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into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the

stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of

the congregation, in the sides of the north: I

will ascend above the heights of the clouds;

I will be like the most High. (Isaiah 14:13–14)

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The Crisis Awaits

By Terry James, guest columnist

all power:

President Obama recently made the statement, in effect, that anyone who tells us the economic situation in the United States is not getting better is "peddling fiction." This he said despite the fact that the debt clock is ticking at a rate that will soon have Americans and generations to come owing beyond \$20 trillion. Extrapolated out over an extended number of years, some economists are saving unfunded liabilities of this nation amount to in excess of \$200 trillion.

Like it or not, believe it or not, you and I are being swept along by the tide of human

history toward something profoundly ominous. Hourly news accounts, no matter how much they've been doctored to try to present a recovering national and global economic

picture, engender fearful concerns about thinas to come.

It is almost impossible to grasp the causes and effects of the evil shaping and moving America and the world toward a destiny the supposed best minds on the planet can't determine. However, that inability to define the problems, much less find solutions, doesn't stop them from making seemingly wild stabs at trying to channel all of us into a drastically changed economic national and world order.

But, are their attempts really wild stabs, or is there a method to their madness?

History is replete with attempts to reshape national and even global economic realities. Money equals power and power exerts control upon this fallen planet. Power is the ultimate endgame of all who seek it for themselves.

Henry Kissinger put it this way: "Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac."

The declaration can be understood in recalling the most ancient of accounts of an

named Lucifer aspired-hasn't changed since the serpent first told Eve that she and Adam would be like God if they ate "He who does not remember history is

from the fruit of the forbidden tree (see Genesis 3:5). Tracing the serpent's trail of power condemned to repeat it." madness to a later time chapter 11), Nimrod was the

would-be one-world-order builder of his day, following the Great Flood of Noah's time. He, like every megalomaniac since, lusted for God-like power.

Man's lust for power continues to grow; he has not learned the lessons of the past because, as a whole, he regards the Word of God as irrelevant to the governance of the earth. One philosopher of renown, George Santayana, put it this way: "He who does not remember history is condemned to repeat it."

The corruption that God saw and condemned in antediluvian times, which caused Him to destroy all upon the earth except eight people, has again reached a dangerous level. Dictators prove the truth of another bit of philosophical wisdom, this by Lord Edward Acton: "All power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

In my estimation, we see this level of power being sought in the words and actions of the current presidential administration. Circumventing the U.S. Constitution at every

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opportunity because this president has "a phone and a pen" poses a danger to this republic. To at the same time have another branch of government that is supposed to act as a check and balance to an outof-control executive, yet does nothing to present opposition, creates real and present danger to this nation.

While mainstream media types of network and cable seemingly sway acceptingly in the mesmerizing economic flute notes of

the charmer the real peddler of fiction — the immediate future looks ominously bleak, according to true financial experts who are without the benefit of the mainstream's

ubiquitous microphones and cameras to get out their warning. The nation and the world are about to experience economic collapse the likes of which has never occurred, is their message.

These are most all in agreement. There will come a trigger point, or a tipping point. This will be one moment in time, and it will prick the immense financial bubble that the money powers that be have manipulated to this point of crisis we face.

My own belief continues to be that it is God's great hand of control rather than the wouldbe economic masters that has prevented the bubble from bursting. The crisis awaits the

The economic gurus at the highest levels – in human terms and in supernatural, satanic terms – seem to be preparing a system of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). They want to do away with physical currency and go to the cashless,

burst the bubble.

go to the cashless, computer system so they can carry out their sleightof-hand, monetary m a c h i n a t i o n s electronically.

The marks-andnumbers system of

economics of Revelation 13:16-18 is more than just on the drawing board. We are seeing it come to pass in our daily news. All that is required for its implementation is the crisis that will bring it forward. I am convinced that crisis will be created by the Rapture of all who name the name of Christ.

moment in time when the Lord. Himself, will

If one studies carefully the news of late,

it becomes clear that the term "cashless

system" is coming more and more into vogue.

(Note from Jan: My thanks to Terry James for being my guest columnist this issue. He heads the popular end-time website www. raptureready.com. He and his co-editor, Todd Strandberg, have been close ministry associates for years. They have keen insights into the lateness of the hour. This article was used with permission.)

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OLIVETREEMINISTRIES Who Are The Masters of Deceit?

