

Jan Markell's Understanding the Times

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The Pulpits Are Silent

By Jan Markell

What incredible times we live in—like no previous generation. The world is heading pell-mell for a conclusion though nobody knows the timing on this. But we are privileged to look at signs that are like clouds forming on the horizon. In the 1970s there were only a few events happening that were prophecy-related. There were minor shakings but sometimes connecting the dots was even a stretch!

Fast forward to today and there are so many prophecy-related events happening daily and hourly that it presents a major dilemma for those of us watching the signs of the times to know just where to focus. As I post stories daily on my website, *I agonize that I must leave off so many as space and time won't allow readers to zero in on all that is happening!*

It is a privilege and a challenge to be born for such a time as this. Very little that is predicted to happen in the "last days" is good news and who wants a steady dose of bad? But if one can "look up" one can bear the heartache of looking around as the signs of the times explode on our news outlets.

The Bible asks us to be "watchmen" (Ezekiel 33). We're to be sounding an alarm. Trouble is ahead. Time is short. And I have never felt such a sense of urgency and the realization that time is short.

I am watching signs "converge." They are stunning and breathtaking. But most pastors will not talk about them!

LifeWay Research is a Nashville-based, evangelical research firm that specializes in surveys about faith in culture and matters that affect the church. They report that a third of America's Protestant pastors expect Christians to be raptured—or taken up in the sky to meet Jesus—as the last of the last days begin. Over 36% believe in a pre-

Tribulation Rapture. *In spite of this glorious good news, their pulpits are silent.*

Over 50% of Protestant pastors, according to the survey, believe in a literal Antichrist—but their pulpits are silent.

Most pastors hold to the basic teachings of Christ's Second Coming—but their pulpits are silent.

This same survey says almost 50% of Protestant pastors believe in a coming Millennium and hold to premillennialism. At this time we finally do away with the curse and fallen human nature—but their pulpits are silent.

Pastor Tom Hughes leads an evangelical church in San Jacinto, California. He has written a thoughtful article titled, "Five Reasons Pastors *Don't* Teach Bible Prophecy." He writes, "Prophecy fills the Bible. End time prophecy touches every person alive today. Jesus taught on it. So did John, Paul, Peter, James, and Jude. Yet only a small percentage of churches teach this crucial part of God's message to our generation.

"Some pastors don't teach it for theological reasons. They don't believe it, don't think it applies to us, consider it symbolic, or whatever. Others believe we're probably living near the end of the age, but still refuse to touch the topic. They see it as an elective part of God's curriculum. Take it or leave it."

Hughes continues, "That's not how Jesus saw it. He reprimanded the Pharisees and Sadducees for not discerning the times. 'When it is evening you say, it will be fair weather, for the sky is red; and in the morning, it will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening. Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.' " (Matthew 16:2-3 NKJV)

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Hughes concludes, “More than a quarter of the Bible is prophecy—much of it yet to be fulfilled. *How can we give congregations a well-rounded understanding of scripture if we leave out such a vital part of it?*”

He then goes on to list these five reasons pastors may not be sharing these issues in the pulpit:

- **They simply don’t understand it.** Maybe you serve as a pastor and you believe we live near the time of Christ’s return, but you don’t feel qualified to teach on such a large subject. Ask yourself this. Who qualified you to teach the Bible at all? The Lord did. His calling is His equipping. *If He called you to be a pastor, He will equip you to teach all of the Bible.*
- **They fear offending members of the congregation.** In today’s church, pastors often feel more like referees than teachers. People find offense in so many things and the pastor becomes gun-shy. Maybe without realizing it, he begins to preach in ways he thinks will be least likely to offend. Other pastors see preaching as a means of getting people to feel good.
- **They sense people will be scared.** Bible prophecy can be unnerving. Hollywood makes money scaring people, so it loves to use apocalyptic themes. The truth can be scary. But isn’t it better to be scared and prepared, than happy and condemned? For those who know the Lord, *understanding the end times helps us to be faithful instead of fearful.*

