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War in Heaven

When Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986, many have suffered a feeling of loss among world leaders and members of the Worldwide Church of God alike whom he has touched with his faithful witnessing for God and through his preaching of the GOOD NEWS of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD. (Matthew 24:14)

I was greatly saddened to learn of the passing away of Mr. Armstrong. From the time of the San Francisco Conference which he attended as a journalist, Mr. Armstrong took a strong and supporting interest in the United Nations. With his wide ties throughout the world, he pursued the cause of peace and harmony among all peoples. —
**Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary
General United Nations**

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To the congregation, Worldwide Church of God: Nancy and I join all those mourning the loss of Herbert W. Armstrong. As founder and leader of the Worldwide Church of God, Mr. Armstrong contributed to sharing the word of the Lord with his community and with people throughout the

nation. You can take pride in his legacy. Our prayers are with you. God bless you. — **Ronald Reagan, President of the United States**

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During the 24 years that I worked with Herbert W. Armstrong as he developed the Ambassador College campus at Pasadena, he taught me many valuable lessons about job attitudes, quality and resourcefulness... With much appreciation and fondness, I will always remember Herbert W. Armstrong, too, as a man who was like a father to me. — **Jack R. Elliott**

WAR IN HEAVEN

There is a specific prophecy in Revelation 12 about an event that will trigger a WAR between the righteous angels led by Michael and the evil demons led by Satan the devil. As we will see, it will revolve around the **MAN CHILD** in verse 5. Before we move on to that, let us know and understand how powerful Satan the devil is (emphasis mine in bold).

THE ARCHITECT OF LAWLESSNESS

Such a massive lurch toward lawlessness has a cause. I want to show you exactly what that cause is. Most people will scoff at what I am about to say—but it is absolutely true, and you can prove it from your Bible.

The most lawless being in the universe is a spirit being, Satan the devil. 2 Corinthians 4:4 calls him “the god of this world.” What does that mean? It means that this evil

spirit being has frightening power—power we can hardly imagine! To say that he is the god of this world means that he rules— and even more: It means many of the people in this world worship him!

One of the Bible's most remarkable passages to help us understand the extent of the devil's power is the book of Revelation. This book puts all prophecy into a time sequence, or time frame. That means you can know when the prophecy is going to be fulfilled. If you don't understand Revelation, you don't understand Bible prophecy!

Revelation 12 prophesies of a war in heaven where great angelic beings fought against the devil and his demons, of which there are millions. Here is the outcome of that spiritual war: “the dragon fought and his angels [the fallen angels—the demons], And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (verses 7-9).

Notice: This verse says Satan deceives the whole world. That's talking about everybody! His deception affects this world's education, its religion, its politics, its science—everything! So says your Bible.

Ephesians 2:2 calls Satan “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.” He is

stirring up people's emotions, moods and attitudes. When people get into a negative emotion, a bad attitude or a wrong mood, he works on those people. He has power to influence those wrong emotions; he has deceived the world through them! People don't understand God's Word—they don't have any depth spiritually—so they just follow along emotionally, and Satan deceives them all. That is amazing, but it's biblical and you can prove it to yourself, and you certainly should.

Revelation 12:9 is also an end-time prophecy. It tells us that Satan was cast to this Earth. When did this happen? God's people must have this revealed to them, or why would God make the prophecy? You must know if you are to understand what's going on in your nation and in this world.

THE DEVIL AND MILLIONS OF DEMONS ARE NOW CONFINED TO THIS EARTH. THEY CAN NO LONGER GO OUT INTO THE UNIVERSE. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED!

What are these evil spirits doing? These are beings with awesome power. **Surely their being cast down to this Earth would have enormous impact on world affairs. We must be seeing things happen that would indicate the reality of this end-time Bible prophecy. How did it affect this world? And how much is it going to impact your life? Their dirty work is going on now, but do we see it? Do we understand it? If this is actually true, then there must**

be a lot of damage.

