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Staying Sane in the Midst of Calamity

By Gary Kah, guest columnist

NOTE FROM JAN: Each issue I like to feature one or more guest columnists who understands our times and presents thoughts from distinct perspectives that blend with this ministry. Gary Kah has been a conference speaker of mine in 2009 and 2010 and is one of my most-frequent radio guests. He has cutting-edge insight. The following article is from his winter 2016 print newsletter which is subscription-based. More information can be found at www.garykah.org. This article has been shortened to fit into the formatting of our newsletter and it is used with permission. —Jan Markell

The world has gone completely mad! Nothing seems to be even remotely normal anymore. Men are marrying other men. Pairs of women are starting their own families and having babies via artificial insemination. Pornography and pedophilia are rampant, and bestiality is becoming accepted.

On the economic front, entire countries are facing bankruptcy. Greece, Portugal, Spain, Ireland, Argentina and Puerto Rico are all on the brink of collapse. And the United States is living on the edge—with almost \$19 trillion of federal debt and over \$100 trillion of total debt. Default seems inevitable in the not-too-distant future. Each child currently born in the U.S. inherits almost \$300,000 of debt at the time they draw their first breath. What an entangled mess.

CLIMATE CHANGE TREATY PAVES WAY FOR GLOBAL GOVERNMENT

Meanwhile, world leaders are hell-bent on creating an international bureaucracy (i.e. world government) to “solve” climate change by mandating and enforcing changes in our laws and freedoms. The new climate treaty signed in Paris recently paves the way for a comprehensive system of global government that will affect every area of our lives.

It is Satanic at its core and will help set the stage for the Antichrist to assume power at just the “right” moment when the world is experiencing created crises on every side. The hyped panic over earth’s environmental condition has long been one of the chief tools in Satan’s arsenal to deceive the masses into ultimately accepting global government as the only solution to the “dire” situation.

Then there is Islamic terrorism and the fact that tens of thousands of us could perish this year at the hands of demonic lunatics who believe they will be rewarded by their false god in eternity for blowing themselves and others up.

The current situation was accurately foretold by Jesus in Matthew 24. But the fact is, we are not at the end yet.

We are at the beginning of the end. We are witnessing the birth pangs of which Jesus spoke. Our Lord gave us these prophecies so we could be forewarned and prepared for the difficult times that would unfold and lead up to his actual physical return.

The most important question right now is, “What is it that God would have us do as Christians living in these turbulent yet prophetic times?” Here are some thoughts the Lord put before me this past week as I prayerfully contemplated this.

BE A SHINING EXAMPLE

There is no doubt that God wants his people to be salt and light wherever He places them. Jesus said, “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.” (Matthew 5:16) This means we are to model the likeness of Jesus Christ to our peers in the workplace, to our fellow students, and among our neighbors, friends, and relatives.

We must realize that we are a constant living

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testimony for Jesus. But is our testimony one that draws on-lookers closer to the Lord, or that pushes them further away? Our witness, as far as it depends on us, must be above reproach. This can only be accomplished with a strong dependence on the Holy Spirit and will never happen unless we have a close, personal walk with the Lord.

In order to set a consistent godly example in an ungodly world, we must be ever mindful of the fact alluded to by Peter, that as followers of Jesus we are strangers in this world. This is not our permanent home; we are merely passing through.

James, likewise, warned about getting too caught up in the affairs of this world, stating, "What is your life (on the earth)? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (James 4:14b)

BE INFORMED, NOT OVERWHELMED

Let us continue to make a reasonable effort to be informed Christians. We must know the truth to take an effective stand on doctrinal matters as well as the important issues of our day—which we are to do if we are truly Christ's ambassadors in this world

But at the same time, let's not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the news of the day. Rather, let's use today's headlines as an opening to speak God's truth into each situation. By doing so, we demonstrate our confidence that God is in control and will have the last word, while reflecting the inner peace that passes understanding (Phil. 4:7)

which comes from our strong faith and trust in Him.

If we become fearful and panicked, it destroys our witness for Christ among those around us. God has made clear throughout Scripture that we ought never to fret. The inspired Psalmist wrote,

"Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass, they will soon wither, like green plants, they will soon die away....."

