Conn., ...in Aurora, Colo., ... in Oak Creek, Wis., ... just as they were in Littleton, Colo., and at Virginia Tech in years gone by,” Rosenberg wrote. “But why? How is it possible that violent crime in the United States has surged by more than 400 percent since 1960?

“The answer is as painful as it is simple: The further we turn away from God in our nation – the further we drive Him out of our society, out of our schools and courts, and out of our media and out of our homes, or the more we give mere lip service to religion, the more men are ‘holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power’ (2 Timothy 3:5) – the worse things are getting.”

Mike Huckabee, a former Republican presidential candidate, governor of Arkansas, bestselling author and host of the Fox News Channel talk show “Huckabee,” said on Fox that Americans are asking why there is so much violence “in our schools, but we have systematically removed God from our schools.”

“Should we be so surprised that schools would become a place of carnage?” Huckabee asked. “We don’t have a crime problem, a gun problem or even a violence problem. What we have is a sin problem. And since we’ve ordered God out of our schools, and communities, the military and public conversations, you know we really shouldn’t act so surprised ... when all hell breaks loose.”

Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, told WND that the shooting and similar ones in recent years are indicative of the nature of evil, and, “When evil is unrestrained, these are the kinds of unbelievable human tragedies that we see.”

“The Founders believed that religion and morality were necessary for a government of limited authority, which provides a lot of freedoms,” Staver says. “Without religion and morality as the base, they knew the government would devolve into chaos. We have to be a self-restrained people with morals. And the way people would be moral is through the teaching of Judeo-Christian values and beliefs and that there is a God to whom they are accountable.”

But schools no longer teach the Ten Commandments, and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled school prayer was unconstitutional in 1962. As long as the nation continues to “marginalize God” in its public life, Staver says, the country can expect “more and more of these types of tragedies.”

“The solution is not to create more laws restricting guns,” Staver says. “If you restrict guns, people will use knives. If you restrict knives, people will use explosives. Those are only tools that people use, and those are not the problem. It’s the root cause we need to get to, and that’s the brokenness of humanity. The only way evil can be restrained is by God and the teaching of religious and Judeo-Christian values.”

In an article posted at Movieguide.org, Movieguide Publisher Ted Baehr wrote that by removing God, the Bible, the Ten Commandments, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit from society, including the mass media and the schools, “We are raising generations of people with no faith in God or Jesus and, hence, no moral conscience and no self-control.”

If so many people have no faith, no moral conscience and no self-control, then it’s no wonder society is suffering from all these mass murders by “evil lone gunmen,” Baehr wrote.

Baehr told WND he wasn’t surprised by the news reports that Lanza purportedly “worshipped the devil” and played violent video games.

“In my first book, ‘The Media-Wise Family,’ I have a whole chapter about opening yourself up to demonic possession,” Baehr said. “The forces of darkness would like nothing more than for someone to kill their mother and little children. It’s always been the goal of the adversary to kill, steal and destroy.”

Rick Scarborough, a pastor and the president and founder of Vision America, told WND that “our culture had better recognize quickly that God has a role to play in protecting us” and instead of “slapping God on every hand,” the nation needs to repent and turn back to God.

“I do believe that right now what America desperately needs is what we used to call an old-fashioned revival,” Scarborough said. “There will have to be a reawakening to biblical norms and biblical values. When President Obama prayed last week on behalf of the victims in Newton, Conn., and invoked God’s name, he appealed to God, but this is the same person whose party tried to eliminate God from its political platform.

“We have now a God of convenience. When we want God to bless us or want to acknowledge God in some way to encourage people, we’ll invoke his name until the cows come home,” Scarborough said. “But God is not a puppet. He’s to be feared and adhered to and his laws, which are irrefutable, must be obeyed.”

Rather than looking just at external solutions like more gun control, Foster says, everyone needs to

look deeply into the “wickedness in our own hearts” at the root of not only this tragedy, but a series of intensifying and horrific incidents in recent decades.

“It’s not just (Lanza’s) heart; it’s not this one man – Adam – that we should be looking at,” Foster says. “It should be ourselves. What do we allow our children to sit in when we send them to a public school that doesn’t teach them moral principles? What kind of character do we have as a people, not just looking at Connecticut, when we allow a government to steal our wealth and money and allow babies by the millions to die in abortion, and when we allow the basic moral precepts of Christian civilization to be destroyed in a couple of generations?”

“What kind of moral character do we have, and is it not ultimately our sin?” Foster asks. “We’ve got to own up to it – especially the Baby Boomers. Of all generations, there has never been a more blessed, physically blessed generation, than the Baby Boomers of World War II, and that’s my generation, and we are the most accountable. I believe we’re going to have to face God Almighty for what we have allowed to happen to our country.” (Troy Anderson, WND, Dec.23, 2012).

Queen James Bible – a New Gay Friendly Version of the Bible

Despite the evolution of societal trends, homosexuality continues to be intensely-debated on moral, spiritual and theological grounds. With the Bible traditionally viewed as a document that condemns the actions associated with same-sex attraction, some anonymous editors have [set out to reinterpret scriptures](#) to create a new translation — “The Queen James Bible” — that is favorable to gays and lesbians.

At first glance (and even when you dig beneath the surface), it’s difficult to discern who is behind the publication ([the publisher of the book](#) on Amazon is listed as “Queen James”), as there is no organization overtly mentioned on the web site advertising the alternative Bible. That said, the editors, though unnamed, are bold in explaining their intriguing project.

“The Queen James Bible resolves any homophobic interpretations of the Bible, but the

Bible is still filled with inequality and even contradiction that we have not addressed,” [the web site notes](#). “No Bible is perfect, including this one. We wanted to make a book filled with the word of God that nobody could use to incorrectly condemn God’s LGBT children, and we succeeded.”

The editors claim that the word “homosexual” was not placed in the holy book until 1946. Their new version is purportedly a purer — at least in their view — take on the scriptures (although references to same-sex attraction were clearly in the Bible from its inception).

Taking into account the eight verses that are most frequently cited in arguments against homosexuality and same-sex attraction, the editors amended them “in a way that makes homophobic interpretations impossible.” Because the King James translation is the most popular version of the Bible, it was selected to be repurposed. (The Blaze, Glenn Beck, post by Billy Hallowell, Dec. 13, 2012).

COMMENT: Woe to them who put evil for good, and who exalt and enthrone wickedness!

Russian News Outlet Pravda (Previously the Official Press of the USSR) Labels Obama a ‘Communist’ in Scathing OpEd

The famed Russian news site “Pravda,” which ironically was formed as the official Communist publication of the former Soviet Union, recently released a scathing opinion column entitled, “Obama’s Soviet Mistake,” in which the author unabashedly [labels](#) the U.S. president a “Communist without question promoting the Communist Manifesto without calling it so.”

The author, Xavier Lerma, goes on to note how Obama’s “cult of personality” has mesmerized the ignorant in America, who will follow the hope and change icon in much the same way as “fools” still praise Lenin and Stalin in Russia.

“Obama’s fools and Stalin’s fools share the same drink of illusion.”

Adding an interesting twist to the article, the author juxtaposes President Obama with

Vladimir Putin, noting that the Russian president has been sounding more and more like “Ronald Reagan” or other “conservatives in America” who seek to promote smaller government and lower taxes. Lerma attributes the following remarks to Putin regarding the country’s taxes and the economy:

“...we are reducing taxes on production, investing money in the economy. We are optimizing state expenses.

The second possible mistake would be excessive interference into the economic life of the country and the absolute faith into the all-mightiness of the state.

There are no grounds to suggest that by putting the responsibility over to the state, one can achieve better results.

Unreasonable expansion of the budget deficit, accumulation of the national debt – are as destructive as an adventurous stock market game.

During the time of the Soviet Union the role of the state in economy was made absolute, which eventually lead to the total non-competitiveness of the economy. That lesson cost us very dearly. I am sure no one would want history to repeat itself.”

Reading Putin’s speech “without knowing the author,” begins Lerma, “one would think it was written by Reagan or another conservative in America.”

“The speech promotes smaller government and less taxes. It comes as no surprise to those who know Putin as a conservative,” Lerma writes with irony.

