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Things Aren't Falling Apart – They're Falling in Place

By Jan Markell

How does one review the last year and project into the new year when events are happening in a rapid-fire manner, too fast to even document? I could review one stunning story and another would be breaking as I write. Significant news is happening at a speed never before seen. Add to that, we have an electronic communication system that allows us to hear about news and information stories in seconds, not days.

As I've written in the past, today's news is causing some to become disengaged, discouraged, down-hearted, and disconnected. Others write telling me they are watching with an eye on the sky like never before. They are experiencing great expectation, *straining to hear a trumpet sound*. Surely our times are heralding that event.

The dysfunction of Washington causes many to long for Christ's perfect, earthly rule out of Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth. Only then can we really forget about the fact that America and other parts of the world once resembled Humpty Dumpty after the fall with few leaders to put him back together again.

Keep your eyes on the following stories in 2015. Most were prominent in 2014 and we will watch them blossom in 2015 and be game-changers:

- The "epicenter" (Middle East) is on fire and it will worsen.
- We have seen the predicted lawlessness in our streets *and in the highest offices*

of America.

- Evil is to go on overdrive in the last days the Bible says. It is embodied in ISIS.
- Ezekiel 38-39 says that certain nations will come together in the last days in a diabolical union. The Bible calls it the battle of Gog and Magog. Russia and Iran are a part of that. Have they gained steam and power in recent years to



The predicted lawlessness plays out in the streets of America and even reaches the White House.

enable that? They are going to want to "seize a spoil" in Israel. Now America is going to "legitimize" Iran in 2015 and further enable her to come against Israel. We have a deluded President who loves dictators and tyrants and he will further cozy up to Russia and Iran. Beyond

that, the drop in oil prices could drive both Russia and Iran to seize a spoil in Israel and elsewhere.

- Ecumenical efforts in 2014 were shocking. It was often led by Pope Francis but Evangelicals went along with it, enjoying every minute of it. Watch for this to greatly intensify in the new year. Men and women who should know better locked arms last year and *suggested we could all just get along in spite of our theological differences.*
 - The decline in the character of man was shocking last year. The loss of sound judgment was addictive and contagious. Calling evil good was rampant (Isaiah 5:20). Praying to false gods took place everywhere, even the U.S. House of
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Representatives. *Is it any wonder our leaders are blind?*

- The predicted rise in pestilence and plague has begun, although history tells us this has happened before. But Ebola gives new meaning to the term “deadly pestilence.” However, Malaria is now killing far more people than is Ebola.
- Technology keeps marching on and is preparing the way for “Mark of the Beast” technology.
- The nations lining up against Israel are staggering. Sadly, America’s White House leads the way.
- Anti-Semitism simply went off the chart in 2014. As Gary Kah reported on our radio program, an Argentina utilities company had a stamp on their bills saying, “Be a patriot: Kill a Jew.” This will worsen in 2015 to a level not seen since WWII.
- Something is wrong with anyone who is not grieving over the *persecution of Christians in the Mideast, Africa, China, North Korea, and elsewhere*. The shame of 2014 was the silence of the pulpits and pews in this regard. American Christians remain very comfortable and safe, though that could all change if our very own government turns on us, which is possible.

No one knows what this new year will portend but there are some clues. There is only one other time in history when the price of oil has declined by more than 50 dollars a barrel in such a short time frame

as it did in 2014. That was back in the middle of 2008, shortly before the worst stock market crash since the Great Depression.

Unless the price of oil starts really bouncing back, the U.S. economy is going to be hit really hard. Some say that some analysts are “freaked out” at what is happening. Those are their words, not mine.

Israel very well could hit Iran in 2015. That would be the major story of the year. They would use every tactical device known to modern warfare. It will not be a pretty picture. The entire world could be destabilized. And Israel will be the goat of the world, fulfilling the warning from Zechariah that all nations will come against her.

