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What role does China, one of the world's great superpowers, play in end time Bible prophecy?

The word "China" or "Chinese" does not appear in the KJV Bible, which means it is not directly referenced in prophecy. This is likely because the nation lies a significant distance away from the Middle East where Biblical events are mainly centered. For example, from modern Israel, China lies more than 2,100 miles (3,379 kilometers) away. Modern Russia is more than 800 miles (1,287 kilometers) away as well.

China, however, seems to be indirectly or obliquely referenced in prophecy through the generic term "kings of the east" and through its alliance with Gog and Magog (ancestors of those living in Russia).

**Biblical ancestors**

There is disagreement regarding who were the Biblical ancestors of the modern Chinese based on the "table of nations" found in Genesis 10. One argument is that they are likely descended from Ham, one of Noah's three sons who survived the great flood. One of Ham's four sons was Canaan (Genesis 10:6). Canaan's son Heth, as well as another son who started the Sinites (verse 17), are speculated to have populated China.

"First, by a process of elimination, since the Semites and Japhethites are fairly well identified, all others are presumably Hamitic. Second, the Sinites (Genesis 10:17) are listed as descendants of Canaan, and it is possible this name is etymologically related to China.

"Third, Cathay was the ancient name for China, and there is some evidence this name is derived from Khetae, which in turn may have come from the Hittites, the children of Heth (Genesis 10:15), the son of Canaan" ([Biblical Basis of Modern Science](#) by Henry Morris, Chapter 16).

Another view is that modern China is descended from Japheth, another one of Noah's sons, through his son Gomer (Genesis 10:2).

"Ezekiel 38:6 refers to "Gomer and all his bands," indicating that Gomer will have an extremely large population and it will have many internal ethnic groups defined as "bands." The nations of Japheth are found in Oriental regions of Asia and the most populous nation is China." ([What Ezekiel 38 - 39 Reveals about a Future World War III](#) by Steven M. Collins, page 9).

**End time battles**

In the end time, the prophetic "king of the north" (likely the Beast power) will destroy the forces led by the "king of the south" (Daniel 11:40). After this victory, "tidings out of the east and out of the north shall alarm him" (verse 44, HBFV). This is the point in prophecy where the Chinese enter the picture.

Revelation 16 reveals the Euphrates River will be miraculously dried up to allow a huge army of [two hundred million](#) (Revelation 9:16) to fight.

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And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon [the great river Euphrates](#); and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared (Revelation 16:12, KJV).

This immense army of the "kings of the east" includes the Chinese, whose superpower status and huge population (estimated at 1.4 billion in 2021) would provide the bulk of this prophetic military muscle. China will be the major ally of this Russian-led (Gog and Magog, see Ezekiel 38 - 39) alliance.

Bible prophecy suggests that the "kings of the east," which includes China, are conquered by [the Beast power](#) (Daniel 11:44). These and other events will ultimately prepare the world to fight man's last great war near the mount of Megiddo ([Armageddon](#), Revelation 16:16).

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## **About Prayer**

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Prayer to an unseen God is practiced in all the world's religions. It is not an exact science and faiths have developed many ways to attempt to be heard by their god. I was brought up in a large Christian denomination that had many prayers published that a person could just read. In the early days prayers were said during worship in *Latin*. Even after nearly 50 years I can still remember some of those prayers I had said as an altar boy- but even to this day they are a bunch of odd sounding words that I know not what they mean. For the very earnest in praying, beads were strung together to keep track of the repetitive prayers. I can only imagine what God thinks of those attempts at gaining His ear. I liken that to my child coming to me and saying something over and over like a robot with a broken record in him, which would do more to aggravate me than grant a wish.

