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AMERICA IS FORECAST IN BIBLE PROPHECY (PT III)

AMERICA SEEMS TO HAVE A GIANT FOOTPRINT IN THE BIBLE



AS WE SAW IN OCTOBER'S *LAST DAY'S BEACON*, THE DISCOVERER OF THE "NEW WORLD" ORIGINATED THE IDEA THAT AMERICA IS FORECAST IN BIBLE PROPHECY. IT IS THE REASON COLUMBUS BECAME AMERICA'S FIRST AND ENDURING CELEBRITY. IT IS ALSO WHY AMERICA'S CAPITOL IS NAMED FOR HIM. WHAT COLUMBUS STARTED EVOLVED INTO THE FOUNDING FATHERS' BELIEF THAT AMERICA WAS THE FULFILLMENT OF DANIEL'S FIFTH EMPIRE PROPHECY.

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Americans are unaware that the history of the last 500 years has been supernaturally driven by Bible prophecy.

Prophecy belief was at the core of England's colonization of America. And, as we've seen in the November *Last Days Beacon*, the American Revolution was initiated on the belief America was the fulfillment of a giant Bible prophecy.

Similarly, Americans are unaware that the world counts time according to Bible prophecy. Jesus' end-of-the-Bible vow to return, end time and inaugurate eternity is the basis of our date - 2019.

The Bible's unequalled authority rests on the fact that it has forecast the future with astonishing accuracy.* Big Bible predictions - America and the resurrection of Israel - are just two major Bible prophecies before us today. Anxious Americans wonder whether the Bible says anything about America's end as the nation is embroiled in a fierce and growing political civil war. Many Americans fear this is a portent of America's last days. This article looks at a number of prophecies of America - including the final Bible prophecy of America (Revelation 6:8).

* Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, host of PBS "Nova" and director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History, called Isaac Newton the greatest scientist in three centuries of modern science. "He is one of the greatest intellects the world has ever seen . . . It is spooky how much he knew." - Time magazine.

Newton, the father of physics and the co-founder of calculus wrote that the main value of Bible prophecy is that "its fulfillment offers a convincing argument that the world is governed by {God's} Providence." - p. 72 *When Time Shall Be No More*, Peter Boyer

THE MODERN WORLD COUNTS TIME BASED ON BIBLE PROPHECY

Before we look at prophecies of America, let's observe the supreme example of prophecy as the secret organizer of history. The first example of the Bible's amazing foretelling record is the Bible's second major prophecy - given directly by God to Adam, Eve and the Serpent during the eviction sentence in the Garden of Eden. The Creator, not prophets, gave the first and second big prophecy in the Bible. The first is "death," the penalty for rebellion and treason against God (Genesis 2:16, 17). Everything that is born in this fallen world dies. The second prophecy is the antidote to the first prophecy - Jesus, the Hero-Savior.

Bible scholars call Genesis 3:15 "the protoevangelium" ("The First Gospel"). In spare poetic form, this verse predicts a virgin ("seed of the woman") will bear a superhero that will be terribly injured, but will rise up to crush the head of the serpent.

HOW BREATHTAKING TO SEE - fast-forwarding to the 21st century that the world

counts time by the vow-to-return-and-end-time prophesied in Genesis 3:15 - before the shelf-life time of his fallen world began. Jesus is first forecast at the very beginning of the Bible (Genesis). And at the end of the Bible (Revelation), Jesus vows to return, conclude this fallen world and inaugurate eternity. How amazing that Jesus is the clock of the modern world. Every new year moves the hands of the *world's Christ Clock* one step closer to His return. Will Christ return in 2019?

AS WE SAW, THE # 1 PROPHECY OF AMERICA IS DANIEL'S FIFTH EMPIRE

As we saw in the November *Last Days Beacon*, the number one prophecy of America is that the United States is the manifestation in real time of Daniel's God-given prophecy of the Last Great Empire of history. The belief of America's founders - that America is the fulfillment of Daniel's Fifth Empire, "Christ's Kingdom" (Daniel 2:35) - is preserved in symbol on the dollar bill.

SIX MORE PROPHECIES OF AMERICA IN THE BIBLE

The following are not presented as written-in-stone-handed-down-from-On-High, but rather as proposals for an evangelical conversation at a time when America is in a dizzying nosedive. Space limitations prevent a full exposition of evidence. However, it appears, from the following prophecies, that History's Great Nation was in the Mind of God from at least the time He began His salvation plan with Abraham 4,000 years ago.