After referring to liberalism as a “psychosis,” Lerma blasts “O’bomber” over Fast and Furious and goes on to state:

He is a Communist without question promoting the Communist Manifesto without calling it so. How shrewd he is in America. His cult of personality mesmerizes those who cannot go beyond their ignorance. They will continue to follow him like those fools who still praise Lenin

and Stalin in Russia. Obama’s fools and Stalin’s fools share the same drink of illusion.

The author questions if Americans have ever read history and concludes that American schools have been “conquered by Communists long ago,” paving the way for a revisionist history that would only lead to the election of a Communist president in the U.S.

“President Vladimir Putin could never have imagined anyone so ignorant or so willing to destroy their people like Obama much less seeing millions vote for someone like Obama,” Lerma quips. But the American president wasn’t the only one to draw the author’s ire. He also noted the pervasive influence of the ACLU and the eroding of America’s Christianity — something that was, of course, also a key tenet of the Soviet Union:

The red, white and blue still flies happily but only in Russia. Russia still has St George defeating the Dragon with the symbol of the cross on its’ flag. The ACLU and other atheist groups in America would never allow the US flag with such religious symbols. Lawsuits a plenty against religious freedom and expression in the land of the free.

“Christianity in the U.S. is under attack as it was during the early period of the Soviet Union when religious symbols were against the law,” Lerma notes astutely.

In terms of all of the U.S. States that have filed petitions to secede from the union, Lerma coins these Americans” hostages to the Communists in power” who will eventually need to rise up in the face of “tyranny.” Lerma concludes with a powerful comparison of the suffering endured for nearly a century under the oppression and brutality of the USSR and quotes Don Mclean’s famed song, “American Pie”:

Russia lost its’ civil war with the Reds and millions suffered torture and death for almost 75 years under the tyranny of the United Soviet Socialist Republic. Russians survived with a new and stronger faith in God and ever growing Christian Church. The question is how long will the once “Land of the Free” remain the United Socialist States of America? Their suffering has only begun. Bye bye Miss American Pie!

Those who recall the days of the former Soviet Union, or who have friends and family members who fled a life of degradation, will see much truth in Lerma's words. Even envisioning the now-famous "Hope" and "Change" campaign

posters, which elevated Obama to a cult of personality, strikes fear and anxiety into the hearts of those who lived through eerily similar propaganda behind the iron curtain. It is ironic that this opinion column, so scathing of Communism and so keenly perceptive of how history is repeating itself in President Obama, comes to us from the publication that was formed to be the official Communist mouthpiece of the former Soviet Union itself.

Perhaps that is what lends it all the more weight.

Now should one be mindful of the fact that the author of this opinion column also considers Vladimir Putin a "conservative"? Yes, however, more disturbing still is that Lerma finds Putin *conservative in comparison* to Obama. Opinions on Putin vary greatly among those living in Russia in much the same way as Americans differ in opinion on President Obama. What's more, Lerma's personal views on Putin do not necessarily negate that there is merit to his observations on President Obama. Russians who have witnessed the trappings of the former Soviet Union either during its height or in its aftermath, tend to speak from a place of personal experience — something that warrants careful consideration. Based on our Google search of the author, he does appear to be a Russian columnist for Pravda who also maintains his own [conservative-leaning blog](#).

Shortly after TheBlaze published this article citing Pravda's opinion column, author David Frum posted a hair-trigger response on his [Daily Beast Blog](#), accusing TheBlaze of agreeing with Pravda on President Obama. Frum disparages Lerma's "journalistic" credentials and goes on to focus solely on Lerma's opinions on Vladimir Putin, as well as the Pravda author's reference to attacks on Christianity in America. Frum does not address any other points raised by Lerma concerning the cult of personality that has been built around Obama, nor the parallels Lerma sees between present-day America and the former Soviet Union. Frum also appears to miss the irony that was the *true crux* of this Blaze article: That the former official mouthpiece of

the Communist Party believes Obama is a Communist and that Putin is Conservative by comparison. *That*, of course, was the point. (Glenn Beck, The Blaze, Firewire, Nov.26, 2012).

Dawn of the Muslim Brotherhood

INO-in-Chief John McCain raked Rep. Michelle Bachman and other conservatives over the coals for merely requesting that the apparent Muslim Brotherhood influence on the Obama Administration be investigated.

It was a matter of public record that Huma Abedin, Deputy Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton—and thus having access to top secret information—has deep ties to the Muslim Brotherhood.

It was a matter of public record that the Council on Islamic American relations (CAIR) and the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), both determined to be Muslim Brotherhood front groups and unindicted co-conspirators in the terrorist-funding trial *United States v. Holy Land Foundation*—[had visited the White House](#), State Department, FBI, etc. hundreds of times.

It was a matter of public record that Muslim "outreach" groups like CAIR and ISNA went in and [purged hundreds of pages of "offensive" words and phrases](#) like "jihad" and "Islamist" from FBI training materials.

But conservatives were labeled as McCarthyites conducting a witch hunt and the call for an investigation was quickly shut down.

But now mainstream Egyptian newspaper, *Rose-El-Youssef*, published an article entitled "[A Man and Six of the Brotherhood in the White House!](#)" on December 22 admitting and bragging about Muslim Brotherhood infiltration!

What is more shocking than the fact that the Muslim Brotherhood has infiltrated the White House is that Obama has *embraced* this infiltration and is therefore a traitor to this country. (Chris Zane, Western Center for Journalism, Jan.7, 2013).

Solar Flares Endanger Earth

WASHINGTON – The massive sunspot identified as AR1654, which is spewing solar flares, has scientists saying that a portion of a coronal mass ejection is expected to brush Earth's magnetic field, creating what observers say are bright auroras around the Arctic Circle.

Already, scientists say, the CME's arrival on the solar winds is creating auroras arcing across the skies of northern Scandinavia.

Scientists from the National Aeronautic and Space Administration and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration say this reveals the potential for a solar storm maximum as the sun approaches the height of its latest 11-year cycle this year and next.

Flares are expected to continue into 2020.

Scientists at these space-watch agencies say that if Earth gets a direct hit from one of these solar flares – some of which can be up to four times the size of Earth – the damage could be enormous.

The United States alone would sustain damages up to \$2 trillion the first year to the nation's electric grid-dependent critical infrastructures. In addition, it could leave some 160 million people – more than half the population of the United States – starving because of the collapse of food and fuel delivery systems.

In addition, it could take from four to 10 years to recover.

They say they would expect high casualties because of America's dependence on electric power, electronics and digital telecommunications and information networks.

Further, there are thousands of so-called SCADAs – Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Data systems, or automated control systems – which control large sections of industry and commerce.

All of these systems are vulnerable to an electromagnetic pulse, or EMP, a high-intensity burst of electromagnetic energy for which solar flares are but one source. Another source would be from a high-altitude nuclear explosion.

Other forms of electromagnetic energy include gamma rays, X-rays, ultraviolet radiation, visible

light, infrared radiation, microwaves and radio waves.

SCADAs are referred to as the "ubiquitous robots of the modern age" and are vital to the interdependence of the critical infrastructures that comprise modern society.

According to the congressionally mandated 2008 EMP commission, these automated control systems and their mutual interdependence are two of the most important aspects of America's modern infrastructures. They pose the greatest vulnerability in all of the country's infrastructures.

The SCADA systems are especially used in such critical infrastructure applications as electrical transmission and distribution, water management, and oil and gas pipelines.

America is crisscrossed with thousands of miles of pipelines, and if a SCADA were to fail, it could cause explosions in natural gas pipelines and serious leakage.

"The magnetic canopy of sunspot AR 1654 is in a state of unrest, relentlessly shifting, reconnecting and crackling with minor flares," according to a report from NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory.

Scientists described this magnetic canopy as exhibiting eruptions that looked like "flash bulbs at a rock concert."

"The sunspot's magnetic field, illuminated by the extreme (Ultra-Violet) glow of hot plasma and flares, has a 'beta-gamma-delta' configuration," NASA said. "That means it harbors energy for power X-class eruptions."

Scientists said the "behemoth" sunspot AR 1654 stretches some 112,000 miles, the equivalent of 14 Earth diameters from end to end.

The flares could create M-class flares and a "risk" of X-class flares, the biggest there are, the scientists said.

NOAA rates the flares as A-class, followed by C, M and X, which is the most severe. A-class is the smallest and, like a Richter scale for earthquakes, each letter represents a 10-fold increase in energy output. X-class is 10 times an M-class and 100 times a C-class .

