

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #320

Current Events through a Biblical World View!

Trump says November 5 will be ‘Christian Visibility Day’ after Biden’s transgender declaration

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Trump in Green Bay, Wisconsin on April 2, 2024

(LifeSiteNews) – Former President Donald Trump slammed President Joe Biden for his offensive proclamation recognizing Easter Sunday as “Transgender Day of Visibility” and suggested that election day in November will be known as “Christian Visibility Day” “when Christians turn out in numbers that nobody’s ever seen before” to oust Biden from office.

“What the hell was Biden thinking when he declared Easter Sunday to be ‘Trans Visibility Day’?” asked Trump in a speech to a cheering crowd in Green Bay, Wisconsin on Tuesday.

“Such total disrespect to Christians,” noted the campaigning former president.

“November 5th is going to be called ‘Christian Visibility Day,’ when Christians turn out in numbers that nobody has ever seen before,” he predicted.

A few days earlier, the Trump campaign had issued a blistering statement condemning Democrat President Joe Biden’s infelicitous proclamation recognizing March 31 – this year’s Easter Sunday – as “*Transgender Day of Visibility.*”

“It is appalling and insulting that Joe Biden’s White House prohibited children from submitting religious egg designs for their Easter Art Event, and formally proclaimed Easter Sunday as ‘Trans Day of Visibility,’” said the Trump Campaign National Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt.

“Sadly, these are just two more examples of the Biden Administration’s years-long assault on the Christian faith,” said Leavitt.

“We call on Joe Biden’s failing campaign and White House to issue an apology to the millions of Catholics and Christians across America who believe tomorrow is for one celebration only — the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

[[I was a skeptic of Donald J. Trump as early as June, 2016 and my attention was raised back in the days when I would listen to the Rush Limbaugh program from noon until 3 PM. Over the ensuing years of Trump’s political presence, his actions and words were like that of a hollow bell. Allow me to explain. If something someone says rings hollow, it means that it does not sound true or sincere. Being a retired pastor I have had the benefit of listening to many hand bell choirs and have benefitted from highly qualified musical experts. I took an elective course “Music for the Pastor” and my instructor was Dr. Albin Whitworth. He was Asbury Theological Chapel organist and visiting Professor of Music Education.

You don’t need to be a musician to recognize when a musical instrument is out of tune and bells resonate a flat sound what is commonly referred to as being “hollow”. My analogy here is to point out that #45’s words, statements, speeches, and actions have come across as being disingenuous. In the past two weeks #45 has been exploiting the Christian faithful. First it was his pandering by marketing his patriotic Bibles and now

his statement about November 5th as “*Christian Visibility Day*”. With what I am about to share will redeem me if you think I am being unfair. Donald J. Trump, #45 is as dishonest as his Demon rat counterparts. I humbly remind you that Jesus Christ warned us about the world of deception that would be at work in the days leading up to His Return. I’m not one of those who see Trump as the Antichrist but he works on behalf of Mr. ‘666’ HRH king Charles. Read on – Pastor Bob JJ

TRUMP IS A BRITISH CROWN AGENT



DONALD TRUMP’S TRUTH SOCIAL WAS FUNDED BY THE BRITISH TREASURY AND THE CITY OF LONDON PILGRIMS (NOT PLYMOUTH) SOCIETY MERCHANT-BANKS

Like a Russian nested doll on steroids, 17-layers deep, Donald Trump’s Truth Social was funded by the British Treasury via Coutts Bank—the bank of the British monarchy and Pilgrims Society, established by pagan Babylonian Radknight merchant-bankers in 1692 (see Radknight refs. In Domesday Book, 1086)

Christina DeSantis, Ron DeSantis’ sister, died mysteriously in London in 2015 at age 30 while auditing Coutts Bank for KPMG Volcker Solutions—a groomed DeSantis was silent. See this video for details: **[Was Ron DeSantis Sister Murdered in London?](#)**

Paul Volcker, former Federal Reserve chairman, and Obama bank bailout chair, was vice president of the Pilgrims Society in New York with Henry Kissinger during the carefully engineered 2008 banking scandal.

A British knight and former deputy prime minister Sir Nick Clegg and Baron Richard Allan run Facebook—Truth Social’s kabuki theater “competitor”

IS TRUTH SOCIAL MERELY A NEW GRIFTING SYSTEM FOR BRITISH MERCHANT-BANKERS IN THE ANNEXATION OF AMERICA?



April 03, 2024—On Mar. 26, 2024, TRUMP MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY GROUP (\$DJT) began publicly trading as a “*business combination*” with DIGITAL WORLD ACQUISITION CORP—a Special Purpose Acquisitions Company (SPAC).

In short, we believe the TRUMP-MEDIA-DIGITAL-WORLD-SPAC is an insider’s Ponzi scheme where the outcomes are predetermined by a newly-minted EF HUTTON underwriter before the trading starts. The game is rigged to reward the insiders at the expense of an unsuspecting Main Street (sucker) public.

TRUMP MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY CORP. CONTROLLED BY COUTTS BANK

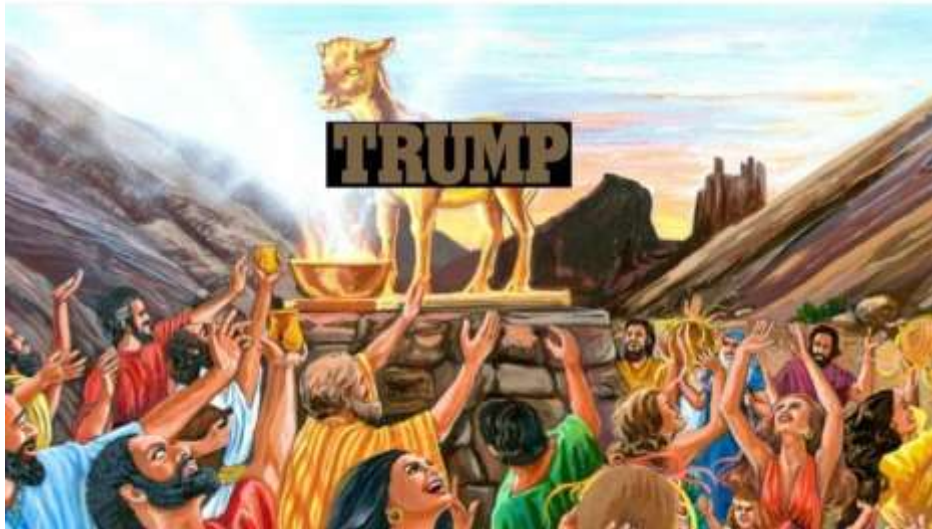
Trump owns between 58% and 69% of Trump Media, according to [Forbes](#). Trump’s exclusive deal broker is EF HUTTON. Baby boomers remember the iconic EF HUTTON TV propaganda tagline: “*When EF Hutton talks, people listen.*” Few know that EF HUTTON *evaporated* during the 2008 banking debacle because of their criminal subprime mortgages.

In 2021, the [EF HUTTON](#) brand was purchased by Kingswood Capital Markets, a subsidiary of Kingswood Holdings Ltd, which, in turn, was a subsidiary of Benchmark Investments LLC. Benchmark was the U.S. broker dealer with the licenses to operate the newly-minted EF HUTTON brand used by Trump.

Wake up call for the MAGA cultists!!! Hard facts that cannot be ignored:

TRUMP IS INTERLOCKED WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND DEMONIC PILGRIMS SOCIETY MERCHANT-BANKERS

It's a cult and we are glad we aren't in it.



It is easy to get lost on the twists and turns embedded in these interlocked relationships, so stay focused on the name “Kingswood.”

After William the Conqueror’s conquest of England in 1066, then his immediately establishment of the City of London using pagan Babylonian Radknight merchant-bankers in 1067, “Kingswood” literally meant “*woods (property) reserved for the King.*”

We have prepared a spreadsheet to help straighten out this crooked stick, but here is the summary. Links to these proofs are embedded in the spreadsheet.



Figure 1: TRUMP'S FINANCIAL MYSTERY MAN:
Gary Spencer WILDER

Donald J. Trump Interlocked Relationships Map for Trump Media Technology Group (\$DJT)

DONALD J. TRUMP	
Interlocking Entity Relationships Map (Sources: Companies House (UK), U.S. SEC Edgar, Market Screener)	
1	TRUMP MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY GROUP (\$DJT)
2	DIGITAL WORLD ACQUISITIONS CORP (DWAC)
3	NELSON, MULLIONS, RILEY & SCARBOROUGH LLP--Trump securities attorney: Alum: Philip Lader, Clinton U.S. Ambassador to UK Court of St. James; Executive VP to Sir James Goldsmith, Pilgrims Society of Great Britain (pagan Babylonian Radhanite merchant-bankers; worshippers of Mammon, Moloch, Asmodeus, Lilith, Ishtar, Ba'al, Beelzebub, Lucifer, Ahriman, Baphomet) Alum: Marco Rubio Alum: Trey Gowdy
4	EF HUTTON LLC--Trump's exclusive broker:
5	BENCHMARK INVESTMENTS LLC (source of USA brokerage license)
6	KINGSWOOD CAPITAL MARKETS
7	KINGSWOOD HOLDINGS LTD.
8	KINGSWOOD USA
9	KINGSWOOD HOLDINGS LIMITED (trading as Kingswood) is an AIM-listed (AIM: KWG), London Stock Exchange (LSE) --Gary Spencer Wilder
10	KPI (NOMINEES) LIMITED-- Gary Spencer Wilder
11	KINGSWOOD PROPERTY FINANCE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP--Gary Spencer Wilder
12	GAMICH LLP--Gary Spencer Wilder
13	COUTTS BANK--British Monarch's Bank
14	LOMBARD NORTH CENTRAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
15	NATWEST GROUP PLC
16	BRITISH TREASURY
17	BRITISH PILGRIMS SOCIETY (24-point plan to Annex America)

\$DJT Investor Pool



SEE DETAILS HERE:

[2024-04-03-Trump-Relationships-Map-Research-SUMMARY-Apr-03-2024Download](#)

Little else needs to be said.

