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*Welcome to the
year of our Lord
2005*

God has now given us a fresh, new, twelve-month package in which to serve Him and to involve ourselves in expanded endeavors to touch our bewildered and beleaguered world with the message of the Gospel of Christ. The condition of our times should remind us again that all of the forms of activity going in these days—political, military, diplomatic, economic and many times Byzantine—will be of little consequence when compared to the preaching of the Word. The most significant activity on earth is the activity of Christians which grows out of the promise, “*For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure*” (Phil. 2:13). As a result of this promise, we are called upon to “*be blameless and harmless, the*

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“NOW, THE EXCITING FUTURE”

sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.”

Here we have the wonderful promise when a Christian gives himself to hold forth the Word of Life, he can be used of God to influence the course of a crooked and perverse society among which he shines as a light for all to see. May this be the course of action for each of us in this opportune and provocative year which is upon us.

In this regard, we who are Christians continue to rejoice because this is, indeed, “the year of our Lord.” This eminently true expression is a reminder that our times are in the hands of God and our future rests secure in the One who presides above history and who is quite aware of each detail of our lives and of the convoluted and troubled streams which intermingle to fashion our current history. The fact that God presides above the world is the final source of help and solace in times like these. More than that, this fact is the true fountainhead of joy for our hearts as we labor here below. Therefore, whatever may be our present circumstances, let us follow the command of Scripture which says,

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice!” (Phil.4:4). And, by the way, after saying this, God says to us, “Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:5-7). What a marvelous gift God has given us, “the peace of God, which passes all understanding.” That gift, in our time, is of inestimable value to each believer.

Most of us have now been through a complicated time of personal examination. This is a perfect time, therefore, to remind ourselves of the real goals for which we are supposed to work and that the real results are not for time alone.

The Apostle Paul spoke about this. He said, “*Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do,*

forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:12-14). In so speaking, Paul left for us some real inspiration and instruction. He said some things that we do well to follow. They include:

1. "I don't have it made." Paul, despite his experience and spiritual maturity still realized that he still did not know the complete answers to the questions of life.

2. Therefore, Paul said, "I am forgetting the past and I am reaching into the future." Paul refused to make the mistake which is so common today and that is to give the past too much influence. Tradition meant nearly nothing to him, but he realized he must give himself with new enthusiasm and labor to the ministry of the Gospel. We can be sure that Paul awakened each new morning and asked, "What can I do for Christ today." Sometime he might also have added "that no one has attempted before." Too much tradition can overburden today's thinking. Too many crosses, candles, and somber outfits can ruin the real work of God.

3. So the Apostle Paul said then, "I am going to press toward the great goal and gain the prize of high accomplishment." Notice Paul did not say, "I meander toward the

mark." "I drift toward the mark." "I float toward the mark." Rather, the direction of his life and the intensity with which he lived it were very apparent and produced the basis of his lifetime of astonishing accomplishments. Paul also said, "Let's all be that way." He called for everyone to think as he did and, therefore, be turned into resolute soldiers for Christ. He called for spiritual initiative and illustrated that by his own living.

Few more sublime goals have ever been stated than Paul's statement, "*The high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*" Paul wanted each one of us to arrive at heaven, to receive the highest possible credit for his strategical activity for Christ.

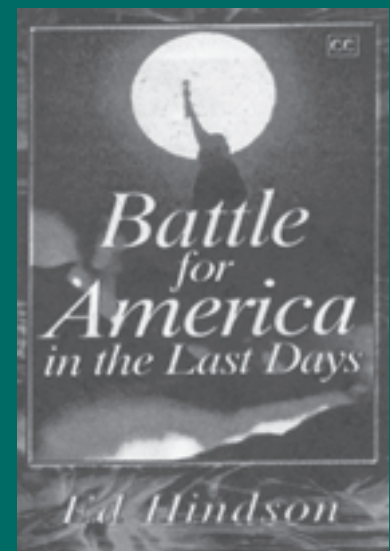
Quite obviously, Paul was aware that the Church would do little or nothing in the world if it were simply populated by sleepy Christians who knew nothing of spiritual accomplishment. They are like the person who said, "Lord, I will be happy to serve Thee providing, of course, it is in an advisory capacity."

