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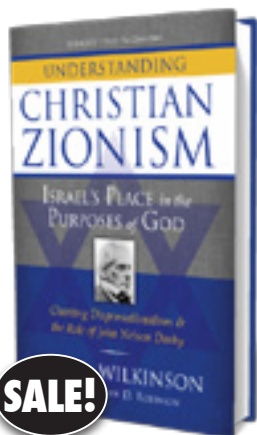
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Prophecy Run Amok

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Prophecy is a very important part of Scripture. In fact all of Scripture is prophecy. In some places, the Bible gives us God's words as He reveals to us what He wants us to know and do (or not do), and in other places, it gives us His revelation concerning what will take place in the future. Prophecy has been referred to as "forth telling" and "foretelling."

There is no better apologetic for the claim that the Bible is indeed the Word of God than prophecy. Speaking through Isaiah, God characterizes Himself as the God of prophecy and challenges the gods (i.e., the demons) behind the idols to prove their validity by their prophecies being fulfilled: "Let them bring them forth, and show us *what shall happen*: let them show the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together" (Isaiah 41:22-23).

Only God knows the future. His prophecy is proof that He alone is God: "Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: *who among them can declare this*, and show us former things [things that had been spoken of in the past—foretold—and had now come to fruition]? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me" (Isaiah 43:9-10). "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, *Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done*, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isaiah 46:9-10). [Emphasis added]

More than a quarter of the Bible is predictive prophecy. Much of it centers on the person of Jesus Christ. In the Book of Genesis (3:15) the first prophecy is given indicating God's solution through Jesus to reconcile mankind to Himself following the sin of Adam and Eve. Numerous very

specific prophecies throughout the Old Testament are given so that Israel might look forward to and recognize Jesus as its Messiah, the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). All prophecies related to the first coming of Jesus Christ have been *accurately fulfilled*.

Even more prophecies are found in Scripture foretelling our Lord's Second Coming. Not only do the prophecies deal with the person of Jesus, but they also address events and conditions of which believers need to be aware, both for encouragement and for their spiritual welfare. It's a wonderful reassurance to recognize prophecy being fulfilled in our day.

Certainly the reestablishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 was a thrilling experience for all of those believers who were alive at the time. This event was an astonishing fulfillment of many prophecies such as Amos 9:14-15: "And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them on their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God."

There is no denying that God's words have been realized in modern Israel over the past six-plus decades. The land has become an agricultural phenomenon whose fruitfulness has fed much of Europe. Israel, against overwhelming odds from its beginning, has defeated the surrounding nations that were bent on its annihilation. In the wars that followed with those same nations, God has fulfilled His prophetic word that Israel "shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them" (v. 15).

The Apostle Paul's prophetic statement of a condition that is also being fulfilled in our time is another proof of the foreknowledge and accuracy of the Scriptures. He wrote this warning to Timothy: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves..." (2 Timothy 3:1-2). We are certainly in such "perilous times" as psychology, specifically humanistic (self-love) psychotherapy, has dominated counseling and much preaching outside as well as inside the church.

Those are just a couple among numerous examples presented in Scripture that

give believers insight into God's prophetic timeline for the world and the church. They are a heads-up concerning what lies before us. A believer who disregards prophecy that foretells future events removes himself from the discernment that God has provided in His Word. He may find himself supporting programs and agendas that seem "right unto a man" but in fact are at odds with what the Scriptures tell us will take place. For example, if he supports a ministry that is attempting to transform or solve the problems of the world with the goal of ushering in the physical Kingdom of God, then he is unwittingly opposing the clear biblical teachings that tell us that the next kingdom to be manifested is the kingdom of the Antichrist.

There are also a host of abuses of biblical prophecy, such as the denial and mockery cited by Peter: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:3-7).

Furthermore, there are those who set themselves up as prophets similar to the false prophets about whom the Lord warned Jeremiah: "Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart" (Jeremiah 14:14).

Among the false prophets of our day are those who set dates for prophetic events. In the past, such false claims have instigated religious cults and doctrinally aberrational groups such as Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh-day Adventism. One of the latter's major figures is Ellen G. White, who was alleged to have "the spirit of Prophecy" yet made numerous predictions that never came to pass. Besides a number of failed prophecies regarding the return of Jesus, she also predicted that the population of

the earth (which was at 1.6 billion at the time) would decline due to many diseases. Today's population of 7 billion proves her wrong. Just prior to the 20th century, Mrs. White prophesied that slavery would be revived in the Southern states. That has yet to take place and is contrary to US law.

The false prophecies of Jehovah's Witnesses are also numerous and continuous. Early leaders C. T. Russell and Judge J. F. Rutherford made many false predictions about the coming of Jesus and Armageddon, i.e., the end of the world. Rutherford had a ten-room mansion built in San Diego, California, for those who would rule the earth. Among these coming leaders, he believed, would be King David and other Old Testament figures, who he taught would be appearing soon. The mansion featured a two-car garage with a 16-cylinder automobile deeded to King David.

The foremost prophet of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is Joseph Smith. His numerous declarations included a prediction (made in 1835) that Jesus would come in 56 years, that the New Jerusalem and its Temple would be built in his lifetime in Zion, Missouri, and that the US government would be "utterly overthrown and wasted" for its "wrongs committed upon the Saints in the state of Missouri" not the least of which was forcing Mormons to flee the state before Smith's prophecy could be fulfilled.

Many of today's false prophets, acting *within the church* (Acts 20:29-31), have been spawned by an alleged movement of the Holy Spirit that began in the 1940s in Saskatchewan, Canada.

