



The Temple Mount and the Ultimate Nightmare

by Mark Armstrong

Historical hatreds dating to biblical times present the greatest dangers faced now by the entire world. We've witnessed the outgrowth of Middle Eastern hatreds in the form of terrorism focused upon innocent Americans, fueled primarily by traditional and ongoing U.S. support of Israel! The entirety of the western world now knows beyond any doubt that the adherents to radical Islam will *stop at nothing* to avenge the humiliations and setbacks suffered in their



quest to eradicate the Jewish state. The red-hot focal point of the struggle is without question the Temple Mount!

A recent article in the *Economist*

on weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East under the sub-head "Nuclear Temptation in the Middle East" opened with the following sentence. "If the world is in for a dangerous nuclear chain reaction, its trigger could be in the already fissile Middle East." The article discusses Arab concerns that Israel already possesses "up to 200 nuclear bombs." It outlines

the covert nuclear programs found to have been underway in Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea, and suspicions that the rush for such weapons

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The NEW Anti-Semitism ...an End Time Factor?

by Michael Burkert

Something has changed! After the horrors of World War II, people in the western world believed that it could never happen again. However today, the evidence is unmistakable that anti-Semitism is dramatically on the rise once more. The torching of European synagogues, homicide bombing terror in Israel, the relentless comparison of the Israelis to Nazis, the paranoid post-September 11, Internet-bred conspiracy theories, the Holocaust denial literature spreading throughout the Arab world, the calumny and violence erupting on American college campuses. THERE IS NOW, THRUST UPON US, A NEW ANTI-

SEMITISM THAT IS WIDESPREAD, AND ACCEPTABLE.

Have you ever wondered what it is about Jews that makes people dislike them so much? How is it that

the ancient tribe of Judah, one of the original tribes of Israel, still recognizable by the adherence to the weekly Sabbath, the annual holy days, and other biblically-founded doctrines of faith is thought of as "evil, cunning, or sneaky"? As anti-Semitism once again rises to new lev-

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NATO...ARE ITS FINAL DAYS JUST AHEAD?

by Chris Cumming

For decades Garner Ted Armstrong predicted an economic, political and military giant would rise up out of Europe. He referred to this prophesied Beast power as United Europe or the United States of Europe. We are seeing this come to pass. In two

recent "Word From" commentaries, I discussed the EU becoming a superpower and the EuroArmy being developed as a force for war rather than peace. It is an inescapable conclusion that if the EuroArmy is to rise in power, NATO must decline. As re-

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Rising Asian Powerhouse

by Chris Cumming

Napoleon once famously remarked, "China is a sleeping giant. Let her lie and sleep, for when she awakens she will astonish the world." Attention world, the sleeping giant is now fully awake! First it was in trade, then technologies and now in an ever-increasing military build-up. China is truly becoming a superpower on the world stage.

For decades, Garner Ted Armstrong proclaimed, "The prophecies show that the 'men of the east' will be drawn into a gigantic conflict in the Middle East – in modern-day Israel!" He drew these words from the prophecies of Daniel and specifically Daniel 11: 40-44 where we read of a Beast power descending into the Middle East with its mighty armies conquering many nations. In verse 44 we see this Beast power concerned with opposing armies to the north and to the east...

"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many" (Daniel 11:44).

For this prophecy to unfold, we must first witness these "men of the east" attaining a level of strength for which the Beast power could find itself so troubled. Poring over a number of recent news stories, editorials and institutional papers on China, I gleaned the following kinds of phraseology:

- A Global Power Shift in the Making
- China is the most obvious power on the rise
- China is rapidly developing into a global economic force
- China is already a regional su-

perpower, and it is in the process of becoming a world power

- China – 21st-century giant

China is in the middle of a huge arms build-up aided, ironically, by United Europe. In one editorial I read, the EU is doing this to offset the U.S. as being the lone superpower in the world. Berlin and Paris are, even now, moving to lift an arms embargo against Beijing in place since Tiananmen Square. If the U.S. is forced to focus on breaking events in the Far East, such as possible war between China and Taiwan or the nuclear stand-off with North Korea, the EU could pursue its own interest and agenda unhindered by Washington.

Another indicator I found is a marked increase in China's demand for oil. Seemingly overnight, China has gone from a five million barrel-a-day to an over eight million barrel-a-day economy. This will only exacerbate the building oil crisis in the region. It will also force a more focused attention by China on the Middle East oil reserves. China could easily find itself in an oil rivalry with the other rising superpower in the Far East, Japan.

Superpower Status

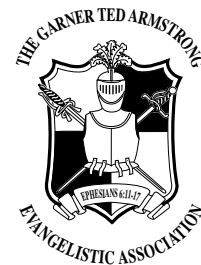
China's superpower status is not going unnoticed in certain of the world press. Notice this from a Foreign Policy.org editorial by James Hoge, Jr., "A Global Power Shift in the Making":

"The transfer of power from West to East is gathering pace and soon will dramatically change the context for dealing with international challenges -- as well as the challenges themselves. Many in the West are already

aware of Asia's growing strength. This awareness, however, has not yet been translated into preparedness. And therein lies a danger: that Western countries will repeat their past mistakes.

"Major shifts of power between states, not to mention regions, occur infrequently and are rarely peaceful. In the early twentieth century, the imperial order and the aspiring states of Germany and Japan failed to adjust to each other. The conflict that resulted devastated large parts of the globe. Today, the transformation of the international system will be even bigger and will require the assimilation of markedly different political and cultural traditions. This time, the populous states of Asia are the aspirants seeking to play a greater role. Like Japan and Germany back then,

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ported in the "Word From" on the EuroArmy:

"In October of last year, Washington requested an emergency meeting of NATO amid growing fears in America that the EU's latest plans for its Euro Army will undermine the alliance. Nicholas Burns, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, told fellow am-

bassadors that the EU's push for greater military autonomy posed 'the most significant threat to NATO's future.'"

News stories are pouring in to this office confirming the threat is real:

NATO: an alliance in search of itself

NATO summit underlines U.S.-European tensions

NATO summit in Istanbul highlights conflicts among imperialist al-

lies

Salvaging a divided NATO

No respite for NATO

Who needs NATO?

All but one of these stories originate in the European and world press and all of them published after the NATO conference in Istanbul, Turkey held 28-29 June.

Before we proceed, some background information on NATO from

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these rising powers are nationalistic, seek redress of past grievances, and want to claim their place in the sun. Asia's growing economic power is translating into greater political and military power, thus increasing the potential damage of conflicts."

Growing World Economy

Later, in the same editorial he states that China's economy is expected to be double the size of Germany's by 2010 and to overtake Japan's, currently the world's second largest, by 2020. I feel certain that both will take place more rapidly than Mr. Hoge's estimate.