Indeed, if a billion people in today's world are Christians, where are their accomplishments? Oh yes, there is no end to expensive enterprises, educational systems, discussions, and dozens of other pursuits in which Christians take part in the process. However, the accomplishments that only come by evangelism, the preaching of the Word, are difficult to find. It is a very helpful reminder to look further at the words of the

Apostle Paul when, a few verses later he said, "*The Lord is at hand*" (Phil. 4:5). We are not supposed to think of ourselves, therefore, as serving a distant taskmaster. Not at all, rather, we are distinguished associates of Jesus Christ, who even now, in the days of our flesh, can do so much toward accomplishing heaven's purposes. One day, perhaps soon, we shall stand before Christ. May God grant that we shall hear Jesus say, "*Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord*" (Matt. 25:23). This is the testimony of those who press toward the mark. It is not the words of a meandering Church.

From the writings of Dave Breese

BATTLE for AMERICA
in the Last Days
 by Ed Hindson



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THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

“EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. [...]”

The evangelicals are a phenomenon that can no longer be dismissed or ignored.” Positively--they were affirming their confidence in President Bush and his faith-affirming stand on issues dear to their hearts. Negatively, they were united in their opposition of John Kerry’s positions on such issues as abortion and gay marriage initiatives.

Evangelicals have become the dominant religious force in America in the twenty-first century. They saw theological Liberalism as a compromise with the new forms of rationalism and secularism that were threatening the historical message of the Church at that time.

Most scholars trace the core beliefs of evangelicalism to the five fundamentals:

1. The inspiration, inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture.
2. The deity of Christ’s Person.
3. The substitutionary atonement of Christ’s death.
4. The literal resurrection of Christ from the dead.
5. The return of Christ in His Second Coming.

The details and definitions of these fundamental truths may vary from one group to another, but the essentials remain the same. The deep personal devotion of believers to Jesus Christ drives evangelical Christians to cling to their faith in God beyond all the rational arguments of all the critics and unbelievers of all time. For them to deny the truths which brought them to Christ would be like a scientist denying the formula that proved the results of his experiment. by Ed Hindson

“MEXICAN OFFICIAL SEEKS OPEN BORDER--”

Mexico’s newest border czar wants to begin building additional travel lanes at ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border and to increase the number of border crossings into the United States – the first steps, he hopes, toward an open border with no checkpoints.[...]

‘I would like to see a border similar to the one that Europe has right now.[...]They have a common economy. They have policies that transcend their borders[...].’

Travel across national borders in the European Union is unregulated, and citizens of EU member nations traverse borders as freely and easily as Americans cross state lines.[...]

Mexican President Vicente Fox “has said he favors open borders across North America and has proposed removing all immigration barriers between Mexico, the United States and Canada, allowing the three nations’ citizens to live and work in the country of their choosing.[...]”

Jerry Seper--The Washington Times

“THE UNITED STATES WILL LOSE its historic status as a majority-Protestant nation as early as this year.[...]”

Between 1993 and 2002, the proportion of Americans who said they were Protestants fell from 63 percent to 52 percent after decades of stability.[...] ‘Since Colonial times, the United States has been a Protestant nation. But this year or next, the proportion of all Protestants will fall below 50 percent’ of the total U. S. population for the first time. [...]

Joyce Howard Price--The Washington Times

“MORE THAN HALF THE WORLD’S POPULATION will be living in cities in three years time, badly straining the urban infrastructure. Already, there are 20 cities of more than 10 million people, which constitute 4 percent of the world’s population. By 2015, there will be 22 mega-cities with 5 percent of the world’s population.”

Times of India

“DESPITE LONG-HELD FEARS of over-population, some experts now say the biggest challenge to

future generations may be the opposite--de-population.

‘Never have birth and fertility rates fallen so far, so fast, so low, for so long, in so many places, so surprisingly.’[...]

[...]For the first time since the Black Plague of the 14th century, the world’s population over the next century is expected to drop, peaking at an estimated 9 billion people in 2070 and then gradually sliding downward.”

Heather J. Carlson--The Washington Times



THE FOUL FRUIT OF APOSTASY.

Many people profess to be Christians but reject the Bible as God’s Word; deny the deity of Christ; or repudiate the Incarnation, virgin birth, resurrection, or justification by faith. These doctrines and others are cardinal to Christianity and nonnegotiable for true believers in Christ.

Scripture warns, “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Mt. 7:15-16). Following is helpful information on apostasy.

