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Could All of the Animals Fit on Noah’s Ark?

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Many skeptics of the Bible, and even fellow Christians, have wondered how Noah could've fit all the millions of modern animal species on the Ark. He would have needed a fleet of cargo ships! But Noah didn't take all the species on the Ark!

Noah was only commanded to take every kind of land-dwelling, air-breathing animal on the Ark. While we always picture two giraffes and then two cows, and so on, the Bible actually says that Noah took seven pairs of some.

But isn't this making the problem worse?

Well, let's look more closely. Noah didn't have to take any sea creatures with him, and he might not have had to take all of the insects or small invertebrates either. This dramatically reduces the number of creatures on the voyage.

So, Noah took the terrestrial amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals along with him. But he didn't need to include two of each amphibian, reptile, bird, or mammal species. Noah was told by God to take two of every kind. This Biblical classification term "kind" is not synonymous with the much more recent term "species." It's much more broad.

Genesis 1 tells us that all creatures were created to reproduce according to their kinds. Some scientists have studied this and have informally dubbed this study "Baraminology". They've done research to try and figure out what the biblical "kind" compares to in our modern classification scheme. They've found that, in most cases, it's at the "family" level. This means Noah didn't need two lions, two tigers, two leopards, two house cats, two lynx, two jaguars, two cheetahs, and so on. He

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just needed two representatives of the cat kind, with a robust genetic sequence. From those, we can get all of the variety we see today very quickly.

Did you know there are only 510 amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal families alive today, including aquatic families? Now, we don't know for sure how many families have gone extinct since creation, but it's estimated that 70% of mammal families have gone extinct. If we assume this same number for the other groups, then the upper limit of “kinds” Noah needed on the Ark is just 1,700. With two of each kind, and seven pairs of some, only a few thousand individual animals were needed on the Ark.

The Ark was a massive cargo ship. It had more than enough room for a few thousand animals, food and supplies, and Noah and his family.

This is encouraging for anyone who might have been skeptical, because it shows us that we can trust the history recorded in God's Word...

I'm David Rives. Truly...the heavens declare the glory of God.

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How to Recognize and Overcome the Spirit of the Antichrist

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And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming and is already in the world. I John 4:3b

In II Thessalonians 2:1-4 Paul speaks of an evil, end-time world ruler whom he calls “the man of sin.” This individual whom Paul says, *opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God*, is obviously the same person that John refers to as “the Beast” in Revelation 13 and “the Antichrist” in I John 2:18; 4:3.

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Both the “man of sin” and “the Beast” are described as putting themselves in the place of God over people’s lives. Paul says that the “man of sin” *sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God* (II Thessalonians 2:4). Concerning “the Beast,” John says, *And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world* (Revelation 13:8).

This fits perfectly with the meaning of “Antichrist,” for according to *Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon*, the word *anti* in Greek means “instead of” or “in place of.” In other words, this individual is not just “against” Christ; he has a messianic complex and seeks to take the place of Christ as the one destined to rule the earth.

In I John 2:18 John writes, *Little children, it is the last time, and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now there are many antichrists in the world.* John seems to be saying that this evil, arrogant, and controlling ruler at the end of the age will be preceded by many of the same character and spirit. He confirms this later by saying that the spirit of Antichrist, *is now already in the world* (I John 4:3).

Remember, the word “Christ” is the Greek word for the Hebrew “Messiah.” In Scripture, the Messiah is God’s appointed king and ruler over Israel, and the entire cosmos. Various O.T. prophecies, such as II Samuel 7:12-13, Psalm 2:6, Daniel 7:13-14, and Micah 5:2, speak of the coming Messiah as a king and ruler. In this same vein, the messianic prophecy of Isaiah 9:6-7, says,

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder . . . of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.

The “man of sin” will have a messianic complex and project himself as the one who has the right, the intelligence, and the ability to rule the world and save the planet. He is, however, the *antichristos*, the one who puts himself in that place that belongs only to Jesus Christ. Interestingly, John says his spirit *is now already in the world* (I John 4:3).