• **People might not tithes if they think we’re close to the end.** But seeing prophecy fulfilled in our time reminds us that the end will come, and may be coming soon. *A reminder of His soon coming is a reminder to invest in eternity, and stop trying to build on that which will pass away.*

• **There could be a fear of looking like the “loony-tune fringe.”** False and unbiblical teachers of prophecy abound. They’re on the radio, on television, on the internet! But these are not reasons to avoid teaching prophecy. *Errors, exaggerations, and charlatans are among the best reasons for teaching the real thing.*

The prophecies of the first coming of Christ were fulfilled. They stand as evidence that the Bible can be trusted. Prophecies of His second coming work the same way, except we get to witness these events in our time, often with our own eyes.

The nations of the world seem moved, as though by a hidden hand, into exactly the right positions on a global chess board. What an amazing thing to see it happening before our eyes! It builds faith and draws our attention God-ward. *And it is a fantastic evangelism tool.*

So pastors, please don’t be silent. Take a stand for God’s eschatological truth! The King is coming. Tell the world about it.

(NOTE: Pastor Tom Hughes article was shortened to fit into our format. Find out more information at www.endtimestv.org.)

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JAN MARKELL

Jan was saved as a child under Dr. Hyman Appleman, noted Jewish evangelist. She has authored 8 Christian books with major publishers and produced a dozen DVDs, some shown on *Sky Angel*. Her radio program, which was launched in 2001, “Understanding the Times,” is syndicated on over 800 Christian radio stations. Jan hosts the largest Bible conference in America in the Twin Cities area. It looks at current events and Bible prophecy.

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Learn more at www.annegrahamlotz.org.



Amir Tsarfati

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

Mark is a well-known Bible prophecy teacher, author and pastor from Oklahoma. He has been our guest on many occasions.



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Worse Than Canada's Week in Hell

By Daymond Duck

NOTE FROM JAN: *Since I live in Minneapolis, most of us were breathing smoke in early May thanks to the fires in Alberta—over 1,000 miles away. So severe were they that some of us hesitated to open our windows that week. Imagine the trauma at ground zero in Alberta, Canada. Daymond Duck of Prophecy Plus Ministries, authored the following article that resonated with me. I trust you'll ponder his sobering words. He is my guest columnist for this issue of our newsletter. The article is used with permission.*

There is no question in the mind of this writer and many evangelical Bible-believing Christians that Israel is a special nation. God clearly made an everlasting covenant to be the God of Abraham and his descendants in their generations, to give them all (not part) of the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession, and to be their God (Genesis 17:7-8).

As the great Dr. J. Vernon McGee said, "God did not give them a ninety-nine-year lease on the land. God gave them an *everlasting* possession" (Through the Bible with J. Vernon McGee, Volume I, page 74).

There is also no question in the mind of this writer and many evangelical Bible-believing Christians that as the Tribulation period approaches, those nations that harm Israel will suffer similar harm. God clearly said "Your reward shall return upon your own head" (Obadiah 1:15).

There is no doubt that Canada is a great nation with millions of Christians and perhaps as many as 400,000 Jews. For the most part, the Jews have been safe, well-treated, prospered, and the Jewish population has grown.

Canada's 22nd Prime Minister (February 6, 2006 - November 4, 2015) was Stephen Harper, one of the best friends Israel had in the world during his time in office. He opposed President Obama's deal to let Iran eventually get nuclear weapons, closed Canada's Embassy in Tehran and spoke

well of Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu.

When Prime Minister Harper visited Israel in 2014, Prime Minister Netanyahu called him "a great friend of Israel and the Jewish people." He was praised for his great moral leadership and his stance on anti-Semitism.

Mr. Netanyahu told Mr. Harper, "The people of Israel and I deeply appreciate your friendship, and the friendship of the people of Canada to us." Israel honored him by letting him be the first and only Canadian Prime Minister to ever address the Israeli Knesset (Parliament).

