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FEATURE REPORT

Jude: Conditions Revealed for Last-day Christians

The book of Jude is small—one chapter 25 verses long—tucked in just before the Revelation. Just as Genesis is the first book of the Bible and Revelation the last, the position of Jude is equally significant. It holds a spot that parallels Esther in the Old Testament. The Book of Esther is the last of the historical books for the Hebrews in the Old Testament. It was meant to be a prophetic foreshadowing of the future history of the Jewish people, largely taking place over the "times of the Gentiles." Immediately following is the Wisdom Literature, and then the prophets.

The book of Jude holds a similar anchor in the New Testament, providing the last instructions for the Church Age. Prophetic in character, it foreshadows the fate of the Church and Christians for the period between the epistles and the 3rd chapter of Revelation.

Jude, the half-brother of Jesus, wrote this epistle with one main objective in view: "[...] That ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3).

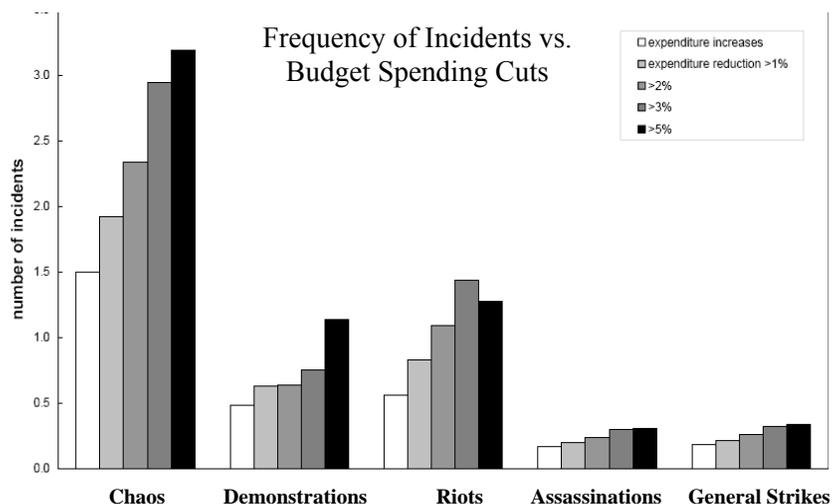
Why? Because: "[...] There are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (verse 4, KJV).

Jude is writing expressly to prepare the Church against teachers of falsehoods, corruptions and the fleshly philosophies of mankind. "Contending for the faith" is the very line of defense that falls when the gospel is distorted and corrupt doctrine is adopted.

We can see here that the Church was attacked very early by false teachers who had "slipped" into its ranks even while the

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Response to Spending Cuts: Rising Anarchy & Instabilities



Source: Jacobo Ponticelli, & Hans-Joachim Roth

"Judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts."

— 1 Corinthians 4:5

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WORLD MONEY UPDATE

Out of Bullets: What Next?

Economists and policymakers around the world are again confronted with another round of wobbles in financial systems. The Global Financial Crisis (GFC) continues, though it has been morphing into different forms.

Said Antigone in the Greek tragedy written by Sophocles, "No one loves the messenger who brings bad news." But, admittedly, at this stage, no one today could possibly deny that the path of global developments over the past 30 to 40 years has been wrong-headed. It has come to the sorry state that we see today.

The GFC is not over ... not by a country mile. Lately, the "ground zero" of this crisis has moved to the sovereign debt sector. Massive increases in country debt—this, for the most part, being the result of deliberate policy decisions to bail-out consumers, banks, states, mortgage insurers ... etc.

As an example, the most extreme of these casualties was the country of Ireland. Only

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four years ago, it sported one of the lowest debt-to-GDP (Gross Domestic Product) ratios of all OECD nations (approximately 15%); today it is among the worst. Why? It foolishly bailed out its reckless banking system, subjecting its citizens to impossible debts after much profits were siphoned off in previous years.

Now, the sovereign debt contagion has spread to many other nations. The investor fear that these problems have generated has been remarkable. For example, while some bond markets have collapsed (for example, consider Greece, where a 1-year bond yielded over 90% ... yes 90%!) others have soared. To illustrate, U.S. 10 year interest rate levels at one point recently fell to half of 6 months earlier (below 1.8%). The opinions of professional economists and money managers have been failing ... and flailing. Their shifts in sentiment have been extreme and without foundation.

The possibility of some very severe scenarios confronts the world at this time. A dissolution of the common euro system shared by the 17 European nations; a new global economic recession; the possibility of a depression in the U.S. (actually, depression-like conditions are already here); a hard economic landing in China and elsewhere; are among the developments that working together could create extremely difficult financial conditions globally. Calamities of this scale will foment volatile and dangerous geopolitical conditions. Desperate times breed desperate measures and “strong-arm” tactics. At this point, we could not speculate as to what new organization of powers would emerge.

Some analysts are now openly speculating as to the “social” and “geopolitical” implications of the current crises. On the front page of this issue, we reproduce a chart from a research report entitled Anarchy and Austerity. Based on trends in Europe, the authors link higher levels of social instability with “budget cuts” and conditions of policy-driven austerity.

Surprisingly even research from UBS, one of the world's

largest money managers, strikes a very gloomy pose. Quoting a recent report:

“Monetary union break-ups in history are nearly always accompanied by extremes of civil disorder or civil war [...] the historical parallels are unappealing. [...] Past instances of monetary union break-ups have tended to produce one of two results. Either there was a more authoritarian government response to contain or repress the social disorder (a scenario that tended to require a change from democratic to authoritarian or military government), or alternatively, the social disorder worked with existing fault lines in society to divide the country, spilling over into civil war.”

What can we conclude? For a start, it is helpful to first realize that there are no real shortages in the world... neither of resources, nor of food ... or any other general substance on earth. Most certainly there is no shortage of wealth, nor a shortage of money. While all modern-day money is almost completely fiat—and therefore, technically, never in short supply—monetary reserves in most Western nations are in heavy excess. The problems have more to do with the “distribution” of these things. For one, wealth — whether held in fictitious or real forms — is being hoarded today.

Readers may not realize that extreme wealth skews and high indebtedness are in fact prophesied as being endtime conditions (See James 5:1-6). Very definitely, such unequal distributions have occurred before throughout history in various places and times. What is different today is that these phenomena are world-wide conditions.

Interestingly, some serious think-pieces are emerging that are considering “debt forgiveness” or “debt taxation” as the solution. The Boston Consulting Group recently produced a report entitled Back to Mesopotamia? The Looming Threat of Debt Restructuring. In order to return world debt levels to what they regard as a manageable level of 180% of GDP, they estimate that approximately \$8 trillion of debt would need to be forgiven or taxed in the Eurozone, with another \$11.5 trillion in the U.S. This parallels some thoughts in our recent 3-part article series which examines the concept of Levitical debt forgiveness, and also reviews earlier connections to Mesopotamia. (The articles can be accessed [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).)