This antichrist spirit has shown itself throughout history in the Caesars of Rome, in the medieval Catholic popes, in Islamic movements that have sought world dominance, and in European monarchs and their official state churches. It is seen in modern political leaders with visions of world domination such as Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Adolph Hitler, Xi Jinping, and Vladimir Putin.

It is to be seen in the so-called “progressive” movement in America and the emerging “cancel culture” which seek to control our thoughts, words, and actions. It is to be seen in Big Tech companies who control the flow of information and ban any person and any message they deem to be unacceptable.

It is seen in political leaders in the United States, Canada, and other Western nations with their harsh Covid-19 lockdowns and mandates. Justin Trudeau, prime minister of Canada, just forcefully ended a peaceful protest against such mandates being led by truckers. Numerous ones have been jailed and their vehicles confiscated. Their bank accounts have been frozen, and Trudeau has threatened to take their pets and their children.

A March 30, 2020, interview with British Supreme Court Judge, Lord Sumpton, now sounds prophetic. He warned that the Covid-19 mandates were paving the way for despotism—the exercise of power in a cruel and oppressive manner (Hyatt, [**To Comply or Not Comply**](#), 59).

In Revelation 14:18 John says that the number of the Beast is the number of a man and his number is 666. Because there is no definite article in front of “man” in this passage, it could well refer to mankind in general, as well as the evil, end-time ruler.

This would coincide with the fact that the number 6 is first mentioned in Genesis 1:31 where God created mankind on the 6th day of creation. Whereas the number 7 normally refers to completion and perfection, the number 6 is one shy of that.

The number 6, therefore, could well be the number of mankind and his incompleteness apart from God. Since, however, the number of the Beast is a trinity of 666, it probably refers to any man, institution, or government that seeks to assert itself into the place of God—man acting as if he were God. That is the spirit of Antichrist.

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America’s founders and their parents and grandparents had lived under the antichrist spirit, which is why they were so adamant about individual liberty. It is why in Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution, the Founders banned aristocracy and the handing out of honorific titles by the U.S. government. It is why the Constitution opens with, “We the people . . .”

In this new land, there would be no “Lord so and so” or “Lady so and so.” There would be no royal aristocracy to which the masses must curtsy, doff their hats, and bow the knee. When some wondered how they would manage without a monarchy, Thomas Paine, in his book, *Common Sense*, wrote, “But where says some is the King of America? I'll tell you Friend, He reigns above.”

We must resist the antichrist spirit in both the church and the world, and we do this by proclaiming Jesus Christ as God’s appointed Messiah/King who alone has the right and wisdom to govern our lives. This happened in Colonial America through the influence of the Great Awakening, for when a British-appointed official reported on the state of things to his superiors in England, he wrote,

If you ask an American who is his master, he will tell you he has none, nor any governor but Jesus Christ (Hyatt, [1726: The Year that Defined America](#), 81).

When a society recognizes Jesus as God’s Messiah/King and commit themselves to be governed by his moral values, there will be peace, prosperity, and safety. It is what Jesus and the New Testament writers called “the Gospel of the Kingdom.” Then, and only then, can there be serious talk about defunding the police.

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“GAMES PEOPLE PLAY”
and why the English capitalized the word “I”
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"I AM, said I, to no one there." – Neil Diamond

"I AM THAT I AM." – God (to Moses, 1491 B.C.)

"God forgives; man, sometimes forgives; nature never forgives." – author unknown

TO ME, "I" STANDS FOR THE "INDIVIDUAL" – *the right to what's in your heart*. Down through history no group on earth has done more for the freedom of the individual than the English-speaking peoples. Contrary to what you may have been told in college, no one has done more to fight the **oppression** of the individual. **COINCIDENCE? I think NOT!**

The German word for "I" is "ich." The Dutch word is "ik." The Greek is "ego." French is "je." Russians say "ja." The Swedes, "jag." The Danes, "jeg." I forget the Spanish word, but they all have one thing in common: their personal pronoun starts with the lower case. **The English capitalize the word "I"** (and – so far – I haven’t come across another language that does that)!

That’s why Thomas Jefferson, at the tender age of 33, had it in him to write the Declaration of Independence, as in:

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created

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equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. . . ."

