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#### Is Greece the Future of America?

## Increased civil unrest, debt out of control, protest, burnings, looting As America heads down the same path can we expect this to come our way?

By Tom Kerry

## Israel and the Gulf Blockade Anti-Israeli hatred on the rise following the boarding of the relief ship running the blockade

The Turkish ship attempting to run Israel's blockage has spurred a new round of Anti-Semitism around the world..

Almost immediately the news media began running stories condemning Israel before it was even known just what happened.

The Rabbinical Council of Judea and Samaria issued a statement June third in which it said that the results of the incident in which Israel intercepted a flotilla trying to break the naval blockade of Gaza seemed like the Biblical description of "the beginning of the Gog and Magog" process where the world is against us, but which ends with the third and final redemption."

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Will the United States go the way of Greece? Many economist in America are worried that the patterns of Greece, and for that matter, many European countries and their way of life; supporting a welfare socialist state, spending out of control, taxes heading through the roof, and major underfunded pension and retirement plans is the exact same path that we are headed

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After many months of civil unrest, debates about the needed cutbacks and bailout, Greece erupted in riots and burnings

down in the United States.

While many understand the far reaching impact of the economic conditions we find ourselves in today, few realize the root causes of all of this comes from the breaking down of God's Laws. Even fewer realize the impact of action and reaction based upon the breaking or the keeping of those same Godly laws and by expansion their principles.

It's perfectly fine to discuss the politics behind the economic woes that plague this nation. It's perfectly normal to argue, shout, point fingers, march, protest, and even lie about who is at fault, but heaven forbid that anyone bring God into the picture. To do that means you must be some right wing, religious whacko nut job left over from the last century. To suggest or imply that the lack of God's ways, or core values based on Biblical truth has anything to do with our nation's economic woes Cont. on p. 4

#### Worst Oil Spill in America's History - Biblical?

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o sooner did the Gulf oil rig collapse following several explosions and several days of fires, the finger pointing began. No one wants to admit to be the blame for eleven deaths and the worst and most expensive environmental disaster in U.S. history.

Recently, we've been receiving questions regarding the oil rig disaster -wondering if this could be what the Bible is talking about in Rev. 8:8.

We'll discuss this on the Questions and Answer page in this Quarterly.

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BP deep water drilling rig fire following explosions that set the rig on fire. After several days of fire, the rig collapsed causing the worst spill in history.



#### Has Noah's Ark Been Found on a Turkish Mountaintop?

The remains of Noah's Ark have been discovered 13,000 feet up a Turkish mountain -- according to a sensational claim by evangelical explorers

A group of Chinese and Turkish evangelical explorers say wooden remains they have discovered on Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey are the remains of Noah's Ark.

The group claims that carbon dating proves the relics are 4,800 years old, meaning they date to around the same time the ark was said to be afloat. Mt. Ararat has

long been suspected as the final resting place of the craft by evangelicals and liter-



alists hoping to validate biblical stories. Yeung Wing-Cheung, from the Noah's Ark Ministries International research team who made the discovery, said: "It's not 100 percent that it is Noah's Ark, but we think it is 99.9 percent that this is it." There have been several reported discoveries of the remains of Noah's Ark over the years, most notably a find by archaeologist Ron Wyatt in 1987. At the time,

the Turkish government officially declared a national park around his find, a boat-shaped object stretched across the mountains of Ararat.

Nevertheless, the evangelical ministry remains convinced that the current find is in fact more likely to be the actual artifact, calling upon Dutch Ark researcher Gerrit Aalten to verify

"The significance of this find

its legitimacy.



Items found during the discovery are placed in a glass case and explained during a press conference (Noah's Ark Ministries International).

is that for the first time in history the discovery of Noah's Ark is well documented and revealed to the worldwide community," Aalten said at a press conference announcing the find. Citing the many details that match historical accounts of the Ark, he believes it to be a legitimate archaeological discovery. "There's a tremendous amount of solid evidence that the structure found on Mount Ararat in Eastern Turkey is the legendary Ark of Noah," said Aalten. Representatives of Noah's Ark Ministries said the structure contained several compartments, some with wooden beams, that they believe were used to house animals. The group of evangelical archaeologists ruled out an established human settlement on the grounds none have ever been found above 11,000 feet in the vicinity, Yeung said.

During the press conference, team



member Panda Lee described visiting the site. "In October 2008, I climbed the mountain with the Turkish team. At an elevation of more than 4,000 meters, I saw a structure built with plank-like timber. Each plank was about 8 inches wide. I could see tenons, proof of ancient construction predating the use of metal nails."

We walked about 100 meters to another site. I could see broken wood fragments embedded in a glacier, and

some 20 meters long. I surveyed the landscape and found that the wooden structure was permanently covered by



Noah's Ark discovery team

ice and volcanic rocks."