Just what is the solution? The reality to see is that policy makers are bankrupt of ideas as to how to rectify current problems. Recent meetings of the G20 and the IMF (International Monetary Foundation) have come up with empty pronouncements and lots of hand-wringing.

Taking a Biblical world view, the spirit we clearly see spanning the globe today is that of the materialistic pagan. The supposed “happiness” that humanity has been collectively seeking through materialistic satiation has rather sadly been undermined by the very same, but unbridled, pursuit.

The influences of human greed, lack of love (i.e. pure



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motivations behind economic actions), self interest, and the pursuit of “false gods” have been the culprits.

We are living in unprecedented times, in which the “raw emotions” of materialistic people and the desperate “strong arm tactics” of the world’s policymakers can lead to some very extreme outcomes. The span of outcomes range from a broad collapse of financial economies to new, and perhaps sudden, power structures.

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apostles were still alive. These false teachers are sneaky and devious ... not going in unto the sheep by the front gate. Jesus warned: “I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber” (John 10:1). Because of their slipperiness and subtle encroachments upon the Church, Jude then lays out a list of diagnostic characteristics by which to recognize them, lest the Christian be caught unawares.

But while Jude is responding to what he sees in his day, he is certainly also covering the conditions of the very last days. He says: “But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, ‘In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires’” (verses 17-18, NIV).

Following Jude’s introduction which ends in verse 5, two structures are then carried throughout the rest of this book:

1. The direct actions of 10 persons, entities or groups are named, besides the false, corrupt teachers that play a role in the battle for the truth of the gospel. Each of these factors mentioned, we can view as being prophetically significant.
2. 18 characteristics that help to identify false teachers that “[...] deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord” (verse 4).

To no surprise—as Scripture always corroborates itself in various ways—the numbers of “10” and “18” are aptly symbolic. “18” is the sum of three “6’s.” Three times the number of man signifies the peak significance of an apostate, human religion or system (i. e. 666). In the Bible, the number “3” often signifies spiritual or religious significance. In the case of a humanist apostasy, the number “18” then would represent its fullest perversion. Apostle Paul, when listing the characteristics of ungodly people during the apostate “perilous times” in 2 Timothy 3, also mentions exactly 18 characteristics.

The number “10” is also significant in the Bible. It symbolizes a type of “systematic” or “program” completeness. This number breaks down to a sum of 6, 3 and 1. The symbolism of the first two numbers has already been reviewed. The “1” signifies the perfect finality or Person. You will see this when we list the 10 constituents of this group.

Let’s then first turn our attention to this collection of 10 persons (or groups) and attempt to glean any prophetic

implications they may foreshadow for the “last days.”

1. “[...] The Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe” (verse 5).

Prophetic Parallel: Israel is returned to its land in the last days—delivered from out of the world, as from Egypt—yet most do not believe in their Jehovah and many will be destroyed in the coming Tribulation (Jacob’s Trouble).

2. Angels (in their fallen state, demons) are mention next in verse 6. “And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.”

Prophetic Parallel: Disobedient angels (demons) who originally took unto them “the daughters of men” (Genesis 6:2, KJV) and corrupted mankind in the age of Noah (and then were bound up), foreshadow another demonic attack upon humanity in forms of deceiving demons and possibly in manifested physical form during the Tribulation. In Revelation 12, we read that “[...] Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (verse 9). While that event specifically takes place in the Tribulation Period, several New Testament authors (including Jude) warned that in the last days many deceiving doctrines, taught by demons, would make their way into the Church. We see the “stealth” of these conditions today. Many Christians are not able to recognize these false teachers for what they are.

3. Sodom and Gomorrah: “In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire” (verse 7).

Prophetic Parallel: In the last days, that there would be a prevalence of immorality to the point demonstrated even in Sodom and Gomorrah. There, sexual perversion was publicly endorsed to the extreme of flaunting and aggressive militancy. We already see such conditions today.

4. Archangel Michael is mentioned next: “But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation [...]” (verse 9).

Prophetic Parallel: Michael, who is the Archangel of the Jews, is disputing with the world run by the Devil over the right of Israel to exist. Michael serves a special role for the Jews, as is confirmed by the prophet Daniel. “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise” (Daniel 12:1). Even though the Devil wants a dead race of Israelites, Michael does not slander him, but leaves this task to the Lord. Indeed today, there can be no doubt that Satan is working very hard to make Israel a dead body, both physically and spiritually. To this point, Israel is spiritually dead, awaiting the event described in Ezekiel 37 when they would be filled with the Spirit.

5. “Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain” (verse 11). What is the way of Cain? It is the path of

man doing what is right in his own eyes. It also signifies the attempts of man to create his own righteousness through his own achievement and toil. It is the opposite of grace, which is salvation freely given and undeserved.

Prophetic Parallel: Today, the entire globalized world is represented by Cain. Humanism reigns. Systems and agencies such as the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, the World Health Organization and so on, believe that by virtue of mankind's toil, a society of peace and goodness can be created (so humanists think). Jesus said otherwise, "There is none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:17, KJV). Even so-called Christian churches have endorsed or joined similar movements. The rapidly increasing influence of Reconstructionism (Dominion Theology) tangentially falls into this category.

6. "[...] They have rushed for profit into Balaam's error [...]" (verse 11). This is one of the greatest errors being perpetuated today that most people do not see. I have called it the "Babylon Occlusion" (See *Midnight Call* magazine, July 2007). Balaam was guilty of prophesying for a price. He oriented his sights to money and materialism, mixing it with the precepts of his religion. Money had the upper hand.

Prophetic Parallel: Without a doubt, money is the highest god in the systems of globalized man. The merging of faith and money is nearly complete. There are various indications of this also in the so-called Christian church, including a prevalent Prosperity Gospel. The world is already far advanced on the road to the final ecumenicism shown in Revelation 17-18, where world polity, economics and a substitute Christian faith will be merged into one.

7. "[...] They have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion" (verse 11). Korah, a Levite, and some 250 eminent Israelite leaders were guilty of trying to set themselves up as being equal to the station of priest. They challenged the God-elected leadership of Moses and Aaron. They judged themselves to be holy and worthy. It was a power struggle and represented total disregard for spiritual authority. They effectively were appointing themselves to a position of power.

Prophetic Parallel: Today we have the condition of Korah in its most extreme form, more blatant than perhaps ever in the Church Age. For one, the largest religious organization in the world, widely considered to be Christian, has set itself up as the very vicar of Christ. The Roman Catholic Church has appointed itself as the necessary intermediary to salvation, also presuming to set up His kingdom on earth. It has challenged the very position of Christ. This is Korah's rebellion at its most extreme. Similar rebellions are also witnessed in Protestant sects. Various self-appointed prophets and apostles presume to speak on a level equal in authority to Christ and the Holy Scriptures.