Apostasy. “A deliberate repudiation and abandonment of the faith that one has professed (Heb. 3:12).”¹

The Apostasy of 2 Thessalonians 2:3. “An aggressive and climactic revolt against God that will prepare the way for the appearance of the man of sin.”²

Apostates Are Not True Believers. There is a difference between someone who denies the faith out of fear and then returns to it, as the Apostle Peter did, and someone who categorically rejects it (Dt. 13:13; 1 Jn. 2:19).

Apostates Will Flourish in the Last Days (2 Th. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-5).

Apostates Will Be Punished (2 Pet. 2:17-22).

ENDNOTES

¹ L. G. Whitlock, Jr., “Apostasy,” *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, ed. Walter A. Elwell (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1984), 70.

² Charles Ryrie, *Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition NASB* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1995), 1912 n. 2:3.

Israel My Glory

EMERGENCE

**I see more clearly now,
The mists of morn have lifted,
Revealing here the path of life
From which my heart had drifted.
For vision, indistinct in youth,
Grows clearer with the years
If subject to the press of life
And washed by time and tears.**

**I love more purely now,
'Tis more than mere emotion.
For feeling is to real love
As mountain stream to ocean.
And love invades the intellect
And love empow'rs the will
The heart endowing with a voice
That time can never still.**

**I move more surely now
My life has found its reason.
A holy purpose now pervades
Each day and every season,
For God has made me like Himself
I see this now, as never;
Perceiving this, I see in Him
My Destiny, forever.**

by Dave Breese

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



“I would like to thank Christian Destiny for the great work you do in keeping our God-loving American people educated on many of the different policies taking place in this great country. The good Lord has blessed us with this country and it is our sole duty to preserve it. Let us never fall into Satan’s lie that we should go to church every Sunday, warm the pews and wait for the Rapture. The only way for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing.”
– Greycliff, MT

“I just love Dave’s books! They confirm what I believe and they give me courage when my life seems to go wrong!”
– Converse, TX

“Once again the Lord has blessed me with two months of overtime so that I can share with those who keep and share His Word. I am now within 10 months of my release, and at 50 cents per hour, was worried about how I could save any money to be released with. Well, after I began to give what I could to your ministry, the prison decided to allow me to work out the gate and the Lord blessed me with a job that almost always works, gets overtime, and allows me to learn new things. I pray for all of you each night and will continue to do so.” – Globe, AZ

“Thank you so much for your monthly newsletter. I read, and meditate on every word. God bless.” – Commerce, GA

“My stepdad passed away several months before Dave Breese did. One day as I had just become a ‘born-again believer in Jesus Christ’ he handed me a **Destiny Newsletter**. He said, ‘Gal, think you’ll enjoy this, take it home!’ Boy, was he right. Since being baptized in June ’97, I’ve read each issue front to back. Thank you! Thank you, you’re just what the Lord ordered! Blessings to all of you.” – Olathe, KS

“We wanted to write and thank you so much for the Destiny Newsletter. We do so appreciate it and the ‘Tide of Our Times.’ So many of the news items we didn’t know about until we read it in the Destiny Newsletter. Please keep us on your mailing list. We love each of you in Christ.” – Stuart, VA

“We first met David in a crusade in Minnesota a few years back. I admire you for keeping the **Destiny Newsletter** going. Surely, we are witnessing the beginning of the end of time. Satan is busier than ever but God is also, and ‘Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.’ I have enjoyed the poetry in the Newsletter.” – Minnetonka, MN

WORTH QUOTING

“Prejudice, ignorance, bitterness and, above all, selfishness are the great obstacles to peace in people, groups and nations.”

-- Joseph A. Tytheridge, D.D.

“As the gardener, by severe pruning forces the sap of the tree into one or two vigorous limbs, so should you stop off your miscellaneous activity and concentrate your force on one or a few points.” -- Emerson

“Happiness is not so much having or sharing. We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

-- Norman MacEwan

“My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.” --Thomas Jefferson

“A hated government does not long survive.” -- Seneca

“Civilization ceases when we no longer respect and no longer put into their correct places the fundamental values, such as work, family and country; such as the individual, honor and religion.” --R.P. Lebet

“He who sacrifices his conscience to ambition burns a picture to obtain the ashes.”

--Chinese proverb

But especially,

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving” (Col. 2:6-7).

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Q. Will man, with his growing intelligence, be able to create a perfect world?

