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Take heed, watch
and pray: For ye
know not when the
time is. Mark 13:33

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President George W. Bush and the US in general should have learned something on February 16. The world laughed at America. After confidently proclaiming Saddam Hussein's new fiber optics integrated air defense system was destroyed with America's most technologically advanced satellite controlled air to ground smart bombs, it turns out that only 40 percent of the \$160,000 JSOWs (Joint Standoff Weapon) missiles hit their target. The failure caused Saddam to prepare for a major attack Israel on February 22 which came within minutes of being launched. Only a massive air threat using tactical nuclear neutron bombs by the US, Britain and Israel kept Saddam at bay.

US military in shambles

The embarrassed military command was grabbing excuses out of the air when the dismal performance of February 16 was announced. Only eight



F18 Hornets armed with four Joint StandOff Weapons like this one were used in the bombing attack in Iraq on February 16 and 22. The standoff missiles performed poorly, and only a massive show of force on February 22 kept Saddam from launching a missile and ground attack against Israel in which tactical nuclear weapons would have been used.

of twenty targets were hit. The big target, Iraq's command and control center was undamaged when the smart bombs missed to the left by about 100 feet. The fact that all the JSOWs that missed veered to the left suggested a guidance problem.

While our eyes roll, the foul-up has real world consequences. It shows again the wretched shape of our military. To be sure, some of the problem has to do with under-funded projects and overworked, underpaid military personnel. But, like our security shambles at top-secret laboratories around the US, the finely honed edge of the US military has been lost. We have become sloppy because no one seems to care.

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Bioethics--disposable humans

A host of moral and ethical issues in the field of medicine and research is sparking volatile debates around the world. Bioethics is changing the shape of medicine as a whole by redefining the physician's role in health care, as well as the patient's rights and even his or her value as a person. Medical professionals whose ultimate concern used to be their patients' health, are now faced with more complex considerations, such as euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, fetus's rights, genetic manipulation, and cloning. Who is deciding where to draw the lines in these complicated battlegrounds?

An incredibly eye-opening interview on WorldNetDaily Sunday, February 11 between Geoff Metcalf and bioethics watchdog, Wesley Smith, exposed the sinister agenda of a growing movement within the medical community. The introduction to Smith's book, "The Culture of Death — The assault on medical ethics in America", broaches the subject this way: "Unbeknownst to most Americans, a small but influential group of philosophers and health care policy makers are working energetically to transform our nation's medical practice and health care laws." Sounds harmless enough, until people learn what they are trying to transform medicine into... a license to kill.

Smith explains: "...we have this ideological movement called the 'bioethics movement,' which

is moving us from the Hippocratic type of 'do no harm' medicine that most people want their doctors to pursue to one which is based on the so-called 'quality of life.'" Unfortunately, "quality of life" is defined by someone other than the person whose life is at stake. When the medical field first took shape, the renown Greek physician, Hippocrates, established the basis for modern medicine's emphasis on patient welfare with these words from the Hippocratic Oath, circa 400 B.C.:

"...I will follow that system of regimen which, according to my ability and judgement, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous. I will give no deadly medicine to any one if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; and in like manner I will not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion."

Sadly, only 13 percent of doctors today will take the oath. Every doctor who graduates is required to go through bioethics training which devalues the sanctity of life. One case in point involves the doctor of a 92 year old woman who had an infection and her doctor would not give her antibiotics. The woman's daughter phoned the doctor to complain, and was told "Your mom's going to die of an infection anyway. It might as well be this infection."

Bioethics concerns itself not with "the right to

die", but rather "the *duty* to die." This movement's philosophy classifies humans not as a unique and special creation, but in the same class as animals—only perhaps less desirable. According to bioethics, someone is not considered a real "person" unless he or she is a valuable contributor to society. Tom Beecham, author of the textbook *The Principles of Biomedical ethics*, makes this position clear with these words:

"Because many humans lack property of personhood or are less than full persons ... they are thereby rendered equal or inferior in moral standing to some nonhumans. If this conclusion is defensible, we will need to rethink our traditional view that these unlucky humans cannot be treated in the way we relevantly treat similar nonhumans. For example, they might be aggressively used as human research subjects and sources of organs."