8. "Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: 'See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon

thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him'" (verses 14-15).

Prophetic Parallel: Enoch was the first example in the Bible of someone being "snatched away" ... in other words, raptured. Here, he is shown as not only foreshadowing the pre-tribulation Rapture, but also the post-tribulation return of Christ with the saints, as the next two points confirm.

9. "[...] Thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone [...]" (verses 14-15).

Prophetic Parallel: These are the saints of old as well as those raptured, who come back with Christ to vanquish the ungodly, meeting them on the plains of Megiddo.

10. "[...] The Lord [...]" (verse 14).

Prophetic Parallel: This is Jesus Christ, God Himself, "the One who is good," returning to set up the Millennial Reign.

Having reviewed the list of persons and/or groups, we note the oft occurring 6-3-1 distribution noted earlier, whose sum is the number 10. There are six names representative of man and his relations—"his people out of Egypt" (Israelites), Enoch, Cain, Balaam, Korah, and the people of "Sodom and Gomorrah and surrounding towns."

The group of spiritual, non-physical or of non-human origin are the "thousands upon thousands" of saints (they have already been translated to incorruptible bodies at this point), Archangel Michael, and the "angels that left their estate." The Lord Himself here represents the single unity of perfection.

The Objective: Identifying the False Teachers

Now, we list the characteristics of the false teachers, their identification being the very objective of Jude's writing.

1. "[...] These dreamers pollute their own bodies" (v8).
2. "[...] reject authority" (v8).
3. "[...] slander celestial beings" (v8).
4. "[...] These men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand [...]" (v10).
5. "These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm" (v12).
6. "[...] shepherds who feed only themselves" (v12).
7. "They are clouds without rain [...]" (v12).
8. "[...] blown along by the wind" (v12).
9. "Autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead" (v12).
10. "They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame" (v13).
11. "These men are grumblers [...]" (v16).
12. "[...] and faultfinders" (v16).
13. "They follow their own evil desires" (v16).
14. "They boast about themselves [...]" (v16).
15. "[...] and flatter others for their own advantage" (v16).
16. "These are the men who divide you [...]" (v19).

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Signs of the Times



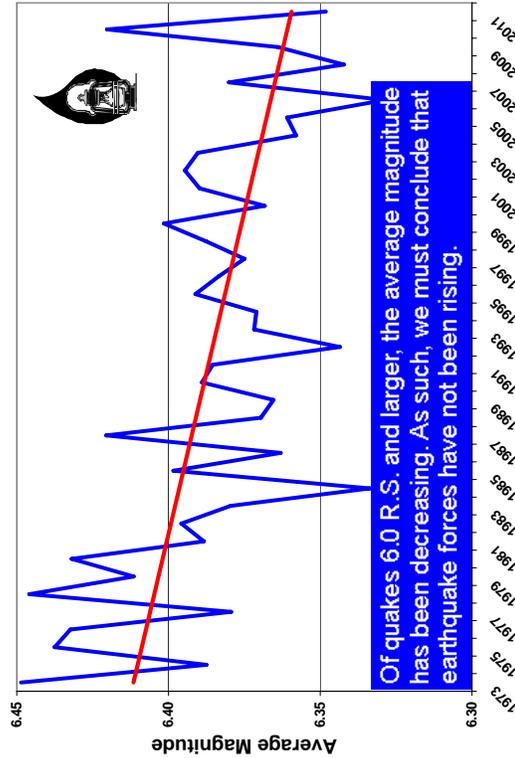
Earthquakes: What Does the Data Say?

To this point, the data does not support a blanket assertion that the frequency of earthquakes is rising. If anything, it is the reporting on smaller

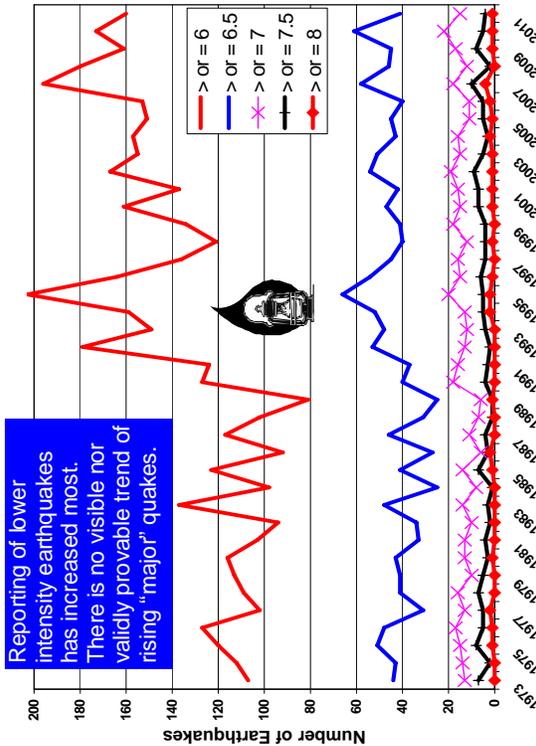
earthquakes that is increasing. But what about earthquakes greater than 6.5 or 7.0 in magnitude (Richter Scale)? Aren't they increasing? In very recent years a slight increase has been observed, but not extending to those of 7.5 or greater. The most convincing evidence of all is that the average magnitude of all quakes of 6.0 or higher has actually declined! (See *Letters to the Editor* for more information on page 6.) (All data from USGS NEIC.)

