

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.”
—Acts 17:11

Are We Battle Ready?

T. A. McMahon

I RECENTLY RECEIVED a newsletter from a ministry which contained the exhortation: “The Bible says there is a season for everything. This is our season to fight hard—to battle back—to win.”

The timeliness of their statement could not have been better fitting with the main point of this TBC article. We without doubt are in the “last days” (possibly even the last hours) battle before Jesus returns. Scripture warns us that Satan knows his time is short (Revelation 12:12) and he’s unleashing every wrathful and wicked device he has upon “the inhabitants of the earth.”

Therefore, we need every insight we can find in God’s Word that sheds light on how we are to “fight the good fight of faith” (1 Timothy 6:12). In this article, we’re featuring a man of God who embodies the qualities sorely needed in the church today. His name is Nehemiah, the son of Hachaliah, who wrote most of the Book named after him. He certainly made himself aware of the times, and the Holy Spirit gave him tremendous insights in what the children of Israel ought to do regarding a variety of very difficult conditions.

For example, when Nehemiah first became aware of the dire circumstances “concerning the Jews that had escaped” and were living in Jerusalem, his reaction was: he “sat down and wept... **and prayed before the God of heaven....**” Furthermore, he humbly confessed “the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father’s house have sinned” (Nehemiah 1:2-6).

Nehemiah was a Jew born in Babylon during the 70-year captivity. He was highly regarded by the Persian ruler Artaxerxes whom he served as cupbearer and wine steward. It was a significant position of tasting the king’s drink and food in order to keep the king out of harm’s way. Yet his duty for the “king of kings” (perhaps the world’s most powerful ruler at the time) did not lessen his concern for his Jewish kinsmen and their struggles in Jerusalem.

Artaxerxes the king took notice: “Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart” (Nehemiah 2:2).

Nehemiah explained: “Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire? Then the king said to [him], What do you request? So, **I prayed to the God of heaven.** And I said to the king, If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it” (vv 3-5).

Nehemiah’s request of the king tells us a lot about his character. First of all, he immediately “prayed to the God of heaven.” Secondly, his request would have him give up an extremely comfortable and honorable position to do work that amounted to hard labor with those who were the poor and struggling returned captives. Not exactly the life he was experiencing among the elite Persian crowd!

I believe Nehemiah’s qualities as a leader are sorely missing in today’s church leadership. In other words, there are a great many things we can learn about leadership from one whose name means “the Lord comforts.” It’s not by chance that the Holy Spirit is referred

to as “the Comforter.” “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will *send* in my name, he shall teach you all things...” (John 14:26). There’s little doubt that Nehemiah was used by the Lord to comfort and teach His people, as you will read.

Nehemiah’s first request of Artaxerxes was to give him what was needed to help his people. One of the marks of a godly leader is *selflessness*, that is, one who is completely *other-directed*. His request included not only building supplies, but also protection from those whose intention it was to thwart the work of God. This he did, but not without first seeking the Lord in prayer, which He graciously answered: “Then I told them [the Jews in Jerusalem] of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king’s words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So, they [by God’s grace] strengthened their hands for this good work” (Nehemiah 2:18).

Even so, the opposition to the “good work” intensified. “But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it” (Nehemiah 4:7-8).

Nehemiah’s response: “Nevertheless **we made our prayer unto our God**, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them” (v 9).

Again, one of the marks of the Comforter is “He shall teach you all things...” (John 14:26).

The Holy Spirit then gave Nehemiah a gameplan of how to engage God’s enemies. Certainly, prayer first, then a strategy to

enable the work to continue. “And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded” (Nehemiah 4:16-18).

For those who don’t see an application for our day, I suggest the sword they might think of is “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17). Too often among today’s leadership, looking to God’s Word is not a priority. It’s considered as “impractical.”

As often happens in times of great struggles, it brings out the best and worst in folks. Nehemiah’s leadership qualities not only helped him react and recognize the problem—he “was very angry” at how the Jewish rulers were treating their brethren. It’s called *usury*. Basically, their kins-

men were being put in financial bondage *by their kinsmen*. His solution was a stiff rebuke: “Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them” (Nehemiah 5:7). The end result of his *uncompromising* stance (which is rare in church leadership today) was thus: “Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest” (v 12).