COULD AMERICA BE THE "GREAT NATION" GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM? (Genesis 12:2)

God begins His plan to save a sick and dying world with Abraham, the "father of faith." God promises Abraham that He will make him into a "great nation." We Christians have assumed God was referring to Israel, but the obvious fact of history is that Israel has never been a great nation by the standard of the great nations of the world. America, on the other hand, did become History's Great Nation.

Could God have had America in mind when he promised Abraham would be a "great Nation?" What appears to be the answer to this rogue question is, as we've seen in the December *LDB* - Judeo-Christian America and Israel are so closely connected spiritually, culturally and politically they seem like brothers. However, Israel IS the Great Nation God referred to - but not until Christ's Millennium when Israel will be the capitol of the world and America, the former "great nation," will be gone.

But in these last days of history, approximately 4,000 years after God made this promise to Abraham, America is History's Great Nation. America seems to be, as colonial leaders believed, the vestibule to that Great Thousand-Year era, the Millennium, in which Israel will rule the world.

"GADOL GOYE" DESCRIBES AMERICA ALMOST PERFECTLY

It is the language in the original Hebrew text of Genesis 12:2 that seems to be the smoking-gun evidence that describes America as the “great nation” God forecast to Abraham. “*Gadol Goye*” are the Hebrew words for “great nation” in Genesis 12:2. *Goye*, the word for “nation” is the word Jews use to refer to non-Jews - “goys.” America, with the unparalleled spectrum of ethnicity of any nation in the world is not just History’s Great Nation it is the *mega-goy* nation of history.

Likewise, the Hebrew word in Genesis 12:2 for “great” - “*gadol*” - also fits America much better than Israel. *Gadol* has a range of meaning, including “great,” “many,” “loud,” “of great significance,” “big,” “powerful,” “do great things,” and “important.” As the ultra-*goy* nation of the world and History’s Great Nation, America fits the Hebrew words in Genesis 12:2 almost perfectly.

God also promises Abraham will be a blessing to the world. What other nation has blessed the world more than America? America became the world model of progress, civilization and *Eutopia*. It changed the world for the better, politically and culturally. God told Abraham to go west. America is the westernmost nation in the world.

DID CHRIST PROPHECY AMERICA? (MATTHEW 5:14)

Christ’s picture of His Church as a “city on a hill” is fulfilled by nothing more in history than America. The word for “city” (“polis” is the root of our word *politics*) in the original Greek text designates a political entity. Why did Christ’s words stick to America, as a nickname for nearly four centuries?

More than 330-some years after Puritan leader John Winthrop quoted Christ’s words in a sermon aboard the *Arabella*, two of the most celebrated and influential presidents of the 20th century used “a city on a hill” in political speeches. Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan, exactly 20 years apart, brahshly defied the Supreme Court separation-of-church-and-state ruling by invoking “a city on a hill” in political addresses - as if it was a divine Christ- prophecy of America.

AMERICA HAS AN “*EKKLESIA*” GOVERNMENT (MATTHEW 16:18)



America's capitol (District of Columbia) is named after Columbus, who jump-started the idea that America is forecast in the Bible.

The name Christ chose for his "church" - "ekklesia" - is shockingly political and a refutation of the 1947 Separation of Church and State ruling. Of all the words he could have chosen (e.g., *Corpus Christi* - "Body of Christ"), the Savior selected the word "ekklesia," a Greek word (in the original Greek text of the New Testament) with a centuries-old political meaning.

The "ekklesia" defined the eligible voters in Athens democracy. Under this definition, America's Democrat or Republican national conventions could easily be called "ekklesias." The democratic Greek *ekklesia* elected leaders and created new laws *directly*, without going through representatives.

Until America, divine-right monarchs that were dropped on the people ruled the world, imperiously and tyrannically oppressing their subjects. America became the first significant *ekklesia* - i.e., electoral government in the world. The idea was that people would elect ("choose") their leaders - in the same way that Christians *elect* Jesus as their King and Savior. "Election" is a very significant Bible word whose origins are at the beginning of the Bible. God *elects* Noah, Abraham and the Hebrews to be His servants.

