

Tabernacles Follow up

YESTERDAY IS HISTORY

by Larry Summerville

It's simply impossible to separate my life from the Worldwide Church of God, the churches associated with Garner Ted Armstrong or the Church of God, Ministries International. I read my first "Plain Truth" magazine in 1955 at age 17; listened to the "World Tomorrow" radio program faithfully every night at 10:00pm on radio station WWVA in Wheeling, WVA. I first attended the Worldwide Church of God in 1960 or 1961 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

What have I learned after a 54 year association with the Churches of God?

The only time any of us know is our OWN lifetime and when that lifetime ends our next waking moment is the resurrection and the Kingdom of God.

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Israeli Prime Minister Blasts the U.N. for allowing Iranian President Ahmadinejad legitimacy for Speaking at the U.N.

At the core of Benjamin Netanyahu's speech delivered before the UN, he stated; "This Iranian regime is fueled by an extreme fundamentalism that burst onto the world scene three decades ago after lying dormant for centuries." What took place just over three decades ago? It was the Six Day War that was launched by the enemies of Israel in 1967 on the day of "Yom Kipper." Following that six day battle, Israel won an overwhelming victory, gaining much land previously taken by the Pales-

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"A mere six decades after the Holocaust, you give legitimacy to a man who denies that the murder of six million Jews took place and pledges to wipe out the Jewish state."

What do you get when you put California, water, fire, and fish together? "A Disaster Waiting to Happen!"

Or - Why officials are handing out tons of food in one of the most productive agriculture areas in the country, overwhelming the system environmentally

By Tom Kerry

God tells us the leadership of our nation would be sick in the last days. Look at the words of Isaiah and then read the following story. Isaiah tells us; "Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faints. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment. Your country is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour your land in your presence; And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers." Isa 1:5-7

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YESTERDAY IS HISTORY

I remember my mother telling me on New Year's Day, 1953, that she heard on the radio that Hank Williams had died. We did not have television at that time and I was only 14 years old. I remember little before this date. What I know today about the life and times of Hank Williams, the Great Depression, the "roaring twenties" as it was called, or the events surrounding World War 1, is only what I read in the history books. What will happen next week in world events or twenty years from now in the Church of God, Ministries International no one knows. After my 54 year association with the Churches of God, I now know that "Yesterday is history, tomorrow IS a mystery and I KNOW THAT ONLY THIS MOMENT (TODAY) IS MINE." Today is all that anyone knows.

There is probably nothing I like more in life than the study of history. To understand the present we MUST know what happened in the past. To appreciate the life and teachings of Herbert Armstrong we must understand the times in which he lived and wrote. To understand what it means to be poor and living in New York City today, we must know the past and how the poor once lived in New York City.

Example: Mr. Armstrong wrote the following in the July 1935 edition of the "*Plain Truth*" magazine under the caption "The Coming World Super-Government:"

"We have come into a condition where millions are in hunger and want--a fourth of the workers are out of jobs--in the midst of the greatest plenty the world ever had. Every financial structure in the world has collapsed."

Mr. Armstrong goes on to say that "The Bible has foretold every phase of these conditions, described in general in the above prophecy" (a reference in his article to Luke 21:24-26). Notice now what Mr. Armstrong says the outcome will be:

When ye see THESE THINGS come to pass KNOW ye that the Kingdom of God is at hand." (Luke 21:31) The emphasis is by Mr. Armstrong.

Example: How much do we know

about the times from when Mr. Armstrong was born in 1892 until he wrote his article in 1935?

In 1907, for example, when Herbert Armstrong was 15 years old, 90% of all doctors had no college education--2 out of 10 adults couldn't read or write--only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school; life expectancy was 47 years because 30.4% of all deaths were by children under age 5 due to infectious diseases; today it is 1%. Do we remember what happened in 1907? Again, to appreciate the life of Herbert Armstrong and his role of leadership in the Worldwide Church of God, we must have a grasp of history; what was happening in America during his lifetime?

What did Herbert Armstrong remember about the times in which he lived? There was WWI; the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 when he was 26 years old (30 to 50 million people died worldwide and 675,000 Americans died); the roaring 20s (see quote to follow), much like what we experienced in this country for the last 20+ years; the Great Depression and all the suffering that went along with it. In Herbert Armstrong's mind he saw the coming of the Kingdom of God because of events occurring in his own lifetime. The only knowledge most of us have of our nation's history in the early 20th century is what we read in the history books. We predict the future by what is happening today. Mr. Armstrong was no exception.

Quoting from an article entitled the "1920's Business and Economy:"

"Boom and Bust in the United States and World Economies:" The article goes on to say that "Fueled by easy money the nineteen-twenties were boom times like never before. The post-war (WWI) recession was forgotten as everyone went on a spending spree. Credit, and not saving's, enabled consumers to boost corporate profits to new

levels." The automaker, "Henry Ford used his huge buying power to set-up discount grocery stores for his employees."

To appreciate what Mr. Armstrong has written and believed, we MUST understand the context of the times in which he lived.

What did it mean to be poor and living in New York City 200 years ago?

Quoting from an article on page 26 in the *New York Post* on Friday, July 17, 2009 entitled "A Real Hard-Knock Life;"

"By the 1800s, new immigrants were pouring into New York City by the millions. They were dirt poor and needed a place to live. The tenements were born."

"What was a tenement? It was a five-to-six story building with small, three room apartments, housing 20 or more families.

"By the mid-1800s (the 1850s), more than half of New York City's population lived in tenements.

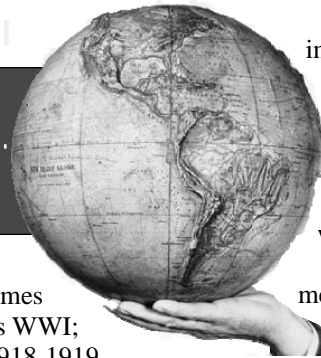
"It was a tough life. Imagine living in a tiny flat with no bathroom and no running water and little air with as many as 20 other people.

"A typical bedroom was 6 by 7 feet. The living room was the main room. It was 10 by 12 feet, and the only room with a window---if you were lucky. The hallway had no lighting and little air. Drinking and bathing water came from a nearby pond.

"To make matters worse, tenements were expensive---sometimes as much as \$20 a month when the average salary of a seamstress was \$5 a week.

"The overcrowding, lack of cleanliness and poor air supply caused health problems for tenement residents. Diarrhea and cholera were common. Children died at early ages from diseases that are no threat today."

As God's children, how *Cont. on p. 3*



Why Democracies Fail

HUMOR/EDITORIAL

I don't know if 'enjoy' is the right word, but it does explain why democracies always fail

Once upon a time the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert. Congress said, "someone may steal from it at night.." So they created a Night Watchman position and hired a person for the job. Then Congress said, "How does the watchman do his job without instruc-

tion?" So they created a planning department and hired two people, one person to write the instructions, and one person to do time studies.

Then Congress said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?" So they created a Quality Control Department and hired two people; one to do the studies and one to write the reports.

Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So they created the following positions; a time keeper, and a payroll officer. Then they

hired two people.

Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?" So they created an administrative section and hired three people: an Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer, and a Legal Secretary.

Then Congress said, "We have had this command in operation for one year and we are \$18,000 over budget, we must cutback overall cost."

