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## Darkness is Descending

By Jan Markell

Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu recently stated that in his region, "darkness is descending." He was referring to the fact that in the entire Mideast region and even much of Europe, things are unstable and out-of-control. America would not lead for eight years under Barack Obama and *the world tilted off course*. In reality, that had to happen in the last days to set the stage for final day events. *Troubling headlines are often a harbinger of His return.*

The global agenda loves instability! It is part of the crisis they must have to institute their plan of a one-world government. If the world were enjoying peace and security, a world without borders would not be needed. A single leader and a single currency would make no sense! If society were working, why not just maintain the status quo?

Let's look at America for a moment. Bill Koenig publishes a weekly e-newsletter and he has given me permission to quote from it. Find all subscription information at [www.watch.org](http://www.watch.org). Due to length, I am unable to re-print the entire column. He writes that we are a nation out of control and highlights some of the following concerns:

- The news today is so divisive that people are tuning out while MSNBC tabloid TV is becoming more popular and leading in certain viewership.
- Conservative speakers or pundits are not allowed to speak on many college campuses and other venues. If they are allowed, the security is incredibly tight and they are often disinvited.
- Free speech is under threat and the leftists are intolerant of Christian values and morals. They shout you down or don't let you speak at all. Similarly, the tech giants such as Facebook, Twitter, Google, YouTube, and others, are monitoring conservative and Christian content and blocking it. It has just been learned that Amazon is blocking book reviews from conservative authors.

• Many children are totally ill prepared for life due to the lack of involvement by parents, peer pressure and technology obsession. According to Barna Research, only 1% of children have a biblical worldview.

- A report by the *National Association*

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*of Scholars* reveals the infiltration of a New Civics program. The report notes that “instead of teaching college students the foundations of law, liberty and self-government, colleges teach students how to organize protests, occupy buildings, and stage demonstrations.”

- Part of the goals of the “fundamental transformation of America” was to advocate for redistributing wealth, compromising the free market, expanding the welfare state, intensifying identity politics, and elevating global norms over American law. This would minimize our common history and ideals to a narrative of racism, misogyny, and exploitative colonialism and thereby channel university funding to progressive causes.
- We have an epidemic opiate crisis across America. Many cannot pass a drug test to meet employer’s insurance requirements.
- Some governors and mayors are not obeying immigration laws. What kind of a message does this send? Lawlessness is rampant.
- Democrat members of various committees in Washington engaged in harsh questioning of President Trump’s leadership candidates—many of whom were Christians. They were grilled on their positions on abortion, same-sex marriage, LGBT and transgender, and more. Votes were often influenced by the answers.
- Jesus Christ is not spoken of in many churches. Evangelical pro-Israel

churches consist of 40 million people while the “replacement theology” church membership is more than 100 million. Most of those do NOT know of the biblical significance of the State of Israel or that Christ will reign from Jerusalem for 1000 years.

- The social justice churches treat the symptoms of sin but you won’t hear them say that the root cause of the symptoms is sin.

Koenig had additional bullet points that all emphasized dysfunction.

Now Russia and America are each rattling sabers. The Kim family in North Korea has been threatening war for decades and now wants to talk about a fake peace. Palestinian leader Abbas has threatened to send terrorists to America if America doesn’t resume hundreds of millions of dollars in aid. Iran was given time to build a nuclear arsenal along with \$150 billion from Barack Obama. They cannot wait to start Armageddon!

The world is under a grand deception and is under a veil of blindness. Perhaps this, in fact, is the judgment it deserves. According to Joy Behar, Christians who hear the voice of the Lord are said to have a form of mental illness. The secular world roared their approval. Scientists from Northwestern University have concluded Christians are brain damaged. Up is down, black is white, good is evil.

I could go on but you get the point! Darkness is descending everywhere—

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even in the Church. There is serious instability everywhere, and the movers and shakers of globalism love instability. It is part of the crisis they must have. Never let a good crisis go to waste, particularly if it will bring about a one-world system. The “new world order” doesn’t want order, stability, or business-as-usual. It wants turmoil, unhappiness, imminent war, and uncertainty. And no God!

