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Daniel 11:40

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PART ONE

THE KING OF THE NORTH AND THE KING OF THE SOUTH

Chapter 1

The King of the North and the King of the South

On February 3, 2017, Pastor General Gerald Flurry sent a Co-worker letter to all the members of the Philadelphia Church of God. In it, he emphasized the need to purchase an aircraft that he can use to fulfill their so-called commission which is written in the 10th chapter of the book of Revelation.

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. (Revelation 10:11)

But who are the "many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" being mentioned here in verse 11? To whom did God want His prophecy to be directed to. Who is the target audience? Is it really the "world and its leaders" as previously assumed? We ought to know and understand!

THOU MUST PROPHESY AGAIN

The word "peoples" in verse 11 of Revelation chapter 10 is transliterated in the Greek as "laos" (G2992) while the word

"Laodicean" in Revelation 3:14 is from "Laodikeus" (G2994), which indicates as Mr. Gerald Flurry explained in one of his sermons that this specific prophecy pertained to the phase of God's work warning the Laodiceans for SEVEN YEARS with the little book, *Malachi's Message*. (Ezekiel 3:15; Revelation 10:2, 9-10). Moreover, he wrote about those seven years in his *Ezekiel* booklet

These are sons of God—God's own Family. He is talking about spiritual captives in this end time, **PEOPLE** who have been taken captive by Satan the devil: the Laodiceans. Read Revelation 3:14-22 for Christ's prophecy of this terrible spiritual tragedy. Spiritual Israel has gone into captivity. And a message of lamentation, mourning and woe needs to be delivered to God's **PEOPLE**. (To understand this, I recommend you first read *Malachi's Message*.)...

Who was willing to deliver the message of the little book to these captives? Our work did just what God instructed Ezekiel to do. For SEVEN YEARS we went to the Laodiceans with God's message to them. That was our primary message for that period. Financially we were not yet able to reach out to the world. Only the rebellious Laodiceans have the background to really understand *Malachi's Message*. We did a good job of warning those spiritual captives.

Source: pages 11-13, <u>Ezekiel – the End Time</u> <u>Prophet</u>

While as for the "nations, and tongues" thought, it refer to the next phase of the work wherein it was focused on acquiring the book of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, *Mystery of the Ages* and giving it to the LARGEST AUDIENCE POSSIBLE – to

"nations, and tongues." Mr. Flurry explained it further in his Ezekiel booklet about A CHANGE IN COMMISSION.

At the seven-year mark of the PCG, this is what I wrote in the February 1997 Trumpet: "The first seven years of our work were concentrated primarily on warning God's own Laodicean churches. There was a massive falling away, and Christ directed us to knock on their door with a strong warning message (2 Thessalonians 2:1-11; Revelation 3:20). Malachi's Message was the centerpiece of our work. That meant the emphasis was on reaching God's own people. "Now that emphasis has shifted to the whole world and only secondarily to God's Laodiceans. We have entered a new phase in God's Work. We are now printing, and giving away free, Herbert W. Armstrong's book Mystery of the Ages. It is difficult for any new convert to come out of the world and be led by God through Malachi's Message only. What they urgently need is to read and study Mystery of the Ages first...

"Mr. Armstrong wanted it to reach 'the largest audience possible.' If you comprehend the message of that book, this has to be God's desire also. We must let God use us to get this book to 'the largest audience possible.' "I believe 'the largest audience possible' should become our battle cry today!...

"Malachi's Message was mainly revealed for Church members and those familiar with what Mr. Armstrong taught. So you can see how, suddenly, we now have a message for billions of people, not a message for a few hundred thousand!" That article clearly revealed our change in commission after seven years. At that point, the watchman commission started, and we began to warn all Israel, and the rest of the world, to whatever degree we could! That was mainly done through Mystery of the Ages. But God also gave us television stations and other printed publications to reach most of the world.

Source: pages 14-15, *Ezekiel – the End Time Prophet*

Mr. Flurry then decided to print and distribute Mr. Armstrong's books and booklets which he wrote in the February 1997 *Trumpet* magazine that resulted to a grueling six-year court battle between the Worldwide Church of God and the Philadelphia Church of God over the copyright issue. (Revelation 10:7)

...AND KINGS

After the conclusion of the court case battle with the Worldwide Church of God, what was the supposed next phase of God's work that ought to be fulfilled? To prepare the KINGS inside God's Church for the return of the King of kings, Jesus Christ

On Oct. 18, 2006, Stephen Flurry accompanied the Herbert W. Armstrong College students to not only excavate King David's palace, but also to revive Mr. Armstrong's legacy which according to Mr. Gerald Flurry is a fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah – "say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!" (Isaiah 40:9) Stephen wrote article even an in the Trumpet magazine about the Jerusalem dig being a PREPARATION for the KING of kings, Jesus Christ. He even emphasized that "THE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

WILL CONTINUE RIGHT ON INTO THE MILLENNIUM." (p. 9, *The Philadelphia Trumpet*, May 2007 issue)

The KINGS being mentioned in verse 11 of Revelation chapter 10 actually refer to those who do God's Work. How can we be so sure?

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod:and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. (Revelation 11:1)

There should be no chapter break here, which means that the word "KINGS" in the previous verse (Revelation 10:11) is very much connected with the thought in verse 1, therefore, the KINGS being referred to in the prophecy is none other than the people in God's Church.

Are God's people really the KINGS being mentioned in verse 11 whom the prophecy should be directed to and NOT to the kings of this world, NOT even the queen of Britain? Can it really be true?

And hath made us KINGS and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 1:6)

In God's eyes, the people inside the true Church are already being called as KINGS and priests.

Behold, I come quickly:hold that fast which thou hast, that NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN. (Revelation 3:11)

Apparently, many of God's KINGS in the Laodicean era are losing their crowns, that's why God's warning should be delivered to those KINGS inside God's Church. God is not that much concerned with the kings of this world. What He is more

concerned about are the KINGS inside His own Church, for how can the prophecy in Revelation 17:14 happen?

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of KINGS: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

Who are these KINGS being mentioned here? It's none other than the KINGS inside God's own Church! (Revelation 19:16) How can Jesus Christ become the King of KINGS if the CROWNS of those supposed to be occupying the positions as KINGS are being taken from them by the <u>25 men of Ezekiel 8</u>?

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod:and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. (Revelation 11:1)

That is the reason why God inspired the word "RISE" from the Greek word "egeirō"

Probably akin to the base of G58 (through the idea of *collecting* one's faculties); to *waken* (transitively or intransitively), that is, *rouse* (literally from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence): – awake, lift (up), raise (again, up), rear up, (a-) rise (again, up), stand, take up.

Mr. Gerald Flurry is being admonished to WAKE UP, to ROUSE FROM SLEEP to measure God's Church, the ministry and the members. He was given the rod or God's government to do it just like what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong did when he was alive. Mr. Armstrong always looked inside God's Church and he admonished and warned the ministry and the members

ALWAYS!

Now, is it any coincidence that after the PCG has taken hold of the copyrights to Mr. Armstrong's books and booklets on January 16, 2003, only a few months later, it was announced that Mrs. Barbara Flurry was critically ill with a congestive heart failure that led to her eventual death the following year on September 5, 2004? God was actually showing Mr. Gerald Flurry and the whole Church of their spiritual condition that ought to be addressed – he should have PROPHESIED AGAIN to the KINGS inside God's Church of their spiritual condition just like what Mr. Herbert Armstrong did when his wife was ill.

Thus, the *Book of Remembrance* was written to remind everyone including Mr. Gerald Flurry to WAKE UP and "measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein." Those are the KINGS to whom Mr. Flurry should PROPHESY AGAIN and NOT the leaders and kings of this world. So he don't need the aircraft fund to purchase a private jet to be used in going to the leaders and kings of this world. All he need to do is to AWAKEN from the spiritual slumber he is into.

THE MOST HIGH RULES IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN

We have already proven that the KINGS being discussed in the book of Revelation are pertaining to the ministers and members in God's Church. Does this apply also to other prophecies in the Bible specifically to Daniel's prophecy concerning the King of the North and King of the South?

For many years, ministers in God's Church built their

knowledge of Bible prophecies from the research papers of a well known WCG scholar named Dr. Herman Hoeh. It has become the basis of understanding Bible prophecies from which all the COG groups out there use to interpret biblical prophetic passages specifically concerning Daniel's prophecy. That same knowledge was the basis of Mr. Gerald Flurry's understanding concerning the prophecies in Daniel about the king of the north and the king of the south. From his booklet, *The King of the South* Mr. Flurry even wrote:

The king of the north and the king of the south are two powers prophesied to clash in this end time. So God's true Church must know who they are.

"And AT THE TIME OF THE END shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over" (Daniel 11:40). Both powers are rising fast on the world scene right now. This clash WILL SHAKE THE WORLD AS NEVER BEFORE! And that is the good news.

The bad news is that it will lead to World War III! Do you know the identity of these "kings"? It is critical that you do! I want to prove to you that Islamic extremism is the king of the south. You need this understanding.

THE TIME OF THE END

Let's look at the expression "time of the end." The king of the north and the king of the south arise in the "time of the end" (Daniel 11:40). Daniel 12:4 also mentions the "time of the end." Notice Daniel 12:9:

"And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the TIME OF THE END."

The phrase "time of the end" in these three verses comes from the same Hebrew words. Daniel 11:40 begins an end-time story flow that continues through chapter 12. Daniel 12:1 discusses "at that time." What time? "The time of the end" spoken of in Daniel 11:40. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1). "At that time" there unparalleled world cataclysm, and God's people are delivered from this Great Tribulation. So this is a "now" prophecy!

Daniel 11:40 tells us the king of the south will "push" at the king of the north. When does this push occur? It must happen after the book of Daniel was revealed in this end time. Daniel 12:9 tells us the time of the end BEGAN WHEN DANIEL WAS REVEALED. So the king of the south must arise after Daniel was revealed to God's end-time Church—to Herbert W. Armstrong. However, many of the specifics of Daniel's book have been revealed to the Philadelphia Church of God today.

Source: pages 1-2, The King of the South

Has God really revealed the many specifics of Daniel's book to the Philadelphia Church of God today? Let's continue with what Mr. Flurry wrote:

Daniel 11 is the history and prophecy of the

warring kings of the north and south. The time frame is before the time of Christ's first coming to His Second Coming. However, we must remember that Daniel was written for the end time (Daniel 12:4, 9). So the time frame is focused on the end time. But now we have moved into the specific "last end" (Daniel 8:19) of the end-time period.

Now notice how deeply God's very elect are embedded and emphasized within the 11th and 12th chapters of Daniel. "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Daniel 11:32). The word exploits means heroic acts. The very elect "stand firm and take action" (Revised Standard Version).

Our six-year court battle with the Worldwide Church of God over the right to print Herbert W. Armstrong's writings is an example. The Philadelphia Church of God won that battle, when it looked like we had no chance of winning. God gave us the victory. Now the copyrights to Mr. Armstrong's writings belong to us.

Source: page 68, The King of the South

The logical question one might ask: What's the connection of Iran and Germany to God's Church? Is there any? And if there is, can we prove it from the pages of the Bible? Now, why does the supposed vision in Daniel chapter 11 of the "ancient world powers" jumped abruptly going to the prophecy about God's Church in this last end like the six-year court battle with the WCG as Mr. Flurry suggested in his booklet? There are several questions that would require clear cut answers.

For emphasis, Mr. Flurry noted that "Daniel 11 is the history and prophecy of the warring kings of the north and south." But who were these kings really? Are they really Iran and Germany being the king of the south and king of the north respectively? God has now given the full understanding of Daniel's prophecy in this last end. And you will experience the greatest shock of your life with His true version of the history and prophecy of the kings of the north and south.

We must deeply understand the context of this prophecy in Daniel before we can ever fully comprehend the entire story being told by God through His prophet because in reality, IT IS ACTUALLY HIS STORY. And in order to truly understand Daniel's prophecy, we need to see that context from where God began revealing the vision to Daniel concerning the time of the end. The **most crucial point** of the whole vision lies in Daniel chapter 8:

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the **SANCTUARY** be cleansed. (Daniel 8:14)

We should not look on any place else but the SANCTUARY which in this end time is referring to God's own Church! We should not focus on the world scene as what we have done in the past. Even Mr. Gerald Flurry noticed that this whole vision is really about God's Church in the last end.

THIS WHOLE VISION IS ABOUT AN EVENING AND MORNING SACRIFICE IN THE TEMPLE. THE TEMPLE, TODAY, IS GOD'S CHURCH (Ephesians 2:20-21). SO THE WHOLE VISION, AS WE SHALL SEE, IS MAINLY ABOUT GOD'S CHURCH!...

Daniel didn't understand this vision God was giving him. God sent the archangel Gabriel to Daniel to explain (verses 15-16). "Understand, O son of man," Gabriel said, "for at the time of the end shall be the vision" (verse 17)...

In verse 26 of chapter 8, Daniel writes, "And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days." Today we are right in the midst of it. This is happening in God's temple. THIS WHOLE VISION IS ABOUT GOD'S CHURCH RIGHT NOW—THE LAST END.

Source: Daniel Unsealed At Last!, pp. 17, 30

The prophet Daniel even fainted and became sick for several days after God showed him this vision of the last end:

And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but **none understood it**. (Daniel 8:27)

Again, it says in verse 27, that **NONE UNDERSTOOD IT! NO ONE including the prophet Daniel.** Yet look at all the Bible commentaries and they are in unison in declaring that Daniel's prophecy was all about the world powers that will come out on the scene. It is also a common knowledge among God's people that it was so. But how can we connect those historical world powers to God's plan for mankind? It's really quite confusing and we always ended up with so MANY SPECULATIONS as we did in the past when we were in the Philadelphia Church of God.

Yet when God finally reveals the prophecy in Daniel or any

prophecy there is through His perspective, everything else becomes irrefutably crystal clear. To begin with, the 8th chapter of the book of Daniel, gives an outline of a prophecy concerning the sanctuary or God's Church in this end time. We have already proven that **here** and **here**. That vision in chapter 8 continues all the way through to chapter 12 and it discuss in great detail the history and prophecy of God's Church from the time of the physical rebuilding of the second temple in Jerusalem that led to the establishment of God's Church by Jesus Christ in the Ephesian era up until the time of the transition of the Philadelphia era going to the Laodicean era.

During the time of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the WCG once wrote in a pamphlet that **PROPHECY IS HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE**, which we will prove by considering one of Mr. Armstrong's prophecy concerning the **time setting** of the fulfillment of end time Bible prophecies. In his February 7, 1979, Co-Worker letter he wrote an astounding statement that is now part of modern Church history.

The outrageous unconstitutional INVASION and CAPTIVITY of the Church and work of the living God continues. IT IS THE VERY BEGINNING OF FULFILLMENT OF END-TIME BIBLE PROPHECIES! This monstrous invasion of the State of California will go down in history for the next thousand years!...

I said in the beginning of this letter that this crisis is THE VERY BEGINNING of fulfillment of END-TIME PROPHECIES! Now let me explain some AMAZING PROPHECIES, FORETELLING THIS VERY PRESENT BATTLE!

This present crisis is the very START of END-TIME PROPHESIED EVENTS! It will culminate in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in supreme POWER AND GLORY to RULE ALL NATIONS a thousand years — and thereafter!

Source: February 7, 1979, Co-Worker letter

Those statements of Mr. Herbert Armstrong <u>has been</u> and will be proven correct and true through Daniel's prophecy. To begin with, let us first identify some very important aspect of prophecy concerning the identities of characters being mentioned in the Bible. Knowing their identities is the key to understanding Bible prophecies in this last end.

Several prophecies in the Bible are written discussing the cardinal points of the compass – the NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and the WEST. We can read of the famous King of the North and the King of the South, the Kings of the East. But what does each cardinal point represent in Bible prophecy? The Bible is replete with information that the north is a symbol of the heavenly abode of God where He sits on His throne.

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the **north**: (Isaiah 14:13)

Actually, the Almighty God is the true King of the North. Now, if the north is a representation of God's sovereign rule, why is it that we can also read in the Bible something like an evil representation of the north? Just like what the prophet Jeremiah wrote

Then the Lord said unto me, **Out of the north** AN EVIL shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the

land. For, lo, I will call all the families of the **kingdoms of the north**, saith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. (Jeremiah 1:14, 15)

The answer is quite simple. Let us take the example of the first world ruling king, Nebuchadnezzar.

The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. (Daniel 4:30-31)

Why did God inspire these verses to be written in the Bible?

This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. (Daniel 4:24-25)

God wants everyone to know that He is the true King of the North who rules in the kingdom of men. He is the one who gives the authority to whomsoever He finds will fulfill His will as He saw fit in His plan whether that man whom He has given authority will do good or evil. It is His prerogative and no man can question that.

Now if the NORTH is a representation of God's rule among the kingdom of men, well what can be said about the SOUTH? What does it represent? It's actually just the OPPOSING FORCE against the NORTH, whereas the cardinal point of the SOUTH is the just opposite of the NORTH.

The cardinal point of south may be primarily a negative symbol. It is negative comparable to what can be found in the south of Israel which is a wilderness, that is, the Negev Desert, a region found in the southern part of the land of Israel. It is a region described in the Bible as **THE LAND OF TROUBLE AND ANGUISH** as written in the book of Isaiah.

The burden of the beasts of THE SOUTH: INTO THE LAND OF TROUBLE AND ANGUISH... (Isaiah 30:6)

The south also was a symbol of slavery, that is to the south of Israel is Egypt, who enslaved the ancient nation of Israel for more than 400 years. (Exodus 1:1-14)

Considering again the context of the prophecy in Daniel which is about the SANCTUARY or God's Church, it just simply mean, that the king of the north would be the ruler whom God has given the authority to rule among the people inside His own Church; whereas, the king of the south would be the opposing force to that king of the north.

The king of the north in the Worldwide Church of God during the Philadelphia era was Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, whereas, his son, Garner Ted was the king of the south.

Chapter 2

The Four Kings of Persia

Let's start the history and prophecy in Daniel chapter 11

Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him. And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. (Daniel 11:1-2)

Who are these four kings of Persia being mentioned in this prophecy? In one of our previous articles, we have already proven that Garner Ted Armstrong was the prophesied KING of Media and Persia. (Click <u>here</u> for the full explanation). For a review, let's go back to Daniel chapter 8:

The **RAM** which thou sawest having horns IS the KING of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)

Media in the original Hebrew is "maday" H4074; in *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* it is defined as "middle land."

Middle land or middle ground in the dictionary means:

- a position or set of opinions that is acceptable to many different people
- an area of **compromise** or possible agreement between two extreme positions, especially political ones.

