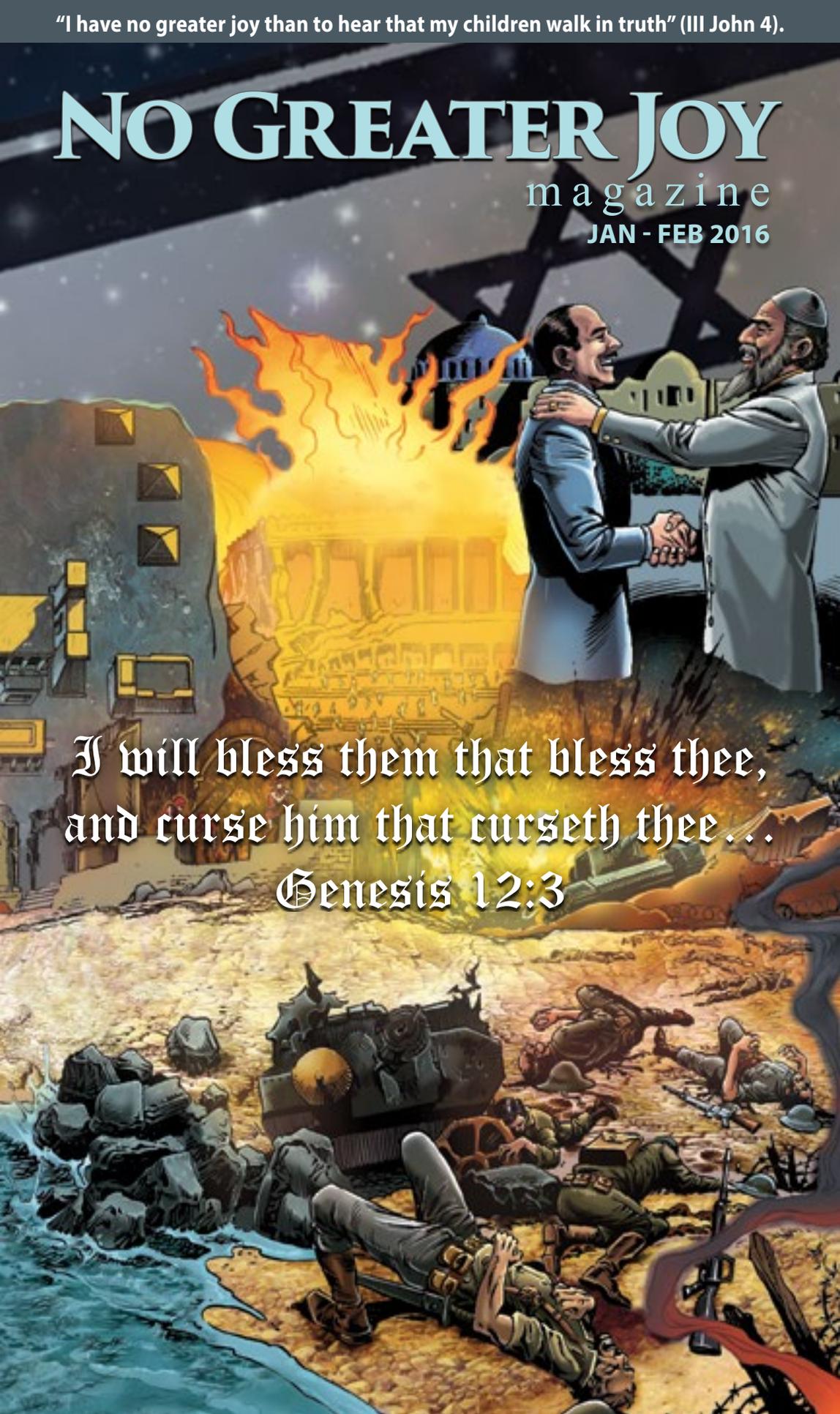


"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (III John 4).

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I will bless them that bless thee,
and curse him that curseth thee...
Genesis 12:3



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A word from Debi (and Mike)

Several years ago a van came down our long drive and out poured a large family, on their way home from a conference. The lady started excitedly telling me that when the Bible says Israel it means the church, because God has clearly rejected Israel. I tried to tell her that the entire Bible is the history of Israel, prophecies for Israel, and blessings and cursings on Israel. It predicts that Israel will be cast off for a period of time, that it will be scattered among the nations and exist in unbelief; but in the latter days they will return to the land and "all Israel shall be saved."

The lady got irate with me, telling me what losers the Jews were. I told her, "Hey, God keeps his promises. And one of his promises is to bless those that bless Israel and to curse those that curse Israel. Calling the church Israel while cursing the descendants of Jacob is not going to exempt one from the curse."

So I pray, "God bless Israel, and may they come to love you." Over the years and to this very day, the Pearl family has been abundantly blessed beyond measure. But that family . . . well, I will just say, "They should have changed their theology instead of God's WORD!"



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Watching Prophecy Being Fulfilled

by Michael Pearl

There is an end-time prophecy in Ezekiel 38–39 that has fascinated me since I first started studying the Bible fifty-five years ago. Gog, along with Meshech and Tubal and several nations including Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, and Libya attempt to invade Israel and are supernaturally destroyed by God so that he “will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD” (Ezekiel 38:23).

In the past few months, conditions have rapidly aligned with the potential fulfillment of this 2,700-year-old prophecy. Fulfillment seems imminent. Our redemption draws nearer with every newscast.

During the twentieth century and up until the present, evangelical prophecy teachers have held to the belief that the invading force is Russia. I, too, have repeated that standard line, not having done any original research. It is not the first time I have been wrong due to accepting conventional opinions garnered from people I respect—and continue to respect. It is very time-consuming to study every belief we inherit—probably impossible. After independent study, my conclusion is that Russia may well be a part of the commanding force of Magog, but so is the United States of America, along with the rest of the Western Japhetic nations, as well as some Middle Eastern Japhetic nations.

There are three approaches to identifying the invading forces:

- 1) Bible chronology
- 2) Historical records
- 3) Genetics (a recent resource)

The most weight must be given to the Bible itself. But as in all truth, we will expect to see history and genetics supporting our biblical interpretation. Accurate Bible interpretation and true science are never in conflict.

The Prophecy

In Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, the prophet records the very words God spoke to him. In the **“latter years,”** Israel will be attacked from the north through Togarmah (Turkey) by a large federation of nations under the headship of Magog (Caucasian descendants of Japheth) who dwell in the “north parts.” Magog, Meshech, and Tubal will be assisted by “a great company, and a might army” of “many people” from the north with three additional countries: Persia from the east (Iran), and two countries from the south: Ethiopia and Libya.