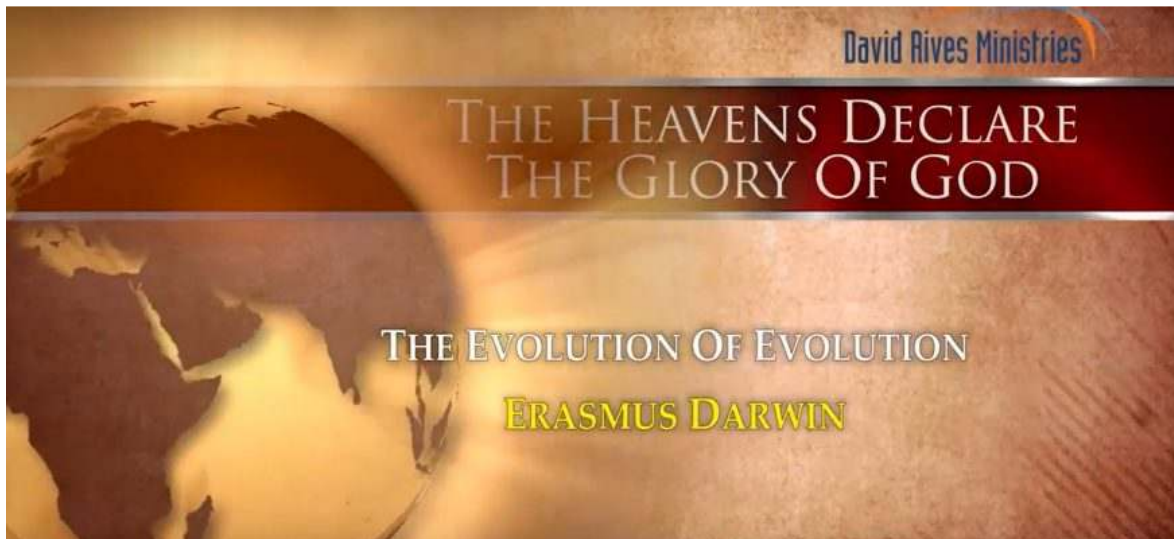
By far the most popular and most often used prayer is the "Our Father" or "The Lord's Prayer", which is a short prayer found in Matthew six of your Bible. Nearly all Christian Faiths quote it pretty much the same. The ending differs in some translations due to copyist errors, and some people feel they must use the old English "thee and thou" for God to understand. But if the truth be known it is NOT an acceptable prayer to God! If we read that entire chapter, we will see Jesus clearing up some common misconceptions about religious deeds. First, He shows how the hypocrites would make a show when they gave alms and said prayers standing on the street corners to be seen by men. Then Jesus said in verse seven, "but when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think they will be heard by their many words. Therefore, do **not** be like them...". Then He says to pray in this *manner and* gives an example of a prayer. Jesus is showing an outline of points to touch on during prayer- not giving an exacting worded prayer He would respond to. Adam Clarke's commentary on this verse is: "Forms of prayers were frequent among the Jews, and every public teacher gave one to his disciples. Some forms were drawn out to considerable length, and from these abridgments were made... it is a plan for a more extended devotion". I am drawn to Jesus' example of prayer in Matthew 26, he went to the garden called Gethsemane and in private fell on His face and prayed to the Father. In fact, there is no example of anyone offering a prepared prayer in the Bible.

The "Lord's prayer" contains some great ideas to pray: address Him as your Father with respect for His name and pray that His Kingdom come soon, as pictured in Revelation 21, and that His will be done on this earth instead of man's evil ways. Ask that he provide for your needs and forgive the many sins made and give you strength to forgive those who offend you and help to overcome the many temptations that come your way. You can take each point and go on for hours if you so desire.

God is a great listener, but even He would be bored stiff by listening to the same few words over and over. God wants us to pour out our hearts to Him and have meaningful conversation with Him. Why not try tonight to get your prayer life on the right track?

## Erasmus Darwin & The Evolution of Evolution

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Evolutionary ideas are all around us. Every time you turn on the TV, watch the news, or read a science magazine you will more than likely find evolutionary content. How did this philosophy become so popular that it literally took over science?