The warnings from the Bible sound like the headlines in today’s news! We are to return to the days of Noah. Society will degenerate. Thus, you are needed to be salt and light and to be an encourager. We need to be upbuilders as the world and events tear people down. We must spread good news amidst the bad. We can’t grow weary in well doing. We must love when we are hated.

And, we must look up as much as we look around or we will not be able to handle things. *Things aren't falling apart—they are falling in place. The Bible says that these things must happen.* We’re in the times of the signs.

Look up and know your redemption draws nigh!

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A Terrifying Story

By Jan Markell

Just as the old year was setting, a story broke that should jar every reader. The U.S. State Department described Israeli actions as “unacceptable” 87 times in 2014, with only three countries being more “unacceptable.” *Israel was ranked by the U.S. State Department, along with North Korea and Pakistan, as rogue nations with unacceptable actions.*

Most of the condemnations relating to Israel involved building settlements or the announcement of plans to construct additional housing behind the Green Line. Government spokespeople also castigated Israel for civilian casualties during her war with Hamas in the summer of 2014 when *she took more measures to protect Gaza civilians than almost any other invader in history.*

Hal Lindsey says, “Events are moving even more rapidly toward the complete isolation and abandonment of Israel by the West. Every day, we learn something new—and often shocking—about what’s going on behind the scenes in the relationship between America and Israel. And if you’ve watched my program for any length of time, you know that I believe that turning against our great ally will not end well for our nation.”

Lindsey continues, “This is more than just a political or foreign policy issue. For the United States, I believe our relationship with Israel is a matter of national life and death. I firmly believe that we have been blessed as a nation because we have blessed and protected God’s people—the Jews and the state of Israel.”

The U.N. got in on the bashing act as well. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon used the word “concerned” 140 times in 2014 in statements about world events, and Israel was the most “concerning” country of all. Can you imagine? More “concerning” than

nations with barbarian Islamic beheaders!

Thankfully, Israel ignores American and international fools like Barack Obama and the United Nations.

As I began to realize this last six years that America had changed course when it comes to its support of Israel, I studied the short history of U.S.-Israeli relations. Without a doubt, the greatest miracle of the 20th Century was the re-birth of a nation decimated and scattered long ago. The “dry bones” of Israel came back to life! They first stirred thanks to the Balfour Declaration of 1917. *Great Britain was willing to concede that a Jewish homeland could become a reality!*

I dug deeper into the Presidents of the United States starting with Woodrow Wilson who was President when the Balfour Declaration came about. I was intrigued to find out which Presidents furthered the cause of the Jewish State and which ones worked against it. *And you would be surprised at the results.* The good and the bad crosses both sides of the political aisle.

I presented my findings at Dr. Dave Reagan’s annual prophecy conference in Dallas in July and at my own “Understanding the Times Fall 2014.” The audiences loved it because they were learning something new. You can order the single DVD now and learn:

- Which U.S. President was called a “Righteous Gentile”?
- Which U.S. President abandoned the Jews during WWII and would not even bomb the railroad tracks to the concentration camps to slow the carnage?
- Which President was in favor of an independent Jewish State but felt it should be in Africa!

- What was behind President Truman's allegiance to Israel in 1948?
- What happened with President Dwight Eisenhower who liberated the camps during WWII then abandoned the Jews?
- What caused Richard Nixon, who loathed the Jews, to rally for the Jewish State during the 1973 Yom Kippur War?
- Which U.S. President knew he had to tap into "Jewish genius" to make his administration a success?
- Which President was called "Mr. Palestine"? He obsessed over the creation of a Palestinian State.
- What was Israel's response at the re-election of Barack Hussein Obama in 2012? What are the consequences to favoring the barbaric Islamic world over our number one ally in the Mideast—Israel?
- Which Secretary of Defense under Barack Obama loathed Christian Zionists?
- What are some of the grievous offenses the current administration has perpetrated upon Israel? *They are legion and shocking.*
- Is there a correlation to our current struggles in the U.S. and our treatment of Israel and the Jewish people?