Magog, Meshech, and Tubal are not the names of countries, but of ethnic groups, the descendants of Japheth through his son Magog (Genesis 10:2). After Noah’s flood, Japheth’s sons begin a northwesterly

migration, eventually spreading out to occupy all of Europe, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, the Slavic states, Great Britain, and eventually the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, etc.

Due, I think, to ethnocentrism, some American Christians have developed a tradition of saying that Magog is Russia. It is easy for the Western free world to believe that the “Evil Empire” will invade Israel, but the idea that Europe and the U.S. might be the instigators of this invasion has been unthinkable. But it is much more thinkable now than it was seven years ago.

Modern writers think Magog is Russia because of the similarity of the words Meshech and Moscow, and Tubal and Tobolsk, but Russia didn’t exist at the time of the prophecy. However, according to numerous historical records, including Josephus of the first century and many rabbis, the descendants of Magog did exist in the area north of Turkey, below the Black Sea, and across southern Europe. The earliest Russia began to form would have been around 800 AD, 1,500 years after the prophecy. Moscow came into existence around 1147 AD, and the Russian Empire was founded in 1721. The ancient names for Moscow and Tobolsk were *Slavi* and *Wends*, not Meshech and Tubal. There is nothing in history that links Meshech and Tubal with these two Russian cities. It is just a matter of the words sharing some consonants.

And if one *could* find hard evidence that Meshech and Tubal are in Russia, that would exclude Russia





from being the primary mover—Magog. For Magog is said to be the “chief prince” of Meshech and Tubal, indicating a difference in political structure. The head prince indicates one that leads a coalition of powers while not being the actual ruler of either of them. This fits the concept of a UN-led “peacekeeping force” under Western leadership. Turkey is the land from which Israel will be attacked, as clearly stated by the geographic description given by the prophet, yet the leader, Magog, will be “prince” over a large number of different nations.

Magog is Worldwide

In Revelation 20:8 we learn that “Gog and Magog” is a universal combination of nations, “. . . which are in the **four quarters of the earth**, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.” Even

after the millennial reign of Christ over the nations, the worldwide descendants of Magog will still maintain their ethnic identification. **The fact that Scripture places Magog in the four quarters of the earth would eliminate any single nation from exclusively holding that designation.** History and genetic studies support the worldwide distribution of Magog’s descendants.

It is also noteworthy that whereas the prophet named the countries of Persia and Libya, he did not name a particular country as the driving force from the north; rather, he goes all the way back to the table of nations in Genesis 10, immediately after the flood, and references the Japhetic line as opposed to the Hamitic and Semitic.

Genetics place the origin of Russians in the Slavic peoples, Poland, and Eastern Europe. So for

that reason, not the similarity of names, Russia may be a significant part of the invading force, having descended from Japheth as did Europe, Great Britain, and the United States.

In 1947 the United Nations allotted the Jews a place in their ancient homeland. This extraordinary event occurred during my lifetime and the Scripture dates it as “the latter years.”

Amazing Prophetic Accuracy

It is fascinating that of the more than one hundred people groups and nations in the seventh century BC within reach of Israel, the three that the prophet names still exist today and are aligned against Israel. The people of Ezekiel’s day would never suspect Libya and Ethiopia of posing a threat to Israel. If the prophet had named the more obvious Tyre, Philistia, Edom, the Amorites, or any of the Canaanite nations that were a constant threat, the prophecy would have been believable in Ezekiel’s day, but in time it would have been proven false, for all those people groups no longer exist upon the earth. Not only are the nations gone, but the ethnic lineage has disappeared. The only way to explain the incredible fact that Ezekiel was able to see 2,700 years into the future and accurately predict the surviving nations that would be enemies of Israel is by the omniscient and omnipotent God. That is no small prophecy.

The Prophecy Is Also Extraordinary in the Way It Describes Israel

The prophet dates it as “in the latter years” and says Israel is “the land that is brought back from the sword [*war*], and is gathered out of many people [*nations where they were dispersed*], . . . which have been always waste [*the land was waste before the Jews occupied it*]: but it is brought forth out of the nations [*United Nations*], and they shall dwell safely all of them” (Ezekiel 38:8). There are six specific details in the prophecy. How could the prophet know 2,700 years beforehand that Israel would be “brought forth out of the [*United*] nations”?

In 1947 the United Nations General Assembly allotted the Jews a place in their ancient homeland. That is a perfect description of historical events. They were “brought forth out of the nations” as boatload after boatload were dumped on the shores of their embattled, ancient homeland. Many were immediately put into battle carrying sticks. This extraordinary event occurred during my lifetime and the Scripture dates it as “the latter years.” I have lived my entire life knowing I am living in the last days before the coming of Christ.

Wrong on Salvation—Wrong on Prophecy

In 1946 a Church of Christ preacher wrote a book disparaging the idea of a pre-tribulation rapture and a literal millennial reign of Christ upon the earth. His primary argument was that for premillennialism to be true, the Jews would have to occupy their

ancient land of Israel, and it was obvious to him that such a thing could never happen. At the time of his writing, two-thirds of the Jews living in Europe (about half of their worldwide number) had been killed in the Holocaust. Furthermore, Britain occupied Palestine, favoring the Arabs. Israel had been dispersed throughout the nations for 1,866 years. Survivors of the Holocaust were pitiful physical wrecks. It appeared their end had come, not their redemption. But within a year of the publication of his book, Israel was a nation of Jews who had driven the English out (King David Hotel) and defeated their enemies in battle. The Star of David flew over their ancient homeland and God was worshipped in ancient Hebrew, the language in which the Scriptures were originally written. Needless to say, the publisher had a lot of books sent to the dump. Never doubt your

Bible, no matter how far-fetched it seems.

Other Invading Forces

GOMER

Ezekiel 38:6 names two more descendants of Japheth (Caucasians/white/Aryan) that participate in the invasion of Israel: Gomer and Togarmah (Genesis 10:3). There is no objection to the fact that Gomer refers mainly to Celtic peoples, including Gauls, Britons, and Irish, which now represent not only the Western European nations but also the United States. By the fourth century BC, they spread over much of what is now France, Belgium, Switzerland, Southern Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic, and southern Russia.

You will notice an overlap of the people groups and geographical

Japhetic Nations



locations by the different factions, all descendants of Japheth, because the family consistently migrated north and west, mingling as they competed for territory and conquering one another from time to time. The history of Russia, Europe, and Great Britain is the history of the sons of Japheth struggling for territory and supremacy.



TOGARMAH

The prophet includes in the invasion force “the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee” (Ezekiel 38:6). Ancient Jewish sources list Togarmah as the father of the Turkic peoples. This fits the text’s geographic reference of the people north of Israel.

