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## Articles

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In the Book of Revelation, chapter six, we find the famous "four horsemen of the Apocalypse." The first horse listed is a white horse. Some may think this white horse is similar to the white horse that Christ is riding in Revelation 19 at His return to fight against the nations.

However, when you correlate the four horses with Christ's explanation found in Matthew 24, then this white horse corresponds to the spread of false religion or a false message of some kind. Notice Revelation 6:1-2:

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, 'Come and see.' And I saw and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a **bow**; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

Some believe that this is picturing the spread of Christianity. Yet, as Christ fore-warned in Matthew 24, this would actually be the spread of a false gospel or message concerning Christ. This has been happening since the birth of God's church nearly two thousand years ago. Yet the Book of Revelation mostly has to do with the end-time which we are in now.

Notice that this White Horse Rider is carrying a **BOW**. Why a bow? How in the world would a bow be a means of spreading a false message? Wouldn't a trumpet be a better means of spreading a false message? So, why is a bow depicted instead of a trumpet?

The thing to understand about the Book of Revelation is that it uses pictures or symbols to convey to its readers what would be in the future at the end-time prior to the return of Christ. So, we must understand what these pictures are trying to tell us.

As you know, a **bow** was used to shoot arrows. Can a bow of some kind be used to shoot messages or signals today? Stop and think. Have you ever seen a news vehicle at a location that was making a live report?

We had plenty of them here in Orville a few years ago during the Spillway crisis that affected the Orville Dam in northern California. On top of these news vans was a satellite dish which linked them to a satellite in orbit which allowed them to communicate with the entire world.

And what is the shape of these dishes which **shoot** electronic signals to a satellite in orbit? In order for them to work, they all have a **BOW** shape to them.

WOW!!! Is the Book of Revelation ahead of its time or what????!!!

The Bible predicted thousands of years in advance a technology that we commonly use today for the spread of a false message or in modern parlance, FAKE NEWS.

And satellite TV has been widely used by many churches proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ yet will end up deceiving many. Deceive them about what? Deceive them about Christ's return. Even the churches of God are a little confused about the **Timeline** of Christ's return. (Please read my article "No One Knows The Day" in Issue #54, February 12, 2022.)

And when did the first use of satellite TV come about? Look up "satellite TV history" on the internet. Basically, it started in the early 1970s and grew rapidly. Could the spread of satellite TV be the opening of the First Seal of the Book of Revelation?

Something to consider which means that we are certainly in the end-time with more events predicted by the Book of Revelation yet to come.

As they say in TV lingo, “stay tuned!”

## **“Hummingbird Nest”**

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Tiny homes are all the rage these days. They even have television shows dedicated to showcasing these little custom jewels. But if you think that 300 square feet is minimalist, what if I told you that I’m showcasing today a comfortable home with a floor plan of only 250 – square millimeters, that is!

A lot of work goes into building a Hummingbird nest. These tiny homes are normally really hard to spot, because otherwise, predators might come and harm the young. The female Hummingbird camouflages the nest with bits and pieces of lichen and moss in such a way that you’d probably think it was just a knot on a limb, even if you were looking right at one.

The female mates, and then immediately starts to build her nest. It might take a week for her to fully complete construction on the nest, but time is of the essence. It won’t be long before her eggs have to be laid. Hummingbirds prefer trees and shrubs over man-made birdhouses, and they’re looking for a place that will protect them and the nest against the wind.

Once the female finds a spot that will support her weight, as well as the young, she starts building using cotton fluff, soft plant fibers, or anything she can easily get a hold of. She might even use some dryer lint if it’s close. Now you are probably asking: “How does she hold it all together, once it starts to take shape?” With spider webs! That’s right – think of how flexible yet strong a spider web is. Spider webs will tack things together nicely, because they’re already designed to make insects stick to them.

The Hummingbird is careful to insulate the nest so that the areas which get the most wind are protected. She also needs to make sure there’s shade from the sun, and protection from the rain, because her eggs will only hatch if she carefully regulates the temperature.

A couple of weeks later, the babies are born, and well within a month, they are out of the nest and doing the amazing job they were designed to do.