Doing what’s right is always the right thing to do, but it can create other problems. Not surprising, it has a way of cranking up the opposition of God’s enemies, as well as a never-ending diversity of attacks such as false accusations, distractions, continual harassments, outright lies, intimidation, false

THEREFORE REJOICE, YE HEAVENS, AND YE THAT DWELL IN THEM. WOE TO THE INHABITERS OF THE EARTH AND OF THE SEA! FOR THE DEVIL IS COME DOWN UNTO YOU, HAVING GREAT WRATH, BECAUSE HE KNOWETH THAT HE HATH BUT A SHORT TIME.

—REVELATION 12:12

prophets, ad hominem attacks, etc.

Finally, through prayer and obedience to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and His grace, “the wall was finished...in [an amazing] fifty and two days” (Nehemiah 6:15). Adding to that good news, while under Nehemiah’s administration, the Lord had Ezra teach the people the Scriptures [the Sword of the Spirit!], laying a critical foundation that they might learn and obey God’s laws. And as they did, the people and the land prospered.

However, for the brief time period when Nehemiah returned to Babylon from Jerusalem, many of the people drifted away from his governorship and God’s laws. How Nehemiah handled their disobedience, I believe, is a lesson in general for every pastor who believes he has been called to shepherd God’s flock. Granted, what Nehemiah did in some cases may seem harsh, even outrageous by today’s so-called standards, but two words speak loudly to me regarding his approach. They are: *No compromise*.

Today’s word for compromise can best be termed *ecumenism*, which is an attempt to reconcile all professing Christian religions, even those which clearly contradict each other. Rick Warren, who is the executive director of Finishing the Task mission coalition, is today’s best-known advocate of ecumenism that fosters the belief that “can’t we all just get along?” is the key to religious unity (see TBC video *At Home in Rome* on page 12, or online—www.bit.ly/HomeInRome). He’s simply following the historic compromise of Billy Graham with the Catholic Church.

Here’s what Nehemiah faced when he returned from Babylon, especially in light of those in Jerusalem who had turned back to “wicked works”: “And I came to Jerusalem,

and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God” (Nehemiah 13:7). That’s reflective of Acts 20:29-30: “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves **enter in among you**, not sparing the flock. Also, **of your own selves** shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

That’s just part of today’s apostasy that is rampant *within professing Christianity*. Nehemiah’s solution: “And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber” (Nehemiah 13:8).

For decades those of us who have recognized the completely antichrist content of Christian psychology and psychotherapy have pleaded with church leadership to fill dumpsters with their pseudo-scientific lies. Tragically, all to no avail. Psychotherapy is the most popular career choice among today’s “Christian” university students. Anyone remember the teaching that God’s Word is sufficient and God-breathed? Therefore, adding to it or sub-

tracting from it consists of man’s lies (Proverbs 30:5-6).

That which led to the Babylonian captivity had to do with the breaking of the sabbath. Not that we’re advocating sabbath keeping (it was required for Israel under the old covenant), yet Nehemiah saw the irony: “Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath” (Nehemiah 13:18).

Nehemiah had a solution for those selling things on the sabbath: “Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall [to do business on the Sabbath]? if ye

BUT THOU, O MAN OF GOD, FLEE THESE THINGS; AND FOLLOW AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS, GODLINESS, FAITH, LOVE, PATIENCE, MEEKNESS.

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH, LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE, WHEREUNTO THOU ART ALSO CALLED, AND HAST PROFESSED A GOOD PROFESSION BEFORE MANY WITNESSES.

—1 TIMOTHY 6:11-12

do so again, **I will lay hands on you.** From that time forth came they no more on the sab-bath” (v 21). Obviously, Nehemiah’s “laying on of hands” differed from the popular charismatic technique, yet it was quite effective.

The evil of religious intermarriage returned during Nehemiah’s absence in Babylon: “In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews’ language, but according to the language of each people” (vv 23-24).

Nehemiah’s solution: “And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves” (v 25). On the one hand, Nehemiah’s solution, especially in our day, may possibly result in spending time in jail or at least a psychiatric ward. On the other hand, the long-term grief resulting from a husband and wife whose beliefs are diametrically opposed, will end up being a far more tragic and long-term condition.

Nehemiah reminds us of Solomon’s intermarriage with Pharaoh’s daughter and issues a warning. “Did not Solomon king of Israel **sin by these things?** yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless, even him **did outlandish women cause to sin.** Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?” (vv 26-27). Nehemiah’s addressing the “great evil” of religious intermarriage were sometimes of a very simple and practical solution—although not heeded. One involved Joiada,

who was “the son of Eliashib the high priest, [who] was *son in law* to [the wicked] Sanballat the Horonite” (v 28). What wisdom did Nehemiah issue forth: “**I chased him from me.**” Simple yes, but it’s part of the battle of faith that needs to be heeded.