Many horrifying examples reinforce this twisted viewpoint. Peter Singer, a "moral philosopher" and bioethicist who teaches at Princeton, is in favor of "retroactive abortions" by letting parents kill their children *up to one year after birth!* Some doctors will not treat Alzheimer's patients as thoroughly as those without mental impairment. Others withhold proper medical care for people with physical handicaps, in comas, or the elderly. Dr. "Death"

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Kevorkian, proponent of euthanasia, fits nicely into this list. "What it means is that the people among us who are the most vulnerable, the weakest — they literally get shoved out of the life raft," Smith said.

A frightening trend taking place in many intensive care units around the country is called Futile Care Theory. As unbelievable as it may sound, doctors are putting up signs similar to those found in some restaurants saying, in essence "We reserve the right to refuse service." In other words, if someone goes to the hospital and wants his or her life extended- via a feeding tube, respirator, or medication- the doctors can refuse treatment if they think that the quality of the person's life is not worth the expenditure of money or effort.

Whereas Living Wills used to be a necessity for people who did not want their lives extended through artificial means, the recommendation now is that people sign a Protective Medical Decisions Document which records the kind of treatment a patient wants. For example, it prevents them from taking away food and water from someone who is cognitively disabled, which happens in all 50 states.

But why would doctors, who traditionally have been taught to save lives, want to harm or kill their patients? Maybe they have been brainwashed by the UN's pantheistic ideology which teaches that humans and rocks have the same inherent value, with the exception, of course, that humans are destroying the earth and must be curtailed. The UN Global Biodiversity Assessment has this to say about population control:

It is "estimated that an 'agricultural world' in which most human beings are peasants should be able to support 5 to 7 billion people... in contrast, a reasonable estimate for an industrialised world society at the present north American material standard of living would be 1 billion." Section 11.2.3.2 pp 773 (note: there are presently 6 billion people on earth.)

Two drastic remedies are proposed to save the earth. If we all live as peasants, then fewer of us will have to be eliminated. But to keep the same standard of living that we enjoy now, *5 billion people on earth will have to go!* The multifaceted avenue through which this will be accomplished includes abortion, euthanasia, withholding adequate medical care, and much more. Even the music industry plays a part through many heavy-metal songs which glorify suicide as the only recourse that teenagers have to eliminate pain in their lives.

It is interesting to note that the people who maintain that the planet is overpopulated, do not, in fact, volunteer to sacrifice themselves for the sake of "Mother Earth." Instead, they seek to kill unborn children, the elderly, and people deemed of "lesser worth" to society. Organizations such as The Voluntary Human Extinction Movement and Gaia Liberation Front aim for not only zero

Rape: A crime against humanity in global governance

The International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague convicted three Bosnian Serbs this week of raping Muslim women and children in the Bosnian town of Foca, thereby classifying rape as crime against humanity, according to BBC on February 22. The arrest, trial and conviction of these men by an international court not made up of their peers should concern every American. For this is exactly what is planned for the new International Criminal Court (ICC), that will have jurisdiction in the United States, even if we don't ratify the treaty.

The ICC was formed in 1998 as the first permanent international court to try those accused of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. Only 28 of the 60 required nations have ratified the court at this time, but 139 have signed it, including the United States at the very last moment on December 31, 2000. The court's jurisdiction will supercede national laws making every US citizen a potential target for this Soviet style justice system. It is just one more rung in the ladder to a one world government.

Alarming, the broad term "crimes against humanity" has not yet been defined and can mean anything the judges want it to mean. The treaty permits punishment for these crimes (again determined by the judge) to override national law if the nation refuses to prosecute or the penalty is not severe enough. This leaves the door open to glaring abuses of power and loss of rights for citizens.

Although rape is an atrocious act that should be dealt with harshly, it should not be classified as an international crime. By eroding national sovereignty in issues such as this, the one world government continues to gain strength and momentum. Another BBC article on the same day said, "Once it is established, the International Criminal Court will in principle be able to try rape as a crime against humanity anywhere in the world."

population growth, but *negative* population growth- although their members stick around to educate the rest of the world's misguided masses.

The common denominator in the midst of it all, however, is the enemy of our souls.... Satan himself. Every life that he can snuff out prematurely is a life that may never know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. To Jesus, each and every life has limitless value- the beggar, the prostitute, the handicapped, every baby whether born or not- to the extent that He would sacrifice Himself to give them Life. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) Get a life..... get Jesus. ✠ *bm*

The Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 already prohibits the humiliating and degrading treatment of civilians in wartime, and requires women to be protected against any attack on their honor - especially rape, enforced prostitution and indecent assault. What it didn't provide was an international means to bring cases of this type to a court mandated resolution.