So they laid off the Night Watchman.

NOW slowly. Let it sink in.



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much do we know about our country's history? How many New Yorkers have even read about the poor living in tenements with 20 other people and with no bathrooms and running water and children dying at early ages because of overcrowding and lack of cleanliness?

In the autumn years of my life---some 54 years after reading my first *Plain Truth* magazine---what are my thoughts in the year 2009?

We should be loving one another and loving our neighbor. How do we love one another? How do we love our neighbor? These are legitimate questions. We should be sharing the gospel. How do we share the gospel? We should be developing the fruits of God's Holy Spirit as mentioned in Galatians 5:22. I am not obsessing over whether Jesus will return in my lifetime. These are my thoughts today. I was sergeant-at-arms in the Ambassador College Spokesman Club forty-five years ago. After all these years I am still busy as sergeant-at-arms in our local fellowship group. I'm determined to be a blessing to those around me. I'm determined to be about our Father's business. My commitment as a Christian and to be about our Father's business is to devote myself to loving others, which includes sharing the gospel.

It's the little things in life that really count. It's the little things that people remember. Think about this: Sometime in the future, perhaps years from now when we no longer see our friend in church sitting to our right or left, our

friend behind us or seated in front of us; what will be our thoughts of that person? What will we remember?

I'll remember Terry Gray and Steve Palaszewski taking the time to teach my grandsons, Jeremy and Zachary, a Bible lesson. Hopefully, something Terry or Steve may say or teach may kindle a spark in Jeremy or Zachary to be a leader or an example to a FUTURE generation in God's church.

As I mentioned above, I love the study of history. Not only do I read about past events, but I often wonder what future events will take place and affect the lives of members of God's Church in the years ahead.

A recent article (July 25th-31st, 2009) in *The Economist*, a weekly news magazine, entitled "Waking From its Sleep" speaks of "A quiet revolution (that) has begun in the Arab world; it will be complete only when the last failed dictatorship is voted out."

Quoting from the last paragraph of the article, "In almost every Arab country, fertility is in decline, more people, especially women, are becoming educated, and businessmen want a bigger say in economies dominated by the state. Above all, a revolution in satellite television has broken the spell of the state-run media and created a public that wants the rulers to explain and justify themselves as never before. On their own, none of these changes seems big enough to prompt a revolution. But taken together they are creating a great agitation under the surface. The old pattern of

Arab government---corrupt, opaque and authoritarian---has failed on every level and does not deserve to survive.

At some point it will almost certainly collapse. The great unknown is when."

What are my thoughts today? I remember the year 1972 vividly and the disintegration of the Worldwide Church of God which began with the failure of the 2-19 year time cycles teaching and the fact that the great tribulation did not begin in the year 1972 or nearly thirty-eight years ago. Who will remember the year 1972 thirty-eight years from now? Those who are alive in 2047 will read in a history book about the Worldwide Church of God's teaching of its members going to Petra to escape the great tribulation, just as I read in history books about Herbert Armstrong predicting the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ in the 1930s.

What are my thoughts today after more than a 50 year association with the Churches of God after seeing so many leaders and members who believed in the 1972-1975 teaching of the great tribulation and the 2nd coming, simply grow old and die? I remember a line in a song by one of my favorite recording artists, Daniel O'Donnell, when he sang that "Yesterday is History, TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY, and I know only that THIS moment is mine." Tomorrow WAS a mystery for Herbert Armstrong. Tomorrow IS a mystery for yours truly. Tomorrow IS a mystery for us all.



Peace in the Middle East? Jerusalem is Sovereign Capital of Israel Netanyahu to UK:

by Hana Levi Julian

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told British officials Tuesday in London that Israel would not stop building in any area of its capital city. Netanyahu was in the British capital to meet with UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

At the front entrance to Number 10 Downing Street, where the meeting took place, hundreds of protesters yelled epithets such as "Netanyahu's a war criminal." Others shouted "Free Palestine" and waved signs proclaiming "Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine," "Judea and Samaria are Palestinian territory" and "Let the Palestinians live."

Prime Minister Netanyahu, accompanied by Israeli Ambassador to London Ron Prossor, entered the building through the back entrance, where they were met by Prime Minister Brown. All three were flanked by security details.

Following the meeting, the two prime ministers held a joint news conference at which their differences were made clear. Despite Brown's insistence that the UK is a loyal friend to the Jewish State and supports the Israel-PA "peace process" the British prime minister underscored the UK demand that Israel halt construction in Judea, Samaria and parts of Jerusalem restored in 1967.

Prime Minister Netanyahu's response made it equally clear that he was having none of it.

"Jerusalem is not a settlement. It is the sovereign capital of the State of Israel, and Israel will not accept limits on its sovereignty there," he told reporters bluntly. "We have been building in Jerusalem for 3,000 years."

Moreover, growing Jewish families in the existing communities of Judea and Samaria need schools for their children and homes to live in, he added. "This is different from grabbing land," he emphasized, and said he hoped to find a "bridging formula" that would enable Jews living in the regions to live a "normal life."

Israel has already removed more than 140 security checkpoints and roadblocks,

Netanyahu pointed out, adding that it is now time for the Palestinian Authority to exhibit "courageous leadership" and recognize Israel as the Jewish homeland.

He also discussed his disappointment with the inflammatory rhetoric that came out of the recent Sixth Annual Fatah General Assembly held in Bethlehem, at which PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas was elected to another five-year term as the faction's leader. Fatah, he said, should have adopted a straightforward stance that it is willing and

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ready for an end to the conflict with Israel and all claims.

Noting that he had come forward and expressed his support for a PA state, Netanyahu said the PA leadership should reciprocate.



"We need a demilitarized Palestinian state that recognizes Israel," he said. "Recognition is the pillar of peace."



Fatah Convention: Incitement, No Peace

The convention, held earlier this month, appeared to be anything but a gathering of PA activists seeking peace, despite the generous financial support of the U.S. government, which gave Fatah \$50 million to cover conference expenses, according to a report in the Syrian daily Al-Watan that was translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). The paper said that the financial support was an attempt to strengthening Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas. However, said the paper, the U.S. rejected Abbas' request for permission to fire Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad.

Convicted murderer Marwan Barghout was elected to the faction's Central Committee. Also elected, according to the preliminary results, were Jibril Rajoub and Mohammed Dahlan. Not making the list was former PA Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, who had also served as head negotiator between the PA and Israel.

Delegates to the convention applauded loudly at the mention by Qureia of two terrorists who committed the worst terror attack in Israel's history.

In their final meetings, the delegates approved a resolution stating that Jerusalem is an "integral part of the Palestinian homeland and political entity." The holiest city in Judaism is "awaiting our sacrifices," stated the resolution, which Fatah committed itself to carry out "until Jerusalem returns to the Palestinians void of settlers and settlements."

Time Running Out on Iran

Netanyahu also told reporters that although Iran is not yet capable of completing construction of a nuclear weapon, the window of opportunity within which to stop the Islamic Republic from doing so is growing smaller.

The prime minister said that, "Time is running out, it is late in the day, but it is not too late."

His British counterpart said, "If there is no further progress immediately [on talks to suspend Iran's nuclear development activities, then I believe the world will have to look at stepping up sanctions against Iran as a matter of priority."