Although these things took place at the time of the Babylonian Captivity, they were indicated by Jesus that the same and worse would occur at the time of His second coming: “And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall

be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you**” (Matthew 24:3-4).

What we know regarding the strategy of Satan, his overall goal as the father of lies is to deceive humanity—which he started with Eve, convincing her of the ultimate lie, “ye shall be as gods” (Genesis 3:5). There is no greater deception that robs us of our true hope, the

hope that only Jesus, who alone is the Truth, can fulfill.

Our prayer is that the Lord will raise up leaders and fathers in the church similar to Nehemiah, who was a bold, prayer-first, selfless, uncompromising man of God. They will need the Lord’s help to guide them through the perilous times of unprecedented deception ahead (2 Timothy 3:1-2).

“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.” (Psalm 31:24)

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THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME.

FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, COVETOUS, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY...

—2 TIMOTHY 3:1-2

QUOTABLE

Keep Thou me ever hungry, Lord,
Until I famish for Thy Word—
Thy Word, which is my meat, my bread,
Thy Word, which feeds whenever read.

Keep Thou me ever thirsty, Lord,
Stay not Thy hand till Thou hast poured
Thy living water in my cup
Which I am humbly holding up.

Keep me dissatisfied, dear Lord;
Use thou Thy Spirit's shining sword
To pierce my foolish self-esteem
And rouse me from my empty dream.

Keep me awake, that I may hear
Thy bugles calling, loud and clear.
Stir Thou my sluggish soul to fight
For Thee beneath Thy banner bright.

Yea, this my prayer, that I may be
Hungry and thirsty, Lord, for Thee,
Dissatisfied with self, awake!
And this I ask for Jesus' sake.

—MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON
(“UNTIL HE COMES”)

Q&A

QUESTION: Our church is teaching that Christians will not commit sins if they are truly saved. So, are scriptures such as 1 Peter 4:15 talking about unbelievers?

RESPONSE: Concerning your question, 1 Peter 4:15 tells us: “But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters.”

Peter is writing “...to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied” (1 Pet 1:1-2).

It is to these believers that Jesus warns, “But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief... [etc.]” (1 Pet 4:15). It is to believers that John writes in 1 John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Consequently, Peter wouldn’t warn those who cannot sin, nor would John have written of a remedy for those who haven’t sinned. Though the saved (still living in the “old man,” i.e., the flesh) can still say, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph 2:10).

Yet, Peter still warns the church in 1 Peter 4:15.

QUESTION: What can you tell us about a group who say they are Christians, but tell us that Paul’s epistles should not be in the New Testament? Also, they say that we must learn the Scriptures through Hebrew eyes and culture. Finally, the names “Hebrews,” “Israel,” “Israelites,” and “Jews” have different meanings in today’s context and that “Israel” and “Jews” don’t mean the same people.

RESPONSE: From what you have said, you very likely have met a cultist who is presenting himself as the authority when it comes to learning Scripture. The intent to help Christians understand better the Scriptures through Hebrew eyes and culture is not in itself “bad.” But, if any group places emphasis upon these aspects, such as how someone is saved, we’re only seeing through their eyes and their assumed culture.

To them the Bible “must” be in error, because it contradicts what they teach. Yet, if they won’t include Paul as a part of the New Testament, consider what Peter said in 2 Peter 3:16: “As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do also the other scriptures*, unto their own destruction” (emphasis added).

Further, the Lord has promised to preserve

His Word, as in Psalm 12:6-7: “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.”

Regarding your question about the meaning of “Hebrews,” “Israel,” “Israelites,” and “Jews,” all speak of the descendants of Jacob (Israel). The Lord distinctly said that “...though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished” (Jer 30:11).

As to their importance as “signs of the times,” the prophet Joel recorded that “I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land” (Jl 3:2; see also Zech 7, 8, 12, 14, etc.). Finally, the apostle Paul also noted that God was far from finished with the nation of Israel (Rom 11:1-25).