(Gerald Flurry, *America Under Attack*, 2013 edition, pp. 4-5)

Look at what happened when Satan and his demons were cast down and confined to this earth:

Exorcisms On the Rise

PAUL BURNELL

In a world where Satanists appear on prime-time TV, neo-pagan religions gather vast followings and tarot card readings are available in the newspapers, experts say it's no surprise that the number of exorcisms worldwide is rising. Father James LeBar, exorcist for the Archdiocese of New York, said he has seen a "large explosion" in cases since 1990.

"Ten years ago I had no cases and now I have 300," said Father James LeBar, an exorcist for the Archdiocese of New York. Most of his cases, he said, don't need an exorcist. They have "unusual things happening — things moving around the house or people claiming to have seen or heard the evil one. Some people suffer the phenomena without actually being possessed. An exorcism is primarily used for people who are possessed by the devil, whose wills have been overtaken by Satan."

Father John Hampsch, a psychologist, has also seen more reports of demonic interference. "I have seen a dramatic rise in cases. In the past three hours before you phoned me, I have had three cases of people suffering serious contamination with the forces of evil. I am dealing with 10 to 15

cases a week.”

A popular author and speaker on many areas of faith and spirituality, the Claretian Missionary Father says the demonic takes up much of his time. “A large amount do not require formal exorcism — they are not cases of possession. They are cases of demonic oppression, obsession, depression infestation ... very painful and very distressing.”

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/exorcisms-on-the-rise.html>

One Italian Roman Catholic priest has even become famous because of the rise of demonic possessions since 1986:

Gabriele Amorth (1925-present) is an Italian Roman Catholic priest and an exorcist of the Diocese of Rome who claims to have cleansed tens of thousands of demonic possessions. Amorth was born in Modena, Emilia. He was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in 1954 and became an official exorcist in **June 1986**, under the tutelage of Candido Amantini... In October, 2000, he said he had performed over 50,000 exorcisms (which ranged from “a few minutes” to “several hours” in length) meaning he averaged close to ten exorcisms per day during his career up to the year 2000. In March 2010, he claimed that number had increased to 70,000., corresponding to roughly 8 exorcisms per day on average from 1986-2010.

<http://www.religionfacts.com/people/gabriele-amorth>

Gabriele further commented in an interview with The Sunday Telegraph:

“The demand for exorcism is growing as never before. Fifteen years ago there were 20 church-appointed exorcists in Italy. Now there are 300... What we do know is that the problem is getting worse. The Devil is gaining ground. We are living in an age when faith is diminishing. If you abandon God, the Devil will take his place.”

Continuing from what Mr. Flurry wrote:

God’s Word stands or falls on whether or not we can prove this. And we certainly can prove it. The effects and Bible prophecy will tell us when and how it all happened and how it continues to unfold.

This is EARTHSHAKING even - UNIVERSE-SHAKING in many ways! It is bad news, and yet, in the bigger picture it’s also very good news—the best news we could possibly hear. Here is why: “Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! [even of the sea, it’s so bad] for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” (verse 12).

Satan and all his demons were kicked out of heaven—so they’re rejoicing in heaven! There’s a lot more freedom and happiness there as a result! But woe to us on Earth! This brings a whole new level of suffering to this world. Satan was already being worshiped on this Earth, but now it’s even worse. Now he’s cast down, and he is

full of wrath for a very definite reason. Satan knows he has a short time—but a short time before what?

This statement shows that this is an end-time prophecy. Satan was cast down just a “short time” before Jesus Christ returns to this Earth and kicks Satan off his throne! (e.g. Revelation 20:1-2, 10). That is the spectacular, joyfully good news. Christ is about to return to this Earth and stop all of the hatred, racism, violence and war that is caused by Satan’s influence. Everything is set for a new government to be in place on Earth very shortly—almost certainly in less than a decade.