Local Turkish officials will ask the central government in Ankara to apply for UNESCO World Heritage status so the site can be protected while a major archaeological dig is conducted. The biblical story says that God decided

The biblical story says that God decided to flood the Earth after seeing how cor-

rupt it was. He then told Noah to build an ark and fill it with two pairs of the unclean, and seven pairs of the clean animals.

After the flood waters receded, the Bible says, the ark came to rest on a mountain. Many believe that Mount Ararat, the highest point in the region, is where the ark and her inhabitants ran aground.



# Questions & Answers

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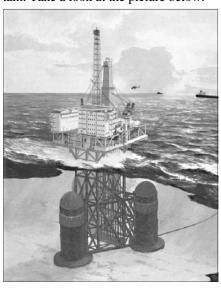
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Question: The oil spill in the Gulf sounds very similar to what we read in Rev. 8:8. Could this spill be a part of that? "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood"

Answer: Actually, we've had several comments come in with similar questions of concern about this very topic. When you consider all of the events taking place around the world that have Biblical significance it is easy to see why these questions have arisen. Let's begin with looking at the scripture.

The first half of the scripture gives us the answer. "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea:

Lets cover the second part first: the wording is interesting - "as it were a great mountain:" It doesn't say it was a mountain, it is worded as something that would or could resemble a mountain. Take a look at the picture below.



When you look at the design of the oil rig in the picture, it is easy to see similarities like that of a mountain. Just like many islands which are actually mountains going all the way to the sea floor many thousands of feet; most oil rigs have extended platforms that continue to the ocean floor, and have a partial top that extends out of the water just like a mountain.

When you put them in a picture form side by side they have many similar characteristics. Remember the scripture doesn't say it was a mountain, it says "as it were a great mountain."

When the oil rig caught on fire having similar looks as described by the Apostle John, it would on first sight fit the bill of a mountain, then days after the fire began, the rig would appear as if it were "cast into the sea." If this was all that had to be considered, you might be able to make a case.



**However**– no scripture stands alone, or no single part of a scripture stands alone. Let's go back to the beginning of the same verse. "And the second angel sounded; this gives us the time frame of will witness the events take place on this catastrophic event.

The time frame of chapter eight of Revelation is the time of the seventh seal and the beginning of the seven trumps. This comes after the first six seals of the previous chapters in Revelation.

When we look at some of those seals, we can determine that the time frame of the second trump of Rev 8:8 cannot be the same event.

For example; many today are claiming that we are in the time of the first four seals, False Christ, War, Famine, and Pestilence-Death. While some try to make that case, what we are seeing taking place is no different than what has always been. But I must say, things are rapidly changing. More of that in future editions.

While some may argue their case for the first four seals, it is obvious that we are not even close to the fifth and sixth seals; religious martyrdom of the elect, and wonders in the heavens and the great earthquake.

Take a moment to carefully read Rev. 6 and you will see that the events do resemble, but ultimately, they do not fulfill the events as described.

After you carefully evaluate the scriptures, putting them into the proper context, and the proper time frame as given to us we can determine that the oil rig explosion and the subsequent sinking cannot be the event as described in Rev 8:8.

One last very important point I believe we must seriously take into account. God may be allowing these events to take place to wake us all up! These events gives us some scary resemblances to see how quickly things can and will deteriorate.

When God decides "it is time," we the horrendous scale as we are witnessing on these current small scales.

We better take notice and get our lives in order for the wonderful and dreaded day.

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would have

ment to look; www.usdebtclock.org. Mark it in your favorites. Then the next time our politicians tell us how much

you tarred, feathered, placed in a straight jacket and locked away. To consider or mention that any of our woes might be tied into disobedience to the Eternal in any way, shape, or form will eventually get you locked up in a funny farm.

We had better wake up and take notice, because we have forsaken our God, He will forsake us. I know for those in this society, that is far too simple, and way off base, but the truth of the matter – that is the case.

#### Greek Debt Crisis, Some See Parallels to U.S

It's easy to look at the protesters and the politicians in Greece as well as the other nations in Europe with huge debts — and wonder why they don't get it. They have been enjoying more generous government benefits than they can afford. Yet in the back of our mind we are all asking the same questions, how different is it here in the United States?

The numbers on our federal debt are becoming frighteningly familiar. We have recently passed the thirteen trillion dollar mark and climbing. The economic experts, tells us "the federal debt is projected to equal 140 percent of gross domestic product within two decades." Add in the budget troubles of state governments, and the true shortfall grows even larger. Greece's debt, by comparison, equals about 115 percent of its G.D.P. today.

There is no way that our lenders will ever let us reach that point of debt. We will be dumped long before we reach that point. Unlike Greece, no one will come to bail us out.