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A viewer of the DVD writes, "Bravo, Jan. I just watched your new DVD. It is awesome, awesome. It should be required viewing for every church in America."—Peggy



Israel remains the "apple of God's eye" (Zechariah 2:8). No nation, ministry, government, or individual can stick their finger in it and get away with it. He gave the land of Israel as an everlasting possession to the descendants of Abraham. It says in Isaiah 41:11 that those who "contend" with Israel will perish.

We have been warned.

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So We Are Now God's Frauds?

Evangelical Christians are under attack in a recently released piece by *Newsweek* which calls those of the faith, “God’s frauds.” In its pre-Christmas issue, the magazine launched a vitriolic war on the Bible in an article by Kurt Eichenwald, titled “The Bible: So Misunderstood It’s a Sin.”

Eichenwald attempts to discredit the Bible – both the Old Testament and New Testament – and casts Christians as evil hypocrites. “They are God’s frauds, cafeteria Christians who pick and choose which Bible verses they heed with less care than they exercise in selecting a side order for lunch,” the author writes.

“They are joined by religious rationalizers—fundamentalists who, unable to find Scripture supporting their biases and beliefs, twist phrases and modify translations to prove they are honoring the Bible’s words,” he continues.

Eichenwald’s mission “is designed to shine a light on a book that has been abused by people who claim to revere it but don’t read it, in the process creating misery for others.”

Pointing to what he calls the “many con-

traditions” of the Bible, Eichenwald questions some of the more famous passages such as the veracity of the Biblical account of creation as told in Genesis.

In his quest to disprove the New Testament, Eichenwald recalls a passage that any person familiar with Christian theology would recognize: “He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her.” (John 7:53) Claiming that “scribes made it up sometime in the Middle Ages,” Eichenwald adds that this account is just one of many events that “simply never happened.”

“They appeal to God to save America from their political opponents, mostly Democrats,” he writes. “They gather in football stadiums by the thousands to pray for the country’s salvation.”

The *Newsweek* author calls prayer “Evangelical Christian babbling.”

Such was *Newsweek*’s public attack on Christianity in 2014. In light of the intense persecution, beheadings, and more, of Christians around the world, this is relatively irrelevant. However, the gloves are off. Christians everywhere are now marginalized.

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The Year of the “Christian” Film

2014 was the year of the Christian film but most were abysmal. A lot of Hollywood films were disappointing to Christians because they didn't tell the story faithfully. In March, 2014, the blockbuster film “Noah” was released which was a shameful re-telling of the powerful Bible story. God's forgiveness did shine through the movie “Unbroken” though this was not exactly a Christian film. The movie, “Exodus,” finished out the year leaving a bad taste for many Christians for its departure from the biblical story of Moses.

“Son of God” and “Heaven Is For Real” packed theatres whether one agreed with the story line or not. “Alone, Yet Not Alone”

stressed the need to lean on God in spite of deplorable circumstances. “God's Not Dead” was the sleeper that kept everyone awake!

Last but not least, prophecy lovers were thrilled to see the Rapture portrayed in theatres in the re-make of “Left Behind.” Though it came up short in many areas, it still was a reminder that such scenes as portrayed in the film will actually play out some day – perhaps sooner rather than later! It was a stirring reminder to share our faith while we have time.

The good news is that Hollywood has gotten the message that Christians do like a good film now and then so they are making an effort at least. But they miss the mark for accuracy and seem to care less. They even appear to *enjoy twisting scripture* as “Noah's” Daren Aronofsky scoffed.

AirAsia Flight Filled with Christians

While Indonesia is primarily Muslim, most of those aboard ill-fated AirAsia Flight 8501 were Christians of Chinese ethnicity. Tragically, one Surabaya church — Mawar

Sharon Church — lost 41 members in the crash. About 100 of their relatives gathered for a prayer service in a large room at the Surabaya airport where Pastor Philip Mantofa urged the group to trust in God and hold tightly to their faith, despite the senselessness of the accident and the agony they are enduring.