But someday a “man with a plan” will suggest that he can make all uncomfortable issues go away! He will offer utopia. With wars going on in the

Mideast, other nations making serious threats, economies hurting, and the culture taking serious hits, he will be a true “Mr. Fix-It.” *He will say he can turn on the lights and the darkness will disappear.* No more descent into darkness. It will sound so good. What a relief.

Unfortunately for those left behind, the Antichrist will make a royal mess of things and his ignominious reign will last just seven years. *True peace and prosperity with King Jesus in charge will last for 1000 glorious years followed by the New Heavens and the New Earth.*

## DECEIVERS!

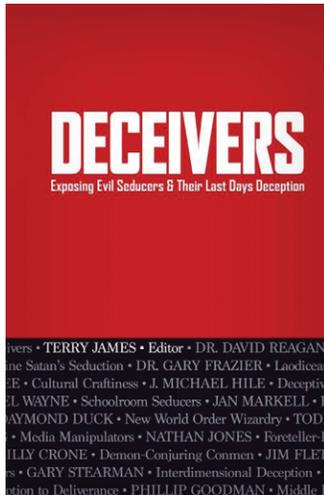
Olive Tree Ministries is carrying a new book edited by Terry James titled *Deceivers: Exposing Evil Seducers and Their Last Days Deception*. Jan Markell opens the book in chapter one, writing about apostasy in the church today.

The various authors look at many areas of end-time deception rampant today. Scripture foretells such a climate as we move into the end-times. Everything is gearing up for the deception and delusion of II Thessalonians 2. A man of lawlessness will deceive with lying signs and wonders someday. The stage is being set.

In addition to Jan Markell, Editor Terry James assigned chapters to Dr. David Reagan, Dr. Gary Frazier, Don McGee, Pastor Billy Crone, Gary Stearman, Michael Hile, Israel Wayne, Phillip Goodman, Nathan Jones, Daymond Duck, Jim Fletcher, Eric Barger, and Todd Strandberg.

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Jan, your conference is the best, most informative one out there. I just watched your 2017 DVDs straight through... Dawn Haggerty, Oregon

Jan, at your 2017 event, the air was charged with the electricity of words we could trust from you and your speakers. I didn't want to leave. I wanted to sit through it all a second time... Sher Leksén, Minnesota

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Our 2016 and 2017 Understanding the Times conferences were uncomfortably crowded. We had 6,200 attendees in a venue that comfortably seats about 4,800 at the Grace Church, Eden Prairie campus near Minneapolis. The church required us to ticket the event and limit the attendance to 4,800 this year. If this has been an inconvenience for anyone, we are very sorry. The other alternative was to put an end to Olive Tree's conference activity. There is no larger church venue in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.



As we went to press, there still were some tickets remaining. We encourage you to check out <https://olivetreereviews.brushfire.com/events/441799>. You can also call toll free Monday through Friday at 1-888-338-5338. You can

order tickets online at their website seven days a week. Ticket cost varies by seat location from \$10-\$25 per seat.

## Live Streaming This Year!

We will offer free live streaming on our website on September 29. It will be archived for a few weeks as well. CDs and DVDs will also be for sale and available by November 1.

## Our Readers and Listeners Respond

Jan, I've been enjoying your broadcasts for years. You have been a true messenger, watchman, and have brought comfort to many with your words of encouragement and love for the truth.—Holly, e-mail

I am always telling others to tune into your program. It is comforting to know there is a source of information we can count on that aligns with scripture. Love your guests. You do an excellent job of balancing the seriousness of our times with the hope of our coming Savior.—Ginny, e-mail

Jan, I am a remnant believer who has not had a church home for 20 years. It's lonely. I feel blessed to have found your ministry.—Margaret, e-mail