Most people picture Charles Darwin as an unbiased naturalist who discovered evolutionary ideas by studying the world around him. But that isn't true. He had been influenced to doubt the Bible and accept long ages for the geologic record by some of the thinkers of his day. He'd even been influenced by evolutionary ideas through the writings of his grandfather, Erasmus Darwin.

Erasmus Darwin, despite not being nearly as well-known as his grandson, was a successful physician, scientist, and inventor. He was even a poet and wrote and published some of his scientific ideas in poetry! Erasmus was anti-Christian, and his family motto featured several shells with the Latin phrase "everything from shells." His major work, Zoonomia, claimed that all warm-blooded animals were descended from one common ancestor. He later wrote that "all vegetables and animals now existing were originally derived from the smallest microscopic ones, formed by spontaneous vitality in primeval oceans."

**Erasmus Darwin's evolutionary, and basically atheistic, ideas later inspired his grandson, Charles Darwin.**

Charles even wrote "zoonomia" in his notebook when he began penning his evolutionary interpretation of what he observed. Most people are familiar with "Darwin's finches" and know that Charles observed finches with different sized beaks on the Galapagos. He thought that small changes, like beak size, could eventually mean big changes into a new kind of organism. But this actually wasn't an idea original to Charles. Erasmus had written about it before Charles was even born! In other words, he borrowed the theory.

Darwin's grandfather left a legacy of evolutionary ideas that Charles popularized in his book Origin of Species. Erasmus' and Charles' ideas have made atheism respectable because they seem to be able to explain life without God. But we don't see evolution in finches, or anywhere else. That's simply an INTERPRETATION of the evidence, starting from a rejection of the Creator and His Word. When we start with God's Word, we see the evidence confirms the Bible's history, not evolutionary stories about the past.

This was simply one more chapter in the history of evolution's rise to popularity. I call it: "The Evolution of Evolution." These archaic philosophies have seen far too many pseudoscientific complications added – in an effort to salvage the

theory. It's about time for a fresh approach.

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

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## God's Rebuke to LGBT-America: Biden and his Leftist Snakes (Copyright) by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)

The fraudulent election of Biden was God's rebuke to: LGBT America and the Idolatry of, Democracy. Arrogant Folly: Believing majority votes and opinions, **Divorced from God's Anchor of Truth is freedom.** Majority opinions absent from: The fear of God, will lead to Devil Worship, praising the wicked and condemning those who believe God. Everyone knows Biden was elected with FRAUD votes. Cowardly Republicans: Muzzled by Democratic party Snakes and Devil Media, obediently ignore Election Thievery.

Hearts are being Tested: Jesus Christ said, Matthew 28:18 "All power in heaven and earth is given to me." Daniel 4:17 "The Most High is Sovereign over the nations." "And sets over them the Lowliest of men." "When a Land falls into the hands of the wicked God blindfolds It's judges" Job 9:24. Arrogant **STATE OFFICIALS** - Dictate Good and Evil, and most Americans follow - Genesis 2:17. Politicians, and many Preachers, Bow the knee to LGBT and Devil-Media demands all do the same!

**Children Sacrificed to Satan:** Educators Force Feed LGBT on Children desecrating their God given innocence and parents close their eyes. LGBT: Indoctrination of children is a Diabolic State Hate Crime! Left, Right and most Religious Leaders are filled with praise for Depravity. **Devil Worship: Jeremiah 23:14** - Congress and Judges "Strengthen the hands" of, Sexual Perverts, giving them License to impose their depravity on all.

America's Fraud President believes Dr Frankenstein can make a man into a women and homosexual men and boys should be free to use women's restrooms? Biden's White House is flooded with LGBT-Queer as can be Depraved. His cabinet-member Mayor Pete FLAUNTS his sexual depravity and Pretends to be married to a man. Biden's health Official Delusional Dr. Levine is a man who - pretends - being as a woman. Media and all Biden's cabinet Honor Levine as if He was a woman. Which ones are Mentally Deranged? Politicians, Judges, Media, or He-She Levine? All are afflicted with LGBT-Phobia. **Real Homophobia is:** Fear of being Criticized, by Devil Media and Satan's Faithful, for Not, worshipping the Devil by Honoring what - God proclaimed - Evil. Transgender is a **Fraud:** The Devils Faithful honor that Madness to Mock God's Creation of male and female.