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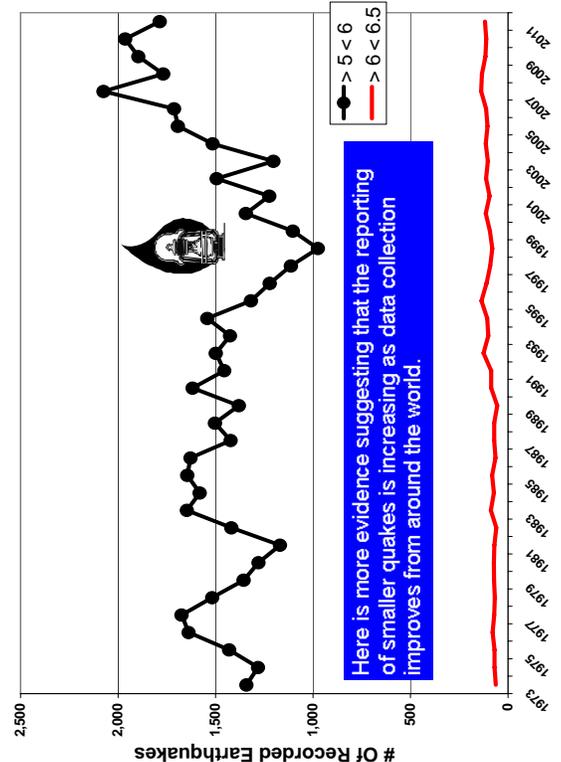
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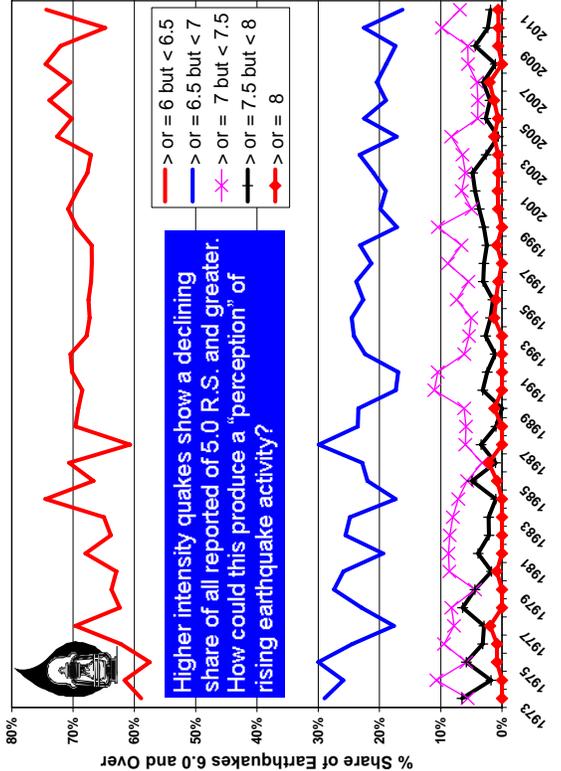
Total Number of Earthquakes by Magnitude Range (Richter Scale, 6 and greater)



Rise in Frequency Mostly Due to Reporting of Smaller Earthquakes (1973 to Aug. 30, 2011)



Share of Earthquakes By Magnitude Range (Richter Scale of 6.0 and more, % of Total)



17. “[...] who follow mere natural instincts [...]” (v19).
 18. “[...] and do not have the Spirit” (v19).

Numbered here are 18 characteristics with which to identify false teachers and purveyors of the doctrines of demons. No Christian should ever be deceived by them.

Points to Ponder

Jude is a remarkable book of prophetic foreshadowing, serving as a useful alert to endtime Christians. Given the prophetic parallels that we have considered, we must conclude that it is already very late ... very near the Midnight Call. We are on the threshold of the occurrence associated with the eighth name mentioned—Enoch—the new beginning for the saints when they will be raptured. The number “8” stands for exactly that—a new beginning. Eight people were on Noah’s ark.

All prophetic parallels are in clear sight today. Our identification of the season of the last days should be obvious.

Once the “thousands upon thousands” of saints return with Christ, the next occurrence is the judging of the ungodly. They come “[...] to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him” (verse 15).

Described by Jude are very difficult times (“perilous times” as mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:1) for true Christians. However, Jude comes to our aid and outlines a course of action for us ... a list of seven (which is a divine number).

“But you, dear friends,” he says:

1. “[...] Build yourselves up in your most holy faith” (verse 20);
2. “[...] and pray in the Holy Spirit” (verse 20);
3. “Keep yourselves in God’s love [...]” (verse 21);
4. “[...] as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life” (verse 21);
5. “Be merciful to those who doubt” (verse 22);
6. “[...] Snatch others from the fire and save them” (verse 23);
7. “[...] To others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh” (verse 23).

In closing, let us join Jude in his Doxology:

“To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!
 Amen” (Jude 24-25). **EVR**

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Letters to the Editor

EDITORS COMMENT: *Our recent two-part article, [Endtime Earthquakes, Pestilences, Famines & Disasters: When?](#) received interested correspondence from quite a number of readers. Earthquakes are a popular topic! Even the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) which operates the National Earthquake Information Centre (NEIC), states that they receive a very high number of inquiries on the question of whether the frequency of earthquakes are rising. Thank you to all respondents for their insights ... and, incidentally, also a “heads up” on recent statistics that we had not yet reviewed. A number of recurring points were made. As such, instead of writing many individualized responses (which we would like to do if time permitted), may we reply with a broader synthesis. We hope it will address all of the major issues raised in the individual letters received. Several sample replies from readers are reproduced here, then followed by our response.*

READER: [Re: [Endtime Earthquakes, Pestilences, Famines & Disasters: When?](#) viewed on www.RaptureReady.com.]

Sir, I disagree with your conclusions in these articles that you have posted. I even say that only a blind person would not notice the increase in earthquakes, natural disasters and even famines/pestilences that have been happening leading up to this current year. Let’s get to the essential heart of the matter why I disagree. If you are a pre-tribulation believer and believe in the Rapture, how then can you state that the “beginning of sorrows” is during the beginning of the 7-year tribulation period? Unless that is you do not believe in a Rapture before the Tribulation. One wonders where your stance on this truly is after reviewing your views on when exactly the Tribulation is supposed to start and how you put the timing of the “earthquakes in various places” as being in the beginning of the Tribulation. For did Jesus Christ not say that we were to “Look up when these things begin to take place”? That means these signs will signal to us that the Rapture is near, that our redemption is near. If you believe in the pre-tribulational Rapture, how is it that you place this time within the Tribulation period? —**P.S.**

READER: I really enjoyed your articles on the subject [of earthquakes] posted to www.RaptureReady.com. But there are a couple of things I wonder if you’ve taken into consideration; Daniel 12:4 and “perception.” While I can’t or won’t dispute your statistics about the number and frequency of the above disasters and I’m certain they will indeed, increase in frequency in the near future, consider that Jesus may have been shooting for “perception” in his answer to the disciples regarding the end-times events/signs. With the increase in knowledge (Daniel 12:4) we now have news of all sorts in real time. This ability, and the rapidity to which we witness these events should have the world on its collective knees praying to God for forgiveness and glorifying Him but, they’re not. So, the “perception” isn’t working. I don’t doubt for one minute that God won’t increase these events in the near term, but does He need to if

we would perceive that they are increasing? If the world won't wake up and seek His guidance, then of course, according to the Bible, He will indeed, increase these events. In the meantime, I think the "perception" is a good start and I think this may have been what Jesus was shooting for when we take what was told to Daniel in 12:4 into consideration. — **C.D.**