Unless two plus two now equals thirty, it won't take too many months to realize that you can't spend your way out of debt. In the June newsletter I wrote about how we are being lied to by Congress and gave you the web site for the U.S. debt clock. I hope you've all had the opportunity to take a look at it. If not take a mo-



Months of protest recently gave way to riots. Police on fire following skirmishes with protesters in Greece.

they've cut and saved us, go to the web site and take a look. Jesus said we shall know them by their fruits. It's our job to stand up and let our yea be yea, and nay be nay.

In addition to the Federal debt, many states are facing debt crisis of their own. If the Federal Government doesn't give them a bailout, they will be forced into bankruptcy. The Government has already had to step up to the plate on at least two occasions with billions of dollars to help the states with unemployment benefits. There are at least four states whose retirement pensions are nearly one trillion dollars in underfunding.

On the personal level, we are at record bankruptcies reaching just over 1.4 million this year alone. In the first four months of this year there have been just

The U.S. Treasury dept reported in June that at the current spending rate, the government debt will rise from the thirteen trillion dollars we are at today to 19.6 trillion dollars by 2015. That's in less than five years. At that point, we will be at 105 % of our GDP. That is where Greece is today. Who will bail us out then?

under 1 million home foreclosures. Does it sound like we're doing all that better? Unemployment is still hovering at the ten

percent level.

The United States is borrowing money daily just to pay the interest on the debt we've already created. Let me repeat that: we are borrowing money to pay the interest on the money we've already borrowed. You've got to say that slowly to let it sink in. No amount of spending our way out of debt will stop what is happening. No mass rally and no bailout fund will change that.

Let me share with you the reality of some scary news. We are told that only benefit cuts or tax increases can reduce our debt. Please understand that will not be enough to stop the bleeding that has been going on for many years.

The Obama administration has not reduced any debt, but in fact, has expanded the debt by four times in just one year. The debt is at the place of no return.

Even so we have not learned any lessons yet. In addition to all of the bailout, the entitlements, earmarks, and giveaways, we've just agreed to a monetary swap with Greece giving them approximately fifty billion dollars. Those printing presses are certainly working overtime.

#### **Civil Unrest to Increase**

We can expect in similar fashion as in Greece, as the money and debt increases, we will see the patterns of civil unrest increase. Will rioting and torching buildings be just around the corner? In recent months Greece has seen peaceful marches and protest turn to riots, burning, and looting. If things are not settled soon in Greece you will see that the protest and marching violence will increase. Those who are on the welfare rolls will be the first to feel the pinch. Next will come the attempts to cut back on the government roles.

People who are use to everything being given to them will not suddenly accept that things have run out. It will turn from the demand of you owe me to we'll take it for ourselves. This is not new, it has been the same pattern for all

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welfare socialistic countries.

When it reaches that point, governments will enact policies and laws to control and regulate, to attempt to maintain some type of civil order. It will only go down from there.

#### **Breaking Down of Godly Principles**

Since the mid sixties the United States Governments (Federal and State) have transferred over ten trillion dollars from the middle class and the rich to the poor. Are the poor better off today or have they become more dependent on government?

How much is ten trillion dollars? A billion dollars is one thousand million

dollars. A trillion dollars is one thousand billion dollars, thus ten trillion dollars is ten thousand billion dollars. That



amount is inconceivable to the human mind. That is how much the government has taken from the middle and rich class and transferred it to the poor. This money did not cost the poor anything. They did not have to earn it. It was given them.

The scenario described is why so many are up in arms about the subject of welfare. There are more on the welfare rolls today than were on the rolls when the government began the large transferences in 1962. We've reached a new high of over forty million families receiving food stamps.

In most cases, we haven't helped the poor, the poor have become enslaved by government support and are dependent on it. Some are second, third and even fourth generation dependents on welfare.

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The average middle class worker today works till the middle of May each year for the government. That increases each year as taxes increase. Everything the taxpayer earns from January till about the middle of May is taxed and taken by the government in some form.

#### No Work No Eat!

II Thessalonians 3:6-12, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; Neither did we eat any man's bread for naught; but wrought with labor and

travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us. For even when we were with

you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."

In the thirties when President Roosevelt began changing the laws and constitution which began the concept of transferring from one person and giving it to another, there was one major difference than today. The recipient had to at least work to get the help. Today, housing, food, utilities, medical expenses, and even cell phones are passed along with no strings attached.

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#### USA TODAY By Dennis Caushon

Paychecks from private business shrank to their smallest share of personal income in U.S. history during the first quarter of this year, a USA TO-DAY analysis of government data finds.

At the same time, government-provided benefits — from Social Security, unemployment insurance, food stamps and other programs — rose to a record high during the first three months of 2010.