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

"Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land." (Psalm 37:1, 7-9)

SURRENDER OUR HUMAN TENDENCY TO FEAR

We must on a daily basis, surrender our human tendency to fear, and replace it with trust and confidence in the Lord's sovereign ability to maneuver our lives and keep us in the center of His will, despite the darkness swirling around us. *Therefore, as we enter 2016, which is likely to be a perilous and calamitous year, may we keep these comforting truths at the forefront of our minds while applying God's unfailing principles to whatever circumstances we face.*

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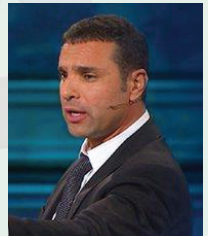
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Amir is a gifted Bible prophecy teacher from Israel who was a conference favorite in October, 2015. He heads the ministry "Behold Israel." Learn more at www.beholdisrael.org.



Bill Koenig, White House correspondent

Bill Koenig is one of our most frequent conference guests since 2002. He is an author, journalist, and the best commentator on our times from a Biblical perspective. He directs the news site www.watch.org.



Dr. Mark Hitchcock

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The Top 18 Bible Prophecy Stories in 2015

By Jan Markell

It's been an amazing year. If you follow any of the Bible prophecy sites, blogs, and media programs, you know they have been overwhelmed with stories that are foreshadowing the time the Bible calls the *Time of Jacob's Trouble*, also known as the Tribulation.

I know there are those who believe there are no signs for today. I was called on the carpet by a seminary professor—a Baptist, no less—for heralding signs. He says there are no signs until the Tribulation. Nothing that is happening today is relevant. How tragic. What a disservice he is doing to his seminary students who will be ill equipped to deal with very dark headlines.

So after sifting through hundreds, in fact, thousands of headlines in the last year, I have come up with 18 stories that I feel most represent the herald of His coming:



1) **Israel's worsening isolation.** (Zechariah 12:3) The Left in America under Barack Obama abandoned her some years ago. With the defeat of Canada's Stephen Harper, Israel was left *only with some evangelical Christians* spread around the world. She has *no superpower backing*.

2) **The "days of Noah" are back.** (Matthew 24:37) Everyone is doing what is right in their own eyes. (Judges 17:6) Lawlessness is the order of the day. Evil is glorified. The White House was adorned with the colors of the homosexual rainbow and Hillary Clinton has a campaign ad with homosexuals engaged in debauchery as she celebrates their actions.

3) **The disillusionment with today's politician** is setting the stage for a "man

with a plan" who may not be a politician but who will have the answer to all the world's problems. We don't know his name. *We know his title is Antichrist.* He may be the only one who can stabilize the ISIS crisis being planned for a naive Western world.

4) **The rise of strong delusion.** (II Thessalonians 2:10-12). Simply put, God sends a strong delusion to those who choose not to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. Those who take delight in mocking and rejecting Him, He will condemn, confuse their thinking, and cause them to believe fables. And they do! Islam is good and peaceful; guns are evil; climate change is more dangerous than jihadists; Israel

is the bad guy and the Palestinians are the new heroes in the church today; ISIS isn't Islam; Muslim refugees are peaceful and will help the Western world. This is an "Alice-in-Wonderland" world. Christians don't fit. *The Mad Hatter rules.*

5) **The further decline of America.** She is not in the Bible in the end-times. Russia and Iran are the primary players in the Mideast now. America's influence for good is vanishing under Barack Obama. America will blend into global government.

6) **America is being given over to paganism.** A few months ago the Hindu goddess Kali appeared on the Empire State Building in New York City. Twenty years ago this was unthinkable. It is now cool.

7) **Israel is being prepared for the Antichrist.** She is surrounded by enemies.

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She has Hezbollah, ISIS, Russia and Syria to the north and East and Hamas to the south in Gaza. Iran boasts daily that she will dump nukes on Israel. At some point she will cave to these threats and call on the Antichrist to make a peace treaty—particularly in light of the loss of American support.