These solar flares are giant explosions on the sun's surface that send electromagnetic energy in high-speed particles into space.

A C-class storm and smaller flares are too weak to noticeably affect Earth. M-class flares can cause brief radio blackouts at the poles and minor radiation storms that could endanger astronauts.

But the highest risk from such solar storms will be to the national electrical grid system.

The resulting power surges from solar particles could blow out huge transformers which take a long time to replace, even under normal circumstances. In addition, such large transformers no longer are made in the United States but come from abroad. Private utilities do not keep spares of these large transformers due to their tremendous cost.

The situation would be especially precarious for the nation if hundreds would be destroyed, and need replacement, all at once.

NASA estimates that if Earth had a direct hit from a solar flare, the U.S. could lose some 350 such large transformers which would take years to replace.

In spite of the historical knowledge of these various storms over the years, NASA said that the nation's electric power grids remain vulnerable to disruption and damage by severe space weather and have become even more so in terms of both widespread blackouts and permanent equipment damage requiring long periods of time to restore.

The reason is that electric power and more intricate and sophisticated electronics are the cornerstone of a modern society. This technology is the basis on which all other infrastructures and services depend .

"Collateral effects of a longer-term outage would likely include, for example, disruption of the transportation, communication, banking, and finance systems, and government services; the breakdown of the distribution of potable water owing to pump failure; and the loss of perishable foods and medications because of lack of refrigeration," according to NASA. "The resulting loss of services for a significant period of time in even one region of the country could

affect the entire nation and have international impacts as well." (WorldNet Daily, Feb.20, 2013).

Coming Christian "Cleansing" in America

In their latest book, *Christian Cleansing In America*, Noah W. Hutchings and Carol Rushton have done a thorough job in proving that Christian cleansing is rampant in today's America. The many examples of Christian cleansing cited show a tenacious and a hard-core-reststance to Christian values and an intense desire to destroy every vestige of Christianity.

It's the conflict of the ages resurfacing in America with a vengeance. The hedge of protection has been taken down. Prayerlessness and worldliness have become the norm for many comfort-loving Christians. Too many pulpits refuse to address the really important issues and therefore the churches have ceased to be the conscience of the nation.

Recently, 500,000 pro-lifers met twenty pro-abortionists. The former carried a banner emblazoned with the words of Francis Schaeffer: "Every abortion clinic should have a sign over the door saying: This clinic is open by permission of the Christian churches in this area." (blogs.christianpost.com, posted 1/28/13).

Do we dare blame the evils of Christian cleansing on the lateness of the eschatological hour, or do we blame it on the indolence and timidity of the contemporary Christian community?

The struggle is real, and can be seen in colleges and universities, the media, and certainly in local, state, and federal governments. Yet this is not surprising. *In any conflict of the gods, one must dominate the other.* Is such an assertion totally out of place and misguided?

Before dismissing it out of hand, simply view the new and amazing personality cult that has sprung up around President Barack Hussein Obama. New Jersey second-graders, for example, were taught to sing an Obama personality-cult song to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Here are some of the lines, as cited in Phyllis Schlafly's *No Higher Power: Obama's War on Religious Freedom*, p. 180:

Mr. President, we honor you today!
For all your great accomplishments, we all doth say 'hooray'!
 Hooray, Mr. President! You're number one!
 Hooray, Mr. President, we're really proud of you!
 So continue, Mr. President, we know you'll do the trick
 So here's a hearty hip hooray, Hip, Hip hooray!

Some of the parents were incredulous and complained. One said, "I can't believe it's our school. We don't want to praise this guy like he's a god or an idol or a king." Others said, "This is the kind of propaganda you would see in Stalin's Russia or Kim Jong-il's North Korea."

This Obama personality-cult has taken new and interesting forms. Schlafly writes:

On September 8, 2009, Obama gave a speech broadcast to every school child in America, which kicked up a storm of controversy. A study plan for his speech produced by the U.S. Department of Education, not hiding its political motives, was sent to schools in advance. ,

The politics of Obama's extraordinary internet visit to all classrooms was presaged by the August 28 showing of the "I pledge" video at an assembly of the Eagle Bay Elementary School in Farmington, Utah. ...This video presents about fifty celebrity-type persons saying, "I pledge: ..." to take some left-wing action, such as supporting federal health care legislation, advancing stem-cell research, working for UNICEF, or signing up with Serve.gov to do community service.

Many of the "I pledge" statements support goals of the left wing environmentalists, such as pledging "to sell my obnoxious 'car and buy a hybrid. ...(p. 182). .

History is replete with the "conflict of the gods." Social engineers, all left-wing do-gooders are still at it. They come up with a plethora of schemes to improve the lot of man – but always at the expense of Christian truth and compromise with the world. Shockingly, the professing church sees nothing wrong with this evil

exchange. If willful ignorance were an asset, the modern church would be exemplary.

Honest history books provide many pictures of the large number of Protestant pastors and Catholic priests giving the Nazi salute. Even more shocking are the photographs of swastika banners that adorned many of the churches of Nazi Germany-banners, with the cross of Christ in the center.

We must wonder why millions took Hitler's *hakenkruz* ("broken cross") and superimposed on it the cross of our crucified Saviour, Jesus Christ. How could they? Did they think that Hitler was the new Messiah, maybe even a better one who would provide them with paid vacations and a *Volkswagen* for every working family in Germany? But as Santayana has said, "Those who disregard history are condemned to repeat it." So too, with twenty-first century America.

During his first presidential campaign Barack Obama's suitability as president was brought up time and again. A new web site ~as Set up entitled "Fight the Smears: The Truth About Barack Obama's Faith."

"Barack Obama is a committed Christian. He was sworn into the Senate on his family Bible. He has regularly attended church with his wife and daughters for years. But shameful, shadowy, attackers have been lying about Barack's religion, claiming he is a Muslim instead of a committed Christian. When people fabricate stories about someone's faith to denigrate them politically, that's an attack on people of all faiths. Make sure everyone you know is aware of this deception."

The Nuremberg War Crimes Trials (1945-1949) shows the ugly results of taking ultimate authority away from God and viewing it as residing in man. At the trials an important question repeatedly resurfaced: Were Hitler's henchmen really guilty of any crimes? They performed their dastardly work under the protection of their own legal system and could not be accused of murder because personhood had been redefined to exclude Jews and other "undesirables."

On February 12, 1998, William Provine, a professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at prestigious Cornell University spoke on the campus of the

University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He had been asked to deliver the keynote address at the second annual Darwin Day. Provine gives us a frank preview of the conditions that will prevail in America in the absence of Christian influence. The summary abstract of his presentation reads as follows: "Naturalistic evolution has clear consequences. ..1) there is no god worth having; 2) no life after death; 3) no ultimate foundation for ethics; 4) no ultimate meaning in life; and 5) no human free will" (apologeticspress.org).

Comments by such high-profile atheists provide an excellent springboard from which to extrapolate the final results of Christian cleansing. Atheists love to argue that you don't need God to have an ethical system, but honest atheists who consistently follow their belief system know that is not true.

A society that has no abiding belief in the Creator God of the Bible, the need for redemption, and the guarantee of a future existence of either retribution or reward, must only be ruled by those animal impulses which are strongest, most natural, and which will therefore be judged to be the most legitimate. It will be a dog-eat-dog society where the law of the jungle prevails. (excerpted from *Prophetic Observer*, "What Will America Be Like After a Thorough Christian Cleansing?" by Larry Spargimino, April 2013). . . .

A Chilling Inauguration

On January 21, 2013, the Washington Mall was filled with onlookers as the president was publicly sworn into office. But the inauguration was significant for much more than this central act.

The inauguration marked the first time in American history that a born again believer was, in effect, barred from participating in the inauguration, barred from praying a prayer, because he believed what the Bible clearly says - namely that homosexuality is a sin. Just four years ago, Rick Warren prayed at the presidential inauguration. But now, just four years later, Lou Giglio was, in effect, hounded out of his place of praying because he had about fifteen or so years ago declared that homosexuality is a sin. This is a stunning development. Now, in effect, if you truly believe in the Bible, you are banned from the public square.

Those pastors who were chosen to pray at the inauguration, were all supporters of gay marriage, or, in other words, the ending of the biblical definition of marriage. It was also noted that in one of the quotes, the phrase, 'under God', was omitted.