When you think about these 250 square-millimeter tiny homes are just the right size to raise some tiny family members who can hover, fly 34 miles per hour, and take cross-country trips every year to follow the warm weather.

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In the Biblical book of Matthew, we read that our Heavenly Father feeds the birds of the air, and then, Jesus Christ, Yeshua of Nazareth, goes on to ask: “Are ye not much better than they?”

The truth is, while Hummingbirds are truly incredible creatures, with hundreds of design features that will leave you breathless, we, as humans, have been given superior reasoning and the mental capacity to study God’s creatures in more depth.

Remember to get out in nature and study Creation. If you search long enough, you might even find – a Hummingbird nest!

I’m David Rives. Truly, the Heavens Declare the Glory of God!

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## **Why Are We to Count to Pentecost?**

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### **Pentecost**

Pentecost means count fifty. Pentecost is also called the Feast of First Fruits and the Feast of Weeks. We are told in: Leviticus 23:15 to count to Pentecost.

**Lev 23:15** And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

### **When was the Wave Sheaf Offering?**

Many believe that because we are told to count on the morrow after the sabbath, that this means the weekly sabbath. And, because we are to count, they understand that to mean there is no fixed date for Pentecost. The wave sheaf offering was always made on the day after Passover an annual Holy Day.

From Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wave\\_offering](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wave_offering)

Beginning on the second night of Passover, the 16th day of Nisan, Jews begin the practice of the Counting of the Omer, a nightly reminder of the approach of the holiday of Shavuot 50 days hence. Each night after the evening prayer service, men and women recite a special blessing and then enumerate the day of the Omer. On the first night, for example, they say, "Today is the first day in (or, to) the Omer"; on the second night, "Today is the second day in the Omer." The counting also involves weeks; thus, the seventh day is commemorated, "Today is the seventh day, which is one week in the Omer." The eighth day is marked, "Today is the eighth day, which is one week and one day in the Omer," etc.

When the Temple stood in Jerusalem, a sheaf of new-cut barley was presented before the altar on the second day of Unleavened Bread.

### **Josephus writes**

“On the second day of unleavened bread, that is to say the sixteenth, our people partake of the crops which they have reaped, and which have not been touched till then, and esteeming it right first to do homage to God, to whom they owe the abundance of these gifts, they offer to him the first-fruits of the barley in the following way. After parching and crushing the little sheaf of ears and purifying the barley for grinding, they bring to the altar an *assaron* for God, and, having flung a handful thereof on the altar, they leave the rest for the use of the priests. Thereafter all are permitted, publicly or individually, to begin harvest.”

Since the destruction of the Temple, this offering is brought in word rather than deed.

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One explanation for the Counting of the Omer is that it shows the connection between Passover and Shavuot. The physical freedom that the Hebrews achieved at the Exodus from Egypt was only the beginning of a process that climaxed with the spiritual freedom they gained at the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Another explanation is that the newborn nation which emerged after the Exodus needed time to learn their new responsibilities vis-a-vis Torah and mitzvot before accepting God's law. The distinction between the Omer offering—a measure of barley, typically animal fodder—and the Shavuot offering—two loaves of wheat bread, human food—symbolizes the transition process.

### **Special Events on Pentecost**

There have been special events that happened on Pentecost. In the Old Testament it was the day the law was given:

#1--They arrived at Mount Sinai on Sivan 3. (Exd. 19:1)

#2--They had 2 days of preparation, Sivan 4 & 5. (Exd. 19:10)

#3--They were to be prepared for the 3rd day, Sivan 6, on which they received the law. (Exd. 19:15-16)

And in the New Testament it was when God's Holy Spirit was given so that we now were able to know and to keep the law of God.

And on a future Pentecost, Christ will come to earth and gather the first fruits and take them to the marriage supper of the lamb. Even though Pentecost has a fixed date you still will not know which Pentecost or the hour that Christ arrives until He is here.

### **No National Disasters**

Because that day will be Pentecost there won't be any national disaster going on because two are in a car and the driver is taken away or a bus driver or train conductor is taken, and all the passengers are left. These national disasters and crashes won't be happening because first Christ will gather those who are dead and then those who are alive will be changed after that and they will all go together to the marriage supper of the lamb. The ones who are yet alive will be taken from Pentecost services or gatherings on the Pentecost that God has told you to keep.