However, you need to understand what Satan is going to do before that happens. Satan, knowing his time is short, is full of wrath like never before! That is a major prophecy in your Bible. Satan knows he has a short time to do what? What is he doing that he won’t be doing in a very short time? This is a spiritual force of tremendous evil and destructive power! Satan is a liar and a murderer. And he and his evil minions are confined to this Earth. What are they doing? We have to know. We must understand our enemy! (pp. 5-6, *ibid.*)

Do we really KNOW and UNDERSTAND our enemy? Have we really LEARNED the LESSONS from recent Church history? It appears we HAVEN’T! And it is prophesied in our own Bibles that Satan has deceived the whole world even God’s own Church! And with the surge of DEMONIC ACTIVITIES rampant in every corner of the earth, it serves as an irrefutable fact that it is indeed the fulfillment of verse 12:

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for THE DEVIL IS COME DOWN UNTO YOU, HAVING GREAT WRATH,** because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”

Not only do the people of this world that are being affected by Satan’s wrath, the same is true of all the inhabitants of the earth and also of the sea!

Marine Mammal Mass Mortality Events

Over the past two decades, there has been an unprecedented number of marine mammal mass mortality events involving pinnipeds, dolphins, whales, manatees and dugongs. Some of the species impacted are endangered — the Florida manatee, the humpback whale, and the Mediterranean monk seal — and can ill afford such dramatic population losses. In U.S. waters there has been a number of bottlenose dolphin mortality events, including the death of over half of the inshore population along the east coast during 1987-88, four such occurrences in the Gulf of Mexico between 1990 and 1994 (each involving the deaths of at least 200 animals), and 107 animals in an event along the Florida Panhandle in 2004.

Sixteen humpback whales were found dead along the Maine coast in an event in 2003. Over 150 manatees died in a major die-off during the early part of 1996 while another die-off in 2003 claimed 96 animals. Two hundred and eighty-three and 368 gray whale strandings were reported along the

North American Pacific coast in 1999 and 2000 respectively, exceeding by far the number of strandings in previous years. Over 400 California sea lions died in an algal toxin-related event in 1998.

Globally, recent marine mammal mass mortality events include, for example, the death of over 18,000 seals in Europe during 1988/89 and a further 22,000 in 2002; some 6,000 striped dolphins in the Mediterranean Sea from 1990 to 1992; three large mortality events between 1995 and 2004 involving sea lions and dolphins in the Gulf of California; well over 100 dugongs off eastern Australia in 1992; and over 150 highly endangered monk seals off the northwest African coast during the earlier part of 1997. In addition, an unprecedented number of sperm whales stranded along European coasts from 1994 through 1996.

<http://www.seaweb.org/resources/briefings/mortal.php>

By AMANDA SCHUPAK / CBS NEWS / January 16, 2015, 5:54 AM

Mass animal deaths on the rise worldwide



March 8, 2011 -- Millions of sardines suffocated Tuesday night during windy storm that altered currents trapping them in King Harbor Marina where there was not enough oxygen in the water to sustain them. RB city workers, lifeguards all gathered to scoop up the dead fish. / BRAD GRAVERSON/AP

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Thousands of birds fall from the sky. Millions of fish wash up on the shore. Honey bee populations decimated. Bats overtaken by a deadly fungus. Piglets die in droves from a mysterious disease.

It was tragic stories such as these that prompted a group of researchers from the University of San Diego, UC Berkeley and Yale to embark on a broad review of all the reports of large animal die-offs in the scientific literature since the middle of the last century. They turned up 727 such papers documenting "mass mortality events" (MME) of 2,407 global populations of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and marine invertebrates -- like the thousands of starfish that perished in North America in 2014.

Here are links (below) to read some of the bizarre massive deaths of birds and fish alike and other earth-shaking news.

- **Unusual Marine Mammal Deaths on 4 US Coasts**
- **Sudden mass death of birds over Winnipeg, Canada, remains a mystery**
- **Why Are Birds Falling From the Sky?**
- **Death toll from Nepal earthquake has topped 8,000**

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Satan's Great Wrath – The Great Tribulation

If you will search the internet and look for more news of mass deaths of birds and fish in every part of the world, you will be convinced that Satan and his demons has indeed been cast down to this earth just as prophesied in Revelation 12. But what is the significance of that specific event in the prophetic time frame laid by God through the apostle John's writings?