8) ***Gog is now on the move.*** If Gog is Russia, Vladimir Putin has re-built her from the days when Ronald Reagan reined her in. Russia is advancing in many places. All the Gog-Magog nations are aligning and are in the news: Iran, Russia, Turkey, Libya, and more. Prominent Bible-players are moving around as though they were on a chess board. (See Ezekiel 38-39.)

9) ***Israel has been bombing the suburbs of Damascus*** taking out concealed weapons. The Bible foretells a time when Damascus will become a ruinous heap. (Isaiah 17:1)

10) ***Christians are mocked as never before and Jews are fleeing to Israel at a pace not seen since post WW2.*** (Matthew 10:22) Only Islam is glorified, honored, and protected. In the Iraq/Syria region, a Christian is slaughtered every 5 minutes, yet few show any concern. Christianity is being erased from the region of its birth. All of this intensified in 2015.

11) ***The technology giants want to suppress the truth and marginalize Christians.*** From YouTube, to Google, to Facebook, to Twitter, and more, the gospel message is censored and evil is glorified. They are preparing the way for “Mark of the Beast” technology. This was on overdrive in 2015. This ministry came under the gun and was censored more than once. Stories reveal that Windows 10 actually spies on emails, credit cards, and more.

12) ***There was a cry for a global religion*** from Pope Francis to the *Parliament of*

World Religions in Utah in late 2015. If the world is ever to be one, religions also must be united. Pope Francis revealed himself to be an apocalyptic figure in 2015. We cannot “pin the tail of the False Prophet” on him quite yet, but even conservative Catholics are troubled by this Jesuit Pope. In fact, this Pope represents Marxism, environmentalism, the new world order, global government, sustainable development, the Jesuit agenda, unity of faiths, a global constitution, a global court, and a departure from Catholic traditions. He is surely a harbinger of a global religion.

13) ***Globalism went on overdrive*** thanks to Barack Obama, the United Nations, Pope Francis, and a consortium of worldwide Leftists. John Lennon, who “imagined” all of this decades ago, would be proud!

14) ***The push to make cash illegal intensified in 2015.*** The move to a cashless society won’t happen overnight. Instead, it is being implemented very slowly and systematically in a series of incremental steps. All over the planet, governments are starting to place restrictions on the use of cash for security reasons.

15) ***Israel’s Temple Mount has been a focal point for turmoil this year.*** With stage-setting for fulfillment of Bible prophecy during this Church Age winding up, it should be of no surprise that there has been tension on Mount Moriah. That may be the most contested 35 acres on the planet.

16) ***This was the year Bible prophecy was mocked and attacked more than ever!*** Believers in our “blessed hope” were mockingly called “End-time Eddies and Esthers.” While this has always existed, now more and more prominent teachers are telling us not to waste our time on doom and gloom.

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17) ***Liberal, Godless Europe imploded.*** Leaders like Germany's Angela Merkel lost their minds, put their people at huge risk as terrorists took advantage of the "refugee" situation, and have made Europe a time bomb. The Antichrist will take advantage of this as well.

18) ***This was the year evangelicals began accepting the gay agenda and some asserted that Allah and Jehovah are the same.*** The voices from the religious Left encouraged this. The great end-time falling away has much of the church going over a cliff with results that cannot be

rectified. Finding a solid church became a believer's biggest challenge in 2015.

Things are not falling apart—they are falling into place. Can you hear the hoof beats of the four horsemen of the apocalypse in the distance?

I won't be silent about the signs of the times. If Jesus chastised the Pharisees for not knowing the signs of His first coming, why would we not be expected to be aware of today's apocalyptic signs?

Wake up, look up, and rise up.

Are You a Watchman?

By Eunice Wold

The Olive Tree Ministries' Mission Statement is bold: *Our purpose is to help people understand the times according to the Bible, contend for the faith in Jesus Christ, and help the Church stand against deception as watchmen on the wall in these last days.*

The phrase—*watchmen on the wall*—particularly intrigues me.

What do watchmen on the wall do?

In ancient Israel, watchmen stood on top of the city walls. They stood with a shofar at the ready, watching for the first sign of danger. The most crucial time to watch was at night when the city was sleeping.

Watchmen had to stay awake during the darkness. They had to be vigilant and focused. They couldn't get distracted. They couldn't get caught up in what was happening in the city. If they saw any danger, they would lift the shofar to their mouths and blow it as loudly as they could to wake the people. The future of the city—even the nation—depended on them.