**1Th 4:13** 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. **1Th 4:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **1Th 4:15** 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. **1Th 4:16** 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: **1Th 4:17** 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. **1Th 4:18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

**1Co 15:50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **1Co 15:51** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **1Co 15:52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **1Co 15:53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. **1Co 15:54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **1Co 15:55** O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? **1Co 15:56** The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. **1Co 15:57** But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1Co 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

For a clue as to when this happens, it says it happens at the last trumpet.

### **Parable of the Ten Virgins**

This is what the parable of the ten virgins is all about. All the virgins were God's people, but the five wise virgins used God's Holy Spirit to Learn God's Truth from the Bible. The five foolish virgins did not study very hard and could not tell

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when someone was handing them a line of blarney (they usually put their own twist on scripture rather than to take scripture for what it actually said).

I have been reading people's ideas for a long time now due to this newsletter and I see the scriptures they are using for their doctrines, and they just do not say what people want them to say. People have a tendency to have an idea of what they believe and then they will search the Bible for scriptures to back up their ideas. What you really need to do is clear your mind and read and study what the Bible actually says.

### **The Counterfeit Count**

When we were children, some of us used to count down to Christmas. I no longer watch local news stations, so I don't know if they still do this or not, but when I was a child, they used to put the countdown to Christmas on the news every day and then on Christmas eve they used radar or some other method to continue the lie of Christmas by showing Santa was on his way. The deal was that if you were good all year long you would get gifts. If you were bad, you would apparently either get nothing or a lump of coal.

I checked the internet before writing this and now days apparently parents, day care centers and schools have found other more elaborate but simple ways of teaching children to count to Christmas. I will mention a few here:

1. Draw a Santa's head and put circles on the beard with numbers in them. The numbers represent the number of days you want to count. Then each day you paste a cotton ball on the highest number left until you run out of numbers with the next day being Christmas (sound familiar yet?).
2. Draw a nice picture of a pine tree and do a similar thing with this as you did with Santa's head in one above, but this time you use colored tinsel balls, the kind you buy in pet stores for your cats. When you get to the last number, your tree is completely decorated, and the next day is Christmas.
3. The garland method can be done either way. You can make a garland with the number of days you plan to count down to and each day take a section off and throw it away. When you no longer have a garland, the next day is Christmas. You can do this garland in reverse by adding a section with each day of your count and when it is completed the next day is Christmas.

These are good ways to make children believe the lies of Satan the Devil. If you will notice, Satan and Santa have the same letters they are just arranged differently. Santa has white hair and comes from the north pole. Santa knows when you have been good or bad. Santa gives gifts (rewards) for being good.

So here is the deal on counting to Pentecost and it is very simple. Pentecost is known as the Feast of First Fruits. It is the day of the first fruit resurrection. The day when Christ will return and gather his saints and take them to heaven to celebrate the marriage supper of the lamb on the sea of glass.

We are children of the most high so the count to Pentecost has to do with anticipation of that day when we will become spirit beings and live with God the Father and Christ forever. Counting to Christmas is Satan's counterfeit of the count to Pentecost. The count to Pentecost is really just a count. Christmas falls on the same day every year, December 25 and they still count to it every year. Pentecost is so much more important and the day it is kept will always be a fixed day when counting from the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Pentecost always falls on Sivan 6 of every year.

### **Conclusion**

There is no magic in the count to Pentecost, just as children all around the world count to Christmas Day every year, we as God's own children are told to count to Pentecost every year until Christ comes to get us. The count is in anticipation of Christ coming to get us and of us living with Christ forever.

Satan the deceiver has counterfeited the count to Pentecost, and you can tell it is a counterfeit in the following ways:

1. One count is in anticipation of Santa (Satan) and one count is in anticipation of Christ coming to get us for the marriage supper of the lamb.
2. One is to receive toys and gifts and one is for the gift of life with Christ forever.
3. With Christmas you get gifts if you are good and nothing or coal if you are naughty. If you have made yourself ready for the marriage supper of the lamb you will be in the first resurrection if not you won't.