WHEN SATAN WAS CAST DOWN

Look again at this Revelation 12 prophecy. Verse 12 warns the inhabitants of the earth and sea because Satan was cast down. Then as soon as that happened, what was the very first thing Satan did? Verse 13 shows that He attacked the Church of God! That is what this "woman" is prophetically.

Perhaps you, like many of our readers, have no history with that church. But what happened there is still extremely relevant to you, and I will explain why.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW SATAN OPERATES, JUST LOOK AT WHAT HE DID TO THAT CHURCH.

This verse specifically dates this prophecy.

We can point to a specific time when God's true Church was forcibly attacked by the devil. This is spoken of in another prophecy—in 2 Thessalonians 2—that links directly with Revelation 12 in order to establish the time frame.

There the Apostle Paul prophesied, “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand” (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2). When is Christ coming? How can we know? God tells us what will happen just before He returns.

Notice this astounding prophecy: “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [the Second Coming of Christ] shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition [or destruction]” (verse 3). **Something terrible happened inside God's Church, and by it, Satan was able to destroy many people spiritually. This is a great “falling away” in the Church—exactly what Revelation 12:13 is about. When Satan was cast down he attacked God's Church, which triggered a great falling away because most of God's people were deceived and God's Work was destroyed!**

This prophecy says a “man of sin” would be revealed inside that church. This man is called the “son of destruction”—the same title as Judas Iscariot, who was actually

possessed by the devil (Luke 22:3; John 13:27). Satan has a lot of power. And Satan used a man!

This man “opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:4). And this Satan-inspired man showed himself to be God—and many people believed it, amazing as that sounds!

He acts like he’s God, taking the place of God in that temple. That is how arrogant Satan is—acting like God. He thinks he’s God—and has rebelled against God and tried to overthrow God!

That is why Satan was CAST DOWN in this end time. He tried to overthrow God once (Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:14-17), and then tried again just before Christ is to return (Revelation 12:7-9). This time, he was thrown down to Earth and confined there; he is no longer allowed in the rest of the universe.

The prophecy in 2 Thessalonians 2 also includes another important individual. Verse 7 says, “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way” (English Standard Version). This is a mystery of lawlessness. That is what it’s all about.

This “mystery of lawlessness” was working in God’s Church already, but **somebody (“he who now restrains”) was controlling it and ensuring it didn’t**

openly manifest itself. As long as he was there, Satan could not take over the Church; the falling away couldn't occur. (pp. 6-7, *America Under Attack*, 2013 edition)

Just look at how important this somebody (“he who now restrains”) in God’s Church is – he is the same **MAN CHILD that was brought forth by the WOMAN.**

Do you know who this man is? Herbert W. Armstrong was the head of God’s Church for over 50 years, and God used him to keep the Church on track. Then, he was taken “out of the way.” That happened when God allowed him to die in 1986.

And notice what happens immediately after that: “And THEN SHALL THAT WICKED [Satan the devil] BE REVEALED, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming” (verse 8). This man has to be REVEALED. Somebody is going to REVEAL him!

After that man was taken out of the way, Satan was cast down! Now everybody can see him because he is full of wrath and wreaking great destruction! Satan turned 95 percent of the people in God’s Church away from God. Only 5 percent remained to proclaim the message! God had to raise up another work to get His message out. He uses that 5 percent that remained behind to reveal Satan and his man to those who are willing to see.

THESE PROPHECIES HAVE COME TO PASS. Once Satan was cast down, he used a “man of sin” right at the head of God’s

Church to lead in the destruction of that church from the inside, from right at the top!

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders” (verse 9). This is after the working of Satan. Can you detect this evil spiritual influence in our world today? It is a real spiritual power, and it almost mesmerizes people with its lies! This points right back to Revelation 12:9 and the fact that Satan has unmatched powers of DECEPTION. It is all prophesied in your Bible!...

In fulfillment of the prophecy in Revelation 12:13, **Satan destroyed the Church of God. This happened beginning in 1986, and I saw it happen.** God's loyal members were the primary victims.