When will Devil-Media's Congress inscribe LGBT on the Dollar? America Has the Best - LGBT - Generals whose only victory is: Imposing LGBT on Recruits! Is it true? America's Generals are proposing - LGBT - on the American Flag? That would delight Twisted - LGBT "**Equality Act**" from Hell Devotees - Senators Tim Scott and Pat Toomey. **Those Devils Shout:** All Bow the knee to LGBT. Sexual Perverts will be sexual perverts without law: So why do Congress and Judges make law - Licensing Sexual Perverts to force, their sexual depravity on others? Obviously to - DISCRIMINATE - Against and Attack Christians and Jews who believe God and Please their **Mind Slave Master Devil Media**.

Hate Crime Law and Non-Discrimination Law: Discriminate against those who believe God's Law. And give Attack-License - based on race and sexual perversion. Why can't Politicians and Judges Love, Sexual Perverts, without forcing the Depravity they love on others? LGBT-Phobic President, Governors, Congress, Generals, Judges, Educators, and many Church Leaders are all driven like Dumb Mules by Devil-Media. State Tyrants: Parading your Depravity to the world with LGBT flags - on our embassies - is inviting God's Wrath and that will result in God giving Victory to our Enemies. Arrogant, full of pride republicans who ridicule the evil of Islamic Taliban: Realize in God's eyes LGBT-Phobic American's hearts full of honor for what God proclaimed "Vile" is more Evil. Preachers Publicly Call on politician and Judges to Repent or be Numbered among them on Judgment Day -Ezekiel 3:18-19. **Self-Condemed** Conservatives: Boasting "I am Not

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homophobic” are calling God insane and Confessing “I believe the Devil.” They have failed God’s Test of Life or Death!

**Are Americans getting, what they deserve?** As long as Left, Right and Religious allow Devil-Media and Democrats: To shackle their hearts and fill their minds with Honor and praise for the wicked. **Yes.** Conservatives, **Stop** calling America the greatest nation: God rebukes arrogance and pride. What Americans Left, Right and Religious, are proud of today is Shameful: Humility and Repentance is called for. Lawmakers and Judges forcing employers to hire LGBT **Parading** their depravity is Tyranny.

God is Testing the hearts of Americans. The test is: Do you believe God or Devil-Media and the State? The one you believe is your GOD. Do you Fear God or Devil-Media and the State? Children of God or children of the Devil - You know who you are? Turn back the - ocean of Depravity: Create this Law, display a hint of repentance. **No one, including Congress and Judges, is to impose their, sexual practices, or the sexual perversions of others, on their neighbor.** The Fire of Hell is the Destiny of American’s who refuse to Repent. Embrace God’s promise: Life that is Not subject to death - John 5:24. Jesus Christ Crucified is Light that Shines Beyond the Grave! Praise God.

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A personal prophecy should always confirm what we already know in our hearts. It is dangerous to build one’s life and make important decisions based solely on prophecies. This was dramatically illustrated in the lives of two of the greatest revivalists of all time.

### **Wesley’s Strange Word to Whitefield**

Twenty-six-year-old George Whitefield sat on a ship ready to sail for America from the port of Deal, located approximately 70 miles southeast of London. For some time, he had experienced a compelling call to preach the gospel to colonial America and now the day for his departure had finally arrived. His heart was filled with gratitude, excitement, and expectation.

As he waited for the ship’s crew to hoist anchor and sail, a letter was delivered to him from John Wesley who had just returned from Georgia. He opened the letter and was stunned by what he read.

Wesley had written, “When I saw God, by the wind which was carrying you out, brought me in, I asked counsel of God. His answer you have enclosed.” The message Wesley had enclosed was, “Let him return to London.”

