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I AM SO GLAD THAT JESUS *ONLY*
GIVES GOOD IDEAS TO HIS
MINISTERS BECAUSE ...
... WHAT!?!
HE CAN GIVE GREAT IDEAS TO *ALL*
OF HIS "CALLED-OUT-ONES"!?!

... THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR...
IF... THESE GOOD IDEAS ARE
SHARED WITH THE BROTHERS &
ELDERS -- SO WE CAN *ACT* UPON
THEM!

*Heb 10:24 Let us think of ways
to motivate one another to acts
of love and good works.*

Welcome to the February edition.

This issue features "a look" into 2024 ... and a request that we ALL seek ways to **influence** the **Work of God** we are called to - with our ideas & prayers & efforts & support.

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Insight from Deacon David Townson

The Year Ahead

2024

Now I am neither a prophet nor a sleuth but I do watch world events not just politics but many different areas of human endeavor.

Proverbs 22 verse 3 is the pivotal Scripture forming the basis of this article.

“A prudent man foresees the evil, and hides himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.”

And I would add ...

Proverbs 28:28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

So let's look at several areas of human endeavor in this world as we begin 2024.

Let's notice what is happening and the trends that are developing.

LET'S CONSIDER POLITICS

First, we will look at North America: Other sections will deal with Europe, the Middle East and beyond...

In Leviticus 26:18-19, we read pride of power being broken, drought and in Isaiah 1:5-6, we read about sickness in the whole head faint hearts, wounds from head to toe with putrefying sores that have not been cared for! God's Word predicts a world where all is not well!

There are 40 countries that are holding elections in 2024 including the USA also the UK quite possibly Canada (according to commentators) and Taiwan held elections quite recently.

All these point to a Time of Change particularly in the USA but trends in recent elections show a rise of conservatism For example Italy and the Netherlands have just had elections. In the USA, some think that President Trump will not be a contender either due to legal shenanigans or assassination.

There is a precedent for this. It has happened to four previous presidents (Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, John Kennedy)

On the Democratic Side it is unclear that President Biden will make it to the election... Then what!??? It appears that the Obamas are stirring the pot... Politics are corrupt encouraged by the influence of The Elite and foreign powers.

More in the section on Economics.

On the Canadian Scene: An illustration of the problems of governmental legislation is the latest Bill on handguns just introduced in Parliament.. It has nothing to do whatsoever with criminals but is an attack on lawful and legitimate handgun owners. Now, consider Economics

Lev 26:26-28 indicates that "the staff of life" i.e. Bread which symbolizes FOOD that will be eaten and will not satisfy and we could infer would not be nourishing.

God warns that if people refuse to obey, they will be chastised Seven Times... It is important to notice in Leviticus 26 that Israel (the Whole House of Israel- all the tribes) will be punished by progressively greater punishment. Four instances by 7 times. Verses **18, 21, 24, 28**

In **Proverbs 22:7**, God promises blessings but warns that it is not wise to borrow because the lenders become the 'powerful'!

Deuteronomy 15:6 The promised blessing are followed by warnings that if we borrow, we become bond servants to the lenders!

Proverbs 28:20 warns us not to rush to get rich... Someone who rushes to be rich will not go unpunished. Notice that the whole financial system is based on borrowing and on spending more than you have. People are motivated by possessions and money. They are persuaded by advertisers to want the latest and greatest thing and go into debt for it. What is the result? Massive deficits and debts.

The US government owes **\$34 trillion** and is spending way beyond its income from taxes! The Canadian government admits that it will not balance its budget for at least 5 years. A budget respected will balance income with expenses! Our present government has built up the current debt greater than any previous government in our history. AS a result of reckless spending during the Pandemic, combined with 0 interest rates, people took on too much debt and now as interest rates have risen to 5.25%, the result of the consequent INFLATION means that those with variable rate mortgages as they come due will face a 54% increase in their mortgage cost over the next couple of years!!!

This is disaster territory but it gets worse.

Our banking system is Fractional System- You put your money in and they lend out 90% to other people or they buy government bonds, which are the safest investment. They work on the theory that only a small percentage will ask for their money back. In the meantime, income will be flowing into the banks.