“Some things do not make sense to us, but God is bigger than all this,” Pastor Mantofa said. “Our God is not evil ... help us God to move forward even though we are surrounded by darkness.” Before they parted, family members stood together, raised their hands and their voices aloft, singing “I surrender all. I surrender all. I surrender all to God our savior. I surrender all.”

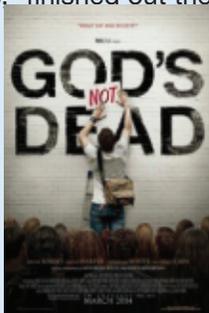
Evangelicals and Catholics Together

“Dialogue” between Evangelicals and Catholics went to a new level in 2014. Most were thrilled about this, but not this ministry. Pope Francis is engaging Evangelicals to cooperate with Rome at a pace never seen before. Geoff Turncliffe of the *World Evangelical Alliance* stated, “Engagement between evangelicals and Catholics has gone to a whole new level. In June, I had a three-hour project meeting with Pope Francis—with no agenda. In my tenure, I have not seen that kind of openness. There's a shift taking place under Francis. He seems clearly geared toward evangelicals.” This ministry asks if the global, end-time religion is forming?

End-Time Plague and Pestilence

The Ebola virus caused a great deal of alarm throughout the world as an epidemic ravaged West Africa. The illness, which has a death rate of 70 %, began in Guinea in December, 2013, and quickly spread throughout Liberia and Sierra Leone. Over 7,500 people died from Ebola throughout 2014. The virus continues to wreak havoc in West Africa, strengthened by the lack of equipped medical facilities in the region.

In December, *TIME* Magazine named the



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Ebola fighters its “Person of the Year,” noting that these men and women had risked their own safety to tend to the needs of others. Samaritan’s Purse physician Kent Brantly,



who contracted Ebola while serving in Liberia, was honored with a magazine cover photo. Brantly was transported to the U.S. after he contracted Ebola alongside missionary Nancy Writebol, where both recovered from the virus. Their testimonies gave glory to God.

Islam in France: Coming to America?

By Bill Wilson

In the 1960s, France allowed the immigration of Muslim males for work-related purposes. In 1976, France passed a law allowing Muslim “immigrants” to settle in the country and bring their families from abroad. In 2002, the *French Council of the Muslim Faith* was established by the government, allowing extreme Islamists to anchor their power. By 2005, Islamists were rioting in the streets. The Islamic population in France is the largest in Europe, estimated by the CIA at 4.7 to 7.7 million, or up to 10 percent of the population.

It should be no surprise that the new year started with a terrorist act in France from the “religion of peace.” This is what happens when Islam is accommodated and is allowed to grow in a Western nation. As in accordance with the Muslim Brotherhood plan for North America, France is finding out first hand that Islam will destroy “your miserable house” from within.

The Islamic agenda in France is the same as the colonization and settlement plan that is currently being carried out in the United States. The lack of security on U.S. borders and the support for Islam in Washington by the sympathetic Islamic-Marxists in the White House have accelerated the Muslim Brotherhood’s plan for North America.

The cause and effect is not so subtle. America’s leadership has quietly resettled Islamists through “political asylum” and “refugee” programs in many cities, including Dearborn, Michigan, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Houston, Texas. Islamists in Minneapolis had a large enough majority to elect their very own congressman—Keith Ellison, a Sunni Muslim and disciple of Louis Farrakhan of the radical *Nation of Islam*.

More than a decade of wars with Islamists has produced hundreds of thousands of Islamic immigrants. The State Department has announced plans to resettle hundreds of thousands more in 2015. At the same time, the Islamic population in America is being recruited to fight against America by joining the *Islamic State*.

America’s leaders have bowed far too often to Islam, saying that Islam is a religion of peace and that Allah and the God of the Bible are the same. This is spiritual adultery.