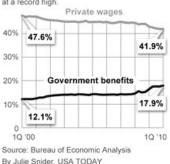
Those records reflect a long-term trend accelerated by the recession and the federal stimulus program to counteract the downturn. The result is a major shift in the source of personal income from private wages to government programs. The trend is not sustainable, says University of Michigan economist Donald Grimes. Reason: The federal government depends on private wages to generate income taxes to pay for its ever-more-expensive programs. Government-generated income is taxed at lower rates or not at all, he says. "This is really important," Grimes says.

The recession has erased 8 million private jobs. Even before the downturn, private wages were eroding be-

cause of the substitution of health and pension benefits for taxable salaries. The Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that individuals received income from all sources—

Wages paid by private companies account for a record-low share of U.S. personal income while benefits from government are at a record high.

Private wages



wages, investments, food stamps, etc. — at a \$12.2 trillion annual rate in the first quarter. Key shifts in income this year:

- Private wages. A record-low 41.9% of the nation's personal income came from private wages and salaries in the first quarter, down from 44.6% when the recession began in December 2007
- •Government benefits. Individuals got 17.9% of their income from government programs in the first quarter, up from 14.2% when the recession started. Programs for the elderly, the poor and the unemployed all grew in cost and importance. An additional 9.8% of personal income was paid as wages to government employees.



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#### A man who does not take care of his own is despicable

I Timothy 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

About the worst indictment a man could be called; "worse than an infidel." It is not the governments job, but a man's job to take care of his own. Deadbeat dads should be hunted down and forced to care for their own as long as they live.

Jesse Ventura, former Governor of Minnesota said, "It's not the governments job to make up for your mistakes."

#### The extended family is to care for all family members.

I Timothy 5:4, "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God."

Not only should children care for their parents, but nephews should care for their aunts and uncles! We are far from this today. We do not even think like this today. Yet this is Bibllical.

The word "requite" means "pay back." If parents have taken care of their children for twenty years at the beginning of their lives, then children should be willing to take care of their parents for twenty years at the end of their lives. The word "piety" means "respect" or "support." This is God's social security plan.

#### Government should strengthen the hand of the poor and needy, not weaken it.

Ezekiel 16:49-50, "Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good."

Most people understand about the abominations of homosexuality of Sodom and Gomorrah, but few know that one of

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the reasons God destroyed the four cities on the plain was that they did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

spiritual lesson. For a lender to forego interest on a loan to a poor person wou be an act of mercy. He would be losing use of that money while it was loaned or

#### What does the Bible say about a Christian going into debt?

Paul's charge to us in Romans 13:8 to owe nothing but love is a powerful reminder of God's distaste for all forms of debt that are not being paid in a timely manner (see also Psalms 37:21). At the same time, the Bible does not explicitly command against all forms of debt. The Bible warns against debt, and extols the



virtue of not going into debt, but does not forbid debt. The Bible has harsh words of condemnation for lenders who abuse those who are bound to them in debt, but it does not condemn the debtor.

Some people question the charging of any interest on loans, but several times in the Bible we see that a fair interest rate is expected to be received on borrowed money (Proverbs 28:8; Matthew 25:27).

In ancient Israel the Law did prohibit charging interest on one category of loans—those made to the poor (Leviticus 25:35-38). This law had many social, financial, and spiritual implications, but two are especially worth mentioning. First, the law genuinely helped the poor by not making their situation worse. It was bad enough to have fallen into poverty, and it could be humiliating to have to seek assistance. But if, in addition to repaying the loan, a poor person had to make crushing interest payments, the obligation would be more hurtful than helpful.

Second, the law taught an important

spiritual lesson. For a lender to forego interest on a loan to a poor person would be an act of mercy. He would be losing the use of that money while it was loaned out. Yet that would be a tangible way of expressing gratitude to God for His mercy in not charging His people "interest" for the grace He has extended to them. Just as God had mercifully brought the Israelites out of Egypt when they were nothing but penniless slaves and had given them a land of their own (Leviticus 25:38), so He expected them to express similar kindness to their own poor citizens.

Christians are in a parallel situation. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus has

paid our sin debt to God. Now, as we have opportunity, we can help others in need, particularly fellow believers, with loans that do not escalate their troubles. Jesus even gave a parable along these lines about two creditors and their attitude toward forgiveness (Matthew 18:23-35).

The Bible neither expressly forbids nor condones the borrowing of money. The wisdom of the Bible teaches us that it is usually not a good idea to go into debt. Debt essentially makes us a

slave to the one who provides the loan. At the same time, in some situations going into debt is a "necessary evil." As long as money is being handled wisely and the debt payments are manageable, a Christian can take on the burden of financial debt if it is absolutely necessary.

Here in the United States, we're likely to have the opportunity to resolve our problems with the help of others. On the contrary, other countries will likely turn on us and blame us for their problems, just like Greece recently did after we helped them with a fifty billion dollar funding.