Today there are 170 million people speaking a Turkic language. At present, there are

six independent Turkic countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, and Uzbekistan. The Turkic lineage is also Japhetic (white, non-Arab, non-Semitic, non-Hamitic). The reason the prophet singles it out from Magog and Gomer is most likely due to the fact that though it is Japhetic, it is Muslim and is set apart from the Western world by its culture.

The invasion comes down through Turkey with “all his bands: and many people.” So we can expect all the Turkic “-stan” countries to be in league with Turkey and Magog.



PERSIA

Persia was called Persia up until 1935 when it changed its name to Iran at the urging of Hitler. The Persians, in contrast with the rest of the Arabic Muslims, are also Aryan/descendants of Japheth.

Japhetic Nations





ETHIOPIA

(Hebrew: Cush, Son of Ham, father of Nimrod, Genesis 10:6-8.) Ethiopia

was the land occupied by the descendants of Cush and located around the southern parts of the Nile. The Ethiopia of Ezekiel's day encompassed most of Northern Africa with the exception of Egypt. These are the only Hamites to assist in the invasion, but they will come down from the north through Turkey as well.

This alignment looks an awful lot like a United Nations operation headed by Western powers commanding some of the nations surrounding Israel.



LIBYA

A nation of Northern Africa. Origin of name is unknown. Libya is 90%

Arab. As a nation, not necessarily a people group, it will assist in the invasion of Israel from the north, down through Turkey.

Apparently the countries from the south will be transported to Turkey, which will be a staging area for the assault.

Meshech (Genesis 10:2), son of Japheth, who traded with Israel in 593 BC, is mentioned with Tubal, plus "all her multitude" (Ezekiel 32:26), as if the two are the heads of a large number of various peoples.

"Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy merchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy market" (Ezekiel 27:13).

Tubal (Genesis 10:2), son of Japheth. According to Isaiah 66:19, Tubal is among the isles that are "afar off." Tubal, it seems, refers to the people of the Asiatic highland west of the Upper Euphrates, the southern

Other Nations



SUMMARY OF MAGOG

This northern federation of Magog, Meshech, Tubal, and Gomer encompasses:

- **British Isles**
Celtic, Gauls, Irish, Welsh, Britons (Gomer)
- **Scots**
Magog (according to the Milesian genealogy)
- **Anglo-Saxons**
Gomer, Magog, and Meshech
- **France**
Gaul, Britons (Gomer); Franks, Goths, and other Germanic peoples (Gomer, Magog, and Meshech); Gascons (Tubal)
- **Spain**
Celtiberians (Gomer and Tubal)
- **Basques**
(Tubal)
- **Goths**
(Meshech)
- **United States**
Every one of the above mentioned, though the leadership is from British/Irish descent (Gomer, Magog)

range of the Caucasus on the east side of the Black Sea. Meshech and Tubal, frequently mentioned together, are part of the ancestors of Russia, Europe, and Britain and the Americas.

Prophetic History of Shem, Ham, and Japheth

The history of nations was predicted by Noah 4,338 years ago, after the flood. “God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant” (Genesis 9:27). We have seen that the history of Japheth has been one of enlargement, advancing into the wilderness of Asia all the way to the Arctic Circle (Russia), continuing west to all of Europe, Britain, and the Americas, then on to Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. The descendants of Shem have dwelt in the same region throughout history. The Chinese, Japanese, and Jews have not conquered the world and created empires on which the sun never sets, as have the descendants of Japheth.

But God has dwelt in the tents of Shem. All of the seven major religions began with Shem. Jews are from Shem. God dwelt in a temple erected by descendants of Shem. The church was founded on Jesus and his twelve apostles, all from Shem. The first several thousand converts were from Shem, and the Bible was written by Shem’s descendants.

Then the prophecy says “Canaan shall be his [*Shem’s*] servant.” That is not the Hamitic race as a whole, just one of the descendants of Ham (Genesis 10:6). In accordance with Noah’s prophecy, Shem (the Jews)

conquered the land of Canaan and made servants of them until their eventual total demise.

Again, how miraculous that Noah could anticipate the history of his three sons!

Exceptions to the Invading Force: Sheba and Dedan

“**Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish**, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?” (Ezekiel 38:13).

Ezekiel’s prophecy names exceptions to the invading force. Sheba and Dedan were great-grandsons of Ham. Solomon received the queen of Sheba from the south. History well documents that Sheba was in southwestern Arabia, presently Saudi Arabia and Yemen, as was Dedan, a station on the caravan road between Tema and Medina.

“The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim” (Isaiah 21:13).

Saudi Arabia and Yemen are not part of the attacking coalition. They stand afar and ask the question, “Why have you invaded Israel; are you come to take a spoil?” Perhaps their proximity will give them reason for concern.

Ships of Tarshish

The annals of the Assyrian king Esarhaddon (681–669 BC), place Tarshish on the southern Spanish coast by the Strait of Gibraltar. Ten

times the Scriptures speak of the “ships of Tarshish” and of the trade Israel did with them.

Merchants from Spain will be troubled by the invasion because it cuts into their trade, which will cause them to question the motive of Magog and his great number of accomplices.

History in Advance

You can read Ezekiel 38–39 to see the drama unfolding. Space allows only a brief overview of events.

In the “latter days” a large force of many nations will come “like a cloud to cover the land” (Ezekiel 38:9). Their original purpose for forming the military coalition is for reasons other than an invasion of Israel. They are there to exert needed force in a troubled region, but at the same time, while they are in the vicinity, “shall things come into thy [*Magog and forces*] mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages [*Israel*]; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them



dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land” (38:10–12).

What the invading force does not realize is that God has seduced them into taking this action against his people Israel. For God says, “I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes” (38:16). God brings them against Israel so he can destroy their invading forces in such a manner that everyone knows God did it, thus glorifying himself.

Verses 19–22 speak of events that match conditions in the tribulation. But it is clear that this invasion is not the Battle of Armageddon for a number of reasons. I have delineated these in the expanded version of this article, which you can acquire if you seek confirmation of my conclusions. This is a different event that precedes Armageddon and, I think, leads to the introduction of Antichrist. I do

think there is a very good chance that this event takes place before the rapture of the church, although I cannot be certain. If it does take place in the Great Tribulation, it will precede Armageddon.

Worldwide Judgment

God warns, “I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles” (Ezekiel 39:6).

“And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire **seven years**: So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers **on the east of the sea [east of the Dead Sea]**: and it shall stop the *noses* of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* **The valley of Hamon-gog**” (39:9–11).

God will destroy five-sixths (39:2) of the invading forces by means of a fire from heaven (38:22). We know it will not be nuclear because the world will recognize it to be the work of God.



There will be so many dead that it says the stench “shall stop the noses of the passengers” (39:11).

