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Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves!
Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?
Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool,
Ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.
The diseased have ye not strengthened,
Neither have ye healed that which was sick,
Neither have ye bound up that which was broken,
Neither have ye brought again that which was driven away,
Neither have ye sought that which was lost;
But with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them
And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd
And they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they
were scattered.

Ezekiel 34:2-5

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Blood Moons and Bible Prophecy

Dennis Leap, a former minister in the Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma and currently a contributor writer in the *Trumpet* magazine wrote an article in its July 2014 edition discrediting the heavenly signs that occurred during the year 2014 to 2015.

Blood Moons—Do They Fulfill Bible Prophecy?

By Dennis Leap

July 2014 Trumpet Print Edition »

Jesus Christ discussed the sixth seal, or the heavenly signs, in Matthew 24:29. This is the same event the Prophet Joel spoke about in his prophecy (Joel 2:31).

For all those willing to listen, here is the Bible answer to the question: **Is this current tetrad the heavenly signs discussed in Joel 2:31? Jesus Christ tells you, No!**

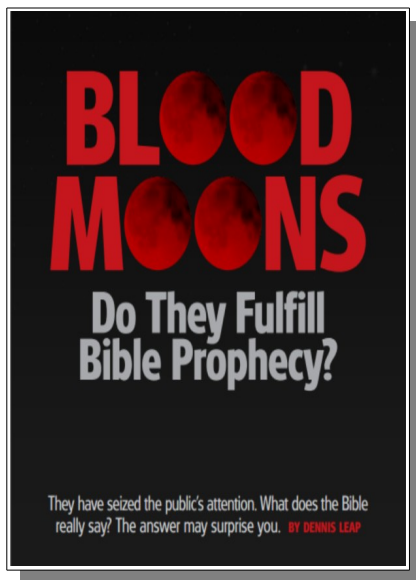
Take the time to carefully study verse 29 with Revelation 6:12-17. The heavenly signs—where the sun grows dark and the moon becomes as

blood—do not take place until after the Great Tribulation.

Source:<https://www.thetrumpet.com/article/11780.20.165.0/science/blood-moons-do-they-fulfill-bible-prophecy>

Just look at how this author has descended into a dismal spiritual condition that he cannot even discern anymore the primary purpose by which God has created those celestial bodies. The Bible, which is the Word of God or Jesus Christ in PRINT explains to us WHY God created those heavenly bodies:

*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: (Genesis 1:14)*



The Almighty God created those lights in the firmament of the heaven, the sun, the moon and the stars, PRIMARILY to serve “FOR SIGNS.” “**Signs**” in Strong’s Concordance is H226 (oth): a signal, as a flag, beacon, monument, **omen**, **prodigy**, evidence, etc.: mark, miracle, sign, token.

Omen in the dictionary means:

1. A phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil; **a prophetic sign.**
2. Prognostication; portent

Prodigy means:

1. anything that is a cause of wonder and amazement
2. a portentous sign or event; an omen.
3. an act or event so extraordinary or rare as to inspire wonder.

God said that He made the sun, the moon and the stars for **AN OMEN** or to serve as **A PROPHETIC SIGN**. Yet Dennis Leap said that **the lunar tetrad of 2014-2015 was NOT the heavenly signs discussed in Joel 2:31. And he even thought that Jesus Christ is aligned with him!** Is he even an apostle just like Peter or a prophet like Joel? How can the Philadelphia Church of God ministry allow Dennis Leap to issue such a ***prophetic authoritative statement*** claiming that Jesus Christ agrees with his line if thinking?! He is not even in the ministry anymore. So to those who are reading this article from the Philadelphia Church of God ministers or members alike, we are issuing a **CHALLENGE** that you **DISPROVE** and **REFUTE** what we have been writing here.

The PCG ministry has become spiritually blind concerning the new understanding about the ***Great Tribulation*** so they would naturally say that the blood moon tetrad does not fulfill the prophecy in Joel chapter 2. For emphasis, the sun, the moon and the stars have been created by God **PRIMARILY FOR SIGNS TO CAUSE WONDER AND AMAZEMENT**. This so called **BLOOD MOON TETRAD** phenomenon falling on Jewish festivals during the year 2014-2015 have made the whole world, with its several religious fanatics at the forefront, to jump into this portentous bandwagon because of its extraordinary occurrence. Even the mainstream and social media outlets did not fall behind anticipating this phenomenal event.

On the contrary, Dennis Leap was very quick to brush off the idea that those heavenly signs has nothing to do with the prophecy in Joel chapter 2 because the ***Great Tribulation*** has **NOT HAPPENED YET**.

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The Fifth Seal and The Great Tribulation

Let us ask this question: Just what is this ***Great Tribulation***?

Do we really know for sure? To have a thorough understanding on this subject, let us consider what the end-time Elijah, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in his booklet, ***The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!***:

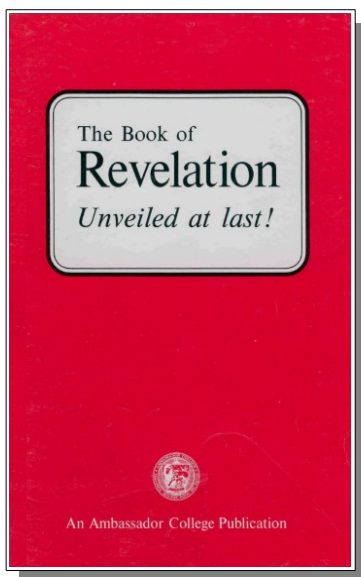
“And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved... For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be... For there shall arise false Christ, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs, and wonders: insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect” (Matt. 24:10-13, 21, 24)...

(T)his Great Tribulation is very clearly brought out in the opening of the fifth seal of Revelation 6: “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice,

saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.” (Rev. 6:9-11)

Notice that! Here is the GREAT TRIBULATION! And this fifth seal pictures it as a time of martyrdom of saints—of truly converted, begotten children of GOD! (pp. 26, The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!)

Mr. Armstrong wrote that **THAT THE GREAT TRIBULATION IS ALSO THE FIFTH SEAL WHICH PICTURES A TIME OF MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS – OF TRULY CONVERTED BEGOTTEN CHILDREN OF GOD.** So the *Great Tribulation* DOES NOT involve any NUCLEAR WORLD WAR 3 scenario as most religious group would like us to believe. And did you know that contrary to popular belief, the Bible was inspired to be written specifically for only ONE NATION, that is, *Israel*? Let us consider what the end-time Elijah said about this subject:



Did anyone ever think to ask WHY God raised

up the ancient nation Israel, denying them His Holy Spirit and eternal salvation – except their prophets only?

Why “chosen people”?

WHY were Old Testament Israelites called God’s “chosen people” —and still denied the Holy Spirit to beget them into eternal life?

“Chosen”—for what? To be teacher’s pet? For special favors above other nations? Was God a respecter of nations?

To understand, we need to start with Adam and Eve. It is an intriguing story, and I have never seen it put together in this manner before. The true reason for ancient Israel is an integral part of God’s supreme master plan.

And did you ever realize that the Holy Bible is the book of and concerning that one nation ISRAEL? And that the Bible mentions other nations only if and as they came into contact with Israel? (page 1, Good News May 1984, Why Did God Raise Up the Nation Israel — and Deny Them Spiritual Salvation?)

For emphasis, we must remember that the Holy Bible according to Mr. Armstrong is all about ISRAEL, i.e., physical and spiritual Israel. The OLD COVENANT was between God and the physical nation of Israel, while the NEW COVENANT is being offered to the spiritual nation of Israel or God’s Church. With the knowledge that **“the Holy Bible is the book of and concerning that one nation ISRAEL”** then we can focus on the real spiritual meaning behind the prophecies that we normally misinterpret because we put our own ideas into it. Let us allow the Bible to interpret itself as Mr. Armstrong used to say.