And the operative term there is **"ONE PEOPLE" – not "diversity," two Americas, nor a "glorious mosaic"!** And he capitalized words such as **Laws of Nature, and "Life"** – even as the King James Bible capitalized **"I AM THAT I AM"!**

In "21st Century Academia," Jefferson would probably get a D-minus or an F for his "antiquated" writing, but people who come here from oppressed parts of the world understand the meaning of "certain unalienable Rights" better than native-born Americans tend to do. In a "morning update," Rush Limbaugh talked about a Kuwaiti student who came here to study at a college in California: in one class, the assignment for his final paper was titled "America was not founded by the people, but by wealthy elitists." The Kuwaiti argued the opposite premise, and he told how grateful he was to America for saving his country from Saddam Hussein (who had killed some of his relatives).

The professor gave his paper an F and told him that he needed "psychological help"! He especially criticized the student for implying that America is **"God's gift to the world!"** This is SO typical. That is the Academe into which America is sending its precious sons and daughters – at great personal and government expense.

Academics have an obsession with sexualized politics, secularism, and "racism." They forget, 1) America was the first colony to win independence from the "Empire"; 2) in the long run, that Empire did a lot of good for the world population's general well-being, including providing a common business language upon which the sun never sets, which facilitates medical care and other developments in third world countries.

General MacArthur said the solution to the human problem must be "of the Spirit," but eighty percent of believing freshmen lose their faith before they graduate. In his farewell address to the United Nations, President Reagan spoke of Washington's farewell address to the Nation, and how the case for "inalienable rights," the notion that conscience is above compulsion, can only be made **in the context of a Higher Law.** Washington also said education alone does not produce a "civil society." We are not evolving into a Utopia; we are devolving into Dante's worst nightmare.

P.S. The column you just read is unique. It came from original thought by an *individual* (me), and I had never seen "the theory of I" taken up before. As I said recently, "If your professor taught you *what* to think but not *how* to, you were robbed." I had a mini debate this week with a young person in college who was offended by a politically incorrect joke I posted on Facebook. She said political correctness is simply the Golden Rule. O would that that were true, but I was reminded of a quotation from my March 19th column, in case you missed it: Years before the term 'political correctness' was coined, there appeared a prophetic article entitled 'Moral Dishonesty'" (*National Review*, 12/19/1975) by Gerhard Niemeyer:

"Evidence disturbing to attitudes of good will toward the Soviet Union is simply read out of court. . . . The truth is conceived as an enemy of international goodness. . . . Self-will may govern our actions, but it does not sit easy in our souls. Moral dishonesty, by contrast, not only considers itself guiltless but positively glows in self-righteousness while heaping moral condemnation on those who disagree. . . ."

"Traditional morality – either the Ten Commandments, Aristotle's list of virtues, or Christ's double love of God and neighbor [He kept it simple] – can never pass off falsehood as the necessary price of goodness. That possibility belongs exclusively to modern progressivism. . . . More than Tartuffe, who knew he was lying, they suppress reason by not allowing the voice of Truth to be heard even within their own hearts. . . . It goes without saying that in the process, not merely reason but morality itself is lost. For where reason and knowledge are despised, there Mephistopheles can easily snare Faust in the net of hell."

I hate to have to be the one to point out the obvious, but that is political correctness: lies, redefining words such as morality, suppression of dissent, and forced conformity. Orwell called it Group Think (and the people who used to love the USSR are the very same people who now make Russia the scapegoat for anything that goes wrong for them). A great paradox.

PPS: "If everybody is thinking alike, someone isn't thinking." – General George Patton

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"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it." – Joseph Joubert (1754-1824)

"If you can't change your mind, are you sure you have one?" – author unknown

More to come (God hasten the day when the *real* Golden Rule becomes the rule, not the exception, and young people appreciate America's exceptionalism).