Look what the Bible says; "For they have gone up to Assyria like a wild donkey wandering alone. Ephraim has sold herself to lovers." TNIV The Bible talks about Israel and in particular Ephraim, how our bought lovers will turn on us. We are beginning to witness those turning on us over the past two decades.

#### Israel and the Gulf Blockade

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The statement explained that while secular Zionism always wants Israel to be beloved by other nations, "the legitimacy of our people is not derived from the nations of the world and their poisonous traditions, rather from the Torah of Israel which teaches us that [Israel] 'is a people that shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations" (Numbers 23:9).

#### What actually took place at the blockade?

What actually happened? A radical Turkish group having close ties to terrorist organizations al-Qa'ida and Hamas -the terrorist group whose stated mission is "eternal war until Israel is destroyed" -- attempted to run a blockade imposed by Israel for vessels bound for Gaza. The blockade was imposed in the wake of Hamas' incessant smuggling of thousands of Iranian rockets, missiles and other weaponry into Gaza and subsequent use of them on Israel's cities. The blockade allows humanitarian supplies to pass upon inspection, but prevents arms shipments and the like. Only after the commandos were viciously set upon by an awaiting mob did they radio for and receive selfdefense, live-fire authorization. Nine



**Turkey protests Israel** 

Islamist mobsters died (including one American citizen/useful idiot) and dozens were seriously injured, including several commandos.

From a strategic perspective, Hamas is testing Israel's resolve to enforce its



Has the news media joined the terrorist? It appears that the news media is the fuel feeding the new round of anti-Semitism

Especially in light of Hamas' determination to wipe Israel off the face of the planet, we strongly support Israel's inherent right of self-defense. Besides, claims that this incident was simply a misunderstanding" just dosn't pass a straightface test. Commandos boarded the ship only after it ignored multiple orders to allow inspection or to turn back, and five other Gazabound vessels had been in-

spected and had passed with-

out issue prior to this incident, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu observed, this confrontation arose from a fundamental truth: "This wasn't a love boat. This was a hate boat."

#### **Biblical Perspective**

From a Biblical perspective, we understand that as we move closer to Jesus' return, the level of anger against Israel will only get worse.

Ultimately - Luke 21:21 will come to pass, "when you see armies surround Jerusalem, then know that desolation is near." We will be keeping our eyes on the middle East. Events like this and the story below will only heighten Israeli Semitism around the world.

#### Iranian Marines Set to Escort Flotilla 'To Teach Israel Lessons'

Two Iranian ships intended to head for Hamas-controlled Gaza are waiting for their government's approval to challenge Israel on the high seas, escorted by "volunteer marines" that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadineiad wants to send "to teach Israelis a lesson."

An Iranian Red Crescent official said the two ships are waiting for the Iranian foreign ministry to give the green light for launching, according to the French news service AFP, quoting the Iranian Mehr news service. It is probable that a third ship could join the flotilla before the two ships meet the Israeli blockade.

Red Crescent official Mojtaba Majd

ans have signed up to board the ships, but only those with "expertise" would be accepted. Majd did not define the area of expertise required.



Ali Shirazi, the Revolutionary Guard's also claimed that more than 100,000 Irani- spokesman for Supreme Leader Ayatollah

Ali Khomeini, said it was "Iran's duty to defend the innocent people of Gaza."

A Red Crescent ship to Gaza was stopped by the Israeli Navy a year and a half ago, but the charged anti-Israeli atmosphere following the latest flotilla clash has encouraged Arab and left-wing colleagues to try to break Israel's blockade over free passage to the Gaza coast.

An Iranian maritime convoy to Israel could provoke a military clash on the high seas, but it also would highlight Israel's claim that lifting the blockade would allow Iran to directly send advanced arms, ammunition and terrorists for the de facto Hamas government in



## Tentative Launch Date - July 2010

After many months of delays, we are finally - almost, pretty close, just about, nearly not quite there. All of us here are eager to begin production of God's Unchanging Word.



Above: Danny Ellis running wiring for the lighting. At Right: Jeff extending the flooring for the new studio to work next to the original Chroma Key Set. Far Right: Danny and Tom preparing for test on set.

During the Feast of Tabernacles, we shared a demo DVD that we hoped we would be able to go into production and begin Jan. 2010.

The problem was that the Chroma Key process we were using was extremely time consuming during the post editing portion of the program. Additionally, our size and finances does not allow us the necessary funds to hire paid staff to work on the various aspects of production.

It was a difficult crossroad. Then a surprising thing happened. We received a call from the local Religious television network. The person who answered the phone thought it was someone we had been in communication with because he knew we were working on the development of God's Unchanging Word.

To my surprise, when I returned the call it was a salesperson simply trying to sell us air time for commercials. To his surprise, I

unloaded on him all of the problems we were facing in production. That phone call became the gateway for the needed changes for production.