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Under the Altar

Now this FIFTH SEAL as we shall see, actually revolves around God's Church and it is NOT INTENDED to be applied to the whole world as we have previously thought.

“And when he had opened **the fifth seal**, I saw **under the altar** the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held.” (Revelation 6:9)

As we all know that the word “THE ALTAR” means “THE MINISTRY” as we can read from what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote:

Rebuild the Altar First

When the Jews returned to Jerusalem to begin reconstructing the temple, they began the project by **restoring the altar first**. “Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God” (Ezra 3:2). Solomon's temple was a total ruin, but Joshua and Zerubbabel rebuilt the altar first. This fact may appear to be somewhat strange to us at first look. But remember, God's ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). There is great spiritual significance to building the altar first.

Prophetically, the altar symbolizes the ministry and the work of the ministry (Exodus 20:24; Leviticus 1:8; Ezekiel 40:46; Malachi 1:7-8; Revelation 11:1). Proper temple building requires that the altar, or ministry, be built or established first...

There is no need for a temple if there isn't an altar, or ministry. How well we build the temple today depends upon the kind of ministry we have. What good is a temple if there isn't a faithful ministry?

Source: page 14, Ezra and Nehemiah —Building God's Temple

Let's consider how one bible commentary renders verse 9; from the IVP NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARIES we can read (emphasis mine in bold):

“What is odd is that in describing the fifth seal John speaks of **THE ALTAR (with a definite article)** as if it is well-known to his readers, even though he now introduces it for the first time.”

Source:<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/commentaries/IVP-NT/Rev/Souls-Altar>

Again it has been noted above what the apostle John was speaking about “as if it is well-known to his readers” – **THE ALTAR!** He was putting the emphasis on God's own ALTAR – HIS OWN MINISTRY. And we must remember that it is a prophecy specifically for our time right now. The word “UNDER” has been used as a preposition which the dictionary defines as follows:

1. subject to, liable to, controlled by, bound by, under the control of, at the mercy of, constrained by
2. subordinate to, subject to, reporting to, directed

- by, governed by
3. subject to the authority of

“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw **UNDER the altar** the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:” (Revelation 6:9)

The expression, “**UNDER THE ALTAR**” can actually mean:

- SUBJECT TO THE MINISTRY
- CONTROLLED BY THE MINISTRY
- UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY
- AT THE MERCY OF THE MINISTRY
- CONSTRAINED BY THE MINISTRY
- SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY
- REPORTING TO THE MINISTRY
- DIRECTED BY THE MINISTRY
- GOVERNED BY THE MINISTRY
- SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTRY

With those definitions above, we can clearly see that GOD’S GOVERNMENT (e.g. GOVERNED BY THE MINISTRY, SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTRY) has been emphasized with a definite article by the apostle John in connection with the FIFTH SEAL – it’s THE ALTAR, God’s MINISTRY! There was no indication of any external entity that perpetrated the slaughter.

“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain **FOR** the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:” (Revelation 6:9)

It can be proven easily that it was indeed the ministers who did the spiritual killings inside God’s own Church. Consider the word “for,” in Greek it is “dia” (G1223) and in *Thayer’s Lexicon* it can also mean:

- BY THE MEANS OF THE SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE SLAIN WAS BY THE MEANS OF THE WORD OF GOD

What? God's own people being slain BY THE MEANS OF THE WORD OF GOD? Well actually, this is the same prophecy we can read in Ezekiel chapter 24. From the *Philadelphia News*, Nov/Dec 2004, we can read what Mr. Flurry wrote about the death of her wife and the SWORD:

September 5 marked a dramatic day in the history of God's Church. On that day – 40 months after the beginning of the 'last hour' – Barbara Jeanne Flurry died...I believe my wife was, in a sense, a MARTYR. Five years ago, God revealed more to me about the book of Ezekiel, now contained in Ezekiel – The End-Time Prophet. This booklet explained how Ezekiel's prophecies are specifically about OUR WORK TODAY. ...

Ezekiel 24:16 reads, 'Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.'...In verse 19, the people asked Ezekiel what it all meant. He responded with God's message: 'Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall **FALL BY THE SWORD** (verses 20-21)...

My wife GLORIFIED God in her death. She witnessed for Him. Let's now examine

ourselves and see how urgent we are. How much are we giving our lives for this Work? Time is rapidly running out! (pp. 1, 8;)

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PCG'S FIRST LADY SEALED

Worldwide family remembers her impact

By Sarah Leap

EDMOND—The last 14 years of Barbara Flurry's life as first lady of the Philadelphia Church of God will be what she's most remembered for. Her dedication and service to the end-time Work of God profoundly impacted the family—her own and the entire Church of God.

Barbara Jeanne Flurry was born on Jan. 17, 1944, in Houston, Tex. She came into the Worldwide Church of God in her late teens in St. Louis, Mo., and was baptized in the spring of 1964. Of the many single men in the congregation there, a man named Gerald Flurry was happy to see a nice young lady in an area saturated of female prospects. On Nov. 15, 1964, the two were married.

The young Mrs. Flurry developed into a woman that many will remember for the example she set as the wife of "that prophet." In the early years of the PCG, she did everything she could to support her husband in his commission—from helping mail the *Trumpet* magazine to working in accounting.

As time passed, she more personally helped her husband in his watchman's Watch. In 1988 when Mr. Flurry



Barbara Jeanne Flurry 1944-2004

Firsthand

My mother: an example of service

By Laura Turgon

EDMOND—Watching a loved one die is not easy, as was the case with my mother, Barbara Jeanne Flurry, during the early morning hours of September 5. But after she took her last breath, she looked so peaceful. I was flooded with such wonderful memories of a mother who dedicated her life to God's truth, her husband and her children.

My mom didn't have the best childhood. Her father was an alcoholic. Her parents divorced before she was 10 years old, and in the early 1960s there was still a stigma attached to divorce. Because my grandma had to work such long hours, my mother and her siblings were basically left to raise themselves.

Why do I mention this? Because my mother often told me I would do a better job with my family than she did (and I thought she did a good job) because I was reared in the truth.

My father and mother overcame great obstacles in their early years, but with God's help all things are possible. God used them mightily—as He continues to do with my father.

Mrs. Barbara Jeanne Flurry's death on **September 5, 2004** was featured on the *Philadelphia News* November / December 2004 issue.

To have a better understanding of what this **FALL BY THE SWORD** really means, you can read it **here**, or we can read from *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance* what SWORD is being used to slay God's people around the world:

“**Sword**” according to the Bible is the “**the word of God**” (Eph. 6:17, Heb. 4:12, Rev. 1:16, Rev. 2:16). Does it mean that their sons and daughters, whom they commit to the sanctuary, which is the excellency of their strength, the desire of their eyes and that which their soul delights or simply, the Church, shall then fall by

the sword or God's words (PCG literatures – the 9 books)?

1. Mystery of the Ages
2. Malachi's Message to God's Church Today
3. Who is That Prophet?
4. The Last Hour
5. The God Family Vision
6. United States and Britain in Prophecy
7. Missing Dimension in Sex
8. Incredible Human Potential
9. God's Family Government

With those NINE BOOKS that the ministry used either to **accept, cast down, cast out, slay, smite out, throw down** members around the world, both the ministers and members alike knew nothing about what was happening. They didn't know that it was actually the prophesied **Ezekiel 4 siege** or the **Great Tribulation** already. Paraphrasing Revelation 6:9, we can read it this way:

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw people who were SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTRY that were slain BY THE MEANS OF THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD...As we can see clearly that this prophecy of the FIFTH SEAL is also the same prophecy being described in Ezekiel chapter 24 in the context of the death of the prophet's wife.