Although America's Constitution, in contrast to its older brother, the Declaration of Independence, is notably silent on God; it mandates an *ekklesian* government. The right to choose one's leader is the foundation of American government. The first Supreme Court judge, John Jay, famously advised Americans to choose Christian presidents.

With one possible exception, America has done this. Every president has identified himself as a Christian. This is barely a half step from America's colonial idea that Americans should elect Jesus - who sits symbolically as King of America on the Great Seal - as their King and Savior. Let's remember the Revolution motto - "No king but King Jesus."

The idea of electing Christ as one's ultimate King and Savior has always been at the spiritual nucleus of American culture and politics - until very recently. By choosing the political word, "ekklesia," Christ implied that he wanted Christians to promulgate His doctrines in public, not be quarantined in churches, as the 1947 "separation" ruling declares.

America's *ekklesian* government altered world governance from the millennia-old divine right monarchs to electoral government where people choose their leaders. That is one of America's greatest blessings to the world.

AMERICA'S BIRTHPLACE IS - "IN THE BIBLE" (REVELATION 3:7)



Philadelphia's Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence, the Stars and Stripes and the Constitution were produced - and History's Great Nation was established

Evangelical leaders have maintained America is "not in the Bible." However, the place America was founded - *Philadelphia* - IS in the Bible. America's original capitol was named after a church. Penn and his Quaker brethren christened what became the capitol of Pennsylvania ("Penn's Forest") after the Christ-praised church in the book of Revelation, *the Church of Philadelphia*.

The Quakers, along with the Puritans, were advanced English Bible prophecy analysts. They had studied well the book of Revelation - the only writing in the Bible with Christ's signature on it. At that point in English Bible prophecy investigations, they had uncovered the idea that the seven churches of Revelation represented the span, the alpha and omega of the Church age. Just as God had created the world in seven days, Christ's Church Age would evolve over seven stages.

By the time the King James Version of the Bible was published, the more advanced minds in England were becoming the leading edge of Bible prophecy analysis. To get an idea of how significant the idea of "Philadelphia" in Revelation was in England when Penn and his Quakers left for the American colonies, there was a London "Philadelphia Society."

English prophecy scholars were revising the Roman Church's presentation of Rome as being in the 20th chapter (the Millennium) of the 22-chapter book of Revelation. The Quakers located their 1683 colony in the second to last phase of church history - Philadelphia.

**HAS AMERICA BECOME LAODICEA, THE AGE THAT MAKES CHRIST THROW UP?
(REVELATION 3:14)**

The church that follows Philadelphia in Revelation, Laodicea, is the apostate end of Christ's Church Age. Did you know that *Democracy* and *Laodicea* mean the same thing? The Greek word, "Laodicea" means "rule of the people." And the Greek word, "Democracy" means "power of the people."

Americans have to be continually reminded that America is a "Republic," not a "Democracy." One of the greatest of America's founders, Benjamin Franklin noted at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention that America was "a republic - if you can keep it." Yet, after a century of the Democrat Party misinforming Americans that the nation was "a democracy," the Pledge of Allegiance had to remind Americans - "and to the *Republic* for which it stands." When America was established, the word, "democrat" had a foul odor because it was associated with the murderous, atheist French Revolution. "Democrat" then was considered as American as snuff boxes and crowns.

Laodicea, the worst phase of Christ's Church Age, is the prophetic time when Christianity had already ripened and is then rotting. Christ tells his Laodicean Church: "So because you are lukewarm...I am about to vomit you out of my mouth (Revelation 3:16)."

Laodicean-rule-of-the-people America, is so sickening, that like the man who accidentally eats a piece of rotten meat, Christ can't keep it in His Body. Christ's description of Laodicea eerily fits America today. "You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked" (Revelation 3:17).



In 1917, Americans knew the "Uncle Sam Wants You" poster ordering men to enlist to fight in America's first foreign war was the face of Democrat President Woodrow Wilson. That gave it presidential authority.

It wasn't until after World War I that America was deviously transformed from a Republic to a "Democracy" by the newly formed mass media. The passionate evangelical spirit that propelled America from the Revolution into the first quarter of the 20th century

cooled down to the lukewarm spirit of Laodicea after the 1925 Scopes Trial hoax that made Bible believers look stupid, ignorant and foolish.