I watched your 2017 conference DVDs straight through and I have one word: wow. They left me full of hope. Amir, Pastor JD Farag, Mark Hitchcock and Michele Bachmann left me with anticipation in this world of darkness. I listen to your program at [oneplace.com](http://oneplace.com).—Jim, e-mail

Jan, thanks for "How the Blessed Hope Became the Blasted Hope" DVD. Great info and terrific presentation. Thank you for naming names.—Carol and Jim, e-mail

# Why We May be the Terminal Generation

By Jan Markell

Our planet is terminal but believers are not. In fact, believers today may be the terminal generation in that we are likely the generation that will soon exit. Why am I so certain? *Because I watch the signs.*

Jesus chastised the Pharisees for not being able to discern the signs of His first coming. So why would God not want us to be watching for indicators of His return? Sure, a lot of these signs manifest in the Tribulation, but they are casting a big shadow now. To the Christian, they are a herald of His coming and to the unbeliever, they are a warning that they are running out of time.

But since the Church escapes God's wrath of the Tribulation, even headlines that some would call gloom and doom are really harbingers of His return.

There are specific signs for the Church age as well. There are geo-political signs that have been around for 70 years now starting with the re-birth of Israel and the alignment of end-time nations in the Mideast and elsewhere.

One man who has been documenting the lateness of the hour said, "I am no longer looking for signs—I am listening for sounds!" That would very likely be a shout and a trumpet.

With this in mind I developed a new DVD teaching this past winter focusing on fifteen important end-time signs that tell me that the King is coming soon. Here they are in no particular order. In the actual DVD teaching, I use 80 PowerPoint illustrations to emphasize these points:

- The worldwide calls for peace and

security (I Thessalonians 5:2-4).

- The "business-as-usual" mindset that is a global phenomenon. People are enjoying life, not paying attention, consumed in pleasure and entertainment. As they were caught off guard in Noah's day, they will be right before the Rapture.

- There is an intensified mocking and scoffing as it concerns the glorious news that the King is coming. There is an even worse denigration of the pre-Tribulation Rapture. And most churches are so disinterested that hardly any will consider preaching and teaching on end-time issues (II Peter 3:3).

- The rise of wickedness is on overdrive as well as the decline in man's character, evil that is waxing worse and worse, the obsession with self and money, and the glorification of things that are aberrant (II Timothy 3; Romans 1; Matthew 24).

- I don't think anyone expected such a wave of strong delusion as we are seeing today. Innocent little four-year old girls sharing a bathroom with men who could be dangerous. Really? *And this is celebrated. This is the new normal.* Such strong delusion!

- Many are watching the rise of technology that is going to lead to "Mark of the Beast" technology. Sophia the robot can have a better conversation with you than many humans!

- Note the rise in the interest and pursuit of rebuilding the third Temple which most would call the Tribulation Temple. Everything is being put in place. Priests, utensils, garments, and more! Most items are in place.



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- Anyone who is paying attention can't help but see Mideast activity and nations aligning at a staggering pace. The leaders of Iran, Turkey and Russia are posing for photos together. Israel is making strikes in Syria. Russia is hyper-active in the Middle East. The stage for Gog-Magog (Ezekiel 38-39) is being set.
- There is a renewed interest and longing for a world leader. There is a cry for a single authority to please make all things right in the world. To create a universal income and create world social justice. A lawless one is coming with lying signs and wonders.
- An unconventional Pope is always in the news. If Rome is "mystery Babylon," a Pope must play a unique end-time role as he is likely the False Prophet spoken of in Revelation.
- There has never been such a longing for a world without borders and a global government (Revelation 13). The globalists are only waiting for a worldwide crisis to institute this government. They don't realize that it will take the Rapture to bring this about.
- Has there ever been such a time when ravenous wolves have devoured the sheep (Matthew 7:15)? The apostasy in some churches and denominations is

unprecedented. Some congregations are literally teaching the doctrine of demons (1 Timothy 4:1).