Still in this same editorial, he states the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are seriously considering a monetary union. The result could be an enormous trade bloc, which would account for much of Asia's—and the world's—economic growth. Can you imagine the impact of first the Euro and now a single Asian currency on the global economy? Are you aware of the fact the EU has been a trading partner with ASEAN since 1980?

In a recent on-line audio program on the Internet, "China Rising" it was stated, "Recent projections forecast that China is well on its way to becoming a superpower in manufactur-

ing, technology, and telecommunications. It is now the world's second largest consumer of oil, and is exporting everything from TVs to DVD players to cell phones."

Military Threat

Peter Brookes, senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation in his July 19th article, "Arming China" about Europe supplying arms and related technologies to China, stated:

"China is engaged in a major military buildup that goes far beyond its defensive needs. In the next few years, China will develop real military options for muscling its democratic neighbor Taiwan (which Beijing considers a renegade province). Down the road, China looks toward dominating Japan and Southeast Asia, too."

We just recently ran a news story about a new Chinese aircraft carrier-killing attack submarine that apparently caught the West totally off guard. Is it any wonder the U.S. ran seven of its 12 aircraft carrier groups out into the Pacific in recent weeks?

Mr. Brookes also stated:

"Ultimately, (China's) long-term, military modernization game plan is to deter, delay or deny U.S. intervention in any Asian conflict involving China. Beyond that, (China) seeks to ultimately replace America as the pre-eminent military power in the Pacific.

"China is a notorious weapons

proliferator — from weapons of mass destruction to small arms. Its record on export controls is abysmal. Sensitive European technology will surely fall into the hands of China's roguish friends: Iran, North Korea, Syria and Burma.

"So why are the Europeans doing this?

"Two reasons: To balance American global power and — tah dah! — to make money.

"Paris and Berlin have long pushed for a multipolar world, in which the United States' overwhelming power is balanced (read: weakened) by other power centers (i.e., poles) such as the EU, China and Russia."

There you have it..."such as the EU, China and Russia." These are the three predicted players in Mr. Armstrong's predictions regarding Daniel 11:40-44. The EU is the Beast who, while conquering and occupying the Middle East, becomes troubled by the "tidings out of the east and out of the north", China and Russia respectively.

Prophetic pieces are now falling into place! We are living through changes that may appear slow if observed from the point of view of daily headlines, but we are watching unfolding events with a global eye and a foundation of Bible prophecy where events are moving fast.. As Mr. Armstrong stated many times, "Watch!!!" That is precisely what the organization he founded must do. □

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an article in *Workers World* on the 5th of July:

"The U.S. founded NATO in 1949 to keep socialist revolution away from Western Europe and to threaten the Soviet Union. It also guaranteed a leading role for U.S. foreign policy with regard to its European allies. The NATO structure had U.S. officers at the top, and the weaker imperialist powers in Western Europe subordinated their individual interests to the confrontation with the socialist camp.

"As long as the USSR and the Warsaw Pact existed, NATO made no military attacks. It couldn't.

"The collapse of the USSR in 1989-1991 left the U.S. with a problem regarding NATO. U.S. strategists wanted to take this anti-Soviet pact and turn it into a weapon for intervention in Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East. This would leave the U.S. in the driver's seat regarding military intervention, but would enlist the British, French, German and other imperialist rivals in the ground armies taking casualties.

"The first major area of intervention was the Balkans."

While clearly slanted, the article presents the fact that NATO was the invention of the U.S. and would guarantee their involvement and influence in European affairs. The U.S. is attempting to use NATO as a means to intervene outside the borders of NATO, as the article points out. If the EU is to be autonomous over its own destiny, the influence of the U.S. government must be ousted. The EU is already balking at any intervention by NATO into Iraq and Afghanistan. In June, it was announced the EU forces will replace NATO in the Balkans as reported in our Two Key Prophecies, which monitors troop build-ups and movements around the world.

Doubts About NATO's Future

In a July 3rd article, "No Respite for NATO" from the *Japan Times* reporting on the Istanbul meeting:

"Leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization expected their two-day summit in Istanbul to highlight a renewed sense of unity. Coming on the heels of one of the most bitter splits in the alliance's history, anything less would raise serious doubts about the organization's future. And yet they failed. Rather than demonstrating resolve and a sense of shared purpose, this week's meeting will be remembered for the failure of NATO members to agree on Iraq's future or to make a real commitment to aid Afghanistan, despite pleas from that country's leadership. NATO's credibility, if not its survival, could be at stake

"The NATO summit was designed to provide tangible proof that the alliance was ready to contribute to solving international problems. Instead, it appeared to exacerbate them."

When NATO fails, another power will have to step forward in an attempt to solve these international problems. That power is the United States of Europe. We are now coming to understand that the efforts of the U.S.-led Coalition will ultimately fail. The EU will be compelled to take action in the Middle East and elsewhere.

NATO Military Power Declining

The *Australian News* in their July 5th article, "The Day NATO Came Unstuck," stated:

"LAST week's NATO summit in Istanbul saw the end of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a serious military alliance.

"Yet if NATO has grown by more than a third this year, its power has shrunk. In military might, it seems

able to muster only a glorified police force, if that."

Part of the reason for this is the emergence of the EuroArmy. As the EU continues in its growth as a mighty superpower, it will move its resources and commitments into that military force and away from NATO. This fact alone will seal the end for NATO. The political infighting has already begun.

Discord Over U.S. Policies

This discord is apparent in this Frankfurt paper (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*) article dated 2 July, "NATO: an alliance in search of itself":

"The situation is paradoxical: NATO recently celebrated its largest round of expansion ever, and it has troops stationed outside the European-Atlantic region, in Afghanistan, for the first time in the organization's history. But the alliance is entrapped in one of its most serious crises ever. Even die-hard supporters have an uneasy feeling when the talk turns to the future of the alliance where Americans and Europeans joined together in the past to successfully put together their security strategies.

"Naturally, the NATO partners did not always get along in those heady days of unity when the 'Wall' created by the Soviet threat gave bricks-and-mortar shape to the Western need for a shared strategy. Today, people are appealing for the alliance to avoid becoming alarmist and declaring the organization as a lost cause simply because the members are arguing among themselves.

"The discord over U.S. policies in Iraq was able to become so corrosive because the old reason for being, the defense against the Soviet Union and its allies, no longer exists, and a new, widely accepted strategy that incorporates the new realities and threats in the world has yet to be found.

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els in Europe, can the rest of the world be far from adopting anti-Semitic and anti-Israel attitudes, policies and actions?

With the exception of the Golden Age of Israel, when all of the tribes enjoyed world domination, the Jews have been outcasts, pariahs and treated as the scourge of mankind. Since the early times of human civilization and during much of the history of mankind, the Jews have been vilified, hated, persecuted and murdered. Yet they have survived every

attempt of annihilation. The Jews survived the persecution of Rome and the armies of Titus. They survived the hard wandering years of the Diaspora. They survived the Inquisition brought upon them by the Roman Catholic Church; they survived the pogroms perpetrated in Czarist Russia. UNDER THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE ODDS, they survived the Holocaust of 1933-45, forced upon them by the Nazis.