Here is why this is so important to you. (pp. 8-9, *ibid.*)

As Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote that Satan and his demons have waged WAR against God. Michael and his angels then fought this precisely when the **MAN CHILD**, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was **TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY** and died on January 16, 1986. And eventually Satan and his minions were all **CAST DOWN** to this earth wreaking havoc, with his **FIRST TARGET** on sight – **THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN AND THE MOON UNDER HER FEET AND ON HER HEAD A CROWN OF TWELVE STARS.**

Mr. Armstrong has always said that the Great Tribulation is the same as the “time of Jacob's trouble” as prophesied in Jeremiah 30:7. Jacob as he often said refers to the birthright nations Britain and America.

OUR GREAT TRIBULATION

Notice Jeremiah's Prophecy:

“For thus saith the [Eternal]; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: **it is even the time of Jacob’s TROUBLE...**” (Jeremiah 30:5-7).

Remember—in passing on the birthright to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 48:16), Jacob said, “Let my name be named on them”—on Ephraim and Manasseh—who today are Britain and America. This tells on whom this most terrible of national calamities is to fall—on Britain and America.

But now when is it to fall? Do not assume this is referring to anything that did happen to ancient Israel. (pp. 173-174, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, 2009 edition)

Now notice the title of Mr. Gerald Flurry’s booklet: “**AMERICA UNDER ATTACK**” – is this not a TANGIBLE PROOF itself that we are indeed in the midst of the “**TIME OF JACOB’S TROUBLE**“?

SATAN'S SECOND TARGET

The Bible describes the Church as spiritual “Israel” (e.g. Galatians 6:16; Ephesians 2:12). When Satan was cast down, he immediately went after spiritual Israel. That was his first target.

But he didn't stop there. After that, he directed his attack against physical Israel. Who is that? Specifically, it is three of the modern nations that descended from the biblical nation of Israel—chiefly the United States, Britain and the Jewish state. (Proof of these nations' identity can be found in Mr. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, one of the works we won in that court case, and which we will also send you for free.)

This is a big goal of the devil and his demons: They are out to bring Israel down, whether spiritual or physical Israel. I believe what happened in that church shows you something of a blueprint for what Satan began to do in these nations. That is why that church history is so relevant and important for you to grasp...

After the devil attacked the Church in verse 13, and devastated it and destroyed the people's faith, he continues his destructive rampage on a larger scale... That also tells you that the devil is attacking the nations of Israel—three in particular...

Satan attacked the Church, then he attacked the NATIONS of Israel. **This means these nations are in serious trouble!** (pp. 9-10, op.cit.)

Satan attacking America, Britain and the Jewish state? Does it not amount to being the "TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE" as prophesied by the prophet Jeremiah? Look around you and see with your own eyes what is happening to those three nations today? Satan and his demons are now roaming wild on this earth so we ought to be sober and ever more vigilant like Gideon's army (Judges 7:6-7).

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath**, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” (Revelation 12:12)

Notice carefully what has been inspired to be written here in verse 12 – **SATAN HAS COME DOWN HAVING GREAT WRATH!** And what did Mr. Armstrong wrote about **SATAN’S WRATH?**

The Great Tribulation is really caused by Satan’s wrath, but the Day of the Lord will come upon us as a result of God’s wrath on Satan and the people that are following his way. Sermon Transcript – Revelation 12, April 18, 1981

Now here is how Mr. Armstrong described the Great Tribulation:

“Notice that! **Here is the Great TRIBULATION! And this fifth seal pictures it as a time of martyrdom of saints—of truly converted, begotten children of God!**” (p. 26, The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!)

Got it? **The GREAT TRIBULATION has everything to do with the MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS – OF TRULY CONVERTED, BEGOTTEN CHILDREN OF GOD!** It has to happen WITHIN God’s Church where the truly converted, begotten children of God are According to Mr. Armstrong the GREAT TRIBULATION is a result of Satan’s wrath. Now consider this: When Mr. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986, Mr. Flurry said that Revelation 12:7-13 has been fulfilled. Satan ATTACKED the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) – “he persecuted the woman which brought forth the **MAN CHILD.**” Through Satan’s relentless persecution, the WCG caved in and the

Philadelphia Church of God (PCG) was born. (For a detailed explanation, you may read the prophesied little book, **Malachi's Message**). But Satan continued to persecute **THE WOMAN who is clothed with the SUN and the MOON under her feet, and on her head A CROWN OF TWELVE STARS** – he waged another WAR and this time its in the COURT ROOM over the right to publish Mr. Armstrong's book **Mystery of the Ages** and his other writings. Since he has been successful in conquering the WCG, he then used it to pursue his main agenda which resulted in a grueling six year court battle that concluded in VICTORY for the PCG on January 16, 2003.