- The predicted "birth pangs" are intensifying. Billion dollar disasters are the new normal. And while many such birth pangs are ultimately in the Tribulation, they are casting a major shadow now.
- Jesus warned that His people—Jews and Christians—would someday be savagely attacked (Matthew 10:22). That has always been the case but such actions have been unprecedented in the last 80 years.
- The "convergence" of these signs and many more not listed here is unparalleled in history. We did not see this convergence even 15 years ago.

*I feel these 15 signs are a reminder that we ARE the terminal generation. Our departure date is imminent. Some would suggest these are really "sighs" of the times and that is, in part, true.*

The players are on a chess board and God is moving them around in a masterful way! The roadmap is the Bible. This should challenge us to live holy in an unholy age. *Each manifestation of the lateness of the hour should be a faith builder. God has a glorious future for us and He's telling us in advance!*

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# See No Evil: The South African Holocaust

By Jill Martin Rische

Fox News ran coverage recently of the shocking events in South Africa. As an end time scenario, it was almost apocalyptic. Any land belonging to whites—including Jews—must be taken from them without compensation. Death is a weapon they won't rule out, with members of the racist *African National Congress* (ANC) government calling for the execution of anyone who is white.

At political rallies, they dance to songs of “death to whites” while jobs are given to blacks first and whites are forced into ghettos. Meanwhile, America forbids immigration and stands on the sidelines, sending \$350 million a year to the ANC fascist government. *This is South Africa today.*

## White farmers are hunted

The frail and elderly, the young, the children—it makes no difference. If you are a white farmer, an Afrikaner, you are fair game with no police investigation if you're tortured or killed. A slumber party can end in attempted rapes and the death of a husband who tries to stop it, as one family recently found out. Simply caring for animals or crops is a life or death experience.

When thousands of all races peacefully protest these atrocities as they did in South Africa last year, the ANC government accuses them of inciting violence, and threatens “bloody” retaliation if they try it again. *It is a holocaust in the making.*

Even the fact that Afrikaners rejected Apartheid in 1991 is simply too little too late for the ANC. In a recent interview with a member of the *Black First Land First* (BLF), a political group best described as *Black Lives Matter* on steroids, a young black woman told South African farmers, “*We don't want you to feel pity for us, we are coming for you. We are coming to get everything that you own. It's ours.*”

## Strong delusion

But this is far more than a political battle, it is fierce spiritual warfare. South Africa is reeling under the consequences of *decades of false doctrine, atheism, and deep, ancient roots of witchcraft.* Dutch Christian Reformed and French Huguenot settlers poured their lives into founding this nation, but today many churches are doctrinally polluted by New Age practices, and the influence of pious pilgrims is long gone. “For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (Rom 1:21)

The rise of evil and moral delusion, rooted in rebellion against God, has mushroomed again as it did in Hitler's time and *we are seeing brutality on a scale most of us have never witnessed.* God tells us that we should expect this when human hearts know the truth and deliberately turn away from it. “And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.” (Rom 1:28) *This is a dangerous place to be—a place of rebellion where God hardens hearts and judges them.*

## See no evil

*In the days of Hitler, Europe witnessed the suffering of the Jews and closed its eyes.* President Franklin Delano Roosevelt turned away Jewish refugees as “threats” to national security. One of the worst betrayals was in 1939, when the ship *St. Louis* left Germany with 937 passengers, almost all of them Jewish. History tells us that more than a quarter of these refugees died in the Holocaust. Where was the church of Jesus Christ?

Decades later, many would wonder why so many Jews stayed in Europe. Why did they let their shops, homes, and families be

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taken from them without a fight? The truth is that some stayed for patriotic reasons; some stayed because they had no money to leave; and some remained because there was nowhere to go.

This is what many South Africans now face—a world blind and deaf to the terror they experience every day, and not a single country who will rescue them. Only Israel offers help to Jewish families. Where is the church of Jesus Christ?

## Are we Philadelphia?

Of all the churches mentioned in Revelation, it is only Philadelphia who was not condemned. “Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon.” (Rev 3:10-11) They endured trials and acted on their faith.

