

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of December 25, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service ----- 59  
 Wednesday Eve., 12/28/22 Service ----- 9

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of December 25, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 2,685.00  
 Love Offering, Pastor & Family ----- \$ 350.00  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/25/22: \$ 3,035.00**

- Week of December 18, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,037.22  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/18/22: \$ 1,037.22**

- Week of December 11, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 4,742.90  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/11/22: \$ 4,742.90**

- Week of December 4, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,849.22  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/04/22: \$ 1,849.22**

- Week of November 27, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,254.90  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/27/22: \$ 1,254.90**

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00



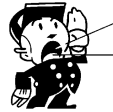
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**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED**

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.
3. Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.
4. You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).
5. By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.



**THANK YOU For Your Continued Faithfulness In Giving!**

During the early part this pandemic, we were unable to meet in the church-house. But - that did not mean that the expenses of having a church-house were suspended. We still had bills to pay - electricity, gas, water, trash pickup, phone, internet, facility insurance, copier lease, office supplies, etc., and, praise the Lord, His people kept praying, watching online, & supporting their church with their giving.

Sadly, some people only give when they are in attendance at church - sort of like paying for "services rendered" - but the truth is that they are robbing **THEMSELVES** of God's blessings when they withhold their tithes and offerings and only give when they are here (see Malachi 3:10). Thankfully, most of our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

**WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:**

1. **By mail** - 23 East Wells Blvd., Sapulpa, OK 74066
2. **Drop it off** - call the Church Office to arrange it. 224-1924
3. **Online** - Go to the link below and give electronically:

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**WE ARE GLAD WE CAN NOW GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD & STUDY HIS WORD TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH-HOUSE!  
 YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US KEEP UP WITH THE BILLS AND CONTINUE OUR RENEWED OUTREACH EFFORTS!**

**Church Directory**

Todd W. White ----- Pastor  
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 Derek Quinnelly ----- Greeter  
 Larry & Mary Byars ----- Outreach  
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian  
 GinaMarie Shufelt ----- Flowers  
 Seth White ----- Sound/Video

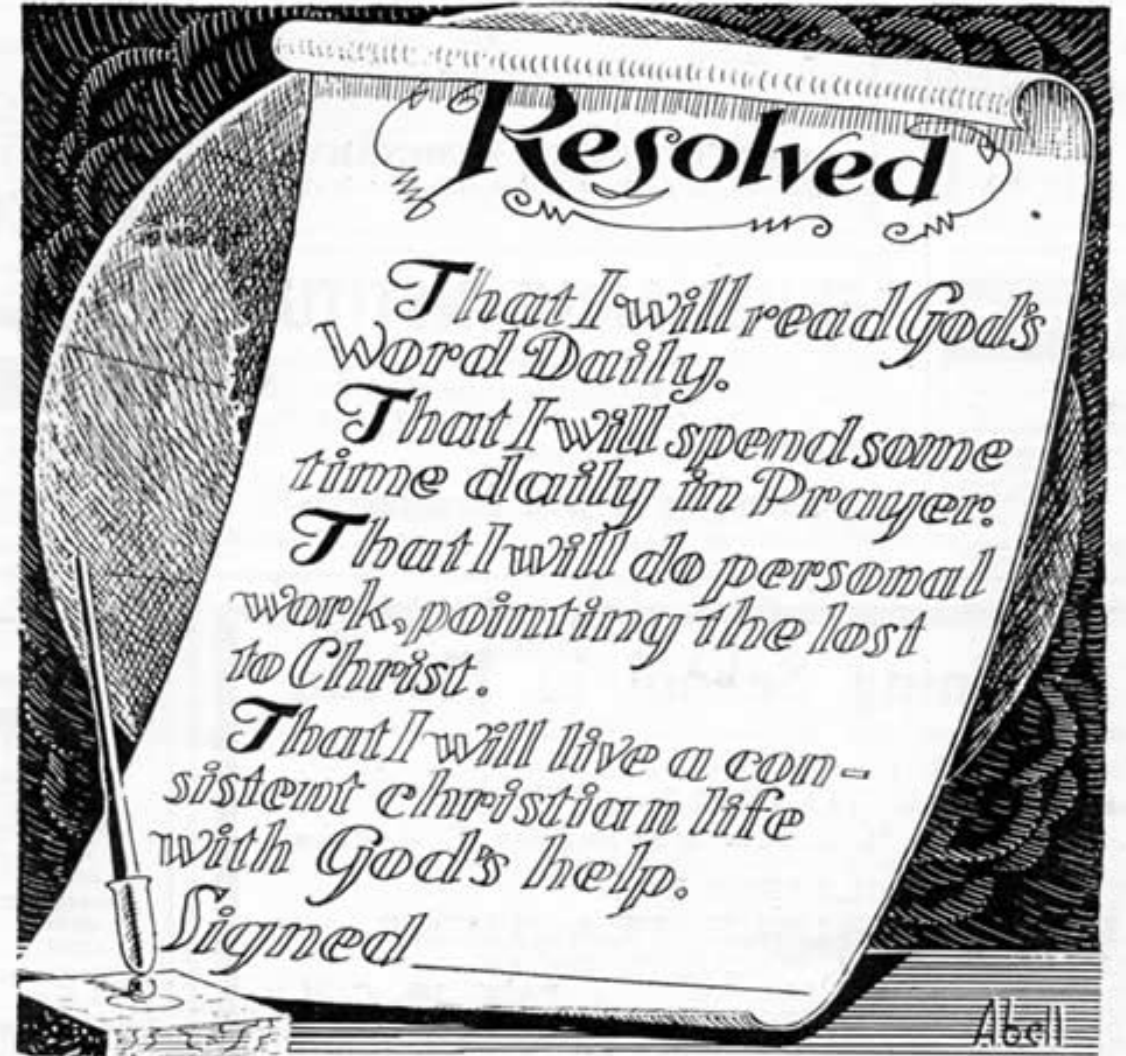
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**WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR?**