Persia in the original Hebrew is "paras"; in *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* it means SPLENDID.

Splendid in the dictionary means:

- Imposing by reason of showiness or grandeur; magnificent:
- 2. Admired by many; illustrious:
- 3. Admirable for boldness

Showiness is synonymous to "ostentatious" which means – characterized by pretentious show in an attempt to impress others.

These TWO WORDS, *Media* and *Persia* is a description of the RAM. The RAM is being described as the **KING OF COMPROMISE AND OSTENTATION**.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has identified these FOUR KINGS of Persia or the FOUR KINGS OF COMPROMISE AND OSTENTATION who stood up in the Worldwide Church of God and he wrote about them on page 2 of the *Good News* September 1979 edition, entitled "CHRIST NOW MOVES TO PUT GOD'S GOVERNMENT BACK ON THE TRACK"

CAD set up in Pasadena

A CAD (Church Administration Department) was set up in Pasadena, with Roderick C. Meredith administering the department.

By about 1971 my son, Garner Ted Armstrong, had removed Mr. Meredith from that office, sent him to

England as dean of the faculty and installed David Antion as director of the ministry. This was a mistake, but not then recognized. It became apparent by 1974 that **David Antion** had gone too far.

A conspiracy was growing among certain of the ministers to bolt the Church of God, or, they hoped, through **David Antion** and **Albert Portune** at headquarters, to simply TAKE OVER the Church of God. The conspiracy was thwarted. But **Mr. Antion** decided his LOYALTIES were with the ministers, not the apostle Christ had raised up and used in BUILDING the Church.

The ministerial revolt, however, resulted in some 35 ministers leaving the Church, and taking two or three thousand members with them.

Mr. Armstrong succeeded in persuading **Mr. Antion** to stay with the Church. A small few of the revolters formed what they called "The Associated Church of God," with headquarters in or near Washington, D.C.

A few ministers took a portion of their local members with them, each forming his own little local church.

However it all came to naught. God was not IN this revolt. God was in His CHURCH, and in a few months God added to His Church more new members than the number who went out.

My son, Garner Ted, about this time began his own conspiracy to TAKE OVER the Church — and if his father did not oblige him by dying, to put Herbert W. Armstrong into retirement. Ted brought four or five men in from the field to work on a peer basis with

Wayne Cole in supervision over the ministry.

After a period of time Mr. Cole managed to eliminate the others. **Mr. Cole** managed to set himself up as "the head" of the ministry.

Source: page 2, Good News September 1979

Here again is the list of the four kings of Media and Persia or THE FOUR KINGS OF COMPROMISE AND OSTENTATION

- 1. David Antion (evangelist rank)
- 2. Albert Portune (evangelist rank)
- 3. Wayne Cole (evangelist rank)
- 4. Garner Ted Armstrong (evangelist rank)

These four evangelist rank ministers in God's Church were actually directly involved in the infamous Systematic Theology Project (STP) of which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote an article entitled, "Recent History of the Philadelphia Era of the Worldwide Church of God" in the Worldwide News June 1985 discussing this specific subject that was injected to the ministry around the world for the sole purpose of COMPROMISE with the doctrines of the Church through OSTENTATION:

It had become custom to hold an annual ministerial conference of ministers at Pasadena headquarters. In the 1974 to 1977 conferences, these meetings had been marred by controversies over doctrinal issues.

Just before the January, 1978, conference I was determined to prevent doctrinal controversy. I was also due to leave on another 'round-the-world trip. I had decided to postpone the trip until after the conference in order to keep controversy out of the

conference. But the one to be left in charge in my absence urged me to remain for the opening morning session, so that I could open the conference, and keep my departure at 12 noon, and he gave me his word no doctrines would be discussed in the conference, only administrative matters.

I agreed to this. I opened the conference, left immediately for the airport and had lunch on the plane. I was going first to Japan, then across the north pole to Europe, and into western Africa before returning to Pasadena

I had not gotten very far out over the Pacific Ocean that afternoon, until in the afternoon session of the conference a voluminous printed work called "Systematic Theology Project," or "STP" for short, was distributed to the ministry with specific instructions that this was a definite outline of basic Church doctrines, and no minister was to preach anything contrary to this treatise.

I knew absolutely nothing of this STP, or that it had been in preparation. It had been carefully concealed from me. It was a flagrant violation of the promise made to induce me to leave so this doctrinal change in Church teaching could be given to all ministers without my knowledge. I knew nothing of this STP in spite of claims made by others, until a copy was brought to me by some loyal ministers in late April or early May of 1978 when I then notified every minister in the world to return his copy immediately and ignore all its liberal doctrines and teachings.

It has come to my attention that some of the liberals, no longer members of God's Church, have claimed that I did know of this infamous STP project. That is positively NOT TRUE. A few papers on one or two subjects, which were not liberal, had been brought to me in Tucson, Ariz., but no clear mention was made of the preparations under way for producing this STP project. None of the liberalized teachings in the STP were shown to me or approved by me at any time.

Source: Worldwide News – Special Edition, 24th June 1985, Page 1

Now according to the prophet Daniel, out of the four evangelists, he has prophesied that the fourth king will be far richer and stronger.

And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. (Daniel 11:2)

This fourth king being described here is Garner Ted Armstrong symbolized by the RAM and the king of Media and Persia who fought Joseph Tkach Sr. as the ROUGH GOAT and king of Grecia in Daniel chapter 8. (Please read the full explanation in our article "The Last End Vision of the Prophet Daniel Part 1")

And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be

plucked up, even for others beside those. (Daniel 11:3-4)

THE FOUR NOTABLE ONES

Verses 3 to 4 prophecy is the same prophecy written in Daniel 8:8 and 22 which was already explained in our article "The Last End Vision of the Prophet Daniel Part 1".

Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven... Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. (Daniel 8:8, 22)

To better understand this prophecy in verse 22, let us read it from the *Amplified Bible Translation*:

Regarding the shattered horn and the four others that arose in its place, four kingdoms will rise FROM his nation, although not with his power and heritage. (Daniel 8:22)

So Joe Tkach Jr., the GREAT HORN, has been shattered – the *Worldwide Church of God* no longer exist under his watch. It has been completely destroyed or broken into pieces. Now the FOUR kingdoms or churches of God have been formed but not by "his power and heritage." As Joe Tkach Jr.spread his control inside the WCG even while his father was the pastor general, FOUR groups beginning with the PCG in 1989 came out from the church as a result. The transition of power was not the same way as what happened to Mr. Armstrong and his father who inherited the position of pastor general. The same way when he inherited his position after his father died

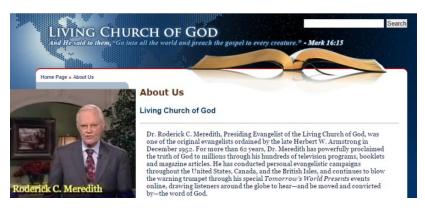
on September 23, 1995. Those FOUR that were distinguished can also be found in verse 8:

Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up **four notable ones** toward the four winds of heaven. (Daniel 8:8)

Who are those FOUR NOTABLE or DISTINGUISHED ONES?



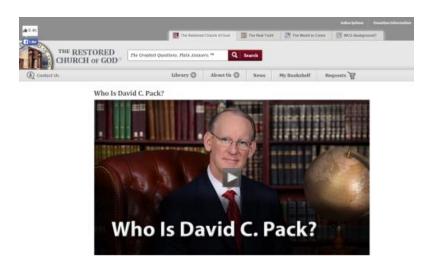
(1st notable) The *Philadelphia Church of God* led by Mr. Gerald Flurry in 1989.



(2nd notable) The Global Church of God was now dissolved and the *Living Church of God* took its place and both of which were headed by Mr. Roderick Meredith in 1993 and 1998 respectively.



(3rd notable) The *United Church of God* founded by Mr. David Hulme in 1995



(4th notable) The *Restored Church of God* started by Mr. David Pack in 1998.

There may be several other COG splinter groups out there but even the secular observer have NOTED and DISTINGUISHED this prominent FOUR that came out from the WCG when Joe Tkach Jr. took over the charge of the whole ministry from his father.

And the king of the south shall be strong, and **one of his princes**; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. (Daniel 11:5)

The king of the south here is Joe Tkach Jr. And one of his princes that came out from him is referring to the Philadelphia Church of God. This is connected to the prophecy in Daniel chapter 8.

And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it

waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. (Daniel 8:9-10)

Who is this LITTLE HORN? He is none other than Stephen Flurry. Read the full clear explanation <u>here</u>. Again for emphasis, God is giving us a wide overview of what transpired inside God's Church from the time of the FOUR KINGS OF COMPROMISE AND OSTENTATION up to the time of the <u>emergence of this LITTLE HORN</u>.

Chapter 3

The King's Daughter of the South

The first five verses of Daniel chapter 11 gives us a quick overview of what happened to God's Church in this end time regarding the rebellion in 1974, the receivership crisis in 1979, the changes after the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and the emergence of the Philadelphia Church of God and the other COG groups. Notice here in verse 6 that God is actually telling us the story of how and why all these things started:

And in the end of years they shall **join themselves together**; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an **agreement**: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times. (Daniel 11:6)

The word "years" in Hebrew is *shaneh* (shaw-neh) H8141 In *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* it is defined as:

- As indication of age

- A lifetime (of years of life)

The time setting here is speaking about the latter end of the life of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Final years

In 1977, Armstrong, then in his 80s, married Ramona Martin, then 38, a long-time member and church secretary who had a 15-year-old son from a previous marriage. The **CONTROVERSIAL MARRIAGE** would last for only a few years. The Armstrongs separated in 1982, with Herbert Armstrong returning to live in Pasadena full-time, and the marriage finally ended in divorce in 1984.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herbert W.
Armstrong

It all started with a woman named Ramona Martin. She was arranged to be married to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (king of the north) – "the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an **agreement.**" As it appears in this prophecy, it was actually Garner Ted (king of the south) who was behind the idea of this CONTROVERSIAL MARRIAGE of his father as reflected in a 1977 Co-worker letter.

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

President and Pastor

April 20, 1977

Dear Co-Workers with Christ:

Directly or indirectly, you brethren are all my sons and daughters in the Lord. But I am nonetheless human. Like the Apostle Paul said, "We also are men, of like nature with you." God says through James, "Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves." Paul said,

"Am I not an apostle? ... Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife?" (RSV). People do sometimes forget an apostle has PERSONAL needs.

Of course no one could take the place of my beloved wife of fifty years. But the Work of God must go on, finishing the GREAT COMMISSION God committed to me, in this new and MOST IMPORTANT phase of the entire Work. And God now has graciously provided the wife to be constantly at my side — a woman truly led by God's Holy Spirit. We have given the matter much time, to be sure it has grown into true love and like-minded rapport, as well as definitely sure it is God's will.

This is to announce my marriage to Ramona Martin, in an informal and simple ceremony, attended only by our respective families on Sunday, April 17th, Garner Ted Armstrong officiating.

Source: April 20, 1977 Co-worker letter

Have you seen that? Garner Ted was the one who even officiated the marriage ceremony. Ramona Martin was the prophesied king's daughter of the south!

But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: (Daniel 11:7)

Branch H5342 (*netser* in Hebrew) can also mean to sprout. From H5341 natsar which can mean *hidden thing*, subtil, *conceal*

Root H8328 (*sheresh* in Hebrew) can mean *bottom*, deep, from H8327 sharash which means *to take root*

THE CONSPIRACY

So behind Ramona's emergence on the scene, at the bottom of the concealed or hidden thing, she was actually being supported by Garner Ted and his army inside the WCG which means she has been subtly set up by Garner Ted. Ramona takes her roots from Garner Ted. Noticed that he even officiated the wedding of his father April 17, 1977.

Here again is the army of Garner Ted at work which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in Good News September 1979 (page 2), CHRIST NOW MOVES TO PUT GOD'S GOVERNMENT BACK ON THE TRACK

CAD set up in Pasadena

A CAD (Church Administration Department) was set up in Pasadena, with Roderick C. Meredith administering the department.

By about 1971 my son, Garner Ted Armstrong, had removed Mr. Meredith from that office, sent him to England as dean of the faculty and installed David Antion as director of the ministry. This was a mistake, but not then recognized. It became apparent by 1974 that **David Antion** had gone too far.

A conspiracy was growing among certain of the ministers to bolt the Church of God, or, they hoped, through **David Antion** and **Albert Portune** at headquarters, to simply TAKE OVER the Church of God. The conspiracy was thwarted. But Mr. Antion decided his LOYALTIES were with the ministers, not the apostle Christ had raised up and used in BUILDING the Church.

The ministerial revolt, however, resulted in some 35

ministers leaving the Church, and taking two or three thousand members with them.

Mr. Armstrong succeeded in persuading Mr. Antion to stay with the Church. A small few of the revolters formed what they called "The Associated Church of God," with headquarters in or near Washington, D.C.

A few ministers took a portion of their local members with them, each forming his own little local church.

However it all came to naught. God was not IN this revolt. God was in His CHURCH, and in a few months God added to His Church more new members than the number who went out.

My son, Garner Ted, about this time began his own conspiracy to TAKE OVER the Church — and if his father did not oblige him by dying, to put Herbert W. Armstrong into retirement. Ted brought four or five men in from the field to work on a peer basis with Wayne Cole in supervision over the ministry.

After a period of time Mr. Cole managed to eliminate the others. Mr. Cole managed to set himself up as "the head" of the ministry.

When some of his personal aberrations became known, he was dispatched to Canada, and Garner Ted put Ron Dart in as "head" of the ministry. He was to a great extent a "yes-man" to Garner Ted, and Ted's conspiracy to take over the Church — by cutting his father off from the ministry and by taking authority never delegated to him in two areas — policy setting and doctrine.

College accreditation pursued

Ted and others had lobbied aggressively to get the college accredited. I refused for some time, saying it would be impossible to achieve accreditation and keep it GOD'S college. Their persistence, assuring me we could achieve accreditation and still keep it God's college, finally caused me to say, "Go ahead, then."

Result? A number of Ph.D.s from various universities were brought into the college, and the Big Sandy student body moved to Pasadena. Bible truth was being rapidly watered down and permissiveness escalated. God Almighty and Jesus Christ were virtually thrown out of the college — and were rapidly being thrown out of the Church!

During these years from 1970 on, I was overseas a great deal of the time — even up to 300 out of the 365 days of the year. Garner Ted had threatened ministers, or those who knew what was going on, with being fired if they communicated to me what was being done.

There came to be a total lack of response from ministers when I repeated requests during 1975 and thereafter. I was being SHUT OUT of all authority in the Church Christ had used me in starting and building.

Ministers were crying for more and more watering down of truths Christ had put into His Church through His apostle. For example, a number of ministers either had never been really converted or had slipped so far from Christ by lack of prayer, that it was too embarrassing for them to anoint and pray for healing. They were demanding that healing be

eliminated.

Meanwhile, in these same years, a small group of self-professed "intellectuals" were busy preparing the STP (Systematic Theology Project).

Source: page 2, Good News September 1979

This STP was the liberal approach of introducing the doctrines of the world which is a symbol of Egypt or SIN. Ministers under the control of Garner Ted were watering down God's truths. And this is the fulfillment of verse 8

And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north. (Daniel 11:8)

The second half "and he shall continue more years than the king of the north" is a bad translation. To better understand this, let us consider reading from the *English Standard Version*

He shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking the king of the north. (Daniel 11:8, English Standard Version)

Also from the New American Standard Bible

Also their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will refrain from attacking the king of the North for some years. (Daniel 11:8, New American Standard Bible)

Notice that Garner Ted has refrained from attacking openly his father for a time as he built a power bloc through a conspiracy

with several WCG ministers. Again, when did this happen? From 1970 on when Mr. Armstrong was mostly out of the Church Headquarters in Pasadena! Let us read it again for emphasis

During these years from 1970 on, I was overseas a great deal of the time — even up to 300 out of the 365 days of the year. Garner Ted had threatened ministers, or those who knew what was going on, with being fired if they communicated to me what was being done.

Let's continue reading from the *Good News* magazine, September 1979:

I had repeatedly asked ministers or members to contact me personally on problems in the field — but my requests fell on deaf ears.

Mr. Dart was sent away by Ted to Texas on a sabbatical for further study at the University of Texas. Garner Ted then brought C. Wayne Cole back as "head of the ministry." He was Ted's tool, working with Dr. Robert Kuhn and the "intellectuals." Ministers who should have been fired were left in. Mr. Cole always has worked to keep people "friendly" to him.

As the ancient prophet Eli was condemned and punished by God for allowing his sinning sons to remain in the priesthood, so ministers who should have been eliminated were left in. Mr. Cole would offend no one. After Garner Ted was put out of the Church, Mr. Cole did all he could to keep disqualified ministers loyal to him personally, building power for himself.

A power bloc developed

What has happened, through the years? A power bloc has developed in the Work — a power bloc headed by these various "heads of the ministry" — of ministers who were NOT loyal to Christ or His apostle, but to the one using politics at Pasadena.

Source: Good News magazine, September 1979

This power bloc that developed inside the *Worldwide Church* of God was already prophesied long ago by God through the prophet Daniel.

But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress. (Daniel 11:10)

The word "sons" can also mean "member of a group" as defined by *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* and it is associated to the king of the south. So this group of the king of the south (Garner Ted), has assembled a multitude of great forces or power bloc that stirred up the receivership crisis on January 3, 1979. Let's continue with the article from the *Good News* magazine, September 1979:

When the massive invasion by the state of California struck the Church on Jan. 3, Wayne Cole and David Antion called me on a telephone conference call — with both of them on the phone. They raised their voices to me, DEMANDING that I fire Stanley Rader and allow the attorney who brought this evil suit against us to select our defense attorney. This was the last straw. I immediately disfellowshipped both from the Church. It has

developed also what I felt sure of — Wayne Cole was "IN" on this whole conspiracy to bring on the unconstitutional attack by the state of California. Only he kept his name out of it.

Source: page 2 Good News September 1979, CHRIST NOW MOVES TO PUT GOD'S GOVERNMENT BACK ON THE TRACK

But what could have been the reason why Garner Ted was doing all these things?

Relationship with Stanley R. Rader

By the mid-1970s, Stanley Rader, an attorney and church accountant who had been a personal assistant to Herbert W. Armstrong since 1958, appeared to be stepping into the number two position of administration previously thought to be Garner Ted's domain. Relations between the two became strained and a power struggle ensued. One conflict was that Rader had set up privately owned, affiliated corporations that were doing business with the church. Garner Ted, and others in the organization, were skeptical of Rader's legal and financial dealings a bid to control the and suspected multimillion-dollar business. One objection to Rader's role was that, being Jewish, he had never been a baptized member of the church or a practicing Christian That obstacle was removed in 1975 when Rader was baptized by the elder Armstrong.