A key figure in the movement (which has gone under the name of The Latter-rain/Manifest Sons of God) was a very influential "prophet" named William Branham. Branham's false theology included Oneness Pentecostalism (a denial of the Trinity), works salvation, a false Jesus, restored prophets and apostles, Eve's alleged sex with the serpent in Genesis 3, and the claim that the Egyptian pyramids are a revelation of God's Word. Among his false prophecies are the return of Christ in 1977 and the impossibility of man's reaching the moon. Nevertheless, he greatly influenced later "prophets" such as Paul Cain, Bob Jones, Kenneth Hagin, Oral Roberts, A. A. Allen, and, more recently, Rodney Howard Browne, Todd Bentley, and those involved in the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) under C. Peter Wagner's guidance.

Branham's claim to be guided and empowered by angels was allegedly passed on to those who were leading the "Toronto Blessing," a sideshow of alleged manifestations that was supported by John Wimber

and the Vineyard churches. Branham's disciples and leaders in the Latter Rain movement, in the days shortly following his death, believed that God would physically restore him to life, an event that never happened.

Oral Roberts, who died in 2009, was the most prominent of the so-called "faith" healers as well as a false prophet. His "seed faith" teaching, which perverts biblical faith, duped multitudes of Christians into giving millions of dollars to him in order to get more from God for themselves. Roberts claimed that God told him to build the City of Faith Hospital, and a vision of a 900-foot Jesus confirmed that the project would be a success. In another appearance of "Jesus," Roberts declared that he was instructed to use the medical school to find a cure for cancer. In 1989 the bankrupt medical school and hospital shut down for good. Roberts was not only endorsed by his fellow Faith and Prosperity teachers, but conservative Christians such as Billy Graham and Bill Bright also supported his ministry. Graham introduced Roberts at the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin in 1966 and dedicated Oral Roberts University a few years later; Bright visited the university at Oral's invitation and brought Campus Crusade to ORU in the early 1980s.

Today's reigning false prophet is Trinity Broadcasting Network's favorite, Benny Hinn. Despite the fact that his prophecies are false, ongoing, and go beyond the ludicrous, his supporters' enthusiasm hasn't faded. A few examples of Hinn's false prophecies: he predicted that there would be rows of the dead in caskets next to a TV as they awaited the TBN preachers to successfully resurrect them; Fidel Castro would die in the '90s; the homosexual community in America would be destroyed no later than the mid-'90s; Jesus would appear physically at Benny's crusades in Nairobi, Kenya; the Rapture would occur in two years (prophesied in 1990, then again in 1997).

Although Benny Hinn is so well known, it's possible that even more people have heard of Harold Camping. Camping generated his own date-setting publicity by spending \$5 million of donations on billboards throughout the country. His predictions of the return of Jesus and the end of the world failed in 1994 and then again in 2011.

Failed prophecy isn't the only sign that a person is not speaking words from the Lord. In Jeremiah 23:16-17, we are told that some prophets speak "a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD..." claiming "ye shall have peace" and "No evil shall come upon you." A recent example of this is Rodney Howard Browne, one of the initiators of what has been called the "laughing revival" that was manifested

at the Toronto Airport Vineyard. Sobering up, at least to some degree, Browne sees a revival ahead and claims that God commissioned him to tell America and the church to get ready for it. Joining him in his revival-promoting conference Celebrate America was "rabbi" Jonathan Cahn, the author of Charisma Publishing's *The Harbinger*. Cahn's book corrupts the prophecies of Isaiah chapter 10, a judgment upon the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and misapplies them to the Islamic terrorist attack on New York City in 2001. That constitutes false prophecy. Despite the distortion of God's Word, Cahn was featured on the cover of a conservative Christian discernment magazine with the title: "An End-Time Prophet to America." No. This is "End-Time" delusion. (See *The Harbinger: Fact or Fiction?*)

Prophecy, as noted, is a very significant part of Scripture. The Apostle Paul used it on his missionary journeys to prove to the Jews that their Messiah had come in the person of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament prophets gave the messianic criteria, which Jesus *had to* and *did* fulfill perfectly. Biblical prophecy tells believers in our day what to expect prior to the Lord's return for His saints—a period that Jesus characterized as a time of great deception (Matthew 24:4). As the world, professing Christianity, and the church demonstrate what Jesus warned about, there is no hint from Scripture or from the moral condition of the world, that either global or national reformation or revival is ahead, especially regarding the countries in the West.

So what is the situation today for biblical prophecy—that is, what the Bible actually says will take place? It is more critical than ever. Believers need to recognize its value in order to have discernment and to understand the times in which we live. Because of the importance however, Satan has flooded Christendom with false prophets uttering bogus prophecies that have seduced multitudes and subjected the Scriptures (true prophecy) to the confusion of believers and the ridicule of the world. Blood moons, conjured harbingers, setting dates for Christ's return and the end of the world, a global revival, Bible codes and mystery interpretations, prophecies regarding America, the takeover (dominion) of the world by Christians, etc., may attract huge numbers of followers, but the paths lead to delusion at best and destruction at worst. The antidote for what may seem to be an overwhelming flood of deception is very simple and is available to every true believer: we all, by God's grace, must be Bereans (Acts 17:11), diligently searching the Scriptures daily to know whether or not what is being taught or declared is true to the Word of God. **TBC**

Quotable

But I do protest against the careless spirit of slumber which seems to seal the eyes of many in the church, and to blind them to the enormous perils in which we are placed by the rise and progress of false doctrine these days.