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Great Tribulation Caused by Satan's Wrath

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was even allowed by God to be DIRECTED, CONTROLLED BY the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) ministers then. It was made possible through his son, Garner Ted Armstrong. Now Mr. Gerald Flurry is suffering the same fate in the hands of the 25 men of Ezekiel being led by his own as well, Stephen Flurry. He is being manipulated like a clay in their hands.

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

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

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

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

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

Got it? The GREAT TRIBULATION has everything to do with the MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS—OF TRULY CONVERTED, BEGOTTEN CHILDREN OF GOD! It has to happen WITHIN God’s Church where the truly converted, begotten children of God are! Never can we find any mention of the Holy Roman Empire doing the slaughtering spree here.

Again according to Mr. Armstrong **the GREAT TRIBULATION is a result of Satan’s wrath**. Now consider this: When Mr. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986, Mr. Flurry said that Revelation 12:7-13 has been fulfilled. Satan ATTACKED the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) – “he persecuted the woman which brought forth the **MAN CHILD**.” We know who this **MAN CHILD** that is being referred to here – he is none other Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Christ is coming in the flesh through him.

When Mr. Armstrong died Mr. Flurry explained in his Daniel booklet about the prophecy in Matthew 24:15 and if we will continue on until verse 28 we will see the big picture of what’s it like inside the *Great Tribulation*. But let’s read for a while verse 15:

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: (Matthew 24:15-16)

Here is how Mr. Gerald Flurry explained verse 15 from his booklet, *Daniel Unsealed At Last!*

There is also an end-time abomination of desolation, as prophesied here in Daniel 8 and in

Matthew 24 and Luke 21. This we have known for many years. But what we have not understood is the spiritual dimension to this prophecy...

(L)et's remember, there is also a spiritual abomination of desolation that has already been set up within God's Church in this end time. We see the desolation of this spiritual abomination all around us: 95 percent of God's people are greatly wounded spiritually, if not already dead, because of it. God gives clear instruction about how we ought to react: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains" (Matthew 24:15-16). God says when you see this *abomination surrounding Jerusalem*, run from it just as fast as you can!..

If you are a Laodicean, or lukewarm, you are part of the abomination of desolation!...

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains" (verses 15-16).

Remember, there are two abominations—spiritual and physical. Christ was speaking directly to His disciples. The world has never understood Christ's message to His disciples.

But He was also speaking to the whole world in these prophecies. That means we must understand this on two levels.

The abomination is standing in the "holy place."

Spiritually, that means God's Church—spiritual Jerusalem ("Jerusalem, which is above ... is the mother of us all"—Galatians 4:26). It has been conquered by the spiritual abomination, with its army of evil spirit beings...

But when God's spiritual Jews see the abomination, they get out of that church and **"flee into the mountains"—to God's spiritual mountains, or Philadelphian churches around the world, where God dwells.** If they don't flee, Satan destroys them! The same is true of both abominations. We must flee when we see these terrible things happening, or when they are about to happen.

A mountain is a symbol of government (Daniel 2:44-45; Ezekiel 28:14). Spiritually, God's people are told to flee to the **mountains, or churches of God** around the world. This has been occurring since God's Philadelphia Church was raised up. Yet, what happened to that MOUNTAIN?

And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the Lord. Behold, I am against thee, **O destroying mountain**, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. (Jeremiah 51:24)

As God sees it, that MOUNTAIN, the Philadelphia Church of God has become a DESTROYING MOUNTAIN as what you can easily prove from our article, **Mystery Babylon the Great Unveiled At Last!**

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The Great Tribulation - The Ezekiel 4 Siege

Now, let us read how God was able to warn Mr. Gerald Flurry about *the Ezekiel 4 siege* even as early as the year 2004:

December 07, 2004

Dear Sir,

Greetings once again to our Pastor General and Happy 15th founding anniversary to the PCG! Around this time last year, you gave a very profound sermon regarding where we were in prophecy at that time after the victory in the court over Mystery of the Ages. The title of which is, THE WATCHMAN MESSAGE. In that sermon you gave us the revelation in the book of Ezekiel, the prophetic chronology of the events that led to the court victory, specifically chapters 2 and 3.

In Ezekiel 3:22 – 27, you explained to us that chronology. You told us that we were shut within the house (v.24) and we were not able to go out to the world because the Laodiceans has bound us up in court (v.25). God shut your mouth and you became dumb (v.26), until God opened your mouth again (v.27).

Your “Personal” in the Nov. - Dec. 2004 Philadelphia News is really a “meat in due season” – the meat in the middle of the “last hour”! Every member must fully come to realize the direly needed urgency God wants to emphasize with the death of your wife – which pictures the coming “sword” to both physical and spiritual Israel. You even emphasized the “40 month period” from the time you declare the “last hour” on May 5, 2001 up to her death last September 5, 2004 – **FORTY, in God’s numbering signifies trial or tribulation. Her death really is a SIGN that the “sword” or the Great Tribulation is very, very near.**

Sir, you said in that “Personal” that you believe that your wife “was, in a sense, a MARTYR”. I do strongly believe that to be so also. Your wife died to serve not just to fulfill the prophecy in Ezekiel 24 but God used her to be a SIGN for all of us in the PCG, first and foremost – to be a “witness” for Jesus Christ – to show us our spiritual condition now in the middle of the “last hour”. She died for a cause – and that “cause” was to show us the spiritual heart disease and vanity that we have that we are not fully aware of. When she was alive struggling with the congestive heart failure and suffered a series of stroke, it affected her brain (head), thus she became virtually dumb that she can hardly speak at all. The same is true to us in the PCG when the spiritual heart suffers a spiritual congestion – and it has affected you – as the physical Head of the Church and God’s spiritual mouth! That spiritual heart disease in us has greatly lessened your strength to speak boldly.

The prophecy in Ezekiel 24 when God has taken away the desire of Ezekiel's eyes, Ezekiel was made dumb by God as indicated in verse 27, "In that day shall your mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb:...". In verse 16, when God has taken away his wife, God made him to FORBEAR (in Strong's concordance, it means, to be dumb, to be astonished). His being dumb is in the context of his wife being dead (v.17).

You wrote in the Nov.-Dec. 2004 Royal Vision, p.2, **"God is telling us, You've had a wonderful victory in court. But don't sit on your laurels – the beast is accelerating faster than you can you imagine! We have a strong message for the nations of Israel and the world. Some people tell me I need to get stronger on TV. I think about this a lot."** That seem to indicate that the prophecy in Ezekiel 24:17 (forbear – to be dumb) is coming to pass.