By Jan Markell

There is an agenda going on. Since the beginning of time there has been a conflict between good and evil. But now the agenda is so precarious that a new film says America is at the most vulnerable time since the Revolutionary War. When there is vulnerability, people become afraid, and then *they ask government to do more.*

Filmmaker Curtis Bowers did not believe there was a Communist agenda in the early 1990s. The Soviets had been brought down by Ronald Reagan. The Berlin Wall came down. But then he learned of the 45 Communist goals in a book by Cleon Skousen written in 1958 and he started on a journey. It resulted in two films that are an expose' of the Marxist agenda to take down America. His newest is just out and we carry it: "Agenda 2: Masters of Deceit."

THE PLAN: MAKE GOVERNMENT GOD

The agenda to take America down began over 100 years ago. It originated with Marx and Engels but Vladimir Lenin put things into practice a century ago. They are installing it in increments, thus the term "progressivism." As Lenin said, they can't get their agenda through all at one time so they compromise. It's okay if it takes 100 or 200 years. They are patient.

But we must be taken out of the way. America is the last stumbling block to world Communism. The agenda is to transfer what God gave to the family, church and state to a godless Marxist road map. *The agenda is to make government god.*

A FIGHT FOR CIVILIZATION

Following WWII, Germany was "de-Nazified." All vestiges of Nazism were removed. When Reagan brought down the Soviets, the KGB was not brought down. Everything was left intact. So they slithered into their caves but continued to plan on world domination. *The evil empire*



never really went away.

Now Vladimir Putin is bringing the goal of world domination back to the forefront, and we have no world power or global leader to push him back. In fact, today's Left just encourages the evil empire to flourish.

The Left doesn't care what people think. They disguise their totalitarian agenda behind words like "justice" and "fairness." Yet, the only fair outcome they want is their way imposed upon you. They will use every means necessary starting with

the abolition of God. Progressive bullies will tell you what to do, what to think, and how to live. They do not care about the poor, Blacks, Muslims, kids, or babies. They care ONLY about their agenda.

And a free America is all that stands in the way of those who want global Communism. We have always been an obstacle to their agenda. But it's not just a fight for America, it is a fight for civilization.

PARTS OF THE AGENDA YOU NEED TO KNOW

1) Children must be made into useful idiots through public education. They must have the collectivist mindset. And with Bill Ayers & Co writing curriculum, *continued on page 5...*

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they stand no chance. Children are being held captive.

2) Create dependency! *Dictatorship always follows dependency.* That's the goal of dependency.

3) Socialize medicine. But it is not about healthcare, it is about tyranny. Ration care—particularly withhold from those who don't follow the party line.

4) Infiltrate the political parties. The Left has now been taken over, although your average Democrat still thinks they are voting for Harry Truman or JFK.

5) Make people long for Socialism, but Socialism never works—only Marxism works as it will be enforced with the barrel of a gun.

6) Emphasize that taxing the rich is good for a country and that it will stimulate the economy. It never does.

7) Invade the seminaries and divinity schools. Corrupt them with the Leftist agenda. Get them to focus on "social justice" and saving the planet. Get the focus off of saving souls.

8) Invade the World and National Council of Churches and subvert evangelicalism. Get them all to worship the gospel of environmentalism.

9) Honor Gorbachev's "Green Cross" even though he destroyed the environment in the Soviet Union. He will save America's environment, nonetheless. Gorbachev is really all about big government, a bigger U.N. and much less freedom.

10.) Pretend there is always a crisis and then never let a good crisis go to waste. But there may not really be a crisis.

11.) Exalt the United Nations and its offshoots like "Agenda 21." 12.) Come up with an "Earth Charter" and an "Ark of Hope" that resembles the Ark of the Covenant. Place gifts in this and treat it as sacred.

13.) Make sure the "village" (government) raises the children and in the process, destroy the family and all views of traditional marriage. Promote obscenity and immorality.

14.) Promote change and a new society.

ENTER ANTICHRIST?

As one film commentator says, if America goes down, the entire free world goes down. *Is that the entry point for the Antichrist?* Possibly. We don't know that this man of lawlessness will be a Marxist but it is possible. He will be a global dictator.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn said that the Communists took over Russia because Russia forgot God. History shows us what happens when government is allowed to be god. It is not a pretty picture.

GOD LAUGHS AT THEM

God hates this agenda. He loves all mankind, even the God-haters, but He sits in the Heavens and laughs at their efforts (see Psalm 2). If they do not repent, their day of judgment is coming.

There is an agenda. Curtis Bowers has sounded a warning. He has fired a shot across the bow.

To hear our two-part radio series with Curtis Bowers, visit www.olivetreeviews. org and then "Complete Archives." The programming aired February 20 and February 27.

I hope you will heed his warnings and consider purchasing the DVD on our products pages.