READER: With much interest I read your 2-part article about signs of the end-times, — especially the part about earthquakes on www.RaptureReady.com. This issue had been of my interest before I had read your article. There are a number of links on the Web which give access to databases on earthquakes. Two of them are listed [here](#) and [here](#). I have done queries on those databases on my own and found a significant increase of earthquake activity on this planet in recent years. If you take earthquakes of magnitudes greater than or equal to 6 — being quakes which have destructive force — they went up from one per [every] 3.5 days to almost one per day since the turn of the millennium. During this time period the technologies to track quakes have not improved significantly. So this increase is not because of better reporting ... etc. I found my observation corroborated by research other people have done. As of March 15th, 2011 this data was published on [Joel's Trumpet](#): United States Geological Survey 1980 to 2000: 255 earthquakes 7.0 or higher (USGS / NEIC) (One every 28 days); 2000 to 2008: 127 earthquakes 7.0 or higher (USGS / NEIC) (One every 26 days); 2009: 17 earthquakes 7.0 or higher (USGS / NEIC) (One every 21 days); 2010: 20 earthquakes 7.0 or higher (USGS / NEIC) (One every 18 days); 2011: 6 earthquakes 7.0 or higher in 3 months (USGS / NEIC) (One every 15 days). Even if you omit the (not yet finished) year 2011 the increase is significant. I am aware that there is an attempt by the power elite to deny or play down this fact. Nonetheless the numbers speak for themselves. With kind regards. — **E.C.**

EVR: Thank you for the arguments and thoughts we have received in response to the 2-part series entitled [Endtime Earthquakes, Pestilences, Famines & Disasters: When?](#) As mentioned, we received interested correspondence from quite a number of readers, most of them in disagreement with one or more of the perspectives we expressed in the original articles.

Two main areas of contention were raised by readers — the theological interpretation of the Olivet Discourse (OD) (Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13) and the statistical examination of the available earthquake data.

Let's deal with the theological and eschatological perspectives first. But let's first realize what we are dealing with. The Olivet Discourse is a section of Scripture that has met broad and heated debate for centuries. In fact, it has been ferociously debated since the time that it was uttered. Even the disciples were puzzled at that time. It goes without saying, therefore, that there are a broad range of views ... in fact, even amongst scholars who take a Pre-tribulational view. As such, the matter of the timing of endtime earthquakes is fair game for open discussion. And, as we

pointed out in our article series, there happen to be two different sets of earthquakes mentioned in prophetic Scripture.

Much of the stated debate we received from readers stemmed from the priori positions on two key questions (amongst a number of other perspectives). These are as follows: Firstly, just who was the intended audience of the Olivet Discourse (OD)? Many respondents take the perspective that Christ was speaking directly and specifically to the Church. Secondly, does the Bible give signs for the Rapture or not? On this latter point, we believe that the answer is "no." Some respondents were reading the Olivet's signs as preceding the Rapture. While Christians are indeed encouraged to recognize the "season" of the last days — the "signs of the times" (Matthew 16:2) — this in no way has any bearing on the Rapture. No where in Scripture can it be proven that certain signs must precede the Rapture.

As it is, whatever the definition, "seasons" are not supposed to impact our fervor for Christ in any case. As said Paul, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2). Whether there are signs or not, it shouldn't change our state of readiness for the Rapture. As such, no signs are needed nor are any given in our opinion. The Rapture remains imminent (also meaning that there are no conditions or signs that must precede it).

Let's next deal with the most hotly contested question of all, the issue of Christ's intended audience in the OD. We take the position that the Olivet Discourse was primarily spoken to the Jews. This does not mean that Christ's statements have no application to Christians. Far from it. After all, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

However, consider the time point of the Olivet address. There was yet no Crucifixion, no Resurrection, and, crucially, no Church. The "mystery" was still hidden. Much later, after Christ had already ascended, says Paul, the "mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations [...] is now disclosed to the saints" (Colossians 1:26). The "mystery of Christ" (Colossians 2:2, 4:3) had not been revealed at the time of the Olivet Discourse. Moreover, the baptism of the Holy Spirit had not yet occurred.

How is it then possible that Christ, who at the time of the Olivet Discourse was still engaged in preaching to the lost sheep of Israel ("I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel" Matthew 15:24), could be speaking directly to the Church? The gospel — as well as blessing and punishments — were to the "Jew first." (See Romans 1:16, 2:9-10.) As such, the most fitting conclusion is that Christ is primarily speaking to the Jews, whether yet "believers" in Christ as the Messiah, or not. This explains why Christ can say all-conclusively that "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Matthew 24:28). This applies to the Tribulation

remnant of the Jews. Christians are already redeemed at the point of their believing and repentance. They do not need to be redeemed a second time. Very definitely then, all “these things” mentioned in the OD will occur to Jews and not pre-Tribulation Christians.

To conclude otherwise is to argue that the Rapture is not pre-tribulation and that Christians will indeed enter into the time of God’s wrath, this being the Tribulation. Why? Consider some of the events that are said to occur before “your redemption is drawing nigh” (Matthew 24:28), that being after “all these things” (verse 34) have occurred.

Just when is it that “armies” (plural) will be surrounding Israel? No, this event did not occur in the first century (66 to 70 A.D.) when Jerusalem was progressively sacked by the Roman army. That was just one nation’s army (singular). Just when do such apocalyptic events as these occur? “[...] signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken” (Matthew 24:25-26). This is apocalyptic language in the New Testament that only parallels events given in the Book of Revelation occurring after the 5th seal. Very definitely, the time envisioned here is the Tribulation ... therefore, certainly not any time before the Rapture. These types of events (these being some of the signs mentioned in the OD) all occur in the Tribulation period, that being after the Rapture and therefore after today’s Church has been removed. The redemption mentioned by Christ in this passage is the redemption of the Jews and the nation of Israel. That occurs only after they recognize and accept their Messiah. A number of the Old Testament prophets speak of the eventual “redeeming” of Jacob.

Before we proceed to consider other points made by readers, let’s first attempt to agree on these statements: We cannot at all prove that any of the events and signs mentioned in the OD take place before the Rapture. Yes, most definitely, not all of the signs mentioned occur in the Tribulation. Our position is that some signs do and some don’t. In fact, we are publishing an article on the two signs that do precede the Tribulation according to our interpretation of the OD — “the hearing of wars and rumors of wars” and the appearance of “false christs” (or Messiahs). A question to interject here, since it relates to the question of the intended audience of the OD, is why Christ did not raise the issue of rising apostasy ... rather only the increase of false messiahs? Apostasy, after all, is one of the very few (perhaps only) last-day signs given to the Church. ([See Thomas Ice](#) article that presents 7 verses on this issue — Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3-4; James 5:1-8; 2 Peter 2:1-22; 3:3-6; Jude 1-25.)

Next, let’s discuss the statistics that are available on the matter of earthquake incidence. Having reviewed the statistics at the time of our original research for the article series, we concluded that the incidence of earth quakes “was probably not” rising. Why did we say “probably not” rather than “definitely not?” Because, the statistical sampling and

analysis could not allow a 100% conclusive answer.