In the Ezekiel booklet, p.90, you wrote, "Ezekiel 24 contains one of the Bible's strongest, most astonishing messages addressed specifically to God's people. Before we see what that message is, let's note how the chapter ends: 'In that day shall your mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord' (Ezek. 24:27). Keep this in mind. This is the point of this chapter, and, again a dominant theme of the book of Ezekiel. Now the beginning of the chapter: 'Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord come unto me, saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day even of this same

day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day' (vv. 1-2). The day God gave this revelation to Ezekiel commemorated the day of the siege of Jerusalem. Some Jews still fast on this day annually. It was a terrible time in Judah when Jerusalem was besieged"

The beginning of the chapter in Ezekiel 24, discusses the theme of the whole chapter – the siege of Jerusalem then, which was pictured in the context of God taking away the desire of Ezekiel's eyes – his wife. **Therefore, with God taking away the desire of your eyes as well, God wants us look at it as He intended to convey to us – the depiction of the coming SIEGE, which is also portrayed in Ezekiel 4!**

In a sermon you gave last Nov. 6, titled, FINISH THE WORK, you discussed Ezekiel chapters 1 thru 6, but one chapter has been skipped – Ezekiel 4 – which depicted the "siege of Jerusalem" before the Great Tribulation. **Sir, I believe that that depiction of the siege of Jerusalem in Ezekiel 4 is happening right now in the PCG. We are in the very midst of it! The death of your wife is but the picture of it.**

Sir, you may notice that in Ezek. 3:25, (as you have revealed to us last December 6, 2003), "But thou, O son of man, behold, THEY shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with THEM, and thou shalt not go out among THEM." – the word "THEY" refers to the Laodiceans. But in Ezek. 4:8, **"And behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege."** – the word "I" here refers to God! **"I (God) will lay bands upon you", sir! This time it is God**

Himself who bound you, sir! And God has pictured it in the ailment and death of your wife! The depiction of the siege in Ezekiel 4 is the same context as that in Ezekiel 24. The time sequence is between the court case victory in Ezek. 3:27 and before the actual siege of all Israel – America, Britain and the Middle East Jews in Ezekiel 5. Also, Ezekiel's being dumb in the context of his wife's death is the same as God binding him in the context of the portrayal of Jerusalem's siege in Ezek. 4:8.

As you have written in the Nov./Dec. 2004 Philadelphia News, p.8, **“God talks to Ezekiel about the SWORD in the context of his wife dying. This is something we must consider very seriously!** When Ezekiel's wife died, it was a signal to him that the sword was imminent. This prophecy is primarily for our day! It signifies a deadly turn for the worse. It's a signal that the sword is coming fast. **This prophecy is DATING the tragedy and the turn for the worst in this last hour!**” The death of your wife is the signal of the coming siege to all of Israel, and after which, you shall be a SIGN to all of Israel as it reads in Ezek. 24:27; 12:6, 11. (end of quote)

As Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote in the Nov./Dec. 2004 *Philadelphia News* that **“This prophecy is DATING the tragedy and the turn for the worst”** – this means that the date of Mrs. Barbara Flurry's death is very significant. **THE FIFTH SEAL OR THE MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS ACTUALLY BEGAN WITH HER DEATH ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2004! Moreover, God inspired the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE to revolve around HER SICKNESS AND DEATH.**

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Ezekiel 4 siege People

to Philadelphia Church of God, Stephen Flurry

December 07, 2004

Mr. Gerald R. Flurry
Pastor General
Philadelphia Church of God
Edmond, Oklahoma

Dear Sir,

Greetings once again to our Pastor General and Happy 15th founding anniversary to the PCG! Around this last year, you gave a very profound sermon regarding where we were in prophecy at that time after the victory in the court over *Memory of the Ages*. The title of which is, THE NUCLEUS MESSAGE. In that sermon you gave us the revelation in the book of Ezekiel, the prophetic chronology of the events that led to the court victory, specifically chapters 2 and 3.

In Ezekiel 3:27-27, you explained to us that chronology. You told us that we were shut within the house (v.24) and we were not able to go out to the world because the Loudness has bound us up in court (v.25). God shut your mouth and you became dumb (v.26) until God opened your mouth again (v.27).

Your "Personal" in the Nov-Dec. 2004 Philadelphia News is really a "start" at that season – the start in the middle of the "last hour" I every number must fully come to realize the fairly needed urgency God wants to emphasize with the death of your wife – which pictures the coming "word" – to both physical and spiritual Israel. You even explained the "10 month" from the time you declare the "last hour" on May 5, 2001 up to his death last September 5, 2004 - FORTY, in God's numbering signifies *trial or tribulation*. Her death really is a sign that the "word" – the Great Tribulation is very very near.

So you said in that "Personal" that you believe that your wife "was, in a sense, a *1044771*". I do strongly believe that to be so also. Your wife died to serve us and just to fulfill the prophecy in Ezekiel 24 but God need not be a *1044771* for all of us in the PCG, first and foremost – to be a "witness" for Jesus Christ – to share on our spiritual conditions now at the middle of the "last hour". *She died for a cause – and that "cause" was to show us the spiritual heart disease and vanity that we have that we are not fully aware of. When she was alive struggling with the competitive heart failure and suffered a series of strokes, it affected her brain (heart), thus she became virtually dumb that she can hardly speak at all. The same is true as in the PCG when the spiritual heart suffers a spiritual competition – and it has affected you – as the physical Head of the Church and God's spiritual mouth! That spiritual heart disease in us has greatly lessened our strength to speak boldly.*

The prophecy in Ezekiel 24 when God has taken away the desire of Ezekiel's eyes. Ezekiel was made dumb by God as indicated in verse 27. "In that day shall your mouth be opened to him which is excepted, and then shall speak, and he no more dumb." In verse 16, when God has taken away his wife, God made him to FORGET (in Strong's concordance, it means, to be dumb, to be astonished). His being dumb is in the context of his wife being dead (v.17).

You wrote in the Nov-Dec. 2004 Royal Vision, p.2, "God is telling us, 'You've had a wonderful victory in court. But don't sit on your laurels – the beast is accelerating faster than you can imagine! We have a strong message for the nations of Israel and the world. *Some people tell me I need to get stronger on TV. I think about this a lot.*" That seems to indicate that the prophecy in Ezekiel 24:17 (therein – to be dumb) is coming to pass.

In the Ezekiel booklet, p.95, you wrote: "Ezekiel 24 contains one of the Bible's strongest, most astonishing messages and needs specifically in God's people. Before we see what that message is, let's note here the chapter code: *In that day shall your mouth be opened to him which is excepted, and then shall speak, and he no more dumb, and then shall be a sign unto them, and they shall know that I am the Lord* (Ezek. 24:27). Keep this in mind. This is the point of this chapter, and again a dominant theme of the book of Ezekiel. Now the beginning of the chapter: 'Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day even of this same day, the last of Ephraim, we have set against Jerusalem this same day' (v.1-3). *The day God gave this revelation to Ezekiel commemorated the day of the siege of Jerusalem. Some Jews still fast on this day annually. It was a terrible time in Judah when Jerusalem was besieged.*

The beginning of the chapter in Ezekiel 24 discusses the theme of the whole chapter – the *siege of Jerusalem* then, which was pictured in the context of God taking away the desire of Ezekiel's eyes – his wife. Therefore, with God taking away the desire of your eyes as well, God wants us look at it as He intended to convey to us – the depiction of the coming EZEKIEL, which is also portrayed in Ezekiel 4!

In a sermon you gave last Nov. 6, titled, FINISH THE WORK, you discussed Ezekiel chapters 1 thru 6, but one chapter has been skipped – Ezekiel 4 – which depicted the "siege of Jerusalem" before the Great Tribulation. Sir, I believe that that depiction of the siege of Jerusalem in Ezekiel 4 is happening right now in the PCG. We are in the very midst of it! The death of your wife is but the picture of it.

So, you may notice that in Ezek. 3:25, (as you have revealed to us last December 6, 2003), "But then, O son of man, behold, FIRST shall put hands upon thee, and then shall not wear their faces on you side to another, all shall have hated the days of thy siege" – the word "FIRST" refers to the Loudness. But at Ezek. 4:8, "And behold, I will lay hands upon thee, and thou shalt not wear their faces on you side to another, all shall have hated the days of thy siege" – the word "I" here refers to God! "I (God) will lay hands upon you", not "I am God" who heard you, sir! And God has pictured it in the silence and death of your wife!

The depiction of the siege in Ezekiel 4 is the cause context to that in Ezekiel 24. The same sequence is between the court case victory in Ezek. 3:27 and before the actual siege of all Israel – America, Britain and the Middle East Jews in Ezekiel 5. Also, Ezekiel's being dumb in the context of his wife's death is the same as God making him in the context of the portrayal of Jerusalem's siege in Ezek. 4:8.