OLIVETREEMINISTRIES The Exodus: Why it Matters

By Jan Markell

What will you do when your child or grandchild comes home from high school or college and says that the Exodus

never happened? Millions are no longer just taking God's Word as fact. But if the Exodus isn't true, can anything be trusted? To the real skeptics—and particularly to Millennials they need proof.

It took filmmaker Tim Mahoney 12 years to make the award-winning film "Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus". He is not an archaeologist but he left no stone unturned.

A debate rages over the credibility of the Bible. Most

archaeologists today have concluded that there is no evidence that the Exodus of Israelite slaves from Egypt ever happened. Mahoney himself faced a crisis of faith and launched his fact-finding journey on film. The production unlocks the mystery of this ancient saga, combining a scientific investigation with a retelling of the Exodus story to reveal an amazing pattern of evidence matching the biblical account that may challenge our understanding of history.

The two-hour film includes interviews of leading archaeologists and other experts in this field. It includes an interview with Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister.

Christianity and Judaism rest squarely on the historicity of the Moses account. Learn why this is being challenged at a time when we need every word the Bible has to say. Learn why you can always trust the Bible. If God said it, we can believe it—even though the skeptics and their accusations rage. Follow the evidence and the patterns of evidence.

Jesus referred to manna in the wilderness and the burning bush and that's good

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enough for most Christians, but others want more evidence. While your faith may not depend on archaeology, someone else's might. To you, the Bible is God's unadulterated Word. To others it is a book of legends.

Learn how you can fight back against the mounting pressure from academia and the Godless Left that the Bible is a book of fables. Yes, the Exodus happened, but learn to defend the faith. You might be called

on to do this more every day in our current climate of skepticism, doubt and denial. The Christian worldview is under assault 24/7, and we need to be prepared to make a rational, reasonable defense of the truth of the faith.

Find this DVD on our resource pages in this magazine or in our online store at www.olivetreeviews.org. Or call us M – F CST at 763-559-4444.



Filmmaker Tim Mahoney and Jan Markell in our radio studio in suburban Minneapolis.

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Congresswoman Michele Bachmann

The prophets in the Old Testament, they longed to look into the days that we live in, they longed to be a part of these days. That's why these are not fearful times. These are the most exciting days in history. This is about the Lord speaking to the world, saying, "I am coming soon."

Dr. David Reagan, Lamb Lion Ministries

An Internet video is just the most recent example of how Pope Francis has abandoned any notion that a salvation relationship with God can be established only through faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

In March of 2013, shortly after his election to the papacy, Pope Francis declared that Christians and Muslims worship the same God. In June of 2014, he authorized Islamic prayers and readings from the Quran at Vatican services. And in November of 2015, he denounced the "fundamentalists" in Christianity who "believe in absolute truth."

Why is all of this so important? Because the Bible teaches that the Antichrist will use a one-world religion to help establish and consolidate his worldwide, anti-God kingdom. Pope Francis is obviously being used by Satan to clear the path for that apostate religion — and that development, in turn, is just one more sign that we are living in the season of the Lord's return.

Hal Lindsey, author, commentator

"Northern Thunder," a cooperative military exercise or "war games," is now underway in northern Saudi Arabia. What's unprecedented is its size and scope, the number of nations involved, and who those nations are. More than 25 countries, 350,000 soldiers, almost 2,500 fighter aircraft, 20,000 tanks, and more than 450 attack helicopters are practicing how to coordinate an attack.

What makes this unique is that these are the nations described in Daniel 11 as the coalition led by the "King of the South" in the run-up to Armageddon. And they've never in history joined forces in this manner or on this scale.

Gary Bauer, President, American Values

All across America, abortion clinics are closing at a record pace. According to a new *Bloomberg* analysis, more than 160 abortion mills have shut down since 2011, while just 21 have opened.

Planned Parenthood took a big hit: Of all the facilities in the nation that closed or stopped performing [abortions], about a third were operated by Planned Parenthood.

The primary cause for the closures was the success of state-level pro-life initiatives. State regulations that make it too expensive or logistically impossible for facilities to remain in business drove more than a quarter of the closings.

These important pro-life victories reflect the hard work and dedication of pro-life activists, volunteers and voters. Congratulations, my friends! We are making a difference for the cause of life!

Pastor Andy Woods, pastor and commentator

America is under strong delusion and under the judgment of God. Our nation has been given over to what it wants. America is under a deluding influence. Such a deleterious condition cannot be remedied with better and more aggressive public policy arguments. The Scripture teaches that people can go so far in their sin that God finally removes His hand of restraint upon them and finally gives them over to what they want to do. This is the very thing that happened to Pharaoh in the Old Testament after hardening his own heart several times against God.