For seven months following the destruction, the entire nation is engaged in burying Magog’s dead. At the end of seven months Israel hires men to work full-time in the job of burying the dead and cleansing the land (39:12–15). An entire city will be built to manage the employees who are cleansing the land (39:16).

There is one teaser in the passage that lends credence to the possibility that this event begins before the rapture of the church. After the cleansing of the land, Israel will gather the leftover weaponry and supplies of the enemy and burn them for fuel for **seven years** (39:9). It seems that the seven years follows the seven months of all Israel engaged in burying the dead. The entire period in which the tribulation occurs is just seven years, preceded by the rapture and followed by the second coming and Millennium.

So either the destruction takes place at least seven months before the rapture, or the burning of implements continues into the Millennium. It’s a thought. We don’t have to know for sure because we will have a ringside seat and can ride our white horse through the area when we return to the earth with our Lord, the Captain of our salvation.

God brings them against Israel so he can destroy their invading forces in such a manner that everyone knows God did it, thus glorifying himself.

If you wish to know more about this subject, order ten copies of my small book, *The Prophecy of Magog and Israel: Ezekiel 38–39* (see details below), and give a copy to your friends. Everyone needs to know their future. It is time to celebrate our victory.

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FROM FACEBOOK

I'm thanking God for my children! Yesterday A and T both got up early; T went to work with his big brother and A went to work with her dad. Last night, A and T decided that I shouldn't have to get up to make breakfast for T, so my daughter A made a tuna and PBJ sandwich for her little brother.

Next morning, with my well-trained ears I heard my son getting up at 4:30 AM and getting ready to leave for work! Big sister A had once again set her alarm to wake him so I wouldn't have to, since the boy never wakes to any alarms. Of course, I couldn't bear not getting up to see him off—precious moments!

It was early, but I decided to start breakfast and pack lunches for the next ones heading out—my husband and my youngest daughter. Dad woke her up, and she came downstairs all sleepy. I got her breakfast, and with her funny little sense of humor she had me laughing and missing her before she even walked out the door!

Now it's quiet again, and I am sitting at the booth in my kitchen in tears as I reflect on the goodness of God. Never give up on your children; treat them as if they are that person you want them to be. Always forgive; build them up and move forward! When they mess up, remind them that Jesus already died on their behalf—so why suffer unnecessarily! Pray, pray, pray . . . not just for them but also for the person (future spouse) they will one day spend their life with!

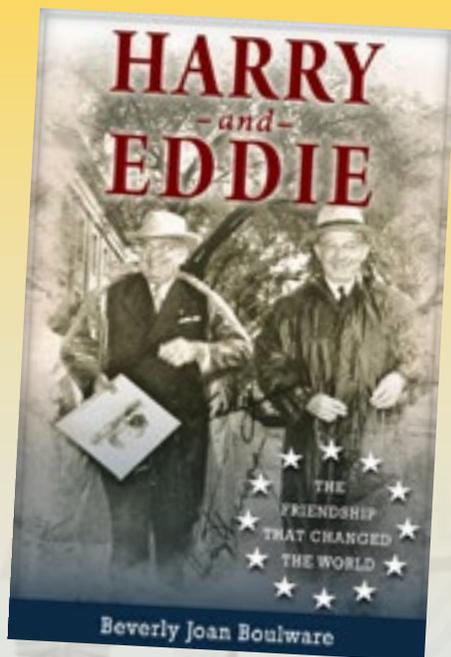
Life doesn't sneak up on you when God is in control. He has a firm grip on the situation and I trust him with my children!

— Joyful mother

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by Beverly Joan Boulware



One of the most powerful prophecies ever fulfilled happened in 1948 when God gathered his people Israel out of the nations and restored them to the land he gave to Abraham. The modern nation of Israel was born. Never before has any group of people held onto their nationality, religion, language, and desire to return to their original land after nearly 2,000 years of dispersion into the nations.

The book *Harry and Eddie* tells the story of just how tenuous the circumstances were that led to this miracle. It is the story of the friendship of two young men, fighting together in World War I, going their separate ways on two different continents, and then a forty-five minute encounter that led to the fulfillment of the 2,700-year-old prophecy.

This is a faith-building book. I cried, yelled with joy, and clapped my hands giving praise to God for using little people to do a great big mighty thing. I loved the quiet simplicity of the unfolding drama of which few people have ever heard.

The book is written by a university professor, Beverly Joan Boulware, for students of all ages. *Harry and Eddie* is filled with original historical pictures that add interest to the story. Although it is a short, simple book, any believer who loves prophecy will thoroughly enjoy reading this true story. Sunday School classes will find it fascinating as they read together how God used one mild-mannered, simple man to change all of history. I highly recommend it to ALL homeschoolers.

– Debi Pearl

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Joy Training

by Rebekah Anast

One of my earliest memories is that of standing outside in the springtime in a shirt and shorts watching Mom and Dad work in a little garden plot with great enthusiasm.

I was probably about three years old. Gabe was not yet one year. The sun was shining warmly on the part in my frizzy hair (it had just been unbraided) and the wind was a little cool on my legs. That morning I was as sour as a green papaya and couldn't think of a reason why. Of course my foul mood got me a spanking with a spring sapling, and my attitude miraculously disappeared. I remember my folks reminding me of my middle name, Joy, and calling me to the responsibility it carried. That episode was repeated consistently throughout my childhood until all

moodiness was thoroughly stamped out of me. Attitude manipulation worked with my parents about as well as a one-legged frog on the interstate.

Now as a wife and mother I find joy to be one of the most useful attributes a woman could have. At church meetings I see a wife turn down the corners of her mouth, make her eyes become despondent, and her shoulders droop when she sees her husband glance at her. And a glance is all it is. Who wants to look at a picture like that? He turns away with a hardened smile, determined to enjoy the meeting in spite of her.

In contrast, I look at my husband and he looks at me. I smile at him with all the joy and gratitude my life is worth as he smiles back at me with lingering pleasure. "You're beautiful today," he whispers. And I know why.



Stop and Smell Your Children by Leah Spina

Moms of young children! Ready to laugh about motherhood and be encouraged? Tired of feeling overwhelmed and stressed out in the baby and toddler season? Need some fresh vision and perspective so you can enjoy—not just endure—your young children? Check out Leah Spina's new book, *Stop and Smell Your Children: Laugh and Enjoy the Little Years*, now on Amazon! Learn more at leahspina.com.

Note: This book is NOT available from NGJ; please visit Leah's website.