Now in order to protect the Philadelphia Church of God from Satan's further attack, Mr. Gerald Flurry implemented the **NO CONTACT POLICY whose outcome is the prophesied IRON WALL of the Ezekiel 4 siege**. During this same time period when the **NO CONTACT POLICY** was being introduced, his wife Barbara became ill with a congestive heart failure which led to her eventual death on September 5, 2004. But unlike Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Flurry DID NOT acknowledge the SPIRITUAL implication of her ailment and death in connection with the SPIRITUAL CONDITION of the whole Church. From that moment on, the **GREAT TRIBULATION which is actually THE MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS** started to emerge and took its toll. Well some may contest: Surely we are not yet in the midst of the Great Tribulation because we have been taught that it has no precedence and nothing to be compared from:

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” (Matthew 24:21)

Is there any event in the past history of God's Church wherein God's own ministers were the ones who afflicted

the members; who caused great suffering because of the belief with the 9 books; who annoyed with persistent or urgent approaches making the members to suffer extreme pain, distress, or anxiety; who destroyed and ruined God's people using God's government? Is there ANY precedence for the **NO CONTACT POLICY**? There's NONE like it! The other COG splinter groups around the world have hated the PCG so badly because of their abuse of God's government – “and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.” (The word “name” implies “authority or government”). Has this not happened in our time? Any COG group out there would advise each other that they can go to any of the splinter groups but NEVER to the PCG. They hated the PCG so much because of its abuse of God's government with the **NO CONTACT POLICY**!

(For a more thorough explanation of this subject:
<http://thelastendbookofremembrance.com/2014/12/25/the-great-tribulation-the-martyrdom-of-saints/>

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The Conspiracy of PCG's Ministers

As Mr. Armstrong wrote that “(t)he Great Tribulation is really caused by Satan’s wrath, but the Day of the Lord will come upon us as a result of God’s wrath on Satan and the people that are following his way.” Sermon Transcript — Revelation 12, April 18, 1981

What do you think could have caused “God’s wrath on Satan and the people that are following his way”? Surely this thought does NOT refer to the people of this world – they have always followed Satan. This does NOT also refer to the other Church of God groups because they DON’T have God’s government to begin with, nor do they have the Spirit of prophecy. ONLY the Philadelphia Church of God could perfectly fit the description of a people NOW following Satan’s way because of a CONSPIRACY among its **25 leading ministers.**

“And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. **There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof,** like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.” (Ezekiel 22:23-25)

They have esteemed God through His last end servant as a clay in their hands. They did not know that He intended Mr. Gerald Flurry to become blind so that He may be able to test His own people.

“Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord’s servant?” (Isaiah 42:19)

There was even a precursor of this same condition when “one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel” (Numbers 25:6). It was done in the SIGHT of Moses and all the people of ancient Israel even if he just gave a prior instruction to the judges of Israel to “Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor” (v. 5)! God allowed Moses to be BLINDED in his judgment at that time to test the top leading men of Israel then, but apparently, their heart is not right with Him. The same situation is true today in God’s Philadelphia Church of God; Mr. Gerald Flurry may be alive and ever present for everyone to see, yet God allowed him to become BLIND to test the ministers and members alike of what they shall do in case there would be intermingling among God’s holy things and **PAGANISM** as what has been happening presently in our midst.

“Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: **they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean,** and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.” (Ezekiel 22:26)

Now, the PCG ministers DO NOT know the difference between the HOLY and PROFANE even between the

CLEAN and the UNCLEAN, they did not even know that they have already violated God's law – "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," yet unfortunately, they have descended into BAAL WORSHIP whether they realize it or not! They have abused God's government through the **NO CONTACT POLICY** that was implemented and they have turned into ravening wolves shedding innocent blood – thus fulfilling the prophesied **MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS**.

"Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken. The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully." (vv. 27-29)

Members of the Philadelphia Church of God around the world have basically the same stories to tell which details their lamentable predicament in the hands of their supposed "**shepherds**." Some have uttered in great astonishment, "**What's going on**"?

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: **but I found none**. Therefore have **I poured out mine indignation** upon them; I have consumed them with **the fire of my wrath**: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God." (vv. 30-31)

This prophecy in the book of Ezekiel explains the reason

why God has to pour out His indignation upon His own people – **because He sought for A MAN among them who would stand by Him and defend His name and reputation, yet He FOUND NONE (save this little insignificant group who stood by God doing His strange work).** This is the same context as what God told the prophet Daniel:

“And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the **last end of the indignation:** for at the time appointed the end shall be.” (Daniel 8:19)

Out of this same verse came the title of the book, “**The Last End – A Book of Remembrance**” which explains what transpired during the **last end of the indignation** that will trigger God’s wrath, (the Day of the Lord) because of what **Satan had successfully done so far to God’s own people in this last end – he was able to make them compromise just like what happened to the Pergamos Church.** Let us consider what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about a prophecy in the book of Zephaniah which focuses on the disaster that is happening inside God’s own Church – **Druidism** being introduced in their midst which is actually, **BAAL WORSHIP.**

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Cut off the Temple Priests

After God talks about the Day of the Lord, He brings up another subject. And even with all the horrifying destruction that is to occur, it is really this second subject that God is most concerned about. What is happening inside God's own Church is God's number-one priority. He puts these verses together to let us know what His priority really is. The Church disaster is spiritual. It has eternal consequences. That is why it eclipses the world disaster.

God says that He will severely punish His priests. "I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests" (Zephaniah 1:4). The word Chemarims refers to idol priests.

And the phrase "with the priests" refers to the temple priests, or God's priests. In other words, **a seriously wrong relationship has developed between God's priests and the priests of Baal.** The Soncino, Jamieson Fausset and Brown, and Lange's commentaries all agree on this point. Notice how Lange further explains this verse: "... [w]e certainly infer from the circumstance

that **the worship of Baal has been introduced into the temple**” (volume 7).

We must remember that Zephaniah is an end-time book. The word “temple” in prophecy always refers to God’s Church today. So the temple priests in type must represent God’s own ministry in this end time. **God’s ministers have been introducing Baal worship into God’s Church. Have any doctrines of Baal been introduced into God’s Church in our time? Yes!** Which ministers have been doing this? The Laodicean ministers! (pp. 2-3, Zephaniah’s Day of the Lord – It Hastens Greatly, 2008 edition)

Do we wonder why it has always been said that the **TWO WITNESSES** will continue the Elijah Work? Because just like the original Elijah and the end-time Elijah Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, these TWO WITNESSES are also dealing with Baal’s priests and their pagan practices (1 Kings 18:19-40). Now, whether the ministers and members inside the PCG would accept this specific fulfillment of prophecy or not, it does not matter. The truth of the matter is this, they have to open their eyes and **PROVE** if **Irish dancing, Mother’s Day and cremation** is PAGAN or not. For emphasis let’s read again Zephaniah’s prophecy concerning the **spiritual Jews** in this last end:

“The word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah. I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked: and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord. I will also stretch out mine hand upon (PCG Judah congregations around

the world), and upon all the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** (PCG headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma); and I will cut off the remnant of Baal (**Irish dancing**) from this place, and the name of the Chemarims (**IDOL PRIESTS**) with the priests; And them that worship the host of heaven (**Astarte: the queen of heaven – Mother’s Day**) upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham (**Molech – cremation**); And them that are turned back from the Lord (**the 25 men who led the PCG to Edstone**); and those that have not sought the Lord, nor enquired for him (**treasures in darkness**).” (Zephaniah 1:1-6)