God finally hardened Pharaoh's heart and gave Pharaoh over to what he wanted to do. This removal of divine restraint as a sign of judgment upon a culture is also the key

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theme of Romans 1:18–32. In this troubling section of the Bible, after people no longer see fit to retain the knowledge of God, God is said to repeatedly give them over to the sins that they are so eager to commit.

Further evidence of God withdrawing his hand from America might also be found in the recent deaths of former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and theologian Dr. Charles Ryrie. Both of these men were similar in their ambition to honor authorial intent. They were both giants in their respective fields. What Scalia was to the field of Constitutional interpretation, Ryrie was to the field of biblical theology. Yet, within the span of a few days, as both men passed, these lights to the culture were removed by the hand of God.

Our Readers And Listeners Respond

Thank you, Jan, for being a faithful voice out in the midst of all the chaos. I don't feel so alone when I hear my inner thoughts talked about and answered on your radio program heard on *American Family Radio Network*. I am excited about the return of our Bridegroom.—Pam, e-mail

I have learned so much from your radio program. I told my entire Bible study about it and not one was interested. They seem to want to remain in the dark. I guess it is safer. Please don't quit, though.—Jane, e-mail

Jan, we read your headlines daily and listen to the program weekly and are so grateful for the truth we read and hear. Your website is one-stop shopping.—Sharon

Allow me to say thank you for all the topics and informative broadcasts you have done and continue to do. I installed the One Place app and *"Understanding the Times"* is my favorite program on One Place.—Nikki, e-mail

Your program and ministry helps me be a watchman on the wall. Can't thank you enough for helping me watch and wait. Your radio program is an eye-opener!—Ina

Jan, just wanted you to know how much your radio ministry means to me. You have lit a fire under me. I am reading everything I possibly can, particularly about end-times and what it means for Israel and Christians. Our Bible study leader closed in prayer praying fervently for the abused Palestinians and we were dismayed. I have listened to hours and hours of your archived radio broadcasts on your website. You have helped me spot frauds and wolves who hide among the flock. Keep speaking when others stay silent!— Janet, e-mail

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OLIVETREEMINISTRIES Obama: King of the World?

By Jan Markell

Barack Obama doesn't just want to fundamentally transform America. His sights are on the world. Many stories are breaking that he aspires to become the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Such talk is no longer Internet rumor.

We hear a lot about global government today, and we do not know if this will be represented by the United Nations. Since we are late in the eschatological game, we

probably don't have time for another body to rise up and control this world government.

Those who defend the notion of a world government claim that it would be a benign federation of nations structurally similar to our

federal government. It is touted as the solution to all of society's ills. We can wipe away war, poverty, and all injustice. There would absolutely be no want. They suggest this would perpetuate global peace and prosperity. The truth is, it would be an Orwellian nightmare.

The Beast

In Revelation 13, John sees the "beast," also called the Antichrist, rising out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns. This corresponds with Daniel 7. Some kind of world system will be inaugurated by the beast. Many theologians conclude that this will be a one-world government.

It is hard to imagine how such a diverse system of government would willingly subjugate themselves to a single ruler. How would Communism, capitalism, democracy, and Islam all get along? The Antichrist would have the power to make this happen or dissolve all of these systems and blend them into one. He will have Satanic power to do this.

When does this world ruler ascend to his throne? Many conclude it will be when the



disasters and plagues described in mid-Revelation are playing out in a devastating way. Others feel it makes more sense that he will seize control right after the chaos of the Rapture.

The current U.N. Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon's term is set to end on December 31, 2016. Barack Obama is available on January 21, 2017.

Enter Bibi Netanyahu

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, working with moderate Arab nations, is on record as saying, "Isn't eight years of having Obama in office enough? Eight years in which heignored Israel. And now he wants to be in a position that is

liable to cause us hardship in the international arena."

Will He Be "King of the World"?

Some are suggesting that if Obama pursues this agenda and gets it he will consider himself "king of the world". *Investors Business Daily* warned over a year and a half ago that President Obama wasn't about to spend his post-presidency time building houses like Jimmy Carter. There were signs that he would seek to become head of the U.N.

An Israeli newspaper recently ran a cartoon with this "king of the world" theme.

A covenant will be made with Israel (Daniel 9) and a world body during the Tribulation. The Antichrist will make a covenant, then break that covenant, with Israel, during the Tribulation.

The U.S. Under U.N. Authority?