A. The Bible does not promise this kind of a result to humanity. It says, *“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”* (II Peter 3:11 & 12).

Q. Are we Christians supposed to obey the Law of Moses?

A. The Law was a very serious thing. *“He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses”* (Heb. 10:28). Seeing this, we can thank God that we Christians are not under the Law. The Scripture says, *“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified”* (Gal. 2:16). Indeed the Scripture says, *“I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the*

law, then Christ is dead in vain” (Gal 2:21). So we rejoice because *“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us”* (Gal. 3:13).

Q. I am going to a college which has some ungodly people and professors in it. Can I continue to be strong in the Lord?

A. First of all, remember that Christ is the key to a good education. The Scripture, speaking of Christ, says, *“In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”* (Col. 2:3). Pray daily that you will be aided and protected by Jesus Christ. Then, as much as possible, seize the spiritual initiative. You can, with a little thought, triumph over any local atheist, for they really have nothing sensible to say. Finally, pray daily for the strength of God and be a testimony for Christ. By the way, see **The Collegiate Letter** on the internet at www.christiandestiny.org.

Q. What is the best way to defeat the Devil in my life?

A. The Bible is clear in instructing us that we have three enemies: the world, the flesh, and the Devil. We are also told how to deal with each of them specifically. As far as the world is concerned, we are told to cast down its philosophies and to stop loving it. *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in*

the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides for ever” (I John 2:15-17).

As for the lusts of the flesh, we are told to make no provision for them and to flee from them: *“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart”* (II Tim. 2:22).

But when it comes to dealing with the Devil, we are told not to run. In fact, it would be futile to run – we could never outrun him. Interestingly, though, we are told to make him run from us: *“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”* (James 4:7). We’re told to resist the Devil by putting on the whole armor of God. *“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”* (Eph. 6:11).

It is good for us to remember when dealing with the Devil that we are dealing with a defeated foe who can only do what God permits him to do. This is clearly seen in the book of Job, where Satan had to bow to God’s permissive will in his actions against Job. In Mark 5, the demons had to gain Jesus’ permission to enter into the swine. Remember that Jesus has defeated Satan by His atoning death on the cross: *“that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil”* (Heb. 2:14).

THINKING TOGETHER

THINGS TO LOOK FOR

What kind of things do we find interesting today, in terms of the possible fulfillment of Bible prophecy? Certainly, there are the large and obvious things, like the shifting sands of national alliances. (A Communist leader once confided that there are no such things as permanent national alliances...just passing conveniences between nations that last only as long as their shared interests do.)

IRAN

Of particular interest right now, is the determination of Iran to pursue nuclear technology "for peaceful purposes" like the generation of power, etc... And while Iran asserts that it has no interest in developing weapons of mass destruction in conjunction with that program, Iran also maintains that the assumed possession of nuclear technology by Israel has placed the security of the entire region in jeopardy.

It is that very rationale that has been used so successfully before, to justify building weapons and launching armies to fight against the modern state of Israel in our time. And we must remember that the end-time Islamic invasion of Israel, prophesied in Ezekiel 38-39, lists Iran (Persia) as one of the leading nations in that ill-fated invasion. As you watch the news, you would do well to keep an eye on developments in Iran.

ISRAEL

Israel, on the other hand, exists on a tiny sliver of land placed right in the midst of a billion hostile Arab and Islamic enemies. On numerous occasions since Israel's rebirth in 1948, those enemies have launched attacks and invasions from both

air and land, in the effort to drive the Jewish "infidels" from the land and into the sea. Terrorist attacks and suicide bombings have been used to "soften up" Israel's solid resolve and weaken Israel's economic strength.

History has taught Israel that it must remain militarily strong and stay close to its few allies. However, history has also proven that in the final analysis, Israel must be prepared to use *whatever it has at its disposal* in war should it be necessary to "go it alone." Throughout history, Israel has been at the center of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. The final wars will take place in dispute over Israel. So if you want to know about the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, where better to watch than at its center?

EUROPE AND THE UNITED NATIONS

By far, the greatest influence on the end-time world will come from the burgeoning one-world government...an entity that many are convinced will rise from European roots. Europe will most likely produce the one-world ruler, the Antichrist.

Europe is also destined to make a peace treaty with Israel and may even be the force behind the rebuilding of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. And, in all probability, Europe will be the center of the one-world economic system that will help cement the power of the Antichrist over the people of the world.