"For 9,000 years society has depended upon individuals for those creative achievements of mind and spirit that have guided it along the path of civilization. The spark from heaven falls. Who picks it up? The crowd? Never. The individual? Always. It is he and he alone, artist, inventor, explorer, scholar, scientist, spiritual leader, or statesman who stands nearest to the center of life." - Arthur James Balfour (1848-1930)

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Lawmakers Above the Law

by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)

Government is the problem; imposing laws that only apply to others and not themselves. Matthew 23:4 - They put heavy loads on men's shoulders but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. President Trump needs to rescind the regulations that exempt congress and staff from the effect of Obama Care regulations; that they imposed on others. And he needs to sign another executive order requiring congress to be subject to all laws that apply to all Americans. And, that special health care insurance for them would be against the law. Lawmakers should only have, health care access, that is available for everyone else. That is the only way to get those spineless people to do the right thing, rescind, Obama Care and replace it with freedom, not another federal government non-solution to high health care cost. If congress and all federal and state employees only have access to the same type of health care insurance that is available to everyone else, republicans and democrats would, promote and encourage nationwide free market competition, to help solve the high cost of health care.

Many Americans can't pay for medical services on their own because of insurance. Those with generous insurance coverage, like the millions of federal and state employees and big union employee, fill doctors' offices and hospitals creating artificial demand, because they have no out of pocket cost. Each time a federal or state employee visits a doctor or hospital they should have an out of pocket 50-dollar co-pay; that would bring down cost of insurance. Tax credits to purchase insurance is Paul Ryan's folly; and will also guarantee increased cost. Small local clinics should be part of the answer; that can provide services. People should be able to pay as services are needed or pay on time with agreement between them, their doctor and the clinic.

Those with preexisting conditions that are very expensive to treat should be on a special state health care program, and not part of regular insurance. Regulated by their state, not the federal government. And they should pay a percentage of the cost; otherwise, they will not price shop; and everyone will claim preexisting conditions. There also should be, an out of pocket, 50-dollar payment from them, every time they visit their health care provider to prevent, increased cost from overuse of health care services. Instead of robbing the taxpayer, all state and federal government employees should be covered for hospital or catastrophic insurance only. And they should pay 25% of that insurance cost. That would save the government billions and bring down costs for all insurance. Health care should be exempted for all union contracts state or private; that just drives up cost.

Americans are, over doctored, over drugged, over tested for legal reasons, and miss educated; that kind of folly, is very expansive. Getting yearly checkups because of fear, just leads to over medicated and drugged Americans. I am 76 years old and have been sick many times and recovered every time without seeing a doctor. I only visited a doctor voluntarily, twice in my life, to find out what was wrong. One doctor prescribed some kind if drug even though they did not know why

I was sick. All drug advertisements should be banned from TV. Many Americans believe that drugs are the answer; when, much of the time, they are the expensive problem. We should carry whatever burden God gives us without complaining and chasing down a doctor to save us. We suffer because of the way we live; or because, God is punishing us, less than our sins deserve.

Is the Biden White House too Proud to Pray? Abraham Lincoln would say “Yes”

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Unless I have missed something, no call for prayer has come from the Biden White House during this time of national and international crisis. Even after 12 Marines were killed today in a terrorist attack in the midst of the turmoil in Afghanistan, still no call for prayer.

Why not? Such an official prayer call from the White House would not be unusual. It would, in fact, be the American thing to do.

From the very beginning of our Republic, presidents from George Washington to Donald Trump have called on the nation to pray in times of national distress. During the seven-year Revolutionary War, no less than 15 calls for days of prayer, repentance, and fasting were issued by the Continental Congress.

The historian, William Novak has said, “In all moments of imminent danger, as in the first Act of the First Continental Congress, the founding generation turned to prayer” (Hyatt, [*1726: The Year that Defined America*](#), 109).

Could it be that this White House is too smug and proud to pray? Could it be that President Abraham Lincoln’s assessment of America at the time of the Civil War describes this White House? In proclaiming a day of prayer and humiliation for April 30, 1863, Lincoln included a stinging rebuke, saying,

We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us (Hyatt, [*1726: The Year that Defined America*](#), 185)!

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Perhaps we should not be surprised by this prayerless White House since it has officially embraced atheism. In 2019 the Democrat National Committee (DNC) unanimously passed a resolution affirming atheism and declaring that neither Christianity nor any religion is necessary for morality and patriotism. In other words, the Democrat Party has officially declared, “We don’t need God.”