I ask you to pay special attention to this point. Such is the simplicity and innocence of many in the church today, that they actually expect false doctrine to look false, and will not understand that, as a rule, the very essence of its ability to do harm is its resemblance to God's truth.

—J. C. Ryle,
Apostolic Fears

Q&A

QUESTION: My friend is a Buddhist, a great guy, and I have a real love for him. We've gone around and around about our beliefs, and I've been accused of being somewhat of a bully when I talk to others about God and His Word. How should I be when it comes to the truth of the Bible and trying to show others it isn't "my opinion" or "my truth" that I'm trying to show?

RESPONSE: Second Timothy 2:24-25 tells us, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth."

This approach recognizes that it is God who draws individuals (John 6:44). Consequently, although we must speak freely and boldly, we need to be careful lest our aggressiveness speaks louder than the words of Scripture. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

A "prayerful" approach cannot be emphasized enough. How wonderful it is that the Lord God of heaven can touch those areas that all our cleverness cannot. Proverbs 18:19 tells us, "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city." This being so, we must be careful to maintain our relationships and trust God to provide an opening for further discussion of these issues. If the Lord was capable of opening your eyes, why would it be any different for your friend?

We create our own problems when we tire of waiting on the Lord and try to "help" Him, usually with indifferent or disastrous results. We do not need to have a perfect stratagem prior to meeting with someone. Often we are just there to be with them and listen. If you are praying for your friend and he is at all open to the Lord, then he will be

having thoughts that are just as disquieting to him as yours once were.

We need to be careful to discern when the Lord is creating an opening for us—and then we must be bold to act, trying not to run ahead of Him. "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6).

It is helpful to learn some things about the other's beliefs and then compare that with what the Bible teaches. From that basis, we can take a position of asking *questions* about the individual's personal faith. This approach is usually less threatening and, more often than not, may plant some seeds that raise questions because now the individual must make some sense of what they believe—and manmade religions quickly become contradictory and irrational once they are placed under more than a cursory scrutiny.

With this understanding, and at the prayerful urging of the Lord, you can begin to introduce some foundational concepts. There is a God who made *all* things, who is above all and greater than any other entity who is called "god" (1 Corinthians 8:6).

Paul used a similar approach in Athens when he spoke to those gathered around the Areopagus. He sought to lay a foundation of truth. "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:24-25).

Prayer must be a constant in the process; as you know, it's really the work of the Holy Spirit that brings about a change of heart.

QUESTION: In your Daily Update you quoted Corrie ten Boom: "When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy." That's a colorful quote but 100 percent unscriptural. Where do we draw the line?

RESPONSE: You are certainly correct that there is no explicit scripture stating what ten Boom has said about Satan's reaction to the failures of believers. On the other hand, we do know that Scripture gives us the fundamentals of our Christian walk, among which are fellowship with other believers, feeding upon the Word of God, and a consistent prayer life. Though not *explicit* in Scripture, ten Boom has highlighted some things that are very much *implicit*.

For example, Jude 19, speaking expressly of false prophets, warns of those "...who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit."

For the believer, Hebrews 10:24-25 warns, "And let us consider one another to provoke

unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Consequently, the adversary must surely smile when he sees a believer taking the first steps away from the fellowship that the Lord has provided for the stability of his faith.

Concerning the Word (for just one example), Joshua 1:8 instructs, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." The Lord Jesus confronted the two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-27). They were sorrowful and despondent, but the Lord Jesus didn't succumb to human methods when he rebuked them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken" (Luke 24:25). According to the narrative, "...beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (verse 27). Can we not see the devil laughing at those who have neglected the Scriptures and opened themselves up to his attacks?

Regarding prayer, Paul writes in Philippians 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Our prayers are made in faith to God "[who] cannot lie" (Titus 1:2). Clearly, the believer who doesn't pray has become an easy target for the fiery darts of the adversary (Ephesians 6:16). Psalm 1:1-2 tells us, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." To repeat, the progression that ten Boom details may not be explicit, but what she has stated is clearly implied in Scripture.

You ask where we draw the line. There are a number of things in the Bible that are not clearly stated but that nevertheless are clearly implied and can be supported by the entirety of Scripture. Cultists often argue that the Bible never uses the word "Trinity." No, it doesn't, though the concept is more than clearly indicated for those who rightly divide the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15). In view of Satan's stated purpose in Scripture, can we not see what his reaction would be to a believer's neglect of these Christian imperatives?



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An Overworked Lie

QUESTION: My psychology professor at the university claims that anyone can get any idea he wants out of the Bible. It can be made to say anything the person reading it wants to believe. And he says that's the reason why there are so many differences among those who claim to follow the Bible: for example, between Catholics and Protestants and between the hundreds of Protestant denominations. How then can anyone rely upon the Bible for anything?

RESPONSE: A moment's thought would show the absurdity of the basic premise in this argument. Language has meaning. A statement may be so constructed that its meaning is uncertain, or it is ambiguous and thus seems to support *two* contradictory ideas. In such cases, the uncertainty or ambiguity is readily recognized by anyone reading or hearing such a statement. No one would be deceived by nor pay any attention to that which has no clear meaning.

The professor's amazing claim, however, goes far beyond saying that the Bible is contradictory or ambiguous. He is saying that *any* idea can be derived from it and apparently justified logically. If that were actually true, then for that reason alone the Bible would be the most remarkable book in the world, for no other piece of writing can be taken logically to mean anything one chooses.