Those are just a few suggestions "for starters," of things in the realm of politics that could provide a fascinating indicator of how close we are coming to the rise of Antichrist. And we would do well to remember that, just as the

appearance of Christmas decorations in the stores tells us that Thanksgiving is coming even sooner, so do signs that the Antichrist could be on the way warn us that the Rapture will come even sooner!

THE CASHLESS REALITY

One of the best ways to gain mastery of the world would be to control its economic system. And if a person really set out to do that, it would be especially important to be able to monitor and control the finances of individuals as well as corporations and nations.

Not very long ago, that type of control would have been totally impossible. There were so many people in the world, with so many different types of monetary exchange, that simply balancing the differences would have been prohibitive, let alone trying to track and keep record of individual transactions.

However, in recent years, we have seen those former impossibilities made possible by the explosive growth of technological capability. The average laptop computer is far more powerful than all the banks of computers combined that filled the rooms of NASA when American astronauts were first sent to the moon!

Today, with years of practice in using ATMs, and through massive investment in "electronic banking" that now takes place "on line" via the Internet and over the telephone, a global financial grid has been built. Its technology is totally capable of monitoring every dollar that is spent by every person in the world - no matter what his medium of exchange truly is.

Monetary conversion rates can be automatically factored in, based on what is happening moment-to-moment on the fully computerized exchange and stock markets. Thus any onlooker doesn't have to compare dollars with yens and euros and pesos. . . it can all be represented in terms of one single monetary unit of choice.

And so it didn't surprise us when the latest step towards a cashless society was taken right here in America. A new financial policy called "Check 21" is about to be implemented by our government, and it subtly but substantially changes the way we have used our personal checks in the past.

It has been cheered as a step towards financial honesty and integrity, cutting to zero the lag time in paying debts with checks and having that money taken from our accounts. Our broadened technology has made it possible. The increasing damage to our economy created by bounced checks and bad debts has made it necessary.

Because of "Check 21" we will abandon our expectation of hard-copy paper-trail confirmations of our financial activities, and simply trust in the electronic records of exchange that will be generated with each transaction. When a check or debit card is used to purchase groceries, it will be scanned through some device as usual. But from that point on, "paperwork" will be useless. If the money is in the account, it will be instantly deducted.

No more floating checks. No more returned checks. No more post-dated checks. No more cancelled checks to file and save. It's probably a wonderful thing for business, but it's also one more step in the direction of a truly cashless society that can be controlled completely from one location...by one person!

PROPHETIC REALITY

Above all else, we must realize that we are living in a world

where the things we see and experience are ultimately less real than the things we cannot see and must experience through our spiritual eyes. We have become masters of illusion here on Earth, and must expect that those who will rule the world in the future will certainly use those illusions to move their agendas forward.

What is real is biblical truth. What is real is eternal life. What is real, is the fact that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, died for our sins in our place and is coming back again.

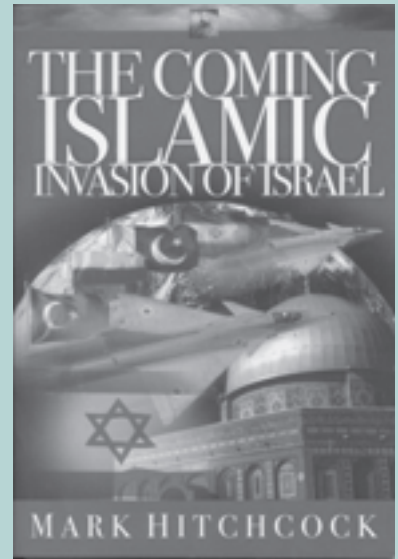
Bible prophecy reveals the amazing events that will break upon the world as it prepares for Christ's return. It all will be very real, and it really is the most important thing you'll ever have to consider in your life.

Are you prepared to face the reality of Christ's return? Are you watching for prophetic developments in the news? Things are going to get very interesting in the world, very soon! I hope you're ready to meet the Savior, and will help me, in the meantime, to take the vital message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to the whole wide world!

by Ed Hindson

THE COMING ISLAMIC INVASION OF ISRAEL

by Mark Hitchcock



Final Jihad: How close are we? The Islamic faith has been hijacked by those who demand that political power be anchored in religious zeal. Their core followers are impoverished youth, staring at us coldly from the pages of the daily newspaper. Their numbers are legion, and growing...

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