Gospel Box Update

by Jared Rowe

(If you haven't heard about the Gospel Box, NGJ published an introductory article in the March/April 2015 magazine, access it here: <http://ngj.me/gb>)

Most of the kinks have been worked out of the Gospel Boxes (GBs) and I am now proceeding with field tests. GBs have been sent to China, Peru and Ireland, as well as several locations around the U.S. I have not gotten results back, so at this writing, I don't know if the idea is a success. I need to test the devices on a larger scale, so I need YOUR help! If you would like to help out with this project and place a GB in a *good** area, please contact me and I will send you a complete GB for testing. These are finished units that don't require any nerd skills. Simply plug it into a power source and it will automatically start broadcasting the Gospel over Wi-Fi, as well as log the numbers on how many visitors and any downloads that were made.

Right now it costs approximately \$31 plus build time for one Gospel Box. When I order the parts in larger quantities, I expect the price to drop even lower. I have the parts to build 20 GBs and will be ordering additional parts soon. If you want to help out with field testing, contact me through NGJ (I'm at the office on Wed. Mornings) or email me at jared@imissionaries.org. If you wish to participate, please know that I will be asking you to record the statistics

and relay them back to me, as well as capturing photos/videos of the setup and setup area. **This is done on a first-come first-served basis.** Due to my limited resources, there will be only 50 of these free units available. Once we're done testing it will be available for purchase in a plug-and-play unit. DIY instructions will also be available on the iMissionaries website, <http://imissionaries.org>.

*What defines a *good* location?

- **No other Wi-Fi connections**
We don't want our Gospel Box Wi-Fi signal lost in a sea of other free Wi-Fi networks.
- **Lots of people**
Think bus station, airport or crowded stores/restaurants in cities.
- **Power**
For a permanent installation, access to a power outlet or USB power port is required.
- **Return access**
You must be able to return to the device in a few weeks and access the statistics page.

Note: The definition of a "good" location might change over time based on feedback from field tests. Other possible locations might include a busy state park/campground, college campus or community center.

This little girl lives in an orphanage in Vietnam.



Vietnam is in Asia, near China.



The main religion in Vietnam is Buddhism.



*She is reading
GOOD AND EVIL
in Vietnamese!*



**It is dangerous to be a Christian in Vietnam.
We need to pray for Vietnam and the believers in Jesus!**

Here are some things you can pray for:

- **Pray the Holy Spirit would strengthen them.**
- **Pray persecuted believers would fearlessly tell others about Jesus (Ephesians 6:20).**
- **Pray that they would have access to a Bible.**
- **Pray for believers who have been rejected by family and friends.**

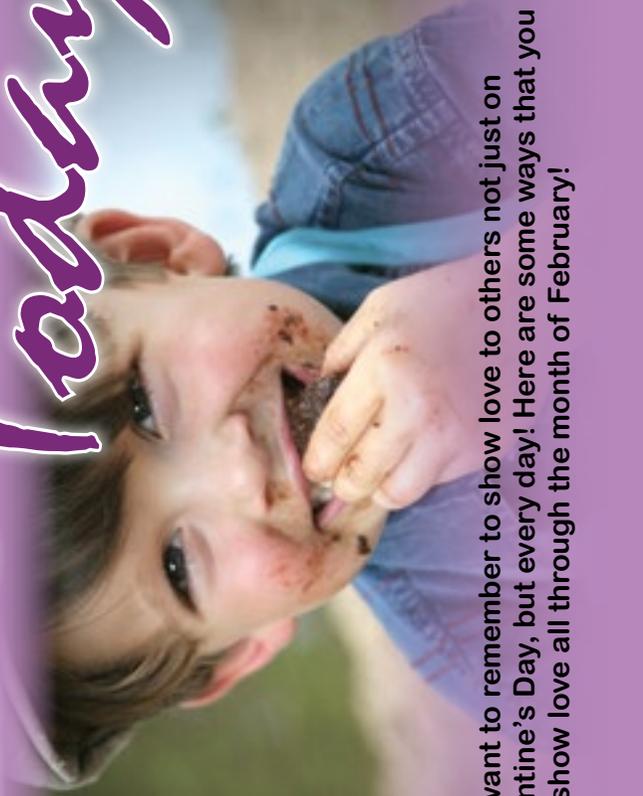
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Show

LOVE

Today



We want to remember to show love to others not just on Valentine's Day, but every day! Here are some ways that you can show love all through the month of February!

Healthy Chocolates

2 cups coconut oil ½ tsp. salt
(room temperature) ½ tsp. Cinnamon
3 heaping Tbsp. honey 1 cup cocoa powder
½ Tbsp. vanilla

Mix wet ingredients together and blend in remain dry ingredients. Blend until light and fluffy and pour into your favorite mold or miniature ice cube tray. Cool in the freezer until firm and enjoy! If you want, you can add three pinches of cayenne pepper to this recipe!



HEREIN IS LOVE,

**NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD,
BUT THAT HE LOVED US,**

AND SENT HIS SON

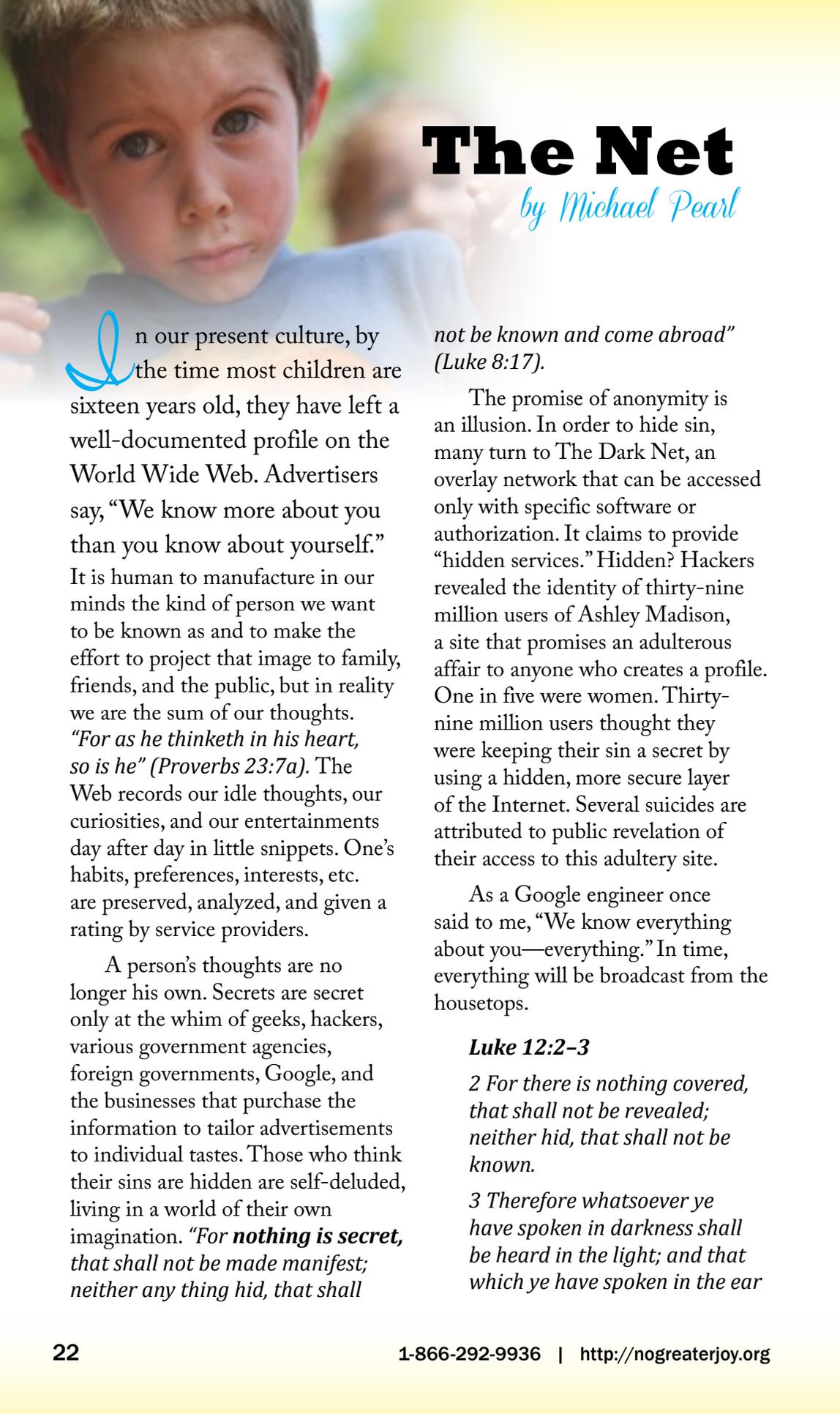
TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.