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4. Santa (Satan) has white hair, and a white beard and Christ is described as having white hair.
5. Santa (Satan) comes from the north pole to deliver gifts and Christ resides in the north.
6. Children count to Christmas in anticipation of Santa (Satan) coming and God’s children count to Pentecost in anticipation of Christ coming to get them, to take them to the marriage supper of the lamb on the sea of glass.
7. The Christmas count is counted by days and weeks and the Pentecost count is counted by days and weeks.

The count to Pentecost is important if you are waiting to be changed from human flesh and blood into a spirit being that will rule with Christ in the world tomorrow. As a side note in regard to this, is that brides generally count the days and weeks to their wedding day if only done in their head or on their own personal calendar.

## **Yet Another “Happy New Year”**

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Is what most of the British people were wishing each other as the chimes of Big Ben rang throughout London and resounded from the loudspeakers of radios and television sets throughout the rest of the western world as their citizens likewise wished each other a Happy New Year or however it is in their local language. Bonne Annee I think, in French! Throughout the United Kingdom parties were being held, fireworks let off in celebration. And, of course, the usual competition for best firework display between Sydney in Australia and London. The London organizers made it clear that London was the winner! Personally, I enjoy firework displays. In past years I’ve had the opportunity of organizing firework displays which helped to make a church convention a little more special. But as an expression of hope that a new year will be a really happy one, I feel they lack somewhat.

Do you remember much about this past year of 2011? It was a rather “mixed year” with catastrophic floods, the problem of drought got worse, violent weather conditions continued, except unlike the previous year, 2011 presented a much warmer climate than 2010. It was a year which saw much more conflict and especially in the Middle East. It was a year of civil disturbance. One event that we, in Britain, have ever before us is the continuing “no-win” situation in Afghanistan – a situation which is an ever present and continuing tragedy for many families of both Britain and the United States. Roughly 345 of the British forces have now died in that tragic nation. Russia couldn’t win when that nation had a battle with Afghanistan – we just never learn! And as a result, over 300 families in Britain have un-necessarily lost loved ones. Indeed, from everything we look at we have to say that a time of trouble has come upon the planet and especially so for both us and the United States, which we are bringing on ourselves through our total rejection of God and His word, as a result of which He will reject us nationally.

One of the biggest and potentially most serious situation is continuing to develop in Europe. It is that of the single currency, the Euro. It is evident that a new configuration of nations is being developed by the leading nation, Germany! The church of God has, for years, pointed to this probability.

The near collapse of the monetary systems brought in its wake a considerable loss in the value of houses and land and bringing about a very uneasy situation regarding interest rates in international exchange rates. One or two nations, one being Greece, could see a financial collapse. In Europe and especially Britain severe unemployment is growing because of uncontrolled immigration from the eastern European nations, members of the EU. This has, over the past year, become a major problem – especially in Britain - through illegal immigration from the east and from the African nations. which, because of European Human Rights legislation, is very difficult to correct and control. And which for some reasons or other the British Government seems unable to do anything about. Then one must consider China and India. Both these nations are very active in their drive to corner the world markets in almost everything! Especially markets in Britain and the United States. Our two nations seem to be the prime targets. Europe less so! Germany and France, the driving force of the EU, still have a mass production of cars and trucks. Both nations still make trains and ships. Britain seems to have virtually given up making anything! And America isn’t far behind!

Today, as we enter a new year, this year of 2012 we see problems on every side and especially for Britain and the U.S. Britain seems to have lost its way. No longer does it appear to have a role in the world. We act as though we are the world’s policeman but, at this time, we are not a happy nation. This reality is making itself known by the disturbances that took place in a number of cities in England this past year. In addition, there appears to be an increase in personal crime

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with a number of murders taking place during the day and in areas where there are others. Mainly it concerns our young people. As the economy continues to deteriorate and immigration from those nations outside Europe, we can expect much more trouble.

Once again violence fills the earth. People are increasingly violent to each other, and they abuse the environment. For every action there is a reaction. We see it in the changes to the climate. And change there most certainly is. Changes which could destroy all life on earth. Are they permanent changes? No! Is God’s hand once again to be shown? Yes, it is! In the gospel of Matthew, chapter 24, it says this: “as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” At the time of Noah God took a direct hand in the affairs of the world. He is going to do that again.