As you have written in the Nov-Dec. 2004 Philadelphia News, p.8, "God talks to Ezekiel about the VIBED in the context of his wife dying. This is something we must consider very seriously! When Ezekiel's wife died, it was a signal to him that the sword was imminent. This prophecy is primarily for our day! It signifies a deadly war for the worse. It's a signal that the sword is coming fast. This prophecy is DANGER: the tragedy and the pain for the worst in this last hour!" The death of your wife is the signal of the coming siege up to Israel, and after which, you shall be a sign to all of Israel as it reads in Ezek. 24:17, 12,6, 11.

The Iron Wall

In the portrayal of the siege in Ezekiel 4, in verse 3, there is a wall being discussed here. "Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pin, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city, and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and then shall thy siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel." On page 67 of your Ezekiel booklet, you gave us the revelation about the "wall", but it is the Loudness wall (no warranty) that is, "without the camp" – the outer court wall. (In Acts 2:3, Paul called the high priests Ananias, a "wicked-minded wall" - NRSV). But in the case of Ezekiel 4, God said that it was you who shall set the iron wall, "and then shall lay siege against it". This "wall" I believe is different from the one you discussed in your booklet, this time it pertains to the PCG wall – the PCG manner being fortified and strengthened as an iron wall, but at first, under siege. (Compare that with your wife's ailment – congestive heart failure. In both cases, you are pictured to be "dumb" in the context of your wife being dead, and being "bound" by God in the context of the besieged you wall.

So, you might remember you said in your sermon titled, PROPHETING AGAIN, that God inspired you to change the administration of God's government during this last hour. I believe it to be related to the BIBLE WALL, being discussed here in Ezek. 4.3. (You said it's still God's government, but different administration.) During the siege, someone will cause you to know about it (Ezek. 24:26, 31,32). "In that day shall your mouth be opened to him which is excepted, and then shall speak, and he no more dumb." (v.27). Ezek. 31:22 has the same context with that of Ezek. 24:27, "Now the hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening, (therefore he that was excepted came, and had opened my mouth, and he came to me in the morning, and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb).

God has allowed someone to escape from that siege, and he shall tell you some news about it. "For then set thy lamp, O Lord, and the Lord will lighten thy darkness. For by that I have run through it says: by no God have I escaped ever in a wall" (2 Sam. 22:29-30).

*This book is dedicated
to the memory of Gerald Flurry's wife,
Barbara Jeanne Flurry, who died on
September 5, 2004.*

Now God has finally revealed that the *Great Tribulation* officially started on September 5, 2004! And we will see clearly what really triggered this event as Mr. Armstrong said that Satan's wrath will TRIGGER the *Great tribulation* or the MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS.

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

According to Mr. Gerald Flurry, Satan was cast down to this earth when Mr. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986, and his *great wrath* was directed at God's Church who brought forth the **MAN CHILD** and it caused a great falling away inside the Worldwide Church of God. Satan continued to persecute the true Church and he waged a 6-year court case battle against the Philadelphia Church of God that ended on January 16, 2003. (from the book, *Raising the Ruins*)

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! **for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath**, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And **when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.** (Revelation 12:12-13)

If "*the Great Tribulation is really caused by Satan's wrath*" as Mr. Armstrong said, what specific event then prior to September 5, 2004 could be considered to have caused this *Ezekiel 4 siege*? It's NONE other than the CHANGES that Stephen Flurry did to *Mystery of the Ages* as early as 2003 which he disclosed on the October 2004 *Pastor General's Report* (emphasis mine in bold):

CHANGES TO MYSTERY OF THE AGES

by Stephen Flurry

The sentence we removed from our 2003 version is found on page 245 of the older one, where it said, “No prophets are mentioned as having either administrative, executive or preaching functions in the New Testament Church.”

We removed that sentence from the 2003 version, not because we are doing away with Mr. Armstrong’s teachings, but because of what God has added to the Church since Mr. Armstrong died—the revealed truth that there is, in fact, a prophet guiding the Church today who also serves an administrative and executive position within the Church. God did not reveal this to Mr. Armstrong before he died, just as He didn’t reveal the specifics about the Laodicean rebellion—for obvious reasons...

Now we could have attempted to write another section to be included in *Mystery of the Ages* that would reflect this new revelation, but we felt it best to preserve the text as closely as possible to the original and simply strike that sentence and then let our other literature, like *That Prophet*, reflect the Church’s new teaching on the subject.

In fact, the next time we print *Mystery of the Ages*, we will also cut a parenthetical phrase found on page 350—one that we overlooked last year. Again, in reference to the position of prophet, Mr. Armstrong wrote, “of which there are none in God’s Church today since the Bible for our time is complete.” Again, there is a

prophet leading God's Church today. (pp. 3-4, Pastor General's Report, October 2004)

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

CHANGES TO MYSTERY OF THE AGES

by Stephen Flurry

A former member of the PCG has accused the Church of deceptively altering the text of *Mystery of the Ages* because of a sentence we omitted from page 245 of the book when we reprinted it after the court case victory last year. In response to his criticism, which he has voiced in an e-mail sent to some of our members, let me first quote from the letter Mr. Armstrong sent to *Mystery of the Ages* recipients in 1985:

Dear Friend: Here is your copy of the book *Mystery of the Ages* that you requested. ... Since writing the book, I have written another booklet that well could be the opening chapter of this book. And indeed, may be in future editions. It is on the mystery of the Bible itself. This booklet is titled *The BIBLE—Superstition or Authority? ... and Can You Prove It?* Can you prove that the Bible is indeed the very Word of God, and the supreme authority in life, in right and wrong, by which every person ever born will be finally judged? I feel sure you will want to read this new booklet, especially in connection with *Mystery of the Ages*.

We review this letter in Fundamentals of Theology at Imperial College each year. It's an interesting letter because it reveals that Mr. Armstrong might have actually expanded *Mystery of the Ages* had he lived longer.

As we have said so many times before, *Mystery of the Ages* is like a magnificent summary of Mr. Armstrong's lifelong work and his many teachings. It's a MASTERPIECE! Even during the court case, we insisted that re-writing such a book ourselves would be unacceptable because of the inspiration behind the way that book was put together. But that doesn't mean every single word of it is infallible, as Mr. Armstrong himself said before the sophomore class at AC in 1985:

When the Bible speaks, that is God speaking, not a man. Now it's true Moses wrote the first five books. But it wasn't really Moses writing it. God was having him write it. And it was God writing it. But that was partly inspired. And then when we come to prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and

then when we come to the New Testament books, God inspired them. They are the infallible words of God. This book is not. I don't make any such claim for this book whatsoever. But I think in a way God inspired it. But not in the sense that it is the Word of God. It's as God inspired Herbert Armstrong. And I tried to yield myself to him. And I hope I was able to yield myself, if not 100 percent, 97, and 98, and 99 percent.

Now the Tkach administration twisted and distorted those comments and used them to excuse their dishonest and doctrinally false edits of the book. Their "edits," if you can even call them that, led to the book being destroyed just two years after Mr. Armstrong's death!

It goes without saying that the PCG has done NOTHING like that whatsoever—NOTHING! The whole reason we fought for the book in court for six years is that we wanted to preserve the very message the Tkaches were bent on destroying!

The sentence we removed from our 2003 version is found on page 245 of the older one, where it said, "No prophets are mentioned as having either administrative, executive or preaching functions in the New Testament Church."

We removed that sentence from the 2003 version, not because we are doing away with Mr. Armstrong's teachings, but because of what GOD HAS ADDED TO THE CHURCH since Mr. Armstrong died—the revealed truth that THERE IS, in fact, a prophet guiding the Church today who also serves an administrative and executive position within the Church. God did not reveal this to Mr. Armstrong before he died, just as He didn't reveal the specifics about the Laodicean rebellion—for obvious reasons.