(Bill Wilson is an independent Christian journalist and writer for *Koenig’s International News*. Learn more at www.dailyjot.com. This article was shortened to fit into our newsletter.)

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SAVE THESE DATES!

Jan Markell will be speaking at the “*Good News for Israel*” prophecy conference which is Friday – Sunday, April 17 – 19. Other speakers include Pastor Carl Gallups and Chris Heeb, Director. Jan speaks Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. The conference is at Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church, Brooklyn Park, MN. Learn more at www.gnfi.org. Jan will be giving her presentation on U.S. Presidents and Israel.

Holocaust survivor Anita Dittman speaks

at their spring banquet, Thursday, May 20. The location is North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN. The time is 6 p.m. Reservations are needed. Contact www.gnfi.org or call 952-926-7369. Jan Markell is the author of Anita’s classic book, “Trapped in Hitler’s Hell” which is now a full-length documentary produced by *WND*. The banquet is sponsored by “*Good News for Israel*”, the oldest Jewish evangelism agency in America.

UPDATE: 2015 ISRAEL TRIP

Our Israel trip plans have changed. *Olive Tree Ministries* has turned the idea over to our radio co-host Eric Barger and his wife Melanie, and his ministry, “*Take a Stand!*”. The dates are November 9 - 18, 2015. The cost is \$3,750 per person from New York. It is limited to just 50 people.

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Worth Quoting

David Curry, CEO Open Doors USA

Christians in North Korea face unimaginable pressure. They are forced to meet only in secret; they dare not share their faith even with their families. Anyone discovered engaging in secret religious activity may be subject to arrest, disappearance, torture, and even public execution.

The very nature of the Kim regime, its suppression of outside ideas, control over its people, and restriction of outside visitors, is what keeps the West from gaining a clear picture of North Korean oppression and persecution. That's the reason North Korea isn't leading the nightly news or making headlines every day. But though there is no video footage to live stream from the work camps, the persecution of Christians that happens every day in North Korea is very real.

Gary Bauer, American Values, Washington, D.C.

According to a recent survey, 73 abortion facilities shut down in 2014. The state with the most closures was Texas, where 14 abortion facilities went out of business thanks to new legislation mandating common sense health and safety standards. The number of surgical abortion mills in America peaked in 1991 at nearly 2,200. Since then, 75% have shut down. This is good news and more evidence that the work of pro-life legislators and organizations is yielding real results!

But so long as *Roe v. Wade* remains the law of the land, much more work remains to be done.

Albert Mohler, President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Newsweek's rant about God's frauds is an irresponsible screed of post-Christian invective leveled against the Bible and, even more to the point, against evangelical Christianity. It is one of the most irresponsible articles ever to appear in a

journalistic guise. *Newsweek's* cover story is exactly what happens when a writer fueled by open antipathy to evangelical Christianity tries to throw every argument he can think of against the Bible and its authority.

To put the matter plainly, no honest historian would recognize the portrait of Christian history presented in this essay as accurate and no credible journalist would recognize this as balanced. The author's arrogance is stunning.

Grant Phillips on Rapture Ready Web

He came the first time riding on a beast of burden, carrying all our burdens upon Him. He will return soon, upon a white stallion, to claim His own. To the victor go the spoils. As a victorious soldier, He will claim all who are His; every man, woman, boy and girl throughout all time. From Adam and Eve to the very last person, He will lose none.

He came the first time to suffer. He will soon return to claim all that are His and to judge those who have refused His offer of salvation. None who are His will be lost, and none who have rejected Him will avoid judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

Most people today are living apart from God in their lives and have little to no regard for their souls. Others don't have time for Him, but are expecting to be joyfully accepted in Heaven anyway. We either accept the Jesus who rode upon the donkey the first time He came, or we will be judged by the word of His mouth when He returns upon the white stallion. Place your faith in Jesus who rode on the donkey, and ride with Him when He returns upon the white stallion.