1 JOHN 4:10



February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <small>Show</small> LOVE <i>Today</i> Write a note and mail it to a friend	2	3	4	5 <small>Show</small> LOVE <i>Today</i> Call your grandma or grandpa on the phone	6
7	8	9 <small>Show</small> LOVE <i>Today</i> Give your mom a foot rub	10	11 <small>Show</small> LOVE <i>Today</i> Make breakfast for your mom or dad	12	13
14 <small>Show</small> LOVE <i>Today</i> Make these yummy chocolates and give them to a friend!	15	16	17 <small>Show</small> LOVE <i>Today</i> Draw a picture for a friend	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <small>Show</small> LOVE <i>Today</i> Bake cookies and give them to a neighbor	26	27 <small>Show</small> LOVE <i>Today</i> Wash or vacuum your parents' car
28	29 Dollar Day! Go to our website for details. 					



The Net

by Michael Pearl

In our present culture, by the time most children are sixteen years old, they have left a well-documented profile on the World Wide Web. Advertisers say, “We know more about you than you know about yourself.” It is human to manufacture in our minds the kind of person we want to be known as and to make the effort to project that image to family, friends, and the public, but in reality we are the sum of our thoughts. *“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7a)*. The Web records our idle thoughts, our curiosities, and our entertainments day after day in little snippets. One’s habits, preferences, interests, etc. are preserved, analyzed, and given a rating by service providers.

A person’s thoughts are no longer his own. Secrets are secret only at the whim of geeks, hackers, various government agencies, foreign governments, Google, and the businesses that purchase the information to tailor advertisements to individual tastes. Those who think their sins are hidden are self-deluded, living in a world of their own imagination. *“For **nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall***

not be known and come abroad” (Luke 8:17).

The promise of anonymity is an illusion. In order to hide sin, many turn to The Dark Net, an overlay network that can be accessed only with specific software or authorization. It claims to provide “hidden services.” Hidden? Hackers revealed the identity of thirty-nine million users of Ashley Madison, a site that promises an adulterous affair to anyone who creates a profile. One in five were women. Thirty-nine million users thought they were keeping their sin a secret by using a hidden, more secure layer of the Internet. Several suicides are attributed to public revelation of their access to this adultery site.

As a Google engineer once said to me, “We know everything about you—everything.” In time, everything will be broadcast from the rooftops.

Luke 12:2-3

2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear

in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

As a drunk swears he is not drinking yet comes to a family gathering smelling of alcohol, gregarious beyond his pitiful state, suffering the disdain of family over and over again yet continuing his self-sabotaging obsession, so the lust of men and women draws them to the Net, against their better judgment, with a conviction that it will never be discovered and that no harm is being done.

Desire is a product of the flesh—fallen, sinful flesh—and it is more controlling than a ball and chain, making idiots of otherwise intelligent men and women. *“The wicked desireth the net of evil men . . .” (Proverbs 12:12a). “. . . the desire of the wicked shall perish” (Psalm 112:10b).*

Psalm 90:8

“Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.”

Ecclesiastes 12:14

“For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”

There is a way to *“lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so*

easily beset us” (Hebrews 12:1).

In Romans 6 Paul tells us three times that we are “free from sin.” Freedom from sin is not freedom from desire. It is freedom from the power of desire. When our Lord died on the cross and was resurrected, he accomplished both our justification from the penalty of sin and our freedom from the power of sin. There is a little-known way of counting oneself dead to sin and alive unto God. It is an act of faith, and it is no more difficult or complicated than the event of being born again. Just as faith secures our salvation, faith secures our sanctification with equal effectiveness. The excuse that all men are sinners or that sin is too powerful is no longer valid. By faith you can cease sinning.

You can download my audio teaching of the book of Romans free of charge, or you can order an MP3 CD from us. If you will listen to the first eight chapters of Romans, you will know how to be free from sin.

If you want to understand freedom from sin more thoroughly, incorporating additional portions of Scripture, order the series *Sin No More*. Thousands have testified of freedom from sin through listening to *Romans* or *Sin No More* (available at nogreaterjoy.org). What goes in comes out. It is time to put something holy in and get something holy out.

“ *The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.* ”

— Romans 13:12

Confidence When

Dear Mike,

Thank you so much for your ministry.

I came to understand the doctrine you share in your message “Sin No More” six years ago and have walked in peace and freedom since that day just as you describe. I had been in Christian ministry for 23 years and this new understanding revolutionized my ministry. I began to see people understand and walk in the power of grace as never before.

As I looked around for materials to help communicate these truths, I was disappointed at what I found. I eventually wrote a Bible study series that I could use with university students and an article to try to convey the truths you taught which changed my life.

I am attaching the article entitled “Confidence When Facing Temptation.” I would greatly value your input for improving it. I have a heart for Christians in my situation described in the article: those who try to follow all the standard advice and continue to struggle.