How is this possible? Nearly every society since the time of Jesus Christ has absolutely HATED the Jews, yet they remain a viable, vibrant element of western civilization. The

Jewish State of Israel, which more accurately should be called the State of Judah, remains a strong, democratic nation in the Middle East. In fact, Israel is the ONLY democratic nation extant in the Middle East.

May 1945 ended the Second World War and Hitler's Third Reich. The defeat was absolute. Not only had the victorious allies destroyed the German nation's ability to wage war, the NATIONAL WILL to wage war was destroyed as well. The aftermath of the war seemed to once and for all, be the end of German militarism, and the desire of Germans to be a domineer-

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"The symptoms of the crisis can be seen everywhere: The U.S. government views NATO, which is an alliance of more or less sovereign and, in any case, equal members, as an instrument."

The opposition between Europe and the U.S. is growing. Germany and France are rejecting a NATO role in Iraq. In the Istanbul meeting, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder held to his refusal to send German troops to Iraq despite pleas from President Bush. "We haven't budged at all from our position," Schröder told reporters. President Bush has been in four meetings with NATO leaders in just one month and Europe continues to balk.

The Istanbul meeting, which the U.S. hoped would gain support in the Middle East has actually threatened to open more rifts between them and their European allies.

Istanbul Conference Scene of Chaos

MSN in their July 1st article, "Who Needs NATO?" stated:

"Europeans wonder what role

NATO should play in global politics as its ranks expand and the United States struggles to get commitments from unwilling EU allies. These tensions were overshadowed in American papers by the surprise handover of power to Iraq, but the summit was heavily covered in Europe.

"The conference itself was a scene of chaos: Tens of thousands of protestors hurled small bombs and Molotov cocktails at more than 24,000 Turkish police as warplanes patrolled the skies above Istanbul. Bombings leading up to the summit only increased anxiety levels, leading one widely published Turkish columnist to bid the NATO leaders farewell with the headline, 'Thank God, they left safe and sound.'

"The action on the inside was only slightly less intense, with Jacques Chirac refusing to allow NATO troops or insignia on the ground in Iraq. The French president was visibly angry during meetings on Monday after Bush announced the early handover. According to a *Le Monde* report, 'Chirac barely disguised his irritation on Monday each time a journalist used the name of the American president ... to the point of forgetting every reminder of historic Franco-American ties.'

"The larger questions of NATO's role in the world attracted more attention in European papers covering the summit. An editorial in the *London Daily Telegraph* noted that 'fashionable anti-Americanism' threatens to destroy the special relationship between the United States and Europe."

This conference will prove to be the fracture that began the last days of NATO. This can best be said in the words of Dimitrios Argirakos, Chairman of the Institute for Foreign and Security Policy in Düsseldorf when he told a *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reporter, "In reality, NATO was buried on the Bosphorus."

We may well see NATO dissolved as a result of the growing animosities which have developed between the United States and the big powers in Europe. Will the U.S. continue to exert global political and military influence in isolation? Or will America acquiesce to a greatly expanded role to be played by a united Europe

The prophetic significance of these developments should not be underestimated. It promises to affect the balance of power in the Middle East and elsewhere around the world! We will continue to watch carefully as these events unfold. □

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ing nation. For fifty years, there existed a great national remorse for having caused the Second World War, and the near destruction of European Jewry. That time is now at an end.

A new generation is coming of age in Germany. The new generation of Germans is tired of seeing their country constantly vilified for things that happened 60 years ago. They're tired of being told that their grandfathers were butchers and evil men. They're tired of seeing their nation denigrated in Hollywood movies as always being the "bad guys." They are particularly irked over Hollywood's propensity to insert evil, nasty and cruel GERMANS into non-World War II historically set movies and television programs where in reality, there were never any Germans present, let alone evil, nasty and cruel Germans. This has fueled an increasing anti-American attitude, coupled with the growing anti-Israel attitude.

Young Germans, who will soon assume the reigns of power in this nation, are also tired of endless reparations being paid to Israel, and to Holocaust survivors. There is anger growing over the way Germany and Germans are still treated as a result of their loss of the war. Most are beginning to think that enough is enough. Yet in reality, what's emerging is something in the national psyche. The ages old desire for greatness. There exists today a burning hope of a renewed, invigorated and once again powerful Germany. The old slogan, *Deutschland Wird Gross Wieder*, or GERMANY WILL BE GREAT AGAIN, is being whispered amongst not only the elderly, but also the young! Unfortunately, there is another slogan that is rearing its ugly head, and that is, "*Die Juden Sind Unser Unglück*," or THE JEWS ARE OUR MISFORTUNE.

Negative feelings toward the Jews did not die with Nazi Germany. Anti-Semitism simply went dormant for a few decades, as there were relatively few Jews remaining in Germany after 1945. The population had been decreased from a high of 500,000 to only 25,000 by war's end. Many of those fled the shattered nation of their birth for new lives in Israel, the United States and a few other nations willing to accept them. Towards the turn of the 21st century, there were still around 25,000 German Jews living and working in Germany. However, the *Deutsche Blut Rechte*, or Blood Law, the original "right of return" instituted under Kaiser Wilhelm I, guaranteed that Germans (Jews notwithstanding) could always find a home in the German fatherland. Today, many Russian Jews who claim to be of German blood flock into Germany. Jews are coming from other eastern nations, much as they did in the late 18th and 19th Centuries. They are coming back seeking the same opportunities they always have. A place to build a life for their families. A place where they have the opportunity to succeed and live in peace. Unfortunately, Germany will most likely be unable and unwilling to allow them to fulfill their aspirations.

The rise in the Jewish population is not setting well in some segments of German society. While the overall Jewish population is not much over 130,000, the Muslim population stands at over SEVEN MILLION. Accordingly, much of the anti-Jewish activity is not related to the neo-Nazis who hope to one day rule this country, but to the dissatisfied, disenchanted Muslim population. Millions of disgruntled immigrant Muslims will not take kindly to seeing immigrant Jews prospering where they have failed.

Anti-Semitism equals the sum of anti-Israelism, anti-Americanism and anti-Britishism. The three elements

of anti-Semitic activities and hatred in Germany are summed up as stated. In the years that I have lived in Germany, I have never witnessed the degree of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hatred that I see today.

Anti-Semitism is not something that Germans wear on their sleeves anymore. There are laws that are supposed to make anti-Semitism something of the past. So, the majority of spoken anti-Semitism is under the table, so to speak. It's in comments about "Jews this," or "Jews that." It is widely believed that Jews arranged for the destruction of the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001. It's also widely believed that the normal complement of Jews working in the Twin Towers was close to 3,000 people, and that they ALL called in sick on the morning of September 11, 2001. The fact is that there were Jewish as well as Muslim men and women who died on 9/11.