An Aid Worker Helping Those Who Escape ISIS Who Shares Jesus:

You can see the tears in their eyes when we pray -- that God would care. Muslims who were previously taught to pray by

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rote to Allah, who by Koranic definition was unknowable, can feel the difference of having a relationship with God through Christ.

They see that God can give you strength, can heal you. They say that things have changed, that they have a peaceful attitude towards those ‘who have done this to my kids, wife, or husband -- I can pray about it and give it to God.’ Former Muslims, who once prayed five times a day as a duty, say they don’t quite know how to describe the difference.

They say, ‘Now with our relationship with God, we see a huge difference; something has changed in our life.’ You can see it on their faces. They say, ‘Every time we pray, there’s a difference.’

Franklin Graham, Samaritan’s Purse

What’s happening is we’re glorifying sin, we’re lifting up sin. And it’s like little children shaking their fist at Almighty God. It’s all over the country. You have the secularists and the humanists who are wanting to deny that Jesus ever existed. And they want to take His name off of everything.

What’s happening now is that it’s infiltrating our government. And our government is

attacking Christmas. And it’s not only attacking Christmas, but the name of Christ. Many times Christians are polite; they don’t want to be confronting anybody, so they just back off. But Christians need to write their politicians, and [they] need to stand up and defend their rights, because if you don’t, we’ll lose them. And we’re already losing them, just one at a time.

Dr. Ben Carson

Like many other Americans, I have always had a desire to travel to Israel and visit firsthand the many historical sites of spiritual significance. I was recently afforded the opportunity to fulfill that desire and was not disappointed.

In addition to being greatly inspired, I had an opportunity to speak with numerous Israeli citizens from a variety of backgrounds. One of the overwhelming themes in those conversations was the feeling of abandonment by the government of the United States. Some of the more diplomatic individuals said they felt sidelined by a U.S. government that had more important issues to deal with. Of course, they had not forgotten the times that our military and financial aid saved them from utter defeat at the hands of their numerous local enemies.

Our Readers And Listeners Respond

Jan, I ran across your “Understanding the Times” radio program on Bott Network. It is the most informational program on our times I have come across. Keep up the great work. —Marcy, Illinois

Jan and staff, thank you for your “right on” ministry. With so many churches going astray, we find your ministry a breath of fresh air. We’re looking for the “blessed hope.”—Jerry & Joni, e-mail

I so appreciate all the work you do and the opposition you face both in the seen and unseen world. I read your “headlines” every

morning. You have been mentoring me into becoming a watchman on the wall.—Sharon, California

Jan, I live in Cape Town, South Africa and I download your radio show as I am big on eschatology. I commend you for hosting such a fantastic program.—Phillip, e-mail

I so enjoyed the DVDs of your fall, 2014 conference. I’ve gotten most all of the DVD sets over the years and these were your best as your speakers were just outstanding! But your message on the Presidents of the U.S. was my favorite.—Arlene, e-mail

Crushing the Head of Satan

By Jill Martin Rische

Why do people suffer? Why do we despair? The words of Jesus ring true throughout the centuries: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Every human born on this planet will experience pain but we are not alone in the fire; we can turn to Him when our hearts tell us there is no hope. The Bible, history, archaeology, eyewitness testimony -- all tell of a supernatural power -- a Being far greater than human frailty who can be reached through simple faith.

Day after day, as the insanity of earth breaks loose, He is there. When the pictures of Ebola victims follow us from home to work to restaurants and even into church via television, computers, and phones...He sees them, too.

He walks with the frail woman fleeing terrorists, and heals the brokenhearted. Christians facing genocide, trapped in a 21st Century microcosm of hate, hold to His promise: “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)

And still the human part of us struggles, even as Job struggled, with the eternal question of “Why?”

On a spiritual level we know that we live in a cursed creation, and the innocent will die along with the guilty. It has to do with the irreversible laws of sin and death, set into motion a very long time ago when Adam walked with God. He knew the loving Creator personally -- intimately -- but in that moment of final choice, rejected Him.