Beyond all this, the presidential inauguration was unique in that, for the first time, the inaugural address included the issue of homosexuality -and far more than that. He spoke of "the star that guides us still, just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall "

Of what was Obama speaking? Seneca Falls and Selma concerned seminal moments in the movement for women's rights and black civil rights. But what was Stonewall? Stonewall was a mafia-owned bar frequented by drag queens, transsexuals, and male prostitutes. In June of 1969, the police raided it. The reaction was a violent uprising. The police were surrounded, attacked, injured. This was the beginning of the gay rights movement and gay militancy as we know it today;

What was the president doing by mentioning it? He was changing the American narrative. The star that was now guiding us (America) was the same that guided "our forbears," the transsexuals, drag queens, and male prostitutes who violently attacked the police that summer day in 1969. The president was thus enlisting the entire nation into the movement of gay advocacy and militancy. Their movement was now America's movement. Their cause and goal was now the cause and goal of America.

The ramifications of this for any born-again and Bible-believing follower of Messiah, are chilling. The gay advocacy movement sees as its number one opponent, Bible-believing Christians. It has no place for them. So if America is now enlisted into this movement - there will be no place for believers: culturally, socially, or legally; In other words—persecution. (Jonathan Cahn, March 2013).

COMMENT: It is time for those who are of the light to let their light shine. Do not allow yourself to be intimidated, do not hold back, but let it shine more strongly and brightly than ever before. Shine forth with the light of Messiah!

What Is the *REAL* “New Moon”?

When does the Biblical month begin? The Hebrew word for “Month” also means “New Moon.” But what is the Biblical definition of a “new moon”? Is it the actual conjunction? The “dark” of the moon? The first faint sliver of the new crescent as seen by human eyes? Or a mathematical construct? Since God’s Holy Days are based on the New Moon, we need to know the truth so that we can observe them on the right day!

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What is the Biblical definition of the “new moon”? Throughout history, the Jewish rabbis and ancient Sanhedrin have said the “new moon” is the first faint crescent of the moon as it is seen each month by “witnesses” in Israel. Later they began to ignore the command to view the new moon each month, and just determined it by mathematical calculations based on the nineteen year time cycle, which kept their calendar within a day or two of the actual new moon when the Jews were dispersed around the world, after the fall of ancient Judea to the Romans in 135 A.D.

Other people claim that the “new moon” or month is actually the time of the “conjunction” of the earth and the moon, that is, during the time of the “dark of the moon.” But what is the truth?

This is important because the beginning of each month on the correct day determines the actual date of the annual holy days which occur in that month. The annual holy days fall in the first month (Passover, Days of Unleavened Bread), the third month (Pentecost), and the seventh month (Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, and Shemini Atzeret – the “Eighth Day”). If we begin those months on the wrong day, then we would celebrate God’s Holy Days on the **WRONG DATE, AT THE WRONG TIME** – and that would constitute **SIN** – disobedience to God!

Therefore, it is important that we know just what a Biblical “new moon” is!

Blow the Trumpet on the New Moon

God’s Word says, “Blow the trumpet at the time of the **NEW MOON** (*CHODESH*); at the full [keseh] moon, on our solemn feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, a **LAW** of the God of Jacob” (Psalm 81:3-4).

The word ‘keseh’ here in Hebrew means ‘appar. From 3680; prop. Fullness or the full moon,’ but the root 3680 is *kacah* and means ‘to plump, i.e. fill up hollows, by impl. to cover (for clothing or secrecy): -- clad self, close, clothe, conceal, cover (self), hide, overwhelm.’

Interestingly, the Jews called Yom Teruah or Rosh Hashanah by other names as well. It is known as *Yom HaDin* (Day of Judgment), *Yom HaDat Olam* (Day of the Birth of the World, or the Ages), *Yom Zikhron Teruah* (Day of Memorial of Shouting, Blowing or Sounding the Ram’s Horn). But perhaps most interestingly, it is known as *Yom HaKeseh* (Day of Concealment)!

This last name alludes to the position of the new moon on the first of Tishri, as well as the limited amount of information provided in the Torah or Word of God as to its nature and significance. It is also as if God said for us to learn, pray, meditate, and figure it out for ourselves! It is a Day of Mystery – a day involving judgment, repentance, creation, memorials, and beginnings (as it begins the civil year, for which it is New Year’s Day). As Solomon wrote in Proverbs, “It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out” (Prov.25:2, NRSV).

Philip Goodman, in *The Rosh Hashanah Anthology*, provides this insight into the meaning of this Holy Day:

“On the first day of Tishri is New Year for years.

“R. Nachman b. Isaac explained the Mishnah to refer to the Divine judgment, as it is written, *From the beginning of the year to the end of the year* (Deuteronomy 11:12), which means, From the beginning of the year sentence is passed as to what shall be up to the end of it. How do we know that this takes place in Tishri? Because it is written, *Blow the horn at the new moon, at the COVERED TIME for our feast day* (Psalms 81:4). Which is the feast on which the moon is COVERED OVER? You must say that this is New Year; and it is written in this connection, *For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance for the God of Jacob* (v.5).

“. . .” (Rosh Hashanah 8a-b, quoted on page 17).

Why does this passage refer to the moon as “COVERED” on the Feast Day? The King James has this, “Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day” (Psalm 81:3). The word “appointed” here is the Hebrew word *keceh* which means “fullness,” i.e., “festival, time appointed.” It is apparently from #3680, *kacah*, meaning “to plump,” “fill up hollows,” by implication, “to cover (for clothing or secrecy).” It is variously translated “clad, clothe, conceal, cover, hide, overwhelm.”

Since the verse says to blow the shofar on the New Moon, and calls it “the covered time,” this suggests that the moon is *covered over and concealed, and just beginning to emerge from darkness* – so the Feast Day begins with the first faint crescent of the New Moon, after it has been covered or concealed. Light is just beginning to emerge from being completely concealed or “covered over.”

Its usage here is strange – very interesting. Since the verse is speaking of the NEW MOON, it follows that the new slender crescent of the moon is ending of the concealing of the moon, and the beginning of the “plumping up of the moon – its growing into fullness, becoming fully visible, no longer “concealed” or “hidden” from view by the earth’s shadow.

God’s commandment then is that we blow the trumpet – announce the “new moon” – WHEN IT BECOMES VISIBLE – WHEN IT IS SIGHTED – and not to “proclaim” it until or unless we KNOW it is truly the “New Moon”!

The Ancient Practice

In ancient times, Alfred Edersheim reports,

“THE DETERMINATION OF THE NEW MOON

“We have already shown of what importance the right determination of the new moon was in fixing the various festivals of the year, and with what care and anxiety its appearance was ascertained from witnesses who had actually seen it; also how the tidings were afterwards communicated to those at a distance. *For the new moon was reckoned by actual personal observation, not by astronomical calculation*, with which, however, as we know, many of the Rabbis must have been familiar, since we read of astronomical pictures, by which they were wont to test the veracity of witnesses. *So important was it deemed to have faithful witnesses, that they were even allowed, in order to reach Jerusalem in time, to travel on the Sabbath, and, if necessary, to make use of horse or mule (Mish. Rosh ha Sh. i. 9; iii. 2)*. While strict rules determined who were not to be admitted as witnesses (*Mish. Rosh ha Sh. i. 8*), every encouragement was given to trustworthy persons, and the Sanhedrin provided for them a banquet in a large building specially destined for that purpose, and known as the *Beth Yaazek (Mish. Rosh ha Sh. ii. 5)*.”

God says, “Observe [watch, carefully regard, guard, hedge about, protect, etc.] THE MONTH OF ABIB” – *NOWHERE DOES HE SAY TO CALCULATE THE MONTH OF “TISHRI”!*

And the word for “MONTH” in this verse is “CHODESH” and means by definition “NEW MOON” IN HEBREW (Strong’s #2320 – “the new moon: by impl. a month”).

Historical Reality

There is no historical evidence that the Jews ever began the new month with the disappearance of the old moon. If the Pharisees had been wrong in their month declarations, you would think that Christ would have clearly corrected such an egregious error and the matter would be clearly discussed in the four gospels. No such controversy

is mentioned however, because there was none. Such a thing is not even hinted at in the four gospels.