# PREPARATION FOR BUILDING THE THIRD TEMPLE

by  
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**“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. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months”**  
**(Revelation 11:1-2).**

This temple is also mentioned in the following Scriptures:

**Daniel 8:11; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; and II Thess. 2:4-5.**

This is the third Jewish temple. There have been two temples in Israel’s history. The first temple was Solomon’s temple (I Kings 5-8). The second temple was built by Zerubbabel after the Babylonian captivity (Ezra 1:1-4). This temple was later enlarged and embellished by Herod and became known as Herod’s temple (Matt. 24:1; John 2:19-21). The Temple Mount was doubled in size. The embellishment and enlargement work began in 19 BC and took 46 years to complete, being finished during the reign of Agrippa II, great-grandson of Herod I. This temple was destroyed by a Roman army in AD 70.

The third temple will be built during the first part of the Antichrist’s reign, as we see in Revelation 11. The act of measuring the temple describes the building process. The measuring reed was six cubits long, according to Ezekiel 40:5. That would be 108 inches.

John measures the temple, but we are not told how large it is. This is in contrast to the Millennial Temple which is described in Scripture in great detail (Ezekiel 40-48). The Third Temple won’t be built according to divine revelation, won’t be built to God’s glory, and won’t be occupied by Christ, so the details are not important from the standpoint of Scripture. We will see further in this study on Revelation 11 that the Third Institute has drawn up blueprints for the Third Temple.

John measures the altar. This is the altar of burnt offering (Exodus 35:16). In the coming temple, there will be a reestablishment of the Jewish priesthood and the sacrificial system. The fact that John could measure the temple is significant, for under the Mosaic dispensation only priests were allowed into the holy place containing the candlestick, table of shewbread, and incense altar, and only the high priest was allowed into the holy of holies containing the ark of testimony. Now we see that John is allowed to enter and measure every part of the temple, for he is a member of “a royal priesthood” (I Peter

2:9), a priesthood that has a greater calling and privileges than even the high priest under the Mosaic dispensation. In December 2014, the Temple Institute completed construction of the altar of burnt sacrifice. Made of bricks fired at roughly 1,000 degrees Celsius (1,832 degrees Fahrenheit), it can be disassembled and reassembled quickly (Breaking Israel News, Mar. 9, 2015).

He measures those that worship at the temple. These are Jews, for Gentiles are not allowed in the temple area (Acts 21:28).

The court is not measured (Rev. 11:2). The court was the area outside of the temple proper. In the second temple, there was an outer court where Gentiles were allowed. Beyond this were the inner courts where the priests and other temple functionaries conducted their business. The boundary was marked by a partition and a plaque warning the Gentiles not to pass that point on pain of death. At least two of these plaques in Greek have survived. An entire plaque is housed in the museum in Istanbul, Turkey, and a partial one is located in the Israel Museum. The plaques said: “*Foreigner, do not enter within the grille and the partition surrounding the Temple. Whoever is caught will have himself to blame for his death which follows.*” The boundary was called “the middle wall of partition” (Eph. 2:14).

The Gentiles will tread Jerusalem underfoot for 42 months or 3-1/2 years (Rev. 11:2). This is the second half of the Tribulation. The Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel mid-way through the seven years and the last 3-1/2 years will be characterized by desolation (Daniel 9:27). This period is described by Jesus in Luke 21:20-24.