In 2015, things began to change. Justin Trudeau, son of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, ran against Mr. Harper. The young Trudeau sought the Muslim vote; accused Mr. Harper of pandering to the Jews; criticized Mr. Harper's opposition to President Obama's deal to let Iran eventually get nuclear weapons; criticized Mr. Harper's closing of Canada's Embassy in Tehran; had some harsh words for Prime Minister Netanyahu's actions on settlement issues.

Mr. Trudeau won the election and was sworn in on Nov. 4, 2015. He moved Canada closer to the Muslims and widened the space between Canada and Israel.

On Jan. 24, 2016, following support for the two state solution by his Foreign Affairs Minister, Stephane Deon, Mr. Trudeau's government was widely accused of abandoning Israel. There is no other way to put it when his handpicked Foreign Affairs Minister is in favor of driving Jews out of their houses and off their land.

But to make matters worse, three days later, Mr. Trudeau released his official statement commemorating *International Holocaust Remembrance Day*. In that official document, Mr. Trudeau didn't even mention the suffering of the Jews. *It was almost like their suffering didn't matter and they didn't even exist in his mind.*

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Worse Than Canada's Week in Hell

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Adolf Hitler built concentration camps with gas chambers and furnaces. He gassed, burned, tortured and starved about six million Jews. He burned about 340 a day at Auschwitz I and more at Auschwitz II and his other newly-built crematoriums.

Yes, Adolf Hitler set fire to hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women and children, and Justin Trudeau issued a statement to remember the event, but he didn't mention the slaughter of even one Jew.

Following the release of his bland commemorative document, Canada had several weeks of unusually hot and dry weather. Then, on May 3, 2016, a wildfire called "The Beast" broke out at Fort McMurray, Canada. A strong wind was gusting and about 88,000 people were told to immediately leave their houses and land.

At the time of this writing, hundreds of buildings have burned, thousands of Canadians are stranded, thousands say they have spent a week in hell (thankfully no one has burned to death), and the raging



fire has moved north to Saskatchewan.

I don't know why God allowed the unusually hot, dry gusty weather that Canada has had, the scorching wildfire, and Fort McMurray's week in hell. But I do know that anti-Semitism will be costly as the Tribulation period draws near.

I am wondering if this is a warning from God that has come upon the Canadian people because of Mr. Trudeau's anti-Semitism. I am wondering if God is reminding Mr. Trudeau that burning men, women and children to death is horrible even when those men, women and children

are Jews instead of Canadians.

I am wondering if Canadians have been driven out of their houses and off their land because Mr. Trudeau is in favor of driving Jews out of their houses and off their land.

The pictures from Fort McMurray have been called pictures of Armageddon. The pictures from the Holocaust are, frankly, much worse.

The Days of Noah

President Obama's edict requiring all public schools to open girls' bathrooms, showers and other facilities to males who self-identify as female will lead to sexual chaos and confusion among children, critics predict. *They suggest the ultimate goal and agenda of the Left is to wipe out all morality.*

Many suggest that next on the agenda is to legalize and sanction pedophilia. There has been a longstanding effort on the part of pedophiles to normalize their deviancy – even renaming themselves “minor-attracted persons.”

The ultimate goal is to erase God and His values from our culture.

There are consequences to this type of debauchery. Just read about the days of Noah and Lot. Matthew 24 suggests a return to this environment in the last days.

ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS STUDY GUIDE

By Jan Markell

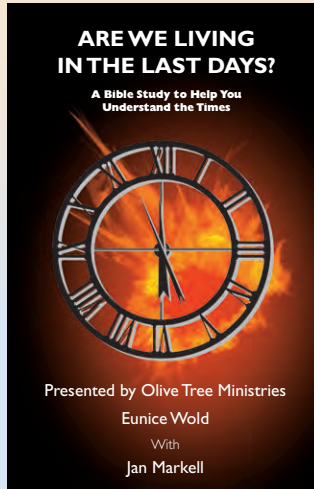
One of the more frequent comments received by Olive Tree Ministries is that churches will not address the important issues surrounding eschatology or Bible prophecy. With that in mind, we commissioned Eunice Wold to draw up a twelve chapter study guide for use in small groups of remnant believers. These study guides allow for a learning opportunity but also for discussion.