In order to grasp the significant danger posed by this new verdict, let's bring the situation closer to home: Imagine that your son is serving in the US military in Bosnia. He is away from home and lonely. Succumbing to temptation and bad judgment, he has sex with a local woman against her will. He is brought before the tribunal of the ICC as his judge, jury and executioner. He has no civil rights, because under this Soviet style justice system he is "guilty until proven innocent." If he cannot prove himself innocent and is found guilty by their standards, their verdict can prevent him from ever coming back to the United States to receive a fair trial as guaranteed by the United States Constitution. Even more alarming is the possibility that the woman might have agreed to consensual sex, but falsely accused him of rape. An innocent man could end up in jail in a foreign country with no hope of being vindicated.

Initially, the ICC will be used just to prosecute military men and women who commit "war crimes". But, there is nothing in the treaty forbidding the court from accusing, prosecuting or sentencing any civilian in the world. If a person in the US was found innocent of a rape accusation in a US court, for instance, the ICC will have the authority to try that person at the international level, because they have arbitrarily determined that rape is a crime against humanity. In other words, it trumps our Constitution and our entire judicial system. In fact, whatever the ICC determines is a crime against humanity once it is put into effect, the US will *have to* amend its own laws to conform to it. The ICC would supercede not only our Constitution, but our sovereignty and makes every citizen vulnerable to UN dictates.

Thankfully, President Bush has indicated he will not send the ICC treaty to the Senate for ratification. But then, the US ratification would be meaningless anyway. Once the treaty is ratified by 60 nations, it becomes international law and its jurisdiction includes the US, even if we have not signed it. Interestingly, Daniel saw this beast nearly 3,000 years ago. God showed him "The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it." The ICC will give the world government, this fourth beast Daniel saw, the power to



Dragoljub Kunarac is sentenced to 28 years in prison by the International War Crimes Tribunal

Are today's Jews Israelites? *Editor's Commentary*



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Editor's note: After writing about Israel and God's covenant with His chosen people in the past few month's issues of the Digest, several of our subscribers have written and challenged me on the fact that the Jews in Israel are not Semitic Jews to which God's covenant was given through Abraham. Rather, they are descendants of Khazarian converts that have no Semitic blood.

Therefore, the reasoning goes, most of the Jews in Israel today are not true heirs to the covenant which means the nation of Israel today has no special purpose in God's promises.

Though still small, the "Jews are not Israelites" movement is growing and becoming a very divisive issue within the Christian Church today. Defining the truth in this controversy is extremely important since most of the prophecy concerning the end days is centered on God's chosen people and the original covenant.

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God first made his covenant with Abram in Genesis chapters 12-18. In Genesis 17:4-7, God promised Abraham:

*"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. **The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.**"* (Bold added for emphasis)

According to the above, plus many, many more verses, God's promise is immutable. But are the modern day Jews really the descendants of Abraham? If not then they are not eligible for God's Covenant promises.

The Khazar Jews are not Abraham's descendants

There is growing, irrefutable evidence that the Crimean Khazars, whose kingdom extended over what is now Eastern Ukraine to the Caspian Sea (see map, page 6), officially converted to pure Mosaic Judaism in 861 AD under the rule of King Bulan. The Khazars do not appear to have been a people unto themselves, but rather a blend of many races resulting from the heavy trade that had been ongoing for centuries. Although, the campaign of the Rus (Russian) Prince Svyatoslav of Kiev effectively broke the back of the Khazarian empire in 965 AD, Khazar itself continued until at least 1030 AD. Under the growing persecution of Kiev Rus in the 11th and 12th century, the Khazars disappeared as a people. Nonetheless, there is overwhelming evidence that at least a portion of the

Jewish Khazars fled to Eastern Europe and north into Poland and Lithuania. Today it is estimated that between 85-95 percent of all Jews are from Eastern Europe.

Some people have taken this body of evidence and claim it proves that the Abraham Ashkenazim Eastern European Jews were of the Khazar bloodline, rather than Abraham's bloodline. In his book God's Covenant People, evangelist Ted R. Weiland cites mostly third party and circumstantial evidence in a convincing way to conclude the East European Jews were not Semites (blood descendants of Shem and Abraham). "Since they are not Semites, then today's Jews certainly can not be of Abraham's lineage because Abraham was a Semite... descended from Shem, the Son of Noah. Following the same line of reasoning, since today's Jews are not Semites, they can not be Israelites either because Jacob/Israel was also a Semite, a direct descendant of Shem through Abraham." ¹

Are the ten lost tribes of Israel the Celtic-Saxons that populated the US?