The “times of the Gentiles” refers to the period in which Israel is under Gentile domination. It began when the Gentile king Nebuchadnezzar took Judah captive (II Chron. 36:1-21). Since then “Jerusalem has been under Gentile overlordship.” It will end when Christ returns. His kingdom is described by Daniel as the stone that is cut out without hands and that destroys the Gentile kingdoms (Daniel 2:44-45). That Israel is still under “the times of the Gentiles” is why Israel is at the beck and call of major Gentile powers, particularly as America and the European Union. This is God’s will for the present, because Israel is still in rebellion to God and in rejection of her own Messiah.

***The stage has been set for building the Third Temple since the last half of the 20th century:***

☛ Since the destruction of the temple in AD 70, orthodox Jews have recited the following prayer three times a day: “*May it be Thy will that the Temple be speedily rebuilt in our own time.*”

☛ In May 1948, the new state of Israel was established in its own land. (It was preceded in November 1947 by a United Nations vote in favor of its establishment, certainly a miraculous event in light of the rabidly anti-Semitic character the United Nations has displayed since then.) The official declaration of statehood announced: “*We hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine, to be called Medinath Yisrael (The State of Israel). ...The State of Israel will be open to the immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion ... Our call goes out to the Jewish people all over the world to rally to*

*our side in the task of immigration and development and to stand by us in the great struggle for the fulfillment of the dream of generations for the redemption of Israel. With trust in Almighty God, we set our hand to this Declaration, at this Session of the Provisional State Council, on the soil of the Homeland, in the city of Tel Aviv, on this Sabbath eve, the fifth of Iyar, 5708, the fourteenth of May, 1948.*” U.S. President Harry Truman immediately announced his recognition of the new Jewish state. Jews celebrated throughout the world. In Rome, they paraded under the Arch of Titus which was built to celebrate the conquest of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in AD 70 and features depictions of Jewish captives and articles taken from the Jewish temple.

☛ Immediately, the new Jewish state was plunged into war and was forced to defend itself against massive, well-supplied Arab armies, and its victory in this struggle was nothing short of miraculous. The Jews had few soldiers, few arms, and little food, but they won the war and established their state. They were outnumbered 10 to 1 at best and often 100 or more to 1. “*A record of Jewish successes in attack and defense in Jerusalem conveys little of the miraculous nature of the victories. The whole war, at least the defense of Jerusalem, was a miracle. Arms, ammunition, food, water and trained soldiers were in desperately short supply. Added to this was the weariness of the soldiers, mostly young men who had been fighting, with little relief, little sleep and little food since the beginning of December 1947. The two or three Bren guns the Jews possessed had to be rushed from one point to another to give the Arabs the idea that the Jews had a large number of them. The Jews sometimes beat large tin cans as the guns were fired, thus giving the effect of many shots. Musrara, an all-Arab district of Jerusalem, was captured by the Jews with the following equipment: five rifles, two Sten Guns and thirty tin cans. And the Arabs ran*” (William Hull, The Fall and Rise of Israel). By 1949, Israel had won the war and signed armistice agreements with the Arab States. The new state of Israel opened its doors wide to Jewish immigration. The banner Baruchim Habaim (“Bless the coming ones”) was hung at her gates.

☛ This return of Israel to her land was in fulfillment of Bible prophecy, which described her return in preparation for the time of Jacob’s trouble. Zephaniah 2:1-2 says she will return before the wrath of God is poured out. Ezekiel 37:4-13 describes Israel’s restoration in two stages. First, she will be regathered but will not have life. Next, she will be given spiritual life. Israel is back in her land as a nation, but she is spiritually dead and still abides in rebellion and unbelief.

☛ From 1948 until 1967, the city of Jerusalem was divided. “Walls, barbed-wire fences and a desolated strip of non-man’s land cut through the very heart of the city, especially excluding the Jews from the Old City and the Temple Mount.”