There is no historical evidence, or Biblical evidence, that the month begins with the time the moon is invisible to the naked eye, that is, during the actual conjunction, when no light would be reflected from the moon. No evidence at all.

The evidence should be crystal clear as to how the Jews determined the beginnings of new months. If the new month began at the time the moon disappeared from visibility, then you would think there would be clear Biblical evidence showing this to be the case, but there is none.

Also, you would think that there would be much discussion of this belief in the Jewish literature, but, alas, there is none. It was a complete ‘non-starter.’ Nobody in ancient Jewish history taught this idea.

But Jesus Christ did say clearly that the scribes and Pharisees sat in “Moses seat,” and we should DO as they taught (Matt.23:1-3), and during the time of Christ, they clearly taught that the new month began when the new crescent of the moon was sighted and verified in ancient Israel. If you have not read it, I suggest you read our article, “What Is Moses’ Seat?”, which gives a careful, thoughtful analysis of Jesus’ comments in Matthew 23:1-3.

The Term “Chodesh”

Says Nehemiah Gordon, of the Karaite Jews in Israel, “‘Hodesh’ (New Moon), is derived from the root H.D.SH. meaning ‘new’ or ‘to make new/ renew.’” Says Gordon, “The Crescent New Moon is called Hodesh because it is the first time the moon is seen *anew* after being concealed for several days at the end of the lunar cycle. At the end of the lunar month the moon is close to the sun and eventually reaches the point of ‘conjunction’ when it passes between the Sun and the Earth. As a result, around the time of conjunction very little of the moon’s illuminated surface faces the Earth and it is not visible through the infinitely brighter glare of the sun. After the moon moves past the sun it continues towards the opposite side of the Earth. As it gets farther away from the sun the percentage of its illuminated surface facing the Earth increases and one evening shortly after sunset the moon is seen anew after being invisible for 1.5-3.5 days. Because the moon is seen anew after a period of invisibility the ancients called it a ‘New Moon’ or ‘Hodesh’ (from Hadash meaning ‘new’).”

Gordon continues: “Many people have been led astray by the inaccurate use in modern languages of the term ‘New Moon’. Modern astronomers adopted this otherwise unused term, which had always referred to the first visible sliver, and used it to refer to *conjunction* (when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, at which time it is not visible). The astronomers soon realized that the inaccurate use of ‘New Moon’ to refer to conjunction would lead to confusion so to be more accurate scientists now distinguish between ‘Astronomical New Moon’ and ‘Crescent New Moon’. ‘Astronomical New Moon’ means New Moon as the term is used by astronomers, i.e. conjunction. In contrast, ‘Crescent New Moon’ uses the term in the original meaning of

the first visible sliver.”

It has also been suggested that the ancient Israelites could have looked at the “Old Moon” and determined the Day of Conjunction by when the Old Moon was no longer visible in the morning sky. However, such a method would not work in the Middle East where the so-called “concealed moon” can remain concealed for as many as 3.5 days! It is in fact common for the moon to stay concealed for 2.5 days and in such instances how would the ancient Israelites have known which day was the Day of Conjunction?

Writes Gordon, “In contrast, the ancient Israelites would have been well aware of the Crescent New Moon. In ancient societies people worked from dawn to dusk and they would have noticed the Old Moon getting smaller and smaller in the morning sky. When the morning moon had disappeared the ancient Israelites would have anxiously awaited its reappearance 1.5-3.5 days later in the evening sky. Having disappeared for several days and then appearing anew in the early evening sky they would have called it the ‘New Moon.’

The Testimony of Philo

The ancient Jewish philosopher Philo makes the truth plain. He lived in the time of Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century, and knew the apostle Peter. Philo wrote, ““First of all, it is the beginning of the month, and the beginning, whether of number or of time, is honorable. Second, because there is nothing in the whole heaven destitute of light. (141) Thirdly, because at that period the more powerful and important body gives a portion of necessary assistance to the less important and weaker body; *for at the time of the new moon, THE SUN BEGINS TO ILLUMINATE THE MOON WITH A LIGHT WHICH IS VISIBLE to the outward senses*, and then she displays her own beauty to the beholders. And this, as it seems, an evident lesson of kindness and humanity to men, to teach them that they should never grudge to impart their own good things to others, but, imitating the heavenly bodies, should drive envy away and banish it from the soul” (page 581, *The Works of Philo*).

Alfred Edersheim in his wonderful book *The Temple: Its Ministry and Services*, explained, “For the new moon was reckoned by ACTUAL PERSONAL OBSERVATION, not by astronomical calculation, with which, however, as we know, many of the rabbis must have been familiar . . . So important was it deemed to have faithful witnesses, that they were even allowed, in order to reach Jerusalem in time, to travel on the Sabbath” (page 230).

It only makes sense that the new moon would be when the first faint sliver or crescent of the moon is seen after a period of total darkness of the moon. Ancient nations did not have the incredible tools of astronomy that we have today. The Hebrew word Hodesh means both “moon” and “month.” The month and new moon are both represented by the same word, showing that the new month is determined by and begins with the “new moon” – which MUST be visible, in order for people to KNOW when it occurs.

Proof of the Crucifixion

Another “proof” the New Moon must be determined by observation rather than the moment of conjunction is the crucifixion of Christ.

Astronomical tables and calculations today can give us the time and occurrence of every “new moon” as it would have been seen from Jerusalem (or other major cities) backwards in time for centuries and millennia.

The “Swift Guide to the Galaxy”, a software program for computers, under “Lunar Calendar,” provides such a program. For the first month of Nisan or Abib, 30 A.D., it gives a calendar showing all the moon’s phases, as seen from Jerusalem, for every day of the month.

In A.D. 30, for the month of March, the *molad* or conjunction of the New Moon occurred on Wednesday, March 22. The crescent New Moon was seen in the evening of Thursday, March 23, making Abib 1 Friday, March 24. Therefore, in A.D. 30, the 15th day of Abib – the First Day of Unleavened Bread – was *Friday, April 7th!*

This means that in 30 A.D. the day of the Passover sacrifice, Abib 14, was NOT ON WEDNESDAY, BUT RATHER ON THURSDAY, April 6th! In other words, the date of the crucifixion was THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH, 30 A.D.!

Corroborating this witness, Dr. Monzur Ahmed, author of the “mooncalc” software program, was contacted by Nick Wood in England. Dr. Ahmed sent him the dates and times of all the lunar conjunctions for the years 29, 30, and 31 A.D. These figures agreed with his own software “COSMI Guide to the Galaxy,” which show the positions of all the heavenly bodies, including the Sun and Moon, for any given day or hour, all the way back to way before 1 BC. As he says in an e-mail, “I am sure that the Solar System has been stable since the Exodus and Joshua’s ‘Long Day’, so there is no need to really dispute these figures.”

There is a website devoted to the Phases of the Moon, called *Obliquity*. You can go on their website and obtain the New Moon conjunction data – time and date for the New Moons for the year 30 A.D., especially March (which New Moon would correspond with the Hebrew month Nisan or Abib). Just go to <http://www.obliquity.com/cgi-bin/lunar.cgi?Year=30&Month=3>.

You will find that the conjunction of the Nisan New Moon was on March 22, at 17:29 GMT. This would have been 19:29 Jerusalem time (the Jerusalem time zone is two zones before GMT). 19:29 would have been 7:29 PM, Wednesday evening. Since Hebrew days begin at sunset, this would have been the beginning of the next day by Hebrew reckoning. Thus the first sighting of the new crescent would have most likely been Thursday evening, around sunset, about 22 ½ hours later. Thus would mean that Friday, March 24th (beginning Thursday evening) would have been the first day of the

New Moon/Month of Nisan/Abib. This means the 14th day of the month – the day the Passover was killed – would have been Thursday, April 6th, and Friday, April 7th was the annual holy day (First Day of Unleavened Bread).

Roger Rusk, Professor of Physics at the University of Tennessee, has also provided astronomical evidence that in A.D. 30 the New Moon crescent for the month of Nisan would make Nisan 14 occur on a Thursday. So reported *Christianity Today*, a well-known Christian magazine (March 24, 1974).