Eunice has a Master of Divinity degree, has been in ministry for many years, and has served with Olive Tree Ministries in the area of church and small group outreach. She has tremendous insight and knowledge about Bible prophecy, its importance in what might be the final generation, and how this might be applied today. If headlines are jumping out at you but you are wondering what they really mean when placed alongside a Bible, this is for you. It will definitely help you understand the times!

Here are the twelve chapter titles:

- 1) Can we Trust the Bible to Tell Us the Truth?
- 2) The Story Begins
- 3) Israel—the Permanence of a Promise
- 4) Daniel 9—A Careful Counting of the Years
- 5) The Gap in the Prophecy
- 6) Matthew 24: What Jesus Says About Prophecy
- 7) Vanished Without a Trace—The Rapture

- 8) Daniel 11 and Revelation 13—The Antichrist Unmasked
- 9) Revelation 6: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse
- 10) Jesus Second Coming
- 11) The Millennium, the Judgments, and When Forever Begins
- 12) How Then Shall We Live?



Classes that meet weekly can finish the study in 3 months and requires a leader familiar with these topics. However, leader's notes are available. Unbelievers will have an opportunity to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior as a result of this study guide so

don't hesitate to invite non-Christians to be a part of this!

Whether you are new to the Christian faith, just exploring the possibility of it, or wanting to go deeper, a small group environment is a perfect setting for study and conversation. Don't be intimidated by eschatology! Discussion questions in this study guide are intended to elicit conversation, grapple with issues, challenge thinking, and lead you to know Jesus Christ in a deeper, life-changing way.

The churches may have marginalized these topics but you can still share these truths with family, friends and co-workers.

If you have further questions, e-mail Eunice Wold at Eunice@olivetreereviews.org or call our office at 763-559-4444 M – F CST.

One study guide is just \$5. You can order 10 study guides for \$35. See the order blank on our resources page.

The booklet will be ready by the second week of July.

A Bridge Over Troubled Waters

By Eunice Wold

One of the most terrifying moments of my life came on August 1, 2007, when I heard the news that the bridge over the Mississippi River on 35W had gone down. I was living in Arizona, but my daughter and her husband lived in Minneapolis. With my heart pounding, I made the phone call, and praise God, they were both fine.

But many others were not. They had been doing their normal driving that day, going about their daily activities. I'm sure it never crossed their minds that the bridge would collapse and in the blink of an eye, they'd be taken into eternity.

And then what?

We are living in the days when most people are still going about their daily activities with never a thought about eternity. But we see the signs of the end coming together. We know the time is short. We know the mission is urgent. So, I'd like to ask you to join me in doing two things:

First, think of someone you know who isn't a Christian and start praying for him or her by name every day. Do you know what will happen when you pray that way? You'll begin to have a heart for that person. His or her eternal destiny will matter to you.

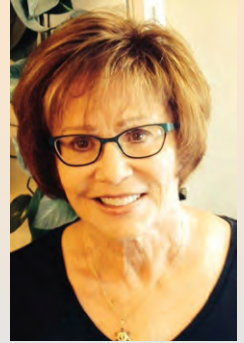
Second, pray this way: Use me.

It's a risky prayer because God will take you up on it. You see, God purposed for you to live in these days. You may not think you're cut out to make an eternal difference in someone's life, but God does. He knows your personality. He's given you amazing gifts and strengths. He knows your great potential to advance His Kingdom. And He'll open doors of opportunity and give

you the power you need.