☛ In June 1967, during the Six Day War, the Jews liberated the old city of Jerusalem, but quickly gave control of the Temple Mount back to the Muslims. “On June 7 of that year the Israeli troops moved into the Old City and stood at the Western Wall

(Wailing Wall) for prayer. ... The city of Jerusalem was reunified and the Star of David flew again from its ramparts. On Saturday June 17, 1967, shortly after the end of the Six Day War, Defense minister Moshe Dayan entered the Al-Aksa Mosque for a historic meeting. In a gesture of good will, Dayan sat down on the prayer carpet with five leaders of the Supreme Muslim Council (the Waqf) of what had been Jordanian-controlled Jerusalem. That discussion fixed Israel’s policy regarding the Temple Mount, a policy that remains unchanged to this day. Dayan had ordered the Israeli flag removed from on top of the Dome of the Rock on the afternoon of the Old City’s liberation. His discussion with the Muslims led to further concessions. The administrative control over the Temple Mount was to be the sole responsibility of the Supreme Muslim Council--the (Jordanian) Waqf. Though the Jews would be permitted free access to the Mount, prayer by Jews was prohibited. Dayan refused to permit any Jewish identification with Judaism’s holiest site. To him, the Temple Mount held only historic interest. ... The government of Israel then allocated responsibility of the Temple Mount area to different groups. Israel’s Department of Antiquities was given the south, southeast, and southwest area of the Temple Mount to explore archaeologically. The top of the Temple Mount, however, site of the First and Second Temples, was given over to the Muslims to administrate. To the present day, the PLO Muslim Waqf allows tourists to visit the Mount a few hours per day--but they do not allow any freedom of worship or any non-Muslim archeological activity there. The entire area is treated as if it were a gigantic outdoor mosque” (Lambert Dolphin, “Preparations for a Third Jewish Temple,” [www.templemount.org/tempprep.html](http://www.templemount.org/tempprep.html)).

☛ In 1982, after years of disagreement about methods of approach, three groups of orthodox Jews combined their forces to plan for and build the Third Temple. These were The Jerusalem Temple Foundation, To the Mountain of the Lord, and The Faithful of the Temple Mount.

☛ In 1986, the TEMPLE INSTITUTE was founded with the goal “to see Israel rebuild the Holy Temple on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem.” The founder and director of the Temple Institute, Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, was a member of the paratrooper unit that liberated the Temple Mount. The Institute is preparing articles to be used in the new Temple. They have raised tens of millions of dollars, and based on extensive research they have fashioned priestly garments, the high priest’s golden crown costing \$30,000, the high priest’s breastplate with its 12 precious stones inscribed with the names of the tribes of Israel, a copper laver, an incense altar, silver trumpets, gold- and silver-plated shofars, harps, and many other things. They call their project the “temple-in-waiting.”

☛ Of special interest is the Temple Institute’s large MENORAH. It is not solid gold, but it is plated with 99 pounds (45 kilos) of 24-karat gold, valued, at the time of its construction, at \$3 million. In December 2007 the menorah was moved to an outside location overlooking the Western Wall Plaza and the Temple Mount. Prior to that it had stood in the old Roman cardo maximus. The Temple Institute compared the 2007 dedication of

the menorah in its new location to the dedication of the Arch of Titus in Rome 1,900 years ago. Then, the menorah was moving away from the Temple, whereas today it is moving back to the Temple.

☛ Preparations are also being made to re-establish THE PRIESTHOOD. “Such a priesthood is now in the works. In an old stone building in the Old City of Jerusalem, a small group of young scholars are preparing for the building of the Third Temple and the coming of the Messiah. The founder of one particular yeshiva (school) is Motti Hacohen. ... Hacohen then began a search for a yeshiva that could teach him matters concerning the rebuilding of the Temple. Finding none that would satisfy his needs Hacohen founded the Tora Kohanim” (Dolphin).

☛ “In 1998 collection of the HOLY HALF-SHEKEL for the temple’s operation began, and by 2002, a poll indicated that 53% of Jews favoured rebuilding. ... The first Half-Shekel was minted to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Israel’s Independence, and a fresh design is produced each year. The words on each coin are the same; only the graphics change” (John Ecob, The Bible Prophecy Handbook).

☛ The idea of rebuilding the temple continues to grow in popularity among Jews. In his 2001 book Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land, New York Times journalist David Shipler reported: “During my five years in Jerusalem, the idea of building a Third Temple in place of Al-Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock evolved from a wild notion held by a very few fringe militants into a goal embraced and legitimized by parts of the established right wing.”

☛ In October 2004, a preliminary or “nascent” form of THE SANHEDRIN was re-established after 1,600 years. The Sanhedrin was a body of 71 Jewish rabbis dating to the Second Temple period. It convened adjacent to Herod’s temple before its destruction in AD 70 and convened outside Jerusalem until it was dissolved in about AD 400. It was the Sanhedrin that pressured Pilate to put Jesus to death for “blasphemy.” Rabbi Yeshai Ba’avad of Beit El said that the “nascent Sanhedrin” consists of 71 rabbis “from across the spectrum received the special ordination, in accordance with Maimonides’ rulings, over the past several months.” He said, “The goal is to have one rabbinic body in Jerusalem that will convene monthly and issue rulings on central issues. This is the need of the generation and of the hour” (Israel National News, Oct. 13, 2004). Rabbi Ariel, head of the Temple Institute, said, “Whether this will be the actual Sanhedrin that we await, is a question of time--just like the establishment of the State. We rejoiced in it, but we are still awaiting something much more ideal. It’s a process” (“Bird’s Eye View of the News,” traditioninaction.org, Dec. 20, 2004).