God appointed the watchmen. In Jeremiah 6:17, God says: *I have appointed watchmen*

over you. Listen to the sound...

The shofar wasn't a welcome sound in the night. It was disturbing. It was jarring. It interrupted sleep.

But watchmen couldn't be concerned about that. Their job was to wake people up, no matter the cost.

The call to every follower of Jesus Christ is to be a watchman—especially now in these last days. Why? Because we see what's coming. We see the judgment. It's nighttime in America. We must wake the sleepers who can't tell good from evil anymore.

In Ezekiel 33:3-6, God doesn't mince words. He says that if we see the judgment coming—and we don't share with those who are perishing—we've broken our charge: *When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die. They heard the alarm but ignored it, so the responsibility is theirs. If they had listened to the warning,*

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they could have saved their lives. But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn't sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths.

That's a heavy Scripture. God has appointed us to sound the alarm, and He's holding us accountable. The stakes are high. People's eternities hang in the balance. But when we sound the alarm and people reject it, God will *not* hold us accountable. People make their own choices.

We may think, "I'm not up to the task. I don't know what to do. I'm afraid." But if not us, who? Who else will be a watchman to our families, our friends, our co-workers?

We can stand on the sure promise that when God calls, He equips. Hebrews 13:20-21: *Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.*

Sounding the alarm isn't easy. It certainly won't make us popular. But it's not about us. If we love people we have to do it, no matter what. Being politically correct doesn't matter. People are perishing.

The word for us as watchmen in these last days is: *Keep your charge. Don't grow weary. Don't be fearful. Don't get*

distracted. Stay awake. Be bold. Stay faithful. Be more focused on the Lord than ever. Never give up. Be unyielding in your hope.

Since I've come to Olive Tree Ministries, I've found fewer and fewer churches open to the sound of the shofar. But there are Remnant groups who meet in homes and restaurants and rented facilities who want to hear the truth. I'm committed to helping these groups in any way I can—by teaching, encouraging, and certainly praying. I'd love to work with you to get a group started.

Right now Jan Markell and I are developing Bible-based discussion guides for Remnant groups to use to better understand the times from a biblical perspective. The discussion guides will also look at Bible prophecy. We are titling the discussion guides: *Are We Living in the Last Days?*

I invite you to pray this prayer with me: *Lord God, thank you that You purposed for me to be alive for such a time as this. Thank You that no one is beyond Your reach. Motivate me to be a watchman to those I love. Fill me to overflowing with Your Spirit so that the words that I say will be exactly what You want me to say. Open doors of opportunity for me—and then give me the courage and strength to walk through those doors. I'm excited for what You're going to do in me and through me in 2016. I give You all the praise and the glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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Pope Francis' Startling Announcement

In mid-January, Pope Francis stated via YouTube that all religions are on the same path to the same God. We played the stunning clip on our January 23 radio program. He declared that global faiths are all "seeking God or meeting God in different ways." Pope Francis continues to lay the groundwork for the coming one-world religion. Is he the leader of this? We cannot know this.

Worth Quoting

Jurgen Todenhofer, European journalist who spent 10 days with ISIS

The only country ISIS fears is Israel. They told me they know the Israeli army is too strong for them. They think they can defeat U.S. and U.K. ground troops, who, they say, have no experience in city guerrilla or terrorist strategies. But they know the Israelis are very tough as far as fighting against guerrillas and terrorists. They are not scared of the British or the Americans. They are scared of the Israelis and told me the Israeli army is the real danger.

Terry James, Editor, Rapture Ready Website

Lawlessness is everywhere we look today. Whether it be Middle East madness, union thugs in Greece who threatened to destroy all civility because of austerity measures, or unbridled protests in Ferguson, Missouri, Baltimore, or Chicago—it is on overdrive. The evil that the Bible deems the “mystery of iniquity” is swelling like a great caldera that is about to explode across the world.