If today's Jews are not heirs to the Covenant promises to Abraham, then who is? Weiland believes it is the Celtic-Saxon races who populated England. He and others in this movement believe the Celtic-Saxon races are true descendants of the ten tribes of Israel who were assimilated during the Assyrian exile. Weiland provides no direct evidence for this conclusion because evidence of what happened to the ten tribes is even more scarce than what happened to the Khazar Jews. Most historians accept the melting pot theory that the captive ten tribes intermarried with other races, and having lost their identity as Israelites, migrated over the centuries to the southeast, north and northwest.

Those that believe modern Jews are not bloodline Israelites claim the descendants of the ten lost tribes migrated across the Caucasus Mountains through what is now the Ukraine and became the white (Caucasian) Celtic-Anglo Saxon Europeans. It was the British (Celtic-Saxon) that colonized the world, especially that of the United States. For the moment, let us say they did. Weiland then attempts to prove that the British colonization of the world with its Israelite/Celtic/Saxon blood lineage, and especially that of the United States, fulfills the various prophecies dealing with the future of Israel.² Therefore, God's real covenant people are white Europeans and the nation of Israel is the United States.

For instance, in Genesis 12:1-3 God promises Abraham that he will "...make you a great nation and make your name great..." Other Old Testament passages promise the same thing. Weiland claims that Israel has never been a great nation or had a great name, at least in comparison with Britain or the United States. Weiland also claims that "no one can deny that wherever the

Celto-Saxon peoples have migrated, greatness of some sort has almost always followed them." ^{2b} In another example, Genesis 13:16 proclaims "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered." Even today, notes Weiland, the Jews number only about 17 million, while "it is estimated that there are approximately 1.5 billion Celto-Saxon people, with somewhere between 265 million to 275 million in America alone." ^{2c}

Similarly, Weiland, provides numerous prophetic examples that provide excellent correlations to what has happened in the United States, but not yet Israel. Therefore, he concludes that the United States has become the new Israel and has fulfilled all prophecies concerning Israel. Yet, correlations do not prove cause and effect. After all, 100 percent of the people who drink water die. Water, however, kills only a very small fraction of them. No matter how good the correlations, if the first premise--that the non-Semitic Khazar Jews dominate the bloodline of today's Jews and are not Abraham's descendants--is not correct, then the prophetic correlations with the United States have nothing to do with God's covenant.

Just because the prophecies have not yet been fulfilled, does not mean that God will not fulfill them during the thousand year reign of Christ following His return. In fact, Revelation strongly suggests Israel will become a great nation and will fulfill all the prophecies God said about it. And, God was very clear when he said in Deuteronomy 30:5 that "**He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it.**" Clearly he meant the land of Israel, not the United States.

Weight of historical evidence

The issue boils down to whether Weiland and others are correct in their "proofs" that there is very little Semitic genetic material in modern Jews because of their Khazar heritage. Unfortunately, that does not match up with historical research. For instance, E. Ringelblum found that Semitic Jews from Western and Central Europe played an equally important role in defining the East European Jew as the Khazar Jews. His analysis, published in *pu Z'ydzi w Polsce Odrodzonej Ringelblum*, states "that the diffusion of Jewish Khazarian elements into the Polish kingdom appeared only after the Khazarian kingdom fell. A lot of documents and different town-names attest to the early Jewish immigration to Poland.... At the same time there was another Jewish immigration and colonization from the west, from Germany. Lots of antagonism existed between the eastern and western Jewish immigrants because there were different types of city-buildings.... The Khazar people, usually peasants,

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Botched air strikes into Iraq an attempt to stop Mideast war, *continued* Arafat a pawn of Saddam

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While much of the blame is Clinton's for gutting the military and demoralizing it by simultaneously turning it into a global cop for hire and a laboratory for perverted sex experiments for politically correct sodomites, where was the outrage by the American people? Our military could have toughed it out with the Clinton morons, but the American people didn't seem to care either. Even the best soldier can be demoralized when the people they have sworn to defend don't care that they are being systematically misused and abused.

Whatever the reason, most of the bombs missed. When Saddam was told that most smart bombs missed, he knew how incompetent the US high-tech military really is.

Saddam was launching an attack against Israel

Just how dangerous Saddam really is was demonstrated in an intelligence report by The DEBKAFfile in WorldNetDaily on February 24. The report said that by February 22 "six divisions of Iraqi troops were massed near the Syrian border and U.S. intelligence officials had 'additionally picked up Iraqi preparations for launching long-range surface-to-surface missiles.'"