Peace in the Middle East? It's Crunch Time for Israel on Iran

After years of failed diplomacy no one will be able to call an attack precipitous

By John Bolton

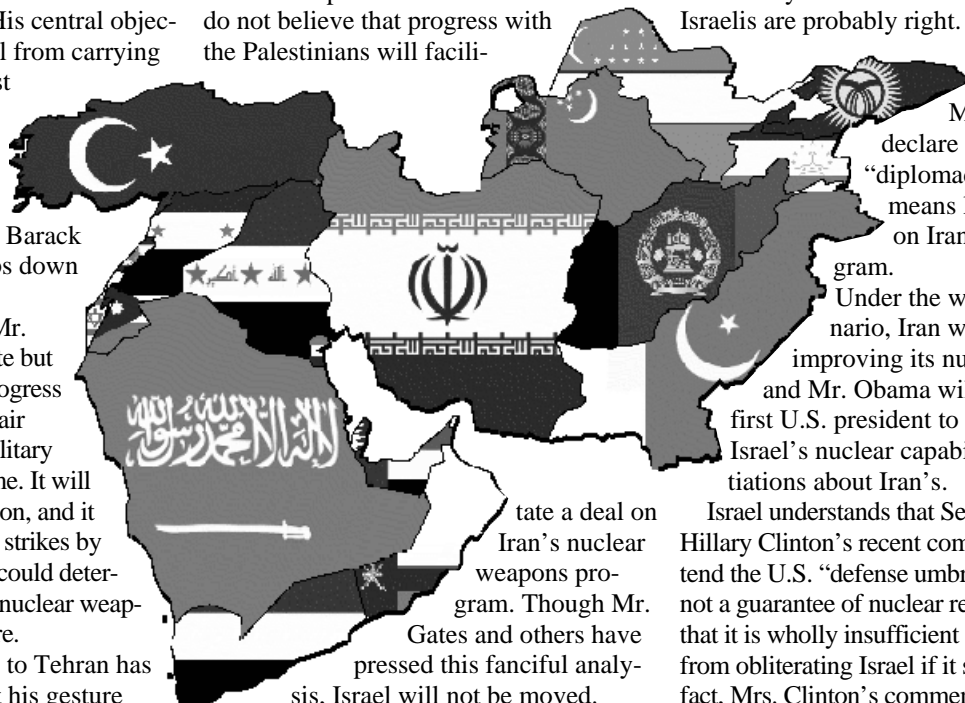
Legions of senior American officials have descended on Jerusalem recently, but the most important of them has been Defense Secretary Robert Gates. His central objective was to dissuade Israel from carrying out military strikes against Iran's nuclear weapons facilities. Under the guise of counseling "patience," Mr. Gates again conveyed President Barack Obama's emphatic thumbs down on military force.

The public outcome of Mr. Gates's visit appeared polite but inconclusive. Yet Iran's progress with nuclear weapons and air defenses means Israel's military option is declining over time. It will have to make a decision soon, and it will be no surprise if Israel strikes by year's end. Israel's choice could determine whether Iran obtains nuclear weapons in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Obama's approach to Tehran has been his "open hand," yet his gesture has not only been ignored by Iran but deemed irrelevant as the country looks inward to resolve the aftermath of its fraudulent election. The hardliner "winner" of that election, President Mah-

churning. Israel is focused on these facts, not the illusion of "tough" diplomacy. Israel rejects another feature of Mr. Obama's diplomatic stance. The Israelis do not believe that progress with the Palestinians will facili-

tary landscape in a very inauspicious light. It also worries that, once ensnared in negotiations, the Obama administration will find it very hard to extricate itself. The Israelis are probably right. To prove the



success of his "open hand," Mr. Obama will declare victory for "diplomacy" even if it means little to no gains on Iran's nuclear program.

Under the worst-case scenario, Iran will continue improving its nuclear facilities and Mr. Obama will become the first U.S. president to tie the issue of Israel's nuclear capabilities into negotiations about Iran's.

tate a deal on Iran's nuclear weapons program. Though Mr. Gates and others have pressed this fanciful analysis, Israel will not be moved.

Worse, Mr. Obama has no new strategic thinking on Iran. He vaguely promises to offer the country the carrot of diplomacy—followed by an empty threat of sanctions down the road if Iran does not comply with the U.S.'s requests. This is precisely the European Union's approach, which has failed for over six years. There's no reason Iran would suddenly now bow to Mr. Obama's diplomatic efforts, especially after its embarrassing election in June. So with diplomacy out the door, how will Iran be tamed?

Mr. Gates' mission had extraordinary significance. Israel sees the political and mili-

Israel understands that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's recent commitment to extend the U.S. "defense umbrella" to Israel is not a guarantee of nuclear retaliation, and that it is wholly insufficient to deter Iran from obliterating Israel if it so decides. In fact, Mrs. Clinton's comment tacitly concedes that Iran will acquire nuclear weapons, exactly the wrong message. Since Israel, like the U.S., is well aware its missile defense system is imperfect, whatever Mr. Gates said about the "defense umbrella" will be politely ignored.

Relations between the U.S. and Israel are more strained now than at any time since the 1956 Suez Canal crisis. Mr. Gates's message for Israel not to act on Iran, and the U.S. pressure he brought to bear, highlight the weight of Israel's lonely burden.

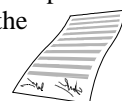
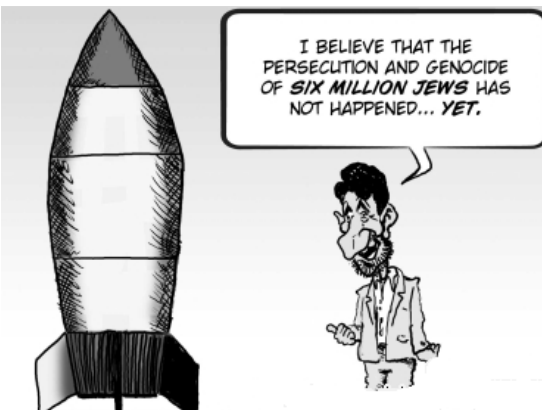
Striking Iran's nuclear program will not be precipitous or poorly thought out. Israel's attack, if it happens, will have followed enormously difficult deliberation over terrible imponderables, and years of patiently waiting on innumerable failed diplomatic efforts. Absent Israeli action, prepare for a nuclear Iran.

Mr. Bolton, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, is the author of "Surrender Is Not an Option: Defending America at the United Nations" (Simon & Schuster, 2007).

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moud Ahmadinejad, was recently forced to fire a deputy who once said something vaguely soothing about Israel. Clearly, negotiations with the White House are not exactly topping the Iranian agenda.

Beyond that, Mr. Obama's negotiation strategy faces insuperable time pressure. French President Nicolas Sarkozy proclaimed that Iran must re-start negotiations with the West by September's G-20 summit. But this means little when, with each passing day, Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile laboratories, production facilities and military bases are all





Israeli Prime Minister Blast the U.N.



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tinians, and finally reestablished Jerusalem as their capitol. From that time until now, Israel has vowed they will never release its control again.