\$DJT IS A TAINTED BRITISH-CROWN-CONTROLLED ENTITY WHOSE INTERLOCKED FINANCING ROLLS UP TO THE BRITISH TREASURY, THE CITY OF LONDON, AND THE BRITISH PILGRIMS (NOT PLYMOUTH) SOCIETY.

Some might call this treason by the people and entities with their hands out.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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SIDE NOTE: I WONDER IF GARY IS RELATED TO THE SPENCER FAMILY OF DIANA FAME?

Let's not forget, Donald Trump, now a proven agent of the British Pilgrims Society as evidenced by the entities which finance Trump Media & Technology Group, pushed the vaccine depopulation operation by using his popularity and bully pulpit to encourage Americans to take the deadly jab. He even called himself "*The Father of Vaccines*" and despite the overwhelming evidence that vaccines will kill millions of people, the Pilgrims Society agent Donald Trump still runs his vaccine con. He has never retracted his support of vaccines.

Too late for those whose lives have been shortened or abruptly ended... and the MAGA cult is too brainwashed to see that Trump is just another poison pushing – drink-the-Koolaid "*Jim Jones*".

I am 'The Father of the vaccine' and I deserve full credit. Remember, I backed it, funded it and most importantly, sped it through... all under my watch!





Who, except for the brainwashed people who took the jab, don't know what Germany has just reported. Yet, here we sit waiting for Trump to tell the truth about vaccines ... but he won't because he is a BRITISH CROWN AGENT.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ADMITS THERE WAS NO PANDEMIC – IT WAS A LIE TO BEGIN THE DEATH JAB

He's also a THIEF by parking his Truth Social Ponzi scheme on Michael McKibben's patented technology without paying a licensing fee. Yet, this is not disclosed to investors in the SEC documents.

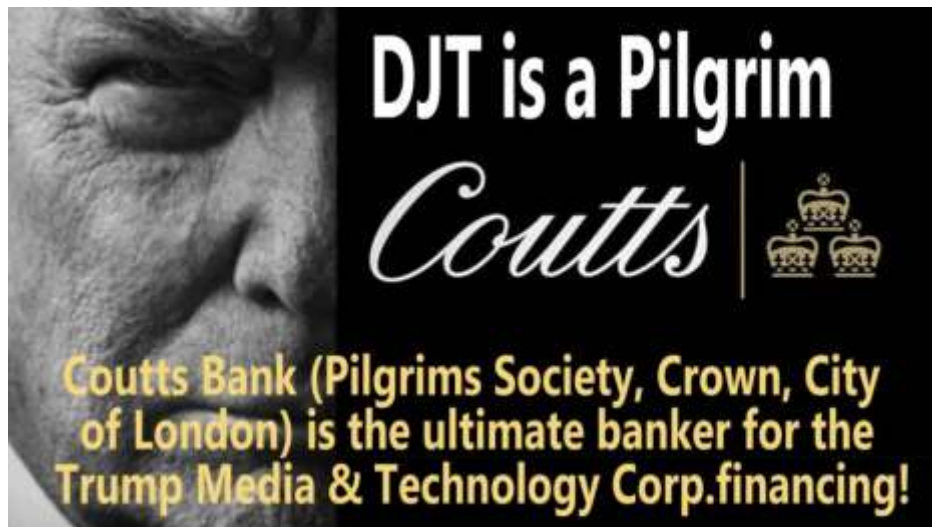
He knows all about the theft of social networking as we sent him paper documentation to him while he was in office. It was delivered by a staffer from Jim Jordan's office. What we have noticed in the SEC documents is his recognition that Truth Social may be

parked on stolen property and language has been written to absolve him from the crime. (Details coming.)



Update on Leader Technologies Miller Act Notice

DONALD TRUMP IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE BRITISH PILGRIMS SOCIETY. HE'S NOT AMERICA FIRST AT THE CORE. HE'S A CROWN AGENT AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE IS GETTING HIS PAY DAY WITH TRUTH SOCIAL VIA 17 LAYERS OF SHELL COMPANIES.



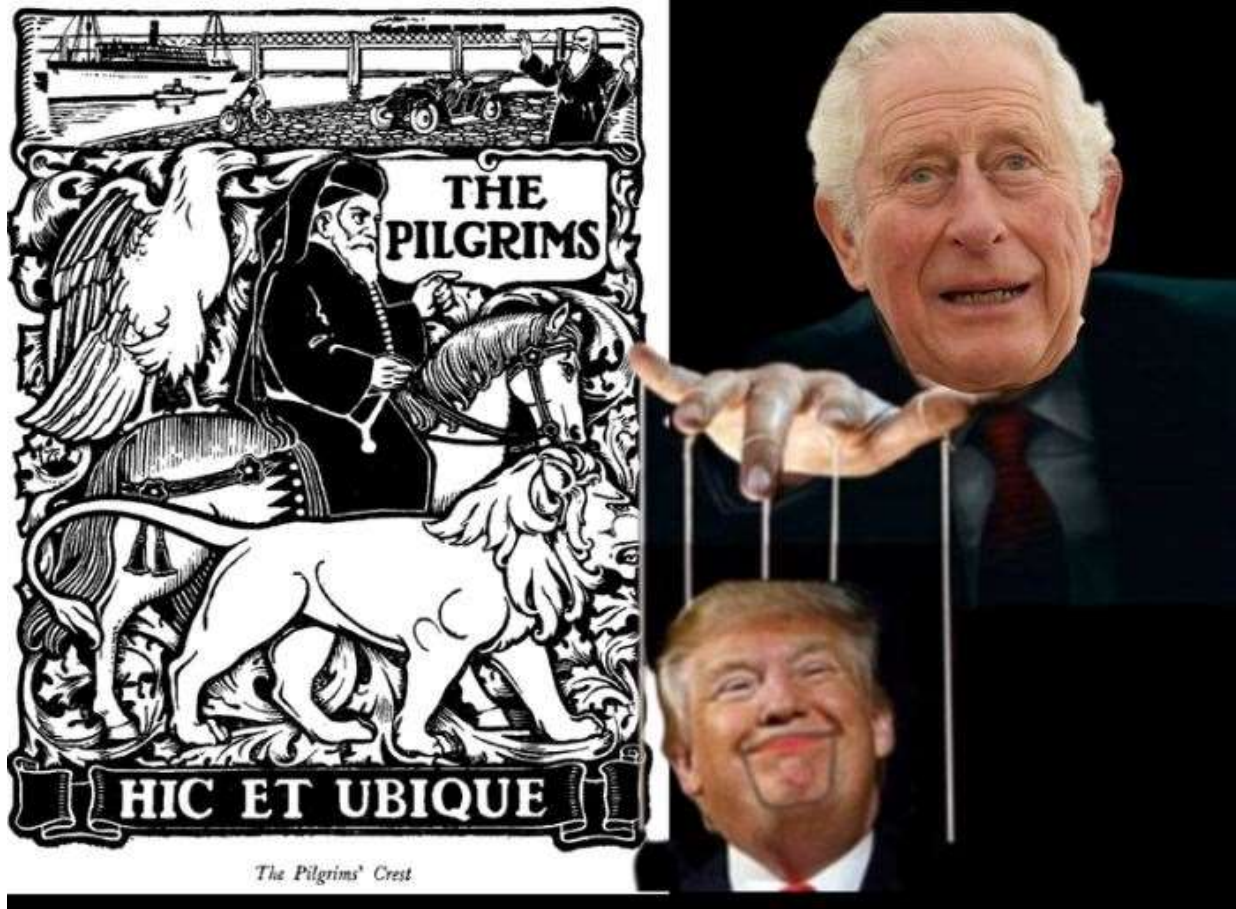
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@Gabriels_Horn Sadly this is where the evidence points. During the time I have been watching him Trump has made a whole series of "mistakes" that coincidentally always seem to help the same group of people.

You could dismiss a few of these as the kind of errors that inevitably happen in government, but not when they form such a prolonged and consistent pattern.

Most people are too tied up in Red vs Blue politics - as the people in charge mean them to be - to step back and see what's really been going on.