The US/British attack on Iraq wasn't a 'routine' strike on radar installations as announced by the Bush administration on February 16. Instead, it was a part of an overall strategy to preempt Saddam from launching the real attack against Israel that had been in preparation for over a month. (See Jan-Feb issue of Discerning the Times Digest) "The allies had intended to preempt Saddam Hussein, following intelligence of his decision to launch missile attacks on Israel, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait," said the intelligence report.

Israeli forces were put on high alert and northern towns in Israel were warned to prepare for a missile attack. The report said US intelligence estimates claimed that Iraqi missile forces would have been ready to launch at Israel by 6 p.m. local time Thursday February 22, but Mideast sources said "a European government -- probably Britain" -- sent word to Iraqi intelligence that if missile launch preparations continued, "Israel would not again sit still and wait for Iraqi missiles to rain down on its towns, as it did in the 1991 Gulf War."

The threat was serious enough that the Israeli air force had prepared a preemptive strike against the Iraqi troops and launch sites using both conventional weapons "and with **the help of small neutron bombs.**" (Bold added for emphasis) Neutron bombs are designed to emit a pulse of neutrons that kill every living thing (including microbes) within several square miles. While neutron bombs would be very effective on eliminating Saddam's six divisions, it would have meant the use of nuclear weapons in war for the first time since World

War II.

Saddam took the region to the brink of war. One hour before he stood down his preparations, US AWACS planes, along with four of their Navy counterparts -- A2C Hawkeye carrier-launched AWACS -- and 36 US and British fighters and bombers had taken off from bases in Turkey and from US carriers in the Gulf, enroute to Iraq's western desert. The joint US-British squadrons were joined by elements of the Israeli air force, said the report. The mission was to "flatten Saddam's surface missiles the moment [US AWACS] reported them operational." Even though that never happened, the Iraqi military took their missile preparations, "to one stage before [Iraqi President] Saddam's firing order."

The report said as the US and British planes flew over the desert on February 22, they "ran into fierce antiaircraft missile fire from [Iraqi] batteries emplaced north of the ... oil city of Mosul," noting that "35 missiles were fired," at the planes and the "allied fighters blasted the Iraqi batteries in return but caused very little damage." Again, the highly advanced, smart bombs failed.

Other Arab nations are also seeing an opportunity to recklessly exploit the weakened US ability. The DEBKAFfile intelligence report had confirmed that Syrian President Bashar Assad had reached a "strategic decision" either to allow the Iraqi divisions to march through Syrian territory en route to Israel, to give his approval to Hezbollah terrorist forces to unleash a "long-range rocket attack against northern Israel," or both. The intelligence report also said "unusual Palestinian military activity" was witnessed "in the past 24 hours." DEBKAFfile said its sources have learned that "a massive Palestinian terrorist attack may be programmed as the starting signal for a regional flare-up" and could explain the recent acceleration of terrorist attacks by the Palestinians in Israel.

The entire effort appeared to be a coordinated effort to test Israeli-US-British reaction. We can expect more such testing of the allied defense systems. But, it is also highly likely that an attack will really happen one day very soon. Saddam has already proven he will take blind chances. "The **failed air raid strengthened Saddam's resolve.... Now, he is determined to go to war without delay, before Western allies reduce his missile-launching capability.**" (Bolding added for emphasis) Of course, the American people were told none of this in the mainstream press.

If war does break out, it is unlikely that Saddam will prevail. Saddam and Iraq may finally even be neutralized. That is not the point, however. Thousands of innocent people on both sides of the fence will likely be killed, with all the gore and horror shown in living color on every television around the world. It will be just the catalyst needed for the international community to intervene--especially if nuclear weapons are used. ☪ mc

UPI reported on February 12 that Iraqi president Saddam Hussein has funded Yasser Arafat's war of attrition to the tune of almost \$1 billion. Iraq has become the main financial supporter and ally of the Palestinians. So much so that Hussein has become the Palestinian's greatest hero. Although Arafat has never given any serious consideration to finding a peaceful settlement, whatever willingness that might have been there is now trumped by being held hostage to Iraq's cash. More likely, Iraq's financial support merely reaffirms the obvious--Arafat never intended to negotiate in good faith for a peace settlement. Ever!