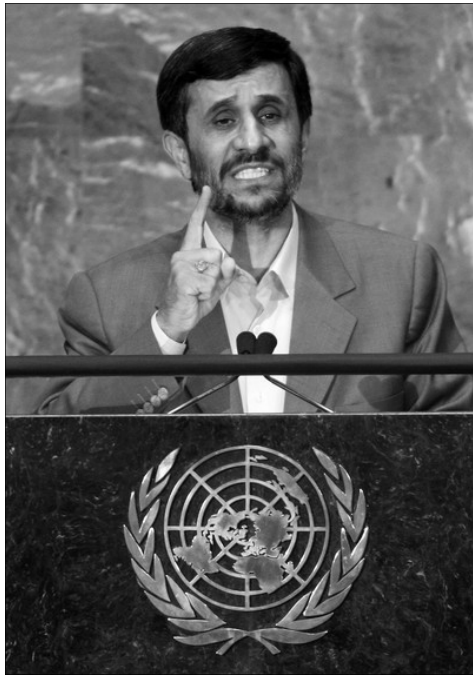
Is it any wonder that Satan's rage is venting as his anger escalates in his attempts to destroy the only nation that remains of the ancient tribes of Israel; at least as most of the known world understands. Satan's rage will continue to grow as his time continues to grow short, and he recognizes that he only has "but a short time." (Rev 12:12)

As the world focused on the UN meetings and watched the speeches delivered by Presidents Barak Obama, Benjamin Netanyahu, and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, few recognized the depth of the historic events or the stage that was established that will further the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

Early in the year I delivered a sermon entitled, "Next Great Step to Biblical fulfillment." At the core of the message



was the fact that in the future we will witness a separation of the ties between the U.S. and Israel. I made that statement based on the prophecy found in Isa 11:13 "The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." The prophecy shows that modern day Israel and Judah will be united again, no longer at odds with one another. This shows that for this to take place there first had to be a separation. What we witnessed at the UN was the foundation that will bring about the vexing.



In the context of President Obama's speech, one news commentator asked, "Did we just witness the selling out of Israel?" The portion of the speech he

was referring to was the following: "We continue to call on Palestinians to end incitement against Israel, and we continue to emphasize that America does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements. The time has come to re-launch negotiations - without preconditions - that addresses the permanent-

status issues: security for Israelis and Palestinians; borders, refugees and Jerusalem. The goal is clear: two states living side by side in peace and security - a Jewish State of Israel, with true security for all Israelis; and a viable, independent Palestinian state with contiguous territory that ends the occupation

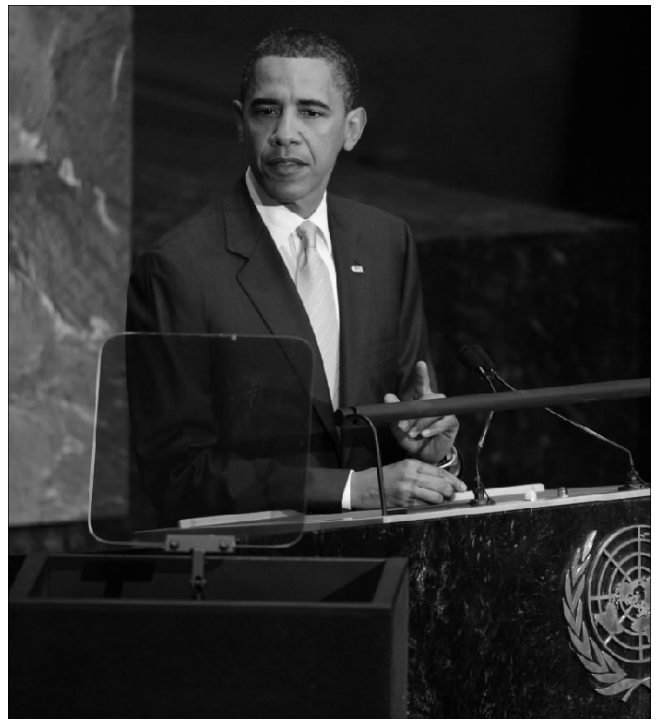
that began in 1967, and realizes the potential of the Palestinian people."

President Obama was referring to the land that Israel now occupies that they say they will never give up. He stated that the U.S. no longer recognizes the settlements that occurred following the six day war. This also includes the reestablishment of the control of Jerusalem. These statements may have gone unnoticed by the rest of the world, but rest assured, it did not go unnoticed by Israel.

Following that speech, insult was added to injury when the UN allowed President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to address the body. The U.S. representative, as well as some of the representatives of other foreign countries left the hall during the speech. However, there were many who chose to remain and give him recognition.

The following day, President Netanyahu gave a very eloquent, but scathing speech to those who remained in the hall for the address by Ahmadinejad. This speech also did not go unnoticed by the rest of the world, in particular, the Arab world.

NOTE: If you would like to receive more on this, be sure to write for the sermon message "Prophecy 2009" delivered at the Feast of Tabernacles. It should be ready in early Nov.



Report Says Iran is Capable of Building a Nuke, All it Needs is a Delivery System

Cont. from p. 1 at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) prepared a secret document on Iranian nuclear capabilities. According to the report, Iran already has "sufficient information" to prepare an atom bomb, the report reveals, but the Islamic Republic is missing a sufficient delivery system. However, the AP says, quoting the secret report, Iran is expected to overcome that limitation.

The United States has claimed that outgoing IAEA Chairman Mohamed ElBaradei had prepared just such a "secret annex". More generally, Israel and the U.S. recently charged that the IAEA was not revealing all it knew about Iranian nuclear weapons development.

On the other hand, as early as 2005, ElBaradei said that it would take Iran only a few months to produce an atomic bomb if production went ahead at the nuclear plants the IAEA was not given access to at the time.

Earlier this month, Glyn Davies, the U.S. envoy to the IAEA, confirmed long-time Israeli intelligence reports that Iran is close to achieving the ability to produce a nuclear bomb. He said that Iran was "very near or already in possession of sufficient low-enriched uranium to produce one nuclear weapon."

Talks With Iran

Regardless of these assessments, six major world powers - the U.S., Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia - began holding discussions in early Oct. about their Nuclear capabilities.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki insisted that his country would not hold direct talks with the Americans at the meetings. "The Americans will directly be present at the negotiating table and during this round of negotiations, different subjects and issues will be discussed and studied," Mottaki said, according to Iran's news agency.

Russia, meanwhile, expressed clear opposition to additional sanctions on Iran in order to coerce its compliance

with nuclear development restrictions sought by the international community. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in late September, "Today there is a real chance to conclude talks whose results should be an agreement restoring trust in the purely peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program. Disrupting this chance by demanding swift imposition of sanctions would be a serious mistake."

Iran denies any of its nuclear programs are for the development of weapons, contrary to American, Israeli and European assessments.

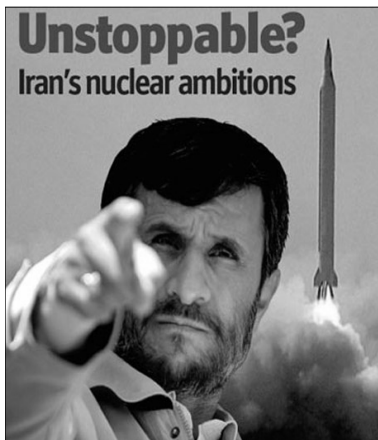
Regarding the use of force against Iran should the Islamic Republic persist in nuclear development, Lavrov said it "would have catastrophic effect for the entire Middle East."