Biblical Chronology and the Crucifixion Date

Jack Finegan in *Handbook of Biblical Chronology* says absolute astronomical evidence proves the crucifixion date could not have been on a Wednesday for the years A.D. 29 to A.D. 33. He points out April 25 could NOT have been a possible date in 31 A.D. because it would involve an extra lunar month, and the barley would have been ready to begin harvesting much sooner, by March 27th. (If the previous winter had been long and cold, the necessary barley sheaves could have also been obtained from the region of Jericho. Passover (Nisan 14) on March 27 would not have fallen on a Wednesday, not on a Tuesday.

In addition to this, a major article appeared in the journal *Bibliotheca Sacra*, vol.27, back in 1870, entitled “The Crucifixion on Thursday – Not Friday,” by J. K. Aldrich (p.401-429). Then Professor Wescott of Great Britain maintained Thursday was the proper day, in *An Introduction to the Study of the Gospels* (Cambridge, 1881).

Modern Astronomical Tables

Finally, to check these things out for myself, I recently purchased a book entitled *Astronomical Tables of the Sun, Moon and Planets* by astronomer Jean Meeus (second edition, published by Willmann-Bell, Inc., PO Box 35025, Richmond, Virginia 23235). Part four deals with the “Phases of the Moon.” This remarkable work provides tables by which readers can compute the phases of the moon, including the New Moons (molads) with an accuracy within 10 minutes or less, for any year from 1500 B.C. to 2999 A.D. (The calculations of course may not work for years prior to the Exodus or Noah’s Flood, if the earth’s orbit or the moon’s orbit were changed during those periods of upheaval). However, the tables work just fine for the year 30 A.D., when the Messiah was crucified!

Using these tables, and doing a little math, it turns out that this witness concurs completely with the previous witnesses! My calculations, using the tables in this book, show that the conjunction of the New Moon for March, 30 A.D., was on the 22nd day of the month (Wednesday), at 17:32 GMT– that is, 5:32 PM, Wednesday evening! This would have been about 7:32 Jerusalem time. Since the conjunction occurred Wednesday evening, the New Moon crescent for the month just beginning – Abib – could not possibly have been seen before *Thursday* evening. You cannot see the crescent the same evening the conjunction occurs! Normally it is visible about one day or 24 hours later – which fits the picture perfectly.

This information means that Abib 1 was a Friday that week, and Abib 14 – the day of the crucifixion – had to be on a Thursday, not a Wednesday! There is no disputing these facts – and the Jews plainly state that in those days the months were determined by the sighting of the New Moon crescent by confirmed, authorized witnesses who were posted to watch for it.

The Bottom Line

So, the year of the crucifixion, the New Moon had to be determined by VISUAL SIGHTING of the New Moon because the 14th of Nisan, the date of the crucifixion, had to be on a Thursday, in order for Sunday to be the “third day” since the crucifixion (Luke 24:17-21).

This could only be true if the first day of the month was the date the first faint sliver of the new moon appeared in the sky, Thursday evening, making the 14th of Nisan that year fall on a Thursday (beginning Wednesday night, at sunset).

For purposes of the Hebrew Calendar, then, when ALL the evidence is put together, we discover that the true “new moon” as the Bible refers to it is the first faint crescent as seen from Israel and Jerusalem. God’s annual Holy Days must be “counted” from the true beginning of each month, and the first day of the month is the day the “new moon” is seen and witnessed and declared by the authorities.

Otherwise, people will end up in CONFUSION, and observe God’s Holy Days on the *wrong dates!* Almighty God is not the author of confusion – but Satan the devil is! (I Cor.14:33).

Isn’t it time we get “back to the faith” and truth ONCE and for all delivered to the saints, and observe God’s Holy Days at the RIGHT TIME? Isn’t it time the Jewish people themselves return to the true Biblical calendar, and once again use the original calendar which God gave them?

God is not happy with our continued disobedience, self-will, and stubborn pride! As the apostle Paul wrote, “What advantage then has the Jew . . .? For what if some did not believe [they altered the calendar and made uninspired changes to it in 357-358 A.D.]? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar” (Rom.3:1-4). God’s Word is true – always. Even the Jewish calendar has been compromised for expediency, but now is the time to return to God – in every way, whole-heartedly, with zeal and determination, without holding back or making excuses!

As God told Cain, “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, SIN lies at the door” (Gen.4:7). And Paul declared, “For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged” (I Cor.11:31). “But let a man examine himself” (v.28). Let us do what God says, and admit our mistakes, and return to God’s way!

What Is Your Best Investment?

What about stocks and bonds? What about start-up companies? What about real estate? Or old fashioned savings accounts? What is the BEST investment you can make?

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A person once told me, “Tithing is the BEST Insurance Policy.” She had received an inheritance, and decided to give one His tithe – ten percent – believing she would be blessed for doing so.

She was, indeed! When another person sued her to get the inheritance, the suite failed. The court ruled in favor of the person who had received the inheritance, and who tithed upon it as “increase” given by God. When the other party sued in a higher court, once again the believer prevailed in court, and the matter was settled in her favor.

Obedying God pays! Tithing pays dividends which few people realize. The truth is, obeying God’s financial laws, and tithing and giving offerings to God’s true Work is the BEST investment a person can make, financially and spiritually as well.

There is no substitute for obedience. The Messiah Himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

A man wrote to me saying, “I remember you telling us a few years ago about a certain prayer cited in the Old Testament by a man who asked God to prosper him chiefly so that he could do great works in God's name. I prayed to God to make me prosper just enough to be able to afford tithing this year, and hopefully make me even more prosperous afterward. An unheard of (where I work, at least) raise of one dollar and ten cents per hour convinced me God had heard that prayer and took me at my word.

“Oddly enough, I've heard of people tithing to their own churches -- usually Protestant or Mormon -- and being unusually blessed by God. I recall Herbert Armstrong mentioning on ‘The World Tomorrow’ that John D. Rockefeller (for all his many faults) was a tithe payer, for example. If this is true, it may be a sign that God actually DOES reward people for doing the right thing even if they are otherwise ‘in the dark’ about the true nature of God and what God has planned. If so, then God is far more generous and forgiving than many may suspect.

“One last note before I close: a few weeks after I started back to work, I was walking to my morning bus and began to feel sad and anxious. Out of the blue, a

neighbor from down the block whom I have known since we were both five years old drove up the street in his truck. He, too, has gone through his share of hard times, and I was surprised to find that he was very philosophical about it.

“When I told him that the words ‘the Lord will provide’ kept coming to me, he said something like that was God wanting me to have abundance. Was his driving past right when I needed such encouragement a mere coincidence? Is there really any such thing as a coincidence in a universe whose Ruler can account for each hair upon everyone’s heads?”

God Sees Everything

That is a very good question!

How cannot the God who created all things, who sees the sparrow fall, who knows the numbers of hairs on your head, not see everything, and know everything we do? He who created the eye, shall He not see? He who created the ear, shall He not hear?

David wrote, “The LORD is in His holy temple, the LORD’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. The LORD tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates” (Psalm 11:4-5).

God knows our innermost secrets, and our innermost desires, and He beholds the works of all the children of men. And He is going to judge us, one way or the other, for all our actions and deeds upon this earth.

He will judge us whether or not we are faithful in tithing. Making donations and contributing to His Work. Men may argue back and forth, debate, and rage, but God means what He says and says what He means, and it is foolish to trifle with Him or ignore His absolute, inexorable, unbending LAWS – including the Law which says: “And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD’s. It is holy to the LORD” (Lev.27:30).

“And concerning the tithes of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD” (verse 32).

The Tithing Principle

In other words, the tenth portion of all our income or increase – that comes to us, that passes into our possession – belongs to God. It is His. He has a prior claim on it and says it is His – and for us to take it, and keep it, and spend it upon ourselves, constitutes breaking God’s LAW.

To do such a thing is “SIN.” God says, “Sin is the transgression of the law” (I John 3:4). He also says to us, “The wages of SIN is death” (Rom.6:23), and, “The soul

who sins shall DIE” (Ezekiel 18:4). To be blunt about it, sinning – failing to tithe and give offerings to God – is the WORST investment a person can make! It is tantamount to STEALING from God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17).

The Ways of the Lord

God’s ways are very mysterious to mankind. But there is no doubt that He does intervene for those who believe in Him.