We set up a meeting with him, the program director and my brother Jeff. We brought our demo for them to review. We spent quite a while with them on our first visit. I sat with the salesperson explaining the way our church operates and what we hope to accomplish.

While I was in that room, I could over hear the production people in another room going over the DVD. I probably only heard every third word the salesman was saying because my attention was with the conversation in the



other room. After all, what can a salesman tell you-you haven't heard before.

After a while, the production manager came in to discuss our demo. He was very positive and encouraging about the progress we had made for our first attempt. He was frank and honest and told us he was not expecting what he saw. He explained that it was far better than most of the churches that came through.

He then went on to critique us in what he felt we should rework and change. To that end he felt we weren't ready yet for television. I glanced over to the salesperson and saw a look of dismay and all hope for a sale gone - there went his sale.

The production manager explained that there were a few areas we should consider revamping. The big one being our Chroma key filming. He explained that it would be too costly and time consuming, which is exactly what we found out the hard way. To accomplish this, it would mean that we had to completely rework our studio. Unfortunately, the funds were simply not there. It was difficult enough to put together the original studio.

God's Word tells us, He knows what we need before we even ask. While we prayed for direction a door opened. I received an anonymous donation sent to my home for \$5,100.00 to use as I needed. I spoke to the gentlemen and explained what we hoped to accomplish with the donation and hoped it would be acceptable to him. The first words out of his mouth was, "Praise God." He was very excited to help. I told him that until his funds came in we were at a stand still.

From that time until now, we began the addition to the studio. We were also blessed to spend more time with the production manager for the TV station. He showed us how to make many of the items needed for a production studio. He saved us many thousands of dollars rather than our buying the commercial items on the market. He also volunteered a couple of hours of his time with Jeff, giving him tips on the software we will be using to help



streamline production and editing.

At the time of this writing, we are putting the final touches on the studio. Thanks to the anonymous donation we were blessed to be able to keep the original green screen set we have been using for services, and add the additional TV studio set right next to it. The two compliment each other and work side by side.

We are finally ready to begin production. It will have a different appearance from the promo DVD, giving us a better News Set



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#### God's Unchanging Word

In An Ever Changing World





Left front: Danny Ellis, for EU news and information Back: Clayton Evans, Eddie Holiman, and Willie Burks— PowerPoint development and video Right: Tom Kerry setting up the first program of God's

**Unchanging Word** 



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feel and look. Please pray that God will grant us success.

This is a major undertaking on a small budget. Our original goal is to have a new program every other week. Hopefully, as we get better, and more efficient at what we do, we hope to go to one a week.

Each program will be 28:30 minutes. This way they will be able to be put on the Cable Access channels for those who have them available in their areas. We'll also be able to put them online.

We plan to put them on the DVD's when we send out our DVD sermons to the mailing list.

We'll be having guest speakers to be on the program. When we held the minister's conference here in New Orleans, many of the ministers took their turn to produce the ten minute inspirational messages before the New Orleans congregation. Many commented how good they felt the ministers did.

The inspirational message portion of the program will be



Jeff Kerry putting final touches on video equipment and software

approximately ten minutes in length to be able to be placed on U-Tube. We'll also have smaller video clips and news pieces to be shared on twitter, email or what ever means is available to us.

Finally, I am asking for your prayers for program and for me personally to be able to accomplish the task. This is one area I've never seen myself in. My first attempt in our demo was awkward at best. I believe that as time goes by, the programs will get better. Please remember to keep me in your prayers.



**Above**: View looking over the presenter's shoulder. **Right**: Inspirational message for the program and on the web.



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### **Upon thy Hand and thy Forehead**

By Steve Councell

Many will be quite familiar with the words from this title. But have you ever really studied the meaning? Many have speculated and

wondered, just what a mark upon your hand or forehead represents.

These words are mentioned in several scriptures from God's Word. Not only in the book of Revelation.

In Deuteronomy 6:1-8 "Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. Here a promise of the physical Promised Land. We are spiritual Israel and need to apply the spiritual significance of this promise. This is being a part of the God Family in His coming World Ruling Kingdom. Continuing on:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes."

Did you catch that in verse eight? You shall bind them (God's Laws) as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

The word bind applied here is from the Hebrew, Strong's number 7194.

Bind: H7194 to bind, tie, bind together, league together, conspire Bind: Merriam/Webster

a: to make secure by tying

b: to confine, restrain, or restrict as if with bonds

c: to put under an obligation binds himself with an oath

d: to constrain with legal authority God says bind them as a sign! Sign: From the Strong's in the Hebrew number 226.

1) sign, signal, a) a distinguishing mark, b) banner, c) remembrance d) miraculous sign, e) omen, f) warning, 2) token, ensign, standard, miracle, proof

God Word says: bind them as a distinguishing mark. A distinguishing mark is something that sets you apart, a distinguishing difference in you from others.