The Germans widely believe that the United States is "controlled by Jews." Did you know that "George Bush took us to war, because some Jew ordered him to do so"? To me, these beliefs are most comical. Yet many Germans and non-Germans alike have bought in to such theories.

The number of anti-Semitic political parties is increasing. The numbers of new members in all right-wing parties is on the increase as well. Make no mistake about it; they aren't all punk rockers or "skinheads" anymore. Anti-Semitic politics is gaining broad legitimacy in Germany due to the number of professional, academic and business people who are taking a new look at a very old idea.

Something has changed. The revulsion, once a given in the nation that murdered more Jews in the shortest period of time ever, is once again leaning toward the same philosophies, doctrines and attitudes that led to the destruction of their nation in 1945.

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What to Look For in World Events: *A Scorecard*

by Chris Cumming

In April of 2002, Garner Ted Armstrong gave a sermon, "The Culmination of Prophecy" in which he enumerated 14 points to look for in World events. This article will look at each point in light of events and trends since these points were given. Clearly some of these points have not fully developed as yet, so we will provide you with resources whereby you may monitor them for yourselves.

1) Look for a charismatic Arab leader who will attempt to bring Arab nations under the one green flag of Islam, who will become the king of the south of prophecy.

Analysis: I simply typed "Charismatic Arab Leader" into a news search engine and found a number of possibilities. In an article dated 12 June, "The Arabian Panther" I read of an up and coming Arab leader in the Arab European League by the name of Dyab Abou Jahjah. Quoting the first paragraph of the story:

"Dyab Abou Jahjah's Arab European League calls for *sharia* law, celebrates 9/11 and warned Belgian Jews to break with Israel or else. Is he defending Muslims' civil rights — or inciting hatred?" His profile is available on the Internet.

In a recent article by the *New York Post*, "Their Real Target is... You," we read of one, Moqtada al-Sadr, a 30-year-old Shi'ite cleric who led a brief insurgency in Najaf and Kufa. Just weeks ago, Arab satellite-TV and parts of the Western media had billed Sadr as "a charismatic leader" capable of uniting Shiites and Sunnis and forcing a humiliating U.S. withdrawal.

Resource:

The *News Telegraph* published an article, "Who's Who in the Middle

East" which has a lot of useful information for tracking this point (www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/exclusions/midwhofront.xml).

We will continue to monitor this element closely.

2) Look for the creation of a multinational, all-European army or rapid-deployment force capable of immediately launching an occupation of Palestine. That's already being formed

Analysis: This army presently exists and is growing. We have reported this in news stories and "Word From" news commentaries. They have already performed interventions into other countries. Events will predictably force them to intervene into the Middle East

Resources: Monitor our *Two Key Prophecies* section and the *Jerusalem Compassed with Armies* page for news stories related to the EuroArmy. Also watch for the stories we post in the United Europe section of the EA web site.

Recent Headlines:

- EU defense ministers admit global responsibility
- EU seeks coordination with Egypt over Gaza
- EU Ministers Support "Battle Group" Peacekeeping Plan
- Stepping towards a Euro Army

3) Look for the intervention of a great false prophet who will give his blessing to the creating of a united Europe and its advance into Palestine.

Analysis: We have posted a number of stories indicating both the EU and Vatican interest in the Middle East, and specifically Israel and Jerusalem. The current pope is encouraging pilgrimages to the Holy Land. This could be a precursor to Vatican visits to Jerusalem and the

ultimate moving of its world headquarters there. We may have to see a new pope come into power before this intervention takes place.

Resources: We track this coming event in our United Europe section.

Recent Headlines:

- Pope Encourages Pilgrimages to Holy Land
- Pope Describes Church's Idea of a United Europe
- Pope Says Enlarged EU Needs Christianity

4) Look for the building of a temple or the erection of a temporary structure and the dedication of a cornerstone, and the institution of priests and sacrifices in Jerusalem.

Analysis: This event has been building for some time. The cornerstone presently exists and has been in procession around the Temple Mount. All of the temple instruments are ready for immediate use. Priests have been in training for years and animals for sacrifice have been and continue to be bred. Temple building materials have been in preparation for some time. In addition, we have seen a number of stories related to the collapse of different portions of the Temple Mount walls; an event that could lead to a new temple being erected.

Resources: We track this event in our *Two Key Prophecies* section on the Temple in Jerusalem Abomination of Desolation page. Read our booklet, "When the Walls Come Tumbling Down" and related news commentary in our Word From section.

Recent Headlines:

- Who will get rid of Feiglin? (Feiglin wants to build the Holy Temple on the Temple Mount)
- Eastern Temple wall in danger

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of immediate collapse

- The Time of Truth for the Temple Mount

- Let It Fall (temple story)

5) Look for some major catastrophe to strike Israel, which will cause either the government to approve the destruction of the Arab mosques, or a coup by the Israeli military to accomplish the same thing.

Analysis: Israel may use the precedent set by the U.S. of selective destruction of Arab mosques in Iraq as an excuse to do the same. In light of the recent beheadings in Iraq, there has been a worldwide backlash against the Muslim faith witnessed by desecration of mosques in the U.S. and elsewhere.

The recent troubles in Gaza and the West Bank are inflaming tensions between Israel and Arabs throughout the Middle East.

Speaking to a possible coup by Israeli military, in Pelton's Dangerous Places web site they state:

On November 4, 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was gunned down at point-blank range by an unrepentant 25-year-old Jewish extremist, Yigal Amir. The Jewish-Palestinian struggle came full circle, as Israel discovered the biggest threat to the peace accord may not be HAMAS, the Palestinian terrorist group bent on Israel's destruction, but may come from right-wing Jewish extremists within its own precarious borders

In addition to these things and speaking to points 4 and 5, look for the Temple Mount wall to fall of its own accord or an earthquake accomplishing or hastening the same thing. Either event would be a major catastrophe and could destroy the Arab mosque presently there (Dome of the Rock).

6) Look for a combined attack of Arab armies against Israel.

Analysis: As the volatility in the

Middle East amplifies, this prediction becomes increasingly possible. In a recent story by the *Washington Times*, "Nuclear terrorism realities" it states...

"A nuclear catastrophe could occur if terrorists gained access to nuclear weapons or weapons-grade materials, and if regional conflicts or instability degenerated into wars in which nuclear weapons were used, said a report by researchers at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace to a Nonproliferation Conference last week.

"In a region where Israel has nuclear weapons and other Middle Eastern states have, or are suspected to have, chemical and biological weapons, a nuclear Iran would add 'grave volatility to an already conflicted region.' Egypt, Saudi Arabia or other nations might follow Iran's lead and initiate or renew nuclear programs, the report said."

7) Watch for skyrocketing energy prices and a global economic meltdown with Japan as well as Europe and the United States plunging into a global great depression.