As for the numerous differences in doctrinal opinion and interpretation between Protestants and Roman Catholics and even within the many Protestant denominations and within the Catholic Church as well, this is only to be expected. It is inevitable that human opinions and interpretations will differ, simply because we are finite beings. Tragically, stubbornness and pride also enter the equation. These are normal differences,

given human frailties, and certainly require no such explanation as the ridiculous idea that the Bible is capable of any interpretation one wishes to find there.

I challenge your professor or you or anyone else to construct even one sentence that can logically be taken to mean anything one wants it to mean. No word has an infinite variety of meanings, much less could a sentence or paragraph of many words put together in meaningful sequence be so constructed as to support numerous contradictory ideas. I, too, have heard this accusation made against the Bible many times. It shows how badly people want to be able to dismiss the Bible and what foolish ideas they will embrace in the process of doing so.

— Job and His Friends —

[EXCERPT] BY - C. H. MACKINTOSH

THERE IS no more fruitful field of study than that which is opened before us in the history of God's dealings with souls. It is full of interest and abounds in instruction and profit. One grand object in those dealings is to produce real brokenness and humility—to strip us of all false righteousness, empty us of all self-confidence, and teach us to lean wholly upon Christ. All have to pass through what may be called the process of stripping and emptying. With some, this process precedes conversion or the new birth—with others it follows. Many are brought to Christ through deep plowings and painful exercises of heart and conscience—exercises extending over years, often over the whole lifetime. Others, on the contrary, are brought with comparatively little exercise of soul. They lay hold, speedily, of the glad tidings of forgiveness of sins through the atoning death of Christ and are made happy at once. But the stripping and emptying come afterward, and, in many cases, cause the soul to totter on its foundation and almost to doubt its conversion.

This is very painful but very needful. The fact is, self must be learnt and judged sooner or later. If it be not learnt in communion with God, it must be learnt by bitter experience in failures and falls. "No flesh shall glory in His presence"; and we must all learn our utter powerlessness in every respect in order that we may taste the sweetness and comfort of the truth: that Christ is made of God unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. God will have *broken material*. Let us remember this. It is a solemn and necessary truth: "Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." And again: "Thus saith the LORD, 'The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that ye build unto Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things hath Mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word'" (Isaiah 57:15; 66:1, 2).

These are seasonable words for all of us. One special want of the present moment is brokenness of spirit. Nine-tenths of our trouble and difficulty may be traced to this want. It is marvelous how we get on from day to day—in the family, in the assembly, in the world, in our entire practical life, when *self* is subdued and mortified. A thousand things which else would prove more than a match for our hearts are esteemed as nothing when our souls are in a truly contrite state. We are enabled to bear reproach and insult, to overlook slights and affronts, to trample upon our crotchets, predilections, and prejudices, to yield to others where weighty principle is not involved, to be ready to every good work, to exhibit a genial large-heartedness in all our dealings and an elasticity in all our moral movements, which so greatly tend to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. How often, alas! it is otherwise with us. We exhibit a stiff, unyielding temper; we stand up for our rights; we maintain our interest; we look after our own things; we contend for our own notions. All this proves, very clearly, that self is not habitually measured and judged in the presence of God.

But we repeat—and with emphasis—God will have broken material. He loves us too well to leave us in hardness and unsubduedness; and hence it is that He sees fit to pass us through all sorts of exercises in order to bring us into a condition of soul in which He can use us for His own glory. The will must be broken; self-confidence, self-complacency, and self-importance must be cut up by the roots. God will make use of the scenes and circumstances through which we have to pass [and] the people with whom we are associated in daily life to discipline the heart and subdue the will. And further, He will deal with us directly Himself in order to bring about these great practical results.

All this comes out with great distinctness in the book of Job and gives a wonderful interest and charm to its pages. It is very evident that Job needed a severe sifting. Had he not needed it, we may rest assured that the gracious, loving Lord would not have passed him through it. It was not for nothing that He let Satan loose upon His dear servant. We may say, with fullest confidence, that nothing but the most stern necessity would have led Him to adopt such a line of action. God loved Job with a perfect love; but it was a wise and faithful love—a love that could take account of everything, and, looking below the surface, could see the deep moral roots in the heart of His servant—roots which Job had never seen, and, therefore, never judged. What a mercy to have to do with such a God! to be in the hands of One who will spare no pains in order to subdue everything in us which is contrary to Himself and to bring out in us His own blessed image!

But, beloved reader, is there not something profoundly interesting in the fact that God can even make use of Satan as an instrument in the discipline of His people? We see this in the case of the apostle Peter as well as in that of the patriarch Job. Peter had to be sifted, and Satan was used to do the work. "Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat." Here, too, there was a stern necessity. There was a deep root to be reached in Peter's heart—the root of self-confidence; and his faithful Lord saw it absolutely needful to pass him through a most severe and painful process in order that this root should be exposed and judged; and Satan was therefore permitted to sift him thoroughly so that he might never again trust his own heart but walk softly all his days. God will have broken material, whether it be in a patriarch or an apostle. All must be mellowed and subdued in order that the divine glory may shine forth with an ever-brightening lustre.

Had Job understood this great principle—had he apprehended the divine object—how differently he would have carried himself! But, like ourselves, he had to learn his lesson; and the Holy Ghost has furnished us with the record of the mode in which the lesson was learnt so that we may profit by it also.



CHARLES HENRY MACKINTOSH (1820-1896): was an Irish preacher, Bible expositor, and author. He was active in the Irish Revival of 1859-1860 and for some forty years edited the monthly magazine, *Things New and Old*. His first tract, in 1843, was "The Peace of God," and his last, shortly before his death in 1896, was "The God of Peace."