When God judged Sodom and Gomorrah, He judged everything in the city, which meant that innocent children died along with the Sodomites. They lost their physical lives in these cities because they could not leave without their parents, but they did not lose their souls.

Jesus tells us that God has made provision for all the children, “Your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.” (Matthew 18:14)

Suffering and death will always touch everything on this earth. The only thing that saves us in this mess of a world is faith in a loving Father; faith that He is not a harsh taskmaster; faith that He is coming back for us. God is judging both the innocent and the guilty, and the Judge of the whole earth will do what is right. (Genesis 18:25)

Voices from the very worst of the suffering today remind us that they put their hope in God. A young woman living a nightmare in Iraq tells the world that suffering has brought her closer to God; a missionary stricken with Ebola praises God from his sickbed; another thanks God for the opportunity to serve. This is the curse and the blessing of suffering.

From the beginning of time, God planned to rescue us. He informed Satan right from the start that he had lost: “He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Genesis 3:15) Satan strikes at our lowest point. He strikes at Jesus every time a new day dawns on this earth, but it is never a fatal blow.

In the end, Jesus crushes the head of Satan, and that is final.

Do not let your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you: I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, you may be also. (John 14:1-3)

(Note: Jill Martin Rische is the daughter of the late Dr. Walter Martin. She is a part-time staff member at Olive Tree Ministries as a writer, radio co-host, and manager of our Facebook and Twitter outreach.)

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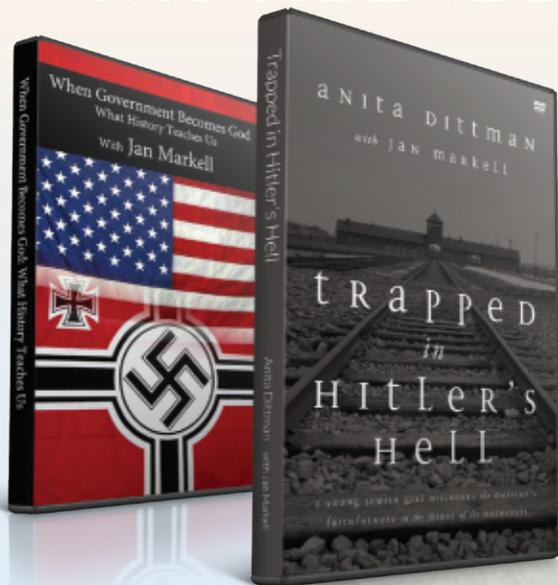
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Trapped in Hitler's Hell: A Young Jewish Girl Discovers the Messiah's Faithfulness in the Midst of the Holocaust



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.

"I read this book and loved it. It was mesmerizing, fascinating, inspirational, and God-exalting. And it was a masterpiece of writing!"—Dr. Dave Reagan, Lamb Lion Ministry

World Net Daily DVD only

75 minutes, full color, produced by George Escobar

DVD: \$16

Brilliant. Gripping. A touch of cinematic expertise seldom seen. This drama was carried right to the heart of the viewer—me. I trust this dual production of film and book will be like an emotional hypodermic needle for America to awaken to the fact that the present leadership has placed the Western world on the cusp of the whole thing being repeated.—Merv Watson, Israel

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

\$22 for both/\$8 for "When Government Becomes God" alone

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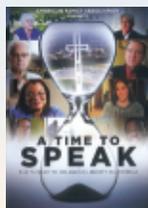
U.S. Presidents & Israel: A Blessing or a Cursing?