QUESTION: I have a Bible question which I don't understand—would you mind teaching me? In a Zoom Bible study originating from a Hong Kong Ministry, the teacher who is teaching suggested it is permissible to worship and sacrifice to the LORD at the high places since the Temple wasn't built yet and is forbidden after the Temple was built:

But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire (Deut 7:5); And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God. But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: And

thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks.... (Deut 12:3-6)

1 Kings 3:2-3 said that Solomon offered 1,000 sacrifices to the LORD at the high place at Gibeon and after that God was revealed to him and accepted him, but in 2 Chronicles 1:5 Solomon actually went to the Tabernacle and offered at the brazen altar. So, did he do the right thing?

RESPONSE: 2 Chronicles 1:3 tells us that Solomon, early in his reign and before the temple was built, worshiped at a high place. Verse 3 reads, “So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.” We know that the tabernacle was set up there. But, both Deuteronomy 7:5 and 12:3-6 clearly tell us that all the pagan materials are to be removed from the high place prior to any worship of the Lord. A “high place” itself is not a pagan location, except if the statues and the other things used in their rituals are there.

Consequently, the reason Solomon worshiped at this particular high place was, as already noted, that the tabernacle was set up there. It was the same tabernacle that the children of Israel, according to the instructions given Moses, had constructed in the wilderness. Therefore, before the construction of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem, the tabernacle was what God had chosen for the sacrifice and worship by Israel.

It has been pointed out that Solomon's father King David had previously worshiped the Lord at this high place in Gibeon. First Chronicles 16:39 notes, “[David left] Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon....” The tabernacle was where the altar of burnt offering had been set up (see 1 Chron 21:29).

Again, it was not the high place itself that made it a suitable place for the sacrifices, but rather a place cleansed of all pagan paraphernalia and with the tabernacle already set up there.

LETTERS

Dear TBC,

Thank you so much for taking the time to research the mockery and heresy of *The Chosen* [see—www.bit.ly/3UcYlZK]. I meet a lot of people that think *The Chosen* is the greatest and now I can recommend this video to share what it really is. Well done research, and thank you for sharing with your fellow believers. We need to be aware of this kind of stuff that is leading believers away from the Lord Jesus Christ. Again, thank you for exposing *The Chosen*. SM (email)

Dear TBC,

[Concerning the video “The Promised Land Series—Mocking God and Moses”, see—www.bit.ly/4dSew5N] This is more idolatrous “Christian” entertainment. It was hard for me to watch the whole thing. It’s so dangerous what they’re doing. What’s crazy is how many people are flocking, “following” this worldly group. They are being used by Satan, not God. Yet people will take up for it because it gratifies their need for entertainment. Sad. JF (email)

Dear TBC,

I recently came out of a Dominionist church. You covered the points very well: they’re not looking for the Rapture of the church, they’re not looking for the second Coming of Christ, the seven-year Tribulation, the global kingdom of the Antichrist, or the Battle of Armageddon when Christ returns to destroy Antichrist and his armies and establish his 1,000 year Kingdom on earth, sitting on the Throne of His earthly father, David, in Jerusalem. They turn the Book of Revelation on its head, and claim Israel has no special role in God’s end times program, and have no right to the Land

of Israel (“God is not a racist,” I heard one of their teachers say). The Holy Spirit warned me to GET OUT of that church, which I did. The church, btw, is a member of the Church of God (Cleveland, TN) denomination. The top echelon of the leadership of the Church of God in Cleveland, TN was contacted about the doctrines the local church was teaching. They had NO problem at all with the Dominionist teaching, and basically said, “Mind your own business.” The great apostasy is here. Whole denominations are falling away. EW (email)

Dear TBC,

I think it is more difficult with *The Promised Land* than with *The Chosen*. They claim to represent the life of Jesus but add a lot of their own imagination. I agree that is a big problem. But with this it is obvious it is not a literal depiction of how it would have been. Should we then be so Berean about it? Personally I like some parts with humor and some I really don’t but that’s a matter of taste. Personally, I think we should be careful to dismiss or accept anything.

But ask questions like, “For what purpose is something? Is it educational or entertainment, or is it a strange mix?” And then judge the matter accordingly to its intention. But to be fair with all the interpretations of the Bible, it is hard to find any entertainment that is in line with the Bible. So I have one simple rule: If it is entertainment, it is NOT education. And learning about His ways comes with reading or hearing His Word (Romans 10:17). But it is a fact you have immersed yourself with the Word of God. CJ (email)

Dear TBC,

[Concerning the video “Is the Universe Billions of Years Old? Part 2” with Jay Seegert, see—www.bit.ly/40bzrxr] Thank you for another excellent presentation of the truth of the six literal days of creation. Mark 10:6 is an important reference. Also, a very important point was made: dead fossils, which the imaginary geologic column shows predate humans, conflict with the first human Adam’s

transgression bringing death into a perfect creation. The evolution heresy conflicts with the truth of death and salvation in Romans 5:12-21. Anon. (email)