God does prosper those who obey Him and therefore obey His tithing LAW. Abraham tithed. Jacob tithed. Moses tithed. ALL the saints, holy men of God, and prophets tithed. Jesus Christ TAUGHT tithing. He declared: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the other undone” (Matt.23:23).

He said much the same thing in Luke. We read: “But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done without leaving the others undone” (Luke 11:42).

Truly, dealing justly, and fairly, and having the love of God in our hearts toward others, is the greatest commandment – but we must not leave tithing “undone,” or we are guilty before God of stealing and consuming His portion upon ourselves – SELFISHNESS – which is a great sin.

A Matter of Investments

A man came to Christ and said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” He was thinking of himself. Obviously.

Christ answered him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” He then said to all within hearing, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist of the things he possesses” (Luke 12:13-15).

He then spoke a parable about a rich man whose crops were richly blessed, and so he decided to pull down his barns and make bigger barns to store all the grain. And the rich man said to himself, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?” (Luke 12:17-20).

Christ judged, “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God” (v.21).

There is an old saying that many people are “penny wise but pound foolish.” In other words, they miss the big picture. They can be very parsimonious and scrunch their

pennies, and miss out on the real blessings. They can be a real “scrooge.” God’s Word says, “Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death” (Prov.11:4).

Furthermore, God says, “The wicked man does deceptive work, but he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward” (Prov.11:18).

There is no doubt about it. “There is one who scatters –[gives generously], yet increases more; and there is one who withholds [gives grudgingly, unhappily] more than is right, but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself” (Pro.11:24-25).

We can kid ourselves all we want, but Christ taught giving – and tithing! In fact, God’s true people and servants have always tithed. Abraham, the father of the faithful, tithed. When Melchizedek, the High Priest of God, met Abraham after he had defeated in battle the kings who invaded the land, “Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything” (Gen.14:20).

Jacob tithed as well. He prayed and promised God, “If God will be with me and watch over me . . . of all that you give me I will give you a tenth” (Gen.28:20-22).

Will a Man Rob God?

The prophet Malachi tells us: “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS. You are *cursed with a curse*, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation” (Mal.3:8-9).

God promises to bless the obedient tithe payer, and those who do not tithe are under a CURSE! A divine curse. There are no two ways about it. God declares through Malachi, “Bring ALL the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try [test] Me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (v.10).

Talk about an “investment” that pays and pays, tithing and giving to God and His Work is the greatest investment one can make! God never fails to bless those who obey Him. His promises are sure. He cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

Some might argue that tithing is “done away,” or is a “minor” point of the law, but Yeshua Himself had a different view. Of His own calling and commission, He said: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them [fill them up to the brim]. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, *not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law* until everything is accomplished” (Matt.5:17-18, NIV).

Are heaven and earth still here? Then God's Law is still in effect – like the Law of Gravity! And like a boomerang, if you throw it away, it comes right back at you. If you ignore God's tithing and giving laws, then you are like the fool who ignores the Law of Gravity, and jumps off the rim of the Grand Canyon – to his death on the rocks of the canyon floor thousands of feet below!

God's Word tells us plainly to tithe. "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account" (Heb.4:12-13).

Will a Man Really Rob God?

The prophet Malachi declared: "Will a man rob God?"

"Yet," God says, "you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS."

As a result, God thunders—"You are *CURSED with a CURSE, FOR YOU HAVE ROBBED ME*" (Mal.3:8-9). People sometimes wonder why they are not blessed, why they suffer financial trials, why their job search is fruitless, or why their income is minimal. Could it be that they have fallen under this divine curse, because of their lack of faith, and lack of obedience, and failure to pay that which they owe God first, before spending the rest of their income upon themselves?

Think about it.

God says, "Bring ALL the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and *try [test] Me in this*, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the WINDOWS OF HEAVEN and *pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it*" (Mal.3:10).

The NIV translation has this, "Test me in this, says the LORD Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Now that is a REAL INVESTMENT that pays off big-time!

Christ declared, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt.6:19-21).

In this pulsating and tremulous age of frightening omens and grievous events, it is more important than ever that we get our priorities straight, and "walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph.5:15-16).

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Letters from Our Readers

“I am reading ‘Eye in the Pyramid – A Masonic Symbol’ for the second time. As you stated, it has boggled my mind and amazed me, twice. The meaning of the symbols you explained and gave Bible scriptures for proof is so different from what my late husband and other Masonic members have told me. Truly, God is using you as His Messenger in the final days we’re living in. Only a true servant of God can bring the scriptures of his truth to light as you do. Thank you for all the tapes, PF magazines and articles. The more I read and learn, the more I need to continue praying and learning. Hope your wife Cappy is recovering well from her accident. All of you are in my prayers daily.

“Thanks again, and may God continue to bless and feed you with His truth, that others may know and understand before it’s too late.”

-- Tennessee

“As I see the absolute shallowness in messages presented by scores of ministers, it’s evident that God is granting you understanding of where we are in prophecy and where it’s leading.

“You were correct in what you wrote about December 21st in a previous issue of Prophecy Flash. It was a date in which a transition took place, but how many people realize what’s occurred? Few. The earth was not to crack in half like an egg, or destroyed by a cataclysmic event. Without a doubt Satan and demons loyal to him have been granted greater license by God. The date was the brunt of jokes, and deservedly so if based upon erroneous claims by those who stated it would be the end of the world.

“For everyone who realizes a great spiritual battle is taking place, it’s in the realm of the spiritual, not the physical, that is of real significance. Ephesians 6:12—‘For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.’

“What’s now happening in a far more significant way is evident to those who are open minded,

and aren’t trapped by the out of touch messages presented by scores of ministers today. True understand of dates and where events are headed will be revealed by God, but only to those who obey God on His terms. The people are few, and what is understood and stated won’t be believed by the vast majority because a counterfeit gospel is being presented by scores of false ministers.

“I’m excited and sobered by what you are writing. Your Bible Study transcript of January 19th has really prompted a deep examination of my relationship with God when you stated: ‘If we count 65 years from that date (May 14, 1948, the founding of Israel) we arrive at the year 2013 which is going to be a significant year leading to the collapse and fall of the economy and to the Great Tribulation beginning in 2015. This means that we are getting up close to the crunch time and the return of the Messiah.’

“You rightfully quoted II Peter 3:3-5 because people do scoff at anyone who says we are at the end of an age, let alone explaining the significance of dates. The hype over Y2K, the false prediction of May 21, 2011 by Harold Camping, and the erroneous interpretation of December 21st has been a field day for scoffers. You understand the risks when explaining significant dates and time frames. I find what you write is credible. When seeing how quickly the U.S. is deteriorating, we are entering a time period in which our complete collapse is going to turn from months into weeks, yet realized by next to no one.

“Recently, the attack upon Western workers at a refinery in Algeria reminded me of how our enemies will trigger the beginning stage of our prophesied captivity. The terrorists planned to disperse those who were captured to countries around the world. It’s why Algerian troops acted immediately. Our enemies were emboldened by the ineptness of the U.S. in response to the deaths of Ambassador Stevens and three Americans. The American nightmare has begun.

“Your explanation of how many people survive the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord is

appreciated, and I know you will go into greater detail as God reveals to you what's ahead.

"It's a challenge to present biblical truth compared to a counterfeit gospel that's lulling millions of professing Christians into a false sense of security. There is one verse that stands out in my mind in which God promises to bless the effort you are putting before people as a warning. Isaiah 55:11—"So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

"The work you are doing is one in which God is revealing what lies ahead. When looking at all of the errors in the series 'Left Behind,' those who aren't protected will not find themselves in the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord because they weren't raptured, but because a true warning was rejected and necessary changes on God's terms weren't made.

"My prayers continue for you, Cappy, and all involved in the work you are doing."

-- Richard Markland, Ohio

"Please send me your offer of a free subscription. I was introduced to your publications by a subscriber and enjoyed it very much. Thank you for exposing truth. I was told once by my Father that the one sure fact of truth is: 'you can hide it; you can deny it; you can ignore it; you can refuse it, BUT, you can never, never change it!'"

-- Washington

"Thanks for the Bible Study transcript that I just received in which you stated the continuation of Obama's rule was a covenant or treaty as you explained when he was sworn in at his inauguration ceremony.