Obama Drops E. Europe's Defensive "Umbrella"

Apparently as part of negotiations with Russia over cooperation on the Iran issue, among others, President Barack Obama announced recently that he has dropped Bush administration-era plans for a missile defense umbrella in Eastern Europe. According to the plan, American interceptor missiles and radar systems were to be deployed in Poland and the Czech Republic, respectively.

The Bush administration had promoted the "umbrella" plans as defense against long-range missile attack, possibly loaded with weapons of mass destruction, by nations such as Iran and North Korea. Russia, however, saw the planned deployment as a challenge to its own security in the region.

Israel, meanwhile, remains committed to its position on Iran regardless of any international political machinations. In an interview with Israel's Channel 2 TV, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu repeated his familiar formula that Iran must not be allowed to get its hands on nuclear weapons. He provided no further details regarding Israel's plans to prevent that eventuality.



IsraelINN.com

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that while Iran would never stop its nuclear program it won't produce nuclear weapons – at least for the meantime. In an interview with NBC-TV from his presidential compound on Thursday, Ahmadinejad said, "We don't need nuclear weapons. We don't see any need for such weapons." He added, "And the conditions around the world are moving to favor our ideas." Ahmadinejad said that Tehran won't take any steps that might weaken its defenses against "the Zionists" and "the warheads which have been stockpiled in Britain, in the U.S., in a handful of other countries." NBC's Ann Curry asked Iran's president three times if there would be any scenarios in which Teheran would move to create a nuclear weapon.



At first, Ahmadinejad used his standard response that nuclear weapons are no longer useful. "If nuclear weapons were influential, they would have prevented the downfall of the Soviet Union — for that matter, the downfall of the Zionist regime. Our people have never had a need for nuclear weapons." "So, may I assume, then, your answer to that question is 'no'?" Curry asked. The Iranian president replied, "We don't need such — we don't have a such a need, nuclear weapons. We don't need nuclear weapons. Without such weapons, we are very much able to defend ourselves."

Iran has repeatedly stated that its uranium enrichment program would be used for only peaceful means – something that Israel and western countries doubt. Ahmadinejad's statements of threatening to "wipe Israel off the map" aren't understood by Israel as mere rhetoric.

A "secret annex" to a report by the international nuclear energy watchdog says Iran is currently able to build a nuclear bomb, according to the *Associated Press*. Meanwhile, Russia and America spar over a meeting with Iran to negotiate the issue.

Feast of Tabernacles 2009 Auburn, IN

By
Kathy Zemaitis

First of all we had a total 78 people at the Auburn Feast. The largest attendance days were the 1st day, Tuesday when Tom Kerry was there, and the Last Great Day.

First of all, it's amazing how the meeting room color scheme and the articles that we brought; the stage, Feast Banner, flowers, etc, all went together.

The speakers and messages were wonderful. They all seemed to revolve around the family of God; endurance, love and joy, but mostly love, and love of and for the Father and the brethren.

On Sunday the Chapman family, Hunt



family and the Zemaitis' went to the FT. Wayne children's zoo. It is an awesome zoo. It was a little on the chilly side so a lot of the animals were hanging out in their dens. The kids fed the giraffes, and rode on the rides. They really seemed to have a great time.

Sunday evening we watched 2 movies, *Fireproof* (saving a marriage) and *Facing the Giants* (football and never giving up). Both had a great message



about God and our lives.

Monday after services we had a combined Senior and Leadership luncheon. Later in the evening was the family dance. We had quite a good turn-out for that.

Tuesday we went bowling and had pizza. Audrey is correct in saying we are the "Church of God well fed" We ordered 20 Pizza's and there was only 3 and 1/2 left over, fear not, they didn't go to waste. By late that evening it was all gone.

Sammy Neuman bowled a turkey, I don't know what his ending score was, but I do know we all had fun.

Wednesday was the day for going skating, no pizza ...Yahoo!!!! We had hotdogs, chips and soda. Dave Zemaitis found out the floor is harder than it was when he was 15 years old. Everyone

seemed to have a good time.

Thursday was the high-light of the activities according to some. The Go-Carts were talked about the most. An indoor track was rented for 2 hours of continual fun at 10 minute intervals.

The Fun Show in the evening was great. Paul Sutton played his keyboard and sang. Troy Vermeulen and Scott Councell had a funny skit, Autumn Schovey and Tria Boring did a dance



that captured most of the audience. These moments were just to name a few of the many at the show.

Friday was the Ice Cream social along with the raffle. We thank everyone for their contributions of wonderful items. The raffle brought in \$700.00. Thank you so much to all for a successful and fulfilling Feast.



Feast of Tabernacles 2009

Myrtle Beach, SC

By Audrey Kerry

What beautiful weather. What a beautiful setting. What beautiful people! Beginning with Hospitality Night, it seemed as though the beautiful people would be few in picturesque Myrtle Beach with only a handful of people showing up. We weren't anticipating a large group, estimating 20-30 people, but, it is amazing the excitement only a few people can generate, especially those with God's spirit celebrating God's Feast of Tabernacles! From the moment we greeted one another at Hospitality Night, to the moment we sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," we had a very spiritually charged Feast.



stay close to God and be ready for His Kingdom.

The third day of services brought another strong message, this time from James Summerville. He used some indelible examples of people he considered heroes and urged God's people to ponder certain questions like, "What are God's Holy Days for?" We all know the basic meanings, but James prodded us to dig deeper. He helped us see that these days are not just a foreshadow of things to come, but also that we must live for today, that mankind is worth saving and that Jesus Christ is the greatest of all heroes. Mr. Summerville is easily the children's favorite speaker. They tell me that they can relate to the things he talks about.

Some of us were ill at the Feast, but thankfully began to feel better each day. Being rather small enabled us to do more things together. We went bowling, parasailing, flea market shopping, had karaoke at Fun Night and a very generous raffle. We saw Toy Story 1 and 2 in 3-D and of course hit the beach and the pools.

Although Mr. Gladden said the byword would be quality not quantity, God

blessed us with 63 people. Our visitors all felt the warmth and love in our little flock and were so happy we were there. The feeling was mutual.

Youth Day at Myrtle Beach was a highlight with the children singing, leading song services, saying opening and closing prayers and Mr. Gladden giving a heart to heart to our youth with a sermon titled "Make the Right Choice." I made certain that my children remembered what Mr. Mike said and we made it a point to come home with that sermon in our hearts, intent on making the right choices.



There's something almost magical about renewing friendships and sharing physical and spiritual food. Mike Gladden gave the first of all the inspiring messages on that first day of the Feast. Being the Feast Coordinator, Mr. Gladden gave us one of the warmest welcomes to a Feast site I have ever had. Mr. Gladden mentioned that this site would focus on quality not quantity. We had 29 people that first day. That afternoon we had a Bible Study given by Brian Drawbaugh. It was thoroughly enjoyable. Mr. Drawbaugh had a PowerPoint presentation which had awesome photos of the vast and magnificent universe created by our loving Father. Even the children enjoyed this very impressive Bible Study.