This is the most truthful meme you will find on the internet. Share it widely.



David DeLong @Dr_DeLong

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@Gabriels_Horn @Non_MSM_News 🤔... It's clear to me now that he is totally compromised, and only does what he's told to do.

Let's not forget this:

THE AZAR-FAUCI-TRUMP CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC FIAT ON JAN. 31, 2020 WAS BASED ON HHS FRAUD



Little Dixie @Patriot_USA

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@Gabriels_Horn I knew something was wrong! You know that saying "If everything is too good to be true, there's something wrong?" That's the TRUMPS! Never did what he said he was going to do the first time around. I think Israel is going to make him the messiah! They already gave him a CROWN.

Share the
post: https://gab.com/Gabriels_Horn/posts/112209898621879357



Gabriel's Horn @Gabriels_Horn

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"Lara Merchan, the wife of the judge presiding over former President Donald Trump's "hush money" case in Manhattan, once worked for New York Attorney General Letitia James, who brought the massive \$350 million civil fraud case against the former president, with the revelation reviving claims of bias and calls for the judge's recusal."

[zerohedge.com/political/wife-judge-trump-hush...](https://www.zerohedge.com/political/wife-judge-trump-hush...)

Frankly, now seeing the evidence that Trump is aligned with the British Pilgrims Society, it makes me wonder if all these lawsuits against Trump aren't part of the Pilgrims' plan to make Trump 47 a victorious underdog and the MAGA cultists will cheer him on and not resist the tyranny that will be unleashed by him per the orders of his British paymasters.



Wife Of Judge In Trump 'Hush Money' Trial Worked For AG Letitia James

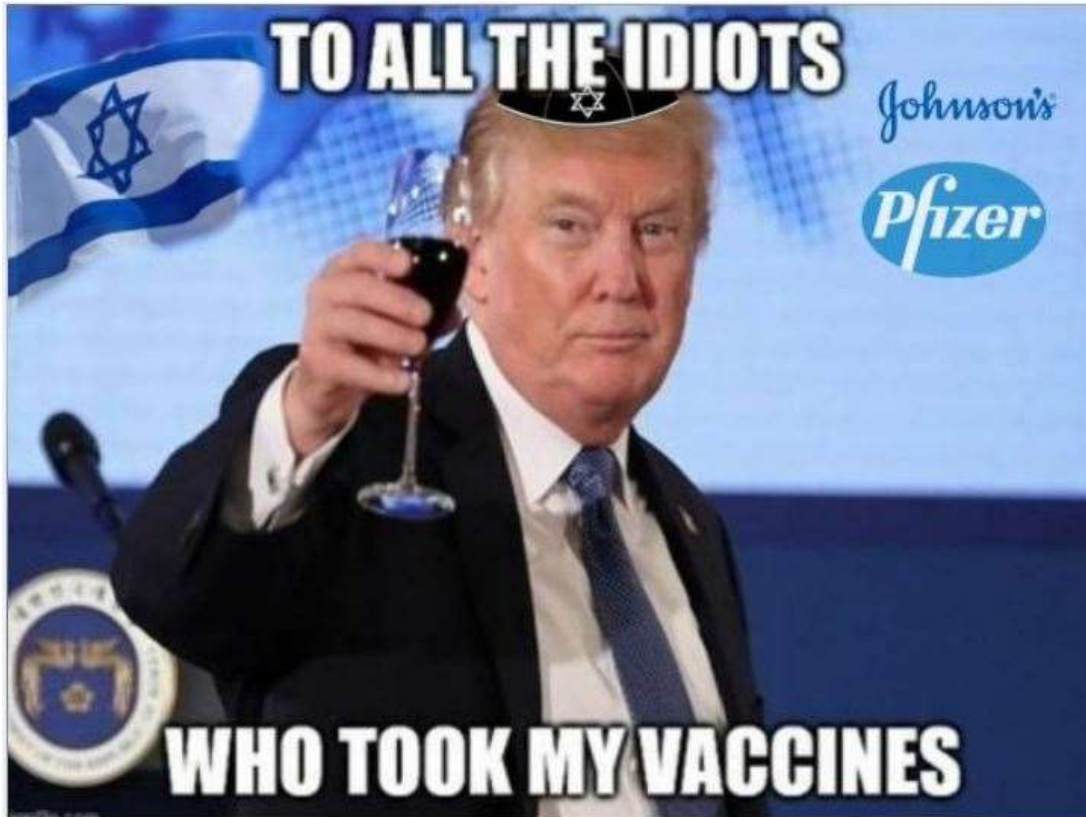
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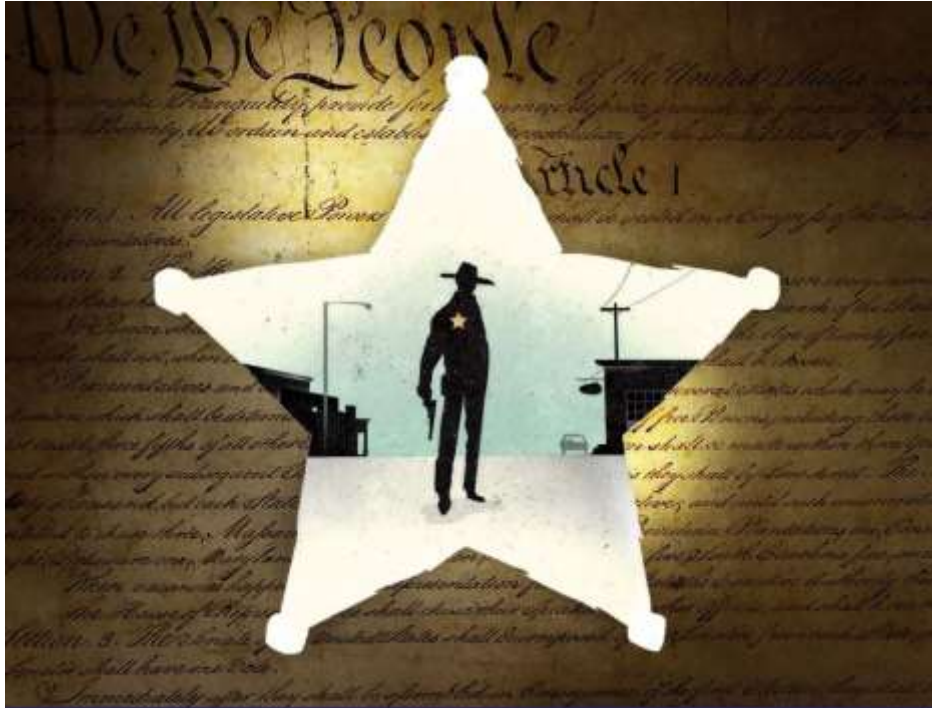
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@Gabriels_Horn he probably recieved 1 shekel for every person injected with the transhumanist formula. 3 Billion sounds about right. The Prince of Rest in Peace!

So what are we supposed to do with this shocking information? The elections are all rigged by the Pilgrims Society and our ^choice^ is between a half-wit dictator, an irrelevant Kennedy, a billionaire conman, or cancelled elections.

To prepare for the collapse of our government and central bank we need to support our nationwide Sheriff's system and get to work filling all open 2024 seats with CONSTITUTIONAL Sheriffs. We created a special group on Gab where we have been placing relevant articles and links about the county Sheriff. Get in there and get some good intel. Find out how the Sheriff's Office is in place to protect our Constitutional rights... because it looks like Trump is in place to lead American's off the cliff right into British tyranny.



**Sheriffs – Who's your sheriff? GROUP ON
GAB. <https://gab.com/groups/84084>**

What an awful father Donald Trump is to leave his son BARRON (probably no coincidence in the name with all these British influences), having to spend the rest of his life with the world knowing that Donald Trump is a GENOCIDIST to humanity and a TRAITOR to America.



Now we all know. Donald Trump is a CROWN AGENT, genocidist, and conman.



Anybody feeling like Beth Harmon today in The Queen's Gambit as we checkmate the truth about Donald J. Trump, America's #1 CONMAN.

[[For those not up to speed, this exposure investigation was provided by Michael McKibben, CEO and founder of Leader Technology. Michael McKibben is the owner of the source code for Facebook. Mr. McKibben's intellectual property attorney was an agent for President Clinton's administration. James P. Chandler III, stole the computer program software from Mr. McKibben's company. The story of Mr. Chandler is from the internet. The staff of Leader Technology are tops in discovery of facts.!]]

The scene of Chandler's crime against humanity:



Fig. 2—Pictured (back right) of the conference table is intellectual property law professor James P. Chandler, III, on Jun. 08, 2000, at a confidential product design conference conducted by Michael McKibben, Founder, Inventor, CEO of Leader

Technologies in Columbus, Ohio (red shirt, back to camera). **On the storyboards were key components of Leader's social networking designs**, still copied by Google, Facebook, Instagram, GAB, Truth Social, IBM, HP, Microsoft, AT&T, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Telegraph*, Reuters Thomson, BBC, HSBC, Bank of England, JPMorgan, Rothschild & Sons, Vanguard, Blackrock, Fidelity, T. Rowe Price, Blackstone, Barclays, Goldman Sachs, Federal Reserve, ICE, Salesforce.com, and the rest of the Babylonian British Pilgrims Society's fascist corporate network worldwide—they are not Jewish (they hide behind Judaism and "antisemitism"). **Here's their 4,000-year secret: they are pagan Babylonian Silk Road banker-merchants**, descended from Radhanites, via Ashkenaz (Turkey), Khazaria and Sogdia.