Let us look briefly at the news of a Philadelphia train being **DERAILED – “ALL OF A SUDDEN ... OFF THE RAILS.”** We could also compare this incident to what is happening spiritually inside the Philadelphia Church of God with all the paganism being continually observed, they have actually gone off the rails – they are already **OFF THE TRACK** with the Edstone work. So what will happen next? They will eventually end up **CRASHING** with **WOUNDS IN THEIR HEAD, ALL OF THEM!**

**Six dead, scores injured in
Philadelphia train derailment**
PHILADELPHIA | by Daniel Kelley
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Rescue workers searched through the debris on Wednesday for more victims of an Amtrak passenger train wreck in Philadelphia that killed six people and injured scores others as investigators sought to determine the cause of the derailment.

Authorities said they did not know what caused the New York City-bound train carrying 243 people to derail at about 9:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday (0130 GMT Wednesday).

The accident left rail cars mangled, ripped open and strewn upside down in the city's Port Richmond neighborhood along the Delaware River...

CNN quoted the Federal Bureau of Investigation as saying there was no indication that terrorism was a factor in the derailment. Three law enforcement officials contacted by Reuters also said they had not encountered anything suspicious.

“We do not know what happened here. We do not know why this happened,” Nutter told reporters. He later told CNN there was no indication there had been a collision with another train.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said a “go-team” that would investigate the crash was expected to arrive on Wednesday morning.

“ALL OF A SUDDEN ... OFF THE RAILS”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/13/us-usa-train-derailment-idUSKBN0NY04E20150513>

As the PCG has gone OFF THE TRACK with the Edstone work instead of staying on God's lane going forward with the Jerusalem work (Jeremiah 7:24), **the 25 men who led God's Church to turn their back from the Lord** is the strongest warning to us today that the Day of the Lord HASTENS GREATLY!

TURNED BACK FROM THE LORD

God will cut off all His priests who are involved in false religion. “And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that

swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham; And them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor inquired for him” (Zephaniah 1:5-6). The RSV translates verse 5, “those who bow down on the roofs to the host of the heavens; those who bow down and swear to the Lord and yet swear by Milcom” (verse 5). God is very angry with His ministers because they pretend that their religion—doctrinal changes and new teachings—are of God, when those doctrines are really **RANK PAGANISM!**

Verse 6 is the most important verse of this segment. Why? Because it describes very clearly what is happening within the Laodicean Church today. The RSV translates this verse, “those who have turned back from following the Lord, who do not seek the Lord or inquire of him.” God’s people are turning back from Him. Remember that we need to have an end-time focus here. You cannot turn away from God unless you once knew Him. God’s people are willfully turning away from Him and His covenant. It is a great apostasy. This apostasy is also spoken of in 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 3 and 12.

God’s Church is turning away from Him. This is the sign— the strongest warning sign to God’s Church— that the Day of the Lord is very near. It is a gigantic sign that every member should clearly see. But most refuse to understand. (pp. 3-4, Zephaniah’s Day of the Lord – It Hastens Greatly, 2008 edition)

The Headquarters of the Philadelphia Church of God is in Edmond, Oklahoma. God is sending out His message to warn them and He is making sure that it gets through. Take a careful note of this undeniable facts: **Oklahoma became the NEW EARTHQUAKE CAPITAL OF THE US which previously was California's seat. With the tornado outbreak that struck Oklahoma this first week of May 2015**, it seems that it is reaffirming its title as **THE TORNADO CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.**

“And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was NOT IN THE WIND: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was NOT IN THE EARTHQUAKE: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was NOT IN THE FIRE: and after the fire **A STILL SMALL VOICE.**” (1 Kings 19:11-12)

The STILL SMALL VOICE is referring to a **last end Cyrus work** “which ye will not believe, though it be told you” (Habakkuk 1:5). Are you willing to listen? God is already performing the **STRANGEST ACT** He could do to AWAKEN those who are **sleeping** inside His own temple today, to PROVOKE them to great jealousy and to JUDGE the spiritual Edomites among them. (Isaiah 28:21; Romans 10:19; Obadiah 1:21).

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