Analysis: We here in North America have all experienced the price of oil and gas going up. In a short span of time, the average price of regular gas went from \$1.61 to as high as \$2.25. These prices seem to be dropping slightly now. However, continued events could send them right back up again.

In a news story from 25 June in *Oil and Gas Journal Online*, they write:

Energy prices rebound with concern for Norwegian strike

By OGJ editors

HOUSTON, June 25 — Energy futures prices rose Thursday, continuing their recent pattern of down one day, up the next, as traders worried about a threatened lockout of striking Norwegian offshore oil workers.

Resources:

Oil and Gas Journal Online (<http://ogj.pennnet.com/home.cfm>)

Bloomberg.com (www.bloomberg.com/energy/)

Energy Information Administration (www.eia.doe.gov/)

Recent Headlines:

- Stock markets lower; energy prices drive up Canadian inflation in May (22 June 04—Canada.com)

- Food, energy prices push Consumer Price Index to fastest pace since '01 (16 June 04—*Denver Post*)

- Enron drove up energy prices (28 June 04—East Valley Tribune.com)

- Energy prices 'will rise' under emissions plan (in UK) (17 June 04—Times Online.co.uk)

- Rising energy prices 'may stall' APEC (Pacific Rim) economies (10 June 04—ABC News)

8) Look for the emergence of dictators and kings to take over chaotic governments mired in depression, civil unrest, race wars, and anarchy.

Analysis: We need to face the fact that many people in the world have little knowledge of democracy and some peoples actually resent it. Notice this from a 28 June 04 news story from *American Daily*:

"Most of the world's population, particularly in Iraq et al., does not have a clue about democracy. They know only the rule of kings, caliphs, chieftains, or dictators. The idea of one person, one vote is foreign to them, quite literally.

"Even though 4.5 million Iraqis in 90 percent of the municipalities have operating city or town councils, they do not appreciate our form of democracy and self-governance. One only has to look at their constitution that makes Islam the state religion to see what is coming."

In another news story dated 1 June 04 from the *Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service*:

Arabs peek at democracy

The following editorial appeared in the *Chicago Tribune* on Friday, May 28:

"The two-day Arab League summit in Tunis closed May 23 on an unexpected note: a call for political and

economic reform. Considering the league is a private club of emirs, kings and dictators, that's like Weight Watchers endorsing the Krispy Kreme doughnut diet."

In yet another of many stories I found along these lines

Panel of Lebanese scholars analyzes Arab reform perspectives (7 June 04—*The Daily Star*)

By Hannah Wettig

These three reasons formed the basis of the discussion: "The Arab World cannot accept change imposed from outside ... Reform cannot take place as long as the U.S. does not address regional conflicts, especially Palestine ... and, there may not be a democratic alternative, because as soon as you open up the system, the Islamists will take over."

These stories lead us to one overwhelming conclusion that we WILL see kings and dictators rising to power throughout the world and especially the Middle East and Africa.

9) Continue to watch for major attacks against the West from terrorists, possibly using chemical, biological, and even nuclear dirty bomb weapons, attacking water supplies, transportation, nuclear power plants, and major centers of population.

Analysis: As I write this on the 28th of June, we just posted a *WorldNetDaily* story on the first use of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) in Iraq. Since Mr. Armstrong made this prediction, there have been over 1,300 deaths as a result of terrorists' acts and the number of injured hit a 21-year high last year. The U.S. has been at an elevated alert status almost continually since last year and we have posted scores of government alerts to suspected targets here in the U.S. *WorldNetDaily* just posted a story about Saddam Hussein's missing weapons of mass destruction being in Syria, put there by him before the war. We have also posted stories indicating our security on watersheds, transportation systems and nuclear power plants is alarm-

ingly inadequate.

Recent Headlines:

- For the first time, rocket attacks from Palestinian area kills Israelis (28 June 04—*Jewish Telegraphic Agency*)

- U.S. raises figures for 2003 terrorist attacks — 'Significant attacks' at 21-year high (22 Jun 04—CNN)

- DHS faulted over Washington area security coordination (24 June 04—Govexe.com)

- Saudi oil workers bemoan inad-

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equate security (14 June 04—UPI)

Many experts have admitted that its not about "if," but "when" the U.S. will suffer terrorist attacks. Some will be of the kind indicated in this point.

10) Expect in the future major persecution of God's people and attacks against God's work on Earth by a great false church and her sympathizers.

Analysis: In a sermon, shortly before he died, Garner Ted Armstrong spoke about Matthew 24 and verses 9-10 "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." He pointed out that these verses would manifest themselves in worldly churches as well as God's true churches. We are already seeing attacks on Christians throughout the

world. In addition, we are seeing new hate-crime legislation that could impact every sermon-giving minister, should they speak against homosexuality and now "sexual orientation" and "gender identity." All of this is a precursor to God's church facing this kind of persecution.

Recent Headlines:

- Wary China Cracks Down on Christians (29 June-NPR)

- Harsh persecution of Christians rife in Asia, says Catholic report (29 June-*Ecumenical News*)

- Saudis preach death to Jews, Christians (25 June-WorldNetDaily)

- Persecution, prison and torture for Christians (9 June-AsiaNews.it)

11) Look for this king of the south to push at the Beast power of Europe, such as an oil embargo, which would have to result in an immediate military occupation of the Middle East including the sources of oil.

Analysis: Clearly this is an event yet to take place. However, the seeds for it are already being planted. Reference the two posted "Word From" commentaries at our web site:

- Its All About Oil!

- EuroArmy – For War or Peace?

In these commentaries we show the dependence of Europe upon oil and one of the stated reasons for having forces for the EU, i.e., to protect the interests of this growing power bloc.

12) Look for the possibility that the invasion of Israel by the Beast power may masquerade to save the remaining Jews alive as a peacekeeping gesture rather than to occupy as if an enemy.

Analysis: This is one of the two key prophecies we are watching. It will herald the beginning of the Great Tribulation spoken of in Matthew 24 and Revelation 7. There have been a number of articles posted of nations in the Middle East asking for troops from the EU, NATO, the UN and others. Other articles record troop movements in and around the Middle East.

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World War?

...You can't be serious!

by Michael Burkert

For the thirty-eight years that I listened to Garner Ted Armstrong, he preached and taught that in the end times, the times we are currently in, the world will be a very unstable and hostile place. Wars and rumors of wars along with the other plagues and woes described in Scripture will rise to a crescendo. That the Third World War will be a NUCLEAR WAR is most likely in the offing. Who was he after all, to make such predictions? Where did he get this awful idea that this world will ever again mobilize for WORLD WAR, let alone NUCLEAR WAR?

Since 1945, the United States has been the most powerful nation the world has ever known. Certainly, other nations possessed great power and military prowess during "The American Century," yet it was the United States that GUARANTEED the peace around the world. Our forces have been stationed in countless nations around the world for decades. We've spent BILLIONS of our dollars to bolster-up weak, yet friendly nations over the years.