In Christ,

Mark Watson



Facing Temptation

by Mark Watson

My Story

When I became a Christian at nine years old, I didn't have a drug dealing/gangster past from which I was being delivered, but the change in my life was real to me nonetheless. I trusted Christ to pay for my sins and he in turn made me alive to God. As I grew in my faith it was obvious to me that I belonged to God. I loved His Word and was even compelled to tell other people about how they could know Christ too.

I led a friend to Christ in high school and I was hooked on telling others about Christ. I wanted to be involved in seeing people's lives changed by Christ. I led Bible studies in college, led dozens of fellow students to Christ and upon graduation I joined the staff of one of the largest worldwide evangelism ministries.

Soon I was married to an awesome Christian girl and together we were leading a team of committed young people doing evangelism and discipleship. Within five years of my graduation we were leading a team that was reaching students for Christ on one of the largest campuses in the former Soviet Union. I was living my dream.

However, as I taught others of the grace of God and the power of Christ, I was constantly aware that I was not free myself. Many materials we used didn't focus much on how to stop sinning per se. The idea concerning sin was that you made sure that when you did sin, you confessed it as soon as possible, which would help keep you "in fellowship" with God, which should, in turn, incrementally lead to sinning less.

Periodically, we would ask students at our conferences to make a list of their sins. We would acknowledge the sins and God's forgiveness of them, then tear up the lists as an illustration of Christ having completely forgiven and forgotten them. Once was great, but the nagging question for me soon became, "Why did my list of sins always look the same year after year?"

No matter what I did, lust was a constant hindrance to a consistent walk with God. I listened intently as other Christian speakers talked about sin and their own struggles.

I followed their advice and did everything that I knew to do from our materials and other Christian books. I read the Bible, shared my faith, confessed my sins, confided in others, and yet nothing helped. I could get busy and be distracted for long periods of time, but lust always laid dormant ready to reappear in moments of weakness and discouragement.

Ultimately, the message I was getting from my own Christian culture was that everyone struggled with sin, and that I was basically to expect my struggle to continue throughout my life. They never used the term, but looking back I was being taught a form of “sin management” and was never given hope that I could be free from this sin.

Finally, after 34 years of trying to manage this sin—keeping it a secret and trying to not let it damage my reputation or relationships—I began to hear a message of freedom and power that I had never heard before. I heard from another Christian who could identify with my problem and yet had found freedom himself that had lasted him more than 40 years. I was so hungry for a real power that was stronger than my best efforts.

I heard the Bible taught as I had never heard it before. In particular, Romans 6 and 7 were opened up to me in a practical way that brought me to a crossroads at my next big temptation. In a moment of trial my choice was: to continue as I had been—struggling and failing—as my culture around me had told me was normal and that my sin only needed to be confessed so that I could keep “short accounts” with God, or, for the first time in my life, I was to consider/reckon myself, based on my baptism into the death of Christ, to be “dead indeed unto sin.” At that point, I made a choice that has changed my life from that moment to the present. In a moment, I chose to break with my culture and was set free with a real freedom that has lasted for over five years at this writing. The **failure** is gone. The **struggle** is gone. The **fear** is gone. **I am free.**

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No More Bondage to FEAR

by Michael Pearl

Shoshanna was shepherding two small children the other day and noticed that when the little fellow, nearly three years old, asked for something, he reverted to baby talk with a whine. His parents often ignore his requests until he resorts to pitiful baby talk, at which time they are provoked to respond. So, when he is making a request, he has learned to bypass the preliminaries and get down to language that moves people to pay attention to him—baby talk.

When he came to Shoshanna with a request for water, his body language changed. He slumped and swayed as if in a near fainting condition; his head rolled and hung to the side. He pulled on her dress, and when he spoke, his speech was slurred and babyish. He said, “I una dink a wotta.” She asked, “What did you say?” He repeated, “I una dink a wotta.” With no emotion, and a slight note of rejection in her voice, Shoshanna said, “I am sorry; I cannot understand you when you talk like that. You will have to speak plainly.” She sounded as if she was giving him one last chance to make an intelligent request before she turned to more important matters.

He straightened up a little and tried to speak more plainly. When she saw that he was making a sincere attempt to act his age, she took that for compliance and helped him by asking, “Are you saying you want a drink of water?” Her accent was decidedly English, overly articulated. He watched her mouth stretch into the different shapes as she carefully pronounced the words, and he understood what she wanted him to do. He tried it and was much clearer in his speech. All the slump and drag went out of his body language as he tried to imitate her dignity. Without further ado, she turned to give him his drink of water.

Don't buy the line that brokenness or weakness is inherited personality.

This is a good opportunity to point out something that is easy to miss but so very important. Note that when the little fellow made a sincere effort to change his tone and conform to her leading, Shoshanna immediately gave him his request. She did not take that opportunity of compliance to lecture him on the importance of speaking correctly. He had taken responsibility to yield to her leading, to rise above slovenly habits. If she had rewarded his correct response with a reproving face and brief lecture about speaking correctly, all her efforts would have been in vain, for a three-year-old child has a very short attention span—about three or four seconds. He cannot see the relationship

between two events that are separated by thirty seconds, but when two things happen together, the child relates them to each other. It only takes one touch on a hot surface for a child to make the correlation and not touch it again, but if the pain had a thirty-second delay, the child would never make the connection. He would keep touching it and keep getting burned.

If Shoshanna had delayed giving him the water and returned his compliance with a frown and a lecture, the closest thing to his proper speech would have been her negative reaction, so he would have associated her negative response with his actions and concluded that she did not want him to speak plainly. After all, he spoke like an adult and she immediately frowned and punished him with a lecture that lasted fifteen seconds. His shoulders would have slumped and he would have returned to his immature mental state with the baby talk. Instead of making an association between grown-up talk and getting water, he would have made an association between his baby mentality and getting the water. Next time he wanted water, he would affect his pitiful, broken demeanor and speak like he did when he was two years old, and everyone rushed to serve him.

Children are what you make them. You can make them shy, withdrawn, weak, and emotionally disturbed, or you can make them stable, intelligent, socially balanced, and confident.

Don't buy the line that brokenness or weakness is inherited personality. It is all in the kind of

example you lay down and how you respond to them. Remember the rule, “Affirm all positive behavior and make all negative behavior unrewarding.”

In our travels we meet many families. I was visiting in a home where a little boy about thirty months old was playing. I looked at him and made a friendly gesture. He jumped up and ran to bury his face into his mother’s skirts. She petted him and very lovingly said, “You are shy, aren’t you.” He squirmed deeper into her understanding embrace, eyeing me accusingly. This little fellow has a sister about four years old, who is also very “shy.” Her parents explain her emotional spells, patting her on the head and saying, “She is a very emotional child.”