By the mid-1970s two different and rival views were developing regarding the work and future of the church

One plan was formulated by Garner Ted Armstrong, who wanted to take the church in a direction built around a larger publishing and broadcasting platform that would go out under his name...

Meanwhile, Stanley Rader aided significantly in crafting a unique role for the senior Armstrong on the world stage: Herbert W. Armstrong was promoted to various governments as an "ambassador without portfolio for world peace." In that role he did not so much represent the Worldwide Church of God or Ambassador College as he did a completely new entity called the Ambassador International Foundation (AICF). This foundation helped to finance the Tatum O'Neal motion picture Paper Moon and a new and slick commercial publication called Quest; bought Everest House, a publishing company; and turned the Ambassador Auditorium, located on the college campus in Pasadena, into a performing arts venue that boasted an annual subscription series featuring world-renowned performers and celebrities from stage, screen and the recording arts. Gifts from the foundation helped Rader secure the audiences with world leaders for the elder Armstrong, whose message was less an overt Christian one than a more general one about peace, brotherly love, giving instead of getting, and a "great unseen hand from someplace" intervening in world affairs.

Garner Ted was known to disagree with this approach as well as the expenditure of funds on it and other foundation activities. It became an increasing point of division between father and son. Meanwhile, in January 1976, he appeared on the television show Hee Haw. Some saw this as an increasing focus on secular pursuits.

In 1977, he officiated at the wedding of his father to the former Ramona Martin. The two would separate in 1982, and divorce in 1984.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garner Ted
Armstrong

For emphasis, Garner Ted came up with the idea of retaining his grip on power by sending Ramona Martin to his father for MARRIAGE!

So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land. (Daniel 11:9)

Garner was suspended on April 1972 for the first time and one month later returned to the WCG.

I hope you will realize that this is the most difficult and painful announcement that I have ever had to make in a Co-Worker letter.

Last autumn I was dismayed to learn that my son had been so overcome with personal, emotional problems, that it led to conduct inconsistent with the high standard of the Work of the Church of God and the scriptural qualifications for a minister of Jesus Christ, and rendered him incapable of carrying on the duties of a minister, and of his responsibilities of Executive Vice President.

The Board of Directors of Worldwide Church of God, and the Board of Trustees of Ambassador College, grieved as we were, had no choice but to remove Garner Ted Armstrong from his office and his responsibilities. Mr. Albert J. Portune was made ACTING Executive Vice President of both corporations, and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong was granted a leave of absence, hoping that full repentance and overcoming of his personal, emotional problems would allow reinstatement without a long delay, and for the protection of the Work, no public announcement was made.

Source: April 25, 1972 Co-worker letter

The king of the south, Garner Ted "shall return into his own land..." – this prophecy was fulfilled to the letter after only A MONTH of suspension.

May 31, 1972

Dear Brethren of God's Church:

This letter is being written high in the air, with mingled emotions of thanksgiving and gratitude, hope and JOY! My most fervent heart-rending and prevailing prayers of the last ten months, combined with yours have been answered!

Messrs. Portune, Antion and Dart — all Vice Presidents, Mr. Stanley Rader and I, are returning to Pasadena from a momentous meeting with my son Garner Ted Armstrong. I had spent the better part of two days with him last week, and I knew then that with God's help, and countless hours of submissive, prevailing prayer on his part, coupled with the prayers of thousands for him, his problems have now been overcome. There is no question in our minds that God is calling him back now, with plans for the greatest lunge forward this Work of God has

ever taken. He is like a NEW Garner Ted Armstrong, and we believe God will now use him with far greater power in getting out Christ's Gospel to the world than ever before. We know God has forgiven, and filled him — and us — with a completely new dedication for the finishing of the Work for this age.

Source: May 31, 1972 Co-worker letter.

But what was the real inner motive of Garner Ted? Was his repentance for real?

And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand. (Daniel 11:11)

From that time on in 1972, Garner Ted has worked insidiously against his father through the 1974 rebellion, Ramona Martin and the 1979 receivership crisis with a power bloc of ministers at his command

During these years from 1970 on, I was overseas a great deal of the time — even up to 300 out of the 365 days of the year. Garner Ted had threatened ministers, or those who knew what was going on, with being fired if they communicated to me what was being done.

There came to be a total lack of response from ministers when I repeated requests during 1975 and thereafter. I was being SHUT OUT of all authority in the Church Christ had used me in starting and building.

Ministers were crying for more and more watering down of truths Christ had put into His Church through His apostle. For example, a number of ministers either had never been really converted or had slipped so far from Christ by lack of prayer, that it was too embarrassing for them to anoint and pray for healing. They were demanding that healing be eliminated.

Meanwhile, in these same years, a small group of self-professed "intellectuals" were busy preparing the STP (Systematic Theology Project).

Source: page 2, Good News September 1979

HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE

Garner Ted, the king of the south, was doing everything at his disposal to be able to seize total control of the kingdom, i.e., the *Worldwide Church of God*, from his father, the king of the north. Apparently, the rift between them just got wider as time passed by.

Father and son part ways

As Rader's influence with the elder Armstrong grew, so did the gap between Garner Ted and his father. On top of the historic allegations of Garner Ted's gambling and adultery, the disagreement between father and son over operations and certain doctrinal positions of the church boiled over. In 1978 Herbert Armstrong excommunicated his son and fired him from all roles in the church and college on the night of Wednesday, June 28, 1978, by means of a phone call to Tyler, Texas. Garner Ted

moved to Tyler, Texas where he founded the Church of God International and the Garner Ted Armstrong Evangelistic Association, through which he would soon return to the television airwayes.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garner Ted-Armstrong

Instead of securing power for himself ("retain the power of the arm") through the marriage agreement with the king's daughter of the south (Ramona Martin) to his father, as prophesied in verse 6, it resulted to a battle between the king of the south (Garner Ted) and the king of the north (Mr. Herbert Armstrong).

And when he (king of the south) hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened (prevail) by it. (Daniel 11:12)

When Garner Ted stirred up his power bloc to attack the WCG through the receivership crisis of 1979, his heart was even lifted up – he was broadcasting over a radio station to confuse the people while the state of California was attacking the Church. Mr. Herbert Armstrong took particular notice of it as he wrote in his co-worker letter

My son, broadcasting over a Los Angeles area radio station, is trying to throw up a smoke-screen and confuse our people. He with local dissidents and ministers, are quoting with great emphasis on Romans 13 in the Bible — but they are twisting and wrestling its meaning all out of proportion.

Source: Co-worker letter February 7, 1979

Many WCG members around the world were greatly affected with what Garner Ted has done to God's Church in fighting his father, yet he has not prevailed over him. Mr. Herbert Armstrong further wrote in the WORLDWIDE NEWS, Special Edition, March 6, 1981:

During the years 1973 through 1976 and into 1977, I was overseas carrying Christ's Gospel (Revelation 10:11) into many nations, and through personal meetings and visits with many kings, emperors, presidents and prime ministers of nations — as well as other high officials in governments and in universities. I was away from Pasadena up to 300 of the 365 days in the year. I was leaving the day-to-day executive administration at Pasadena to my son as executive vice president. The Church was being turned upside down. It seemed to be a matter of going as far as possible in the ways and beliefs of this world's "Christianity" as influenced by Satan — which amounts to going as far as possible into Satan's ways and AWAY FROM GOD's WAYS!

The HARM that was done as a result of this attitude to GOD'S CHURCH is INCALCULABLE! It harmed, in a way I think my son did not realize, THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS of the Church of the living GOD. It led to lukewarmness, a more careless attitude toward real or strict obedience to the ways of God. It led to wrong and false concepts on points of doctrine. I need not here go into detail...

In many ways, I have been appalled at the HARM done to God's Church during those years!...

I thought, in 1972 when he was out of the Church

and Work in Colorado, that Zechariah 3 might be prophetically speaking of him as Joshua the high priest, and wrote him a long letter expounding this. Could it be possible that is a correct application after all? Only God knows our minds and hearts.

Source: page 3, WORLDWIDE NEWS, SPECIAL EDITION, March 6, 1981,

The harm done was so tremendous according to Mr. Herbert Armstrong that he even thought of his son, Garner Ted to be a type of Joshua, the high priest of Zechariah 3.

For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches. (Daniel 11:13)

After the receivership crisis, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong returned to the Pasadena Headquarters of the WCG and the work of God grew in terms of membership and accomplishments.

January 4, 1985

Dear Brethren and Co-Workers:

The time has come to send each of you your receipt for tithes and offerings for 1984.

I want you to realize the magnitude of the accomplishments you have helped make possible — yet I wonder if it is humanly possible to comprehend just how great is the Work the living Christ is accomplishing through our combined efforts and sacrifice under him and through the boundless power of the great Creator God...

It is now true that this Gospel has been proclaimed

within EVERY NATION ON EARTH BY THEWORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD.

NO OTHER CHURCH has proclaimed THIS true Gospel at all!

Following are actual figures you should know of for the year 1984 in comparison with 1981, just three years earlier.

- + In 1981, 22 million PLAIN TRUTH magazines were sent to homes or distributed on newsstands. In 1984, 73 million PLAIN TRUTHS went out. Monthly circulation soared past seven million copies.
- + In 1981, 800,000 GOOD NEWS magazines were mailed. In 1984, 3.7 million went to members, coworkers, and other subscribers.
- + In 1981, 191,000 copies of YOUTH 81 magazine were sent to teenagers and other readers. In 1984, 1.2 million YOUTH 84s were sent out.
- + In 1981, two million books, booklets and reprint articles were sent out. In 1984, more than six million were sent upon request.
- + In 1981, our Mail Processing Department received 2.5 million letters, plus 336,000 telephone requests on our toll-free lines. In 1984, five million letters were received, plus 800,000 telephone requests.
- + In 1981, 52,000 enrolled in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. In 1984, 250,000 enrolled.

What tremendous growth in just three years your tithes and offerings have made possible!

Source: January 4, 1985 Co-worker letter

During the receivership crisis of 1979 that lasted for more than a year, many Church members stood up against the

RECEIVERSHIP scheme plotted by Garner Ted himself.

And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall. (Daniel 11:14)

Here is the account written by his father, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in his co-worker letter:

By Court order, on NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER but declarations of hostile ex-members, the State of California had taken captive of the complete operation and property, assets, and management of the Church of the Living God, in utter contempt and defiance of the first Amendment to the Constitution of the United States! To my knowledge this was UNPRECEDENTED in the United States!

The Receiver had locks on doors of principle campus buildings changed, and except during business hours, locked all employees and Church officials OUT! The State had taken captive, and possession of GOD'S HEADQUARTERS!

On a Monday morning, January 22, some three thousand Church members, en masse, filed into the three main buildings, began a prayer and hymnsinging service, barricaded the doors, keeping ExJudge Weisman and his staff out. This was repeated Tuesday morning, and by Wednesday morning the number escalated to approximately

5,500, with members coming from as far south as San Diego and as far north as Bakersfield. Women and children and even babies with them

There's an old saying that "possession is nine-tenths of the law." God's people had retaken possession!

Our brethren were quiet, orderly, and neatly dressed. On Wednesday a battery of Deputy Sheriffs were assembled a short distance from the campus, ready to break down the doors and use force against our people, who were willing to submit to arrest. This en masse action of 5,500 brethren was an answer to the "Class-action suit" brought by six embittered, hostile, ex-members seeking to DESTROY God's Church and Work. Yet our people politely carried a hot lunch over to the assembled Deputy-Sheriffs.

This made news headlines around the world. To break in and take women, children and babies to jail would have made bigger headlines. The Receiver apparently realized this. He raised, in effect, a white flag of truce, asking our attorneys if they could not make some compromise. Our attorneys said "NO COMPROMISE! You have acted in defiance of the Constitution of the United States.

Source: February 7, 1979 Co-worker letter

Many disgruntled WCG ministers also went out and tried to lure WCG members to join them to establish the vision of the Kingdom of God, but they have failed. This included Raymond Cole who went out and put up his own church, *Church of God*, *The Eternal* even while Mr. Armstrong was still alive and in control of the WCG.

So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand. (Daniel 11:15)

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong cast up a mount or a government through a corporation sole, in Tucson, Arizona "to continue the executive management and oversight of the entire worldwide work" from that office.

Tucson, Arizona January 3, 1980

Now, after ONE YEAR, not a particle of wrongdoing of any kind has been found. Meanwhile Church members filled the campus buildings — about 5,000 members, including women with children and babies, so the receiver could no longer gain entrance — unless by force, which he did not choose to use. The receiver resigned, and by a bond supplied by many local members, the receivership was side-tracked, while the case continues on the long drawn-out court procedures, as our attorneys seek to get it up to the state Supreme Court and then to the United States Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, God had led me, without my realizing His hand in it, to take a residence in Tucson, Arizona, the year before. When I sent a letter to members and regular contributors requesting emergency funds for legal expenses to free us from the receivership, on January 4th, the receiver managed to stop the letter from going out at the Pasadena Post

Office. Consequently I have incorporated in this state as a corporation sole, as custodian for our organizations. I have moved the necessary portion of our Mail Processing Department here, and opened a Mail Processing office in Tucson to receive and process mail, and protect incoming funds in local banks in Tucson.

Tucson, Arizona

March 21, 1980

My new office and broadcasting studio here in Tucson is almost completed. I shall try, at age 88, to continue the executive management and oversight of the entire worldwide work, beside all the volume of writing I am doing, and now will add six half-hour television programs a week, and seven half-hour radio programs a week.

Beside all that I am still travelling in taking the true Gospel to many centers around the world.

Tucson, Arizona

December 19, 1980

Dear Brethren and Co-Workers with Christ:

Year One of the reborn era of God's Work starts in a few days — with the beginning of the year 1981. This great Work is now ready to TAKE OFF at an accelerated pace — with NEW LIFE!

That NEW LIFE is being imparted to this Church by the living Jesus Christ who heads it!...

Brethren, we have been getting back on God's track! And now His Church is beginning to SHOW REAL

GROWTH ONCE AGAIN!

Just today I have had a meeting with our Festival directors. Last fall, in this 1980 Feast of Tabernacles, we had about a 10 percent increase in member attendance. Baptism of new members is coming in at a rate, they tell me, there will be at least a 19 percent increase in attendance this next Feast — 1981! Reports are for increases all over the United States. A report from England is for a 31 percent increase there. More than a 30 percent increase now in New Zealand! ALREADY GOD IS ADDING TO HIS CHURCH AND CAUSING THE WORK TO GROW AS DURING THE 35 YEARS PRIOR TO 1968!

Brethren, LET'S STRIVE TO PLEASE GOD!

We are ready, now to start with the year 1981. A NEW BURST OF EFFORT — A RENEWED BIRTH OF GOD'S WORK! God gave me a RENEWED BIRTH OF THIS PHYSICAL LIFE three years ago last August. Since then I have been writing more than ever before, day by day and year by year!

During 1979 I started overseas trips in Christ's Work again, though now I must remain at my office here in Tucson most of the time to administer the day-to-day executive administration of the Church, Ambassador College and the Foundation.

Source: Herbert W. Armstrong Co-worker letters

The Almighty God has preserved in the pages of the Bible the details of the BATTLE between the king of the north, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and the king of the south, Garner Ted Armstrong. This makes the prophecies of Daniel come alive

before our eyes! Indeed, PROPHECY IS HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE! All we ever need to do is to look into the HISTORY of God's Church in this end time to be able to understand PROPHECY.

SHE SHALL NOT STAND ON HIS SIDE

But he (king of the south) that cometh against him (king of the north) shall do according to his (king of the south) own will, and none shall stand before him (king of the south): and he (king of the south) shall stand in the glorious land, which by his (king of the south) hand shall be consumed. (Daniel 11:16)

The glorious land being mentioned here was the WCG Pasadena Headquarters.

He (king of the north) shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him (king of the north); thus shall he (king of the north) do: and he (king of the south) shall give him (king of the north) the daughter of women, corrupting her: but SHE SHALL NOT STAND ON HIS (king of the north) SIDE, neither be for him (king of the north). (Daniel 11:17)

Mr. Herbert Armstrong was greatly supported by the WCG members around the world when he decided to go back to Pasadena from his satellite office in Tucson, Arizona, BUT his second wife, RAMONA DID NOT WANT TO STAND BY HIS SIDE as prophesied.

The word "give" is not a good translation. In BDB can also mean "be given up." This is the same Hebrew word that was

used in verse 6 "given up" which is "nathan" (naw-than) H5414

This is actually connected to verse 6:

And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be GIVEN UP, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times. (Daniel 11:6)

In Strong's it is also defined as, "give up, lay charge."

"Lay charge" in the dictionary means, "to bring charges against someone"

This is speaking of the DIVORCE filed by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong against Ramona Martin Armstrong.

Notice carefully that there was a conspiracy among Garner Ted and the other ministers. "but she shall be given up, and THEY THAT BROUGHT HER, and he (king of the south) THAT BEGAT HER, and he (king of the south) that strengthened her in these times." The purpose of that marriage was to "retain the power of the arm" that is, to maintain the grip of power of Garner Ted and his ministers. Mr. Armstrong eventually discovered that plot as he has written in a co-worker letter. Here's an excerpt from April 21, 1982 Co-worker letter regarding that divorce and plot:

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG P.O. BOX 431 TUCSON, ARIZONA 85702 Pasadena

April 21, 1982

Dear Brethren and Co-Workers in Christ:

On April 18, 1977, I wrote our membership a very personal announcement. It said that at age 25, God had provided me with the wife of my youth. We were happily married for 50 years lacking only three and one-half months to the day. He used her in bringing about my conversion, and as my close partner in being used of Christ in the raising up and building of the Philadelphia era of the Church of God. Also she had given me the needed closeness and warmth of companionship, love, affection and inspiration only a wife can give.

For 10 years after her death, I carried on alone. But in my letter to you April 18, 1977, I said the loneliness had reminded me how God said, "It is not good that a man should be alone," and I felt God had, after 10 years, provided me with a wife to be constantly at my side and give the help and companionship needed for God's Work.

But with deepest regret I have to say to you now, Mrs. Ramona Armstrong has REFUSED TO BE AT MY SIDE here in Pasadena headquarters or in further travel, but has insisted on living separately in Tucson. It has been DETERMINED BY EVENTS, FACTS AND FRUITS that I am not spiritually bound by God and only by MAN'S LAW OF THIS WORLD.