Anyone familiar with the PCG knows that, from the very beginning with *Malachi's Message*, there were certain prophecies revealed and explained differently from the way Mr. Armstrong understood them. The teaching about the prophesied "man of sin" in 2 Thessalonians 2 is one such example. And there are several others. Mr. Armstrong knew the Laodicean era would emerge at some point, but he certainly didn't know many of the specifics concerning that era, like who would lead it, and so on.

In like manner, there were no prophets in the Church during the Philadelphia era—throughout the entirety of Mr. Armstrong's ministry—but God has since revealed

Stephen Flurry made some changes on Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's MASTERPIECE, *Mystery of the Ages* as early as 2003! Now, read Mr. Armstrong's own words how he introduced *Mystery of the Ages* to God's people in a letter dated September 12, 1985:

Dear Brethren and Co-workers with Christ:

Since last December I have been working diligently on the LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT BOOK OF MY LIFE. **IN REAL FACT I FEEL I MYSELF DID NOT WRITE IT. Rather, I believe God used me in writing it.** I CANDIDLY FEEL IT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK SINCE THE BIBLE.

What Stephen did was not acceptable in God's eyes. Mr. Armstrong felt strongly that God used him in writing that book, yet it was treated like it was RIDDLED WITH ERRORS which needed some revision, just like what Joseph Tkach Jr. used to imply during the 6-year court case. This subject is also discussed in *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*:

Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote in a member and co-worker letter dated November 25, 1985: "With the writing of the new book *Mystery of the Ages* God has helped me this year to DO THE BEST WORK OF MY 93 YEARS OF LIFE!" (Chapter 2, *Hold Fast*, pp. 21-22) In the *Raising the Ruins* book, Mr. Stephen Flurry even wrote:

MR. ARMSTRONG'S REMARKABLE BOOK

When the *Plain Truth* finished its serialized version of *Mystery of the Ages* in November 1986, Mr. Tkach Sr. introduced the last installment by saying it was a "remarkable book" that was "in a very real sense" Mr. Armstrong's "last will and testament." He said that Mr. Armstrong did not underestimate the value of the work.

And indeed, whenever Mr. Armstrong talked about the book, he heaped praise upon it. Soon

after Mr. Armstrong began work on *Mystery of the Ages* in 1985, he told the church membership that it would probably be *the “most important book” he had ever written*. In the Author’s Statement of the book, Mr. Armstrong proclaimed, “Time may prove this to be the most important book written in almost 1,900 years.” (Chapter 2, Legacies, p. 17)

Moreover, Mr. Stephen Flurry reiterated in the October 21, 2004 PGR:

As we have said so many times before, Mystery of the Ages is like a magnificent summary of Mr. Armstrong’s lifelong work and his many teachings. It’s a MASTERPIECE! Even during the court case, we insisted that rewriting such a book ourselves would be unacceptable because of the inspiration behind the way that book was put together. (op. cit.)

If that book was indeed considered a masterpiece, and then someone makes some alterations to it, what could possibly happen to that masterpiece? Speaking as a fool: Would someone dare try to alter one of Leonardo Da Vinci’s masterpieces, say, the Mona Lisa even with the slightest modification of her smile in the painting and still declare that it’s the original? Will that painting still be considered an original masterpiece, or is it already considered an adulterated version?

Now who would dare try to change the content of the book, *Mystery of the Ages* if Mr. Armstrong himself has believed in his heart that it was in fact written by Christ Himself through him?

Who gave Mr. Stephen Flurry the authority to change what Mr. Armstrong wrote in the Mystery of the Ages book even early on 2003? Does he have the same office as that of the Apostle Peter who was given the authority to bind and loose? Does he have the authority like that of the end time Elijah (Mr. Armstrong), who restored all things?

He showed through his action in altering the Mystery of the Ages book, that Christ was not coming in the flesh through Mr. Armstrong. Well, he may be saying that Christ is coming in the flesh through his words, yet his deeds showed what was contrary to his declaration. Does he agree now with Mr. Joseph Tkach that Mystery of the Ages is indeed riddled with errors? Is there any hypocrisy here?

(pp. 124-125, **The Last End – A Book of Remembrance**)

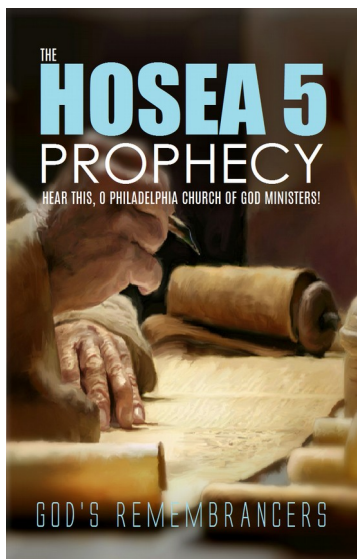
It was that decision by Stephen Flurry to do some changes on Mystery of the Ages that triggered the Great Tribulation or the Ezekiel 4 siege. Remember that those CHANGES happened AFTER the 6-year court battle against the Worldwide Church of God that concluded on January 16, 2003. As early as January 2004, it was announced that her mother, Mrs. Barbara Flurry was suffering from a CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE and she eventually died on September 5, 2004. Her physical condition was used by God to picture the spiritual condition of the Church then and the rest was history as written in **The Last End – A Book of Remembrance**. The ACT of making changes to Mystery of the Ages most likely began to happen between January 2003 and January 2004. During those times, Satan was able to put one of his feet in the PCG's door through Stephen Flurry.

Read our article about this prophecy:

<http://lightofthegentiles.com/2015/09/13/the-hosea-5-prophecy-hear-this-o-philadelphia-church-of-god-ministers/>).

His father, Mr. Gerald Flurry even wrote about this principle (emphasis mine in bold):

Mr. Armstrong once said, **“If we begin to compromise with God’s truth, even in the smallest, slightest manner, we have allowed Satan to get a foot into the door of the Church, and soon he will push open the door (he is stronger than we) and take over the whole Church.”** (p. 39, From the Beginning)



That is what actually happened:

Satan was able to take over the whole Philadelphia Church of God through that seemingly small act of making some changes to the *Mystery of the Ages*! Just look at how important *Mystery of the Ages* is to God:

Mystery of the Ages was the first book of Mr. Armstrong’s the PCG printed (except for the uncopyrighted 1945 version of The United States and Britain in Prophecy, which we are still able to print). **That started the whole battle.** God inspired us to realize that we needed that book, but then **He let Satan attack us. The whole issue, in God’s mind, is determining how much we love His truth.** (p. 18, Habakkuk Reveals the Outcome of Our Court Case)

As Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote that *Mystery of the Ages* started the whole six-year court battle between the Worldwide Church of God and the Philadelphia Church of God. Yet apparently, his own son, Stephen Flurry have not learned that very important lesson of NOT playing around with that book. Again as Mr. Armstrong wrote in his co-worker letter on September 12, 1985:

Dear Brethren and Co-workers with Christ:

Since last December I have been working diligently on the LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT BOOK OF MY LIFE. **IN REAL FACT I FEEL I MYSELF DID NOT WRITE IT. Rather, I believe God used me in writing it.** I CANDIDLY FEEL IT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK SINCE THE BIBLE.