☛ In 2011, the Temple Institute announced completion of the first BLUEPRINTS for the Third Temple. The Chamber of Hewn Stone is intended to be the meeting place of the reconstituted Great Sanhedrin, the ruling elders of Israel. On a visit to the Temple Institute in Old Jerusalem in 2018, I saw a video of the proposed Third Temple. Their plan is to re-establish Talmudic Judaism in Israel by means of a rabbinical Sanhedrin.

☛ In 2016, the Temple Institute announced the opening of a school to train descendants of the tribe of Levi for service in the Third Temple. Temple Institute Director Rabbi Richman noted that “preparation for the Temple is no longer a dream, it’s a reality, in which everyone can play a part.’ ... The Temple Mount in Jerusalem is currently occupied by the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque, which Muslims now claim as their third holiest site. Many Jews and Christians believe a Third Temple will one day take the place of the Muslim holy sites in accordance with several biblical prophecies” (“School for Temple Priests,” Israel Today, Aug. 11, 2016).

☛ In 2017, Rabbi Yisrael Ariel says the altar could be set up and sacrifices begun in a mere four hours. “An actual Temple is not needed. An altar can be constructed at the site of the original altar on the Temple Mount. ... If we were told to begin the Temple service, we could be lighting the menorah and burning sacrifices in four hours” (“Experts Weigh in on Whether Temple Service Could Be Jump-Started Today,” BreakingIsraelNews, Dec. 18, 2017).

☛ In February 2018, The Temple in Zion (Hamikdah Betzion) issued a memorial half shekel temple tax coin featuring the images of Persian King Cyrus and U.S. President Donald Trump on one side and the Third Temple on the other. This was in recognition of Trump’s support for Israel and his public recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. In 538 BC, Cyrus issued a proclamation ordering the rebuilding of the Second Temple. The Temple in Zion and associated groups had hoped that President Trump will institute the building of the Third Temple.

☛ On December 10, 2018, the last evening of Hanukkah, the “nascent” Jewish Sanhedrin consecrated a stone sacrificial altar and performed the daily offering that occurred every morning and evening in the ancient temple. The sacrifice was enacted by Kohanim (Levites) dressed in biblical priestly attire. The Temple Institute’s golden menorah was also lit (“Sanhedrin Invites 70 Nations to Hanukkah Dedication of Altar for the Third Temple,” BreakingIsraelNews, Nov. 29, 2018).

**Why Will the Muslims Allow the Jews to Rebuild the Temple?**

☛ The world, including the Muslim nations, will accept the Antichrist as a brilliant saviour. The Muslims will possibly receive him as their long-awaited Hidden Imam.

The following is an excerpt from the London Telegraph, January 14, 2006:

“As Iran rushes towards confrontation with the world over its nuclear programme, the question uppermost in the mind of western leaders is ‘What is moving its President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to such recklessness?’ ... The most remarkable aspect of Mr. Ahmadinejad’s piety is his devotion to the Hidden Imam, the Messiah-like figure of Shia Islam, and the president’s belief that his government must prepare the country for his return. One of the first acts of Mr. Ahmadinejad’s government was to donate about £10 million to the Jamkaran mosque, a popular pilgrimage site where the pious come to drop messages to the

Hidden Imam into a holy well. All streams of Islam believe in a divine saviour, known as the Mahdi, who will appear at the End of Days. A common rumour--denied by the government but widely believed--is that Mr. Ahmadinejad and his cabinet have signed a ‘contract’ pledging themselves to work for the return of the Mahdi and sent it to Jamkaran. Iran’s dominant ‘Twelver’ sect believes this will be Mohammed ibn Hasan, regarded as the 12th Imam, or righteous descendant of the Prophet Mohammad. He is said to have gone into ‘occlusion’ in the ninth century, at the age of five. His return will be preceded by cosmic chaos, war and bloodshed. After a cataclysmic confrontation with evil and darkness, the Mahdi will lead the world to an era of universal peace. This is similar to the Christian vision of the Apocalypse. **INDEED, THE HIDDEN IMAM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN IN THE COMPANY OF JESUS.** Mr. Ahmadinejad appears to believe that these events are close at hand and that ordinary mortals can influence the divine timetable. The prospect of such a man obtaining nuclear weapons is worrying. The unspoken question is this: is Mr. Ahmadinejad now tempting a clash with the West because he feels safe in the belief of the imminent return of the Hidden Imam? Worse, might he be trying to provoke chaos in the hope of hastening his reappearance? Western officials [suspect] that Iran’s president actually relishes a clash with the West in the conviction that it would rekindle the spirit of the Islamic revolution and--who knows--speed up the arrival of the Hidden Imam.”