Ironically, this billion dollars was given during the same time period as the UN claims that the Palestinian Authority lost \$1.2 billion because of Israel's restrictions on the movement of goods and services in Palestinian-controlled territory. According to the February 16 Bloomberg article, the restrictions are "forcing [the Palestinian Authority] to resort to a bank overdraft to pay salaries in February. He said there would be no money to pay anyone in March unless a UN appeal to the United States, European Union and Arab states is successful." Something is wrong with this math. Either all of the \$1 billion given by Iraq is going to fund military equipment, which is bad news for the future, or Arafat is once again lying. Either way, Arafat is playing the West for fools.

Iraq's cash is coming from the increased oil revenue resulting from the breakdown in the UN economic embargo against Iraq. The February 22 bluff by Saddam to attack Israel graphically illustrates Hussein's unrelenting efforts to become the military power in the Mideast. With Arafat rapidly becoming a vassal of Hussein, and the Sharon government skirting on paralysis, the ingredients for a Palestinian-Iraqi alliance to crush Israel is rapidly coming together. Jordan would be caught in the middle and probably crushed, while Syria may be forced to join the alliance despite its better judgment, because of the very strong and growing demands by Syrian Islam radicals who are fomenting pro-war hysteria among the Muslim population. ☪ mc



Arafat and the Palestinian Authority are rapidly becoming a pawn of Saddam Hussein. This will prevent any peace effort and will probably lead to regional war.

Stressed or blessed? *Becky's Corner*



STRESSSSSS.... The very word slithers out and brings to mind a coiled serpent ready to strike. It reminds us of tension headaches, deadlines, frazzled nerves, and Roloids. Stress is like an invisible hand pushing us to do more, and to do it faster and better than ever before. You can't see it, smell it or taste it, but it touches most every life at one time or another, and the results it leaves behind are physical as well as emotional. The fact is, our physical lives and our spiritual lives are intimately woven together and inseparable. Ulcers, insomnia, colitis, and many other illnesses can be the calling cards of stress. The things going on inside of us are reflected outwardly. This truth is echoed in Proverbs 14:30-- "*A heart at peace gives life to the body.*"

Our bodies and minds were not designed to bear the heavy loads that we force upon them. We weren't created to be "in charge" of our own lives-- that's hard work for beings who are neither omnipotent nor omniscient. He who created us wants to also carry our burdens: "*Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*" (Matthew 11:28-30) Isn't that *great news*? Someone wants to take that heavy weight right off our shoulders and carry it for us! We can live in a state of total rest and freedom from weariness!

I can hear the questions now: "Then why do I see so many Christians running around stressed and anxious just like everyone else?" Many times it's because we give our burdens to the Lord in prayer, but before we even get off our knees we've stuffed it all back into our pockets as if He somehow needs our help. Other times we burn ourselves out to accumulate temporary possessions that won't matter in eternity. When we lose our focus on Jesus our priorities are out of order and we look no different than the rest of the world who are struggling with stress.

Martha learned that lesson through a loving rebuke from Jesus in Luke 10:38-42,

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said, but

Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "*you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.*"

"What is better." Undoubtedly, Mary could have easily found something to fill her time, but she chose to sit at Jesus' feet and focus on the One Person with the power to bring peace to her life. Many things compete for our time- jobs, spouses, children,

housework-- but we, like Mary can choose the "one thing that is needed"... basking in the presence of the Lord.

We are promised that if we put our trust in the Lord, we will have peace: "*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in You.*" (Isaiah 26:3) "*The fear of the Lord leads to life: Then one rests content untouched by trouble.*" (Prov. 19:23) Each one of us is given a choice: We can either try to run our own lives and carry the resulting turmoil by ourselves, or let Someone bigger than us do it while we rest in the comfort of knowing He's more capable. Which will you be stressed, or blessed? Our focus makes all the difference. ✠ *bm*

Final Countdown to UN World Government

Dr. Michael Coffman, CEO of Sovereignty International and editor of *Discerning the Times Digest*, has just released this brand new two and a half hour video that uses actual UN, EU and US documents to show how globalists have quietly manipulated world events to bring us to the brink of world government. Using quotes from these documents and graphics, Dr. Coffman documents a spellbinding story that puts all the pieces together. Topics included:

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used primitive tools and were people with less culture. There was antagonism with the more advanced German Jews."³