TBC NewsWatch

PRESBYTERIAN DIVESTMENT STOKES ANCIENT FIRES

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 7/8/14, "PRESBYTERIAN DIVESTMENT STOKES ANCIENT FIRES" [EXCERPTS]: Many Christians were in shock recently when the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (PC/USA)...voted to divest from three major international companies that do business in Judea, Samaria and Israel. While the PC (USA) asserts that they are not (at all) motivated by anti-Semitism and they take "no position" on Zionism, they nevertheless lay all problems in the area at Israel's feet, blaming the so-called "illegal occupation." However, a recent article by *NGO Monitor* has found strong evidence of underlying anti-Semitism in the PC (USA) leadership.

In some more liberal leaning activist denominations like PC (USA), the agenda includes Israel. The Methodists, Presbyterians (USA), the Scottish Reformed Church and the United Church of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Church of England, the United Church of Canada, and the World Council of Churches all seem to have a stake in proposing schemes to punish Israel.

The most vocal...are Christian pastors and leaders like Stephen Sizer (Anglican), Naim Ateek (Anglican), and Gary Burge (Evangelical/Protestant). [In] Sizer's recent book *Christian Zionism: Road-map to Armageddon?*, you will discover [that] Christian Zionism is a plot to undermine the USA and the world. Steven Sizer speaks around the Western and Islamic world against Christian Zionism and Israel's right to continue to live in the land of its ancestors.

In her recent column, Melanie Phillips wrote, "Within the Protestant world, many churches are deeply hostile to the State of Israel—What is less known is the more disturbing fact that this perverse animus is increasingly fed not by the politics of the present moment but by theology."

The theology...is known by a variety of names but is undergirded by the concept of "Replacement Theology"...also called "Supersessionism," energized a paradigm of anti-Judaism that informs some of Western Christianity today.

This Replacement concept is the framework for the most virulent forms of the anti-Zionism we currently see. For PC (USA) or the Scottish Church or any of the others who demonize Israel to admit to anti-Semitism might bring world criticism. So they couch their concerns in words and actions that are subtle inversions of the truth like calling Judea and Samaria "illegally occupied." When Jordan actually

did "illegally occupy" Judea and Samaria from 1948 to 1967, the world heard not a peep of opposition from these churches.

Within Protestantism, Catholicism, and the Orthodox Churches today there are, of course, some denominations more extreme than others. Protestant Evangelical groups (Bethlehem Bible College, Sabeel) for example, hold conferences, like Christ at the Checkpoint, with the underlying purpose of nullifying Jewish claims to the Land of Israel and dubbing Jesus a Palestinian. Partnering together at the bi-annual Christ at the Checkpoint Conference are notables such as Sizer, Ateek, Lynn Hybels (Willow Creek Church) Tony Campolo (Eastern University) and other advocates of disabling Israel and replacing her with a one-state Palestinian solution.

Evangelical Christians, those who interpret the Bible literally, have been among Israel's best and most loyal friends. But the winds are shifting yet again as more and more Christian Evangelicals are lured by a pro-Palestinian, pro-"peace and justice" narrative. Some Christian/Israel loyalists are concerned about this trend and are working to counter it. A few rays of light and hope peek through the cracks with groups like Christians United for Israel, Friends of Israel, International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, and Bridges for Peace among them.

(<http://goo.gl/V8tJqz>)

[TBC: See page 2 to obtain Paul Wilkin-son's excellent resources Understanding Christian Zionism and Prophets Who Prophecy Lies in My Name that address this critical issue.]

PAULA WHITE'S BREAKTHROUGH DONATIONS

CHRISTIANPOST.COM, 7/11/14, "PASTOR PAULA WHITE CLAIMS JULY IS 'PROPHETICALLY DESIGNATED FOR VICTORY OVER ENEMIES'; SUGGESTS \$229 'BREAKTHROUGH SEED' DONATION" [EXCERPTS]: In a newsletter emailed to supporters...Florida pastor Paula White claims that God has shown her that "this is a season of victory for His people." The Christian minister also reveals a strong feeling "that a seed of \$229 in accordance with 1 Chronicles 22:9 is a breakthrough seed for the month of July," and declares to recipients of her newsletter, "Do not hesitate to follow a prophetic instruction!"

White, who formerly led Without Walls Church International with ex-husband Randy White, is senior pastor of New Destiny Christian Center in Apopka, Florida.

In a newsletter emailed on Thursday to Paula White Ministries supporters, and

titled "This Email Will Change Your Life!" White asserts: "YOU are on the verge of complete breakthrough in every area of your life. Spiritually, Financially, and Relationally God has shown me that this is a season of victory for His people."

"As I went deeper in the Spirit the Lord revealed that before the breakthrough comes, certain things must be dealt with. Specifically, there must be a complete defeat of your enemies! I need to explain the importance of this to you, so do not let this email go unread," the newsletter signed "Paula" adds.

White goes on to suggest that 1 Chronicles 22:7-8 reveals that King David was unable to fully realize his dream of building the Temple because "he only secured complete victory over his enemies at an age too old to build!"

"This is why God told me to specifically address the area of defeat over enemies," White declares, continuing in all caps: "JULY IS PROPHETICALLY DESIGNATED FOR VICTORY OVER ENEMIES FOR THOSE WHO ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH ME IN THIS SEASON! DO NOT HESITATE!" It was not clear if the "me" in the minister's newsletter refers to herself, or if she is claiming to speak on behalf of God.

After breaking down what she says are the "7 principles" recipients of the newsletter "must know," White insists that they also "must know" how to "legally engage the enemy" in their life "for his unconditional defeat."