Dear TBC,

[Concerning the video “Why Does World Opinion Go Against Israel?”, see—www.bit.ly/40tuxML] I can only think that it is the people who truly seek God by the reading of His Word, that their eyes are opened and understand this message. They are in a fight against evil. The world is watching hoping for an excuse to annihilate them. That’s what it seems like. But what choices do they have right now? I pray for them because I know God loves them and He is waiting for them to call on Him. Many of them are turning to Jesus and it’s so amazing. God reuniting with His people! And we are His adoption! Anon. (email)

NOTE: Our purpose in this section is to simply show what kind of feedback we receive. We may respond to some of them in private whether or not we agree with their views.

NEWSWATCH

HIZBULLAH’S STRONGHOLD IN THE U.S.

MEMRI.ORG, 10/22/24, “DEARBORN, MICHIGAN—HIZBULLAH’S STRONGHOLD IN THE U.S.” [EXCERPTS]: The local community in Dearborn, Michigan shows visible support for the U.S. government-designated terrorist Iranian proxy in Lebanon, Hizbullah, regularly mourning its slain fighters and referring to them as “martyrs.” Memorials and commemorations for slain Hizbullah fighters, and other Hizbullah-related events, are often held locally, including at the Bint Jebail Cultural Center in the city, named for the Bint Jbeil area, one of Hizbullah’s strongholds in Southern Lebanon where members of the community have family ties.

These very public memorials and commemorations are regularly covered by a local news outlet which publishes articles, photos, graphics,

and videos about funerals for these “martyrs” in southern Lebanon and about memorial services that are held for them in Dearborn. Other Hizbullah fighters’ funerals are extensively covered by local news outlets....

Even though these public commemorations of Hizbullah fighters are held regularly, they are not reported on by outlets affiliated with major news agencies.

(<https://bit.ly/4fwKyI>)

HOW DO WE SOLVE THE WEST’S FERTILITY CRISIS?

INTELLECTUALTAKEOUT.ORG, 8/27/24, “HOW DO WE SOLVE THE WEST’S FERTILITY CRISIS?” [EXCERPTS]: It’s no secret that birth rates are dropping across the Western world. A recent OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) report found that the fertility rate among the group’s 38 member nations dropped from 3.3 children per woman in 1960 to just 1.5 children in 2022—well below the replacement level of 2.1 children required to keep populations constant.

To be sure, this is not just an economic challenge but an existential one. A civilization that has lost the will to reproduce is a civilization that has lost the will to live.

According to the latest research, we have indeed lost the will to reproduce. In a study published earlier this month, the Pew Research Center found:

The share of U.S. adults younger than 50 without children who say they are unlikely to ever have children rose 10 percentage points over five years, from 37% in 2018 to 47% in 2023.

(<https://bit.ly/4gZqIEv>)

MORE MIXED LAND AND MARINE FOSSILS IN WALES

ICR.ORG, 8/26/24, “MORE MIXED LAND AND MARINE FOSSILS IN WALES” [EXCERPTS]: Flood

geologists expect to find marine fossils mixed in the same layers as land animal and land plant fossils. We see it all over the world. Scientists can directly observe the results of massive waves, created by tectonic activity, that crashed across the continents. The global Flood caused many animals and plants to be transported both onto the land and offshore, too.

A recent discovery in Wales brings the land and marine mixing issue to the forefront again. Conventional scientists from the University of Bristol and The Natural History Museum in London discovered dinosaur bones mixed in the same bone beds with fossils of countless marine fish (and at least one coelacanth), sharks, and swimming reptiles, including ichthyosaurs and plesiosaurs.

Lead author Owain Evans said: “The bone bed paints the picture of a tropical archipelago, subjected to frequent storms that washed material from both land and sea into a tidal zone. This means that from just one fossil horizon, we can reconstruct a complex ecological system, with a diverse array of marine reptiles like ichthyosaurs,

plesiosaurs, and placodonts [extinct marine reptiles] in the water, and dinosaurs on land.”

With this evidence, it is surprising that conventional geologists still don’t seem to get it. They see the mixed assemblages and the flooding but interpret it in their deep-time worldview, ignoring the possibility that there was a global flood. Their many “storms” over vast time amount to many floods, just never the one Flood.