The gospel of Matthew in chapter 24 says of the end of the age that the world would reach a point when but for the return of Jesus Christ everyone on earth would be wiped out. He says this: “except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved...!” And he meant saved alive. The planet would reach a point at which all life on earth would cease. We are getting very close to such an eventuality. At one point in time, it would not have seemed possible that you could kill, slaughter and annihilate everyone on earth. Or virtually everyone. It may be a medium size planet as planets go, but nevertheless it is still pretty big! So how could all life be ended! Or rather what situation could arise that, if continued, would see the ending of all life? From television we are familiar with the lives of the Roman emperors. Is there anything they could have done that would have eradicated all life from earth! The answer is, obviously, No! How about the European monarchs? Not one, otherwise you can be certain one would have attempted it! How about the English monarchs? The Tudors for example! Not possible. There’s always a Cromwell around to stop it and in any case it just couldn’t be done.

So, one has to come closer to our present age. Take for example, the last 100 years! The first world war would have seemed to some to threaten the life of everyone on earth. But again, not possible. There was no viable procedure. The second world war was much the same, apart from one factor! And that was the dropping of two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and upon Nagasaki, in Japan. We then entered an age within which it had now become possible, with development, to destroy all life on earth. The atomic bombs became hydrogen bombs, and an arms race began and so today Russia and America between them have around 20,000 hydrogen bombs. Britain and France also have a stock, although not so many in actual numbers. But then, in addition, a small number of “peace-loving” nations such as North Korea and Pakistan have a few each. To which must be added those held by India and Israel and now probably Iran. But it is only necessary, so it has been estimated, to set off a total of 100 at the one time to start the nuclear winter. This could, conceivably eradicate all life from earth. Could some sort of chain reaction be developed that could vaporize the planet! We’re probably in comic book territory now! I haven’t otherwise heard this as even a wild theory.

What other possibilities exist? There are the weather conditions that could be as a result of Man’s activities. Conditions of which we are already becoming aware. Conditions that if continued would see the eradication of all life on earth. Drought is one such possibility. This is already becoming extensive to varying degrees and it wouldn’t take much for it to be so widespread as to cause wars between nations over food supplies and over the supply of water. The melting of ice in the Himalayas is already prejudicing the supply of water to southern China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and India with the River Ganges being reduced in its flow. Drought continues to become a problem to the whole of the northern part of Africa, to most of Australia and to large parts of the United States. It is also raising its head in Spain with the Sahara crossing the Mediterranean from Africa. Water is now having to be imported in a number of areas.

The ending of all life on earth is now a strong possibility. To add to what is already possible we have to consider disease epidemics. Some 2 or 3 years ago swine flu shot around the world having been generated in Mexico. Suppose that had been a highly infectious, virulent, and aggressive disease such as has been known before!

Jesus Christ was not joking. He knew what he was talking about when he spoke of a situation that could see the ending of all life on earth. I quoted the verse in Matthew a moment ago. A hundred years ago it was not possible. Today, it most certainly is! We need to take warning from the clear scriptures together what we see happening in the world today. Everything the bible speaks of has come about or is now well possible. A hundred years ago, as I mentioned a moment ago, it would not have been possible. As we enter into the new year of two thousand and twelve, we should realize that we have got a lot closer to the imminent destruction of the planet's environment and to the ending of all life on earth. Violence does fill the earth! The bible does speak of wars and rumors of war – nation continues to arise against nation. There are famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. Evil and iniquity does abound! We cannot say these

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things are not happening! They are in fact a reality!

It also speaks of false prophets deceiving many. This happens constantly and people are lulled into a religious torpor! They are deceived into believing false doctrines and so, as the bible says, many are deceived. We have just had a classic example of this with Christmas! Christmas warns no one of anything – it simply acts to soothe people instead of waking them up.

## **You Are King**

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Are you afraid of snakes? Spiders? Sharks? Tornadoes, germs, lightning, thieves, bats? WHY?? Don't you know that you are in CHARGE of them all? That God GAVE them to you??

Let's get this straight right now. YOU ARE KING! They are all YOURS, to do with as you see fit! Unless... well, we'll get to that in a moment.