Stephen played around with the work of the Holy Spirit when he made those changes to that book. It was actually Christ coming in the flesh through Mr. Armstrong who wrote *Mystery of the Ages*. And for that reason, the devil was able to infiltrate the ministry through him to inflict great damage to the members who are subject to the authority of the ministry as what has been prophesied in Revelation 6:9,

“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw **UNDER THE ALTAR** the souls of them that were **SLAIN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**, and for the testimony which they held:”

Satan the devil was able to use the SWORD or God's words through *Mystery of the Ages* and the other books against God's own people because of what Stephen did to *Mystery of the Ages*. It was that SINGLE DECISION TO MAKE SOME CHANGES TO MYSTERY OF THE AGES THAT TRIGGERED THE GREAT TRIBULATION INSIDE THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD. The devil was able to outsmart them AGAIN and God allowed it to happen according to His will. Let's consider once more the phrase **UNDER THE ALTAR**:

- SUBJECT TO THE MINISTRY
- CONTROLLED BY THE MINISTRY
- UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY
- AT THE MERCY OF THE MINISTRY
- CONSTRAINED BY THE MINISTRY
- SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY
- REPORTING TO THE MINISTRY
- DIRECTED BY THE MINISTRY
- GOVERNED BY THE MINISTRY
- SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTRY

This prophecy in Revelation chapter 6 has been fulfilled precisely as indicated in a sermon given by Mr. Gerald Flurry in 2004 entitled, *PROPHESYING AGAIN (Part 4)*, wherein he said that God inspired him to change the ADMINISTRATION OF GOD’S GOVERNMENT during the last hour. He said that it was still God’s government, but different administration. Actually that was already a preparation for the **IRON WALL** that has been set up as prophesied in Ezekiel 4:3. Then on December 10, 2005 *Pastor General’s Report*, the infamous, most abused “**NO CONTACT POLICY**” was introduced for the first time. And with that policy, all the other Church of God groups around the world began to hate God’s government that the Philadelphia Church of God administered from that time onwards. The **NO CONTACT POLICY** that the ministry began to implement while abusing God’s government has been designed to afflict and slaughter God’s own people.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted,
and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all
nations for my name’s (God’s government)
sake” (Matthew 24:9).

Now when we look for the original Greek word “afflicted,” in *Strong’s Concordance* it is defined this way:

“thlipsis” (G2347) – *persecution, anguish,
affliction, trouble, tribulation*

While here are the meanings of the words in the dictionary:

Persecute:

- To harass or punish in a manner designed to injure, grieve, or afflict; specifically: to cause to suffer because of belief.
- To annoy with persistent or urgent approaches

Anguish:

- Extreme pain, distress, or anxiety

Affliction:

- Something that causes pain or suffering
- The state of being affected by something that causes suffering

Trouble:

- To agitate mentally or spiritually
- Mistreat, oppress
- To put exertion or inconvenience

Tribulation:

- Unhappiness, pain or suffering
- An experience that causes someone to suffer
- Distress or suffering resulting from oppression or persecution

While the word “kill” in *Thayer’s Lexicon* is:

“apokteino” (G615)

1. To kill in any way whatever
2. To destroy, to allow to perish
3. Metaphorically to extinguish, abolish
4. To inflict mortal death
5. **To deprive of spiritual life**

“And when he had opened the FIFTH SEAL, I

saw **UNDER THE ALTAR** the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held.”

Again, for emphasis, what did Mr. Armstrong said about this “FIFTH SEAL”? And to whom is the prophecy being addressed to?

Let us notice exactly how Jesus explained this FIFTH world-shaking event in PLAIN language. ‘Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake’ (Matt. 24:9).

“Notice, Jesus used two pronouns—THEY, and YOU. ‘Then THEY shall deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall KILL you.’ Remember this: In New Testament Bible language the pronoun ‘you,’ unless otherwise clearly defined, refers either to truly converted Christians...If it is speaking spiritually and individually, the pronoun ‘you’ refers to those who are truly begotten children of God.” (pp. 24-25, The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!)

So it just means that this FIFTH **INSIDE God’s own Church and NOT outside!** SEAL will have to be found The primary application has to be SPIRITUAL in nature. Thus, it has to happen WITHIN God’s Church which points us directly to what is happening INSIDE the Philadelphia Church of God.

If the primary application which is SPIRITUAL has to occur, then this FIFTH SEAL has everything to do with the Ezekiel 4 siege of spiritual Jerusalem that is happening INSIDE the PCG! God’s people has indeed suffered GREAT AFFLICTION and DISTRESS resulting in suspension, disfellowshipment **“TO DEPRIVE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE”** (as defined by *Thayer’s*

Lexicon)!

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matthew 24:23)

Some of God’s people who have suffered harassment and who were DEPRIVED OF SPIRITUAL LIFE by the very ministers whom they have trusted, fell prey to false prophets. Some have experienced punishment in a manner designed to injure, grieve, or afflict; specifically: to cause to suffer because of belief with the 9 books being made to be re-read and reviewed. While others were annoyed with persistent or urgent approaches which made them to suffer extreme pain, distress, or anxiety. Many members one way or the other have been agitated mentally and spiritually because of the mistreatment of the old, the poor, the widows, the fatherless and the like being oppressed and put in inconvenience, thus resulting in unhappiness, pain, suffering that eventually led to spiritual destruction and at times it even led to a **physical death**.

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

Can you find anything “since the beginning of the world to this time” that is comparable to what is happening in God’s own Church wherein His own ministers are the ones slaughtering His own people using the SWORD of the Spirit under His own government? There is NONE like this *Ezekiel 4 siege*!

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Except Those Days Shall Be Shortened

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. (Matthew 24:22)

For several years even from the time of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong up until the time of Mr. Gerald Flurry, God has not yet revealed the real meaning behind that verse because the fulfillment has been reserved for this last end when He shall finish the work:

For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrha. (Romans 9:28-29)

Why did God have to do a SHORT WORK? It is actually connected with the prophecy in Matthew 24:22. To begin with, let's consider what the end-time Elijah wrote:

It is also written: "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or

any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:25-27).

Three years ago the Church was backsliding-growing lukewarm, secular, watering down Christ’s teachings. Jesus Christ, the living Head of the Church, has been working through His apostle and ministers to get us back on the track. BUT, BRETHREN, ARE WE, EVEN AS YET, HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH-A GLORIOUS CHURCH, WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE SPIRITUALLY?

We have been making good progress. The Church is back on the track, but not going forward spiritually as rapidly as we might-we are not yet spiritually without spot or blemish. But God’s Word says the CHURCH will BE MADE READY. That does not mean every member in it will be ready. And those who are not ready are pictured in Matthew 25 in the parable of the 10 virgins. Those who will not be ready will find the door into God’s Kingdom slammed shut in their faces! Each of us needs to examine himself (or herself) and ask, “Am I yet ready?” (September 2, 1981 Co-worker letter)

God’s Church, Christ’s BRIDE will have to be presented WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE SPIRITUALLY which includes Abel up to the SEVEN CHURCH ERAS of Revelation chapters 2 and 3. Remember that for every era there were always a remnant who overcame with Jesus Christ coming in their flesh who actively worked behind the scenes, helping each individual within the Church era they were in to produce godly character. He has “cleanse it (Church) with the washing of water by the word” through the corrections and new revelations through the pages of the Bible. It is Christ’s desire that His Bride become cleansed from any character flaws or any worldly influence.

Well how about God's Church during this Laodicean era? The Philadelphia Church of God became tainted with paganism such as Baal worship (**Irish Dance**), Astarte worship (**Mother's Day**) and Molech worship (**Cremation**). Just imagine: If God did not leave a remnant who REMEMBERED the teachings of His SIGNET in this last end, while the Philadelphia Church of God continue to become the SPOT OR WRINKLE among the seven church eras because of those paganism and worship of ministers; God the Father will NOT allow His Son, Jesus Christ to marry His Bride with that SPOT or BLEMISH in her. Thus, NO MARRIAGE will happen, and if there will be no marriage, there will be no spiritual children during the Millennium and onwards – THERE WOULD BE NO FLESH THAT WOULD BE SAVED ALIVE! The Church's fate will be like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, wherein God has simply wiped them all out. That's how important this **SHORT WORK** of God is – the work that revolves around the **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**. If not for this book, we would not have been cleansed by the washing of water by the word (as prophesied also in Daniel 8:14). The killing spree of the PCG ministers would have continued even further. Thank God for this **SHORT WORK** that shortened the *Great Tribulation* for the elect's sake.