Whitefield was shocked and momentarily confused. Wesley was ten years his senior and had been a mentor to him. He held the Wesley brothers, John and Charles, in very high esteem. However, this word from John contradicted everything he believed about his call to America.

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**He Finds the Answer in God’s Word**

As he prayed there came to his mind a story from the Old Testament where a prophet lost his life because he listened to the words of another prophet instead of diligently adhering to what God had told him.

I Kings 13 contains the story of an unnamed prophet to whom God spoke and instructed to go to Bethel and prophesy against the idolatrous altars that had been established there by King Jeroboam. God instructed him not to stop to eat or drink but to return directly home to Judah when he had completed his assignment.

Based on this directive from the Lord, the prophet went to Bethel. As he prophesied against the idolatrous altars as instructed, they miraculously split apart, and the ashes were poured out on the ground. As a result of that miracle and a miracle of healing for King Jeroboam, the king invited the prophet to his home. He refused and recounted to the king what the Lord had told him.

But as he departed Bethel, an old prophet, who heard of what had happened, saddled his donkey, and caught up with the prophet and invited him to his home to eat and drink. When the first prophet recounted to him what the Lord had instructed him, the old prophet said, *I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, “Bring him back with you to your house that he may eat bread and drink water.”* The old prophet, however, was lying.

Contrary to the instructions given him by the Lord, the prophet went back with the old prophet. While they were eating, the Spirit of the Lord came upon the old prophet, and he prophesied to him that because of his disobedience he would not be buried in the tombs of his ancestors. Sure enough, upon leaving the old prophet’s home, he was met by a lion in the road, which killed him, fulfilling the old lying prophet’s prediction of his demise because of his disobedience.

As Whitefield prayed about Wesley’s letter, this story was powerfully impressed on his mind and heart. He knew that God was highlighting to him the importance of obeying the directions he had received from the Lord and to not listen to this word from another party, even such a respected one as John Wesley.

**Three Powerful Lessons from This Story**

It turns out that Wesley had “cast a lot” concerning whether Whitefield should go to America. This was something Wesley and others practiced, if after diligent prayer they were unable to discern the will of God.

Exactly how he cast the lot is not clear, but it may have been as simple as putting two sheets of paper in a bowl on which was written, “Proceed to America” and “Let him return to London” and then drawing the one that said, “Let him return to London.”

Hindsight is 20/20 and it is abundantly clear that Whitefield made the right decision in ignoring Wesley’s prophecy and sailing for America. He ignited the Great Awakening that transformed Colonial America and prepared her for statehood. Because of the massive crowds that attended his meetings, he became the most recognizable figure in colonial America and has been called “America’s Spiritual Founding Father.”

There are three powerful lessons to be derived from Whitefield’s experience:

1. We are not to be led by lots, omens, or fleeces, but by the Spirit of God within our own hearts (Romans 8:14).
2. Prophetic utterances are to be tested, even when they come from the most esteemed among us.
3. We must be confident in our own ability to hear God and know His will.

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## America Has Been Put On Notice (Copyright) by Richard Markland (London, Ohio)

On December 11, 2021, multiple tornadoes struck five states causing catastrophic damage, killing, and injuring hundreds. The city of Mayfield, Kentucky was completely destroyed by not only the worst tornado in the state's history, but the strongest recorded tornado in U.S. history.

Because Americans have become accustomed to tornadoes as a natural phenomenon that happens year after year, what took place from Kentucky to Arkansas will soon be forgotten. Such will not be the case, however, for those who lost loved ones, as well as their homes and businesses. One Mayfield resident interviewed on Fox News stated that it was "absolutely the most terrifying event I have ever experienced." It will be remembered for the rest of the lives of those who survived, and a warning of far greater natural disasters to come.

America has been put on notice by the God it claims to worship. The reason for why this catastrophe took so many lives and did so much damage is a mystery to the vast majority of Americans, but it isn't a mystery and can be understood.