Twelve (12) days after this Leader product design meeting, Chandler gave [Sir Geoffrey S. Pattie](#), chairman of the [British Intellectual Property Institute](#), an award in Washington, D.C., along with their fellow Pilgrims Society member [Sir Caspar W. Weinberger](#), former U.S. Defense Secretary. British knights now run Facebook: [Sir Nicholas Clegg](#), [Lord Richard Allen](#). See [Crimeline](#). See [also Pilgrims Society of United States Officers \(1973-1995\)](#). Note that [Sir Geoffrey](#) also founded SERCO, was the keeper of the Queen's "Golden Share" controls over all strategic British industries, and ran Marconi Wireless that became British Aerospace. [British SERCO](#) now controls the U.S. Patent Office and essentially runs the U.S. Navy through over \$8 billion in U.S. contracts, along with another \$8 billion in contracts by SERCO's sister company [British QinetiQ](#). This is the secret company Chandler kept while he stole Leader Technologies' invention of social networking and sold America's sovereignty to the British Crown.

[2022-07-16-James-Phillip-Chandler-II-Note-typo-should-be-James-P-Chandler-III-Obituary-Pridgen-Funeral-Service-b-Aug-15-1938-d-Jul-16-2022Download](#)

[James P. Chandler, III](#), the thief of the social networking invention of Leader Technologies, dead at 83 (August 15, 1938 ~ July 16, 2022). His cause of death is not known. Arguably, Chandler's theft, as Leader's patent attorney, has done more than any single event in history to empower the Babylonian British Pilgrims Society in their quest to attempt to subdue all of humanity into their usury tyranny. (See post below.) Good riddance to a very evil man, in our opinion.

Chandler was one of America's most heinous spies. Bill & Hillary learned from Chandler. He collaborated with [Sir Geoffrey E. Pattie](#) in the British Pilgrims Society, U.S. and UK Patent Offices, Cambridge Analytica, Marconi, SERCO, QinetiQ, AstraZeneca, Rothschild & Sons, RCA, GEC, BAE, MI-6, MI-5, GCHQ, IBM, C.I.A., NSA, FBI, military-industrial corporations, judiciary, academia, Crown agents, Senior Executive Service (SES), Bill Clinton, daddy and baby Bush, Barack Obama, Robert Mueller, and the infamous Andrew W. Marshall—the demon who weaponized stolen technologies for the U.S. and UK governments for almost 50 years inside DARPA, the Highland Group and British Crown Agents.

Chandler also lied to everyone about his ancestry. He said he was part Cherokee Indian. He was not. From his obituary we first learn that he was 25% Choctaw Indian blood. His grandfather, farmer [James Reuben Chandler](#) (d. Dec. 12, 1920), married the full-blooded Choctaw Indian woman “Nettie West.” His grandfather was granted citizenship in the Choctaw Nation on [Jul. 25, 1903](#). He poisoned himself 17 years later and died on [Nov. 12, 1925](#) at age 60. Why did Chandler lie? Embarrassed he was not a British blue-blood with whom he conspired mightily for the Pilgrims Society in the spy and technology weaponization business? He did use “Chandler III” for a long time. Perhaps to emulate his FBI buddy “Robert S. Mueller III?” Tellingly, no one else in his lineage was a “James Phillip Chandler.” So Chandler’s use of “III” was woke window dressing, it appears. (In recent years he appears to have changed it to “Sr.” in court records, even though there was no “Jr.” Then, his family just used “II” in the obituary—a moniker he never used. This obfuscation was evidently intended to confuse ancestry searches. As usual, obituaries are one of the few times in a person’s life when their families use enough truth to unravel such misdirection. In this case, his mother’s and father’s full names.)

Chandler was also silent about his father, [Rev. Isaac Reuben Chandler](#), a descendant of “common laborers” (1940 Census) and farmers in Louisiana, Kentucky and Oklahoma. “Elder” Chandler, as he was known by his parishioners, was a life-long pastor, evangelist and church planter in the [Church of God \(Anderson\)](#) (see photo) Wesleyan holiness movement. This church was mostly white with a few exceptions. “Bro. Isaac” was beloved by his two congregations: Bakersfield CA (33 yrs.), Los Angeles (25 yrs.). The just deceased James P. Chandler was one of 15 siblings, nine brothers and six sisters. No doubt his father Bro. Isaac’s acceptance and leadership among “Christian white folk” did not fit son James’ *black prejudice schtick* that he milked at every opportunity among woke blacks in Boston, NY, Chicago, Baltimore, and D.C.

For the record, following is the [issue of Isaac Reuben Chandler](#) (1912-1971): Rev. Isaac Reuben Chandler, father, born Apr. 20, 1912, Fallis, OK; Lillie Mae Chandler (née Norling), mother, born 1915, OK; (Locations on Sep. 01, 1971); Dr. James P. Chandler, son, Boston, MA; Arnold Lewis Chandler, son, Davis, CA; Timothy Anthony Chandler, son, Davis, CA; Will Nathan Chandler, Bakersfield, CA; Naham Demitri Chandler, Bakersfield, CA; Dennis F. Chandler, Oklahoma City, OK; Juanita Florine Phillips (née Chandler), Los Angeles, CA; Edith Ann Sellers (née Chandler), Los Angeles, CA; Mildred Helen Thomas (née Chandler), Bakersfield, CA; Rebekah Queen Ella Benjamin (née Chandler), Bakersfield, CA; Alice Penelope Chandler, Bakersfield, CA; Clarissa Lillie Mae Chandler, Bakersfield, CA; Ella Aires (née Chandler), Oklahoma City, OK; Phebe M. Chandler, Oklahoma City, OK’

This contributor personally observed Chandler nastily berate a hapless hotel night clerk in Boston for racism because Chandler interpreted a silent glance by the clerk at Chandler’s white guests as racist. In another affair, Chandler tried to

stir up racial trouble among black leaders across the country by exploiting the self-inflicted troubles of black Ohio State champion footballer Maurice Clarett, even though Chandler *knew nothing about football*. In fact, Chandler attended his first ever football game as `Leader Technologies Michael McKibben’s guest to watch Mike’s pre-med son Max play for Harvard—Zuckerberg had already dropped out. Clarett’s young, storied history was notorious for petulance (for which he has now apologized as youthful indiscretion). Chandler and his son Aaron also filed two lawsuits against the D.C. police for racism (both cases were thrown out after Chandler failed to defend his own accusations). See Case No. [08-1158-HHK-\(D.D.C. 2008\)](#); see also Case No. [10-cv-00903-ABJ \(D.D.C. 2010\)](#). (Note: The first case has been *removed* from the [D.C. district court’s own summary of opinions](#)).

Now that the liar-in-chief James P. Chandler, III, Sr., or whatever, is dead, we encourage those with knowledge of his lies to enlighten the world on the depths of his treachery. Notably, we invite those with knowledge of Chandler’s illegal activities in the “[National Intellectual Property Law Institute \(NIPLI\)](#)” to come forward, most especially his former staff, members and speakers. Chandler was a convenor of the highly illegal [Highlands Group](#). The world demands to hear about the depths of this treachery. See [Whistleblower Affidavit](#). Each person and company listed in these links is complicit in Chandler’s crimes against humanity in their silence.

UK Grocery Chain Sainsbury’s Publishes Report Saying Diets Will Be Plant-Based By 2025, Introducing A ‘Sin Tax’ To Reduce Meat Consumption



“A ‘Sin Tax’ on meat may be on the cards in the near future,” the company said.

Sainsbury’s, one of the United Kingdom’s largest grocery stores, published their “[Future of Food Report](#)” in 2022, which detailed what the future of eating habits will be by 2025, 2050, and way far out in 2169. The report heavily insinuated and

reported that consumers will be “*flexitarian*” and vegan in the short run, as over time meat no longer becomes a choice for people to eat, as technology and biometrics advance, and habits alter.

“We have always been at the forefront of introducing new food to the nation, turning once ‘niche’ items into everyday products,” Sainsbury’s said in the forward. According to their broad analysis:

Driven by unprecedented awareness of animal welfare, health concerns and eco-anxiety, more of us than ever could be putting the planet first when writing our shopping list. It’s expected that a quarter of all British people will be vegetarian in 2025 (up from one in eight Britons today) and half of us will identify as flexitarians (up from fifth today). Sainsbury’s alone has already seen a 24% increase in customers searching for vegan products online, and a 65% increase in sales of plant-based products year on-year, as customers increasingly consider a vegan, vegetarian or flexitarian lifestyle.