She was playing on the floor with another small child. When it came time to go, they were told to put the toys back in the box. Her smaller companion began to clean up, but this little girl responded to the command by looking pitiful and fretful. Eventually she retreated into quiet fretfulness, not picking up the toys. All eyes turned on her parents to see what would happen. True to form, her mother and father joined together to explain their child’s behavior, “She is a very emotional child; she gets upset easily.” And that was it. They have no idea that their sweet little girl is going to hate them when she is fourteen. She will be angry and resentful. They will sigh and say, “I will be glad when she gets married; she is a bad influence on the other children.”

Now learn another lesson. When you label a child’s unpleasant

When you label a child’s unpleasant behavior with a name like shy, emotional, or fearful, you legitimize it.

behavior with a name like shy, emotional, or fearful, you legitimize it. Every time you explain that child’s behavior with a defining word, you confirm him as broken, and in so doing, relieve him of the responsibility to act differently. I could take a perfectly stable child and make him shy or fearful within a week. I would watch for the smallest sign of fear or shyness, and respond by placing a loving hand on the child’s shoulder, smiling my most understanding and healing smile, and sympathetically explain his behavior as fear or shyness. The child would cuddle up to me for comfort and I would offer assuring words of concern. After three such experiences the child would get the message loud and clear, “I am a fearful child; I need love and understanding; let me go find something that makes me afraid.”



The child would come to recognize the power this “method of behavior” afforded him, and he would begin to use it as a means to avoid unpleasant situations and to dominate others. When he didn’t want to pick up toys, he would be confused and fearful. When someone invaded his space and competed for his mother’s attention, he would reject them with symptoms of shyness.



Just as you could do reverse training on a child, causing him to manifest any symptom of weakness, conversely, you can make a weak child strong within the week. Parents get into ruts that perpetuate negative behavior in their children. The rule is, “Make all negative behavior unpleasant and make all positive behavior profitable.”

Parents excuse behavior by calling it personality. Personality is a starting point, not a boundary.

Now there are some children that are truly afraid. We are not talking about those who are absolutely terrified of danger, whether real or imagined. That is another matter and is very rare. We are talking about the social response of fear or shyness

that causes the child to retreat to his mother’s security. Without lecturing or spanking the child, you can end this negative behavior.

When Johnny shows shyness or social fear, attempting to withdraw into your embrace, never hold him or reassure him. When he gets behind you, push him away and say something remote and indifferent like, “Don’t get behind me, go play.” Express mild disapproval in your facial features and the tone of your voice. Never protect the child who wants to emotionally nurse. Never affirm his feelings by assisting him in his expressions. Indicate the kind of response you want, and brag on the child’s strength and boldness. As you shove him back into the public, briefly state that he is “a big boy now, and big boys don’t act like that.”

Strength never comes by showing understanding for the weakness. Fear is not overcome by dealing with the fear; it is overcome by **DOING** the fearful thing. You overcome fear by facing the tiger with your fear and discovering that you can walk away alive. In time you laugh at the tiger, for it was only paper. But if your child flees from the tiger, and you call it fear and then offer sympathy or protection, you legitimize the child’s fear and the paper tiger gets bigger and more threatening every day. If you treat the paper tiger with indifference, the child will feel the same. Wild animals learn what to be afraid of and what to tolerate by watching their parents. What do you want, a pitiful, weak child, cowering for comfort, or a tiger tamer? You will make the child into the image of your own responses.

What's Happening *by Mel Cohen*

Created to Be His Help Meet in German is being reprinted.

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Jumping Ship in Romanian Language: We introduced an NGJ supporter to the Romanian Bible Society. They will work together to produce another printing of *Jumping Ship* in Romanian.

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To Train Up a Child had a license renewal in Nigeria for an additional five years.

To Train Up a Child: Child Training for the 21st Century had a license issued for the Polish Language.

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If you would like more information or would like to support any of these projects contact Mel by email at mcohen@nogreaterjoy.org.

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WHEN :

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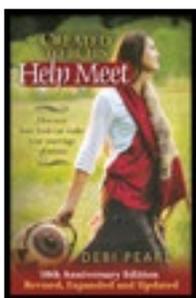
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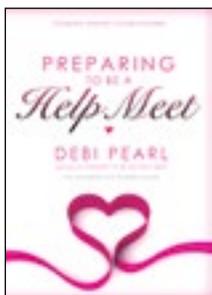


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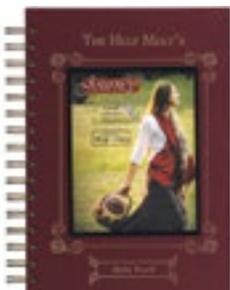
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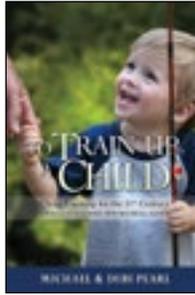
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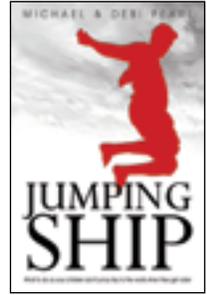
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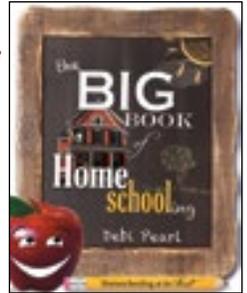
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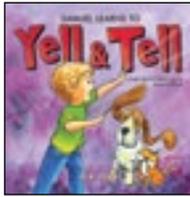
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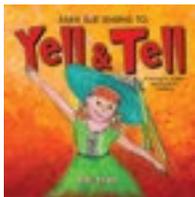


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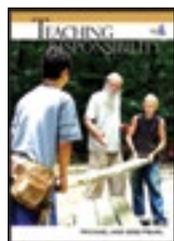
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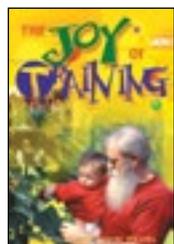
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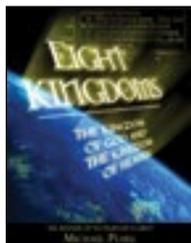
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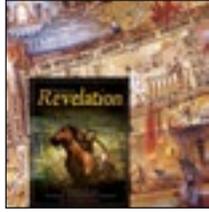
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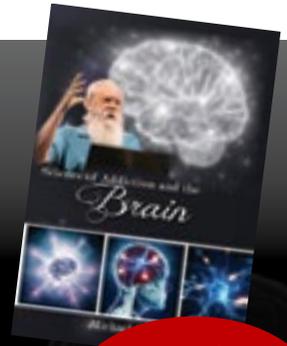
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