Source: April 21, 1982, Co-worker letter

Mr. Herbert Armstrong was able to **DETERMINE THE EVENTS, THE FACTS AND THE FRUITS** of marrying Ramona Martin and it was even prophesied in details in Daniel

chapter 11!

What were the **EVENTS**? That the 1974 rebellion and the 1979 receivership crisis were actually instigated by his own son, Garner Ted.

What were the FACTS? According to Daniel's prophecy, the marriage was planned and arranged by the king of the south, Garner Ted Armstrong and it was so when Garner Ted even officiated the marriage of his father and Ramona on April 17, 1977 And Garner Ted knew that Ramona was herself DIVORCED prior to the marriage to his father yet he concealed that matter to make it appear to the Church membership that his father approved the DIVORCE and REMARRIAGE doctrine which he and his minion ministers conceptualized. Look at the result of the deception that Garner Ted made in the minds of former WCG members with that marriage to Ramona and the STP. He was able to inflict irreparable damage to the reputation of his father which gave birth to many anti-Armstrong groups like the **Banned by HWA!** Books, News and Observations About Armstrongism and the Churches of God, Exit and Support Network websites and many others.

He married a much younger woman called Ramona Martin in 1977, a marriage which many members of his WCG organisation deeply frowned upon even though they did not dare communicate their doubts to the fiery and sometimes explosive Armstrong who effectively held all power within the organisation. To personally challenge Armstrong would result in immediate disfellowshipping. Armstrong was aged 85 at the time, while Ramona, a very striking and beautiful woman, was about 40 and WAS

DIVORCED WITH A LIVING HUSBAND For decades his teaching had forbidden a church member to remarry after a divorce until the death of the former spouse. If a prospective member was married to someone who had a living previous spouse, no matter how long ago the previous divorce had been, and no matter if the current marriage had small children, baptism was denied unless the prospective member ended the current marriage. His austere policy had also highly frowned on any sort of inter-racial marriage but his new wife was part-Cherokee. It appeared to some that Armstrong was quite prepared to flout his own doctrines when he discovered a beautiful young woman who was prepared to marry him. So he wed Ramona Martin, a DIVORCED church member less than half his age WITH A LIVING EX-HUSBAND. That marriage ended in a bitter and acrimonious divorce in 1982

Source: http://www.ukapologetics.net/1bioherb.htm

What were the FRUITS? That there was NO CLOSENESS and WARMTH OF COMPANIONSHIP, NO LOVE, NO AFFECTION and INSPIRATION being manifested by a wife like Ramona as evidenced by NOT STANDING AT MR. ARMSTRONG'S SIDE during the receivership crisis as precisely prophesied in verse 17. Let's continue with the coworker letter:

Circumstances now render it ill-advised that I condone the continuation of the legal marriage, both from the Church point of view and of my own. It was my hope and effort to resolve the matter, and with the least publicity possible, for the benefit of the Church, for her and for myself. All attempts to do so have failed. It has therefore become necessary that I accede to the advice of Church legal counsel and file the necessary legal proceedings. I assure you every effort has been made, at cost of heavy stress on me personally, to avoid this.

Source: April 21, 1982 Co-worker letter

Remember again the word "give" in Strong's that also meant, "lay charge" which means "to bring charges against someone"? Mr. Armstrong BROUGHT CHARGES AGAINST Ramona by filing a DIVORCE case on May 1982. It was even a MILESTONE from the *Time Magazine* website:

Monday, May 10, 1982

SEEKING DIVORCE. Herbert Armstrong, 89, autocratic founder of the Worldwide Church of God (membership: 68,000 tithing believers); and Ramona Armstrong, 44, his second wife; after five years; in Tucson, Ariz. They were married one year after Armstrong changed church laws against divorce and remarriage.

Source: http://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,925399,00.html

"The marriage finally ended in divorce in 1984"

After this shall he (king of the north) turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him. (Daniel 11:18)

After the receivership crisis and the divorce with Ramona, Mr.

Armstrong continued to visit many world leaders which earned him honors and their respect as an "Ambassador for World Peace without portfolio" and he has taken in more Church members and co-workers during that time as well.

Honors

- Order of the Sacred Treasure, from the Japanese government [44]
- <u>King Albert I</u> A watch (one of four specially commissioned by King Albert, after the armistice, to be made from an iron cannonball), presented by His Majesty <u>Leopold III of Belgium</u> in November 1970, for most significant contribution toward world peace; ^[45] Armstrong was also a founding board member of the King Leopold III Foundation for the Conservation of Nature [46]
- Presidential Merit Medal, presented by President Marcos of the Philippines in 1983 in the Manila Presidential Palace^[47]
- Commander of Our Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand^[48]
- The Cross of Constantine, presented by the Patriarch of Jerusalem Diodoras in 1982 in Jerusalem [49]
- Honorary Doctorates in Humanities from both Iloilo University and Angeles University in the Philippines^[50]
- Herbert W. Armstrong Professor of Constitutional Law Emeritus from the University of Southern California (1983)^[51]

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herbert W. Armstrong



Then he (king of the south) shall turn his face toward **the fort of his own land**: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found. (Daniel 11:19)

Garner Ted turn his face toward the fort of his own land – he established his own *Church of God International* from which he stumbled and fall. He was later kicked out of that organization as its leader – he suffered the same reproach that he has done to his father. Here is what was reported in *The New York Times* after Garner Ted's death on September 12, 2003:

Garner Ted Armstrong, Evangelist, 73, Dies By Douglas Martin Sept. 17, 2003 Garner Ted Armstrong took the story into the television age. Speaking extemporaneously and informally, he brought wry humor to his apocalyptic forecasts, which were routinely peppered with actual news reports of disasters.

He was at first reluctant to follow in his father's footsteps, but by the 1950's had become the star of the radio and television programs of his father's church, by then renamed the Worldwide Church of God. Both programs were called "The World Tomorrow," with the radio version heard on 360 stations on five continents and the television version seen by 20 million people on 165 stations...

The most dramatic event came in 1978, when his father excommunicated him because of doctrinal disagreements and accusations of sexual misconduct that were widely reported in the news media. Six years earlier, he was taken off the air for four months after it was discovered that he had been engaged in an extramarital affair, according to the reference book Contemporary Authors.

After his excommunication, Mr. Armstrong formed another church, the Church of God International. BUT HE WAS ASKED TO STEP DOWN AS LEADER OF THAT CHURCH IN 1995 after a Texas woman accused him of sexually assaulting her during two massage sessions. He then formed the Intercontinental Church of God, remaining its president until his death.

No criminal charges were ever filed in the incident.

But with each division, Mr. Armstrong's reach

lessened. At the end, he was on about 100 cable television stations and a handful of radio stations.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2003/09/17/us/gar ner-ted-armstrong-evangelist-73-dies.html

Garner Ted was not successful in his plans to seize control of the *Worldwide Church of God* from his father even though he subtly injected Ramona Martin to undermine his father's reputation. God's prophecy in Daniel chapter 11 has now made it clear for all the world to see.

Chapter 4

New King of the South

Then shall stand up in his estate *a raiser of taxes* in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle." (Daniel 11:20)

Raiser – to cross over; used very widely in any transition

Taxes – to drive a workman, a debtor, an army, taskmaster

A RAISER OF TAXES can also mean a TRANSITIONAL TASKMASTER

This is Stanley Rader, the transitional taskmaster during the receivership crisis, he was also the driver of the debtor being the Treasurer of the WCG. He stood up for the glory of the WCG kingdom.

WCG placed in receivership

By 1979, California Attorney General George Deukmejian had opened an investigation into allegations that millions of dollars a year had been stolen from the church by Armstrong and Rader. These allegations resulted in WCG being placed in court-ordered receivership for more than a year.

During this time, Rader was the point man for Armstrong, and rallied other religious groups to his defense. With the backing of a nonprofit, religious lobbying coalition formed to thwart state intrusion, Rader successfully introduced a bill into the California Legislature which restricted the Attorney General's authority to conduct civil (but not criminal) financial investigations of California religious and nonprofit organizations. Subsequent to the bill's passage into law, the California Attorney General's office dropped its litigation against WCG.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanley Rade r

Many members of the *Worldwide Church of God* were utterly perplexed and puzzled by a man named Stanley Rader, a lawyer who appeared to come from almost nowhere to take a leading position in the organisation almost overnight. Here is the interview of Mark Wallace with Stanley Rader in his program, 60 Minutes.

By the mid-1970s, Stanley Rader, an attorney and church accountant who had been a personal assistant to Herbert W. Armstrong since 1958, appeared to be stepping into the number two position of administration previously thought to be Garner Ted's domain. Relations between the two became strained and a power struggle ensued.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garner Ted-Armstrong

The Wikipedia Encyclopedia sums it up this way:

Following a series of scandals involving Garner Ted

Armstrong which began shortly after the dawning of the 1970s ... Garner Ted Armstrong was finally removed as second-in-command of the church and replaced by attorney Stanley Rader, who had enjoyed a long relationship with Herbert W. **Armstrong**. From the early 1970s until approximately 1978-9. Stanley Rader created and directed another organization funded by the church called the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation This development sparked a public relations between the younger evangelist Garner Ted Armstrong and financial strategist Stanley Rader, for continuing influence with the now elderly Armstrong regarding present financial dealings and who would inherit the future legitimate control of his wealthy church college. Following a climax when the church was placed into involuntary financial receivership by action of the State of California, legal battles to the USSC, California state legislature, with a major 60 Minutes segment on CBS, Stanley Rader retired with a large cash bonus from Armstrong, followed by a substantial pension.

(See article, Herbert W. Armstrong http://en.wikipedia.org/)

"but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle" – after only 2 years from the receivership crisis, Stanley Rader resigned from his post.

Resignation

Although Rader appeared to have won the financial receivership battle, his plan to create the AICF cultural empire had come to a halt. In 1981 he

resigned as General Counsel and Treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God. Armstrong paid Rader a special \$250,000 bonus, after taxes, in appreciation of his vigorous defense of the church against the state receivership. Rader also received substantial pension payments arising under his contractual agreement with the church.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanley Rade
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STANLEY R. RADER RESIGNS EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES— CONTINUES AICF, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ADVISER TO HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

At a compress of ministers of the Worldwide Church of God in Passalena Feb. 23, Herbert W. Armstrong, Peb. 20 (Beneal of the Worldwide Church of Godmade the following comments:

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Just over two years ago,
on Jan. 3, 1979, armed
deputies from the California
attorney general's
office suddenly, without
notice, invaded the Pasadena headquarters of
God's Church and college. It was a massive lawsuit attack that threatend to DESTROY God's
Church and His Work.

It was primarily through the extraordinary work of Stanley R. Rader that the Church, its activities, facilities for those activities, properties and assets were protocted, preserved, kept in continuous operation and their desarraction prevented. These econocities and facili-

tively value at more than \$100 million, were saved for the Church.

1) Mr. Rader had the expertise to guide the installation of what I feel undoubtedly is the most sophisticated accounting During our legal defense, which he masterminded, he had the windows to hire the largest CPA ferm in the United States. Arthur Pandersen & Ca., to go over all of our records, and to relate to this very prestigious accounting firm so as to clean the Church and its officers of any allegations of financia wrongologies.

This was a mastermind stratogical move. The attorney general's case was doomed from the time of the Arthur Andersen & Cu. audit.

ch & Co. sader.

2) Mr. Rader masterminded bringing together in our defense highly qualified attoracys. from several top legal firms to defeed the Church in the many hearings and court appearances.

Mr. Rader had the ability to commund the respect of these prestigious legal firms, and to assume overall legal leadership as a master general of a master legal army to defend us against the overwhelming legal army of the State.

3) Mr. Rader spent mustime in Sacramento, Calif-working behind the scenes wither organizations that we working to put the Petris b through the legislature. The bill suilified the law on which attorney general's offs based their case against it forms.

4) For two years Mr. Rader us working effectively with he media nationally, including devision, radio and the press, time expecting in the media.



field over and beyond ordinary lawyer services. He appeared on talk shows over the nation

Now after Stanley Rader has resigned, who has stood up to fill in the power vacuum?

A VILE PERSON - THE WEAVER

"And in his (raiser of taxes - transitional taskmaster, Stanley Rader) estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries." (Daniel 11:21)

This prophecy is referring to Joseph W Tkach, Sr. who stood

up to fill in the power vacuum left by Stanley Rader. The detailed story of how he was able to obtain the kingdom by flatteries was **prophesied in Daniel chapter 8 concerning** the ROUGH GOAT that attacked the RAM.

And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people. (Daniel 11:22-23)

Beginning with a small band of his fellows, Joseph Tkach Sr. became strong inside the WCG. This part of prophecy that became part of recent Church history has been documented in the *Raising the Ruins* book.

He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time. (Daniel 11:24)

Considering the word "forecast," we will be able to understand what was in the mind of Joseph Tkach Sr. even during the time when Mr. Herbert Armstrong was still alive.

Forecast -H2803 "chashab" in Hebrew. Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon defines it as: TO THINK, PLAN, CALCULATE, INVENT; while Strong's Concordance defines it as: INTERPENETRATE, that is, TO WEAVE or generally TO FABRICATE; figuratively TO PLOT or CONTRIVE (usually in a malicious sense)

Interpenetrate in the dictionary means "to penetrate (something)

thoroughly."

Joseph Tkach Sr. was able to PENETRATE the highest positions in the WCG ranks thoroughly through his FABRICATION of lies concerning himself. Apparently, God is revealing here in verse 24 that he actually PLOTTED everything and INVENTED all sorts of lies and WEAVED them to make him appear the rightful successor to the throne of the king of the north. By the way, it is no coincidence that the meaning of his surname TKACH when translated in English is **THE WEAVER!**

Tkach's involvement in the 1979 crisis did not escape Mr. Armstrong's attention, even though Mr. Armstrong was living in Arizona at the time. In July 1979, he appointed Mr. Tkach as director of Services (later Ministerial named Administration). Then, on September 27, 1979, in Mr. Armstrong's Tucson home, the church founder raised three individuals to the rank of evangelist—the highest ecclesiastical office in the church (besides Mr. Armstrong's). The new evangelists—Ellis LaRavia, Stanley Rader and Joseph Tkach—had all played a role in defending the church against the state's unconstitutional attack.

Besides heading up Church Administration, Mr. Tkach also became associate pastor of the Pasadena P.M. congregation—the headquarters congregation Mr. Armstrong pastored. In 1981, Mr. Armstrong selected Mr. Tkach to serve on the Advisory Council. These were Mr. Tkach's primary responsibilities for the final years of Mr. Armstrong's life.

Source: <u>Credentials</u>, The Philadelphia Trumpet _ <u>January 2007</u>

The January 1979 Church receivership crisis was concluded so quickly that Mr. Joseph W. Tkach's feet did not touch the ground, so to speak. Six months later he was appointed as director of Ministerial Services (later named Administration). Then another two months has passed, Mr. Armstrong immediately raised him again to the rank of an evangelist – that was only a total of 8 months of conquest in the upper echelons! Then on January 7, 1986, Mr. Armstrong called for an Advisory Council meeting to appoint him to the office of deputy pastor general, to succeed him as pastor general should God choose to take his life. God then explains in verse 25 how Joseph Tkach Sr. was able to achieve such an astounding success in his career.

And he (Joseph Tkach Sr.) shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south (Garner Ted Armstrong) with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he (king of the south) shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him. (Daniel 11:25)

This is connected to the ROUGH GOAT attacking the RAM in Daniel 8

Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. (Daniel 11:26)

Notice here carefully the thought, "they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him" is also referring to the ships of Chittim in verse 30 (which will be explained later). This is

also the GREAT HORN of Daniel chapter 8 who none other than his son, Joe Jr.

And both of these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. (Daniel 11:27)

God is clearly showing us here in verse 27 how Joseph Tkach Sr. and his son Joe Jr. were literally speaking at ONE TABLE! And the desire in their hearts was to do mischief inside the WCG. The next verse even give us further details on what they were talking about.

Then shall he **return** into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land. (Daniel 11:28)

The word "he" in this verse is referring to Joseph W. Tkach Sr. The word "return" is not a good translation. "*Return*" in the original Hebrew is "*shub*" H7725 which can also mean "*pervert*" in *Strong's Concordance*.

In the dictionary, pervert means,

- To cause to turn away from what is right, proper, or good
- To lead astray morally
- To turn away from the right course
- Practice sophistry; change the meaning of or be vague about in order to mislead or deceive;

Pervert is synonymous to the words, corrupt, lead astray, desecrate

In *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* the word "return" can also mean, *to lead away*, *apostatize*

Apostatize means,

- To abandon one's religious faith
- To forsake or abandon one's belief, faith, or allegiance
- To commit apostasy.

Substituting the meanings to the verse we now have:

Then shall he, Joseph W. Tkach Sr. shall lead astray his land, the WCG with great riches that he inherited from Mr. Armstrong; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and apostatize, abandon his religious belief, faith and allegiance in his own Church.

In verse 29, God then gives us a deep insight on how Joseph Tkach Sr. became the NEW king of the south!

At the time appointed he shall return, and **come toward the south**; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. (Daniel 11:29)

Paraphrasing it, we can read it this way:

At the time appointed Tkach Sr. shall abandon his religious faith, and come toward the south (opposition); but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

Chapter 5

New King of the North

Now here's a specific prophecy on how his son, Joe Jr. was brought in to the WCG.

For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. (Daniel 11:30)

"Come against" is not a good translation – In BDB it can also mean: to be enumerated, **brought in**, **to be introduced**,

In Strong's: bring forth, brought in, cause to enter in, cause to come in, go employ, lead, lifted up, taken in

Ship

- The crew and passengers of a vessel.
- To hire oneself out or enlist for service on a ship.
- To hire (a person) for work on a ship.
- To hire oneself out or enlist for service on a ship

The word "Chittim" in Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon means "bruiser"

"Bruiser" in the dictionary means "A person who enjoys arguing with others"

It is synonymous to the word "bully"

Bully – to intimidate or terrorize; discourage or frighten with threats or a domineering manner; intimidate

So this ships of Chittim can be rendered as "hired personnel who enjoys arguing with others"; "hired personnel who intimidate or terrorize"

This is an appropriate description of Joe Tkach Jr and his fellows who took over the position of the king of the south from his own father. How did it happen?