They now have **three problems:**

- The Pandemic opened the way for people to work from home rather than going to the office (government and business). This emptied a lot of office space or which other people borrowed money from the bank to build on the assumption that money would come in from rent. This trend is now why Ottawa cannot fund the LRT! (Lite-Rail Transit Project).
- Also the banks bought Treasury Bonds at 1%. Current bonds are now paying 5%. This reduces the value of the bonds that the banks hold- creating potential losses for the banks. Three US banks collapsed last year when they could not meet their customers' demands for their money!
- The third damage to the banking and credit card companies involves the Moral Hazard as people refuse to pay their mortgages, car loans or credit card bills. The number of people in this category is increasing!



A good example, is of **Sir Walter Scott** who in 1820 refused to declare bankruptcy when he owed 130,000 pounds, Instead he **worked hard for years** and paid it all off!

THIS IS WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS THE ROAD.

Each Christian is responsible to meet his or her debts, to live within our means and to prepare for future challenges! Another problem with economics is BRICS which is a combination of countries (Brasil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) aiming to break free from the US Dollar controlling trade worldwide. They have just been joined by Iran and Saudi Arabia!

There are enormous problems coming for each individual country worldwide.

Back to the Key Scripture for this article! Christians take note!

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man foresees the evil, & hides himself: but the simple pass on, & are punished...

In **Deuteronomy 28:44**, God repeats that the lender is the 'head'- the leader, the powerful one but the borrower will become 'the tail'... the one in a position of weakness.

Attacks on GOD'S HUMAN CREATION: THE FAMILY

Here I will address only one aspect i.e. Abortion... but there are several others: Assisted Suicide, Transgender, Trafficking Children, Legalizing Pedophilia. I will approach abortion NOT from the individual point of view but from the issues relating to demographics.

God promised to Abram

Genesis 13:16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

that he would make his descendants like the dust of the earth which means an abundance of children.

This is repeated in **Genesis 15:5 & Genesis 22:17**

In the Mosaic Covenant the curses for disobedience are terrible!

Deuteronomy 28:18 Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

Abortion breaks that covenant and brings consequences on the Nation of Israel.

God had promised blessings for obedience in **Deuteronomy 28:4 & 11**

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kind, and the flocks of thy sheep.

11 And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, & in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

For the last 200 years, the demographic picture of western nations has been a pyramid shape- with the youngest at the bottom and the oldest at the top. Industrialization has had an impact in that people tend to have fewer children and they stop being useful workers and become "expensive furniture" (read seniors)!

Healthy demographics require a nation to have a pyramid- shape- more people at the bottom than at the top. Today, the situation has changed to a kind of column! There are not enough workers to support dependent children and seniors. To illustrate the demographic impact, I will talk about baby boomers who were born after WW2. They grew up in the late 1940's and the 1950's. They generally married in the late 1950's and started families. This was a large generation and stimulated a Building Boom of houses & the appearance of the mini-van. In the late 1960's and early 1970's, this encouraged the invention of the mini-van to transport families. It was possible for the man to work outside the home and for his wife to be at home looking after the children. Proof? Look at TV and magazines from the 1950's. In the 1960's and 70's, families were starting to reach their highest income potential because the children were either working or in higher education. Consumerism greatly increased in the 60's and 70's. Feminism began to have a major impact. Women took to the workforce and had fewer children... using birth control, yes but also ABORTION!

Families had increased income and were able to make more purchases: homes, cars, TV's etc. And credit became more readily available. In the 80's to the 2000's the highest income years allowed people to save for their retirement. This is when the countries had the greatest source of investment to invest into businesses and financial investing companies. Baby Boomers were then retiring so taking their money out of speculative investments and putting it into safer investments. So the amount of money for the investments was decreasing. The generation that follows the Baby Boomers is much smaller. Its symbol is no longer a definite column but a column with indentations.



Look to China for an example of a disastrous declining birthrate with their "one Child Policy" and abortion having a huge impact on their workforce. It is now believed that the Chinese statistics have over-counted their population by ONE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE. In 30 years, the population of China will be half what it is today! India will become the most populous country!

ABORTION has aggravated this problem. In the USA there have been over 40 million abortions. I believe that the consequences of so many abortions is having disastrous consequences in Western nations but in Japan and South Korea as well. In Canada, the government is trying to counter the lack of children and young people by bringing in a million refugees in the last year alone. They have brought in people with different cultures, values and beliefs. The shortage of housing is just the first problem. However differences of values and beliefs are beginning to surface and will increase. This plan to bring in workers of different values and beliefs could well become a Trojan Horse! It will certainly change our country and other countries around the world.