We live in the hope and joy that Jesus is coming back soon, and our instructions are the same as those to Philadelphia: occupy until His return. We are to go into the world and preach the gospel, feed the poor, help the oppressed, and love our neighbors as ourselves. As our world grows progressively darker, we are called to be the light—to be the salt that seasons and stings.

## What can we do?

There are many living in South Africa who still love and trust God. He is a loving Father and we should plead with Him for their safety as Abraham did for Lot, while there are still ten righteous men.

The church must come together and help those who are targeted for persecution and death. We must rise up and become the church militant. There is much we can do:

1. Stand together and pray.

2. Donate to a support fund for South African families. Visit [www.waltermartin.com](http://www.waltermartin.com) for more info.

3. Support *Wycliffe Bible Translators* who are risking their lives in South Africa to bring the Word of God to a very dark place. Partner with Gary and Ellie Sikma or any missionary of your choice: ([wycliffe.org/partner/sikma](http://wycliffe.org/partner/sikma))

4. Create a network of American people and churches connected to the people and churches of South Africa. ([waltermartin.com/southafrica](http://waltermartin.com/southafrica))

5. Start or sign a White House petition requesting Immigration Priority for South African Refugees and an end to funding the ANC government. ([petitions.whitehouse.gov](http://petitions.whitehouse.gov))

We can make a difference while we occupy this world. There is hope for the rescue and salvation of so many trapped in South Africa if we actively work to help them. In the words of an old Fanny Crosby hymn:

*“Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,*

*Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;*

*Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,*

*Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.*

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,*

*Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.”*

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## How Near?

By Terry James

One of the prophetic Scriptures most poured over by those who hold the pre-Millennial, pre-Trib view of eschatology is the following.

*Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:32-35)*

Despite the fact that the seminaries more often than not teach that Jesus, in the Olivet Discourse, addresses only the Jews (Israel), many, including this writer, believe Jesus is speaking not just to Israel. He is speaking here to all, Jews and Gentiles alike, who will accept Christ for salvation down through the ages.

Although there are differences of opinion in precisely what the prophecy means, most agree that *the fig tree in Scripture refers most often to the nation Israel.*

This prophecy, given by the Lord Himself, is thought by many to be among the strongest scriptural reasons to believe that this present generation will experience Christ's return to planet earth. Israel, as is said, is God's prophetic timepiece. The view holds that this generation will see the prophecy fulfilled within the definitive timeline framed by Israel being back in the land God gave them.

Certainly, recent history, in combination with current events, seems to present a

strong case that gives this view credibility.

That case is built upon the following:

- 1) The Bible gives the definition of a generation as 70 years.
- 2) The nation Israel was reborn—in a single day, as prophesied—in 1948.
- 3) We are in the year 2018—70 years since Israel came back into the land as a nation following World War II.
- 4) America is scheduled to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, letting all the world know that we consider Jerusalem the Jewish state's capital.
- 5) This is scheduled to happen May 14, the exact anniversary of the month and day of Israel's rebirth into modernity.

These factors are not all to consider in thinking on Jesus' prophecy. There is strong reason to believe that this foretelling speaks clearly to a pre-Tribulation Rapture, admittedly the view held today by fewer and fewer pastors and professing Christians.

The Lord next said the following: *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. (Matthew 24:36)*

Jesus is here talking of a specific day and hour that no one will know. It

will be an unannounced event, so far as timing is concerned. This cannot be the Second Advent when Christ returns as given in Revelation 19:11. There are precise numbers of days when that great event will take place, as measured from the midway point of the 7-year Tribulation. This unknown day and hour Jesus talks about

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is, rather, the first phase of His Second Coming—the Rapture of the Church!

Immediately after Jesus talked about the generation that would see all the prophecies fulfilled, He spoke of the human condition that will be prevalent at the time of His return. In fact, He spoke of several conditions that will mark that last generation before the first phase of His Second Coming.

We have been over these conditions many times over the past number of years. I refer to Christ's "days of Noah, days of Lot" prophecy.