The second day of the Feast was just as warm and exciting as the first. Mr. Gladden and Mr. Larry Summerville gave split sermons both encouraging us to continue to



Eight days flew by fast and before we knew it, it was the Last Great Day. By then we were overflowing with quantity as well as quality. Mr. Tom Kerry closed the Feast with his sermon and PowerPoint presentation about 'Words' and how their meaning is so important.

From the lovely music to the setting up and taping, our little group put forth a lot of effort in making everything run smoothly. We are all very thankful to everyone who worked so hard at making this a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles.

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again," one more meal together, one, two, maybe three more hugs and lots of tears, smiles and goodbyes and I love you(s) then we had to part. God was truly there at Myrtle Beach. We look forward to next year, always of quality because with a Feast like we just had, we have a whole year to practice what we learned to be a quality people and children of God.



Feast of Tabernacles 2009

Panama City, FL

By Anna Samons

Amidst all our troubles and trials, and all the gloom and doom of this old world, there is a happy and joyful gift that is given to us by our Heavenly Father each Fall season of the year, and that is the Feast of Tabernacles - a time that depicts the millennial reign of Jesus Christ, and the great general resurrection of the "rest of the dead" (Revelation 20:5) to take place after the millennium. God's people come together for eight days to worship our Heavenly Father and His son, Jesus Christ our Lord; to fellowship with our brethren, to be fed spiritual food by ministers whose sermons are inspired by God.

The FOT began on the eve of October 2 this year. People from all different walks of life and from around the world gathered at the Panama City Beach, FL Feast Site to rejoice and keep the Feast. Besides



the usual crowd that meets in PCB each year, we welcomed many new people and visitors. Wonderful sermons and sermonettes were given



by the ministry and special guests. The 'special music performed by the choir and individuals was outstanding, as always.

During a Leadership luncheon that was enjoyed by the ministers and hosts of our individual congregations, Tom Kerry gave us an update on the work and growth of the church. There were many activities enjoyed by young and old during this feast. The children's visit to the Aquarium, the bowling alley and the Sea Dragon cruise was a huge success. On Youth day the children's theme of "The Fruits of the Spirit" brought smiles and a few tears to all of us.

Our "family dance" was indeed a "family dance!" I think the children had more fun than the grownups and entertained us all. On one occasion we all gathered round the pool for a barbecue - no competition there; Jeff Kerry really knows how to do a good barbecue! Best of all the activities were the Bingo and Ice Cream night and the raffle and talent night. There was lots of lively and friendly compe-

tion in the air during bingo night. The raffle was one of the best successes of all because of the generosity of the people who provided many wonderful gifts. We all agreed that the best part of the talent show was the wonderful talent that was displayed by the performances of all the children. We were treated to and moved by a beautiful rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by Melody Alcorn and Keria and Kristen Donaldson.

On the last day of the feast we all were witness to the blessing of



five children, and also the baptism of Melissa Donaldson from the COGMI Tallahassee congregation. The weather was beautiful all during the eight days of the feast, and that includes the one day of rain. We all came away with smiles on our faces, much joy in the making of new friends and renewing old friendships and, best of all, a refreshing of the soul, our spirits fed with enough spiritual food to help us through the coming year.



Feast of Tabernacles 2009

Trinidad-Tobago

By Newton James

Feast 2009

This year's Feast of Tabernacles is done and finished to the brethren's acclamation that it was the best feast since we began this leg of the church. Perhaps it was the best ever. This was our fourth feast as a church. Time is really flying by in the work of God.

It was a most memorable and enjoyable eight days down by the bay at **SUNSET BEACH RESORT** in Mayaro. The feast site was very peaceful and serene. It lent itself to the joyful celebration of the feast and the worship of God. It was as though we were in a world free from the everyday troubles of life. There was not a discordant sound or a false beat during the feast. The world and its troubles did not exist. The weather was fine. The days were very sunny broken by the occasional sharp shower of rain that swept across the bay early in the morning on a few days. The spiritual food was great and the brethren felt inspired and happy. Our theme this year was: **"Yours is the kingdom"**. On a few days we shared a common breakfast and lunch. It was a time of great togetherness.



We had a trip to Harry's Water Park where the kids enjoyed kayaking; the fun of sliding into the pools brought great joy to the kids. Some parents even indulged in the fun. The occasion also gave the brethren the opportunity to enjoy the flora and animal life of Trinidad.

One of the highlights of the Feast was an entertainment evening hosted by the youth of the church. It was an interesting show comprising poetry, singing, humour and calypso. Our young eight year old - host Justyn Charles treated us to bits of humour. It was a delightful and fun evening.



The youth were in full attendance and participation during the Feast. They, under the guidance of Mrs. Niki Lyons, were responsible for hall preparation and clean-up; and they did a great job. The Soul Sisters comprising three charming young girls: **Keira Charles, Rochelle Williams and Candice Lezama** sweetly performed the song: **"Because He Lives"** as special music on the Last Great Day.

On the first day we had an attendance of 42 and on the last great day 40. However, our daily regular attendance was 34. A few ex-WCG members attended with us on the first day.

And so it was- Feast of Tabernacles 2009. The Eternal was greatly praised!



Trinidad-Tobago Summer Camp

Youth Vacation Camp, A Wonderful Success!

By Nicole Aberdeen

Fun, exciting, interesting, exhilarating! These were some of the descriptive words used by our nine campers whose ages ranged from 7 to 15 years old. They participated in our first ever Youth Vacation

Camp, which took place from the 17-21 August 2009.

The planned activities provided opportunities for them to co-operate with each other, communicate more freely and develop life skills such as planting and harvesting vegetables as well as develop an appreciation for the environment. This was in keeping with the camp's main objectives to develop and enhance life skills which the children would need throughout their lives.

The spiritual aspect of the camp was not left out. Daily prayer sessions and Bible study classes were conducted. The main lesson for the week was a focus on the Fifth Commandment – the commandment with promise. The children were encouraged to read the scriptures aloud, participate in discussions about its meaning in the hope that they would develop a greater understanding of the importance

of obeying their parents so that it would be well with them. Each day the children had exciting activities to look forward to and participate in. On Monday there was storytelling and discussions about the growth of the sunflower. This story helped them to understand the requirements for a plant to grow.

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GREAT FELLOWSHIP IN ANACOCO, LOUISIANA

Ian and Thalia Hufton

The congregation of Anacoco, LA welcomed us to their church home for a Friday night meal and Bible Study and a celebration of the Sabbath on August 28 and 29th. We were delighted by the fruit of the Holy Spirit that we saw in abundance there and felt that in just 24 hours we had become part of their happy, loving, giving group of all ages.

It was awesome to see the participation in all the areas of the service, the special music, the children of all ages playing, older ones helping with the younger ones and you could tell by their attitudes that the Sabbath is a delight to all. This group of 35 to 40 regular members is hosted by Mrs. Helen Ross in a former residence that has been very nicely restructured as a church—it has a fellowship room with tables and chairs,



a kitchen, a sanctuary for more formal church service, a very nice sound system and computer system that a member maintains for them, a classroom for the children and even a guest room and bathroom where we were able to spend the night.