When the Holy Spirit is no longer restraining such evil thinking and actions, America will quickly become a hellish existence in which anything goes. There are growing concerns that a breakdown of society within the U.S. is inevitable. Such concerns were once voiced by—of all sources—a Russian diplomat. Imagine! The Russians are worried about America becoming a tyrant state because of the signs of coming anarchy.

With the demonstrated ineptitude—or intentional actions—of this president that are swiftly taking the United States down the path to who knows where, it seems the Restrainer’s Hand might already be in process of removing God’s Protection. That removal will be total and complete when Christ calls the Church Home in the Rapture (Rev. 4:1).

A Homosexual’s Plea to Pastors in America

There are things I urgently need for you to know. And there are things I desperately need you to tell me. I shudder to think where I’d be today if my pastor had not been bold enough to tell me the truth regarding homosexuality, a lifestyle in which I lived for more than 30 years. Pastors, please take time out of your busy schedule to read my humble plea.

First, I need you to tell me in no uncertain terms that homosexuality is a sin. Show me what the Bible says and tell me that the Word of God is eternal and does not change with the times. Please don’t tell me that you won’t address it or that you don’t have an opinion. Because if you don’t speak up, I am going to think that it’s all right and will be headed for an eternity in hell. Pastors, when I come to you seeking answers, I need you to boldly speak the truth in love. My very salvation depends upon it.

Next, please let me know that Jesus’ death on the cross was enough to cover any sin I have committed, including that of homosexuality.

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Worth Quoting

Joel Rosenberg, Author and Commentator

I don't often say this, but it's true: the editors of the *Washington Post* are correct in their observations and analysis. *The White House and State Department are ignoring the Iranian regime's willful disregard of the nuclear accord.*

What the *Post* editors don't say—but should—is that this refusal to require Iran to keep the agreement is making a dangerous

situation far more dangerous. Why? Because Iran's leaders are not just driven by radical Islam. They are driven by apocalyptic Islam. They believe the end of days has come. They believe their savior or messiah, known as the "Mahdi" or the "Twelfth Imam", is coming at any moment to establish a global Islamic kingdom or caliphate. *And they believe they must develop a nuclear weapons arsenal to help pave the way for a world without Jews and Christians.*

Obama to Head to the U.N?

By Jan Markell

In early January a serious story broke that President Obama had his sights set on being head of the United Nations. If true, and if he succeeds in this endeavor, Obama would be replacing the present Secretary General, South Korean Ban Ki-Moon, who is serving his second five-year term in the position. Moon's term as Secretary General is set to end December 31, 2016, coincidentally 21 days before Obama's second term as President ends.

The article also claimed that upon hearing of President Obama's plans, Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu "vowed

to counter his campaign". They quoted Netanyahu as saying, "Eight years of Obama's judgments and marginalizing Israel was not enough? Now he wants to be in a position to cause us trouble in the international forum?"

I am watching this story with great interest and am aware that the idea that Barack Obama would someday hold this position has been circulating for years. We must be cautious not to assume that everything we read or hear is true. Reliable sources must weigh in to this one. We'll keep you posted.

Our Readers And Listeners Respond

Thank you for delivering such a wonderful, informative radio program each week on *American Family Radio Network*. I come to a grinding halt each weekend so I can concentrate on every word!—Rosemarie, Oklahoma

Jan, thank you for your broadcast. It has changed my life and it is a wake-up call to all Christians to get their spiritual house in order. I listen on Sirius/XM Radio.—Rita, e-mail

Jan, I was introduced to the "inconvenient truth" of your overall ministry 3 years ago and have introduced some Christian friends to it. They are amazed at the timeliness of your subjects.—Rosanna, Indiana

I don't know what I would do if I couldn't hear the truth of the times we're in. Your website and *Rapture Ready* site keeps me informed of all the things my church ignores.—Nora, e-mail

Jan, Your conference DVDs are the best ever. I will watch them many times. Mary, e-mail

God Sets Up Kings—Even Evil Ones

By Jan Markell

Almost a decade ago an obscure politician came on the scene. Many were intrigued with his “hope and change” offer. *Others wondered why America had to be changed.* Like many, I was troubled by his associations. How could someone who hung out with America-haters actually *be good for America?*