Because the Bible is rejected, the answers for why a catastrophe such as December 11<sup>th</sup> took place will only be a lifelong devastating nightmare and heartache for those directly impacted. Far greater disasters are going to tragically take place and cause far greater pain and sorrow, if the American people and the nation's leaders do not turn to the God who controls the weather and uses it to correct the nation for disobedience.

**Nahum 1:3-** "...the Lord has his way in the whirlwind and the storm..."

**As defined by Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition:**

**Whirlwind-** "A violent or destructive force."

**Tornado-** "A violent destructive whirling wind."

How many Americans learned anything from the catastrophic devastation and loss as described in the following report?

### **Storms Kill and Injure Hundreds from Kentucky to Arkansas (The Associated Press December 11, 2021)**

"Kentucky's governor says a devastating tornado touched down for 227 miles – more than 200 in the state – and deaths were feared in 10 counties.

This will be, I believe, the deadliest tornado to ever run through Kentucky, Governor Andy Beshear said at a news conference.

The storms hit a candle factory in Kentucky, an Amazon facility in Illinois and a nursing home in Arkansas.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the damage was caused by straight-line storms or a tornado, but the National Weather Service office near St. Louis reported 'radar-confirmed tornadoes' in the Edwardsville area around the time of the collapse.

Numerous apartment complexes in Bowling Green had major structural damage, and some factories had collapsed during the storm.

We had to, at times crawl over casualties to get to live victims, said Jeremy Creason, the Mayfield fire chief and EMS director.

If early reports are confirmed, the twister 'will likely go down perhaps as one of the longest track violent tornadoes in United States history,' said Victor Genzini, a researcher on extreme weather at Northern Illinois University.

The longest tornado on record, in March 1925, tracked for about 220 miles through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. But



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Genzini said this twister may have touched down for nearly 250 miles. The storm was all the more remarkable because it came in December, when normally cold weather limits tornadoes, he said.

Debris from destroyed buildings and shredded trees covered the ground in Mayfield, a city of 10,000 in western Kentucky. Twisted metal sheeting, downed power lines and wrecked vehicles lined the streets. Windows and roofs were blown off the buildings that were still standing.

This was an incredible storm that lasted a long time and covered a lot of territory, said Larry Vannozzi, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office covering the Nashville area.

Governor Asa Hutchinson said after touring the wreckage of the nursing home heavily damaged in Monnetta, Arkansas, ‘It is catastrophic. It’s total destruction.’”

**Isaiah 29:6-** “You shall be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and a great noise, with storm and tempest (a violent and turbulent storm), and the flame of a devouring fire (wildfires that have plagued the U.S.).”

### **An All Too Familiar Attitude**

The news media always interviews people immediately after any given major natural disaster with accompanying images of the destruction. Because most survivors are in shock, those impacted haven’t had time to come to terms with what has taken place. Regardless of how reality has not yet set in, those who survive all seem to respond in the same way.

- ❖ “We may have lost our home, but it can be rebuilt. Material things can be replaced, but lives can’t.”
- ❖ “We are a strong community, and we will rebuild.”
- ❖ “We will come back stronger than ever.”

A typical narrative offered by journalists and anchors is, “Our thoughts and prayers are with you.” Considering a liberal and godless agenda by the mainstream networks, such words are mere platitudes. If so concerned, why doesn’t the media return in the coming days, weeks, and months to inform the American people of not only the rebuilding effort, but interview the same people interviewed while in shock?

It’s not a part of the American mindset to admit defeat. To portray an attitude of defeatism would mean people have to resign themselves to what has happened. Resilience replaces resignation, but having to face reality is inevitable, and the struggles are lifelong for many people.

### **The Bible Condemns a Strong-Willed Attitude Amidst Disaster**

On September 11, 2001, the Twin Towers and the Pentagon were struck by terrorist attacks. Shock was soon replaced by anger. The nation’s leaders and the American people openly expressed that action must be taken. Resiliency, determination, and American pride soon became the norm.