Deuteronomy 28:43-44 "The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

There could be no such thing as a Christian Country.

Proverbs 22:3 applies here! Let the People of God, true Christians beware!

Now let's consider **Science & Global Warming**

Lev 26:5-6 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

When I was young, science was the New Hope, The New Religion. In the UK we had a TV program that brought the latest news in science every week. Science discovered many good things and increased our knowledge tremendously. Unfortunately, science has become corrupted. It is not longer about where the facts lead and what conclusions we can draw. It is more about what is politically correct.

Global Warming is promoted day and night in the media! One of the curses in **Deuteronomy 28:23-24** is curses on The Land.

23-24 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

So the question is: Is God cursing the countries with different weather or is it all due to climate change brought on by western industrialization? CO₂ is a good thing because it encourages plants to grow. It is interesting that there is great focus on western countries and their industrialization and their use of fossil fuels when there is absolutely no focus at all on India and China. China produces 25% of CO₂ whereas Canada produces 1.5% of CO₂. What a contrast: Canada and the US have reduced their use of coal whereas China is building a new coal plant every week using imported Australian coal and no one says a word! Also our carbon tax does nothing to reduce carbon. It is only a Tax Grab causes an increase in prices. Amazing!

We have made great progress in the last 70 years in reducing our POLLUTION. For example, our vehicles are much more efficient in dealing with pollutants than they were in the 1950's. The total focus on carbon is a mistake.

Now, the point of all this section of my message is that if the 10 "lost" tribes of Israel are scattered throughout the western nations, then are these climate changes the Curses from God predicted in **Deuteronomy 28:23-24**? **23-24 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.**

Now let's consider **Medical Science**

Lev. 26:21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

Deuteronomy 28:21 The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou go to possess it.

Another area of science that has come under scrutiny concerns medical science and especially the Pandemic. The WHO lied about the beginnings of COVID saying there was no human to human transmission and for a long time denied the origin of the virus being the Wuhan Lab.

People who raised questions about the origin of the virus and the safety of the vaccines were ignored, persecuted and shut down. The medical authorities ignored the role of natural immunity which God has created to help humans survive all types of viruses found in the environment. The Wuhan Lab modified existing viruses to make them more human-friendly! This process was funded by American institutions without public knowledge. We now know that the lockdowns had a very bad effect on children & the elderly & especially on people unable to see their dying relatives in Seniors' homes.

The WHO is now wanting to change its agreements with countries worldwide making it the Authority to declare a pandemic, declare what action should be taken and also to shut down any 'misinformation'. I always thought that the WHO merely represented various countries but it turns out that it is partially funded by private organizations such as Bill Gates Foundation and pharmaceutical companies. All this is leading to people losing confidence in science and they are more open to emotion and unreason.

Are we setting the stage for a great religious organization called **Mystery Babylon**?

Revelation 13:11-13 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he exercised all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men

Now let's consider **Wars & Rumors of Wars!**

At the moment there are **two major wars** going on. Christ said there would be wars and rumors of wars.

Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

- The **first** is the Ukraine vs Russia War: So far this has galvanized NATO because Europe knows that if Ukraine falls, the Baltic States and Poland will be next on The List! There seems to be a move in the USA to draw back from their commitment to defending Ukraine. This war has had a serious effect on the food supply and fertilizers. This would appear to force the Europeans into action!
- The **second** war: October 7th brought the Middle East back into the headlines. Israel is determined to destroy Hamas that is generating Huge Antisemitism all over the Western World. The big danger is that this war will spread and bring in Hezbollah and the West Bank Palestinians. This could strain Israel's military forces to the breaking point but we always remember that Israel has nuclear weapons and may well use them to ultimately defend themselves. The USA is not a very strong supporter of Israel due to its leftwing party and groups. One group would be the vast number of illegal immigrants crossing the southern border daily - creating a kind of trojan horse of the 'enemy inside'!