Many former servicemen and women can claim the title "Cold Warrior." Besides serving through two 'hot' wars myself, I served in both Europe and Asia, as part of the so-called "Vanguard of Freedom." Our national might was indeed impressive. As a young soldier, I was awed at the unbelievable firepower I saw unleashed against our communist enemies in Vietnam. Later, when I entered into aviation service, I witnessed firsthand the types of ordnance that was deliverable by our army at-

tack helicopters. I used to marvel and ask openly, "How could anyone EVER want to make war with the United States?"

In 1991, while serving in the first Gulf War, I witnessed firsthand, the carnage inflicted on the Iraqi Army as it fled Kuwait. Air raids conducted by aircraft of the British Royal Air Force and our U.S. Air Force ground attack fighters inflicted horrible casualties. The sight was absolutely mind-boggling, and to this day, I remember the stench in my nostrils of the dead lying in the sand for as far as I could see. Yet none of this is anything like what is going to soon take place in this world, prior to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Garner Ted Armstrong was able to predict the future because he was granted a unique gift from the Eternal God. He was granted the ability to understand just what the Bible says, and what it means. His unique gift allowed him to observe and witness current events, as they relate to Bible Prophecy. He had no "crystal ball," he was no "seer" or anything of the kind. He didn't predict the outcome of ballgames or races. He did warn anyone who would listen as to what's going to happen to the nations and this earth as we progress further into the End Times up and to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

For over fifty years he warned of the reunification of Germany, and an end to American domination in Western Europe. He knew that the Soviet Union WAS NOT THE BEAST POWER OF REVELATION. He fully understood that the Beast power will be the final coalition of 10-nations; the seventh and final establishment of the Roman

Empire.

He continually warned the United States, that our power and our pride would be broken. That process began with the Korean War, it progressed rapidly with the Vietnam War, and continues to this day with the war against terrorism. Clearly, the majority of the nations of this world are not behind our President's efforts to defeat Al-Qaeda, and ultimately Islamic terrorism. The support simply is not there. Neither candidate for the office of President of the United States, in Campaign 2004 is capable of mustering the aid of the European Union nations, in this war. So, what is the solution to this war? Do we carry on unilaterally, with the few nations still willing to help us, or do we quit? What's the cost in lives and treasure, if we continue to pursue the "war against terrorism"? What's the cost if we just sit back, and wait, as some would have us do, until we're attacked again?

Neither choice is a rosy solution to the problem of containing the terrorists. Continuing to pursue Al-Qaeda is going to cost the lives of more soldiers and marines. Each and every loss is a tragedy, yet THE LOSSES SUFFERED BY OUR NATION ON 9/11 CONSTITUTED 3,000 TRAGEDIES!

Ultimately, the United States may well elect a government which will choose to "end the war, and bring the troops home." Sadly, the result of good intentions may well increase the possibility of an all out conflagration being waged against us at home. It's not really up to us, to end the war. We don't have that option, despite the political rhetoric to the contrary.

How many more 9/11 attacks is the

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is still on.

Even the United Nations and European governments are trying desperately to convince Iran that enriching uranium is a bad idea. Israeli intelligence believes that Iran will possess nukes not later than 2008, at their current rate of development. Recent tests confirm that Iran is in possession of missiles capable of striking Israel!

America is under a constant, unrelenting threat of terror, as is the UK, Australia and all other nations brave enough to voice agreement or loyalty to the U.S. Since the horrific destruction and loss of life we all witnessed at the World Trade Center, U.S. security has had to be heightened over all forms of mass transportation, shipping terminals, and at all major events and landmarks. Whispered threats gleaned from some unknown web site bring about national warnings, massive security operations, and often succeed in changing people's plans to go to work or even go about their lives in the way they ordinarily would have. We're also seeing intelligence reports suggesting that al Qaeda is actively plotting an attack to rival or exceed 9-11 prior to the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

U.S. intelligence agencies suspect there are thousands of potential terrorists living quietly in our free society. Recent "sting" operations here in the United States have resulted in arrests of al Qaeda principals attempting to obtain rocket launchers and explosives. Untold others reside all over Europe, and that fact seems to have had a real impact upon the political behavior we've witnessed by the leadership there. With the palpable terrorist threat to infrastructure

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and populace, made all the more real by the railway station bombings in Madrid, European leaders seem to think their safest bet is to oppose, criticize and demean the United States at every opportunity. Europe has consistently tilted toward Arab viewpoints over the several decades

of Israel's existence, but there may be other reasons as well, as we may see as the burgeoning "oil for food" scandal plays out.

Most will recognize that this involves a UN program which was meant to supply the Iraqi people with carefully monitored income sufficient to supply basic food and medicine requirements at a time when an international embargo was in place, intended to deny Saddam Hussein the ability to use oil income for the purchase of weapons. It was a *colossal failure!* U.S. troops found stockpiles of French weapons in Iraq, such as Exocet missiles with recent manufacture dates stamped right on the housing! There are whispers that high-ranking UN diplomats and European heads of state used the program for personal enrichment while allowing Saddam to acquire the weaponry the embargo was designed to restrict! All this is "under investigation," and whether the truth of the matter is ever widely known is certainly subject to doubt.

Terror and the threats associated with it have directly or indirectly infiltrated countless aspects of American life. It has certainly had a dramatic economic impact! All aspects of the travel industry have suffered severe consequences, and the ripple

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United States willing to suffer, before we would lash out with a NUCLEAR response? Would we suffer one more attack, two, three? how many? We know that Iran is harboring Al-Qaeda operatives. We know that Iran is developing nuclear weapons, and already has the NO-DONG MISSILE, courtesy of the North Koreans. Do we give them a pass, in the name of "political correctness," and sacrifice any initiative we've already gained

through our current strategy?

Clearly, mankind is incapable of creating any form of lasting peace. Though we try, we will never succeed. Our last hope as a nation is to repent of our national sins, and make every effort to walk in the path that our Savior Jesus Christ implored us to do, over two thousand years ago. We won't do that however, and as a result, our national pride will soon be completely smashed, and our nation weakened to the point of irrelevance.

The current European Union will not survive for long. It too will ulti-

mately succumb to external pressures, terrorism, economic calamity and a reformation under a new strong central figure. With the passing of the United States from the world scene, the final coalition of 10-nations, all former members of the Roman Empire will emerge as the world's most powerful ULTRA SUPERPOWER.

This is not some "crystal ball" prediction. It's what your Bible has clearly revealed to us for centuries. Only now, events are shaping up to finally bring the end time prophecies to fruition and fulfillment. □

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effect has damaged many other areas of the national economy. Delta Airlines is warning of impending bankruptcy. Concerns over the reliability of the oil supply have fostered record-breaking oil prices. For nearly three years the subject of terrorism has dominated numerous aspects of our

daily news, from print to radio and television reports and now heated political debates as the presidential election draws near.