The Lord spoke with precision as to what that generation will be doing with regard to carrying on life in general. This is all outlined immediately following Him saying that no man knows the day or hour when His next intervention will take place into the affairs of mankind.

Read again Matthew 24:36-42 and Luke 17: 26-30 to understand the time of His sudden, catastrophic intervention into life on earth.

My contention has been for many years that this time when he suddenly comes for His Church will be in the middle of an economic boom. Economists and others have for years been predicting an economic downturn—even another

Great Depression. And, admittedly, by all fiscal principles one can bring forth from economic physics, the world should have long ago fallen into depression.

Then came Trump. He came out of the prayers of those called by the Name of Jesus Christ, who implored the Lord to act leading up to the 2016 presidential election. The miracle occurred. The nation was given, as I've said before, not a godly man, but without a doubt—in my mind at least—God's man for the hour, a president who has put in place policies and structure for a profound economic uptick.

All of this appears to be God's preparation for bringing this generation to very near the moment of Christ's shout: "Come up here!" (Revelation 4:1)

*(Note from Jan: Both Terry James and I are very careful to acknowledge that many prophetic warnings are given for the Tribulation period and other signs are clearly for the Church age. Often these indicators cross over, which is Terry's conclusion here. Also, many Tribulation signs are casting a shadow now. There is stage-setting going on. We see through a glass darkly (1 Corinthians 13:12) on a lot of eschatological issues. Terry is co-editor of the popular website ministry found at [www.raptureready.com](http://www.raptureready.com). He is a best-selling author as well.)*

Jan Markell was able to minister at Pastor JD Farag's church in Kaneohe, Hawaii in March. She spoke three times. Find all messages at Pastor JD Farag's YouTube Channel. As this went to press, all messages had well over 200,000 views from all around the world. Thanks to Pastor JD Farag and his congregation for hosting Jan and Olive Tree.



## News You May Have Missed

### ***“And evil will wax worse and worse...”***

Violence is on the increase in the Western world. The sociologists have their explanation. Gun grabbers will tell you it is the fault of too many weapons. Mental illness surely plays a role as well.

In February, a young man shot up a school in Parkland, Florida killing 17 and wounding many more. Very few sources reported what was likely the root problem.

The 19-year-old, Nikolas Cruz, told investigators that he heard voices in his head, giving him instructions on what to do to conduct the attack, law enforcement sources told ABC News. *The voices were described as “demons” by law enforcement sources.*

The Bible says that in the last days evil will “wax worse and worse” (II Timothy 3:13). While news like this is disturbing and disquieting, it is likely at the root of much senseless crime today. Taking away the rights of people to defend themselves is hardly the remedy.

### ***Why the Unlikely Meeting of Two World Leaders?***

Prophecy author Bill Salus writes that Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan met with Pope Francis on February 5, 2018. These two prominent world leaders met to discuss several sensitive geo-political issues, which included at the top of their list, the current and future status of Jerusalem.

Mentioned by seventy different names over one-thousand times in the Bible, this holy city is central to Islam, Catholicism (Christianity) and Judaism. President Donald Trump’s decision on December 6, 2017, to acknowledge Jerusalem as Israel’s capital



sent shock waves throughout both the Muslim and Catholic communities.

Representing nearly three-billion followers between them, these two dominant world religions are apparently uniting together against President Trump’s controversial Jerusalem decision. Does this developing alliance between Turkey and the Vatican have potential biblical ramifications?

Keep your eyes on this scenario. A Turkish leader and a Pope may, indeed, be apocalyptic players. Turkey is a part of the Gog-Magog alliance of Ezekiel 38-39. A Pope could certainly be the Harlot of Revelation 17, though we can’t be certain about that.

### ***Two Billion Insulted—Who Cares?***

Two billion worldwide Christians were insulted by Joy Behar on “The View” in March when she insisted that Vice President Mike Pence was mentally ill. He claimed he heard the voice of God. Tens of thousands protested at the offices of ABC. Behar issued a half-hearted apology when the pressure became unbearable.