"Part of the legal engagement is in your following prophetic instruction," explains the newsletter. "July is YOUR month of deliverance from your enemy. After July, you will enter your season of rest that you may accomplish your dreams."

White goes on to insist that she has a special teaching that will help supporters attain deliverance from their enemies.

"But first you must get what I have to teach you," writes White.

"I feel strongly that a seed of \$229 in accordance with 1 Chronicles 22:9 is a breakthrough seed for the month of July. It is a turnaround, God ordained, demon slaying, abundance bringing seed. Not only will this seed defeat your enemies, but I believe it will bring about an unexpected abundance of miracles. Do not hesitate to follow a prophetic instruction!"

(<http://goo.gl/Gn3geQ>)

[TBC: "And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not" (2 Peter 2:3).]

T. A.'s Speaking Schedule

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- Sep 6** **Midwest Hebrew Ministries**
Arden Hills, MN
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- Oct 17-18** **Discern for Life Youth Conf.**
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STS 24/7 Broadcast Schedule

- Aug 1/8** **Jay Seegert**
Our Young Earth
- Aug 15/22** **Dale Ratzlaff**
Seventh Day Adventism
- Aug 29/Sep 5** **To Be Determined**

Listen to Search the Scriptures 24/7 at:
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(Schedule is subject to change.)

Letters

Dear Sir,

A few weeks ago I had requested to be removed from your mailing list and I made some remarks about Mr. Dave Hunt (deceased) and how he viewed the Catholic faith.

I have recently read his book *A Woman Rides the Beast* and I was blown away by what he said. I am now convinced that he was right and I was wrong and I would like to apologize for my earlier remarks about him....I would also like to request to be put back on your newsletter subscription. Again, please accept my apology. AL (CO, prisoner)

To the TBC Staff,

Regarding the book/movie, *Heaven Is for Real*, when the apostle Paul "was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter" (2 Cor 12:4), why would anyone else be allowed to do so? It seems this one verse shoots down all who have claimed this experience. Thank you for all the timely articles. DM (MN)

Dear Mr. McMahon,

We agree with much, almost all, of what you stand for. We part ways, however, when you turn to the modern perversions of the Bible. I have had some communication with you all on this matter, and with no results....I do not believe the KJV is *better*

than the original language manuscripts, but it is just as good, and without error. I can't read Greek or Hebrew, and thus would have to trust the scholars to show me what the original language manuscripts say. I believe God has preserved His Word and made it available to the common person in the common language of today. All the modern versions are based on corrupt manuscripts. You might say that the NKJV is the exception, but the people who came up with this "Bible" were definitely influenced by the corrupt manuscripts.

Your March 2014 issue has a "Bible" verse from what appears to be a NKJV or something, definitely not the Authorized King James Version. If you can't agree with me on this issue, then please do not send us your magazine or any other communication. KD (NE)

Hello Mr. McMahon,

You might already be aware of the billboards in central Ohio that read "Jesus is a Muslim." I have done some computer research and have found little opposition from anyone, including preachers. This is alarming. I feel Muslims might be testing Americans to see if we are offended and respond....Billboards are very effective. We must counteract this by putting Bible verses on billboards....I fear for America's future....What should church leaders do about this? I know billboards are expensive to rent....Isn't it possible for churches to pool their money and rent a substantial number of billboards across America? A statement like "Wake up America! Jesus is Lord!" would be good for starters....I am praying about this and writing letters to a number of preachers. RD (OH)

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

My wife and I were saddened to read of Dave's death just now. We both met Dave a couple of times in the UK. He was a most wonderful man of God. Now and then I check back on TBC's website and found out about his death today. His death reminds me again that all is not well with our world and teaches me to cling to Christ all the more. I know you will all miss Dave, but I look forward to the time when we will all be together again. LP (email)

Dear TBC,

Thank you so much for the monthly *Berean Call* publication. I look forward to it each month. A lot of the books and movements you warn of I have never heard of, but I do see in what I am familiar with a lot of the gimmicks that you warn of and I am very grateful. I'm especially grateful for you opening my eyes to the Roman Catholic Church and psychobabble. You have really

taught me how to rightly divide my Bible! JM (PA)

Tom McMahon and staff,

Your June 2014 Quotable [from William MacDonald] and the quote from Psalm 18 convicted my heart greatly. If I have really trusted Jesus then I shouldn't worry. If I love Christ and all others then I should have no fear or worry, just love in my heart! PW (FL)

TBC Notes

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear

May we ever, Lord, be bringing
all to Thee in earnest prayer

Soon in glory bright unclouded
there will be no need for prayer

Rapture, praise and endless worship
will be our sweet portion there.

— JOSEPH M. SCRIVEN

T. A. McMAHON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



THE AGE OF THE EARTH DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

PART ONE – EXCERPTED FROM *LET THERE BE LIGHT* BY JAY SEEGER

CERTAIN THINGS in life seem obvious. For example, the sun rises every morning, fire is hot, and chocolate ice cream is way better than vanilla. (All right, that last one may be debatable.) In this list of “obvious things” many people would also include the idea that the earth is very, very old...in the billions of years....

Even the most casual reader would recognize that there exists a significant amount of tension between a straightforward literal reading of the Genesis creation account and what most modern scientists believe about the age of the earth. The literal six-day creation account indicates that the earth is in the range of thousands of years old (perhaps 6,000 or so), while current thinking in astronomy and geology has settled upon a figure of 4.6 billion years for the earth (and about 13.7 billion years for the universe).

There’s one thing for certain...both cannot be correct....