In order to make a firm assertion, one must be able to prove a “statistically valid” conclusion. We received suggestions that one would have to be blind to not see that pestilences and earthquakes are increasing today. In response, we would say to those that might not be blinded to the sure reality that earthquakes and pestilences are today indeed increasing, that they should at least be able to offer — and “with great patience and careful instruction” (2 Timothy 4:2) — solid evidence to support their view. After all, this would be of benefit to all. Yet, we did not receive one statistically-derived nor yet statistically-valid refutation of our statement on pestilences and earthquakes. Only one respondent of the many that replied, produced a perspective based on statistics which challenged our conclusion on the increasing incidence on earthquakes. (We, too, love it when that happens!).

Let’s then turn to the interpretational world of “statistics.” Most everyone will recall the quip of Mark Twain: “There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.” It contains a valid caution. Statistics can conceal more than they reveal and are often used for misdirection. However, scientifically applied and properly interpreted, they are indeed useful. Therefore, again, let’s proceed with care. The one reader who replied with a response based on factual statistics sent us a report produced by Joel’s Trumpet. Accessing the most recent official NEIC database, we were not able to replicate the same conclusions as Joel’s Trumpet. It is possible that the USGS may have revised its database in the interim. However, we discovered errors in the analysis that would require us to invalidate its conclusions. Slicing and dicing through the NEIC data ourselves again, we indeed observed some identifiable trends and occasional blips in the data. But try as we might, we cannot confirm (beyond any doubt) that the incidence of earthquakes is rising. The only earthquake categories that are showing a persistent trend of increase are those in the magnitude range of 5.0 to 6.0 (Richter Scale) and 6.0 to 6.5. Why should it only be the lower magnitude classes of earthquakes that are increasing and not the higher intensity earthquakes? We cannot confirm the answer, but suspect it has to do with a higher statistical capture of earthquake activity as more sensors and collection systems are installed around the world. A corroborating factor supporting our conclusion is that the average magnitude of all earthquakes over the entire review period of 1973 to 2011 (also, all those over 6.0 in magnitude) has actually been decreasing. And, as it may be, we can make no valid statistical case that earthquakes of a higher magnitude have shown an increasing trend. (Readers are invited to review the data themselves. We produce a series of charts describing our examination of this data on page 5 of the October issue of *Eternal Value Review*.)

The USGS still maintains the opinion that the incidence of earthquakes has not increased. However, we note that the last time this view was updated on their website was in October of 2009. Will they ever change this opinion? Likely

not anytime soon, according to our analysis of the data. Whatever the case, the data certainly warrants frequent monitoring. On our part, we will be monitoring the NEIC data more frequently going forward.

The data as of yet could not (nor should not) have any implications for the eschatological interpretations of the OD. But could it be that at some point the Lord will allow the subtle beginnings of a rising trend in high-intensity earthquakes before the Tribulation? Could this be a rewarding early sign to believing Christians that the Tribulation is very near? That could very well be the case. There are likely to be other phenomenon that occur in the Tribulation period that find their low-lying “foot hills” and the genesis of their increasing trend prior to the Tribulation period. But if so, this would not qualify as the final “fulfillment” of the specific prophecies mentioned in the Bible. In any case, with respect to earthquakes, there is no sufficient supporting statistical evidence. Then what about the perspective that it is more the impact of “perception” than actual earthquake occurrence that Jesus was prophesying? We don’t find this argument compelling. To conclude that a “perception” of a significant increase in earthquakes is sufficient “fulfillment” of the related OD prophecy, would subject prophecy to the foggy realm of subjective interpretation. In the past, God has clearly shown that when He does fulfill the prophecies that He has forspoken, that such outcomes are not open to subjective debate. He insists that mankind know the identify of the Author of all prophecy. (“The testimony of prophecy is the spirit of Jesus” - Revelation 19:10). Bible prophecies always clearly prove who He is ... that He is the God of the Impossible.

One final topic to deal with is the Rapture, as so many respondents seemed convinced that there are signs given for the Rapture. Just where does it fit into the OD? Some scholars do indeed see the Rapture in this Scripture. This is a position that we would not disagree with. However, the key point to recognize is that the matter of the “timing” of the Rapture is not dealt with in this passage. Why would Christ mention it specifically here when he is not talking to the Church exclusively? The signs mentioned in no way can be referenced to the Rapture other than to those signs which are said to occur pre-tribulation. Today, in this late-stage “endtime” era, we can indeed conclude that the Rapture did not occur before the occurrence of the pre-tribulational signs of “rumours of war” and eruptions of many “false christs.” But that is a result of the privileged position that our generation enjoys. We are allowed greater understanding because we already can witness prophecies being fulfilled. However, those Bible readers who lived in prior generations could not have concluded from Scripture alone that the Rapture would not occur before any of the Olivet signs became evident.

There are no signs given for the Rapture. It remains a signless event. While this statement may rankle modern-day Christians, this statement in no way argues for a post-tribulational view. We would reject that interpretation. The general emphasis of the New Testament is that we are to

look “for his coming,” “to wait for his Son from heaven” (1 Thessalonians 1:10) and that his Second Coming and the Rapture were imminent — meaning, possibly occurring at any time. The interpretations we have taken in regards to the timing of various events and phenomena mentioned by Christ in the OD are not at all inconsistent with a pre-tribulation Rapture view. In fact, we have proven that the positions taken by many of our dear responding readers are inconsistent with a pre-tribulational Rapture. We do believe that the Bible teaches a pre-tribulational Rapture and firmly do hold to this position. Of course, by extension, that would also mean that we do not believe that we today are yet witnessing any specific events that are prophesied to occur within the Tribulation. These are yet to come and the Rapture before.

Herewith, one final comment: We live in an age where there is more information available than ever before in the history of mankind. It also is more widely accessible than ever before. Taking a dispensationalist perspective, I believe that this is for a reason. As the “end of the ages” approaches, this ensures that no one can claim special ignorance of the facts of truth, as well as general prophetic fulfillment. In other words, there will be no legitimate excuse for “blindness.”

Bible prophecy was given to mankind to “shine a light unto a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19) and most importantly, as a challenge to all other claimed gods. “Tell us what the future holds, so we may know that you are gods” (Isaiah 41:23). Only one God could risk the potential bluff of claiming to know the end from the beginning. Unfortunately, the great gift to mankind of prophecy has been largely discredited. Why? Because so many claimed Christians make unreasoned and unprovable speculations; go far beyond what Scripture actually says, thus prophesying themselves about the future; and even sometime attempting to fulfill prophecy themselves, not allowing God to do so in his own intended time. We do a big disservice to the reputation of Christianity when we take positions on matters that non-believers can easily disprove with facts. Apostle Paul implores with these words: “Do not go beyond what is written” (1 Corinthians 4:6).