God speaks to many in a still, small voice. He speaks to others through His Word, the Bible. Many people have written about hearing God’s audible voice in a crisis.

C.S. Lewis writes in *The Problem of Pain*, “God whispers to us in our pleasure—but shouts in our pain: *It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.*”

Once again the tolerant Left demonstrates their total intolerance for anything outside of their secularized, Godless box.

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#### About Jan Markell



Jan came to faith in Christ through Jewish evangelist Dr. Hyman Appleman when she was just 11 years old. She founded Olive Tree Ministries in the 1980s. Jan has authored 8 major books with *Tyndale House*, *Baker Book House*, and *Bethany Fellowship*. She began the “Understanding the Times” radio broadcast in 2001 and it is now heard on about 830 radio stations and around the world electronically. She hosts the largest conference of its kind in North America every fall.

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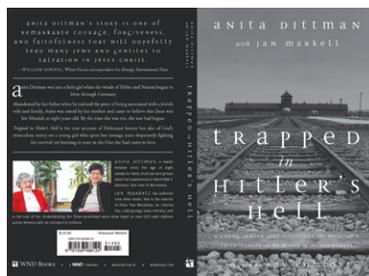
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## Trapped in Hitler's Hell: A Young Jewish Girl Discovers the Messiah's Faithfulness in the Midst of the Holocaust"

By Anita Dittman and Jan Markell

**Book: \$11 – 206 pages – softbound**

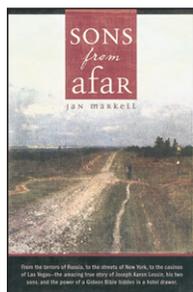
Jan's classic book, now celebrating 38 years of making a difference. The remarkable story of Anita Dittman and her miraculous survival during the Hitler years. The story spans 12 riveting years of

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*"I read 'Trapped in Hitler's Hell' and loved it. It was mesmerizing, fascinating, inspirational, and God-exalting. And it was a masterpiece of writing!" – Dr. Dave Reagan, Lamb Lion Ministries*

**Documentary DVD: \$16 – 75 minutes, full color, produced by George Escobar**

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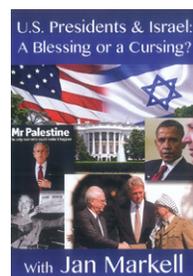


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This book by Jan Markell is a re-do of her classic *Gone the Golden Dream*. It is the true story of Joe Lessin and his sons. Joe's Judaism leaves him empty and he has a God-shaped vacuum in his heart. After he finds the real Messiah, Jesus Christ, he must win his family to Christ. His sons rebel for years, but then as it is promised in Isaiah 60:4, his sons come from afar and commit their lives to the true Messiah. Witness the power of a simple Gideon Bible hidden in a hotel drawer.

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**\$10 – DVD – 60 minutes**

Jan Markell traces the activity of recent U.S. Presidents and how they blessed or cursed Israel and the Jewish people (Genesis 12:3). She begins with Woodrow Wilson, as he was in office during the *Balfour Declaration*, and ends with Barack Obama. The Obama administration has been the worst persecutor of Israel in its 68 year history.

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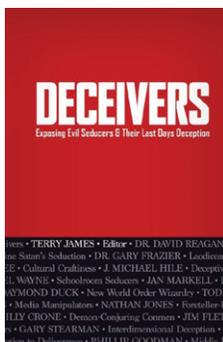
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By Jan Markell

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Jan Markell feels there are many signs manifesting today that herald the return of Jesus Christ. While many will blossom in the Tribulation, they are casting a shadow today. Other signs are a warning for Church age believers and should be an encouragement that the King is coming.



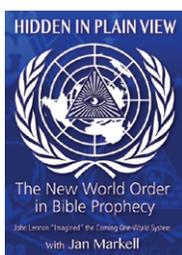
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Terry James, Editor

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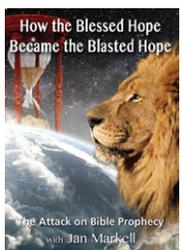


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