Let's consider the thought "therefore he (Joseph W. Tkach Sr.) shall be **grieved**, and **return**"

"Grieve" in Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon means "to be cowed"

Cowed – To frighten or subdue with threats or a show of force. (See Synonyms at intimidate)

Return – shub in Hebrew H7725, in BDB it can also mean to lead away, apostatize

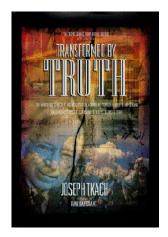
To paraphrase verse 30:

For the "hired personnel who intimidate or terrorize" shall be brought in, be lifted up and lead: therefore Tkach Sr. shall be subdued with threats to commit apostasy, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even cause the whole Church to turn away from what is right, proper, or good through the practice sophistry; he will change the meaning of or be vague about in order to mislead or deceive the members, and have intelligence with them

that forsake the holy covenant.

This an apt description of what Joe Tkach Jr. and his friends did precisely as prophesied. They took away the daily by transforming the WCG into one of the mainstream Christianity. The *Worldwide Church of God* became defunct and the organization is now being called the *Grace Communion International*.

Joe Jr. took the throne of the king of the south from his father as indicated in verse 30 – "For the ships of Chittim (Joe Jr. with his fellows) shall come against him (Joseph Tkach Sr.)" He now becomes the NEW king of the south! Again, Joe Jr. is also the GREAT HORN of Daniel chapter 8. He is so proud of his legacy in the WCG transformation which he flaunts in his book, *Transformed by Truth*



Joe Jr. and his fellows employed the BULLY tactics to many ministers to implement the changes in the doctrines he wanted. He polluted the sanctuary of strength and taken away the DAILY or God's Work. (For more explanation on this subject, read *Daniel Unsealed At Last!*)

And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that

maketh desolate. (Daniel 11:31)

Those familiar with Worldwide Church of God history know that Satan did not level that church with one

mighty death blow. It happened gradually, brought about by a deceitful band of insiders who set out to destroy the holy covenant—to stop the Work of God!

Source: pages 73-74, Daniel Unsealed At Last

THE PEOPLE THAT DO KNOW THEIR GOD

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but **the people that do know their God** shall be strong, and do exploits." (Daniel 11:32)

This people that has done exploit were Mr. Gerald Flurry and Mr. John Amos with the little book, *Malachi's Message*. These two WCG ministers were both fired on December 7, 1989 from the WCG ministry by the NEW KING OF THE SOUTH, Joe Jr. The position for the NEW KING OF THE NORTH has now been passed on to Mr. Gerald Flurry by God on that fateful night of their encounter with Joe Jr. After that meeting, Mr. Flurry then established the Philadelphia Church of God on December 20, 1989. He even wrote about verse 32 in his *Daniel booklet*:

Here is a revealing verse. Those who do wickedness to the covenant are corrupted by flatteries—lying words that deceive God's own people. THIS IS NOT A TIME WHEN SATAN IS SMASHING, HE IS SEDUCING! (The Revised Standard Version uses the word seduce.) Satan knows just what words to use.

If we are the least bit vain, Satan knows how to reach our minds. The Anchor Bible translates "corrupt by f latteries" as apostatize—a great falling away! That's what 2 Thessalonians 2 is all about Write

for *Malachi's Message*to understand more about 2 Thessalonians 2.

EXPLOITS

God's very elect know what is happening. They remain as part of the sanctuary of strength. Notice in Daniel 11:31 that the "intelligent" ones pollute the sanctuary of strength—they don't destroy it. Looking at the sanctuary today, if we can recognize that it was polluted, surely we can identify who first established it in purity and righteousness with the government of God.

Verse 32 says those people who know their God—Elohim—"shall be strong, and do exploits." They know the God of Genesis 1:26—Elohim. These people know the Hebrew word Elohim is a plural word like family. They know all about family. They were taught that by the one who established the sanctuary in purity. And they are strong! Because they are strong, they do a work—they do exploits. Look at how specific God is getting in this prophecy! The people who know God "stand firm and take action," it says in the *Revised Standard Version*. That's what the *King James* means by doing exploits ("exploit" means a heroic act).

Source: page 76, Daniel Unsealed At Last

Read the rest of the explanation of verses 33 to 38 on Mr.

Gerald Flurry's booklet, **Daniel Unsealed At Last**.

Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. (Daniel 11:39)

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Source: Raising the Ruins

The prophecy concerning the kings of the north and south has baffled many Bible scholars including those inside God's Church. They were made to believe that it is referring to Germany and Iran. But God has now fully revealed the understanding of Daniel's prophecies to His Remembrancers in this last end. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was absolutely right on the spot when he penned his co-worker letter on February 7, 1979 that the receivership crisis of 1979 was indeed THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE FULFILLMENT OF ENDTIME BIBLE PROPHECIES!

The outrageous unconstitutional INVASION and CAPTIVITY of the Church and work of the living God continues. IT IS THE VERY BEGINNING OF FULFILLMENT OF END-TIME BIBLE PROPHECIES! This monstrous invasion of the State

of California will go down in history for the next thousand years!...

I said in the beginning of this letter that this crisis is THE VERY BEGINNING of fulfillment of END-TIME PROPHECIES! Now let me explain some AMAZING PROPHECIES, FORETELLING THIS VERY PRESENT BATTLE!

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Source: February 7, 1979, Co-Worker letter

Were you able to understand the amazing prophecies written in the book of Daniel? You'd better be one of those who do because as Mr. Armstrong wrote, "It will culminate in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in supreme POWER AND GLORY to RULE ALL NATIONS a thousand years—and thereafter!"

PART TWO

THE WHIRLWIND PROPHECY

Chapter 6

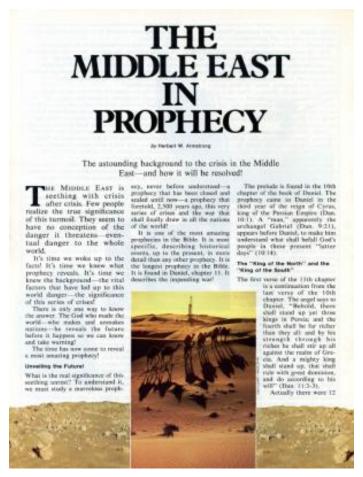
Polluting the Sanctuary

On May 7, 2017, Melanie Phillips a British journalist known for her strong support for the state of Israel while on the other hand, a staunch critic of Iran gave a lecture entitled, "*Melanie Phillips: A World in Turmoil*" at the Armstrong Auditorium in Edmond, Oklahoma. Stephen Flurry also made a program in *Trumpet Daily Radio Show* covering this free public lecture. (http://kpcg.fm/shows/trumpet-daily-radio-show)

This is just another ploy concocted by Stephen Flurry to make the members in the Philadelphia Church of God to be on their toes by forcing the agenda that will lead to the fulfillment of the prophecy in Daniel 11:40. But what was Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's thought concerning this prophecy? Are we so sure that we know? Less than three years before he died, Mr. Armstrong wrote what he strongly believe was the actual physical fulfillment of that prophecy. Here is what he wrote in the 1983 PLAIN TRUTH:

THE MIDDLE EAST IN PROPHECY

The astounding background to the crisis in the Middle East-and how it will be resolved!



Ethiopia, the King of the 'South

Ethiopia was the only country in all East Africa that continued independent, and had a government and kingdom dating back before the Roman Empire. It was the southern part of the kingdom of the south. So it is the only possible government that could be the king of the south.

At the time of the end-our time-this king of the south

was to push at the king of the north, now at Rome!

In 1895 King Menelik, of Ethiopia, sent an army of 9,000 to 10,000 men against General Baratieri's Italian army. North of Ethiopia was Eritrea, belonging to Italy. And southeast was Italian Somaliland. In 1896 General Baratieri with 13,000 men tried to defend Eritrea against the Ethiopians, They lost 4,600 whites and 3,000 native troops, and more than 3,500 were taken prisoner. In a later engagement the Italians were cut to pieces because of their inexperience in fighting in mountainous country and because they were greatly outnumbered.

This defeat was disastrous to Italian expansion in Africa. Ever since, Italy demanded revenge! In 1927 Mussolini set the time, at just 40 years from that defeat, or 1935, when he would be ready "finally to make our voice heard, and see our 'rights recognized!" 1935 came. The hour struck!

Mussolini attacked! Now notice verse 40: ".., and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over."

A whirlwind comes in the air, sweeping all before it. Mussolini did send a great air force into Africa!

Also many modern "chariots"- trucks, tanks, etc.-and ships, loaded with soldiers. More than 1 00,000 sailed to Ethiopia. And, notice it, Mussolini's forces were to pass over-in the air! It is at this precise point in this astounding prophecy that Mussolini's struggle in

Ethiopia and in World War II ended. Mussolini did not finish the prophecy. There is yet another leader to arise in Europe!

Notice what will next happen!

Verse 41 – "He shall enter also into the glorious land ... "-the Holy Land. This is yet to be fulfilled.

When the coming revival of the Roman Empire takes the Holy Land, then the nations will be plunged into the initial phase of the great, last and final crisis at the close of this age! Other prophecies reveal that this revival of the Roman Empire will bring into subjection the U.S, and Britain!

Source: Page 26, PLAIN TRUTH September 1983

Let's emphasize here that Mr. Armstrong believed that the next phase of the prophecy to be fulfilled is verse 41.

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He also firmly believed that Ethiopia was the fulfillment of the King of the South, yet look at what the PCG is looking forward to – they have prophesying that Daniel 11:40 has not yet been fulfilled and they have strongly indicated that Iran is the new King of the South. By the way, geographically speaking, looking at any map, Iran can be found EAST of Jerusalem while Ethiopia lies in the SOUTH.

Stephen does not believe what Mr. Armstrong taught about the Daniel 11:40 prophecy. Instead, he wrote his own version of the prophecy in his booklet "History and Prophecy of the Middle East" which gave way to Iran becoming the new King of the South while disregarding what Mr. Armstrong wrote in



his 1983 article in the Plain Truth. Here is what Stephen wrote in his booklet:

Prophecy Shifts to End Time

Now we see how this amazing prophecy in Daniel 11 will affect everyone on Earth. Verse 40: "And at the *time of the end* shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over." Moffatt begins verse 40 by saying, "When the end arrives." At this point, the prophecy jumps way ahead to the time we are living in now. It brings us right up to date with today's news.

God says that when the end arrives, the king of the south will *push* at the *king of the north*—or the Roman Empire, which, for the last 1,500 years, has resided in the heart of Europe. The word "push" in verse 40 means to strike or to wage war against. It denotes

violence. Both sides will be motivated by radical religion. Centuries of recorded history prove that when it comes to religion in the Middle East, it often means war

And who is this king of the south which pushes so violently? Anciently, it was south of Jerusalem in Egypt. In this end time, it will comprise a conglomerate of nations much larger and more powerful than ancient Egypt. Much of this force will be south of Jerusalem, but not all of it. Certainly, though, we know it will be south of the resurrected Roman Empire.

The nations around the Holy Land, for the most part, are Islamic. It is this great power, fast becoming a force to be reckoned with, which is the king of the south. Most notable among the rising tide of radical Islam is Iran, which, since the end of the Iran-Iraq War in 1988, has accumulated massive military might. It is considered the world's number one sponsor of terrorism. And with the support of many other Islamic nations, like Iraq, Algeria, Egypt and Libya, Iran will be able to deliver a formidable "push" against the king of the north.

Source: Pages 14-15, History and Prophecy of the Middle East

Stephen openly disregarded what Mr. Armstrong taught about the king of the south. To him, Iran is the real king of the south. Little did the members of the Philadelphia Church of God know that aside from the changes he introduced in his booklet about the prophecy of the Middle East, he was also

instrumental in setting up the NO CONTACT POLICY and the introduction of every paganism such as Mother's Day, Irish Dancing and Cremation inside the Church. (More on that later.) God is very disappointed with what Stephen is doing to His Church. This is the very reason their prophecy keeps on failing like the article posted last April 14 concerning the resurgence of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as the new president of Iran.

Only a few days after the article was posted in the *Trumpet* website, **Mr. Ahmadinejad was disqualified**. Well how about their long awaited "king of fierce countenance" Karl Theodore zu Guttenberg? Will he ever really go back to seize his rightful place in **Brad Macdonald's prophecy**?

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GERALD FLURRY



Former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadineind LETTA ETHARLIATIVEETTY IMAGES

The former president's announcement could be a game changer for upcoming elections.

BY CALLUM WOOD - APRIL 14

What is happening now to their prophecy? Why does it keep on failing? Will the Daniel 11:40 timeline be projected even further into the future? Or should we rather expect verse 41 to be fulfilled?

Mr. Armstrong taught the Church about the principle of duality in the fulfillment of God's prophecies, therefore we can apply it on the Daniel 11:40 prophecy. Again, Mr. Armstrong has already written about the physical fulfillment of this specific prophecy in his 1983 article in the *Plain Truth*, but how about it's spiritual fulfillment? Well, we have already discussed in Part 1 about the spiritual fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy concerning the kings of the north and the south in God's Church.

ABOMINATION THAT MAKES DESOLATE

Now in this Part 2, we will continue with the vision God gave to the prophet Daniel in chapter 11. Let's have some review from **Part 1**:

Then shall he **return** into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land. (Daniel 11:28)

The word "he" in this verse is referring to Joseph W. Tkach Sr the king of the south.

The word "return" is not a good translation. "Return" is *shub* H7725 which can also mean "pervert" in Strong's Concordance

Pervert in the dictionary means:

- To cause to turn away from what is right, proper, or good

- To lead astray morally
- To turn away from the right course
- Practice sophistry; change the meaning of or be vague about in order to mislead or deceive;

Pervert is synonymous to the words, corrupt, lead astray, desecrate

In *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* the word "return" can also mean, to lead away, apostatize

Apostatize

- To abandon one's religious faith
- To forsake or abandon one's belief, faith, or allegiance
- To commit apostasy.

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Paraphrasing verse 28 by substituting the meanings, we can actually read it this way:

Then shall he, Joseph W. Tkach Sr. shall lead astray his land, the WCG with great riches that he inherited from Mr. Armstrong; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and apostatize, abandon his religious belief, faith and allegiance to his own Church.

Daniel chapter 11 really gives us the history and prophecy of God's Church in this end time. It gives us an inside look on the details on what transpired during the transition from the Philadelphia era going to the Laodicean era. Let's continue in verse 29:

At the time appointed he shall return, and **come toward the south**; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. (Daniel 11:29)

Verse 29 can actually be read this way:

At the time appointed Joseph W. Tkach Sr. shall abandon his religious faith, and **come toward the south** (*the opposition*); but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

It says in verse 29 that Tkach Sr. will not be as the former (Garner Ted) or as the latter (his son, Joe Jr). Yes, he will not be like the former, Garner Ted because he was able to totally conceal his real agenda from Mr. Armstrong, yet he shall not be as his own son Joe Jr. because this latter king of the south figure was much worse than him. Can we prove it? Well, the proof is written in the next verse:

For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. (Daniel 11:30)

"Come against" is not a good translation — In *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* it can also mean: **brought in**, **to be introduced**, In *Strong's Concordance*: bring forth, brought in, **cause to enter in**, **cause to come in**, **go employ**, lead, lifted up, **taken in**

Ship is defined as:

- The crew and passengers of a vessel.
- To hire oneself out or enlist for service on a ship.
- To hire (a person) for work on a ship.

- To hire oneself out or enlist for service on a ship

The word "Chittim" in *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* means "bruiser""

Bruiser in the dictionary means "A person who enjoys arguing with others"

It is synonymous to the word "bully"

Bully means to intimidate or terrorize; discourage or frighten with threats or a domineering manner; intimidate

So this ships of Chittim can be rendered as "hired personnel who enjoys arguing with others"; "hired personnel who intimidate or terrorize"

This is an appropriate description of Joe Tkach Jr and his fellows who took over the position of the king of the south

from his own father. How did it all happen?

"therefore he (Joseph W. Tkach Sr.) shall be **grieved**, and **return**,"

Grieve – means "to be cowed" in Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon Cowed – To frighten or subdue with threats or a show of force. (See synonyms at intimidate)

Return – shub in Hebrew H7725, in Brown Driver Briggs

Lexicon it can also mean to lead away, apostatize

Intelligence in Strong's Concordance can also mean "be cunning"

To better understand verse 30, let's use the definitions above:

For the "hired personnel who intimidate or terrorize" shall be brought in, be lifted up and lead: therefore Tkach Sr. shall be subdued with threats to commit apostasy, and have indignation against the holy

covenant: so shall he do; he shall even cause the whole Church to turn away from what is right, proper, or good through the practice of sophistry in making doctrinal changes in order to mislead or deceive the members, and he shall be cunning with them that forsake the holy covenant.

Below is the actual fulfillment of the prophesied "ships of Chittim" or the "hired personnel who intimidate or terrorize" as documented in the *Raising Ruins* book:

Tkach Jr. continued, "My dad hired Mike Feazell to assist him, especially in writing and theology, and he could have fired him at any time. My dad spent hours every day with Mike, working out details of letters, articles and sermons." In 2002, Feazell admitted that as Mr. Tkach's assistant, he was primarily "responsible for editing and drafting his written material."...

Tkach's Personal Assistant

In the fall of 1978, the church again **hired** him full time, to work at Ambassador's Pasadena campus as a tennis instructor and equipment manager.

Then, coincident with Tkach Sr.'s appointment over Ministerial Services in 1979, Feazell catapulted up the WCG hierarchy. Tkach brought him on board first as a special projects coordinator and later as personal assistant. Feazell was not a minister at the time he joined Church Administration.

Feazell had been a friend of the Tkach family for a number of years. He met Tkach's son, Joe. Jr., at Imperial High School in 1967, where both of them were attending as tenth graders. They later attended Ambassador College together in Pasadena and graduated together in 1973. During the summer months of his college years, Feazell even lived with the Tkaches. In many ways, Joe Sr. was like a father to him

Head of the Ministry

After his father succeeded Mr. Armstrong in January 1986, Joe Jr. began a sharp ascent up the WCG hierarchy. His father appointed him assistant director of Church Administration in August 1986, where he worked for Larry Salyer. (Salyer had replaced Tkach Sr. as head of Church Administration

once Tkach became pastor general.)...

Thus, in a matter of 15 short months, Joseph Tkach Jr. went **from being a non-salaried, local church elder**—the lowest-ranking spiritual office in the WCG—to the pastor-ranked director over the WCG's ministry. This meteoric ascent put him in charge of approximately 1,200 WCG ministers in *less than a year and a half...*

Head of Media Operations

Bernie Schnippert somehow escaped the STP fallout and remained within the WCG...

Thus, the man who coordinated the Systematic Theology Project in 1977 was now director of all the church's media operations nine years later—just a year and a half after the death of Herbert Armstrong...

Head of the College

Dr. Ward managed to escape the accreditation fallout.

He settled into a low-profile position as pastor of a congregation in East Texas...