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Advances in science during the early and mid-1900s seemed to indicate that the universe did indeed have a beginning and was thus not infinitely old. Then the concept of the “Big Bang” was birthed and has become the reigning view among secular cosmologists (and even a number of Christian cosmologists) up to the present....

There were a number of significant persons in the 18th and 19th centuries who paved the way for the widespread acceptance of “millions of years” as opposed to the traditional biblical view. One of the most prominent was Charles Lyell, a Scottish lawyer who eventually became a geologist. Lyell drew upon works of his predecessors (James Hutton, in particular) to write a three-volume treatise entitled *Principles of Geology*, in which he claimed that no worldwide or continental floods have ever occurred in the history of our globe. He insisted that the rock record must be explained by the same gradual processes that we observe today. Therefore, to account for the vast geologic formations that we observe would require multiplied millions of years.

Lest we be led to believe that Lyell was just following the conclusions of empirical science and that the creationists were merely exercising blind faith in the Bible, consider the following quote by Stephen J. Gould (who was one of the world’s leading evolutionists until his death in 2002, and who was no friend of creationists):

Charles Lyell was a lawyer by profession, and his book is one of the most brilliant briefs published by an advocate. ...Lyell relied upon true bits of cunning to establish his uniformitarian views as the only true geology. First, he set up a straw man to demolish. In fact, the catastrophists [i.e. biblical creationists] were much more empirically minded than Lyell. The geologic record does seem to require catastrophes: rocks are fractured and contorted; whole faunas are wiped out. To circumvent this literal appearance, Lyell imposed his imagination upon the evidence. The geologic record, he argued, is extremely imperfect and we must interpolate into

it what we can reasonably infer but cannot see. The catastrophists were the hard-nosed empiricists of their day, not the blinded theological apologists. (Gould, in *Natural History*, February 1975, p. 16)

Although there were other scientists around who opposed Lyell’s views, a more significant phenomenon was occurring within the church itself. Many Christian leaders, feeling somewhat intimidated, felt that it was necessary to accommodate these “new scientific discoveries” by re-evaluating the traditional view of Genesis. One attempt—the “Gap” Theory—was developed in 1814 by Thomas Chalmers (a Presbyterian Minister). This view holds that all of the newly discovered “millions of years” can be inserted between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. There are a few different versions, but the following summarizes the standard view:

In the far distant, dateless past God created a perfect heaven and perfect earth. Satan was ruler of the earth, which was peopled by a race of “men” without any souls. Eventually, Satan, who dwelled in a Garden of Eden composed of minerals (Ezekiel 28), rebelled by desiring to become like God (Isaiah 14). Because of Satan’s fall, sin entered the universe and brought on the earth God’s judgment in the form of a flood (indicated by the water of 1:2), and then a global ice age when the light and heat from the sun were somehow removed. All the plant, animal, and human fossils upon the earth today date from this “Lucifer’s Flood” and do not bear any genetic relationship with the plants, animals and fossils living upon the earth today. (Fields, *Unformed and Unfilled*, p. 7)

Another theory, espoused by George Stanley Faber (Anglican theologian), was the “day-age” theory, which is somewhat self-explanatory. It purports that each “day” of creation was actually a period of multiplied millions of years (drawing popular biblical support from 2 Peter 3:8, which states that a “day is as a thousand years.” (See also Psalm 90:4)

It isn’t possible in such a brief article to address the numerous biblical and scientific faults with each of these theories, but [it is important to understand] how prevalent they are within the church today.

To even suggest that the earth might be only thousands of years old generally causes people to think that you’ve lost all sense of reason and are out of touch with reality. It may be accompanied by statements such as “Oh, I guess you’ve never heard of ‘science’?” and “I’ll bet you also think the world is flat, too, don’t you?”... I personally believe that if the Bible doesn’t address something, either directly or indirectly, then we shouldn’t make much of a fuss over it. I am convinced, however, that the Bible does address the age of the earth and that what we believe about it has a very significant effect on how we view the authority and inspiration of Scripture as a whole.... God, being all-powerful, could have created the universe over the course of billions of years. He could also have created it in a billionth of a second. The primary question is not what He could have done, but what does He say He did?

THE NATURE OF SCIENCE

Observational science deals with things we can observe and test “in the present” and involves conducting repeated experiments that allow us to either confirm or refute our initial hypotheses. Producing faster computers, improving medical procedures, and designing space satellites are just a few examples of things that fall within the realm of “observational science.”

Historical science, on the other hand, deals with determining details about events that happened in the unobserved past. The whole notion of origins falls into this category. Not only were we not there to observe the “beginnings,” but we also cannot reproduce those events in the present. By the way, this applies equally to both the creation and evolutionary models. What we can do is to conduct experiments in the present and then, by using a number of assumptions about the past, formulate some logically based ideas of what occurred.

Let’s consider the simple example of a candle. We enter a room and see a candle burning on the table. How long has it been burning? (This is an “historical” question.) We were not there when the candle was initially lit, so we really don’t know for sure. We can conduct some “observational science” on the candle, (in the present) by measuring how tall the candle is right now, how fast it is currently burning, etc. In order to determine how long it may have been burning, we need to determine how tall it was to begin with and whether it has always burned at the same rate. Was it 4 feet tall? That’s a tall candle! What if it was only 1 inch taller than it is right now? What we assume about its height will affect our conclusions. The same goes for what we assume about its burn rate. Sometimes our assumptions are very reasonable and other times, we’re “off by a mile” (or a million miles!). All of the scientific methods that yield “ages” for the earth are subject to similar types of assumptions.