Nathan Ausubel, also found that "the first Jews must have come from the Crimea.... In time, these Khazar Jews blended with the other Jewish elements in Poland and ultimately lost their ethnic group identity."⁴ Historian Adam Vetulani disagrees with Ausubel only slightly, "Polish scholars agree that these oldest [Polish Jewish] settlements were founded by Jewish emigres from the Khazar state and Russia, while the Jews from Southern and Western Europe began to arrive and settle only later...and that a certain portion at least of the Jewish population (in earlier times, the main bulk) originated from the east, from the Khazar country, and later from Kievian Russia."⁵ Arthur Koestler even goes so far as to say in his book *The Thirteenth Tribe: The Khazar Empire and Its Heritage* that "although the numerical ratio of the Khazar to the Semitic...is impossible to establish,... the Khazar contribution to the genetic makeup of the Jews must be substantial, and in all likelihood dominant."⁶

There can be little doubt that the Khazar Jew bloodline had an important impact on the East European Jews. But, not all Khazar Jews migrated north. There is evidence many converted to Christianity or Islam and were absorbed into the general population in what is now the Ukraine. "By the end of the 10th century they [Khazar Jews] succumbed to the Russians, and after maintaining themselves for a short period in the Crimea, some gradually embraced the Christian or Moslem faith, ceasing to exist as a separate people, though many joined with their Jewish brethren" to the north.⁷

It seems certain to historians that the East European Jews were a mix of Jews from the "Rhineland in Western Germany," the "area of the modern Czech Republic," and from Khazar in what is now the Ukraine.⁸ Benjamin Harsav suggests that "The label 'Ashkenazi' does not necessarily mean that all Ashkenazi Jews came from Germany but that they adopted the cluster of Ashkenazi culture which included the specific Ashkenazi religious rite and the German-based Yiddish language. Thus, it is plausible that Slavic-speaking Jewish communities in Eastern Europe (which existed there from early times) became dominated in the sixteenth century by Ashkenazi culture and adopted the Yiddish language."⁹

One of the most peer-respected historians on the subject in the past few years is Kevin Alan Brook, who has spent years researching this issue culminating in the book published in 2000, *The Jews of Khazaria*. In summarizing his findings, Brook found that "No Polish place-names were

[directly] named after the Khazars," nor "did Polish shtetl life...derive from the Khazars." Contrary to some of the historians cited above, Brook concludes that "The majority of Polish Jews came from the West, not the East," but not by much, and "most Ashkenazi Jews have Germanic, not Turkic, surnames and customs." Nonetheless, insists Brook, those who would argue that the Khazar Jews did not play a significant role in defining the East European Jews "are full of falsehoods and written for reasons other than in the spirit of objective scholarly inquiry."¹⁰

Genetic testing

"Eastern European Jews predominantly have ancestors who came from Central Europe rather than from the Khazar kingdom," asserts Brook. He



God warned His people (the Jews), that He would scatter them over the face of the earth if they were not obedient. He first did this with the Babylonian exile which led to the Diaspora in which most exiled Jews did not return home but stayed in Babylon or migrated to other places. Following Christ's warning that God's judgment was about to fall again, the Jews were almost totally removed from Israel by Rome and scattered over North Africa and Southern Europe. The rise of the Catholic Church brought a horrible and hounding persecution of the Jews wherever they fled, fulfilling God's curse and eventually forced the Israelite Jews to migrate to Eastern Europe and Western Russia where they met and intermarried with the non-Israelite Khazar Jews. The Czars of Russia then renewed the persecution which forced the Jews to emigrate to other areas of the world.

also found that "The Ashkenazi Jews are also the direct descendants of the Israelites. Genetic tests seem to indicate some ancestry from the regions known today as Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, and Iraq." A study by Dr. Michael F. Hammer, et al. shows an even more striking Israelite heritage. The Hammer study, based exclusively on the Y-chromosome (paternal), shows that Ashkenazi Jews are more closely related to Yemenite Jews, Iraqi Jews, Sephardic Jews, Kurdish Jews, and Arabs than they are to European Christian populations.

According to Brook, however, Hammer's "results contradict some other genetics studies, as well as historical evidence from three continents, and red flags have been raised by many knowledgeable observers who question Hammer et al.'s methodology and conclusion after noticing flaws and inconsistencies in their report." On the other hand,

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The Wandering Jews

After many generations of rejecting God, following false gods, and otherwise "doing evil in the sight of God," the Assyrians conquered the 10 northern tribes of Israel in 722 BC. They were then exiled to the northern Assyrian frontier. There, the record of the ten northern tribes ends. Although there is much dispute over what happened to them, most historians believe they intermarried and were absorbed into the people living there. They "perished" as a distinct people of God, probably in fulfillment of the prophecy given in Deuteronomy 8:19, "If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish."