The following year, in 1988, Ambassador College again began its active pursuit of accreditation—and just like in 1978, Dr. Ward was at the helm. Their plan—surprise, surprise—was to close operations in Pasadena and consolidate in Big Sandy as an accredited institution.

Out With the Old

So, in *less than two years* after Mr. Armstrong's death, Don Ward was president of Ambassador College, Bernie Schnippert headed all the media operations, Joe Tkach Jr. was in charge of the ministry and Michael Feazell was the pastor general's executive assistant and ghost writer.

Another personality who would figure prominently in the new administration was Greg Albrecht, who was dean of students at AC Pasadena throughout the 1980s. In 1990, Bernie Schnippert moved Albrecht into Editorial Services, where he would later be given charge of the church's flagship magazine, the *Plain Truth*

All five of these scholars were made evangelists after Mr. Armstrong died in 1986.

Source: Pages 58-63, Raising the Ruins

These five so called scholars headed by Joe Tkach Jr. have specifically fulfilled the *ships of Chittim* prophecy. They took away "the daily" or the work of God by transforming the WCG into a mainstream Christianity.

And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. (Daniel 11:31)

Joe Tkach Jr. used the government of God he took from his father to make the "arms" or the forces of the ministry which included the high ranking evangelists to implement the doctrinal changes that polluted the Church. With the "ships of Chittim" at his disposal, any opposition have been dealt with accordingly with suspension or disfellowshipment. With that scheme, he was able to corrupt both the ministers and members alike

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but **the people that do know their God** shall be strong, and do exploits. (Daniel 11:32)

"The people that do know their God" were Mr. Gerald Flurry and Mr. John Amos. They became strong and did exploits because of the revelation given to them in *Malachi's Message*.

Malachi's Message was originally written in 1989, when the new direction in God's Church was, to many of its members, not very perceptible. The book was primarily intended to alert the ministry of the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) as to what was really happening and, secondarily, to alert the Church membership. When an early draft of the book was brought to the attention of WCG leadership in Pasadena, California, Gerald Flurry and his assistant, John Amos, were fired from their positions as WCG ministers. As this book explains, the Philadelphia Church of God (PCG) began immediately.

Source: Preface, Malachi's Message

They had been summoned to the WCG Pasadena Headquarters and were both fired on December 7, 1989 from the Worldwide Church of God ministry. At this particular instance, the position for the king of the north has now been passed on to Mr. Gerald Flurry. After being fired from the ministry, he immediately established the Philadelphia Church of God on December 20, 1989.

And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. (Daniel 11:33-34)

During the early years of the PCG, they that understand among the people or the PCG membership have instructed many members of the WCG about the doctrinal changes happening inside at that time. They tried to give a little help to other WCG members who were lost in figuring out what was happening by sending them a copy of *Malachi's Message* and the doctrinal changes booklet. Yet many of the WCG members were lured to join other COG groups that came out of the WCG like Global Church of God, United Church of God to name a few. But in spite of that, many people still cleave to the PCG with flatteries.

And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed. (Daniel 11:35)

Although many PCG members came to understand the prophecies contained in *Malachi's Message* were true, yet

there were others who still fall away from the truth and left the PCG. The time appointed being mentioned here is referring to the 2,300 evening and morning prophecy of Daniel. (For a full explanation of this subject, you may read our article "THE LAST END Vision of the Prophet Daniel – Part 2")

This prophecy is twofold which has a first and a second 1,150 days fulfillment. Verse 35 expands from the vision of the transition of the Philadelphia era going to the Laodicean era (1,150 days fulfillment) and the transition of the Laodicean era going to the remnant group from the Laodicean Church (1,150 days fulfillment) who will prepare for Christ's Second Coming.

Notice the word "some" which is in italics which means that it was not in the original Hebrew text of the Bible. so it should read "And of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end."

This verse is just showing us that everyone else even those "of understanding" will fall away including the present membership of the PCG. This is connected with the prophecy in Matthew chapter 24

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. (Matthew 24:1-2)

Jesus Christ have prophesied of the physical desolation of the physical temple in 70 AD, but there's a duality to that prophecy which concerns God's spiritual temple, His Church. It says in verse 2 that "There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Ye also, as **lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)

The apostle Peter compared God's people to "lively stones" that "are built up a spiritual house." So Jesus Christ is talking about members in God's Church being thrown down – everyone. And it means everyone. "There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Have we not seen the specific fulfillment of this prophecy with our own eyes? Everyone in God's Church has been thrown down including Mr. Gerald Flurry and that includes us.

God's purpose in verse 35 is actually to purge and to make His lively stones to become white. Let's continue with verse 36.

And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. (Daniel 11:36)

Joe Tkach Jr. did according to his will and exalted himself by using the government of God. He was so proud of his legacy in turning the WCG into a mainstream Christianity which he flaunts in his book, *Transformed by Truth*. God allowed Joe Jr. to fulfill what was written in verse 36 according to His determined plan of transition from the Philadelphia era to the Laodicean era.

Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers

knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. (Daniel 11:37-38)

What is the desire of women? Is it not to be with her husband?

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and **thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee**. (Genesis 3:16)

Joe Tkach Jr. did not regard the God of his father, Joseph W. Tkach Sr. He did not regard the desire of the Church to be ruled by her Husband, Jesus Christ. Instead, he only focused on transforming the whole WCG religion to be aligned with the religion of this world whose god is Satan the devil. He even used the wealth of the WCG to accomplish that.

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With all the lies, deception and abuse of power that Joe Jr. and his fellows perpetrated just to get their own way, it eventually led to the division of the Worldwide Church of God.

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Source: Pages 8-10, 13-14, Raising the Ruins

Church members around the world have a choice as to which

COG group they will join in to uphold Mr. Armstrong's teachings: Philadelphia Church of God, Global Church of God, United Church of God, Restored Church of God, and many more splinter groups. Others jump from one COG group to another while some decided not to join any group. But the true Church of God that continued the work of Mr. Armstrong was the Philadelphia Church of God. And this will be proven as we proceed with Daniel's prophecy.

Chapter 7

The Whirlwind

Mr. Armstrong prophesied in 1983 that the so called "whirlwind prophecy of Daniel 11:40 has already come to pass. Yet there is a duality of that prophecy which is spiritual in nature that concerns God's Church in this end time and it has also already been fulfilled as well.

Again we know that PROPHECY IS HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE. What significant event in the history of God's Church comes next after the CHURCH DIVISION as prophesied in verse 39? It's actually the SIX YEAR COURT BATTLE between the Worldwide Church of God and the Philadelphia Church of God! That's the whirlwind prophecy

We know already that the position of King of the North has already been passed on to Mr. Gerald Flurry while the King of the South was taken already by Joe Tkach Jr. from his own father through his intimidation with the help of his own fellows known also as the SHIP OF CHITTIM (v. 30).

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come

against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. (Daniel 11:40)

This PUSH is actually referring to the court case filed by the Worldwide Church of God against the Philadelphia Church of God

Battle Lines Drawn

(O)n January 21, Mr. (Ralph) Helge penned this letter to my father demanding that the PCG stop distribution of Mystery of the Ages:

Dear Mr. Flurry:

It has just come to the church's attention, through the January 1997 edition of your Trumpet magazine, that you are offering the book, entitled Mystery of the Ages, for distribution

As you are well aware, the Worldwide Church of God holds the copyright of said book. We are assuming that you are distributing an infringing copy of the same. Therefore, we hereby respectfully demand that you immediately cease and desist from copying, distributing or advertising said book.

We would appreciate your advising us by what authority you are, without the permission of the church, copying and

publishing said book?

Please advise us promptly as to your intentions in this matter. If we do not hear

from you promptly we shall assume that you are violating the church's copyright in said regard and that it is your intention to continue to do so. In such case, we will take appropriate action without further notice.

My father was already prepared for the consequences of his actions. If that meant going to court to fight for "said book," then so be it. He decided not to respond to Helge's letter. **The battle lines were clearly drawn**.

Source: Pages 227-228, Raising the Ruins

From that time on the WCG filed a case against the PCG for printing *Mystery of the Ages*. That was the PUSH exerted by the King of the South Joe Tkach Jr.

At the beginning of the case, remember, Tkach Jr. arrogantly asserted that the reason they filed this suit was to "block the republication of Mystery of the Ages." Their duty as Christians was to keep this book out of print because they believed "Mr. Armstrong's doctrinal errors are better left out of circulation."

A WHIRLWIND WITH CHARIOTS...

"...and the king of the north shall come against him like **a** whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen,"

The "whirlwind with chariots" is a symbol of God's direct involvement in the continuation of the Elijah Work.

And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal... And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them

both asunder; and Elijah went up by a **whirlwind into heaven**. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, **the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof**. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. **He took up also the mantle of Elijah** that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; 2 Kings 2:1, 11

In the Bible, what does a symbol of a "whirlwind" mean? Whirlwind can also be a symbol of God's actual presence.

The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him. And I looked, and, **behold**, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. (Ezekiel 1:3-4)

A whirlwind can also be a symbol of God's fury or anger:

Behold, a whirlwind of the Lordis gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. (Jeremiah 23:19-20)

Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he hath done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the

latter days ye shall consider it. (Jeremiah 30:23-24)

So during the court case battle, God used the PCG as His instrument to execute His judgment and fury against the King of the South Joe Tkach Jr. and his fellows to manifest to everyone in the world the Church group that continued the Elijah work.



...AND WITH HORSEMEN...

"...and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen,"

The word "horsemen" is parash in Hebrew H6571 in BDB which can also mean horse, steed, **warhorse. The horsemen should be translated as a warhorse.** Now who or what is this warhorse being mentioned here?

Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited his flock **the house of Judah**, and hath made them as his **goodly horse in the battle**. (Zechariah 10:3)

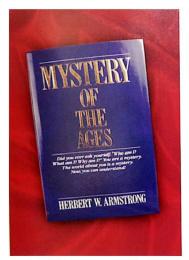
It is the house of Judah or the PCG! This is even proven in the Zechariah booklet written by Mr. Gerald Flurry. On page 71 we can read:

"Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle" (verse 3). Two groups are talked about in this verse. First are the shepherds who are actually hardheaded goats—speaking of the Laodicean ministry in God's own Church. Second are the spiritual Jews whom God has made a goodly horse in battle, or a majestic warhorse. We really are in a war, and God has empowered His covenant people by His Holy Spirit to be a majestic warhorse.

For emphasis, Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote that God made the spiritual Jews or the PCG to be His MAJESTIC WARHORSE during the six year court battle.

A grueling, life-and-death, six-year copyright battle ensued in which the Worldwide Church of God and the Philadelphia Church of God went head to head over the beliefs outlined in Mystery of the Ages. The history of that amazing case and its wondrous outcome shines a stark light on what really happened inside the Worldwide Church of God.

Source: Foreword, Raising the Ruins





On January 4, 1997, Gerald Flurry announced that the PCG would begin reprinting Mr. Armstrong's last work, Mystery of the Ages. The WCG sued for copyright infringement, saying it was their "Christian duty" to keep the book out of print.



PCG representatives meet with attorneys to discuss court strategy. From left: Kelly Klaus, Dennis Leap, Mark Helm, Gerald Flurry, Stephen Flurry and Craig Winters. The PCG counter-sued the WCG for rights to 18 other works. The WCG eventuall agreed to abandon their "Christian duty" to keep Mystery of the Ages out of print

...AND WITH MANY SHIPS...

"...: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships;"

Ships – oniyah (on-ee-yaw) H591 from H590 oniy (on-ee) which means a FLEET

The word "fleet" is synonymous to the words aggregation, collection, accumulation, assemblage which basically means, several things grouped together or considered as a whole

Aggregation

- The act of gathering something together;
- To come together or collect in a mass or whole

Through the six year court case, the PCG has gathered and collected several WCG documents.

Relying on a wealth of official WCG documents and depositions submitted in federal courts, this book reveals the truth behind the shipwreck of the Worldwide Church of God. WCG officials pleaded in court for many of these documents to be kept confidential and ultimately destroyed after the litigation ended. Why? Because, as their former inhouse attorney contended in a declaration at the conclusion of the case, "such documents constitute the private, confidential and internal discussion of underlying religious decisions regarding the changes in church doctrine," as well as "the discussion and decisions regarding the publication or non-publication of church doctrine."

After years of obscuring their actions, denying their motivations and covering their tracks, that, as it turns out, was their final, desperate attempt to bury the facts about how they went about transforming the church.

Source: Foreword, Raising the Ruins

Collection

- A group of objects or works to be seen, studied, or kept together.

This is referring to the collection of Mr. Armstrong's works to be seen, studied or kept together.

More significant than this, however, is the offensive posture we took in our counterclaim. In the "prayer for relief," we asked the court to not only dismiss the WCG's claim, but to reward us with the rights to print and distribute 18 other works by Mr. Armstrong. As with the advertising campaign, we again wanted to get ourselves on offensive footing. This was central to my father's strategy throughout the case—if the plaintiff would come on strong, we would meet the aggression head-on and take it a step further. As small as we were (compared to them) and even though a "defendant," he wanted us to continually wrap our minds around the fact that we were on the attack and that we would somehow come out victorious in the end. Thus, seven weeks after first getting our feet wet in this case—in any kind of litigation, for that matter— WE UNLEASHED A COUNTER-ATTACK.

Source: Pages 242-243, Raising the Ruins

NOTICED THAT? The COLLECTION of Mr. Armstrong's works was the OFFENSIVE POSTURE THE PCG TOOK IN FOR **THEIR COUNTERCLAIM BEING UNLEASHED AS A COUNTER-ATTACK**. That's one of the MANY spiritual SHIPS being discussed in Daniel's prophecy.

They chose to come after us in an attempt to keep Mystery buried. We determined to defend against that action—and to go after more literature at the same time. Here are the works we targeted in our counterclaim:

- 1. The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course (58 lessons)
- 2. The Incredible Human Potential
- 3. The United States and Britain in Prophecy
- 4. The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like
- 5. The Missing Dimension in Sex
- 6. The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong (volumes 1 and 2)
- 7. The Plain Truth About Healing
- 8. What Science Can't Discover About the Human Mind
- 9. Pagan Holidays or God's Holy Days—Which?
- 10. Does God Exist?
- 11. Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?
- 12. The Seven Laws of Success
- 13. Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?
- 14. Just What Do You Mean ... Born Again?

- 15. Why Marriage! Soon Obsolete?
- 16. The Proof of the Bible
- 17. What Is Faith?

We didn't realize it at the time, but my father's decision to go after these 18 works affected the lawsuit's final outcome more than any other single event.

Source: Page 243, Raising the Ruins



Again, this is the fulfillment of "the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships" Again, one of the "MANY ships" the PCG used in this court battle was the GATHERING of the WCG documents and depositions and this counterclaim for the COLLECTION of Mr. Armstrong's 18 works. Another meaning of "collection" is "a collecting of money, as in church." Mr. Gerald Flurry also sought for more money during the court case.

Accumulation

- something that has been collected, gathered, heaped

WE REJECTED this initial offer, and many others to follow, just as sure as WCG rejected a number of our counteroffers. What's more, even after both sides had agreed to the principal terms of settlement on January 16, 2003, contractual negotiations were nearly derailed when the WCG insisted that we either give back or destroy all the documents we had accumulated in this case from the WCG.

Source: Page 342, Raising the Ruins

...ENTER INTO THE COUNTRIES AND SHALL OVERFLOW...

"...and he shall **enter into the countries**, **and shall overflow**"

Overflow

- To be supplied with in great measure
- An excess or superabundance.

Let's look at how God supplied the PCG with material blessings in **superabundance**.

Growth of the Work

After obtaining all the literature in March of 2003, we saw an immediate need for a multi-purpose facility where we could store huge quantities of literature and process mail...

In the spring of 2004, a year after the victory, we began the piecemeal process of moving our headquarters staff from the Waterwood complex out to the 168 acres, beginning with those assigned to work at the MPC. We also unveiled plans for a two-story,

22,825 square-foot Hall of Administration to serve as our new headquarters...

Later that year, after we acquired the piano and candelabra from the WCG auction, my father took the purchase as God's signal for us to begin thinking about building an auditorium in the tradition of Ambassador...

In October 2004, during the same week we broke the Hall of Administration, on Pasadena Star-News revealed the WCG's plan to headquarters operations its Ambassador College campus in Pasadena and onto the "smaller, less expensive trappings of an industrial building" in Glendora, California. Even as Tkachism prepared for its last ruinous act, selling off the formerly great Pasadena headquarters, God showed His mighty hand by raising the ruins in Edmond—and during the very same week...

In the summer of 2005, with construction on the Hall of Administration in full swing, we broke ground on a \$2 million college building that would provide housing for 34 more students downstairs and serve as an academic center upstairs. Thus, we had two huge structures going up concurrently on campus in 2005, just as my father had indicated might happen.

Meanwhile, the work of the church was experiencing explosive growth. The year the lawsuit ended, The Key of David aired weekly on just ONE STATION: WGN. In March of 2005, two

years later (after the court case battle), we were on 92 television stations around the world.

Source: Pages 360-361, Raising the Ruins



That's how the PCG has fulfilled the prophecy "...and he shall enter into the countries" through its explosive growth even expanding their reach on many countries around the world through those 92 television stations from just ONE STATION in 2003. Look at how the PCG was able to ENTER MANY COUNTRIES because of the OVERFLOW or superabundance of God's blessings during and after the court case battle.

...AND PASSOVER

"and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over."

Pass over – abar (aw-bar) H5674

In Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon it is defined as

- To be alienated, to pass into other hands
- Transgress
- To pass away, to perish, cease to exist
- To become invalid

In *Strong's Concordance* the word "pass over" is being "USED VERY WIDELY OF ANY **TRANSITION**"

- 1. alienate
- 2. alter
- 3. make to transgress
- 4. cause to make proclamation
- 5. make partition

Let's define each word for better understanding.

- 1 Alienate
- To cause to become withdrawn or unresponsive;
- To cause (a friend, sympathizer, etc) to become indifferent, unfriendly, or hostile; estrange ("estrange" means to remove to or keep at a distance)
- Law to transfer the ownership of (property, title, etc) to another person

This tells the story of how Mr. Gerald Flurry transferred the ownership of the title of position being the King of the North to his own son, Stephen. The highest position was passed into the hands of Stephen. This also tells the story how Mr. Gerald Flurry was caused to become withdrawn or unresponsive, indifferent, estranged and how he was kept at a distance through the NO CONTACT POLICY

- 2 Alter
- To change (something)
- To make a change so that it will fit better

Notice how Stephen MADE CHANGES to *Mystery of the Ages* so that it will fit better to his own line of thoughts. From October 21, 2004 Pastor General's Report:

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 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.