In thirty years, jellyfish and other ‘invasive species’ could be found on the fish counter as recent research has found them to be full of nutrients and vitamins. And we could even be introducing a ‘lab-grown’ aisle, where people can pick up cultured-meats and kits to grow meat at home. Meat, as we know it today, could instead start to become a luxury product.

We could start to see a very different food landscape in 150 years’, as scientists may well be farming in space and sending back their learnings to us on Earth. This would be instrumental to us being able to farm on land which was previously barren – providing us with seasonal produce all year round.

With developments in technology happening every day there are endless possibilities for how we could be consuming our food in the future. It’s likely that we’ll be consuming our key nutrients through implants. While nutrition patches and drips could replace our day-to-day intake, traditional celebrations – birthdays, family occasions – could be bigger and better than ever before, with the aesthetics of food strengthening the bonds of community.

Delving deeper into the report, the British grocery mega-chain explains that by 2025 that diets will become very “*plant-friendly*,” adding that “*following a more plant-rich diet helps reduce excessive nutrient runoff from agricultural areas into rivers and lakes, land and water use as well as greenhouse gases*,” implying that regularly eating meat contributes to the harmful emissions.

The consolidation of environmental foot-printing apps will also help make our food planet-friendly in 2025 by providing much more clarity to customers about the biggest impacts of our food. Integration of these apps into ones more widely used such as Google Maps, will provide accurate, tailored information to customers – whether they be interested in carbon, calories or chemicals – cutting through the complexity and delivering personalized information. With all the information in one place, making the

right choices for the health of the planet will be far easier for both retailers and their consumers.

The company writes:

Furthermore, in the place of meat, Sainsbury's says customers will be transitioning (by 2025) to be eating more "*mushroom-based products, algae milk, seaweed caviar and insects,*" which include things like a "*cricket burger,*" the company references. Additionally, the company notes that even some livestock such as chickens will be forcibly fed more plant-based feeds such as algae.

Moreover, by 2025, Sainsbury's hints that a more "*food-as-medicine*" approach will be adopted. The company wrote: "*The thinking in preventative medicine through food and nutrition is now beginning to incorporate diet into healthcare, rather than relying solely on medications, and food businesses are beginning to support customers in making healthy choices, in addition to offering products such as bio-fortified foods with potential health benefits.*"

Moving into their 2050 speculations, Sainsbury's explains how lab-grown, cell-cultured, and 3D-printed meats will be normalized, or perhaps even consumers having the option to "grow" this faux meat themselves at home. They argue that based on the current trend and population, Western nations will be unable to sustain normal meat consumption. "If populations who have historically eaten less meat follow our eating habits, we won't have the natural resources or environmental stability to produce for global demand," the grocery store argues. Even jellyfish will be on the menu, they say.

But interestingly enough, Sainsbury's posits that in order to influence the transition from eating meat to more plant-based diets and lab-grown meats, a so-called "*sin tax*" will be introduced to force consumers away from eating meat.

As our understanding of the impact of meat on the environment grows, governments around the world are taking steps to persuade citizens to change their eating habits.

In 2018 the UK introduced a levy on sugary drinks in an attempt to improve public health by encouraging the public to consume less sugar. A recent report by FAIRR suggests a similar kind of 'Sin Tax' on meat may be on the cards in the near future. Meat taxes have already been discussed in parliaments in Germany, Denmark and Sweden and China's government cut its recommended maximum meat consumption by 45% in 2016.

The big shift in 2050 is predicted to come through a concerted effort to change social norms and make such products appeal to consumers. This will possibly involve a radical shift from perceiving meat as innate to animals to perceiving cultured meat as a healthy and efficient protein tissue that is lab-grown, much in the same way we would brew beer.

The authors wrote

The *Wine Press* reported earlier this year that in 2015 the World Bank and Cargill, among others, ran a [simulation they called the “Hunger Games,”](#) predicting what would have to the world and food supplies from 2020-2030; and predicted that by 2024 carbon and meat taxes would be introduced in the E.U. and U.S. In January a panel at the [World Economic Forum called for a necessary carbon tax](#), which they indicated the framework was ready to be implemented very soon.

The report continued by noting that block-chain technology will play a pivotal role with food in the future, which will track and trace all the metadata for each individual piece of food, tethered to consumer’s unique food IDs. The company wrote:

Many food companies that are exploring the use of block-chain technology to allow a complete tracking and tracing capacity in the food supply chain. Block-chain can enable open source transparency technology that allows all information about any given product – such as farm origination details, batch numbers, factory and processing data, expiration dates, storage temperatures and shipping details – to be made available.

In 2016, MIT developed concepts for the *“Supermarket of the Future”*. According to Carlo Ratti, founder of MIT’s Senseable City Laboratory, customers of the future will be fully informed about their food choices: *“We will be able to discover everything there is to know about the apple we are looking at: the tree it grew on, the CO2 it produced, the chemical treatments it received, and its journey to the supermarket shelf.”*

In this future vision, sensors will allow customers to find out more about any item on the shelf by simply lifting it up towards overhead digital displays. Sensors built into the mirrored display will identify the item and present detailed information on price, nutritional value, presence of allergens, pesticides or fertilizers used in production, journey to the supermarket and waste disposal instructions. Additional monitors display information aiming to promote more conscious and sustainable consumption.

This new technology-driven food future will begin to change the shape of what we are eating. Mike Lee developed a futurist food project to explore how we will produce and shop for food over the next 25 years, to help food companies innovate more ambitiously today. The Future Market, a pop-up concept grocery store, demonstrates how the mainstreaming of today’s cutting-edge trends, behaviors and technologies will become mainstream products and services towards 2050. Lee predicts that uniform, mass production and marketing will have fallen out of favor and food will be highly tailored to each individual customer.

With every customer having their own Food ID, diets could be extremely customized, with fruit such as mangoes offered to us at our preferred stage of ripeness, and 3D printed savory snacks on demand according to our exact spice tolerance. Systems will record and analyze food preferences with user inputs and real-time biometrics.

The remainder of the Sainsbury’s report describes this high-tech cyborg world by 2169, and how people will have biometric chips implanted in them, and will awake to their

curated nutrition drips to receive their *“intravenous breakfast.”* Moreover, apparently, climate change will have been so bad a *“half-earth rule”* will be implemented, meaning *“half of the earth’s land and surface is designated as a human and development-free reserve to halt habitat loss and preserve biodiversity and the law of ecocide.”*

A significant step on from wearable tech used today, the advent of personal microchips and neural laces has the potential to see all of our genetic, health and situational data recorded, stored and analyzed by algorithms which could work out exactly what we need to support us at a particular time in our life. Retailers, such as Sainsbury’s could play a critical role to support this, arranging delivery of the needed food within thirty minutes – perhaps by drone.

The authors wrote; adding that AI will help people *“only use exactly what we need, with food waste a thing of the past;”* and that these *“neural laces”* will create *“an interface between the brain and the machine.”*

Now That We Know What COVID-19 Did To Human Life Call WHO’S Coming “DISEASE X’ Whatever You Want, But Know That It’s A Pre-Planned Killer

By Judi McLeod



For the ever so many trying to struggle through everyday life in Western countries—their governments are ready to lock down and mask them again.

“DISEASE X” is making its way everywhere in the world, and it’s not headed our way next year—but as soon as NEXT MONTH.

Governments don't seem to know what to name this virus. Worse, neither does WHO, which still defiantly maintains that its coming arrival is inevitable.

'Here We Go: Scientists Warn Bird Flu Pandemic Could Be '100 Times Worse' Than COVID-19'-headline [Gateway Pundit](#), April 4, 2024.

But now that international authorities got away with locking down and masking citizens worldwide—we now know down a heart that *any virus will do*.

Arriving in the era of media-hyped 'Mad Cow' Disease, Bird Flu is back, this time as a potential Pandemic:

"Amidst growing concerns, experts have cautioned that a bird flu pandemic may be looming on the horizon, one that could be catastrophic on a scale '100 times worse than Covid-19'." (Gateway Pundit)

"The alarm was raised following reports of the virus being found in multiple species, including cows, cats, and humans, which could potentially accelerate the virus's mutation to become more transmissible among humans."

"...On Monday, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) issued a health alert after confirming the first human case of the novel avian influenza A(H5N1) in the state."

"The patient became ill following contact with dairy cows presumed to be infected with avian influenza. The patient's primary symptom was conjunctivitis. This is the second case of avian influenza A(H5N1) identified in a person in the United States and is believed to be associated with the recent detections of avian influenza A(H5N1) in dairy cows [announced by the Texas Animal Health Commission](#)," according to [DSHS](#).

During a recent briefing, scientists highlighted the increasing risk of the H5N1 bird flu strain turning into a pandemic.

The meeting, attended by leading bird flu researchers, medical professionals, and government officials, was convened in response to the human bird flu case and organized by John Fulton, a vaccine consultant and pharmaceutical industry expert, according to the [Daily Mail](#).

"This appears to be 100 times worse than Covid, or it could be if it mutates and maintains its high case fatality rate," said Fulton. *"Once it's mutated to infect humans, we can only hope that the [fatality rate] drops."*

Dr. Suresh Kuchipudi, a notable figure in bird flu research, warned of the virus's potential for a pandemic, highlighting its global distribution and ability to infect a variety of mammals, including humans.