It was, however, a century ago when Democrat President Woodrow Wilson subtly transformed the American Republic into a “Democracy” by positioning the American-empowered World War I victory as the triumph of “Democracy over tyranny.” The anti-Christian spirit of the founder of the Democrat Party, Thomas Jefferson, had now reached its dark maturity and became a cultural as well as a political force in America.

And it is here with that political sleight of hand that America morphed from a republic into a democracy and the soul of History’s Great Nation began mysteriously changing into the sickeningly lukewarm spirit of Laodicea. American Christianity had ripened over the Philadelphia era (the 17th through the 19th century), but then gradually devolved over the 20th century into apostasy - a rebellion against Christ’s teachings. By the turn of the 21st century, America had become so nauseating to the Christ who sits in symbol on the Great Seal that it made him *throw up*. And Christ is hardly alone in being sickened by the Laodicean state of America today. A critical mass of Americans, not just most evangelicals, is deeply nauseated by the brazenly corrupt, depraved state of America as it enters 2019.

THE LAST PROPHECY OF AMERICA (REVELATION 6:8)



Is America

Regardless, Israel is where the *Tribulation* ends

Where the

Tribulation begins?

One of the major, although reasonable, misinterpretations of Christ’s Revelation letter is in the very middle of chapter six. Christ is opening the judgement scrolls in Revelation

6:8 when he comes to the last of the four horsemen of the apocalypse. "I looked and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death and Hades was following close behind him," reports John, the last apostle left on earth. "They {the four horse riders} were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth."

Revelation scholars have interpreted this verse to refer to people, even though the term in the original Greek text says, "a fourth of the earth." The problem here is that Revelation 6:8 is geographic not demographic. The original Greek text of Revelation 6:8 says nothing about population, it says "tetarton ges" - the fourth {part} of the earth.

Revelation 6:8 is referring to the location of the beginning of the Tribulation era - "the fourth part of the earth." Christ is identifying where he is sending the Four Horsemen. So where is this "fourth quarter of the earth?"

America (or the Americas), the most Christian part of the world is the "fourth part of the world."

WHY WOULD CHRIST SEND DISASTER AND JUDGMENT TO CHRIST'S NATION?

God's Son in Revelation 6:8 is using the identical judgment formula that God the Father used in the Old Testament to judge Israel. This supplies the reason Christ is sending the Four Horsemen to America first. Christ's use of this Old Testament "four dreadful judgments" formula - sword, famine, plague and 'wild beasts'" - confirms the old belief that America is God's Chosen Nation in the modern world, Israel's younger brother. America and Israel are spiritually and prophetically connected at the hip in God's overarching salvation plan. Thus, America will be judged for apostasy and treason in the same way Israel was.

A little background is useful here. Columbus discovered America and has been honored annually in America with "Columbus Day." But though Columbia, South America was named after Columbus, America was named after Amerigo Vespucci.

The reason the United States was named "America" rather than "Columbia" is the work of a prominent German geographer. His 1507 map, *Universalis Cosmographia*, was the first to use the word, "America" to designate what became known as America. In his, *An Introduction to Geography*, Martin Waldseemuller, a German university professor, wrote, "And the Fourth Part of the World, having been discovered by Amerigo, or Americus, we may call it Amerigo or America."

America has repeated Israel's old record of rebellion, treason and war against its God producing over the last century a cesspool of wickedness that makes Christ throw up. Like Israel before it, America has fully earned the coming judgment.

The prophet Ezekiel, acting as God's prosecuting attorney, records Israel's sickening treason for us while showing the judicial sentencing formula - sword, famine, plague and the "wild beasts." Ezekiel clarifies the term "wild beasts" in Revelation 6:8 by calling them "evil beasts," i.e. animalistic men.

In Ezekiel, God uses this judgment recipe against His Chosen People who have brazenly rebelled against God - sword, famine, plague and the "wild beasts." The Greek

term for “wild beasts” in Revelation 6:8 is “therion,” which was used often in classical Greek writing to refer to cruel, sadistic barbarian warriors.

Ezekiel was referring to the Babylonians. Significantly, many of today’s Islamic Jihadists, who have declared war against America, are genealogical descendants of the Babylonians and Israel’s other Mid-East enemies. The malevolent Jihadists fit the “evil wild beasts” in Ezekiel well. We wonder whether they are portents of Christ’s “wild beasts” in Revelation 6:8.