Just in case you're still a little shaky about your part in the mission, He has a final promise for you: "You can be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Only one life, it will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last.



Eunice Wold

SUNDAY PROPHECY CLASS BEGINS

If you live in the Twin Cities and would like to be a part of a summer class covering eschatology (Bible prophecy), you are invited to the Eden Prairie Community Center. *Jan Markell will teach the class which began June 12 and runs through August 28 (except for July 4th weekend). The time is 11 AM.* Each class is new so you do not have to be present starting at the beginning. Jan will look at the current signs of the times and how they fit into the Bible as well as today's headlines.

If you agree that the world makes little sense today, then come out and visit this summer. The Eden Prairie Community Center is located at 16700 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. There is no cost for this class. It is an extension of an existing class that meets at Grace Church, Eden Prairie, MN. If you have questions, call us at 763-559-4444.

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Left Turns

By Jan Markell

Part of our end-time delusion is thinking that far Left politics and evangelicalism can blend. They are attempting to do so in the annual “Justice Conference” sponsored by *World Relief*.

I have watched evangelicalism morph and decline for decades. I wasn’t around to see the Mainline Protestants make a sharp left turn one hundred years ago. They traded salvation issues for social issues. The results have been devastating and their numbers have been plummeting.

As Mark Tooley of the *Institute for Religion and Democracy* writes, “It was a long road for the Mainline Protestants. But that road began with theological

compromises early in the 20th century or before, when the Bible and Christian tradition were reinterpreted into metaphors, and the redemption story for lost souls was replaced by social reform under the banner of the social gospel.”

On June 3-4, young people “let justice roll” in Chicago. The promotion material quoted Nelson Mandela, a hardened

Marxist with no Christian agenda. Some of the featured speakers are light years away from anything evangelical. This year Father Pflieger made an appearance. He was a part of Jeremiah Wright’s Marxist outreach in Chicago. What does this have to do with the gospel?

Chelsen Vicari is an insightful Millennial who gets it. She writes, “This ostensibly evangelical conference seems to be a repackaged version of liberal Mainline Protestantism for hipsters. Over the years, organizers for the ‘Justice Conference’ have

carefully avoided addressing relevant cultural and social issues such as the persecution of Christians abroad, religious freedom, sanctity of unborn life, sexual ethics,

or support of Israel. Instead, speakers cover topics including racism, gun control, neo-pacifism, Liberation Theology, and denouncing American patriotism as bigoted idolatry.”

Vicari continues, “Keep in mind, the ‘Justice Conference’ is not marketed towards progressive Christians. It’s geared

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towards young evangelical member denominations with big hearts for the poor and marginalized. So it's odd that many of the conference's keynote speakers and topics don't reflect their target audience's theological backgrounds."

Vicari says, "The temptation, however, is to address social gospel injustices through a divisive secular lens rather than a gospel-centered lens. *'Justice Conference' speakers must acknowledge human depravity that is at the center of social injustice. No government regime or political utopia on earth can ever fully extinguish inequality and injustice because they cannot extinguish sin. Only the blood of Jesus can do that.* The leftward drift of the 'Justice Conference' will do little to aid the marginalized if organizers prioritize politics over the gospel."

She concludes, "Repentance. Forgiveness. Redemption. These topics also need mention when we dialogue about social justice. *If not, then we evangelicals will follow the declining trajectory of the liberal Mainlines.*"

The founders of the modern evangelical movement met in the early 1940s as WWII was raging. They were watching liberalism implode because of their unbiblical agenda and they wanted to organize an effort to keep evangelicals on track. And they did for decades. But slowly evangelical outfits began to make left turns.

They took up campaigns on behalf of global warming, ridding America of her nukes, and eliminating poverty. Many evangelicals are in favor of America ridding herself of nuclear weapons. This is the same old Leftist delusion that North Korea,

Russia, and Iran, will co-operate and lay down their nukes. And what have nukes got to do with the gospel?