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☛ **SOUTHERN BAPTIST MEGACHURCH RECEIVES UNREPENTANT HOMOSEXUALS AS MEMBERS** - First Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida, a prominent Southern Baptist congregation, receives unrepentant homosexuals as members, including those with same-sex “marriage” partners. On Feb. 13, 2022, senior pastor David Uth said in a sermon that his church invited homosexuals to participate in its small groups, because “everyone needs a safe space to come to explore faith.”

**We agree with that, as far as it goes.** Our church invites all sorts of unsaved people to attend services and other ministries open to visitors, so they can learn the gospel and see it lived out in Christian lives. Every church should be involved in this type of thing. Our job is to reach sinners with the gospel, every variety of sinner. In our main services, we have a good representation of Hindus, Buddhists, agnostics, adulterers, fornicators, thieves, drunkards, drug abusers, nominal Christians, etc. We urge them to come, so long as they don’t cause a disturbance. We want them to hear the preaching of God’s Word, the testimonies and the singing of hymns, and after the services, we urge them to stay around and take refreshment with us and talk about Christ, which many of them do. We invite them to house Bible studies. We want to get to know them and answer their questions. One of our main services each month is devoted to ministry to the unsaved, all varieties of them. In that service, everything is geared toward this purpose.

**At the same time, the visitors aren’t members.** To be a

member, one has to meet the biblical qualifications, which are repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and scriptural baptism (Acts 2:41-42; 20:21). They must be born again, converted, supernaturally changed, and by God’s grace we have seen every sort of sinner converted and go on to live fruitful Christian lives as new creatures in Christ. It is always wonderful to see the great change that God works.

This is not what First Baptist of Orlando is doing. They are **NOT** preaching repentance to homosexuals and calling them to a new life in Christ. They are accepting homosexuals as they are, in their sin. That isn’t true Christian love. They are allowing homosexuals to deceive themselves into thinking that God accepts them as they are, which the Bible plainly says is not true.

Research by Justin Peters found multiple cases of this. One member of First Baptist is Joe Mills, who was “married” to his male partner in December 2021. Mills is not only a member, he is the administrator of one of the church’s Gospel Gatherings, and he baptizes new members. This is not New Testament Christianity.

Among the membership of the church at Corinth, which was founded by the apostle Paul, were all sorts of sinners, including fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, and extortioners. They were not received in their sin; they were received when they were born again and changed.

**“And such WERE some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11).**

☛ **STANFORD’S SPEECH CONTROL** - The following is excerpted from “**The Stanford Guide to Acceptable Words,**” Wall Street Journal, Dec. 19, 2022:

“Parodists have it rough these days, since so much of modern life and culture resembles the Babylon Bee. The latest evidence is that Stanford University administrators in May published an index of forbidden words to be eliminated from the school’s websites and computer code, and provided inclusive replacements to help re-educate the benighted. Call yourself an ‘American’? Please don’t. Better to say ‘U.S. citizen,’ per the bias hunters, lest you slight the rest of the Americas. ‘Immigrant’ is also out, with ‘person who has immigrated’ as the approved alternative. It’s the iron law of academic writing: Why use one word when four will do? You can’t ‘master’ your subject at Stanford any longer; in case you hadn’t heard, the school instructs that ‘historically, masters enslaved people.’ And don’t dare design a ‘blind study,’ which ‘unintentionally perpetuates that disability is somehow abnormal or negative, furthering an ableist culture.’ ... ‘masked study’ is to be preferred. ... ‘Gangbusters’ is banned because the index says it ‘invokes the notion of police action against gangs in a positive light, which may have racial undertones.’ Not to beat a dead horse (a phrase that the index says ‘normalizes violence against animals’), but you used to have to get a graduate degree in the humanities to write something that stupid. *The Elimination of Harmful Language Initiative* is a ‘multi-phase’ project of Stanford’s IT leaders. The list took ‘18 months of collaboration

with stakeholder groups’ to produce, the university tells us. We can’t imagine what’s next, except that it will surely involve more make-work for more administrators, whose proliferation has driven much of the rise in college tuition and student debt. For 16,937 students, Stanford lists 2,288 faculty and 15,750 administrative staff.” One report on this observes, “As with Twitter, it would be interesting to fire half the admin and see what happens.”