READER: I would like to thank you for providing such a well thought out and informative study that was featured on www.RaptureReady.com. The article entitled [End time Earthquakes, Pestilences, Famines & Disasters: When?](#) challenged my current beliefs, and to be honest, I love that when that happens. Iron sharpens iron after all. However, when it comes to your case on earthquakes, I believe you are missing a very important point. I won’t dispute the fact that earthquakes are not on the increase, nor will I argue the fact that there are today 23 times the amount of monitoring stations. So what’s my conundrum you ask? In Isaiah 46:10 it says: “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’ God knew technology would increase, and therefore make things easier to be noticed by those who are watching. We can also read that

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TOPICAL QUOTES

Indeed, if you include the outstanding \$500bn-odd worth of state-backed student finance in the sums, then government funding has already topped private sector loans, IBD says – albeit without any fanfare. What should investors make of this? [...] the data provide a powerful sign of just how distorted the U.S. financial system remains in the aftermath of the great credit crunch. — **Financial Times June 30, 2011**

Billions of dollars are now spent on cosmetic surgery—up to 90% of it by women—at a time when almost a fifth of Americans lack basic health care. —**The Economist August 27, 2011**

The U.S. Federal Reserve may be independent, but that does not mean it should be unrestrained or unaccountable. Earlier this year, it surpassed China as the single largest holder of U.S. debt. Since the beginning of 2011, the Fed's purchases of Treasury debt equal almost 90 percent of the increase in total public debt outstanding. —**The Fed's Shadow TARP – POLITICO August 31, 2011**

Twenty-five of the 100 highest paid U.S. CEOs earned more last year than their companies paid in federal income tax, a pay study said on Wednesday. It also found many of the companies spent more on lobbying than they did on taxes. — **www.cnbc.com August 31, 2011**

So far East Asia's economies have reaped the most dramatic demographic dividend. The share of the working-age population has soared from 47% in 1975 to 64% in 2010. This surge has underpinned rapid economic growth. —**The Economist July 23, 2011**

More of the U.S. corn crop will be used to fuel cars than feed animals for the first time during the marketing year that starts in September, the Agriculture Department projects. The proportion of the harvest going to ethanol has almost quadrupled since 2002... The share will reach 40% in the current marketing year and be close to that level in 2011-2012.

— **Bloomberg (Alan Bjerger) June 21, 2011**

The average tax rate for the top 400 went from 28% down to 16.6% during the same period, so we have had a system where as people have gotten richer and richer, they have been favored by taxation and have gotten richer to a greater degree. To my mind that is a bad trend, and it will probably get corrected in time. The rich have more influence in politics than they did 50 years ago.” — **Jeffrey Sachs from Harvard as quoted in www.haaretz.com March 30, 2011**

By FORBES' count, 69 billionaires from 20 countries were expected to attend the annual World Economic Forum confab in late January in the Swiss Alps town of Davos. It may well be the greatest concentration of wealth in any one place. Their total net worth, as tracked by FORBES: \$427 billion, greater than the combined gross domestic product of Israel and Egypt. — **Forbes February 14, 2011**

The French are Europe's champion medicine-takers. No self-respecting family leaves the doctor's surgery without a multiple prescription for drugs to treat even minor ailments... Professor Philippe Even of the Institut Necker, a research body, reckons that, of 5,000 or so drugs available in France, “nearly half serve no useful purpose”, and many of those may be harmful. In 2010 the French public-health system had a €12 billion (\$16 billion) shortfall. Spot the connection. — **The Economist February 12, 2011**

Micklethwait and Wooldridge note that the link between faith and fertility may also be slowing secular growth: numerous studies, including the World Values Survey, which covers 80 countries, show that secular people go forth and multiply much more modestly than do their religious brethren. Thus, says Ronald Inglehart, director of the World Values Survey, secularization is its own long-term demographic “gravedigger.” — **Foreign Affairs September/October 2009**

“Accumulation of wealth at one pole is, therefore, at the same time accumulation of misery.”

—**Karl Marx, *Das Kapital***

“Despite the aura of omnipotence most empires project a look at their history should remind us that they are fragile organisms. So delicate is their ecology of power that, when things start to go truly bad, empires regularly unravel with unholy speed: just a year for Portugal, 2 years for the Soviet Union, 8 years for France, 11 years for the Ottomans, 17 years for Great Britain [...]” —**fabiusmaximus.wordpress.com December 6, 2010**

“The Vietnam War gave us the expression, ‘We had to destroy the village in order to save it.’ The same kind of thinking might help explain the U.S. bank rescues of 2008: We had to save the banks in order to sue them.” —**Bloomberg Sept. 8, 2011**

“Malpractice, greed and incompetence are chameleon-like: they morph into whatever from enables them to escape scrutiny.” —**www.ft.com Oct. 17, 2009**

“There is no subtler, no surer means of overturning the existing basis of society than to debauch the currency. The process engages all the hidden forces of economic law on the side of destruction, and does it in a manner which not one man in a million is able to diagnose.” —**John Maynard Keynes.**

Letters to the Editor

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the Bible reiterates this very concept in Daniel 12:4 (NIV). But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.” It is safe to say that from 1931 to 2011 our (humanity in general) knowledge has increased exponentially. Thanks to advances in technology, we can now monitor this planet like never before. Additionally, in the last century alone, man has learned to fly and right now, anyone can be transported to anywhere around the globe with 24-48 hours. I believe that the rapid technology increase has afforded believers around the world an early warning device for those that watch, something to increase our sense of urgency when it comes to sharing the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I am sure you have read this Scripture on Rapture Ready, but Revelation 3:3 (NIV) declares: “Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.” Every time a disaster such as an earthquake happens, a door has been opened, and with current and project technology, is not this ‘door’ opening even more? God Bless you, and your work.—**T.F.**

EVR: Thank you for your thoughts. I agree with your observation that Christians living today should be able to much better understand matters relating to the endtimes. However, the quote from Daniel (“Many will go here and there to increase knowledge” - Daniel 12:4.) has been popularly misinterpreted. Most recently, we commented on this issue in the article [Newly Revealed: Bible Leaks](#). In reply, we excerpt a section from this article and reproduce it here. Again, thank you for your thoughtful comments.