To accommodate the nation Senator Tom Daschle (D) South Dakota read two verses in the Bible with the intention of encouraging the nation, but both verses were not written to encourage, but is a condemnation of the American attitudes of defiance and pride when adversity strikes. Senator Daschle soon fell from grace when his political career ended in scandal. Was it a mere coincidence, or the consequences for defying words of warning to the nation?

**Isaiah 9:9-10-** “And all the people shall know (will know God’s judgment) even Ephraim (modern day America)..., that say in pride (disdain and conceit) and stoutness (stubbornness) of heart (10) The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones (we will rebuild): the sycamores are cut down (there is massive destruction), but we will change them into cedars (we will come back stronger than ever).”

America would do well to heed the words of a modern-day prophecy. In light of what took place in Mayfield, Kentucky, and surrounding states on December 11, 2021. If the past is any indication lessons haven’t been learned because major changes in the lives of people must take place.

**Why Tornadoes and Natural Disasters Occur**

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**Hosea 7:2-** "...Its people don't realize that I am watching them. Their sinful deeds (the breaking of God's law) are all around them."

**Ezekiel 7:3-4, 9-** "...I will call you to account for all your detestable sins (4) I will turn my eyes away and show no pity. I will repay you for all your detestable sins. Then you will know that I am the Lord (9) ... Then you will know it is I, the Lord, who is striking the blow."

**Amos 5:12-** "For I know the vast number of your sins and depth of your rebellions."

**God Promises He Will Forgive America's Leaders and People if they Turn to Him**

**Jeremiah 3:13-** "Only acknowledge your guilt. Admit that you rebelled against the Lord your God..."

**Luke 13:3-** "...And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God."

**Micah 7:18-20-** "Where is another god like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight (take great pleasure) in showing unfailing love. (19) Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean! (20) You will show us your faithfulness and unfailing love as you promised to our ancestors Abraham and Joshua long ago."

## Hope in Spite of Us: Psalm 22, 23, 2022 and 2023

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"Our fathers trusted in You. They trusted and You delivered them... Be not far from us, for trouble is near." – Psalm 22

"I WILL FEAR NO EVIL." – Psalm 23

The following is just a theory, but right now we could all use some faith, hope, and charity. My previous column was mostly doom and gloom but looking ahead there are two sides to the coin. Which one will prevail? It all *depends*. Could there possibly be a comparison between Psalm 22, 23, and 2022-2023? Or will it be a contrast if you know what I mean? I wish the groundhog could tell us that one. A few more excerpts from the 22nd Psalm:

**"I was cast upon You from the womb. You are my God from my mother's belly. All you the seed of Jacob, glorify Him! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord. All the kindreds of the nations shall worship before You. They shall *come and declare* Your righteousness to a generation that shall be born."**

The theme of Psalm 22 is an awakening (*genuine* wokeness). The theme of Psalm 23 is the fruits of such a turn-around. "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not lack. He leadeth me beside the still waters and the greener pastures." America has had two Great Awakenings, in the 1700s and 1800s; could the third time be the charm?

Could it spread from here around the world? We can't force it to happen, but with the Lord, missions impossible are just a snap of the finger. His holy Word predicts the turning of the hearts of the children to their forefathers, the turning of the hearts of the people to the hearts of the children (not excluding the *beating* hearts of the unborn). There will be a great short work, a "strange work," a Work people wouldn't believe even if it were told them, that was promised for a time of uncertainty. **Why not NOW?**

**That's my theory, short and sweet: 2022 could be a time of attitude adjustments, and 2023 could be the "best of times" ("The Lord prepared a Feast for us in the presence of our enemies").**

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But things will get worse before they can get better. People are dull of hearing, slow to see, and even slower to take corrective action. But there is HOPE:

When union workers and truck drivers begin to wake up (which they are doing), and when parents at school board meetings speak up, this could be much bigger than the Tea Party was. They see what is happening at the border, they are paying through the nose for inflation, and education has gone off the deep end – the government lies about issues affecting their health and liberties.