☐ **SOME LIBRARIES BAN BIBLE-BASED CHILDREN’S BOOK** - The following is excerpted from “Kirk Cameron speaks out,” Fox News, Dec. 8, 2022:

“Actor Kirk Cameron spoke out Wednesday following more than 50 libraries allegedly rejecting his attempts to visit and read his new faith-based book, while many have had no problem hosting drag queen story hours for children. The ‘Growing Pains’ star said a library in Alameda County, Calif., rejected a solicitation while instead continuing to schedule what he characterized as a ‘gender name-change clinic’ later in the week. ‘I’m thinking, Wow, if we’re so committed to diversity, why am I being excluded? Why can’t I use your facility to read my book? You’re a library.’ He said a Providence, R.I., library rejected another offer, with a worker telling publisher Brave Books they are a ‘very queer-friendly library; our messaging does not align.’ ‘My understanding of history is that the family and the church are two great pillars of Western civilization,’ Cameron said. ‘And those two things need to be removed and taken out of the way in order to fundamentally change the power structure and the moral value code of the nation.’ However, the actor added that since the news broke of his dozens of rejections, parents and other librarians are contacting him or his publisher to solicit appearances to read his book.”

☐ **THE RAPID, DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT OF DARWINISM ON SOCIETY** - Charles Darwin published *On the Origin of Species* in 1859. Though he gave **zero** evidence for how the species originated by naturalistic means, his atheistic philosophy received a sympathetic hearing in England, Europe, America, and beyond. It was a major event in the onslaught of end-time apostasy.

Less than 30 years later, the following observation was given at the International Prophetic Conference in Chicago, 1886, the second of five such conferences: “*A man is what he thinks. If he thinks mud he will be mud. That is why, under the reign of Huxley, Darwin and the prurient biologic school, reverence is dying away, the sacredness of womanhood dying away, dignities, titles, self-respect dying away, and London becomes like to Sodom and Paris like to Gomorrah.*” This statement was made by George Sayles Bishop, a Reformed pastor. Already, Darwin’s wicked hypothesis had exercised a terrible effect on society. The prophetic conferences marked the dawn of the fundamentalist revival. (I see the fundamentalist movement in all of its broad aspects as one of America’s Great Awakenings.) The major themes of the conferences were the infallible inspiration of Scripture, end-time apostasy, the defense of the faith once delivered unto the saints, and the literal interpretation of Bible

prophecy, with an emphasis on the return of the Jews to their homeland and the establishment of a Jewish state. At the time, this appeared to be impossible. The land of Israel was controlled by the Muslim Ottoman Turks, and they were dead set against a Jewish state in “Palestine.”

But Bible believers knew that it would happen, because it is prophesied in Scripture. In 1864, Charles Spurgeon had preached on Ezekiel 37:1-10 at a gathering of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews, saying, “*The meaning of our text, as opened up by the context, is most evidently, if words mean anything, first, that there shall be a political restoration of the Jews to their own land and to their own nationality. And then, secondly, there is in the text and in the context a most plain declaration that there shall be a spiritual restoration--in fact a conversion--of the tribes of Israel.*”

The first part of this prophecy was fulfilled in 1948 with the founding of the modern state of Israel. This is a preparation (unknowingly on Israel’s part) for the coming of the Antichrist with his peace covenant as prophesied in Daniel 9:27. The second part of the Ezekiel 37 prophecy, the spiritual restoration of Israel, will occur during the time of Jacob’s trouble, which might be just around the corner (Jeremiah 30:7-24).

☐ **BIDEN SIGNS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LAW** - The following is excerpted from “Biden Signs,” Christian Headlines, Dec. 14, 2022:

“President Joe Biden on Tuesday (Dec. 13, 2022) signed a bill into law that he says will ensure that same-sex marriage remains legal but that critics say goes much further than that by also threatening religious liberty. The bill, the **Respect for Marriage Act** (H.R. 8404), defines marriage as **‘between 2 individuals’** and **overturns** the 1996 **Defense of Marriage Act**, which defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

Supporters say it ensures that same-sex marriage remains legal even if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns its landmark decision *Obergefell v. Hodges*(2015), which struck down traditional marriage laws nationwide. ... Although the bill includes an amendment that supporters say protects religious liberty, critics say its impact is too narrow. The amendment protects churches and other houses of worship. ... Alliance Defending Freedom, a religious liberty legal group that opposed the bill, said in an analysis that the law ignores ‘the true threats to religious individuals and organizations.’