I call on President Biden and leaders of the DNC to renounce the above resolution and acknowledge our need for Divine assistance by issuing a call for a National Day of Prayer at this time of national and international distress.

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Insight from Paul

by James McBride (United Kingdom)

The apostle Paul’s letters shed a bright light on our walk with God

The apostle cautions the brethren about getting above themselves: *don’t rate yourself too highly*, he writes to the Romans (e.g., Romans 12:30). As the center of the Empire, Rome and its citizens exalted themselves over the ‘barbarians’ they had conquered.

It’s a lesson for all of us and applies whether or not we serve in a church office, and it echoes the guidance of Jesus: *‘...you know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great one’s exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chief, shall be servant of all’* (Matthew 10:42-44). We are each called to *serve*.

And Paul continues to explain to the church that concept of being a ‘servant’. As Christians we have been removed from the mire of Satan’s kingdom and are grafted into the one pure ‘body’ that is Christ. That calling is by no means random—each of us, as in the physical body, has a vital part to play: *‘...we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another’* (Romans 12:5). Each member is there not to ‘warm a pew’ but to serve each other and to forward the work of their congregation—and the work of the church at large.

In the apostle’s analogy Jesus is, of course, the Head, and as such directs every function including the distribution of each gift. Notes Paul: *‘...When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men’* (Ephesians 4:8). Those gifts are individually ‘installed’ *‘...each according to his ability’* by the Lord himself. They have, often, been shaped by our life experiences and we are responsible to ensure we improve our use of it.

When we are privileged to be part of a local congregation we are assigned to develop and to use our gift for the benefit of all. Others, if cut off from a local congregation, find ways of deploying their gift—e.g., by prayer, writing, letters of encouragement and calls to other brethren, where appropriate supporting needy brethren *etc.* All are vital and when neglected the church is falling short of its high calling.

Our spiritual gifts (and how diligently we develop them) are among the ‘good works’ that will determine our role in the coming Kingdom.

[Matthew 25:14-30 and Luke 16:1-13 are useful related studies]



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The Ominous Threat to America's Power Grid (Copyright) by Richard Markland (London, Ohio)

Never has the United States faced so many problems as it is now. It has become painfully obvious that solutions are as elusive as holding the wind in the palms of a person's hands.

The threat to America's infrastructure is something very few Americans are considering due to concerns about inflation, supply chain disruptions, COVID, the crisis in education, and a president who is completely out of touch due to poor leadership.

In a report released by the government, the Department of Homeland Security states that radical extremists plan to attack the nation's power grid. It would disrupt the lives of every single American if it happens.

Only a Matter of When, Not If

Specific plans have been put in place to attack the nation's "electrical infrastructure since 2020," according to the Security Office of Intelligence and analysis of the DHS.

Since the Department of Homeland Security's focus is on home grown terrorist groups, the millions of illegal aliens from countries around the world present an even greater threat due to not being properly vetted as they invade America's southern border region. Only a person who is oblivious to the nation's border crisis would deny enemies of the United States are entering illegally and presenting a nationwide threat.

The clock is ticking and it's not in America's favor. The outcome of an all-out attack upon the nation's infrastructure would be catastrophic, but not something leaders in Washington are taking seriously. On February 1, 2022, White House Press Secretary revealed that "the White house hasn't assessed the threat." Considering the Biden administration is ignoring problems facing the country, such a statement should not be surprising to anyone.

Because the American people are preoccupied by daily struggles, when an attack occurs all other problems will pale in significance.

Chaos is the Goal

"Conspiracy minded forums discussed by extremists have targeted transmission lines and substations in remote (rural) areas because outages would result in frustration and cause divisions in society," according to the report.

"The plan is to disrupt the electrical supply because it will disrupt the government from being able to operate."

The report went on to say, "...by conducting attacks against the communications and electrical infrastructure, it will actually accelerate the coming civil war that they anticipate because it will disrupt the lives of so many people that they will lose faith in the government."