The war has already started to spread to the Red Sea and the Bab El Mandeb Strait which is the entrance to the Red Sea where the Houthis are already attacking commercial ships going to and from the Suez Canal. The economics of this are huge. 12% of the world's shipping passes through the Red Sea and 15% of containers. The Houthi's rockets and drones have resulted in an increase in insurance costs, diversion to round the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa adding at least a week to travel time. This has persuaded the USA to organize a Coalition for the protection for some ships. This Coalition now involves a number of countries including Canada ... we have provided 3 flag officers!!! This coalition is starting to hit back at the Houthi foes. This situation is creating SUPPLY CHAIN PROBLEMS and the increase costs which will all be passed on to you, the consumer! Another thing to watch is the danger of China invading Taiwan. Does the USA have both the Power and The Will to defend Taiwan in face of so many other commitments in hot spots!?

Conclusion

Years before WW1, there was a series of events that could have precipitated WORLD CONFLICT-but that was not the case. For example, in 1911 Italy & Turkey fought over Libya. Then in 1912-1913 there were 2 wars in the Balkan nations against Turkey. They were de-escalated by the international community. Any of these scenarios could be significant or there could be a "Black Swan Event" (something unknown coming from left field -unexpected and could be the cause of End Time Events. For example the Austrian bank collapsed in 1929 and set off the Great Depression worldwide.

Isaiah 30:12-13 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

Brethren, we have a crisis of morals!

1 Timothy 3:1-5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

It is important to realize that all the quotations from Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 apply only to the 12 tribes of Israel (The Whole House of Israel). If the western nations are NOT Israel, then Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 do NOT APPLY. Then we are left Solomon's statement

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

And also Paul's statement in

Romans 2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

For us as Christians, we have to remember what Paul said
2 Timothy 3:1-5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

All of the above only makes sense if the USA, countries in Europe, Canada, the UK, Australia, New Zealand are part the Ten 'Lost' Tribes of Israel...

I emphasize, that The Second Purpose of this Article is to warn brethren to **WATCH, PRAY & PREPARE** especially spiritually.

Stay close to God in prayer and Bible Study & Fellowship with brethren and follow the advice of Proverbs and pray for wisdom to prepare!

We find it very useful to follow [Keeping Watch](#) out of CGI Burlington!

Remember **Psalm 46:1-2** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea

Psalm 50:14-15 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Psalm 86:6-7 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me

Ask for wisdom to prepare yourself and your family for less 'opulent' times!

Once again, I repeat :

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself:but the simple pass on, and are punished.



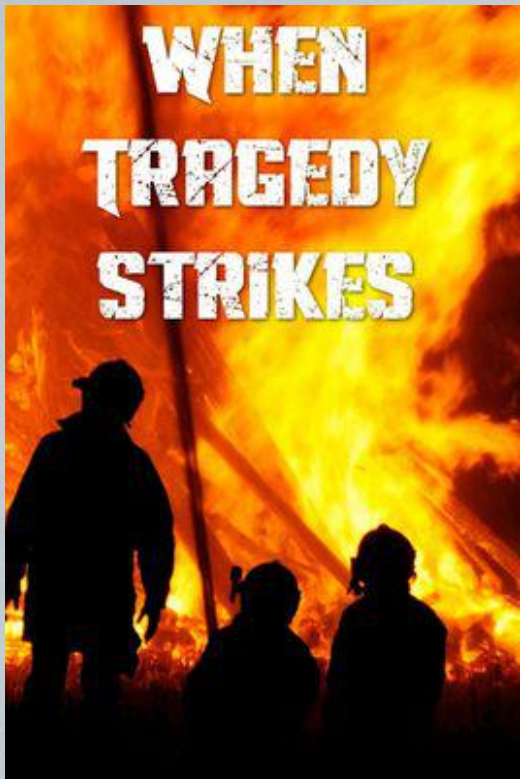
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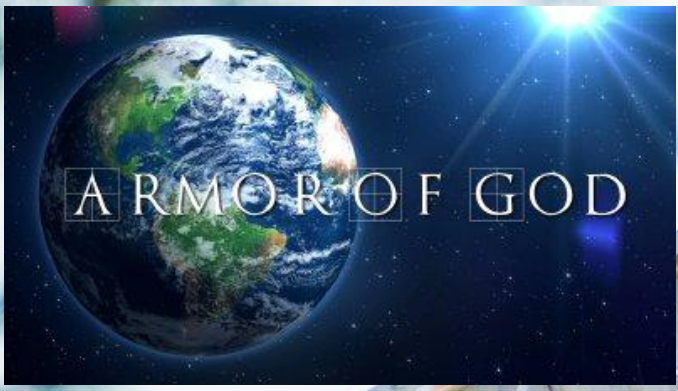
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