Once elected, it seemed that whatever Barack Obama set his hand to suffered—not just at home but also abroad. It also seemed like he favored Islam, hated Israel, and loved tyrants. The ultimate insanity—and betrayal—was his push to allow the world’s primary sponsor of terror—Iran—to have nuclear power. There has never been an “evil empire” quite like Iran. Yet the U.S. President convinced many world leaders that it was the better part of wisdom to *let Iran have the capability to blow up the world. What strong delusion.*

Before Barack Obama, the volatile Mideast was relatively stable. Muammar Gaddafi and Hosni Mubarek were not lovers of freedom but they kept a lid on insanity in the Mideast and North Africa. Barack Obama overturned it all and de-stabilized an entire region when he backed and encouraged the “Arab Spring” of 2011. He welcomed the influence of the wretched Muslim Brotherhood not only in that region but also in his administration. He set the stage for ISIS.

Israel became the nation forsaken and now stands in jeopardy. ISIS is bearing down on her. Iran promises to rein down nukes on her. Hamas threatens another war as does Hezbollah.

Much of this had to happen. Could

Barack Obama have come about through the hidden Hand of God? Was global de-stabilization needed to herald a cry for global government and stability in every aspect of life? *Is this mysterious man with a checkered background really just paving the way for the real “man with a plan” known as the Antichrist?*

No one could have imagined the turn of events these last seven years a decade ago. The world has never been a safe place but today the globe is reeling and it seems to stem from the loss of White House leadership. But how could the Antichrist ride into power when times would be good? *He has to ride the waves of chaos.*



The new year promises to be even more chaotic than previous ones. The tide of turmoil is set for nearly every nation. Europe is imploding with “refugees.” There would not even have been a need for a “refugee” haven had we had leadership in the U.S. White House. An economic house of cards is set to fall like dominoes as well.

God allowed this evil American emperor. He even installed him and blessed him. Someday Barack Obama will answer to God for his evil. But in the meantime, the players on the chessboard are getting in place for the very final days’ scenario.

The world is leaderless. Chaos rules. God can change the tide of our times or perhaps the hour is so late that the stage is now set for “Mr. Fix-It.” It is probably not Barack Obama. It is a man far more cunning and shrewd. He is waiting in the wings. But Christ’s Bride will be taken first to a glorious Heavenly feast. Are you ready?

Censorship Dead Ahead

By Jan Markell

I'd like to prepare you for what is likely to come, so consider this information a warning and perhaps a harbinger of things to come. Fascism starts slowly. It did in Nazi Germany and it has here.

Christianity is not appreciated by the Left any longer. They regularly mock conservatives and Christians over guns, faith, and prayer. We saw it in the *New York Daily News* in early December but it raced through much Leftist media following the San Bernardino massacre.

Censorship for Christians who maintain a biblical view of marriage, who are pro-life, and who maintain other biblical worldviews, is likely dead ahead. Do you remember Lois Lerner and the IRS war on the Tea Party and other conservatives? Isn't it obvious that religious freedom is under fire?

Participating in this are the technology giants of Google, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft and Apple. All have a far Left bent and celebrate Socialism, not conservatism. In November and December, Olive Tree Ministries was censored more than once by YouTube, owned by Google.

Benign, non-offensive programming was called on the carpet for "violating our community guidelines." *We read the guidelines and nothing was violated.* So why were these topics off limits? Keep in mind that YouTube is the purveyor of a lot of evil, but they only have issues with righteousness. You can find pornography, beheadings, bestiality, and more, on thousands of YouTubes.

But on Saturday, November 28, all of Olive

Tree's YouTubes were shut down due to "inappropriate content." We had had a warning or two starting two weeks earlier. But mid-day on November 28 all the lights were turned off.

A few weeks later we replayed a short segment announcing the 2017 release of a theater version of the Anita Dittman story, "Trapped in Hitler's Hell." We got the same notice. How can the true story of an aged Holocaust survivor be controversial or offensive?? But it was leading to our second shutdown by YouTube/Google in a month.

In both instances, World Net Daily (WND) intervened. A reporter was able to get through to the powers-that-be inside Google and in both instances, the lights came back on and our YouTubes were restored. Perhaps they didn't want international media attention from the Internet giant WND.com.