Source: Pages 3-4, October 21, 2004 Pastor General's Report under the CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Stephen made these changes to *Mystery of the Ages* on August 12, 2003 – SEVEN MONTHS after the conclusion of the six-year court case battle on January 16, 2003

3. *Make partition*

Partition in the dictionary means:

- the act of dividing or partitioning; separation by the creation of a boundary that divides or keeps apart
- A WALL

This meaning is obviously referring to the Ezekiel 4 IRON WALL or the NO CONTACT POLICY which was done as a "separation by the creation of a boundary that divides or keeps apart" the PCG members from Mr. Gerald Flurry and their suspended relatives and friends.

"cause to make proclamation" – Mr. Gerald Flurry was **caused to proclaim** the NO CONTACT POLICY through the December 10, 2005 Pastor General's Report.

He was also MADE TO TRANSGRESS when he was influenced to support CREMATION as early as 2004. Read the article in the *Royal Vision*, May-June 2004 entitled "PREPAID FUNERAL" written by Mark Nash. Add to that, the introduction of Mother's Day on May 11, 2007 through the

article, "The Beautiful Role of a Mother" and also Irish dancing being brought in by Wayne Turgeon later after that.

PCG'S FIRST LADY SEAL

Worldwide family remembers her impact



Barbara Jeanne Flurry 1944-2004

Firsthand My mother: an example of service

4. The word "pass over" can also mean to pass away, to perish, cease to exist

Now who passed away, perished and cease to exist AFTER the court case battle that concluded on January 16, 2003? It's NONE OTHER than Mrs. Barbara Flurry on September 5, 2004

Again the word "pass over" in Strong's is being "USED VERY WIDELY OF ANY TRANSITION" so we have seen how this transition has transpired precisely as God prophesied. Now look at how Satan is coming in the flesh through Stephen Flurry and did the same thing as he did in the past:

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (Isaiah 14:13)

Stephen is now sitting upon the mount of the congregation or the government of the Church – IN THE SIDES OF THE NORTH. Mr. Gerald Flurry is the real king of the north, yet Stephen sit in the side of his father and eventually took the role of the king of the north after the court case battle has been concluded. That's the TRANSITION as Mr. Gerald Flurry knowingly or unknowingly passed the authority given to him by God to his son, Stephen.

This principle can be proven in an article posted in the **pcog.org** website with their article, "*Elijah's Prayer*." Look at the reason why Mr. Gerald Flurry has transitioned the authority to his son, Stephen – he based it on their initial engagement with *Malachi's Message* in **Robber's Cave**:

Finally, my son read the rough draft of *Malachi's Message* on Sunday, July 16, 1989—exactly 3½ years after Mr. Armstrong died! My son was positive in what he said, but he didn't say much. I could tell he had been sobered by what he read. The sanctuary had already been cleansed, but it took a few months before that rain began to reach beyond the altar, or ministry.

In God's eyes, that is when the "latter rain" began (James 5:7)—with my son. At that point, the drought ended. With great relief and joy, we thanked God that He was once again revealing truth to His very elect!

Within six months, we were mailing *Malachi's Message* to a large number of the Laodiceans.

Revelation was again raining into God's Church. Many of God's people realized they had been starving and thirsting to death because of a lack of spiritual nourishment! This eternal, life-saving rain brought God's people to the PCG.

That refreshing spiritual rain had started on July 16, 1989, with one young, **UNBAPTIZED** man reading a rough draft of God's revelation.

God's Challenge to Young People

For me to give *Malachi's Message* to my son placed a **HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY** on him. I knew this was going to be a test for my son. When something like that happens, we have to make the right decision! Clearly, the way God viewed it, that was a far more significant moment than it would have appeared.

Young people, realize: My son really wrestled with that choice—as probably any **UNBAPTIZED** person would have. He loved college, yet here was his dad doing something that many members dismissed as rank rebellion! God made him choose—just as He makes each of us choose. It would have been so easy to turn away from God at that point and to miss all the blessings. But if we make the right choice, God can accomplish tremendous things in our lives! We must always strive to get ourselves out of the way and let God lead us

Look what one person can achieve by choosing correctly and going wherever God leads him!

God began the latter spiritual rain with an UNBAPTIZED PERSON!...

Is there a connection between what happened in **Robber's Cave** with my son and what happened with the new revelation about the little book?

Source: https://www.pcog.org/articles/3649/elijah-s-prayer

Mr. Gerald Flurry emphasized in his article the HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY given to his son Stephen as a hint that the authority given to him by God as the King of the North would be transitioned accordingly to no one else but his son. So the word "he" in the next verses will now be referring specifically to Stephen Flurry after the six year court case battle.

He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. (Daniel 11:41)

The word "enter" is bo in Hebrew H935 in Strong's which also mean BESIEGE while the "glorious land" being mentioned is the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma. Substituting the word BESIEGE we can read verse 41 this way:

He (Stephen) shall BESIEGE also into the glorious land (PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma), and many countries (PCG congregations around the world) shall be overthrown...

This verse in Daniel is connected with the prophecy in Jeremiah chapter 1:

Then the Lord said unto me, **Out of the north** AN EVIL shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. (Jeremiah 1:14)

Notice here that there was an EVIL that comes OUT OF THE NORTH. This EVIL is referring to the 25 men of Ezekiel 8

being led by the new King of the North, Stephen Flurry. Notice in the next verse that there is a conspiracy among the families of all the high ranking ministers in the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma.

For, lo, I will call all the families of the **kingdoms of the north**, saith the Lord; and they shall **come**, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. (Jeremiah 1:15)

The word "come" is the same word that was used in Daniel 11:41 for "enter" which can also mean "BESIEGE"

For, lo, I will call all the families of the **kingdoms of the north**, saith the Lord; and they shall **BESIEGE**, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. (Jeremiah 1:15)

This is the same prophecy concerning the **Ezekiel 4 SIEGE** that involves the **NO CONTACT POLICY**. The prophet Jeremiah is giving us a clear picture that shows how the families of the kingdoms of the north (i.e., evangelists, regional directors, pastors and the field ministry) were instrumental in besieging the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma and all the PCG congregations around the world.

Chapter 8

Edom, Moab And Ammon

But these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon." (Daniel 11:41)

This latter part of verse 41 has always been interpreted by the PCG as referring to their physical *place of safety* located in Petra, Jordan. They even published a booklet about this place to prove its veracity.

But did Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong say that the *place of safety* would indeed be all about the rocky fortress of the Edomites? In a co-worker letter dated October 23, 1961, he wrote the following:

Dear Co-Worker, let me tell you, I have faced this — I know it is REAL — and it is sure to come! But, if we whom Christ is using as His Co-Workers are faithful — if we deny NOT His precious Word by clinging to the pagan traditions of MEN which form the WAY of this world — if we walk through the gigantic door of mass- evangelism He has opened for us to reach the whole world — if we put HIS

KINGDOM and this glorious Message of it FIRST in our lives — sacrifice for it — and remain FAITHFUL to the end, Jesus Christ has PROMISED to protect us from this terrifying destruction to come.

Read Luke 21:36 — if we WATCH, to see events prophesied coming to pass — if we PRAY always and earnestly — we shall be accounted worthy to ESCAPE these terrifying events — yes, ALL these catastrophic destructions.

HOW? I do not know, definitely, how. But in Revelation 12:14 we are to be taken on the symbolic "wings of a great eagle" to a **place of safety** — described as into the wilderness — or desert. Does that mean we are to be taken by giant airplanes? Possibly — yet Scripture says God delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt "on eagles' wings."

Source: Mr. Armstrong co-worker letter dated October 23, 1961

Did Mr. Armstrong receive all the revelations about all there is to know about the *place of safety*? Let Mr. Armstrong answer that question himself. Let's continue reading from the same co-worker letter referenced above:

I do not NEED to know more, now, about HOW, or WHERE. I think it quite possible that I do know already — in general, the time, and the place.

Perhaps God has already revealed it to me — but I do not want to say, unless or until SURE — and unless I KNOW GOD WISHES IT REVEALED TO OTHERS.

It is enough to know GOD HAS PROMISED, if we

comply with His conditions. It is enough to know WE CAN RELY ON GOD! It is SURE! And, if YOU are faithful, YOU may be SURE — and rely on it without FEAR!"

Source: Mr. Armstrong co-worker letter dated October 23, 1961

Mr. Armstrong said that for the time being, he need not know more about HOW or WHERE. He admitted he only had a general knowledge and understanding of the subject such as the time when God's people will be taken to the *place of safety*, the place being in a wilderness and he thought it meant a desert. He indicated he had some other thoughts about it but expressed that he did not want to say further unless or until he is SURE. Moreover, Mr. Armstrong would not talk further about the rest of his thoughts unless he knows that God wants him to reveal it to others.

Did Mr. Armstrong ever dogmatically proclaim that Petra will be the *place of safety*? To answer this question let's look at what he said about Petra on two occasions. Let's look at a comment he made about Petra in a searing sermon entitled, 'Warning to the Church' which he gave on July 1, 1978:

Revelation 12:14 ...were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place.

Now the place, where is it? There's been great contention. I used to preach of the possibility it would be at Petra. Well, I don't know it will be at Petra; and I never said that I knew it would be. But others say, "Well, that's something we can get back at Herbert Armstrong. Let's just say he was wrong about that." And some very high in the Church were saying

that's a lot of rubbish and hogwash. I say to you now, I don't know whether it is Petra. I don't know where it is, or where it'll be. I know God knows. But I know this: there are many indications that it is Petra. And if it isn't Petra, then the Bible gives us absolutely no indication of where it will be. Now that much I know, and I'll stand my ground on any of you that want to come and face me with it. I have been to Petra, and it is not a very pleasant place to be. Well anyway, we're to be taken where we will be...

Source: Sermon Transcript July 1, 1978 "Warning to the Church"

Having read those words, can anyone then claim that Mr. Armstrong taught dogmatically that Petra is indeed the *place of safety*? It will be preposterous for someone to make such a claim! Did he ever change his mind about Petra later as he concluded his ministry until his death on January 16, 1986?

Now, let's look at a comment he made about Petra four years later in another co-worker letter dated July 16, 1982. In this letter, he mentioned that he was writing from England, after returning from a trip to Jordan where he met with the late King Hussein. While talking about some of his experiences in Jordan, he remembered about how the brethren had been looking up to Petra as the anticipated *place of safety* promised by God. Here's what he wrote:

"Incidentally, I know many of you seem to have your hearts set on going very soon to Petra as "the place of safety" during the soon-coming Great Tribulation. Well, GET YOUR MINDS OFF PETRA. Brethren, I HAVE NEVER said that Petra definitely is the place

of protection where God will take us. I HOPE IT IS NOT! One reason it could be the place is that it is a place NOBODY ELSE WOULD WANT TO GO. It would be the most UNpleasant, UNcomfortable, miserable place you could go! There is nothing to be desired there."

Source: Mr. Armstrong co-worker letter, July 16, 1982

That message was delivered by Mr. Armstrong about 3 and ½ years before his demise in January 16, 1986. He did not have a change of mind about Petra. He never had any positive, pleasant and inspiring thought about Petra. He did not have even one positive word to describe Petra. More importantly, he never made a last minute claim that God has finally revealed to him that Petra is definitely going to be the place of safety. There was no revelation whatsoever that Mr. Armstrong received about the specifics of the place.

Even the published booklet, "Jordan and God's Church in Prophecy" of the PCG has indicated on page 12 while describing Petra in Jordan as "THE LAND THAT IS VERY OFF." Although it may have been a typographical error yet God allowed it to happen to show everyone in God's Church that He does not emphatically say that Petra would be the supposed "place of safety." So as God views it, Petra is really "THE LAND THAT IS VERY OFF."

Moreover, Petra has been associated with its most extensive occupation and use during the early to mid-first millennium B.C.E., by the Biblical Edomites.

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IORDAN AND GOD'S CHURCH IN PROPHECY

Petra from which one may look northwest to the Promised Land."

JORDAN TO BE PUNISHED BY GOD

Soon the Ammonites are going to anger God. "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them; And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity" (Ezekiel 25:1-3). Ezekiel is a prophecy for this end time. (Request our free booklet Ezekiel—The End-Time Prophet.)

The people of Jordan will rejoice when Israel (primarily America and Britain) and Judah (the Jewish state of Israel) go into captivity—which includes God's "sanctuary," the Laodicean Church. Then it will be Jordan's time to suffer God's wrath.

"THE LAND THAT IS VERY OFF" High atop the rocky crags of Petra one can see Palestine in the northwest.



The Edomite Stronghold of Sela

Is this where 10,000 Edomites were thrown to their deaths?

Glenn J. Corbett • 04/08/2017

In one of the Old Testament's colder and more brutal episodes, King Amaziah of Judah (c. 801–783 B.C.E.), after having slain nearly 10,000 Edomites in battle near the southern end of the Dead Sea, is said to have thrown another 10,000 captives from the top of nearby Sela, where they were "dashed to pieces" (2 Chronicles 25:12; 2 Kings 14:7). While the Biblical account provides only vague clues as to where this horrible event took place (Sela simply means "rock" in archaeology Hebrew). the of a little-known mountaintop stronghold in southern Jordan may hold the answer.

Located just 3 miles north of the Edomite capital of Bozrah (modern Buseirah) in the rugged highlands of southern Jordan is an imposing natural rock fortress that still carries the name es-Sela...

Although we won't know more about es-Sela's Edomite history until the site is systematically explored and excavated, the available evidence shows that this fascinating mountaintop stronghold was certainly an important place of refuge for the Edomites throughout the Iron Age, at least down to the time of Nabonidus and perhaps during the reign of Amaziah as well."

Source: http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/biblical-archaeology-sites/the-edomite-stronghold-of-sela/

Petra was known to be a place of refuge for the Edomites yet it was also a place of slaughter for them. But there is another attribute which Petra was known for - a place of pagan worship of the sun:

Why did God predict the demise of the inhabitants of Petra? For the answer, one must look into the rituals and practices of these people. The main place of worship, the *Jabel-Aibb' Atuf*, is the best-preserved high place in all the Bible lands. The object of worship here was not God, but the sun. And as part of their worship they offered human sacrifices. Close by, two obelisks may be seen which were probably sun pillars of fertility.

It was because of these and other abominable practices that God instructed Israel on their entry into Canaan after the Exodus, to destroy the high places of the heathen. Because of the pagan vices and immoral rites practiced there, the finger of prophecy forecast the downfall and entire destruction of cities like Petra (Read Joel 3:19 and Ezekiel 35:3-9).

Source: http://amazingdiscoveries.org/S-deception_Petra_Edomites_ruin

With all the facts about Petra, would God provide it as a place of safety for His people? Mr. Armstrong said, it's not. If Petra is NOT the place of safety, then where could that *place* be? God's people believed about this specific prophecy because of

what was written by the apostle John:

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. (Revelation 12:6)

This scripture as we will prove here has actually been fully misunderstood to mean that God has prepared a *place of safety* in a wilderness where she will be protected from the horrors of the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord which comprise a total time period of 1260 days or 3 and 1/2 years. The verse has nothing in it that says a place of safety or place of physical protection but this idea was allowed by God to be injected into His Church until the appointed time of its full understanding.

This prophecy is already being fulfilled now and the facts will show that this is not talking about God's Church being taken into a physical *place of safety*.

The "woman" mentioned in the verse does in fact refer to God's Church. It actually refers to a remnant or a breakaway part of God's Church in the final era or the Laodicean era.

meaning of the word "wilderness" is understanding meaning the true of this Wilderness from the Greek "eremos" is G2048 in Strong's Concordance and Thayer's Lexicon definition gives us more than one meaning of the word. Besides the usual definition which applies to a place (a desert, wilderness; deserted places, lonely regions), another definition applies to people such as those deserted by others and those deprived of the aid and protection of others, especially of friends, acquaintances, kindred. This second definition helps us to picture the "woman" or Church in a state of separation from the main body which gives the picture of a breakaway group which separated herself from the main body of the Church.

The **A.R.K.** of **God Foundation** is a breakaway group from the Philadelphia Church of God which is now doing a separate Work, focused on reviving the legacy of Herbert W. Armstrong. It has already revived his legacy in Jerusalem through its participation in the Mount Zion archaeological dig and through its partnership with the Jerusalem Foundation in the work of rebuilding and restoring the Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem.

A PLACE PREPARED OF GOD IN THE WILDERNESS

The "woman in the wilderness" came to being initially when the two witnesses first came together and produced the *Book of Remembrance* which is prophesied in Malachi 3:16.

There is another keyword in Revelation 12:6 which unlocks the meaning of this prophecy. Take note of the word "place" in the verse. Let's read the verse again:

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath A PLACE prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. (Revelation 12:6)

The word "place" from the Greek "topos" is G5117 in Strong's Concordance and one of the meanings given by *Thayer's Lexicon* is that of "a place (passage) in a book." In other words, the PLACE PREPARED OF GOD is associated with a passage in a book or a book itself.

It's interesting to note that Malachi 3:16 which is **A PASSAGE IN THE BOOK** of Malachi is talking about a **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**.

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. (Malachi 3:16)

This shows us that the PLACE or PASSAGE OF A BOOK PREPARED OF GOD IN THE WILDERNESS is referring to THE LAST END BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE whose author is neither one of the two witnesses but God Himself who reveals His secrets to His servants.

Let's look at Revelation 12:6 again and notice how and where the woman gets her spiritual feeding.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

The WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS receives her feeding not from the PCG anymore but from God through His two witnesses. Initially, the *Book of Remembrance* was the source of earlier feedings but God's continuing flow of revelations through the TWO SONS OF FRESH OIL fed God's little remnant which eventually became the **A.R.K. of God Foundation**. Our websites are full of evidence of the abundance of revelations that God has been giving to this WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS. (Click **here** and **here**.)

Now if that is God's real explanation of the PLACE PREPARED OF GOD IN THE WILDERNESS, well how can now we explain the thought "Edom, Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon"?

EDOM, MOAB AND AMMON

Edom, Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon are actually a representation of the characters and the prevailing attitude inside the Philadelphia Church of God.

Edom – is a symbol of a character who betrays his own brother.

In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them. But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress. Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity; (Obadiah 1:11-13)

Moab and the children Ammon were both used by God to oppress His own people Israel because they have done evil in His sight.

And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord. And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. So the children of Israel served Eglon the king

of Moab eighteen years. (Judges 3:12-14)

Spiritually speaking, *Moab and the children of Ammon* are types of the character that oppresses God's own people. Another explanation for the name *Moab* which means "of his father" can also be a symbol of a character who look too much on Mr. Gerald Flurry and the children of Ammon would imply to be looking too much on the PCG ministers.