"If there is one thing I'm seeing as you explain what you are understanding in a different way, it is unsettling for those who refuse to believe they could be wrong. I don't have a problem with what you are writing but I know that it's not the case for everyone who receives Prophecy Flash, reads your literature or receives Bible Study tapes. When seeing developments beyond what's been believed for years by those who aren't growing in understanding, what you are now saying is going to be controversial.

"The significance of Obama's reign of terror is underestimated. He's not viewed in light of being someone who is prophetic because long-standing views by those who believe Europe is where the prophesied Antichrist world leader is to come from prevents people from seeing the obvious. It's farfetched for people to believe Obama is more than just the most tragic president the U.S. has ever had.

"When looking at the mega-storm hitting the Boston and Hartford, Connecticut region, the 2 to 3 feet of snow hammering millions is not as significant as what's happening to those who have survived Hurricane Sandy. The atrocious sins of Obama, politicians in what's become Sodom, D. C., and the careless lifestyles of the American people are producing outcomes to events that are going to be a hell beyond imagination.

"The media refuses to expose the absolute ineptness of FEMA, the Red Cross and insurance companies. Disasters are growing in size and scope to the point that assistance from agencies we've always relied upon only makes matters worse.

"It's becoming evident that areas affected by disasters will not recover. As a country, we've always patted ourselves on the back when facing disasters, but the 'we can get through anything' attitude is about to become a thing of the past. Just exactly what is about to happen to cities and towns if they can't recover?

"We are about to become a nation of observers as we witness other Americans by the millions experience conditions equivalent to Haiti. Although within driving distance, such areas will be off limits because they will be restricted zones.

"What has always been a world that sees America as a nation that has always been able to recover, scenes straight out of third-world countries will be small towns and large metropolitan cities alike.

"America has always been a magnet for people fleeing conditions we are about to see. Obama is increasing executive powers no president by law has been permitted to have. Taxes as a result of Obamacare will force businesses to fold or move to other countries. Millionaires will relocate due to higher taxes on personal wealth. The

American people will have to make a choice of depending on Big Government or move to Canada, Mexico or countries where there are more opportunities. It's only natural that Big Brother will close the nation's borders in order to prevent people from leaving. Victims of manmade and natural disasters will be prevented from leaving restricted zones unless relocated.

"As I've read what you've written on the significance of dates, we are now seeing the future of the U.S. in terms of possibilities, probabilities and certainties, but how many people are willing to consider a future for the United States that is beyond long standing beliefs?"

"When I read the increasing urgency in your writings, what you are saying will be viewed as credible but the skeptics will also take aim at what is stated because it's beyond the status quo of what's been believed for decades.

"May God continue to bless you in what you are doing, as well as Cappy and everyone involved in the work you are doing."

-- Richard Markland, Ohio

"I recently came across an 'antique' book in our religious library here at Stafford Creek that you wrote. It is the book *The Last Days of Planet Earth* published way back in 1981. As I read it I saw that your grasp of national and international history, events, politics, economics and theology are very broad and well balanced. Much of what you predicted has come to pass, and most of these things are needed for an insightful person to know if he/she is to function in the broken world today.

"Seeing this writing along with your book *Manasseh and Ephraim, America and England*, as well as the regular publication of *Prophecy Flash*, are well grounded in biblical truth and show how much deep thought and effort you have put in over all these years to educate others. Again, thank you for all you have done.

"While reading this book, on page 110 in chapter five, under section 'The Ten Lost Tribes,' you cover the removal of Israel from their homeland to be scattered among all the nations due to their total depravity and disobedience. I had a thought on this I would share with you and your readers. If we look at how these people, the chosen of God, had fallen short and thus were taken away,

we must also keep in mind that after the removal of all of these people of Israel, what happened next? The king of Assyria replaced these people of Israel with people who 'knew not God,' or call them pagans, barbarians, or Gentiles. Many of them were brought into the land of promise and over years these Gentiles learned of the one true God Yahweh and became followers of the Lord of all. Is this not a micro picture of what happened again, many years later, when the people failed to acknowledge Yeshua as the Messiah and so they were left behind while the pagan/barbarian Gentiles were allowed in to do the tasks and fill the shoes of those who had failed to meet the will of Yahweh? Yahweh has repeatedly shown us that we can not claim to belong to Him in name only but we must obey Him, His Torah and His moment by moment guidance. When we refuse any of these areas, He then will replace us with others who do desire to know/love/please/obey Him.

"I hope this gets some thought from you and others so that none of us will become so convinced that we 'have it all down' and thus grow lazy, disobedient or rebellious.

"Thanks for your time and I pray that Yahweh will continue to bless you and all of your ministry, richly, and all of your days."

-- Washington

"The amazing thing to me as I was watching the unfolding events in Rome on the BBC news channel Wednesday evening, was that the "white smoke" was billowing out just as the sun was going down here in the UK. The sun had already gone down in Rome and Jerusalem and Nisan One, a new biblical year had begun.

"At first, when the new Pope was announced, I must admit I felt a bit bewildered. Who was he? I was not expecting this. He seemed to be very meek and mild and at 76, a bit older than I thought the new Pope would be. As the evening's events unfolded however, I suddenly "woke up" when I heard that he was a Jesuit and of Italian descent. I then actually heard him say that one of the first things he was going to do was to pray to the Virgin Mary for guidance. So then of course I wondered where is this man's guidance actually going to come from? As I watched this man, I thought to myself that I have never seen a new Pope announced, who looked so much like a "Lamb"!

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"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon."

REVELATION 13:11.

"Matthew Henry's commentary has an interesting note on this verse as follows.

".....Here observe, the form and shape of this second beast: He had two horns like a lamb, but a mouth that spoke like the dragon. All agree that this must be some great impostor, who, under a pretence of religion, shall deceive the souls of men.....The pope shows the horns of a lamb, pretends to be the vicar of Christ upon earth, and so to be vested with his power and authority; but his speech betrays him, for he gives forth those false doctrines and cruel decrees which show him to belong to the dragon, and not to the Lamb."

I have just been on the <http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com/> and "WND" websites and they seem to have no doubts that this new Pope is "Petrus Romanus" himself.

I have to acknowledge that I cannot judge another's heart, only God can do that, so I ask myself if I am misjudging this new Pope. I don't know him or much about him. The reports I have read seem to indicate that he has led a frugal life and helped the poor as best he could. Maybe I am wrong and Yeshua did say, "By their fruits you shall know them." On the other hand there are some questions being raised about his relationship with the military junta in Argentina during the 1970's and 1980's.

"Time will tell and we must all WATCH as never before as events unfold before our very eyes. Barack Hussein Obama is due to go to the Middle East next week, just before Passover. Will there be some dramatic agreement signed, one outcome being some form of Jewish worship authorized on the Temple Mount itself, but not necessarily a Temple? Will the new Pope play a part? Astounding things could be just around the corner.

"Bye for now, take care and may our Great God guide you always."

-- Nick Wood, England

"With the warmest of greetings, I pray that this letter finds you , your wife, and all those at TPM blessed with great health and happiness. Moreover, I'm prayerful that all of you will experience the most joyful and spiritually rewarding Passover season yet to date. It's truly an awesome time of year, praise God!

"Otherwise, I'd like to once again express my deepest appreciation to you for all the wonderful things you do. Mainly, you selflessly and tirelessly share your spiritual wisdom and knowledge with all those who ask. I, for one, have learned much from your teachings. I guess the most important lesson I've learned from you was 'to prove all things.' So now, whenever I come across Biblical teachings, whether from you or another minister, I become as the 'Bereans' (Acts 17:11) and diligently search the scriptures to see if it's true.

"Beyond that, I would like to officially renew my subscription for another year to 'Prophecy Flash'—the world renowned magazine of insight and understanding of Biblical truth and prophecy for our time; I'd be truly lost without it. With that said, for some reason I failed to receive the latest issue (Jan-Feb.2013) of Prophecy Flash. I believe it may have, somehow, been misdirected, but whatever the reason I simply did not get it. So, with a humble heart and a burning desire to learn, I would like to request one copy please. In addition, I would like to request the article titled 'The Mystery of Lucifer and the Logos.' With these, I will feel most blessed.

"In closing, I believe we are living in the most exciting times since our Messiah walked this earth. It seems like Biblical prophecy is being fulfilled almost daily. And the 'end of days' will be upon us soon. I am truly grateful to have you as a guide through these uncertain times. And I pray for you often."

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