“And now we are getting dangerously close to this virus potentially causing a pandemic,” Kuchipudi said.

“H5N1 viruses have already demonstrated several important features of a potential pandemic virus. So these are, the virus is already globally distributed, and this virus particularly, that is often perceived as an avian virus, it can, and it has shown, the ability to infect a range of mammalian hosts including humans.”

“We are not really talking about a virus that is yet to make a jump, we are talking about a virus that is globally present, already infecting a range of mammals and is circulating. So, therefore, in my view, I think this is a virus that has the greatest pandemic threat [that is] playing out in plain sight and is globally present. It is really high time that we are prepared,” he added.

“According to the World Health Organization, the H5N1 fatality rate stands at an alarming 52 percent, a stark contrast to the less than 0.1 percent mortality rate of Covid-19. The concern is that if H5N1 becomes easily transmitted among humans while maintaining its high fatality rate, the consequences could be dire.”

Meanwhile, the fate of humanity is in the hands of WHO, which given the UN’s organization’s strong alliance to the World Economic Forum, should send shudders down the backs of people everywhere.

Stand strong against lockdowns, face masks and Big Pharma mRNA vaccines as if human life depends on it—because it does.

Related:

[**Bird flu dairy cow outbreak widens in Ohio, Kansas, New Mexico**](#)

[**This could be 100 times worse than Covid': Bird flu warning from scientists who say HALF of infections with H5N1 in people are fatal - as White House says it's 'monitoring' the situation**](#)

Putin’s Road to Armageddon

Paul Craig Roberts • Friday, April 5, 2024

Putin’s Never-ending-War Is Going to End in Nuclear Armageddon. The United States government, speaking through the mouth of Secretary of State Blinken, defied all of Russia’s warnings this week with this declaration:

“Ukraine will become a member of NATO. Our purpose at the summit is to help build a bridge to that membership.”

By Putin’s refusal to use the necessary force to deal with the dangerous situation and by continuing to insist that the conflict is nothing but a limited operation to clear

Ukrainian forces out of the Russian provinces, not an invasion of Ukraine, Russia will soon find herself at war with NATO.

<https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/hungary-vows-thwart-natos-newly-proposed-100bn-5-year-fund-ukraine>

I have warned consistently without effect, only to be denounced by idiots as “*bloodthirsty*,” that Putin’s unrealism about the conflict, like his previous unrealism about the Minsk Agreement and his unrealism about the overthrow of the Ukrainian government in the so-called Maidan Revolution, is a direct path to World War III.

The minute Ukraine becomes a member of NATO, Putin will find himself at war with NATO. Russia has only a short time to knock out Ukraine, destroy the government, occupy the country and build a wall around it.

The ascension of Ukraine to Nato “is literally how the nuclear apocalypse movie starts,” says Elon Musk, one of the few remaining intelligent Americans.

Putin’s “limited military operation” has achieved nothing but two new NATO members—Finland and Sweden—attacks on Russian civilians inside Russia, mounting deaths from Western weapon system after weapon system supplied to Ukraine along with NATO military personnel to operate them and Western intelligence to target them. All the while Putin has been unable to comprehend that Russia is at war. Putin’s lack of response to mounting provocations has convinced Washington that Putin’s warnings are meaningless. Putin’s failure to enforce his red lines has caused Washington to lose belief that Putin has any red lines.

Just as Putin was forced into his “limited military operation” by the insulting cold shoulder Washington gave his plea for a mutual security pact, Russia will be forced into wider war with NATO by Washington’s defiance of Putin’s warning that Russia will not allow NATO membership for Ukraine.

Putin has a few months to end Ukraine’s existence, a country that never existed until Washington created it, before Putin’s inability to act brings on World War III.

Despite the dire situation, Putin remains unable to come to terms with reality. The Russian government continues to demonstrate to Washington weakness and irresolution by repeating its willingness to negotiate. Here we see Putin’s failure as a war leader. It should be Washington and NATO pleading with Putin to negotiate.

We are traveling along the road to Armageddon exactly as I predicted. One ignored provocation leads to another and worst provocation, and then to another and another, and now we have reached the red line that Putin cannot ignore. At this point the only way Putin can avoid World War III is to surrender or to terminate the existence of Ukraine before Washington elevates Ukraine to NATO membership. There is no other choice.

DO NOT TAKE YOUR EYES OFF UKRAINE: IT'S STILL THE MOST LIKELY TO TRIGGER WWIII

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This guest post by Jim Rickards is spot on in its analysis of the Russia-Ukraine war and its potential to explode into something much bigger. He spells out the falsehoods embedded in the Western position toward Russia and why the continued pushing of this false narrative cannot have a good outcome. Either someone with sound logic steps up or we are heading up the escalation ladder to a point of no return, and that will bring catastrophic consequences to the people of the West — you and me.

By Jim Rickards, at [The Daily Reckoning](#)

A lot of people seem to have forgotten about the war in Ukraine. That's a mistake.

Russia is slowly but steadily defeating Ukraine, which is becoming increasingly obvious to everyone except the most anti-Russian diehards.

That's leading to desperation in elite Western circles determined to stop Russia one way or the other. In their minds, they simply can't let Putin win. They think that if Putin wins in Ukraine, he'll next move on to the Baltic states, Poland and elsewhere.

You know the West is getting desperate based on recent threats by France's Emmanuel Macron to send troops to Ukraine.

The vice president of the Russia Duma, Pyotr Tolstoy (descendant of the great Russian writer Leo Tolstoy), warned that French troops would be priority targets for Russian forces if they entered Ukraine.

Even though France would send troops independent of NATO, that puts us on a very dangerous path that ultimately leads to direct conflict between NATO and Russia. And that path ends, ultimately, in nuclear war.

Tolstoy added that it would take "just two minutes to nuke Paris." It's not hard to envision how quickly things could escalate if France decided to send troops to Ukraine.

MORE ESCALATION

Meanwhile, NATO is preparing to send F-16s to Ukraine. Airfields in Ukraine are highly vulnerable to Russian attack, especially since Ukraine's air defenses are heavily depleted at this point and the Russian air force is becoming increasingly active in Ukraine.

But if NATO allows the F-16s to be based on its own airbases, Putin has warned that these airfields would become a "legitimate target" if strikes against Russian forces were launched from them.

By the way, Russia has hypersonic missiles that NATO has no practical ability to shoot down, so these attacks would likely be successful. Of course, NATO would have to retaliate in kind. You can imagine where all this could lead.

We're already well along the escalation ladder. And the higher you go, the more face you stand to lose if you back down. I warned about that from the outset of the war.

But the entire notion that Russia poses some existential threat to NATO or Europe is absurd.

PUTIN HAS NOTHING TO GAIN AND EVERYTHING TO LOSE

First off, the theory that Putin will invade other countries if he wins in Ukraine is nonsense. The Russian army lacks the men and materiel to occupy Ukraine while simultaneously invading other countries.

This isn't the Soviet Union with its massive tank armies poised to roll over Western Europe. And Soviet communism is long dead, so there's no ideological basis for Russia to invade Europe. These days Russia is a conservative, Orthodox Christian nation.

But more importantly, Putin has absolutely no incentive to invade any of these nations, which are NATO members. What do they have that he wants? All it would do is trigger Article 5 of the NATO Charter, which stipulates that an attack on one member is an attack on all, inviting a massive NATO response. At that point, you're on the fast track to nuclear war.

Putin is fully aware of that.

Fearmongers like to point to what Putin once said in a speech: "Whoever doesn't miss the Soviet Union doesn't have a heart."

They take that as proof that he wants to recreate the Soviet Union. But they conveniently omit what he said next:

"Whoever wants it back doesn't have a brain."

Whatever you think of Putin, he definitely has a brain. He has no intention to restore the Soviet Union.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT INTENTIONS

But like any great power, Russia has interests, and Ukraine has always been a vital strategic interest to Russia.

And Russia is not going to tolerate Ukraine joining a NATO alliance that's hostile to Russia. Critics say Ukraine is a free and independent nation that can join NATO if it wants. Russia has no say in the matter, even though Ukraine borders Russia.

Well, I guess they never heard of the Monroe Doctrine. The U.S. basically declared the entire Western hemisphere its own domain. But a great power like Russia can't have a say in its own backyard?

Critics also say that the idea of NATO invading Russia is ridiculous. That's just Russian paranoia. And that's true, NATO isn't going to actually invade Russia. But it's not just intentions that count in the world of geopolitics. It's also capabilities.

As Bismarck once noted: *"What matters in politics is capabilities, not intentions. Intentions change, capabilities remain."*

Given Russia's long history of being invaded, it's not hard to imagine why it might seem a bit paranoid of exterior threats.

If you look at a map, parts of Ukraine are actually east of Moscow.



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WILL THE U.S. KEEP THE WAR GOING?

Of course, Ukraine can't continue fighting without U.S. assistance. The Biden White House wants \$60 billion of new money to give to Ukraine to fight the war. This is on top of several hundred billion already provided.