This same "Justice Conference" featured neo-Marxist Cornell West in 2015. He tried to shame the young evangelical crowd about their "white supremacy problem." Organizers of the conference felt West could awaken attendees to police brutality issues.

Other speakers have suggested that the "raw power of government" be unleashed. This is nothing but far left politics being rammed down the throats of impressionable young people. How will this minister to their souls?

Evangelicalism will go down in flames in the same manner the Mainline denominations have over the last 100 years.

If you are a part of an evangelical church, won't you speak up and defend the goal of the founders of this movement? Won't you appeal, in fact, plead, that there be a return to gospel-centered preaching with a salvation emphasis rather than social justice causes that make not a whit of difference for eternity?

The idea that "Black Liberation Theology" is overshadowing salvation issues should make every evangelical take some kind of action. The focus needs to be first on deliverance from sin rather than an emphasis on deliverance from poverty.

One has to wonder if the goal of the "Justice Conference" is to turn Millennial young people into good little socialists.

How tragic. And how unbiblical.

Worth Quoting

Gary Bauer, American Values

Target reported quarterly earnings today in what is admittedly a challenging retail environment. But, coincidentally or not, just as men started flying into ladies changing rooms at Target stores, profits started flying out the window. The company's stock has fallen significantly in the past month.

I'm not suggesting a causal effect, but I doubt Target's progressive social policies have won any new customers. Talk about niche markets—how many transgender shoppers are there? Clearly it has cost them an unidentified number of previous customers.

In order to deal with the situation, Target will likely fire employees instead of rethinking how much of an unwelcoming atmosphere it has created for women and young girls who previously shopped there.

Anne Graham Lotz

God, you're bringing judgment on America. We're imploding for no other reason, and you're backing away from us. You're abandoning us as we defy you in our sin and our immorality and our wickedness. We're in deep trouble.

Hal Lindsey, author, prophecy scholar

Recently, Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes just couldn't take the anonymity anymore. He was bursting at the seams. He simply had to tell someone what a powerful and clever guy he is. So he told David Samuels at *The New York Times Magazine*.

In a long, rambling interview, Mr. Rhodes bragged about how he and his accomplices in the White House had duped the gullible American press corps with the notorious Iran Nuclear Deal. And he seemed to take a great deal of pleasure from it. What he didn't say, but what he really meant, was how easily he and his boss and his co-conspirators had duped the American public on the merits of the deal with Iran.

And the fact that he would brag about it on one of the most visible platforms in America means that he and his boss believe the American press and the American public and the American opposition are too stupid or too lazy to do anything about it. Sadly, I believe he is correct.

We have been duped and we apparently don't care. Yet. But one day we will.

Terry James, Co-Editor, Rapture Ready Website

When Congress—and the president—decided in 1963 to try to kick God out of the American public school system, a flood of insanity gushed in to fill the void. It hasn't stopped gushing. We have reared generations of children who are becoming ever farther alienated from the family model the God of Heaven instituted. Government has become the keeper of our children. The results are not greater freedom, but an ever-more restrictive way of life in what was once called "the land of the free." Big Brother's noose of enslavement, like that Hitler perpetrated those many decades ago, might be on America's horizon.

Todd Starnes, author, commentator

The time has come for all Americans to stand up and defy this President's immoral agenda. If losing federal funding is the price we must pay to protect women and children—then so be it. We will not betray what we know to be true for 30 pieces of silver.

The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Worth Quoting

warned us about such a time as this. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act. For too long, American pulpits have remained silent to controversial cultural issues. Preachers don't want to rock the boat. Parishioners don't want to cause trouble. For too long, society has turned a blind eye as President Obama fundamentally transformed our nation.

Joel Rosenberg, author, commentator

The very fact that the State of Israel exists today, and is celebrating her 68th modern birthday, is evidence of the dramatic fulfillment of ancient Biblical prophecies,

and a powerful testimony that the Bible is the very Word of God. Despite innumerable threats by Israel's neighbors to annihilate the Jewish State—and despite so many wars, intifadas, terrorism, boycotts and other attacks aimed at bringing such threats to pass—Israel is alive and growing.