Excerpt from [Newly Revealed: Bible Leaks](#) :[...] there is one group of people who will some day respond to a significant “Bible leak.” The Jewish people will again

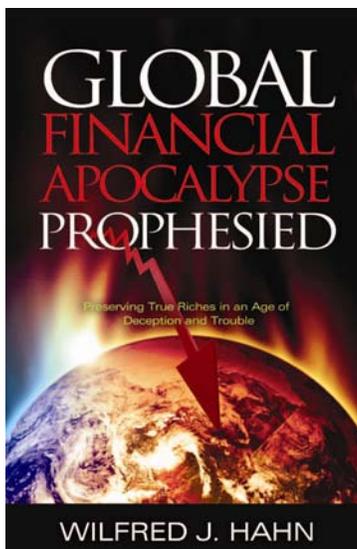
respond to the “knowledge” of the Scriptures. Rather than knowledge of information, the knowledge spoken of in the Bible refers to knowledge of eternal significance. It is the knowledge of God and His purposes. While an increase in information—trivia, distractions and cares of this world—appears to be in alignment with last day trends and developments, it coincides with a soaring boom in ignorance of what the Bible calls knowledge. In the book of Daniel, we read: “But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge” (Daniel 12:4). A popular interpretation of this verse is that not only will knowledge (i.e. information and data) increase in the world, but also travel. While this may not be a harmful interpretation, for a number of reasons, it is not likely that this text refers to such phenomena at all. As it was, Daniel’s prophecies are concerned with the Jewish people and their future. Just as Hosea 4:6 (“My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge”) is expressly spoken to the Jews, so is Daniel’s prophecy of an increase of knowledge. The word knowledge here does not refer to technical and scientific information, but rather to the knowing of God’s plan and His laws. The prophets had often castigated the Hebrews for their lack of knowledge. “Israel’s watchmen are blind, they all lack knowledge” said Isaiah (56:10). Hosea confirms that the knowledge lacked refers to the ignorance of God and His Laws. “Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children” (Hosea 4:6). In Biblical terms, the word “knowledge” is more aptly defined as the “act of knowing.” In this sense, it is not knowledge that increases, but rather the knowing of it. For this and other reasons, we are safer to interpret this passage as referring to an increase in understanding of historical prophecy and Scripture, not an increase of information. During the last days, the Jewish people will again come to an increasing understanding of their destiny and purpose. Finally, at the end of the Great Tribulation, a remnant will receive a full understanding. “Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. In those days, when your numbers have increased greatly in the land, declares the LORD [...]” (Jeremiah 3:15-16). The full content and revelation of the Bible will be “leaked” ... in other words, rediscovered and revealed in the light of truth.

READER: Dear Mr. Hahn and staff: I stumbled onto your website for the first time last night or early this morning, and am astounded. I’ve spent years thinking I was a freak for believing some of the things you’re saying, never mind the level of eloquence, concision and documentation (scriptural and otherwise) with which you’re saying them. I’m completely blown away. God bless you and your profoundly unique ministry. In Christ, — **J.A.**

EVR: Yes, we here too think we must be freaks sometimes. [It is amazing what people really do believe ... most usually without examination, proofs, or simple reasoning] However, the Truth remains unshakable!

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Personal Perspectives

Will a Revived Roman Empire be Felled by Greece?

Ever since the first financial restructuring for Greece was arranged in 2010, Europe has been front-page news. In recent months, instabilities have escalated to the point where the survival of the euro (the common currency of 17 member countries of the European Union (EU) is being questioned. In fact, will the European Union even survive in its current form?

Many analysts are extremely pessimistic about the fate of Europe. They conclude that the current monetary and government budget arrangements of the individual EU-member nations and that of the broader, supra European institutions such as the European Central Bank (ECB) and lately the EFSF (European Financial Stability Facility) are incompatible and are sure to lead to financial disaster.

No doubt, there exists very serious debt imbalances and economic sustainability issues within the current membership of the European monetary union. Indeed, the current conditions are not sustainable. Economically-strong nations such as Germany and the Netherlands, have generally been reliant upon their more profligate euro-zone member countries for export demand — such as Greece, Spain, Italy, Portugal and others. This is only possible if export-surplus nations like Germany are also willing to provide what amounts to vendor financing to these buyers of their goods.

Incidentally, this is the same type of imbalance that has emerged between China (and other Asian export nations) and the United States. America is able to buy Chinese goods so long as China in turn buys U.S. bonds (debt) or facilitates the purchase of U.S. debt by other surplus nations. For the moment, the anguished focus of financial markets is upon Europe. However, before long ... once the European conflagrations have quieted ... the focus of the global financial community will again turn to the shaky finances of the U.S. and its states (i.e. Wisconsin, California ... etc.).

However, back to Europe: Here, the deficit countries had continued to be net importers, thanks to the surplus funding of the exporting nations in Europe. That this state of affairs could not last was not a surprise. In this type of system, the chasm between the lenders and borrowers becomes so large that the debts in relation to the servicing capability of the debtor nation is so large and impossible; that the whole merry-go-round comes to a panicked stop. This, in short, explains the main structural impossibility that underlies the current Eurozone and the cause for recent financial market calamities. But, what next?

Some economic analysts are sure that the current “Common Europe” project is finished and unsalvageable. This may be the case. Without a doubt, recapitalizations of various European banks will be required. Frankly, there is no

way of knowing just which countries will need to go through a bail-out or restructuring. Suffice it to say that European leaders are extremely frightened at present.

Do recent events shed any light on the Revived Roman Empire theories that are popularly held amongst many Bible prophecy students? Frankly, no.

Readers will be familiar with the “10 kings” (mentioned or pictured in at least 5 prophecies found in both the Old and New Testaments) that come together in the last days to form a world-ruling coalition. We have published a number of articles on this topic in the past. (As a primer, please access the article [Searching for the Last-day 10 Kings](#) on our website).

In our case, we do not assign a 100% probability to the scenario that all 10 “kings” will come from modern-day Europe. Nevertheless, it may very well happen that all 10 members will come from Europe. It is a very plausible theory. Yet, it is possible that other outcomes are possible as these are not precluded by the Bible. All the same, we still do not believe that recent financial fireworks provide any helpful information on this prophetic question.

There are a number of reasons why we are of this view. Firstly, crises have been — and must continue to be — a necessary part of the Europe project. It is only during crisis that the collective will-power and urgency will be sufficient to move a unified Europe forward, thus gradually whittling down the individual sovereign powers of each of the individual nations. This realization was always in the mind of the leaders behind this “Common Europe” movement. For example, said Romano Prodi, EU Commission President in December 2001. *“I am sure the Euro will oblige us to introduce a new set of economic policy instruments. It is politically impossible to propose that now. But some day there will be a crisis and new instruments will be created.”*

Secondly, it is very plausible that Europe breaks apart into several sub-groups of countries. For example, one economic research firm holds the view that a group of northern nations headed by Germany will split off. They would have their own currency (dubbed the “neuro”). Southern European nations will also form their own group (these generally being the countries with deficits) as they desperately will want their own currency that they can then devalue (this currency being dubbed the “sudo”). Other groups could splinter off, as well.

Anything is possible at this stage. It may very well occur that a smaller group of 10 nations will now emerge (rather than the current EU membership of 27, which never did fit the “10 king” prototype of Scripture). It remains conjecture.

Though we cannot draw any firm conclusions about the future steps to the final “10 king coalition”, this one observation is certainly true: Huge and rapid geopolitical changes are very possible during this current period of global upheaval and economic instabilities.

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