We must remember that the horrific judgement-against-Israel scenes in the Old Testament are the fulfillment of the many dire warnings God gave the Hebrews in the Jewish Torah. The righteous God of Israel clearly and repeatedly told His People that rebellion and apostasy brings disaster. The judgment formula - sword, famine, plague and wild beasts - was the consequence of Israel’s obstinate war against the God who had been so good to His Chosen People.

Clearly, America is rebelling against God’s Son, Jesus Christ, in an eerily similar way that Israel rebelled against the God of Israel. America is shamelessly wallowing in apostasy so sickening that we see Christ vomiting out the Laodicean church.

God has blessed America far above other nations in history for its faithfulness to His Son. But the coming judgment will be as horrific as God’s hand of blessing has been amazingly wonderful. As of 2019, Americans are poised for the same kind of disastrous eviction that Israel got in the Babylonian and the Roman evictions from Israel.

WHEN THE *CITY ON A HILL* GOES BAD IT WILL BE THROWN OUT



Boston’s Beacon Hill was named for Winthrop’s “city on a hill.” The idea was that Puritan Boston is the shining light of Christ to guide the new nation. The American Revolution began in Boston. Today, the Massachusetts’ legislature, at the top of Beacon Hill, is a famous symbol of the sickening corruption and atheist rebellion of the Puritan State against the God of the Puritans.

Christ gives another America eviction forecast in the Beatitudes. Before Christ says the words, “a city on a hill,” he gives a sobering warning of judgement. America’s biblical nickname for almost all of its history is “a city on a hill.” But who remembers the preceding warning? You may want to read the full passage in the Beatitudes where Christ says His City on a Hill is “the salt {preservative} of the earth.” But when it goes bad, “it is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men” (Matthew 5:13-16).

Christ's audience would have immediately remembered the two judicial evictions their forefathers had received for their corruption and rebellion. The term, "trampled by men," is an Old Testament term for being conquered by enemies. Clearly America is perfectly ripe for the judgment that America's king (on America's Great Seal) will be sending.

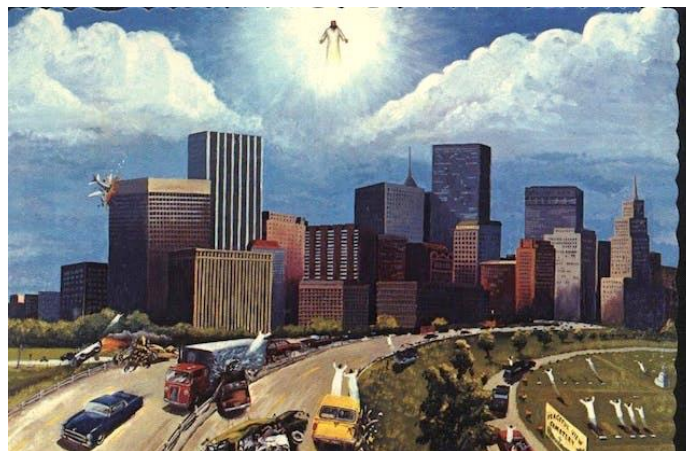
What seems to be blocking Christ's righteous hand of disaster so far is a small faithful remnant among American Christians who are still useful and respectful to God. Unlike the majority of Americans who claim to be Christian, but who have adopted the principles of worldly liberalism, this minority of authentic Christ-followers are serving their King and accomplishing His purposes.

But the time is rapidly approaching when their work will be done and Christ will remove them from this rotting world before dispatching the four horsemen of the apocalypse - to America.

The Americas that Columbus discovered 500-some years ago are the most Christian part of the modern world. In stark contrast, the Old World is saturated with malevolent hatred and persecution of Christians. So, after true Christians are drawn out of the earth into heaven - as Revelation chapters four through six shows - the Red Dragon Devil and his Anti-Christ Son will immediately rush to destroy the most Christian part of the world, America.

THE GOOD NEWS

The good news is - the faithful remnant of authentic Christ-followers in America and around the world will be rescued and removed just before the four horsemen are riding to destroy America. John's rapture into heaven (Revelation 4:1) is symbolic of the future rapture of all true Christians into heaven before the Tribulation begins. The Bible calls this event "the blessed hope."



"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For it we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain

shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

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