**Genesis 1:28** *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

From the beginning, God made Adam KING! Lord over ALL the earth, and everything that moved, crawled, or wriggled upon it! Do you understand what that means? They have no power over you! None whatsoever! Unless... but I get ahead of myself. I want this point firmly established before I get into *that!*

**Psalms 8:4-8** *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. **Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.***

Do you truly grasp that? You are KING! They can't in any way hurt you, any more than you could hurt God! But you don't believe that do you? You wouldn't walk out, at pitch dark, in the middle of the jungle, would you? You'd be too afraid!

You wouldn't go swimming where there might be sharks – you're too afraid! You fear bats, mice, elephants, and cows, when you have no business fearing them! Unless... yes. Unless you AREN'T king over them!

And that is your problem, if you fear anything from the heaven of heavens to the deepest ocean. You aren't their King anymore. Because you are sinning! You see, Adam was king of the earth for a short while. Then he sinned. Then what happened? He wasn't King anymore! Satan was!

In the beginning, God gave Adam dominion, and made him King over all the earth. He was even King over Satan! Had you ever thought about that? Had Satan walked up before Adam and done anything to him, you know what he would have done? Adam would have said “The Lord rebuke you, Satan!”, and Satan would have fled with his tail between his legs!

Because Adam was King! So, Satan couldn't try the direct approach. So he went to Eve, quietly, and convinced her to sin! He still couldn't attack her, any more than he could have attacked Adam, directly, because even she outranked him! But he convinced her to sin, and she in turn convinced Adam to sin, and

HANDED THE THRONE OF THE EARTH RIGHT BACK TO SATAN!

**Romans 6:16** *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

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Now Satan was king of the earth, not them! *Satan is STILL King of the earth! He is the GOD OF THIS WORLD! (2 Corinthians 4:4) And if you FEAR anything, then you acknowledge that Satan, NOT YOU, is in charge of the world! And this CAN ONLY BE BECAUSE YOU ARE YET SINNING! Because YOUR HEART CONDEMNS YOU, you KNOW you are vile, and you KNOW you aren't King!*

**Proverbs 28:1** *The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.*

Doesn't that scripture sound like someone who is afraid of the dark? Would Christ have been afraid of the dark? It's ridiculously easy to prove He wasn't, so I won't bother. Should you be?? No!

But if you are TRULY FOLLOWING God, then you ARE KING! You DO stand to inherit the promises, and one of those is that YOU are untouchable! Bulletproof!

**Isaiah 54:14-17** *In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.*

That is the heritage of the servants of the LORD. If that describes you, you need fear nothing. And I mean, nothing. Do you recall the incident of Christ and quelling the storm? How could He calm the storm? Simple. It was HIS STORM TO CALM! Just like it is YOUR STORM! God has GIVEN it to you! And He will see to it that NO HARM comes to you, no matter where you travel or what you do!

**Psalms 105:6-15** *O YE seed of Abraham his servant, YE children of Jacob his chosen. He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant FOR EVER, the word which he commanded to a THOUSAND GENERATIONS. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And... When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people; He SUFFERED NO MAN to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth KINGS for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and DO MY PROPHETS NO HARM.*

And YOU are the heir to that promise! It applies to YOU, if you do the works of Abraham (**John 8:39**) and BELIEVE God (**Romans 4:3**)! This is one of the perks of being in God's service! No King, no beast, not even POISON dares to touch you!

**Mark 16:17-18** *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

Fear snakes? Spiders? Ridiculous! No spider would DARE bite the servant of God! Even a spider knows that God is in charge of the universe!

**Genesis 9:2** *And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.*

They should fear YOU, not the other way around! They'd BETTER fear God! Do you think a microbe doesn't serve the God of the universe? Or that a rock, or a cell of your body doesn't work for Him? It will DO as HE TELLS IT TO DO! And if you WORK FOR HIM, then it will do what YOU TELL IT TO DO!

**Mark 11:23** *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

If you serve God, if you KNOW that you are serving God, the foremost missing requirement in your faith. Then you need not fear anything, for YOU ARE KING. The entire earth is on your side, and at peace with you. The darkest jungle of

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Africa, or the steaming deserts of the world, it's all yours. None of it can hurt you.