Unsurprisingly, a better explanation for these recent Welsh discoveries is the global Flood. It explains the transport of the marine fossils inland, the abrasion, the mixing with land animals, and even the rapid burial. It also makes sense of the dinosaur footprints in freshly deposited marine sediments. Those dinosaurs were likely scrambling to find any remaining dry ground at that point in the Flood, leaving their footprints before being washed away themselves by the next wave.

(<https://bit.ly/3U47ofF>)

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TBC NOTES

THE OUTCOME OF 2024 USA ELECTION IS HISTORY

Has the outcome changed your HOPE?

T. A. McMAHON
PRESIDENT



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We're very excited about our lineup of godly speakers this year—Rob Yardley, Dave Hunt, Paul Wilkinson, Mark Cahill, T. A. McMahon, and Keith Gibson. All of the speakers' bios, topics, and speaking times can be found on our website (link below).

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND TALKS:

Wednesday - December 11

- [1:00 pm](#) Rob Yardley - *Opening Talk*
- [2:30 pm](#) Dave Hunt - *What Does the Bible say Will Happen in the Last Days?*
- [4:00 pm](#) Paul Wilkinson - *Finding Nemo*
- [5:30 pm](#) Dave Hunt - *Chosen People?*

Thursday - December 12

- [1:00 pm](#) Dave Hunt - *God is Angry*
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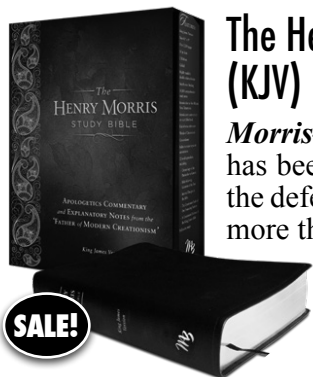
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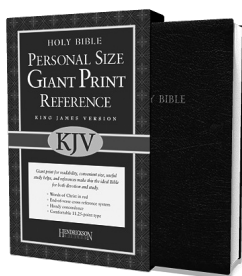


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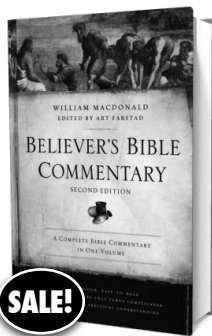


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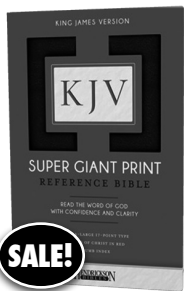
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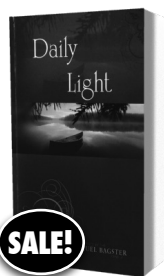
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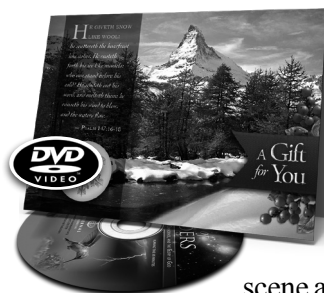
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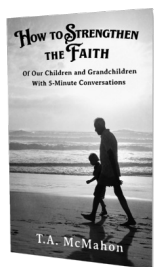
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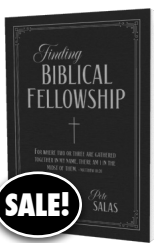
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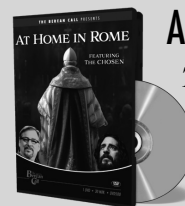


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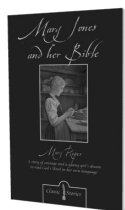
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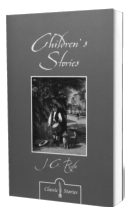
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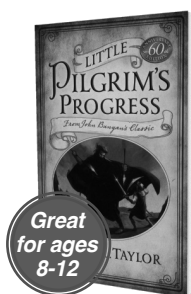
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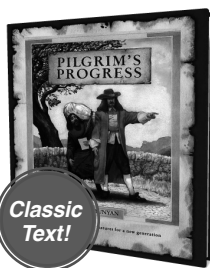


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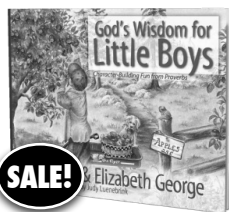


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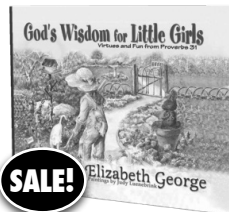
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