It seemed to us, as visitors, that the jobs were shared, that there is no competition for who would be in charge,

and that all tasks and responsibilities are done with a desire to serve. It's also obvious that this is a place where all feel comfortable bringing friends and knowing they

will be welcomed and not judged. At the same time, the sincerity and standards of wanting to serve God with their whole hearts were in evidence—there is nothing half-hearted about this body of Christ-like people. God, and His instruction book to us, is front and center in their conversation and in their conduct.

This group of believers reminded us so much of those that Paul wrote about—they couldn't get to church early enough, were full of concern and camaraderie for each other, and they didn't hurry off at the end of the service. They also were a true example of coming together to assemble on the Sabbath Day and fellowship without concern for the boundaries of organizations or "man-made" differences. At least 5 different "groups" were represented by this "on fire for God" group of people. We cannot wait to go again and be inspired to be more like Christ again!



Summer Camp Continued

Cont. from p. 11 The other story about and beneficial insects in the garden helped to show them that not all insects (eg. Ladybird Beetles and praying mantis) should be killed since they prey on insects which harm our plants. After lunch they planted ochro, sunflower and corn seeds, which they would observe over the next couple days. On Tuesday they played Bible charades where the focus was on Old and New Testament Bible characters. They then visited a farm which is owned by one of the members, and they harvested peppers and observed the animals there.

The campers had a busy day on Wednesday since a field trip to the National Library in the city was planned. Here the children were provided with a tour of the library and the younger children were told stories. After lunch the children were treated to a tour of

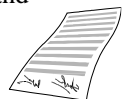
the Angostura compound. This tour included a butterfly exhibition and a visit to the bottling plant. They also saw where the Angostura bitters were made and were given a historical tour of the facility. The guide explained many interesting historical facts about why bitters began to be manufactured and provided information about the family who invented it. They also saw many interesting historical artifacts at the company's museum. On Thursday there was storytelling which was followed by a culinary activity where they learned to make pizza. The samples that I ate were extremely tasty! And I could see that the children enjoyed eating what they had made.

On the final day the children splashed and swam in the pool at the centre of Excellence Pool facility. On their return to camp they had lunch (lunches and snack were provided daily for the campers – the church is blessed to have a caterer) and

were given gift bags containing books and other stationary items. They also received lettuce seedling to encourage them to continue planting.

All the campers were given the opportunity to express how they felt about the camp, which activities they enjoyed the best as well as provide feedback about ideas for the next camp. The responses were extremely positive and the feedback was taken note of. All the campers found that the one week duration was too short, so next year, God willing, we plan to extend it to two weeks.

This year's camp turned out to be a tremendous success! We hope to have an even better one next year, Gods willing. Thanks to all those who contributed their time, ideas, money and their prayers!





A Disaster waiting to happen !

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The recent outbreak of fires in California have everyone focused on the fire, but there is a greater risk on the rise that goes beyond the fires, and that is the farmers. They are suffering through an environmental crisis and the government is there to make it so much worse.

Central Valley, a 400-mile long area spanning 18 counties in California is responsible for 57 percent of



the state's total farming. But more importantly for our nation, California represents about 13 percent of the farm receipts in the entire country. That's going to make almonds, artichokes, olives, nectarines, grapes, strawberries, peaches, plums and lettuce everything else a lot harder to get. Why?

In addition to a severe drought, or is it; the Wall Street Journal reports that this may not be the case—see below Washington has managed to make this much, much worse. *The Wall Street Journal* is reporting that the federal environmental rulings designed to protect the delta smelt, a tiny little fish, have reduced water shipments to the local farmers to just 10 percent of what they had been getting. So, in other words, that's a reduction of 90 percent of the water.

Common sense will tell you the damaging effects of keeping water from a drought-stricken area. Farmers stand to lose \$1.2 billion in revenue this year -- this according to the study by the University of California. That means less food and higher cost to everyone in America. The irony is that the government is

actually starving the farmers to save a fish.

On Dec. 15, 2008, the Bush administration's Fish and Wildlife Service chose fish, a decision driven by a lawsuit filed in federal court in 2006 by the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental

groups. To settle the suit, the Fish and Wildlife Service agreed to divert more than

150 billion gallons of water this year away from farmers south of San Francisco in hopes of protecting the Delta smelt—a three-inch bait fish. The water is now flowing underneath the Golden Gate Bridge and out into the Pacific Ocean.

This decision has caused the loss of nearly 35,000 jobs, and millions of dollars in food relief help for families to survive the crisis. This is in addition to the crises that the economic slump has caused the state of California. The governor has already had to go to Washington to get help from their already bankrupt budget.

By June 30th, 2009 the Fresno Community Food Bank distributed about 14.5 million pounds of food. That was a record to the residents in three counties, twice as much as they gave out last year. Governor Schwarzenegger even called for a state of emergency in half of the Central Valley's counties, as well as asking President Obama to declare Fresno a disaster area to help pay for food shipments to the area known as California's agricultural heart. While they continued to wait for the appeals,

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The Wall street Journal

reported Aug 15, 2009

In 1931, a severe drought began that within a few years engulfed the Oklahoma panhandle and a third of the Great Plains in a "Dust Bowl." Tens of thousands of people fled the region—many traveling to California along Route 66, which John Steinbeck called "the mother road, the road of flight" in *"The Grapes of Wrath."*

A lot of the "Okies" settled in the San Joaquin Valley. In the decades that followed, state and federal officials built dams and other irrigation projects that helped turn the valley into some of the world's richest farmland.

But today the San Joaquin Valley is being transformed into a dust bowl. Hundreds of thousands of acres are fallow, while almond and plum trees are being left to die in the scorching sun. Tens of thousands of people have been tossed out of work—the town of Mendota alone has an unemployment rate of about 40%—and the lines for food donations stretch down streets. The reason? There isn't enough water to go around this year, and the Obama administration is drawing up new reasons to divert more of it from farms and people and into the San Francisco Bay.

The valley has traditionally been a place where someone with few belongings, little education and even no ability to speak English could prosper by picking grapes, milking cows, or hoeing cotton fields. The hearty people who came here were Portuguese, Mexican, Armenian, Italian, Basque and Dutch, along with westward-traveling Americans and Okies. More recent arrivals are from El Salvador, Vietnam and India. I am the product of a Portuguese family that came decades ago.

California has the largest water storage and transportation system in the world. With 1,200 miles of canals and nearly 50 reservoirs, the system captures enough water to irrigate about four million acres and provide water to 23 million people. In many cases, as with the San Joaquin Valley, water in this system is sold to communities by the federal government.

Some claim that California is facing a three-year-old drought. But, according to the state's Department of Water Resources, California reservoirs have received 80% of their normal amount of water and precipitation in the northern Sierras has been 95% of its yearly average this year. So why isn't there more water for farms? Because theirs is a regulatory-mandated drought. The 1973 Endangered Species Act requires that the government take steps to save endangered species. In California, that's meant diverting vast sums of water into rivers and streams to protect fish. Those diversions this year have forced federal authorities to decide who to serve—fish or farmers.

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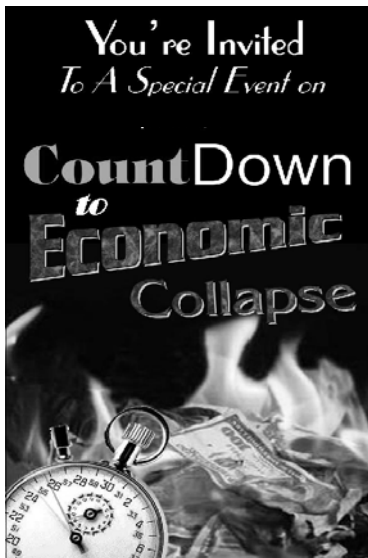
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A Disaster Waiting to Happen !