Would Obama place the U.S. under U.N. authority? As a presidential candidate in 2007 he wrote, "The security and well *continued on page 10...*

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being of every American depends on the security and well being of those who live beyond our borders. The mission of the United States is to provide global leadership grounded in the understanding that the world shares a common security and a common humanity."

For the mostly undemocratic powers represented in the U.N., having a former U.S. President who serves their interests, for all intents and purposes "King of the World," would be a dream come true. Never has the head of a major world power served in this role. Rules and traditions would likely have to be broken.

Addicted to the Roar

Canada's National Post asks, "What post-presidency career would Obama consider worthy of his future attention and efforts? Few jobs of Olympian prestige are available, and his self-admittedly vast self-esteem might diminish the list still further. We agree with a number of other observers that Obama has his sights set on the office of United Nations Secretary-General."

Barack Obama will wave a reluctant goodbye. *He is addicted to the roar.* He will never forsake the spotlight he loves so much.

Pinning the Tail on the Antichrist

We are not privileged to know if any U.N. role will be played out by the Antichrist. Those who continually play the "pin the tail on the Antichrist" game are only guessing.

Only God knows who these end-time kingpins will be. His partner is called the False Prophet. Are they alive and well? Likely so.

We don't know if this transition at the U.N. will happen in 2017. If it does, Barack Obama will become the most dangerous man in the world. And possibly, the most powerful.

The timing of this is diabolical as the world awaits a savior to solve its many problems.

The Remnant Church

By Eunice Wold

Pastor David Barnhart of Abiding Word Ministries doesn't shy away from the truth. Recently, he made this bold statement: The same sins that are destroying America are also destroying our churches. The majority of churches in this nation have strayed so far from God, they are no longer capable of distinguishing between good and evil. Like the nation, churches are writing their own rules and keeping God at arm's length. It is my belief that because so much of the church is spiritually bankrupt, the future of our nation now rests in the hands of the remnant church and trulv committed Christians. However. history reminds us that God has never relied on huge majorities to accomplish His purposes. Most often He looked for only a few people or even just one person

with the courage to walk in obedience to His truth.

A new kind of church is emerging. These churches don't all look alike. They have different names – remnant groups – house churches – organic churches. They're small,



Eunice Wold

simple churches that are committed to being the Church of Jesus Christ in these last days.

In the book of Acts, we see a model for these churches. At Pentecost, when 3,000 people decided to follow Jesus in one day, how could the small band of Jesus' followers possibly disciple that many new believers? They couldn't.

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So they met in small groups all over Jerusalem. They were a community of people who were wildly in love with Jesus – not an institution devoted to buildings and programs. Occasionally they met together in big celebrations on the porch of Solomon's Temple, but primarily they gathered in each other's homes, crowding into living rooms and gardens – wherever they could find space. They spent time praising God for sending Jesus, sharing meals, celebrating the Lord's Supper, encouraging each other, and praying together.

And the result was astonishing! Acts 2:47 says, "Each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved."

We are living in the last days, and more and more people are feeling a stirring in their spirits for that kind of church.

• They don't want a superficial faith or mediocre Christianity. They take seriously the words of Jesus to the church at Laodicea: ...because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth... (Revelation 3:15-17).

• They feel a sense of urgency that time is running out to reach people for Jesus. We are in the last days, and Acts 4:12 needs to be the clarion call: There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them.

• They recognize that spiritual warfare is real. Satan is a powerful spirit-being with a clear agenda in mind – to steal, kill, and destroy – and to take as many people as possible to hell with him. Ephesians 6:12-13 is clear: Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God.

• They want to hear the entirety of God's Word. They're tired of weak and politically-correct preaching and teaching that has resulted in a weak and immature body of believers. 2 Timothy 4:3 prophesied of these days: A time is coming when people will no longer listen to right teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever they want to hear. They will reject the truth.

• They want to learn to pray deeper and more powerful prayers. They believe that prayer works, but they want to learn more about how to stand firmly on God's promises and expect His answers. James 5:16 says: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.

• They want to be on the front line. They say along with Paul: *I am not* ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes; first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. (Romans 1:16).

Are you feeling a stirring in your spirit for something more? If you're interested in learning more about Remnant churches – or you want to explore the possibility of beginning one in your area, I'd love to talk with you. Give me a call at 763-567-8626 or send me an email at eunice@ olivetreeviews.org.

(Eunice Wold joined Olive Tree Ministries in August and is now focusing on church outreach and ministering to small groups. Watch for her study guide available by midsummer: "*Are We Living in the Last Days*?" It might be suitable for your small group. She is available to come to your church. She has spent 25 years in church ministry and has a Master of Divinity degree.)

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