Now He says bind them upon your



hand and between the frontlets of your eyes. Interesting indeed, but what do these represent. The scriptures many times use symbols, i.e. mountains in prophecy refer to Kingdoms. The hand in this case is representative of our actions, our deeds. What is between the frontlets of our eyes? That is the decision making part of our brain, representing our will.

God said of spiritual Israel that He would write His laws upon our hearts and minds. Found both in Jeremiah 31:33 and the book of Hebrews 8:10, and 10:16.

In the book of Exodus we read the following.

Exodus 13:6-10

Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt.'

Here we're breaking into the context of God referring to one of His seven annual Holydays, this in particular the Feast of Unleavened Bread. You can find all of God's annual Holydays in Leviticus 23, all of which represent God's plan of salvation.

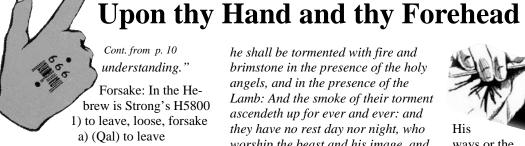
Continuing on: "It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year."

God's Feast of Unleavened Bread is referred as a sign upon our hand (again our actions, deeds) and a memorial between our eye's (our will, the decision making part of our brain). How often do you keep a memorial? Well from year to year, just as one would remember an important event or day. How often do you celebrate a birthday? Well from year to year of course.

#### God also tells us not to forget and to bind His laws upon our hearts and minds.

Proverbs 3:1-5 "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own

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- 2) to depart from, leave behind, leave. let alone
- 3) to leave, abandon, forsake, neglect, apostatize

4) to let loose, set free, let go, free God say's let not His truth and mercy leave you! Don't forsake, leave or let go of them. Bind them and write them upon your heart. The heart is of course our mind, our character, who we are. Now let's look into the book of Revelation, wherein God's Word is written about a mark of the beast. At a time prior to Christ's return to rule and reign over the earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Revelation 14:9-12 And the third angel followed them, saying with a

loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, if any man worship the beast and his image (his likeness), and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand." This is referring to a governmental system extant at the time shortly before Christ's return.

This system will coalesce with a religious system (refer to Revelation 13 and 14). Again verse 9 of chapter 14 says they worship the beast power. So it has a form of worship! This system also has a mark, a sign, an identifving sign.

We read at the beginning of this article about how God's laws are to be bound upon our hand and our foreheads. In fact God has a sign upon His people. His laws are to be a differentiator of His people from the people who worship this beast power.

Note: The word forehead in verse 9 is from the Greek in the Strong's concordance. Forehead: G3359 the space between the eyes, the forehead. Just as we read in the Scriptures in both Exodus and Deuteronomy.

Continuing on vs10-11: "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and

he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

God's wrath will be poured out upon all that have this mark of the beast. All who accept and follow this system and it's laws, it's form of worship.

Continuing on vs12, referring to some that did not forsake the law and their faith as we read in Proverbs: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the command-



ments of God, and the faith of Jesus." They endured and persevered, they were steadfast, which is the meaning of the word patience as it's applied.

We read in Revelation 13:16-17 "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Those who do not accept the mark of this beast power will not be able to buy or sell. Some will even be martyred. Each individual will have to decide if they're going to follow God and

ways or the way's of this end time system. Those today who are keeping God's commanded Sabbath's, both weekly and annual, have a mild understanding of this. They've found how difficult it can be to find employment, when you cannot work on Saturday the 7th day Sabbath of God, as well as the annual Holydays. Many have lost or been denied work, they've had to trust and rely upon God to bless them with a

job where the employer agreed to the time they needed off in order to Honor God's Word.

God's Sabbath is and has always been God's test commandment. Exodus 16:4- 5, 22-30

"Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

God said that He may prove them, TEST them whether they will keep His laws or not.

:And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein, And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the *LORD*: to day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath,

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people on the seventh

day for to gather, and they found none. And the

LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day."

The sixth day is the day of preparation they were to collect enough manna for two days. God had to teach Israel His laws all over again, they forgot His laws while they were slaves 430 years in Egypt. God's laws are laws of love, and Jesus said if we love Him we will keep His commandments.

John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments." God's Sabbaths are a sign between Him and His people. Exodus 31:12-18

And the LORD spoke unto Moses. saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ve shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."

My Sabbaths, this is plural. God's Holydays are also Sabbaths. He says they're to be kept throughout your generations, a perpetual covenant!

A sign between God and His people, here again a distinguishing mark! This is directly from God's Word.

Satan is the great counterfeiter. And he has made a counterfeit Sabbath and festivals (holidays) contrary to each of God's Sabbaths, which includes God's Holydays.

#### **Shocking revelations from Various Church Leaders**

Read for yourself some of the (shocking to some), confessions from some of the leaders of various Churches.