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Schwarzenegger's office was forced to set aside \$4 million, enough to buy enough food to hold them for approximately one week.

Congress has the power to solve this crisis. In 2003, a fish-versus-families debate erupted in New Mexico after water deliveries to Albuquerque from the Rio Grande River were cut off to protect habitat for the silvery minnow—another three-inch bait fish. Congress temporarily suspended portions of the Endangered Species Act and guaranteed that water would be provided to Albuquerque. The situation in California is virtually identical and repeating what was done in New Mexico would do wonders for San Joaquin Valley farmers.

The problem: Conflicting opinions by two differing government agencies. Quoting from a letter by Governor Schwarzenegger, Sept 1, 2009: *The recent biological opinions issued by the U.S. (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to protect threatened fish species in the Delta include overlapping and conflicting actions and restrictions that provide little*

or no fisheries benefit but do come at a high cost to the economy. The opinions cover both the state and federal water projects but were developed separately, by separate agencies. Ironically, these opinions work against each other, especially in wet years, which may lead to species conflict and devastating water shortages in following dry years.

The letter went on to describe the monumental crises these problems are causing: *"Water deliveries by the State Water Project and federal Central Valley Project to the two-thirds of California's population south of the Sacramento-San*

Joaquin Delta are just 40 percent and 10 percent of normal, respectively. Sixty-four water agencies throughout the state have implemented mandatory rationing to respond to shortages and, on the agricultural front alone, we estimate that these reduced deliveries will result in a Central Valley farm revenue loss of as much as \$710 million and cost 35,000 jobs."

Note: California has been waiting on response to this problem for over three years. Surely if there was any soundness in those running the government, a solution would have been found. In conclusion the question boils down to just one important issue, do we save the little fish, or families and human lives?

At the end of Governor Schwarzenegger's letter he concluded, *"Thirty-eight million Californians stand waiting for your formal response."* I'll add, the rest of the world is also waiting the response, because the next environmental response might be in your home town.





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BIBLE Did You Know?



Passage Found, May Have Been Used by Abraham

By Hillel Fendel

(IsraelINN.com) A Jerusalem walkway from the times of the Patriarch Abraham, protected by a wall of large rocks, has been discovered, and will be displayed to the public on Thursday.

The double-wall was uncovered in a dig run by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) and sponsored by the City of David Association. Prof. Roni Reich of the University of Haifa, who is directing the dig together with Eli Shukrun of the IAA, told Israel National News, "Based on clay pottery fragments found at the site, it is assumed to have been built by the Canaanites some 3,700 years ago, during the period known as the Middle Bronze Age."

The Patriarch Abraham met with "Malki-Tzedek, King of Shalem" - later known as Jerusalem - during this period, according to Biblical chronology and Genesis 14,18.

The fortifications are eight meters (over 26 feet) high, and served to protect those walking down to a spring in what is now the National Park, around and at the foot of the walls of Jerusalem. Some 24 meters of the double wall's length have been uncovered, but it is apparently even longer, waiting to be uncovered in the future.

"This is the most massive wall ever discovered in the City of David," Reich said. "It is tremendously large in terms of its dimensions, thickness, and size of the rocks used. It appears that they pro-

tect a walk-way used to walk down from some tower atop the hill towards the spring."

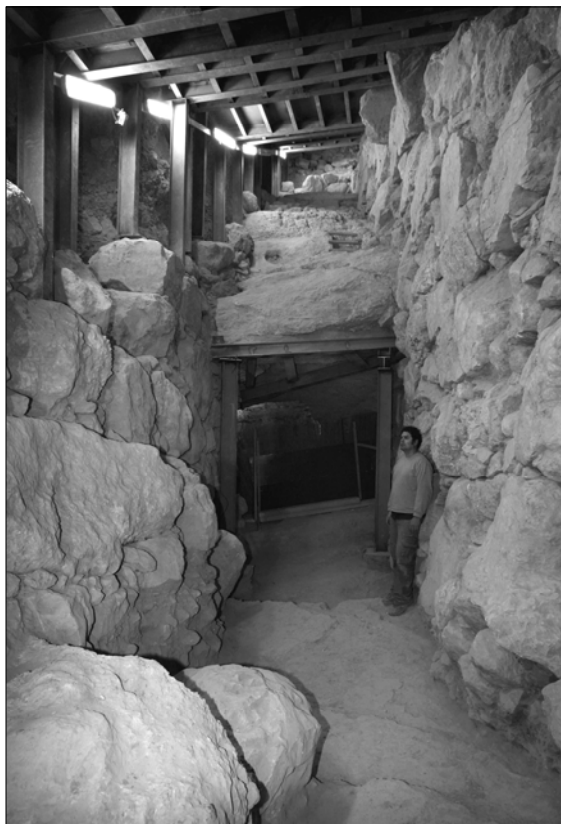
The protected passage is designed to solve an inherent paradox in the need for a spring, Reich explained: "On the one hand, water is necessary, especially in times of crisis, but its source is located in a spring, in the lowest and most vulnerable spot in the area. Thus the need to build such a protected passage, even

though it involved great effort."

A small part of the fortifications was first discovered exactly 100 years ago by a British archaeologist, but now it has become clear that these were just part of a very large double-wall. "This is the first time we have found such massive building in Jerusalem from before the period of King Herod," Reich said.

Fortifications on such a massive scale indicate that Jerusalem became, at this

time, a city-state of its own that was able to deploy and gather the resources to build them. "A small village would not have been able to build such a structure," Reich said. "This discovery shows that our picture of Jerusalem's eastern fortifications, and of its water supply, from these periods is far from complete," Reich said. "Though so many people have dug this hill, there is still a strong chance that large architectural elements are still well-hidden and waiting to be discovered." The fortifications will be opened to the public for the first time on Thursday during the 10th annual City of David Research Conference. Other discoveries will be on display as well, and tours of the area - 17 different routes! - will be provided as well.



THIS MONTH'S HELPFUL FINANCIAL TIPS Getting to the Feast of Tabernacles 2010

I talked to quite a number of people that were financially strapped and were unable to attend the Feast this year. Be prepared to know that each year things will get harder and harder from here on out. Our government has created such a financial mess that everything will "have to go up" to pay for all the give a ways, it will be paid for by the taxpayer.

1. Begin immediately to set aside the needed second tithe to attend next year
2. Set up a special place (account that is specifically earmarked for the "FEAST") Don't touch it
3. Be prepared to set priorities, be ready to make the tough choices. That means going without some things to attend.

Please note: Only God knows your situation, and your heart. He alone will evaluate your heart, your diligence, and your means. Your attendance may boil down to your dedication to observe His Festival, your Love to be there, and your desire to go without some luxuries during the year. Every year I'm asked about making choices and going to the Feast. The one thing I can tell you is that I understand the difficulties and the needs, and that is why Ministries International holds extra sites, to help as many attend as possible. When asked about attending, my answer will always be, you are commanded to attend! Tom



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