I want to relate that history to something that happened to me recently. On January 4, I fainted on stage while giving a sermon. A few weeks before that incident, I told a regional director I believed some of our members looked to me and even the other ministers too much. I wanted to make sure the ministers were helping the people be aware of that. However, before I had a chance to do anything about it, this incident occurred. I think that was God's way of saying that He agreed with me. I didn't necessarily like the way He demonstrated that, but it shows me that He motivated what I was thinking.

We need to remember that a minister is just a puny little man. Of course, God works through men, but we are just men. (pp. 1-2)

Source: Pages 1-2, Co-worker letter May 6, 2014

For emphasis, the meaning of the name Moab is "of his father." So Moab can also imply, "to be looking too much on Mr. Gerald Flurry, Stephen's father"; while the children of Ammon on the hand, would be "looking too much on the PCG ministers." And who is the CHIEF or REGIONAL DIRECTOR whom Mr. Gerald Flurry has spoken with a few weeks before he fainted on January 4, 2014? I believe it was John Macdonald. He is the CHIEF of the children of Ammon.

John Macdonald would always like the brethren to look to him and to fear him.

There's another interesting perspective to the names Edom, Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon as mentioned in Daniel's prophecy that would undoubtedly prove it's prophetic fulfillment in our time in this last end. First let us read some brief historical background on this group of people:

Who Were the Ammonites, Moabites and Edomites in the Bible?

Megan Sauter • 10/12/2016

Who were the Ammonites? In the Bible, they are described as being descendants of Ben-ammi, who was the son of Lot (Abraham's nephew) and Lot's younger daughter (Genesis 19:38). The capital of the Iron Age kingdom of Ammon was Rabbah, which is located at modern-day Amman, Jordan. Burnett describes the boundaries of Ammon: "The Ammonite heartland comprised the north-central Transjordanian Plateau encircled by the upper Jabbok ... within a 12.5-mile radius of its capital at the headwaters of the Jabbok." The Ammonites' primary deity was the god Milcom. Depictions of Milcom have been uncovered through archaeological excavations—as have representations of Ammonite kings, such as the monumental statue uncovered at Rabbah in 2010.

Who were the Moabites? In the Bible, the Moabites are said to have descended from Moab, the son of Lot and his oldest daughter (Genesis 19:37). The kingdom of Moab stretched "north and south of the Arnon River" with its capital at Dibon. **The Moabites worshiped the god Chemosh**, who may be depicted

in the Balua' Stele (dated to the end of Late Bronze Age). The most famous Moabite king—from the archaeological record at least—is Mesha. The large inscription he left behind is the longest Moabite text. Dating to the ninth century B.C.E., the Mesha Stele describes how King Mesha rescued the Moabites from Israelite rule

Who were the Edomites? In the Bible, the Edomites are the descendants of Esau, Jacob's twin and Isaac's oldest son (Genesis 36). The Edomites controlled an area east of the Arabah, from the Zered to the Gulf of Aqaba. Their capital was Bozrah, which sat in the northern part of their territory. Although no name of an Edomite deity is given in the Bible, archaeologists know from inscriptions that the Edomites' principal deity was Qaus (or Qos).

Source: http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/a ncient-cultures/ancient-near-easternworld/ammonites-moabites-edomites-in-the-bible/

But who is Qaus or Qos anyway?

Qōs may mean *bow*. It is speculated that this god may have been interchangeable with Yahweh, **Baal**, Haddu/Hadad and Dushara, these five names being epithets for a common deity.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qos_(deity)

Again these are the names written in Daniel's prophecy in verse 41 and their association to specific pagan gods:

Edom – The Edomites worshipped the pagan god Qos or Baal. (of which Irish Dance is a form of worship of Baal)

Moab – Chemosh was the supreme god of the Moabites.

Chemosh was a god associated with the Semitic mother-goddess Ashtar, (Mother's Day as a worship of Astarte)

Ammon — The Ammonites were a pagan people who worshiped the gods Milcom and Molech. (Cremation is a form of worship of Molech). Molech is actually the CHIEF of the children of Ammon.

Let's read again verse 41:

He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. (Daniel 11:41)

The word "escape" in Strong's Concordance can also mean, PRESERVE; while "hand" can also mean MINISTRY. Paraphrasing verse 41, we can read it this way:

He (Stephen) shall also BESIEGE through the NO CONTACT POLICY the glorious land, PCG Edmond Oklahoma and many PCG members in countries around the world shall be overthrown, but these shall be **PRESERVED** in his MINISTRY, even those who betray his own brother (Edom), and those who oppress God's own people that looks too much on his father, Mr. Gerald Flurry (Moab) and those that fear the ministers more than God (children of Ammon); Moreover as a result, he will allow the introduction of the worship of Baal through Irish Dance, the worship of Astarte through Mother's Day and the worship of Molech, the chief of the children of Ammon through Cremation inside the PCG. (Daniel 11:41)

Going back to the prophecy about the EVIL that came from

the north and see how it relates to worshipping other gods like Baal through Irish dancing, Astarte through Mother's Day and Molech through Cremation.

And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar. walls against and brasen the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. (Jeremiah 1:16-18)

Look again at verse 18 and see that the EVIL that came OUT OF THE NORTH in verse 14 is actually a description of the kings of Judah (the evangelists), the princes (the regional directors), the priests (the pastors and ministers) and the people (the members) of the PCG Headquarters in Edmond Oklahoma. Now, this is God's commission to His Remembrancers – He has made us a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land – the whole Philadelphia Church of God around the world. We do not worry a bit anyhow. Look at the prophesied outcome and God's promise to us:

And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee. (Jeremiah 1:19)

EGYPT SHALL NOT ESCAPE

Going back to Daniel's prophecy in verse 42:

He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. (Daniel 11:42)

Stretch forth – shalach (shaw-lakh) H7971 which can also mean TO SEND, TO LET LOOSE, TO SEND OFF

Hand – yad H3027 in Strong's can also mean MINISTRY.

Egypt – mitsrayim H4714 dual of matsor (maw-tsore) H4693

- In Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon it means SIEGE
- In Strong's Concordance it is defined as BESIEGED PLACES

Let's paraphrase using the definitions above:

He (Stephen) shall SEND OFF, LET LOOSE his MINISTRY also upon the countries: and the land of the BESIEGED PLACES shall not escape.

Stephen has a league of ministers loyal to him that he let loose of and spread around the world. They are the ones who

besieged every congregation around the world using the NO CONTACT POLICY and no member can escape from it.

But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. (Daniel 11:43)

Libya – in *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* means EMPTY HEARTED, AFFLICTED

Ethiopian – H3569 origin from H3568 which means BLACK BLACK in prophecy can be a symbol of a terrible famine that causes MOURNING AND SORROW.

Our skin was **black** like an oven because of the terrible **famine**. (Lamentations 5:10)

The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the **dearth** (drought). **Judah mourneth**, and the gates thereof languish; they are **black** unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. (Jeremiah 14:1-2)

For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am **black**; **astonishment** hath taken hold on me. (Jeremiah 8:21)

The astonishment is connected with a famine but in this case it's not referring to a physical famine. The famine is actually more of spiritual in nature (Amos 8:11). The Philadelphia Church of God is no longer receiving new revelations from God. They are suffering from spiritual famine wherein God is actually seeing the members as black in astonishment as they mourn and cry because of the spiritual famine.

Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, **I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem**: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with **astonishment**: That they may want bread and water, and **be astonied** one with another, and consume away for their iniquity. (Ezekiel 4:16-17)

The word "steps" can be defined in *Strong's Concordance* as "companionship." To paraphrase verse 43:

43 But he (Stephen) shall have power to decide over the tithes, offerings, contributions, donations to the Church and other financial transactions of the BESIEGED CHURCH CONGREGATIONS (Egypt): and people that are EMPTY HEARTED AND AFFLICTED (Libyans) and those that are MOURNING AND IN SORROW (Ethiopians) shall be at his COMPANIONSHIP.

This is indeed a very apt description of the prophesied Ezekiel 4 siege. The NO CONTACT POLICY that was implemented by the COMPANIONS of Stephen resulted to BESIEGED PLACES around the world, in which God's people have become EMPTY HEARTED and AFFLICTED and there are members who are literally MOURNING and in SORROW because their loved ones committed suicide. This is the detailed portrait of people that stays with the companionship of the PCG under Stephen Flurry.

Chapter 9

Tidings Out of The East

But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many." (Daniel 11:44)

The word "tidings" is *shemuah* (sehm-oo-aw) in Hebrew (H8052 in *Strong's Concordance*) which is the same word that has been used in Obadiah:

The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard a **rumour** from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle. 2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised. (Obadiah 1:1-2)

This word "rumour" is the same Hebrew for "tidings" in verse 44. The *tidings* or *rumour* came from God who has been found in the EAST. What is God doing in the EAST?

Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. (Isaiah 41:1)

The islands being mentioned here is the Philippine Islands. The word "silent" in Strong's Concordance can also mean "from the idea of SECRECY to be silent." Another meaning is CONCEAL, PRACTICE SECRETLY. Why did God wanted the islands to keep silent or to CONCEAL? Because the strength of God's people will be renewed by what God is going to do. He is going to do His strange work through the *Book of Remembrance*. God wanted those in the islands to CONCEAL the writing of the *Book of Remembrance* and the establishment and transfer of His government to the righteous man from the EAST.

Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. (Isaiah 41:2)

But who is this righteous man from the east?

But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. (Isaiah 41:8-9)

The righteous man from the EAST is referring to the TWO WITNESSES – Jacob and Israel. They may have gone to the spiritual wilderness after they went out from the PCG, yet God assures them that He did not cast them away. They have been commissioned to prepare the wilderness for the woman or God's Church through the *Book of Remembrance*. And the following verses describes God's full support for their strange work.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 41:10-16)

Going back to verse 44:

But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: (Daniel 11:44)

Why out of the NORTH? The reason is that the office of the King of the North has now been transitioned to **the righteous man from the east, the TWO WITNESSES** whom God SECRETLY raised up in the islands. Yet there is another one whom God raised up as indicated in verse 25:

I have raised up one from the NORTH, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon

morter, and as the potter treadeth clay. (Isaiah 41:25)

The thought "rising of the sun" is the EAST. Even the word "rising" is the same word that was used in verse 2 which means EAST. Notice in this verse that **this man came from the NORTH** which means he was **one of the PCG ministers** who came out from it. He is the same prophesied fulfillment of Cyrus:

"Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: (Isaiah 45:1-2)

Look closely at this prophecy, there are actually TWO entities being addressed here:

- 1. To His anointed; and
- 2. To Cyrus

How can we be so sure? Look closely at verse 4 and begin to decipher the coded message contained therein:

"For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me." (Isaiah 45:4)

Who is Jacob being mentioned here? And who is Israel? These are God's anointed – the two witnesses which are hidden in those names!

"One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel." (Isaiah 44:5)

And God called a last end Cyrus for their SAKE! The word "sake" in verse 4 is defined in *Strong's Concordance* this way:

From H6030; properly *heed*, that is, *purpose*; used only adverbially, *onaccount of* (as a motive or an aim), teleologically *in order that:* – because of, to the end (*intent*) that, for (to, . . . 's sake), + lest, that, to.

What is Jacob's and Israel's PURPOSE? What is their INTENT? The two witnesses are the men behind *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*, and yet they are to be **concealed – clothed in sackcloth**, the reason God called a LAST END Cyrus by name to help fulfill Jacob's and Israel's purpose.

"Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour." (Isaiah 45:15)

One of the two witnesses "call himself by the name of Jacob." What does the name "Jacob" implies in this verse? Jacob means "a supplanter." "Supplant" in the dictionary means: to take the place of someone; to take the place of and serve as a substitute. Remember that Jacob took the place or the identity of his brother Esau (Edom) to claim the birthright blessings of a firstborn from their father Isaac which the latter sold to the former for a bowl of soup (Genesis 25:30-34); The same way that the identity of Phinehas has been taken to do just the same – to claim the birthright blessings (of Jerusalem) which the spiritual Edomites in the PCG sold for a bowl of soup (Edstone). While the other witness has "surname himself by the name of Israel." So God calls His two witnesses by the names Jacob and Israel!

"Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee

from that time, and have declared it? **ye are even my witnesses**. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any." (Isaiah 44:8)

"Ye are even my witnesses" – God calls them MY WITNESSES. These two men are just ordinary members in God's Church whom God has formed for a special purpose – to show forth His praise:

This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense. Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. (Isaiah 43:21-26)

The two witnesses are sinners also just like any one else, yet God said that they may only be justified if they will PUT GOD IN REMEMBRANCE. So they wrote a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE to plead for God's people – and that is the only way how they shall be justified!

This is the rumour from the EAST that Stephen was troubled with because he knew when he read the *Book of Remembrance*, the position of the King of the NORTH has already been given by God to those from the EAST who have now been given rule

over kings in God's Church. For emphasis, God was the one who has given the authority. In mercy shall the throne be established as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 16:5). God secretly transferred the position of the King of the North to those in the islands so He can continue His work in Jerusalem which Stephen left last August 10, 2013.

Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words. *The first*shall say to Zion, **Behold**, **behold** them: and **I** will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. (Isaiah 41:26-27)

The word "first" in *Strong's Concordance* can also mean, **THE ELDEST. There are three (3) people being discussed here.** One is called **the ELDEST** who is uttering this expression "Behold, behold them."

Actually the ELDEST being mentioned here is the same spiritual Cyrus mentioned in Isaiah chapter 45. He has also been raised up in righteousness just as what was stated in Isaiah chapter 41. He is part of the righteous men from the east being prophesied in Isaiah 41:2. Reading again verse 27

The first (that's the 1st personality) shall say to Zion, Behold (the 2nd personality), behold (the 3rd personality) them:

Behold, behold them" is actually referring to Jacob and Israel, the two witnesses whom God will use to bring forth good tidings to Mount Zion and Jerusalem.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up on a high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings

to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, **Behold**, **your God!** (Isaiah 40:9 *American Standard Version*)

Anyone can see the fulfillment of this prophecy with our DOUBLE WONDER project in Jerusalem, i.e., the Mount Zion Dig and the rehabilitation of the Children's Playground.



The Remembrancers in the Mount Zion dig



The Remembrancers in the Jerusalem Foundation office



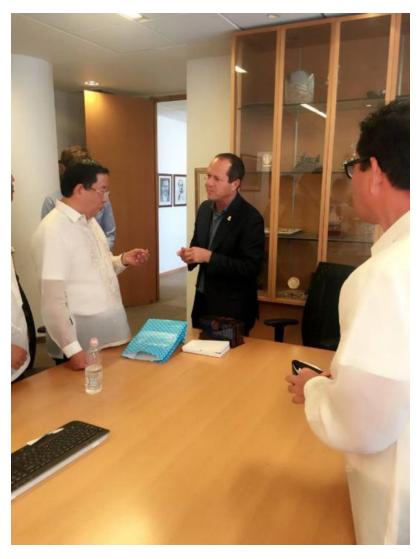
The Remembrancers in the Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park



The Remembrancers in Jerusalem Municipal Council with Dr. James Tabor of Mount Zion dig and Ms. Ariella Bernstein of Jerusalem Foundation



Lion of Judah pin given to the Remembrancers



Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat with ARK of God Foundation President Nicanor Antonio



Mayor Nir Barkat with the Remembrancers

SHALL TROUBLE HIM

"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him:" (Daniel 11:44)

Trouble can also mean, to disturb.

Look at what happened to Stephen Flurry's countenance after he read the *Book of Remembrance* last September 5, 2013. During his October 10, 2013 *Trumpet Daily* presentation he appeared to be so disturbed. Here's an excerpt of what he said:

"There was that letter we read recently about the individual who said all these things about the original Elijah and the prophecy of the end time Elijah and he had all these ideas of how what that end time Elijah would be like, how it shake the nations and so on. And

as we got into the actual history and what Jesus Himself said about the original Elijah you find that it's very different than what that man thinks." (*The Trumpet Daily, Your Daily Duty*; Time – 17:20 to 17:47)



Stephen Flurry was so troubled that for the first time, he appeared so untidy in front of the camera as he was beginning to grow his beard and he has not even combed his hair. His countenance has shown that the message in the *Book of Remembrance* has greatly impacted him.

And he shall plant the *tabernacles of his palace* between the *seas* in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. (Daniel 11:45)

This "tabernacle of his palace" is referring to the Edstone Hall which Stephen acquired on November 12, 2014. How can we be so sure? The key to understanding lies in the word "seas"



Both *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* and *Strong's Concordance* define the word "seas" as WEST, WESTWARD. In fact, in Numbers chapter 3 the same Hebrew word "yam" (H3220) was translated as WESTWARD.

The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle **westward**. (Numbers 3:23)

It means that the tabernacle of his palace would be found in the WEST or WESTWARD.

The word "holy" in *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* can also mean, SEPARATENESS; whereas a mountain is a symbol of government. So the thought "the glorious holy mountain" can be expressed as "the glorious SEPARATE GOVERNMENT." Thus, verse 45 can be read this way:

And he (Stephen) shall plant the tabernacles of his palace (the Edstone Hall) WESTWARD (England) in the glorious SEPARATE GOVERNMENT; yet he

shall come to his end, and none shall help him. (Daniel 11:45)

That would be the prophesied conclusion of Stephen's decision to settle WESTWARD in Edstone. God prophesied that "he will come to his end and none shall help him."

ADDITIONAL READING

The A.R.K. of God Foundation produces many informative and interesting publications that you may want to request.

Here are a few you might consider:

THE LAST END VISION OF THE PROPHET DANIEL (PART 1)

In the past, the LAST END VISION of the prophet Daniel has been interpreted as being a prophecy that started with the conquest of Alexander the Great and his four generals. This so called prophecy was actually introduced by a very intelligent Bible scholar, Dr. Herman L. Hoeh to the Worldwide Church of God with his own interpretation of Daniel chapter 8. In God's perspective, no one in His Church has ever given His real version of the story. Now, the true understanding to this prophecy has been finally revealed.

MOUNT ZION THUNDERS BEHOLD YOUR GOD

Learn what God has done so far with His Remembrancers: They were not even a year old as an organization, yet He was able to accomplish such a marvelous and a wonderful work in Jerusalem through them with the Mount Zion dig plus a partnership with Jerusalem Foundation to beautify the Children's Playground. The archaeological excavation in Mount Zion is a direct fulfillment of what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong said, that there should be a PHYSICAL as well as a SPIRITUAL PREPARATION for the Messiah's SOON COMING RETURN to this earth.

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