**Roman Catholic Confessions James** Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of our



Fathers, 88th ed., pp. 89. "But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we

never sanctify."

Stephen Keenan, A Doctrinal **Catechism** 3rd ed., p. 174. Question: Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

"Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her-she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority."

Daniel Ferres, ed., Manual of Christian Doctrine (1916), p.67.

"Question: How prove you that the Church hath power to command feasts and holy days?

"Answer. By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of, and therefore they fondly contradict themselves, by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same Church.'

James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore (1877-1921), in a signed

"Is Saturday the seventh day according to the Bible and the Ten Commandments? I answer yes. Is Sunday the first day of the week and did the Church change the seventh day -Saturday - for Sunday, the first day? I answer yes . Did Christ change the day'? I answer no!

"Faithfully yours, J. Card. Gibbons" The Catholic Mirror, official publication of James Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893.

"The Catholic Church, . . . by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday." Catholic Virginian Oct. 3, 1947, p. 9, art. "To Tell You the Truth."

"For example, nowhere in the Bible do we find that Christ or the Apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed from

**Upon thy Hand and thy Forehead** Cont. from p. 12 Saturday to Sunday. We have the commandment of God given to Moses to keep holy the Sabbath day, that is the 7th day of the week, Saturday. Today most Christians

keep

Sunday because it has been revealed to us by the [Roman Catholic] church outside the Bible."

Anglican/Episcopal Isaac Williams, Plain Sermons on the Catechism, vol. 1, pp.334, 336.

"And where are we told in the Scriptures that we are to keep the first day at all? We are commanded to keep the seventh: but we are no-

where commanded to keep the first day .... The reason why we keep the first day of the week holy instead of the seventh is for the same reason that we observe many other things, not because the Bible, but because the church has enjoined it."

#### Canon Eyton, The Ten Commandments, pp. 52, 63, 65.

"There is no word, no hint, in the New Testament about abstaining from work on Sunday .... into the rest

of Sunday no divine law enters .... The observance of Ash Wednesday or Lent stands exactly on the same footing as the observance of Sunday."

#### Bishop Seymour, Why We Keep Sunday.

"We have made the change from the seventh day to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy Catholic Church."

Baptist: Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, a paper read before a New York ministers' conference, Nov. 13, 1893, reported in New York Examiner, Nov.16, 1893.

"There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will be said, however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week .... Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament absolutely not.

"To me it seems unaccountable that Jesus, during three years' intercourse with His disciples, often conversing with them upon the Sabbath question . . . never alluded to any transference of the day; also, that during forty days of His resurrection life, no such thing was intimated.

"Of course, I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history . . . . But what a pity it comes branded with the mark of paganism, and christened with the name of the sun god, adopted and sanctioned by the papal apostasy, and bequeathed

as a sacred legacy to Protestantism!"

It's amazing how the leadership of many of these organizations openly admit God's true Sabbath. No man has the right to change what God has put in order, only God Himself has that authority.

The point of this article is not to put down any individual or any organization. However true faith must be based upon the Word of Almighty God, who is the author and Creator of all life. He has given us His inspired word as our handbook for life.

#### The Age of Advanced Technology

We live in a time that technology has

advanced, and continues to increase at a very rapid rate. We now have the technology to insert a small microchip into your body. The chips themselves are advancing to the point of even being able to track your whereabouts, let alone massive information about you. However we have to remember that this will be tied to a governmental/ religious system. The mark signifying to whom we will obey! The hand rep-

> resenting our works our actions, and our forehead representing our will. Daniel spoke of what this apostate system would do, led by a great false profit also known as the antichrist. Daniel 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given

into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

He will and already has changed times and laws! Jesus Christ forewarned us in Mark 13:21-23

And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all

May Almighty God help you to discern the real Jesus Christ from a false religious political system that will be given power from Satan himself. And will show signs and wonders to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

## Feast of Tabernacles 2010

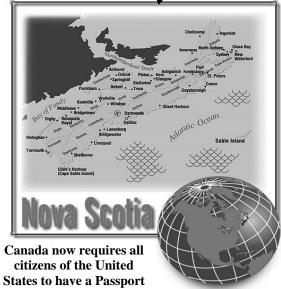
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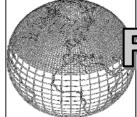


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stablishing Feast sites is one of the most challenging responsibilities of the church in servicing the needs of its members. Distance, expense, the economy, what the area has to offer, motel availability, restaurants, and the list goes on.

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FAMIL OF THE WORD

**Amos 8:11** 

"Behold the days come says the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water but of a hearing of the words of the Lord"

America has lost it's direction because it has abandoned God and His ways. The day is coming that America will cry out to God for help, and He won't be found. Tom Kerry covers this message in the sermon "Famine of the Word." See what

the Bible has to say on this very subject.



"And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. "Amos 8:12