7

The Book of Remembrance

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:23-24)

Who are the very elect? Apparently they are those people who can not be deceived, and God has given His very elect a tool to prevent them from the **PREPARED DECEPTION** that He has allowed to happen in the midst of His own Church, and that tool is the **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**. Through that book God has equipped His very elect REMEMBRANCERS to discern those false Christs and false prophets in their midst.

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a **book of remembrance** was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. **Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.** (Malachi 3:16-18)

God gave the **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** so His very elect may “**discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.**” The very elect cannot be deceived by the **MEN OF SIGN of Zechariah 3 – the last end Joshua and his fellows**. Stephen Flurry’s decision to make some changes to *Mystery of the Ages* triggered the Great Tribulation or the *Ezekiel 4 siege* which was pictured by her own mother’s sickness that caused her eventual death. Let’s consider again what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote concerning the death of the prophet’s wife:

God talks to Ezekiel about the SWORD in the context of his wife dying. This is something we must consider very seriously! When Ezekiel’s wife died, it was a signal to him that the sword was imminent. This prophecy is primarily for our day! It signifies a deadly turn for the worse. It’s a signal that the sword is coming fast. **This prophecy is DATING the tragedy and the turn for the worst in this last hour!**

(p.8, Philadelphia News, November/December 2004)

The same principle goes with the death of Mrs. Barbara Flurry – her death “**is DATING the tragedy and the turn for the worst in this last hour!**” The date of her death on September 5, 2004 signalled the beginning of the FIFTH SEAL! Again, as Mr. Armstrong wrote in his booklet, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled At Last!* (emphasis mine in bold):

And that phase of this Great Tribulation is very clearly brought out in the opening of the **fifth seal** of Revelation 6: ‘And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw **under the altar** the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge

our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled' (Rev. 6:9-11).

“Notice that! Here is the Great TRIBULATION! And this fifth seal pictures it as a time of martyrdom of saints—of truly converted, begotten children of God!”

For emphasis: The Great Tribulation revolves around the martyrdom of God's people during the Ezekiel 4 siege while the Day of the Lord is all about God choosing JERUSALEM and His own Bride have a BIG problem with that when she chose Edstone! Let us consider what Mr. Gerald Flurry said in his Key of David program The Day of the Lord Hastens Greatly, November 23, 2014 air date:

Look if you want a sign of when this Day of the Lord hastes greatly well you're gonna see that His own Church turned away and that's when it's all began. That's when this day really began to make haste, and as Revelation 10 says then there was no more delay. God really began to let things move very fast and exceedingly fast toward the Day of the Lord.

Here is another *Key of David* program entitled, “THE DAY OF THE LORD” aired on December 7, 2011 and repeated on September 13, 2015 from which Mr. Gerald Flurry further shed more light on this subject:

Notice Zephaniah 1, verses 5 and 6 talks about, **“The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly,”** and if you want a sign of when it's going to be here, well, it says in verse 6 that God's people are going to be

turning away from God at that very time when the Day of the Lord is coming into their lives and into this world and everybody can see it! And what an amazing thing to see a great apostasy in God's own Church. But it is a specific SIGN that the Day of the Lord is here and it hastens greatly toward its end.

We have literature that you need that will explain all of this to you, and **I tell you, we must listen to the voice of the Day of the Lord, as it says in Zephaniah 1, verses 13 and 14. Where is the voice of the Day of the Lord?**

Have you noticed in both programs how Mr. Gerald Flurry discussed THE SIGN of when this Day of the Lord hastes greatly actually began when His own Church turned away! This has happened before our own eyes through the NEW WORK in Edstone, Warwickshire, England! God brought the Day of the Lord because He will show to His own Church that He has chosen Jerusalem. Even the whole world will know that God has chosen Jerusalem –

BEHOLD, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. (Zechariah 14:1-3)

Consider this *Key of David* episode where Mr. Gerald Flurry said:

“THE BIBLE SAYS THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN JERUSALEM. Now, why would God choose

Jerusalem? And surely if God chooses a city, Himself, you'd think that would be, well, pretty impressive news in this world. BUT NOT MANY PEOPLE PAY ATTENTION TO THAT, and yet we are to become perfect, as our Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48), **SO IF HE CHOOSES JERUSALEM, THEN THAT STRONGLY TELLS US WE SHOULD CHOOSE IT, AS WELL.**" (Why You Must Watch Jerusalem, Feb.11, 2015)

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS ALL ABOUT GOD CHOOSING JERUSALEM!

The Day of the Lord really hastes greatly because of what Stephen Flurry and his fellows (**the 25 men of Ezekiel 8**) did in leaving Jerusalem and choosing Edstone instead. Do these ministers really believe what Mr. Gerald Flurry says about the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem vision?

Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord. (Ezekiel 33:30)

Notice here that these people are "TALKING AGAINST God's prophet BY THE WALLS and in the doors of the houses" The word "WALLS" is "keer" in the Hebrew and in *Brown-Driver-Briggs* defines it as "THE SIDES OF THE ALTAR" which indicates that the people being discussed here in Ezekiel 33 are indeed in the MINISTRY and they are talking against *That Prophet*, Mr. Gerald Flurry. And because of the spiritual fornication when these PCG ministers chose Edstone, members around the world became spiritually corrupt and they don't know that they are already dying spiritually just like those who became victims of the Ezekiel 4 siege.

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged **THE GREAT WHORE, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.** (Revelation 19:1-2)

The PCG ministry is guilty of the blood of all the members around the world because they are refusing to repent toward God by continuing with their spiritual fornication (Ezekiel 3:18). Now let's compare verse 2 of Revelation chapter 19 with Revelation 6:9-10;

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw **UNDER THE ALTAR the souls of them that were slain** for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, **dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?**(Revelation 6:9-10)

This further proves that the Philadelphia Church of God ministry BECAME THE GREAT WHORE who slaughtered God's own people! Actually, it was also prophesied in Isaiah chapter 1

How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. (Isaiah 1:21)



And you can easily prove this subject by reading our previous article, “**Mystery Babylon the Great, Unveiled at Last!**”

Again, who is the culprit? It's **THE ALTAR** as the Apostle John wrote, and Jesus Christ the Revelator has given us in this last end.

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: (v. 9)

Those that were slain because of the WORD OF GOD and God's prophecies, contained in the NINE BOOKS will surely be avenged by God.

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, **should** be fulfilled. (v. 11)

Notice carefully that the word “were” is in italics so it's not supposed to be included in the thought. While the word “they” in *Thayer's Lexicon* can also be rendered as “*themselves*”; “should” can also mean “*to intend*” whereas, “fulfilled” means “*finish the task*” so verse 11 can be paraphrased this way:

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, **UNTIL their fellow servants also and their brethren, should be killed themselves as they intend to finish the task.**

Who are these “*fellow servants also and their brethren*” being referred to here? They are none other than the two witnesses of Revelation chapter 11:

And when they shall have **finished their**

testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and **shall overcome them, and kill them**. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (Revelation 11:7-8)

That is how the **SHORT WORK** will be finished – God will cut it short in righteousness by faith.

For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrah. What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even **the righteousness which is of faith**. (Romans 9:28-30)

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