**"It's not so important to be serious as it is to be serious about the important things," someone said.**

Some people couldn't care /ess about the losses of their political freedoms, but if their team loses out on a chance to go to the Super Bowl, they go into deep depression. People with such an attitude may not wake up until NFL domed stadiums start falling down like the Roman coliseum.

**P.S. Two huge asteroids have struck Russia. Would the "third time" be the charm? What if the biblical Wormwood landed on Chernobyl (the Russian word for wormwood is Chernobyl)? Just saying. Putin may want to invade Ukraine, but will the Lord allow it? Just asking.**

PPS: Ronald Reagan said that if you forwarded a message to nine people, and they contacted nine other people, and this continued for just 10 days, you could reach half the population of the planet, and that was before the Internet! As the Cubs fans say, "WAIT'LL NEXT YEAR"(?)

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## Passover

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Our Father in Heaven: Paid our Debt of Sin. **Exodus 12: 1-16: Verse 13** - "The blood will be a sign for you on your houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will Pass Over You". That was symbolic of Judgment Day: And the Blood of Christ Jesus.

**Our Passover: Crucifixion and Suffering of the Son of God.** Mark 15:12 to 15:39 - Crucify him they shouted. Why what crime has he committed, Asked Pilate? But they shouted all the louder, crucify him! Pilate wanting to satisfy the crowd, had Jesus flogged and handed him over to them to be crucified. The company of soldiers put a purple robe on him; they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. They began to call on him "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again, and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. After they mocked him, they led him out to be crucified. They nailed him hands and feet to the stake of a tree. The chief priest and teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. At the sixth hour darkness came over the land. And, at the ninth hour with a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last breath.

**Isaiah 53:1– 12**, He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. He was pierced for our transgressions he was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace (with the Father) was upon him. We all like sheep have gone astray, and God, **laid on him the iniquity of us all**. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. For the transgressions of my people, he was stricken. He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the Fathers will to crush him and cause him to suffer. Though the Father made his Son a **guilt offering**. He will see his offspring and prolong his days. The will of the God will prosper in his hands. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life. By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will give him a portion among the great. Because he poured out his life unto death and was numbered with the transgressors. He bore the sins of many and made intercession for them.

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**1 Corinthians 11:23-29**, I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took – bread - when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the - cup - saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Therefor whoever drinks the cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to - examine himself - before he eats this bread and drinks this cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord - Crucified for him - eats and drinks judgment on himself.

**The food and drink of salvation:** John 6:53-56, Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth. Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood - Remains in me and I in him. Verse 63 – The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

**How to take the Passover in a worthy manner:** Examine yourself by, admitting, because of sin you are subject to death and believe the Fathers promise of mercy and life in Christ Jesus. Accept the cleansing of your sins by the Crucified body and shed blood of Christ Jesus. Be thankful and praise your Father in heaven for His Love and mercy is forever.

**1 Corinthians 5:6-11**, How to Observe The: Seven days of unleavened bread. “Let us keep the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.” For Christ our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. The Apostles and original churches observed the Passover, as instructed by Jesus; and days of unleavened bread, Leviticus 23:1-8. If you do Not hold Sacred God’s Passover: Your resurrection will be a disappointment, Matthew 7:21-23.

**Humility in practice, foot washing:** John 13:1-17 – Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciple’s feet, drying them with a towel. Now that I your Lord and teacher have washed your feet; you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Now that you know these things, you will be - blessed - if you do them.

**Matthew 26:17-29 and Luke 22:14-20 - Jesus is our unleavened bread:** Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, ‘Take eat **this is my body**’. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying “**This is my blood** of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin.” Our Heavenly Father Paid our debt of Sin by the body and blood of Jesus Christ. God’s Mercy is Forever and Judgment Final, John 5:28-29. Jesus Christ Crucified is Light that shines Beyond the grave!

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