Make no mistake, a storm is coming. Punishment is ahead for what is perceived as bigotry, homophobia, Islamophobia, and much more. Just about anything from a conservative or Christian will be considered "hate speech" unless it celebrates all the evils of our day. Prepare yourself any way you can. While you may deem this overly negative, readers need a dose of reality.

We're in a new year and it's a new day. Overt censorship is just over the bend in the road. You may be next. Trust me. It isn't fun. It really disrupts life and it's quite frankly, Orwellian.



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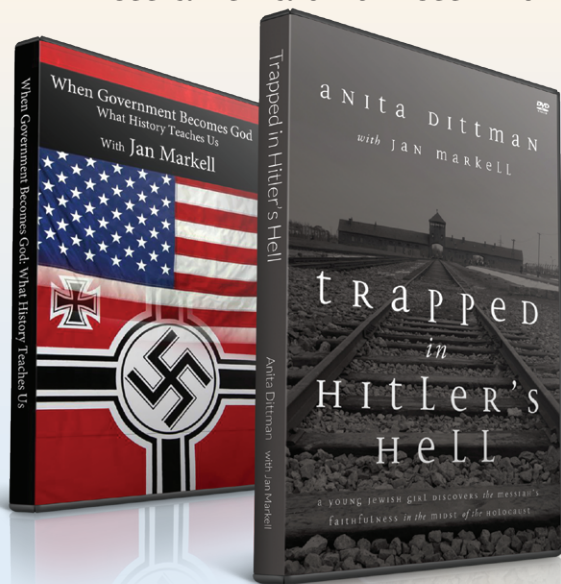
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Trapped in Hitler's Hell: A Young Jewish Girl Discovers the Messiah's Faithfulness in the Midst of the Holocaust



Book only: Trapped in Hitler's Hell

(The true story of Anita Dittman written by Jan Markell)

Foreword by Ray Comfort and testimonial by Bill Koenig

Book: \$11 – softbound – 206 pages

The remarkable story of Anita Dittman and her miraculous survival during the Hitler years. The story spans 12 riveting years of deprivation, captivity, escape, and walking across Europe to find her mother in a concentration camp. It is inspirational and puts trials in perspective. It demonstrates that with God, all things are possible. He truly never leaves or forsakes us.

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World Net Daily DVD only

75 minutes, full color, produced by George Escobar

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Trapped in Hitler's Hell Combo DVD Pack: World Net Daily DVD plus companion DVD by Jan Markell: "When Government Becomes God: What History Teaches Us."

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Nazi Germany allowed government to become god with Hitler. America made the same mistake when a "messiah-type" came along in 2008. People fainted at his sight. The parallels between Nazi Germany and America today are stunning. Jan brings out how this fits into the end-times and how the Antichrist will play into this. He will be the ultimate in the government becoming god. Everything is a set-up for him.

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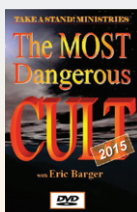


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By Jan Markell

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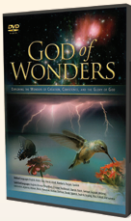


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By David Fiorazo

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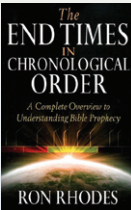


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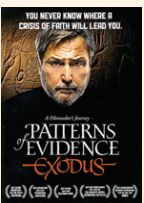
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By Jeff Kinley

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Patterns of Evidence: Exodus—A Filmmaker's Journey

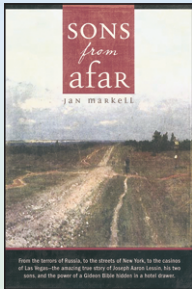
By Tim Mahoney

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A debate rages over the credibility of the Bible. Most archaeologists have concluded that there's no evidence that the Exodus of Israelite slaves from Egypt ever happened. Filmmaker Timothy Mahoney faces a crisis of faith and embarks on a 12-year journey to prove this is not just a myth. This DVD includes interviews with leading archaeologists and guest appearances by Benjamin Netanyahu and Shimon Peres. This is a must view.

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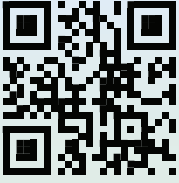
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