The dangers are everywhere it seems. The threats are so widespread they can scarcely be countered. So we see new metal detectors, X-ray machines, uniformed personnel outside building entries and concourses at the airports, outside skyscrapers,

financial exchanges, tunnels and bridges. But the *ultimate nightmare* goes well beyond all that. And that is the prospect of weapons of mass destruction falling under the control of terrorists or the radical regimes sharing their ideology, political and *religious* views.

President Bush has been accused of lying, going to war under false pre-

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A German school teacher I once spoke with at our local Volkswagen garage so decorously stated, "Why should we protect a few Jews, and INFURIATE our much vaster MUSLIM population?" I see his point, as I also am here to witness the growing "Islamization" of not only Germany, but also Europe as a whole. So what's to become of Germany's Jews? What of France's Jews or the rest of the Jewish populations of the so-called "liberal democracies"? Will the current tide of anti-Semitism end soon? Will the peoples of Europe FINALLY allow the Jews to live in peace and security? Hardly. Will the Jews ever be safe in Germany? Can they ever be safe in Europe? Sadly, the answer is no.

The tiny nation of Israel is the only safe haven for the vast majority of Jewish people. Outside of the United States, which also has a growing anti-Semitic problem, where else can Jews live in peace, freedom and security? Israel is the only place, yet support for Israel is on the decline. In fact, support for Israel is in a nosedive. Israel is ABSOLUTELY HATED by BILLIONS of people around the world! That hatred is not on the wane. Quite the contrary. The partisan press in our country, allied with the anti-Israel, anti-American and a growing anti-British world press continues to vilify the Israelis, while sugar coating the

atrocities perpetrated against Israelis by the Palestinians.

The World Court, under the auspices of the United Nations has ruled that the security wall Israel is building, to protect her citizens, must be torn down. Apparently, it's more palatable to the "esteemed justices" of the World Court to count dead Jews, than to protect them. The General Assembly of the United Nations voted to demand that Israel tear down the security wall. Only SIX member nations, one of which was the United States, voted in Israel's favor. That General Assembly vote said much. IT SAID THAT ANTI-SEMITISM IS ONCE AGAIN POPULAR, IN FASHION, AND ACCEPTABLE!

That we are in the End Times is becoming more and more obvious every day. How much time do we have? It's hard to say. The 25-nation European Union is unlikely to be able to sustain itself. The European Union is a liberal socialist union, which emphasizes the individual getting something for nothing. Social welfare programs are not decreasing in the EU. Driven largely by the French, social welfare benefits are on the increase. However, fewer people are working. Due to confiscatory tax policies, German industry is stagnant, and old line German firms such as Mercedes Benz, Walther Arms, Zeiss Cameras, and others are relocating manufacturing facilities to nations where favorable tax laws and less re-

strictive employment regulations favor doing business. Due to such high salaries, and low productivity, Lufthansa, the German National Airlines, is considering moving ALL of their scheduled maintenance facilities to a location outside of Germany.

The current unemployment figures that the German government will admit to, exceed 9.5 MILLION WORKERS. That's nearly double the unemployment figure when Hitler was VOTED into office. What made it possible for Hitler to become the Chancellor of Germany was ECONOMIC DISASTER. There's one on the radar-scope now.

Anti-Semitism may well become a rallying cry for a new German leader to rise up out of the European Union, and once again set Germany and a final coalition on course. Most of the woes and worries may again be blamed on the Jews again. You don't think it can happen? Did you ever think you'd see the Berlin Wall come down? Despite Garner Ted Armstrong insisting that it would, I never thought I'd see it in my lifetime. Yet that wall came down.

The problem with anti-Semitism is that discrimination against one religious group rarely ends there. You can count on rising anti-Semitism in Germany, the rest of Europe and eventually the United States.

It may well play importantly into the end time scenario predicted in Bible prophecy. □

tences, sacrificing American lives for the benefit of business interests because of the failure of the U.S. forces to locate and capture weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. We've seen and heard the arguments waged endlessly by reporters and political pundits on all sides of the debate. A point rarely invoked is that the U.S. *telegraphed* the invasion of Iraq for a full year prior to taking action! Certainly a few 50 gallon barrels of anthrax or other deadly agents could have been adequately concealed in the vast desert or transported out of the country during the extended period we begged for UN approval.

The gold gilded Dome of the Rock is the most familiar landmark identified with Jerusalem. The edifice stirs strong emotions among both Jews and Muslims. It occupies the Temple Mount along with the Al Aqsa Mosque. It is the site of Solomon's temple, built to be a permanent structure to replace the temporary tabernacle which housed the ark of the covenant, and that is thought to be at least near or perhaps upon the place where God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Solomon's temple was at the very heart of Israel's culture, and it stood 410 years before being destroyed by Babylonian king Nebudchadnezzar over five hundred years before Christ.

The temple in which Christ taught, known as the Herodian temple was again destroyed by the Roman armies of Titus in 70 A.D. There are at least a handful of organizations dedicated to the task of rebuilding the temple, and restoring the original customs of worship.

Numerous articles have appeared over recent days and weeks which carry dire warnings regarding the potential for attacks against the Dome of the Rock and the al Aqsa Mosque, which straddle the famed Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The stories coincide with the annual Jewish com-

memoration and period of mourning related to the successive destructions of the temples known as Tish'a Be'av. Reuters wire service carried an article entitled, *Israeli Minister Warns of Attack on Jerusalem Shrine*. Other titles include, *Temple Mount Activist Says Blowing Up Dome of Rock is "Worthy Act"*; *Jewish Groups: Raze Mosques, Rebuild Temple*; *Israeli Minister Warns of Attack on Jerusalem Shrine*; *Officials: Jewish Extrem-*

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ists May Crash Plane on Temple Mount. Another article suggests that a *Muslim extremist* might execute an attack against the mosques in order that Israel would reap the whirlwind! Some of the claims represented in the headlines may be somewhat sensational. But there is no doubt, the Temple Mount is a flash point of controversy between Muslims and Jews, and also of extreme importance to Christians because of the central role events there are predicted to play in end-time prophecies.

The Al Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock are considered "holy places" by the entirety of the Muslim world. Those two edifices are regarded as a desecration of the Temple Mount by those who adhere to the Jewish faith. Christians and Jews recognize that unfulfilled prophecies

contained in the book of Daniel indicate that changes from the current status quo will *have to occur* prior to the coming of the Messiah.

It is a foregone conclusion that the entirety of the Muslim world would react with violent outrage if any harm should come to the mosques. There is grave concern that any such event would trigger massive military exchanges in the Middle East, and no doubt elsewhere in the world that could lead to World War III, as is suggested in the headline of another article carried on the PRWeb wire service, *Will the Temple Mount in Jerusalem Lead to World War III?*

The Temple Mount is the most controversial piece of real estate in the world. It is impossible to overstate its importance historically, and now, *prophetically*. It has been fought over for thousands of years, and may well lead to attacks and retaliations in the future. The difference now is the massive destructive power the would-be combatants have at their disposal.