This was proposed last summer but has stalled in the Senate and House of Representatives ever since. The House passed a separate bill to aid Israel last fall, but the Senate refused to take it up because they want to tie that aid to money for Ukraine.

The Senate passed a bill that would provide aid for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan in one package combined with some money for phony border security.

That bill was so unpopular it could not even make it out of the Senate. Then the House insisted on passing regular appropriations before considering Ukraine.

That process was completed on March 23, but now Congress is on a two-week Easter recess so nothing further will happen until mid-April. No one has even answered the most important question, which is what would Ukraine do with the money.

They can't buy badly needed 155mm artillery shells because the Western arsenals are bare and factories are not geared to make more than a handful. It will take years to expand that manufacturing capacity.

You can walk into a store with a wallet full of \$100 bills, but if the shelves are empty, it doesn't do you any good. The products simply aren't there.

Meanwhile, wonder weapons from the West such as tanks, cruise missiles, armored personnel carriers, HIMARS precision-guided artillery and anti-missile batteries have all been destroyed, disabled or shot down by Russia.

The war in Ukraine hasn't been good advertising for Western weapons.

FALLOUT

To repeat what I said earlier, Ukraine is losing the war badly. Russia is advancing on the southern and eastern fronts in Ukraine.

Still, the pressure on House Speaker Mike Johnson to do something remains. The Republican warmongers in the Senate like Lindsey Graham and Joni Ernst won't let up. Many Republicans in the House such as Chip Roy and Marjorie Taylor Greene are opposed to Johnson on this.

Incredibly, Johnson may respond to the pressure with a solution worse than an outright appropriation. He may get behind efforts to steal \$300 billion in Russian central bank assets held in the form of U.S. Treasury securities.

That would destroy confidence in the U.S. dollar, U.S. Treasury securities and the U.S. rule of law. Russia would quickly recover the loss by seizing \$300 billion or more of Western assets still in Russia. No one in Congress seems to understand any of this.

If they follow through, the economic fallout would be bad enough. But if this war doesn't stop soon, we could ultimately be looking at nuclear fallout.

[[The two above articles by Dr. Paul Craig Roberts and Jim Rickards are about as close to the truth as one could be to the truth given the facts over the past time since this war broke out on February 24th, 2023. The Israeli war with its neighbors is interconnected in the big picture here. These two will dovetail into the Ezekiel 38/39 scenario as Bibi Netanyahu pushes his agenda for his "larger Israel" between the Rivers and this larger war will draw the U.S. into supporting Israel. The Bible however; does not provide evidence to substantiate any U.S. participation. This could be due to any number of reasons, despite the U.S. history of supporting Israel.

Ezekiel more than hints that it will be God alone that defends Israel. It is clear that Scripture relates this point and why God alone will deliver Israel from the Gog Magog coalition. The entire chapter of Ezekiel 20 is devoted to the reason for God's dealing with the Jews and why it will be God alone to save and deliver the Jews.

This chapter is a selective historical review of God's people, Israel. It focuses on their sinful tendencies from their emergence as a people and nation in Egypt, their deliverance from Egypt, their testing in the desert for forty years and their entry into the land of Canaan. Ezekiel employed allegory in other chapters for the same purpose. The **"orphan-girl"** allegory in Ezekiel 16 reveals Israel's ingratitude to God and a disposition to the pagan ways of her neighbors. Ezekiel 23 is a painfully explicit allegory of the two Hebrew kingdoms' lust for political relationships with other nations and the moral compromise that went with following the ways of the world. But here, he uses plain narrative and not fancy literary forms to communicate the message of God's displeasure at Israel's long history of wickedness.

The limits of the chapter differ between the English Bible's divisions and those of the Hebrew Bible. We will follow the Hebrew Bible's divisions for reasons given below at the introduction to Ezekiel 20:45-21:32.

The structure of the chapter divides roughly into two parts. Verses 1-29 present God's review of Israel's history from a spiritual perspective, and vv. 30-44 preview God's future acts of judgment against a disobedient people and his divine promise to purge his people in exile and restore them as a purified people.

The positive theme of the chapter, portrayal of the inherent sinfulness on the part of Israel, is God's mercy. Despite recounting the failures of generations of people, God patiently helped them and displayed to them and to the world the character of God as a God of grace and power.

20:1. The date in this chapter is the third date given in Ezekiel (see 1:2; 8:1), and has been calculated as August 14, 591 BC.. The setting is similar to Ezekiel 8, where the **"elders of Judah"** are before the prophet. There is no difference between these two groups. **"Judah"** was the Hebrew kingdom still remaining, but **"Israel"** in Ezekiel often refers to the people of God, whether from the northern kingdom of Israel or the southern kingdom of Judah. At this point in history, the concern is whether the Hebrew people will survive at all. Perhaps, the elders are seeking guidance for their rule over the exilic community, but more likely, they are wondering about the fate of the nation of Judah. Was there a possibility of ever returning to their homeland and rebuilding the nation?

20:2. The revelation formula).

20:3. **"Son of man"** (see comments on 2:1). God's refusal to answer the inquiry of the elders will be repeated in the second half of the chapter, vv. 30 and following. Yet He does give a prophetic word to Ezekiel for them. It was not what they wanted and would prove to be a message condemning them and their ancestors. The strength of God's answer is fortified by God taking an oath, **"as I live"**.

The language of **"inquiring of the Lord"** comes from Deuteronomy 4:29, where God prophesies His people's eventual exile from which they will again call on Him.

20:4. However, the above mentioned Mosaic text also states that the people must seek God with all their heart and soul -(cf. 14:3), and based on the opening repeated question, it appears that these elders were not wholly set upon God. So instead of answering their request for a word of hope, God gives them a word of indictment concerning their less than illustrious past. The phrase **“the abominations of their fathers”** may be a deliberate word substitution in the phrase **“the abominations of the nations,”** which was a frequent indictment against wicked Hebrew kings. God’s judgment on the nation is because they followed the sinful ways of their pagan neighbors.

20:5. “Thus says the Lord God” (see comments on 5:5). The opening verses, vv. 5-8, relate God’s call of the descendants of Jacob to be His people while they were multiplying in Goshen, Egypt. Deuteronomy 10:15 could have been in Ezekiel’s mind, **“Only the Lord had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.”** The phrase, **“In the day,”** is reserved for both past and future acts of God, whether of deliverance as in Egypt or in judgment (see an earlier stress of **“the day”** in Ezekiel 7:10).

The phrase, **“I am the Lord your God,”** appears four times in this chapter (vv. 5, 7, 19f) and has a rich history in the Pentateuch, particularly in the Book of Leviticus.

20:6. Exodus 6:7 may be a significant parallel text where God is calling Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt so that Israel will learn the delivering power of their God. The picturesque description of Canaan as the **“land flowing with milk and honey”** comes from its use in Exodus and Deuteronomy to quicken the Israelites’ imagination of the place that God was bringing them into.

20:7. The point Ezekiel is making is that even before leaving Egypt there was a strong attraction of the Israelites toward the gods of Egypt. The magnificent ruins along the Nile River today attest to the vast religious systems of thought and worship devised by the ancient Egyptians. The closing declaration puts the emphasis upon the true God and rounds off its use in v. 5.

20:8. This idea of **“rebellious”** is found three times in this chapter (vv. 8, 13, 21) and sounds the negative theme of the prophecy. The last words of the verse repeat those of v. 7. God revealed that it had been more than a temptation to the enslaved Israelites but an actual fact that they had become idolatrous. God’s anger was aroused against them while they were still in Egypt. **“Pour out my fury”** and **“accomplish my anger”** are phrases from the language of divine judgment (see 7:8; 14:19; 20:13, 21).

20:9. The exodus from Egypt is emphasized in vv. 9 and following. **“For my name’s sake”** is another repeated phrase in this chapter (vv. 9, 14, 22, 44). It reveals God’s motivation for His acts. To preserve the revelation of his character and identity, God acted on Israel’s behalf and did not destroy her -(cf. Isaiah. 48:9). Profanity of God’s name (referred to in the Third Commandment), means more than using it as a curse word or careless expression. It involves lowering the meaning of God’s essential nature

as a holy, righteous and powerful deity. God's purposes for Israel, since the time of Abraham, had been for them to be a channel of divine blessing and revelation of divine being to the world. Their sinfulness jeopardized God's plan to teach the nations.

20:10. A continuation of the thought of v. 9, this verse succinctly summarizes the entire process of extracting the Israelites from the strong grip and hardened heart of Pharaoh. The roles of Moses and Aaron are overlooked to keep the focus on God's role as the deliverer of His people.

20:11. The making of the Mosaic Covenant, the giving of the Ten Commandments and the supporting of laws governing Israelite life and worship had one purpose—life. By aligning themselves with God's expressly revealed will, the Israelites knew how to live under his blessings -(cf. Deuteronomy 4:5-8).

20:12. One specific commandment is highlighted, the Fourth Commandment concerning the Sabbath day. Here, Ezekiel quotes almost verbatim the original wording that God gave to Moses in Exodus 31:13. The importance of the Sabbaths for the people of Ezekiel's time was to remind them of God's covenant that sanctified them and made them His own special people -(cf. Jeremiah 17:19-27).