As written, the new law ‘can be used to punish social-service organizations that work closely with government,’ such as ‘adoption or foster placement agencies that serve their communities in accordance with their religious belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman.’ The new law also could be used by the government to threaten a religious organization’s tax-exempt status, ADF said. ... ‘It only applies to religious organizations in the solemnization or celebration of a marriage, not to religious individuals or to any entity in any other context.’ ... For example, the new law would not protect Christian-owned florists and bakers who have been involved in prominent lawsuits nationwide.”

☐ **MEGACHURCH PASTOR WANTS TO REACH YOUNG MEN BY GROWING MARIJUANA** - Pastor Jamal Bryant of Atlanta’s New Birth Missionary Baptist Church has announced his plan to grow marijuana on the church property as an outreach. The church is “the largest land-owning Black church in America.” He said he is looking for male congregants that “smell like weed” (“Megachurch Pastor,” Relevant, Dec. 9, 2022). He says, “So if the guy, Black boy, in Bankhead said, ‘They growing weed at the church? Where do I join?’ I don’t need no pamphlet for him.”

So Pastor Jamal wants to use marijuana as a church promotion! This is beyond dumb, even if marijuana were legal in Georgia, which it is not (cultivating marijuana for any reason is a felony offense).

**Marijuana is not a harmless drug.** Proponents of recreational marijuana typically ignore proven dangers such as addiction, psychosis, marijuana as a gate-way drug, long-term effects on learning, cognition, and personality, amotivational syndrome (lethargy and loss of interest in achievement), bronchitis and respiratory infections, and increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

There is a long line of evidence that marijuana is not an innocent relaxation drug. I know this all too well, having been a drug user before I was saved, beginning with my Army tour in Vietnam in 1970-71. Marijuana is a psychoactive drug with hallucinogenic properties which can mess with the depths of an individual’s soul. It affects people differently, but depression, intense anxiety, and paranoia are common side effects, and acute psychosis is not infrequent. This was proven in a study published in the *Lancet* in March 2019.

The rush to legalize marijuana is the fruit of the rock & roll pop culture, the heart and soul of which is the anti-God philosophy of “live as you please.” It is the product of a filthy entertainment industry, apostate Christianity, an educational system devoted to moral relativism, a society that celebrates unrestrained self-expression, and the gross lack of wisdom typically reflected in mainstream media reporting.

God’s command that His people be “sober” is repeated 12 times in the New Testament Epistles. It means to be in control of one’s mind and spirit so that nothing but God is in charge. “Sober” is the opposite of being under the influence of alcohol or marijuana or other mind-control drugs.

☐ **CANADA EUTHANIZED 10,000 OF ITS CITIZENS LAST YEAR** - The following is excerpted from “America, be very afraid,” Daily Mail, Dec. 6, 2022:

“Canada, a country that prides itself on its open-mindedness and tolerance, has the most permissive rules on euthanasia in the world--and the results have been frankly terrifying. Last year, more than 10,000 people in Canada--astonishingly that’s over three percent of all deaths there--ended their lives via euthanasia, an increase of a third on the previous year.

... Alan Nichols, for instance, was a 61-year-old British Columbian with a history of depression and other medical

issues--though none of them life-threatening--who was hospitalized in 2019 over fears he might be suicidal. Although he asked his brother, Gary, to ‘bust him out’ as soon as possible, within a month of going into hospital he’d submitted a request to be euthanized. He listed only one health condition--hearing loss--as the reason, but that was enough to satisfy his keepers and he was killed. ‘Alan was basically put to death,’ said his brother Gary. Erin Smith said her 71-year-old father, Rod McNeill, went to an Ontario hospital after suffering a fall. A month later, he...was euthanized for a condition--end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease--that an autopsy shows he didn’t have, Smith said.

... Canada is set to allow people to die exclusively for mental health reasons. Starting March 2023, Canada’s medically assisted suicide eligibility will expand to people who do not have a physical ailment.

... Canada is also considering extending euthanasia to ‘mature’ minors--children under 18 who meet the same requirements as adults. Doctors and human rights campaigners say Canada’s easy-come, easy-go euthanasia laws are particularly dangerous for disabled people who are being ‘devalued’ as a result. ... Professor Tim Stainton, director of the Canadian Institute for Inclusion and Citizenship at the University of British Columbia, described Canada’s law as probably the biggest existential threat to disabled people since the Nazis’ programme in Germany in the 1930s’. Being compared to the Nazis is surely the last thing that Justin Trudeau and his achingly woke allies would expect to ever hear but as they turn their country into an assisted suicide Wild West, they are losing any claim to common humanity.”