According to both Jewish and Christian traditions, the chosen people are today's Jews who descended from the southern tribes of Judah and

Benjamin. These two tribes escaped the Assyrian captivity because of the God-loving King Hezekiah and other kings like him that tore down the high places and returned to God's covenant. Nonetheless, they disobeyed God, and though God is longsuffering He must eventually judge sin. He judged His wayward people, first through exile by the Babylonians for their disobedience to God beginning in 605 BC.

Upon entering the promised land, God warned the Israelites that if they did not obey Him, He would scatter them among the nations from "one end of the earth to the other," where they will have "no resting place for the sole of (their) foot. There the Lord will give (them) an anxious mind, eyes that are weary with longing, and with a despairing heart". At the very end God foretold that Israel would "live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. In the morning you will say, 'If only it were evening!' and in the evening, 'If only it were morning!' -- because of the terror that

will fill your hearts and the sights your eyes will see." (Deuteronomy 28:64-67) The fulfillment of this curse began in 70 AD with the fall of Jerusalem and the Temple to Roman General Titus.

The exile was not to be permanent. God also promised Israel that He would return the remnant of Israel in numerous Biblical prophecies, including Jeremiah 31:7-8, "This is what the LORD says: 'Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth." The Jews and the traditional Christian Church believe this prophecy, and many more like it, was fulfilled as the Jews returned to Palestine in the first half of the twentieth century from Europe and Israel once again became a nation on May

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Hammer found an "unknown" genetic component mixed in with the Israelite DNA. He notes that "In spite of the tendency of prior studies to summarily dismiss the possibility, a single source for the 'foreign' male genetic component in the Ashkenazi Jews...could be the medieval kingdom of Khazaria." Hammer recommends a genetic study of ancestral Khazarians to determine their genetic contribution. The problem is, however, there remains no known Khazars from which to draw a sample.

Brook concludes, "For now, I can point out that the Israelite [genetic] traces among the East European Jews came from three sources: (1) Sephardic Jews fleeing Spain and Portugal and resettling in Lithuania and Poland, (2) Roman Jews, and from (3) Khazarian Jews who merged with Israelites, just as the Schechter Letter states 'they became one people.' Are all Jews around the world descended from the Khazars? Certainly not. But, it is rational to conclude that some of them are." ¹⁰

In conclusion

While the evidence of Khazar "dilution" of the Semitic bloodline is overwhelming, it is also certain that the Abraham bloodline does exist within the overall Jewish population in both the world and in Israel. Unless there is a vast conspiracy among dozens of historians from many countries over the past 100 years, those who insist that the Jews in Israel are not direct heirs of Abraham are wrong. They are Abraham's heirs, and therefore eligible for all of God's promises (good and bad) for His Chosen People. That leaves the question of why leaders of the "Jews are not Israelites movement" have ig-

nored this overwhelming evidence to say that the Abraham bloodline no longer exists in the Jews, but in them. That is exactly what the early Catholic Church led their followers to think and millions of Jews were persecuted and killed. Perhaps it has something to do with Revelation 12:13-17, 1 Timothy 4:1-2 and 2 Timothy 3:1-9.

One last thought to chew on or spit out as you wish. If a significant portion of the ten lost tribes of Israel did migrate northwest across the Caucasus Mountains, it is probable that a significant portion would have settled in Crimea and what is now Eastern Ukraine, infusing the Abraham bloodline in at least part of the Khazars Jews. Ironically, rather than being the early Celts and Saxons, the remnant of the ten tribes could have been the partial seed of the Khazar Jews, who after settling in Eastern Europe intermarried with their Judean/Benjamin ancestral cousins who had migrated from the Mediterranean via Western and Central Europe. It would be the literal fulfillment of Ezekiel 37:15-29:

"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim's hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah's stick, making them a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand." ...I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel."

We may never know if this has any truth this side of heaven. But God does work in mysterious ways. † mc

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For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another...Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. (Romans 1:21-23 & 26-27)

A woman who heard Kathy and Jennifer speak said "Kathy just started talking about the pressure," saying "Their day is so tough. You go out to dinner with your two kids and people say 'Who's the real Mommy?'" Their days are going to be full of pressure and it reveals much pain because it is *not* natural. It goes against God and nature. Worse than their sin, however, is that as long as society continues to tell the homosexual he can't change or that he was born that way, he is resigned to live a lifestyle fraught with unhappiness and despair. Praise God for sending these scientists and researchers to confirm and reaffirm what the church has been saying all along. † rm

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