THE BIBLE

Many people think that the Bible doesn’t even address the age of the earth and that therefore we shouldn’t be concerned about it either. Although you won’t find anywhere in the Bible a verse stating that “God created the Earth ‘x’ number of years ago,” it does give us enough information to provide a reasonable idea of approximately when creation took place. In particular, there are enough passages that help us quickly to determine whether we’re talking thousands or billions of years.

Let’s start with looking at the big picture. God created everything in six days (Gn 1, Ex 20:11). Some will ask, “How do we know those were actual solar days?”... We must interpret Scripture by looking at its grammatical, historical, and textual context. It’s interesting to note that God defines the word “day” (“yom” in Hebrew) the first time He uses it: Genesis 1:5 “And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.” This would indicate a normal solar day (day/night cycle).

The use of the phrase “evening and morning” everywhere outside of Genesis 1 always refers to a normal solar day. That’s exactly what we find in Genesis 1... “And the evening and the morning were the first day,” “And the evening and the morning were the second day,” etc. The same goes for the plural form of day—“days” (“yamim” in Hebrew)... Again, that’s exactly what we see in Exodus 20:11 (and part of the Ten Commandments): “For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day.” If the days were

millions of years each, the basis for our week makes no sense (working for 6 periods of millions of years each, and then resting for a 7th period, also millions of years).

Genesis 1:14 states “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.” If a “day” is actually millions of years... what is a “year”? This only makes sense in the context of a literal solar day.

DETERMINING A BIBLICAL AGE

Assuming for now that the days in the creation account are literal days, we note that God said He created the earth on day one and Adam on day six. That’s a five-day difference. If we could get an idea about when Adam lived, we would then know about how old the earth is, having been created just five days prior.

It’s a matter of fact that Jesus lived roughly 2,000 years ago. When we study Scripture, we find that Abraham lived roughly 2,000 years before Christ (ca 2000 BC). How long was it from Abraham back to Adam? By looking at the genealogies between the two, we come up with roughly another 2,000 years. That takes us back to about 4000 BC, or 6,000 years ago. Some critics make the argument that these genealogies are not straightforward (e.g., names are often added, omitted, or changed). However, there exists no firm basis for these claims, so the straightforward reading should be the default until compelling contextual evidence arises to reveal otherwise.

Taking this all into consideration, the age of the earth would be approximately 6,000 years. Could it actually be 6,500 or 7,000 years old? Perhaps this might be true, and the exact age is certainly not the issue. But could it be 4.6 billion years old, biblically speaking? Not according to the text.

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

Although some dating methods yield ages in the billions of years (e.g., radiometric dating techniques), there are more than 100 methods that yield ages far too young to accommodate secular geology and the accompanying evolutionary story....

One of the major premises behind almost any dating method is the assumption of a constant process rate throughout the entire past. For example, in the case where uranium (U238) decays into lead (Pb206), it is assumed that the observed rate of uranium decaying into lead has been constant for billions of years, even though no one was around to measure it. Most creationists do not agree that to assume a constant decay rate is well founded. However, for argument’s sake, even if we assume that most rates were constant, some methods... yield vastly younger ages.

A few scientific methods of observation are listed here for your consideration:

The Magnetic Field of the Earth • Radiohalos • Polystrate Fossils • Helium Abundance in Minerals • Formation of Oil, Coal, Diamonds • Carbon-14 Levels • Decay of Biological Material • Folded Mountains

[In the next issue, we will take a closer look at each of these methods and provide further evidence for the author’s conclusion about the age of the earth. See page 12 to read a bio on Jay Seegert and to purchase his resources.]

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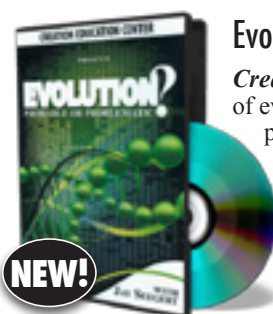
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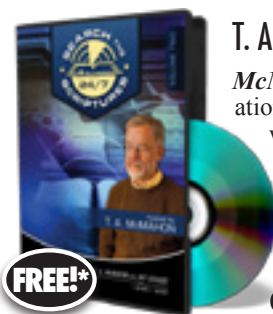
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He cofounded the CEC in 2007 after serving for several years as president of the Creation Society of Milwaukee, and has also served as an adjunct national speaker for Creation Ministries International. Additionally, Jay was awarded the prestigious "Faithful Servant Award" by the Christian Stewardship Foundation, an honor that included a grant to the Creation Education Center. Jay is listed as a "Broadcast Celebrity" with *The Third Rail* radio program.

With degrees in both physics (from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) and engineering technology (from John Brown University in Arkansas), Mr. Seeger speaks on a wide variety of topics. Though he travels widely, he resides in Wisconsin with wife Amy and two children.



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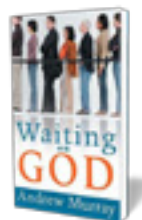
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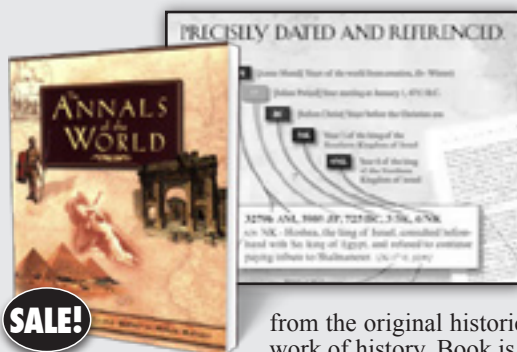
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