**Job 5:19-23** *He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth. For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.*

**But I strongly caution you NOT to practice this with a dirty conscience!** If your heart condemns you, then you are NOT king, and they do NOT work for you, and you are at their mercy. If you act like a King, when in fact you are a pauper, you will soon be slapped down, and pay the price for your misguided arrogance!

**Acts 19:13-16** *Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. **And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?** And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*

Did you see what these men did? They didn't believe in the Christ whom Paul taught. They didn't do what He said. But they took upon themselves to exercise power over the devils. Ha! That worked out well, didn't it!

They acted like a King, when in fact they were nothing but beggars in the street! And the Demon KNEW he wasn't under their authority! Did you catch what he said? "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but WHO ARE **YOU??**"

This Demon acknowledged that he was under Jesus' authority! And he KNEW that he was under Paul's authority! This demon knew that PAUL WAS KING OVER HIM! And he also knew that these seven sons of Sceva weren't!

Paul was King, not only over the devils, but also over the entire world. Just as you SHOULD be, if you were actually doing your part in this life instead of wimping out of most of your responsibility!

**Acts 28:3-6** *And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, **there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.** And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. **And he shook off the beast into the fire and felt no harm.** Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.*

If you fear anything, it is because you are unrighteous, and some part of you knows it. This world is yours, or should be, along with everything in it. Nothing can hurt you. God has said so.

**Luke 10:19** *Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

Whether bacteria or devil, lion, or hurricane, You Are King! Act like it!

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## **A New Era? Causes of War, Causes of Defeat**

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FROM WHENCE COME WARS AND FIGHTING AMONG YOU? "From the lusts that war within you... You adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that friendship with the world is enmity with God?" – James

Someone said that only a nation on its knees is able to stand up to its enemies. As for defeats, the U.S. has had plenty of them since World War II. This week I'm taking the liberty of borrowing some words written for Memorial Day two years ago by a guy who went to Canada in the 1960s, Jim Wagner at RenewAmerica.com:

**"While in Canada, I quickly learned that nearly all the other draft dodgers were leftists who hated America. I had refused to serve not because of any sympathy with the Communists, but because our government had a history of betraying both our own military and our allies. First, after sacrificing hundreds of thousands to stop Hitler, we handed most of Europe over to Stalin. Then we betrayed Nationalist China to Mao. "**

He says that led to disaster in Korea: "We fought a phony show war... Then we allowed Castro to take over Cuba [despite the Monroe Doctrine] without raising a hand to stop him, and when Cuban patriots attempted to retake their island, we betrayed them at the Bay of Pigs."

**"It was against this backdrop, with those prior betrayals in mind, that I concluded our adventure half way around the world made no sense... "**

VP Humphrey actually called it a "great adventure." Wagner says:

**"Did you ever wonder why we fought that entire war in South Vietnam instead of in the North? Between rules of engagement and 'Demilitarized zones' it was clear we were not fighting to win. Nearly all the collateral damage was inflicted upon our allies, the civilians in the South."**

The iconic photo from that "adventure" was of a girl burned by napalm. In the continuing saga of endless foreign adventures, the iconic photo from Afghanistan ought to be that of Afghan citizens clinging to departing American airplanes, falling to their deaths. The exit from Nam was similar, and why did we fight that war in the South? Because the President didn't want to "upset" China, the same reason Truman fired MacArthur.

Another aspect to our crises and dismal results is that new Presidents tend to get tested. Russia tested JFK's relative youth in 1962 with the Cuban missile crisis. He got out of it, but only after promising to leave Castro alone. We got absolutely nothing out of the "Half AF Exit." The Taliban and friends in China and Iran reaped the harvest of military hardware conveniently left behind for them, not to mention the Americans left behind. As an indirect result of that fiasco, Russia is further testing Biden's incompetence.

CONCLUSION? It's time to go back to square one:

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**P.S. Jim Wagner's column can be read at <http://www.renewamerica.com/columns/wagner/200520>**

**PPS:** For further reading, go to <http://www.renewamerica.com/columns/dahlgren/210707> ["THIS is what happens when wars end?"] It is adapted from "The Strange Saga of the South Dakota Civil War" which was published in the UW Badger Herald in 1972 ["What is past is prologue." – Shakespeare (engraved on the National Archives building).]

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