America's Achilles Heel

In 2014, a sniper attack on the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Metcalf Transmission Substation in southeast San Jose, California occurred. Authorities were caught by complete surprise because it could have disrupted power in Silicon Valley. No arrests have been made to this day.

Four suspected extremists in October 2020 were accused of a plot to damage transformers in Idaho and nearby states. Even a partial shutdown would present major problems.

According to the DHS, a recent incident involved a plot to attack power in the southeastern U.S. in an effort to cause chaos if the November 2020 election wasn't agreed upon.

It is worth asking if such a scenario will play itself out in 2024 since radical elements have already dismantled the nation's social structure and political system.

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What’s Ahead for America?

The Bible is relevant in what it says will happen to America, the British descended peoples, and the Jewish people, but the vast majority of today’s clergy and professing Christians are clueless. Within time it will be realized that the number one bestseller every year does provide in great detail what will happen in the near future.

Leviticus 26:15-16- “And if you shall despise (hate) my statutes, or if your soul abhors (detests) my judgments, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant: (16) I will also do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption (wasting diseases) and burning ague (chills, fever, and excessive sweating) that shall consume the eyes, and shall cause sorrow of heart (traumatized physically and mentally).”

A Crippled State from Within Will Prompt an Invasion from Without

Ezekiel 7:14-19- “They have blown the trumpet (there will be a call to war) even to make all ready (there will be a call to mobilize); but none goes to battle (no one will be able to hear the call): for my wrath is upon the multitude thereof (God’s punishment will be upon America). (15) The sword is without (an invasion by the nation’s enemies) and the pestilence and famine (as well as disease and starvation): he that is in the field (rural areas) shall die with the sword (those who try to escape will be killed); and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him (due to being surrounded by invading forces). But they that escape of them shall escape and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, everyone for his iniquity (for disobeying God). (17) All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be as weak as water (a state of being terrorized and completely weakened physically and mentally). (18) They shall gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them (a state of being overwhelmed); and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all heads (an abject state of total helplessness). (19) They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them (money will be worthless) in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, (there will be a feeling of overwhelming hopelessness), neither fill their bowels (due to a lack of food and water): because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity (because Americans are obsessed with material possessions).”

There Will Be No One To Lead the Nation

Isaiah 3:6-7- “In those days a man will say to his brother, ‘Since you have a coat (a sense of stability), you be our leader! Take charge of this heap of ruins!’ But he will reply, ‘No! I can’t help I don’t have any food or clothes. Don’t put me in charge.’”

The Only Way America Will Survive

Zephaniah 2:1-3- “Gather together – yes, gather together, you shameless nation. (2) Gather before judgment begins, before your time to repent is blown away like chaff (as if ejected into the air). Act now, before the fierce fury of the Lord falls... (3) Seek the Lord, all who are humble, and follow his commands. Seek to do what is right and to live humbly.

Perhaps even yet the Lord will protect you – protect you from his anger on that day of destruction.”

Peace in Our Time

A new world is coming, not for just America, but the whole world.

Ezekiel 36:33-36- “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: ‘When I cleanse you from your sins, I will repopulate your cities, and the ruins will be rebuilt. (34) The fields that used to lie empty and desolate in plain view of everyone will again be farmed. (35) And when I bring you back, people will say, ‘This former wasteland is now like the Garden of Eden! The abandoned and ruined cities now have strong walls and are filled with people!’ (36) Then the surrounding nations that survive will know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruins and replanted the wasteland. For I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do what I say.’”

Isaiah 2:4- “The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore.”

Other Items



Another Typical Day On Wall Street

By Richard Markland

Americans are familiar with Wall Street as being a place where buying and selling take place, but few people are aware of how much the word crazy is not a figure of speech.

Wilber Whackedout is a runner on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The thirty year veteran is days away from re-

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tirement due to a pooped out pumper. His doctor has told him the stressful days and sleepless nights mean major changes are needed. After twenty cups of coffee, four packs of cigarettes, and massive heartburn every day, Wilber has decided to raise the white flag of surrender.

After numerous heart palpitations, heartburn, headaches, hypertension and a history of hot flashes, he told fellow runners that he's "had enough because he's not up to snuff."

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