Despite innumerable efforts to isolate Israel from the rest of the world, Israel now has diplomatic and growing economic relations with 161 countries, including behemoths like China and India, and even increasingly close working relations with a number of Sunni Arab countries

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We love Bible prophecy but realize many teachers are not speaking the whole counsel of God anymore. Keep "filling the void" that is badly needed.—Dale, e-mail

When I tell people what I learn from your ministry they think I am making it up. I keep praying God would unveil their eyes.—Donna, Minneapolis

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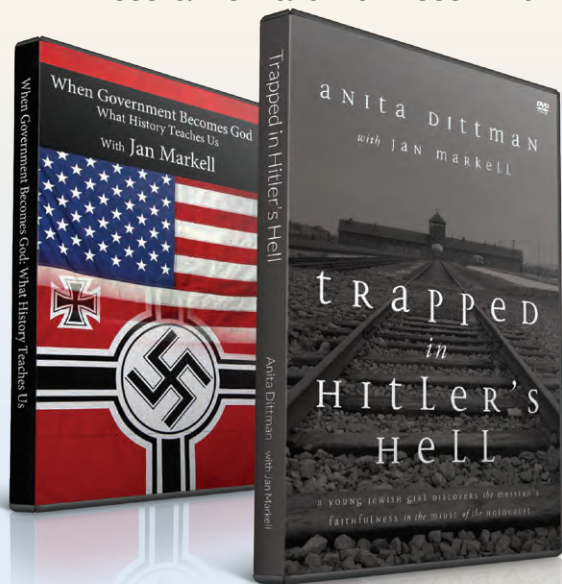
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Book only: Trapped in Hitler's Hell

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Foreword by Ray Comfort and testimonial by Bill Koenig

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See page 6 for full details.



U.S. Presidents & Israel: A Blessing or a Cursing?

By Jan Markell

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Patterns of Evidence: Exodus—A Filmmaker's Journey

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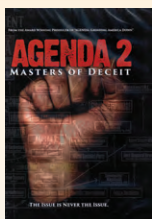


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God's word to Noah was to prepare NOW for a worldwide flood. God's word to Joseph was to prepare Pharaoh and Egypt NOW for seven years of famine. God's word to Jeremiah was to prepare the Jews NOW for seventy years of exile into Babylon. The key word in these historical examples was NOW! What does God's word say for us to prepare for NOW? What are the tough choices we need to make? **This DVD identifies and explains the biblical prophecies that were written ages ago for this generation!** It contains two important lessons from the NOW prophecies book. They are entitled, "Preparing for the Coming Prophecies" and "Nuclear Showdown in Iran, Revealing the Ancient Prophecy of Elam." Salus makes today's headlines make sense and come to life.

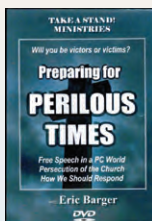


Agenda 2: Masters of Deceit

By Curtis Bowers

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Filmmaker Curtis Bowers has uncovered a sinister agenda to bring America down. From the promotion of Islam to the propaganda of climate change, from the deceit of Common Core to the manufactured economic crisis, and from the manipulation of the Evangelical church to the unsustainable debt burden, it seems as if America has a hundred different enemies with a hundred different agendas. Join Curtis Bowers as he exposes the Masters of Deceit and their purposeful, premeditated, treasonous attacks on our freedom.



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By Eric Barger

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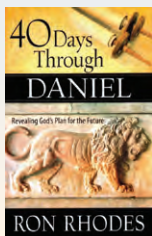


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By Gary Frazier & Jim Fletcher

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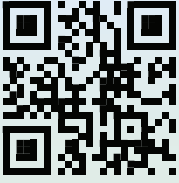
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