By *Jan Markell*

\$15 – DVD – 60 minutes

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Jan Markell considers the Presidents of the United States starting with Woodrow Wilson through Barack Obama. Wilson was in office at the time of the Balfour Declaration – the *unofficial* “birth” of Israel. Which Presidents have blessed or cursed Israel? Some Democrats have and some Republicans have. One President was called a “Righteous Gentile.” But many have abused God’s covenant land and people and America pays a price when that happens. *Jan spends extensive time on the Obama administration and their abysmal abuse of Israel and obvious favored opinion of the Islamic terror world.* As a result, America is steeped in unsolvable problems. She reminds us that God will always take care of Israel and that the issues she raises point to the soon return of the Lord. This is our most popular – and important – product.



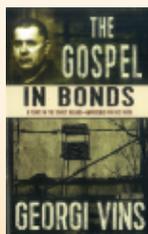
A Time to Speak: The Threat to Religious Liberty in America

By *American Family Association*

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Our religious freedoms are under full frontal assault. This should trouble you. Today in America, there is an unprecedented effort to deny the freedom of religious expression. If Christians are not allowed to combat the spirit of the age, America will sink into the depravity of the days of Noah. The *American Family Association* has produced a stunning 60-minute film depicting the urgency. It features Eric Metaxas, Gov. Mike Huckabee, Dr. Robert Jeffress, Tony Perkins, Todd Starnes, and many more. Clearly, tolerance doesn’t apply to everyone. It certainly does not apply to believers today.



The Gospel in Bonds: 8 Years in the Soviet Gulags – Imprisoned for His Faith

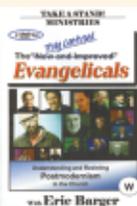
By *Georgi Vins*

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NEW!

Georgi Vins, a Baptist pastor living in the U.S.S.R., was 37 years old the first time he was imprisoned for his faith in a Soviet prison camp. He left behind his wife, his children, and his church. Over the course of 13 years, he spent a total of 8 years in the gulags. In this book you will hear true stories of believers whose faith in Christ took preeminence in their lives and who allowed nothing, not even a Communist government, to take away their faith and their hope. Vins’ story will encourage you to an ever-closer walk with the Lord.

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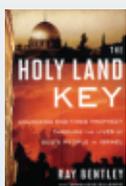


The Truly Confused Evangelicals: Understanding Postmodernism in the Church

By Eric Barger

\$26 – 2 disc DVD – 145 minutes

Eric Barger exposes what is nothing short of a wholesale, end-time abandonment of the Bible—all in the name of “Evangelicalism.” Carefully detailing the players, methods, and beliefs, Eric explains how this sweeping Postmodern-Emergent redefinition has led to the rejection of the orthodox doctrines that have defined Christianity for the past twenty centuries. Bible believers must prepare to dialogue and warn others concerning this.

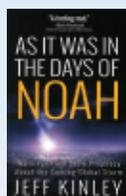


The Holy Land Key: Unlocking End-Times Prophecy Through the Lives of God's People in Israel

By Pastor Ray Bentley (with a Foreword by Dr. David Jeremiah)

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Pastor Ray Bentley has partnered with God's people in Israel where he witnesses the fulfillment of prophecy firsthand. This is your introduction to prophetic signs that God reveals in sometimes unexpected ways. Bentley's close ties with Israelis and Palestinians have given him a rare insider's perspective on the involvement of Jews, Arabs, and Christians in the events to come. Don't just read about prophecy. Step into its fulfillment.



As It Was in the Days of Noah: Warnings from Bible Prophecy About the Coming Global Storm

By Jeff Kinley

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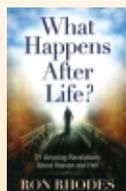


The Jewish People: Rejected or Beloved?

By Dr. David Reagan

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This book looks at God's relationship to the Jewish people and asks some pertinent questions: 1) Have they ceased being God's Chosen People? 2) Has God replaced them with the church? 3) If God loves them, how could He allow them to experience the Holocaust? 4) What is “Dual Covenant Theology” and who is promoting it? 5) What is their end-time role, and much more?



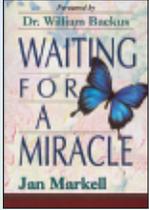
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By Dr. Ron Rhodes

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