Some have opined that World War III began with the downing of the trade towers, and that it is an unwinnable guerilla war between radical Islam and the entirety of the developed world. The prophecies of Daniel 9 and Matthew 24 indicate that some form of temple will be in existence at the time of a coming period of *great tribulation*. As Garner Ted Armstrong wrote, "If one takes literally what Jesus Christ said, and what Paul wrote, it appears a temple is yet to be built in Jerusalem!" Such a change from the current configuration cannot be peacefully achieved. It would place all humanity at the brink of world war!

For a detailed understanding of Bible prophecies dealing with a temple to be extant in the future, feel free to request a copy of *The Long Tradition of Prophetic Insight and Accuracy*. □

Letters:

Dear Staff,
Regarding "Your Daily Start," this is very amazing stuff – thanks for your efforts and for sharing all of this with us daily. You're doing a wonderful job. *S. S. in Tennessee*

Dear Sir,
I was extremely pleased to see Garner Ted's broadcast. His sermons are powerful. *V.P. in Alabama*

Dear Mr. Mark Armstrong and contributing writers to the *21st Century WATCH* - This first edition since the death of our beloved

leader, Garner Ted, is quite remarkable in that it packs more punch in one periodical than I have ever read before. Every article was of the highest quality in all aspects of writing. Can hardly wait for the next issue but in the meantime will be reading and re-reading this one. Thanks so much for sending it to us. Just excellent!

J. & D. G. in British Columbia

Dear Staff,
I recently reread the booklet *Heaven On Earth*. I was amazed all over again at the wonderful Truth of God and Mr. Ted Armstrong's ability to tell it so eloquently and

explicitly. Thank you, for printing and broadcasting the wonderful, meaningful, awesome, delightful Truth of God. Keep on keepin' on! Garner Ted's gift of teaching, writing, speaking God's Truth must not be silenced, although he is no longer with us. You folks are doing a good job of keeping it out there. *K. C., USA*

Dear Sir,
Thank you very much for this. I really appreciate it so much! Am really looking forward to reading *Peter's Story* and the next issue of *21st Century WATCH*.
N. M. in the USA □

A Scorecard

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Resources: Two Key Prophecies—Jerusalem Compassed with Armies section at the EA web site.

Recent Headlines: (all these stories and more posted in Two Key Prophecies as noted above)

- PA asks for international troops (3/09/04)
- Background Report: The German Armed Forces heading toward taking the offensive (1/13/04)
- EU ponders security link with Middle East (12/10/03)
- EU: Greater Role Sought In Mid-east Peace Process (7/29/03)

13) Watch for increasing earthquakes in diverse places, disease epidemics, and regional wars around the world; China might invade Taiwan, North Korea might invade South Korea, the Philippines or Vietnam or North Korea might invade each other to try to obtain the Spratley Islands. Look for an increase in heavenly signs such as meteor showers, and comets that might occur.

Analysis: One look at our End Time News section and its Headline Archive shows that we are seeing increases in incidents and/or intensity of earthquakes, pestilence, wars and

heavenly signs.

Resources:

Visit our End Time News Sources page for a number of sources to track any of these elements.

For Heavenly Signs:

Space Weather (www.space-weather.com/)

NOAA Space Environment Center (www.sec.noaa.gov/)

Daily Sunspot Summaries (www.sec.noaa.gov/ftpmenu/forecasts/SRS.html)

Recent Headlines from our Headline Archive:

- Pestilence: Superbug deaths 'set to double' (6/22/04—BBC)
- Earthquakes: Powerful earthquake (7.0) jolts southeast Alaska (6/28/04—*The Associated Press*)
- Wars & Rumors of Wars: Dozens killed in military clash in Nigeria (6/28/04—*London Free Press*)
- Famines: Million hit by drought in Kenya (6/18/04—BBC)

14) Look for the eventual time when the work of God is going to be put down and out and will be censored and will be unable, anymore, to shout a witness and a warning.

Analysis: For God's servants and churches, this is the culminating event. It will take place shortly before or as the Great Tribulation be-

gins. At this point, we enter the "famine of the Word" (Amos 8:11). It will mark the beginning of the Work for the prophesied two witnesses (Revelation 11).

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations (Rev 13:7).

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD" (Amos 8:11).

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three-score days, clothed in sackcloth" (Revelation 11:3).

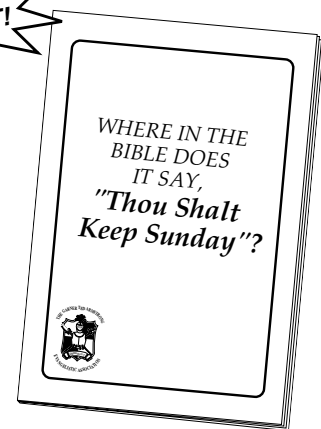
When this web site is no longer accessible, assume this 14th point to be upon us. Until then, watch, as we are watching.

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me" (Ezekiel 33:2).

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36). □

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- Tampa, FL—WTTA, 6:00 a.m., Mon., Eastern
- Paducah/Cape Girardeau, KY—Fox 23/KBSI, ch. 9, 7:00 a.m., Sun., ch. 49, 8:30 a.m., Wed., Eastern
- New Orleans, LA—WGNO-ABC, 6:30 a.m., Sun., Central
- Hattiesburg, MS—WHLT, 6:30 a.m., Sun., Eastern
- Dallas/Ft. Worth/Denton, TX, KFWO ch. 52 or Dish Network 8409 or Direct TV 901, 6:30 AM, Wed., Central
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- Huntsville, AL—WZDX, 6:30 a.m., Mon., Eastern
- Norfolk, VA—WTVZ, 7:00 a.m., Fri., Eastern



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- St. Paul, MN—SPNN, 11:00 p.m. Sun., Central
- Austin, TX—Cable Access-Austin, 4:00 p.m., Mon., Central
- Kansas City—Time Warner, 5:30 a.m., Fri., Central
- Norfolk, VA—WTVZ, 6:30 a.m., Mon., Eastern
- Olympia, WA—TCTV cable, ch. 22, 9:00 a.m., Sun. & 2:25 p.m., Thurs., Pacific
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- Macon, GA—Public Broadcasting, 7:00 a.m., Fri. and 12:00 noon, Sun., Eastern

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- Fordyce, AR—KBJT AM 1570, 10:30 a.m., Sun., Central
- Brandon, MS—AM 970, 8:00 a.m., Sun., Central
- Temple / Waco, TX—KTEM, 10:00 a.m., Sun., Central
- Wheeling, WV—WWVA AM, 8:00 a.m., Sun., Eastern

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