20:13. The spirit of rebellion that had formed in Egypt surfaced in the wilderness years as well. Even though Israel had been blessed with the revelation of God's will in His law, they disobeyed. Again, as in vs. 12, the Sabbath is highlighted. Consequently, God envisioned pouring out His judgment on Israel as He had contemplated in Egypt (v. 8).

20:14. Another nearly exact repetition of words (from v. 9). While in Egypt, God's blessings had been evident to other nations. Certainly, because of the exodus out of Egypt, God's power was revealed to the world -(Joshua. 2:10). The means God used to save His reputation and Israel's existence was to send a series of judgments to chastise Israel and bring them back to Him in terms of their obedience.

20:15. The primary judgment used by God against the Israelites, who came up out of Egypt and into the wilderness, was to deny anyone over the age of twenty the chance to enter the Promised Land -(Numbers 14:26-35).

20:16. Here is a similar declaration of Israel's disobedience to that of vs. 13, but with the charge of idolatry God made concerning Israel during their Egyptian sojourn (vs. 7). The term for "**idols**," that is used here and in vv. 7f, 18, 24, 31, 39, is a pejorative term believed to be derived from a word for "**dung**".

20:17. The literal rendering of the first part of the verse, "**Mine eye spared them**," is a fairly common phrase in the OT, where the context is either a legal judgment upon a transgressor -(Deuteronomy 13:8), David sparing Saul -(1st Samuel 24:10), Babylon's enemies not sparing Babylon -(Isaiah 13:18) or God coming down upon Israel -(Ezekiel 7:9; 8:18; 9:5, 10).

20:18-20. Maybe a new generation would listen to God's warnings against rebellion and idolatry. The series of exhortations which God made to the younger generation of Israelites in the desert repeat phrases already used in this chapter. This technique of repetitive phrases gives a certain rhetorical momentum to the chapter. As each stage in Israel's history is recounted, we encounter the same charges against Israel and God's continued patience. This repetition wore down any counterargument that Ezekiel's hearers could have raised.

20:21. For the third time in this chapter (see vv. 8, 13), we read, "**But they** [here, 'the children'] **rebelled,**" followed by the now established pattern of charges and threatened judgments. Ezekiel's point is clear by now in this chapter. Israel's present exile was a long-overdue action by God. He was justified in ending the Hebrew kingdoms and sending them off to exile. As in vv. 11, 13, placed in the middle of the verse is the alternative to ignoring the words of God: obedience and its reward, that is, life.

20:22. The withdrawing of the hand of God is God's gracious patience during the wilderness wanderings -(cf. Numbers 14:17-20).

20:23-24. Ezekiel reviews the warnings of Moses that continued disobedience during the occupation of the Promised Land would finally bring expulsion -(e.g., Leviticus 26:33; cf. Deuteronomy 28:64).

20:25-26. The apparent meaning of these verses is startling. The theological issues are many and profound, and their interpretation has a long history going back to early Judaism and early Christianity. We can make several observations. First, because the prior presentation of the laws given at Sinai was viewed as good, Ezekiel must be referring to something other than the Mosaic laws. Second, Ezekiel was referring to the second generation who had already received the Mosaic Law from their parents, which were renewed by Moses before his death (the Book of Deuteronomy emphasizes that obedience to the laws would bring life). We must understand that the rhetorical purpose of the chapter is to paint a picture of a disobedient people, and should not be seen as a detailed history of the wilderness period. Even if Ezekiel was calling the laws given at Sinai "*not good,*" he may have been writing ironically. Israel's disregard for the Law brought God's wrath. The comment about the firstborn could also be referring to Israel's redemption of the firstborn of their sons and their male animals -(Exodus 13:11ff). Third, the effects of God's actions here are the same as so many judgmental actions in Ezekiel—they would come to know that Yahweh was God.

20:27. This verse opens another historical segment in Ezekiel's review of Israel's spiritual diary. The act of disobedience is akin to blasphemy -(cf. 1st Samuel 15:23). A spiritually rebellious person acts as though God does not exist and has no claim on his life.

20:28-29. When God brought the Israelites into the Promised Land under Joshua, the people quickly appropriated any pagan religious sites for their own adoption of idolatry (see Ezekiel 6 for an entire chapter given over to God's judgment upon every idolatrous

shrine and worship site). Ezekiel is driving home his point again that at every opportunity in the past, Israel had committed spiritual apostasy and gone after other gods.

20:30. Ezekiel turns from the relatively safe subject of the past and focuses upon the religious foibles of the present generations of Hebrews. ***“The house of Israel”*** refers to the exilic community and perhaps the Hebrew people still left in the land of Judah.

The intent of the question which the prophet asked was to drive the listeners to a negative response, *“No, we will not defile ourselves with rebellious ways like our fathers.”* Following the teaching of Ezekiel 18, the people should not fatalistically resign themselves to repeating the sins of previous generations but strike out on the untried path of obedience.

20:31. The practice of child sacrifice, though always condemned in the Old Testament, must have been more pervasive than we think, as indicated by Ezekiel’s censure here. Returning to the immediate context in vv. 1-4, God instructs the prophet to reject the elders’ inquiry of Him.

20:32. Ezekiel gives us the thoughts, or at least an interpretation, of the actions of Israel. He is being deliberately satirical. Referring to idols as ***“wood and stone”*** goes back to Moses -(Deuteronomy 4:28; 28:36, 64) and Hezekiah -(2nd Kings 19:18) and anticipates Daniel’s description of pagan gods -(Daniel 5:4, 23). The Hebrew people who have survived as Jews to this day are the result of divine intervention. Had they had their way and become like the other nations, there would be no Jewish race today. Their peculiar ways may have marked them for persecution, but they also acted as distinguishing features that helped to preserve them as well.

20:33. God refused to give up on His people, and in this verse, He begins a series of actions meant to purge and purify them from their wicked ways, solemnizing them with a divine oath. His sovereign rule over his people will ensure that his will be done in the Israelites, no less than in heaven.

20:34. The language of God’s bringing out His people was used in the original exodus from Egypt in a positive sense -(Exodus 6:6), but in this context, there would be a punitive sense in that God would bring them out to correct them -(cf. Ezekiel 11:9).

20:35. Exile, ***“the wilderness of the people,”*** was the means the Lord used to discipline Israel because of their sinful rebellion. His personal involvement, ***“face to face,”*** ensured that Israel knew that He was in charge, and their exile was not simply due to naturalistic causes or the power of other gods.

20:36. The parallel lesson is drawn through the comparative words, ***“as... so.”*** The various episodes recorded in the Book of Numbers about sporadic rebellions by the Israelites against Moses provide the analogy to what God was about to do to the people of Ezekiel’s day.

20:37. “*Pass under the rod*” refers to the shepherd’s practice when counting or sorting his sheep, probably with a judgmental meaning here.

20:38. This verse clearly regards the exile as a refining period in Israel’s history and fits the sorting-out-the-bad idea in v. 37. Just as the older generation that came out of Egypt in the days of Moses did not enter the Promised Land, so the generation of Ezekiel would not return. Ezra 3:12 records that when the Jews did return to Judea from Babylon in 538 BC, there were older priests and Levites still alive who had seen the Solomonic temple when they were young. All the adult population of Ezekiel’s generation had died.

20:39. The satirical tone of God’s words to Ezekiel’s contemporaries is sharp. He wants them to know that their idolatry is not going unseen. However, God knows that the coming fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC and the ensuing exile of Judah’s survivors who join Ezekiel’s company in Babylon are part of His plan. Their judgment will chastise them to the point that they will finally listen to Him and His prophets (cf. Ezekiel 33:30-33).

20:40. Here is a prophetic word that His once rebellious people will be reformed in their ways and return to Him the worship that comes from a purified heart. No longer will the high places or wooded groves of the land be places of idolatry (vv. 28 and following); rather, the one high place, Mount Zion, will be restored to the solitary place for the worship of Yahweh. In Ezekiel 40-48, the prophet’s visions of a new Temple begin with a high mountain location -(40:2).

20:41. The Mosaic regulations for the Tabernacle and later the Temple often referred to the burnt offerings as “*sweet savour*” presented to the Lord (e.g., Exodus 29:18). But at the future time of restoration not only will God accept the offering gifts given Him -(v. 40), but He will accept the givers themselves because of their changed hearts and new spirits (Ezek. 36:24-28).

20:42. The recognition formula (see comments on 5:13) often accompanied the warnings of judgment, but here it is found in the positive work of God to redeem and return his people to the Promised Land.

20:43. The two actions of remembering past sins and loathing them are found also in 6:9 and 36:31. They are spiritual exercises necessary for anyone who wishes to find repentance with God and his forgiveness.

20:44. Knowing God is the central result of Israel’s repentance and restoration. Throughout this chapter that reviews the sinful history of His people, there has been the theme of God’s forbearance -(vv. 9, 14, 17, 22, 41). The knowledge of God that follows repentance is that our God is a God of mercy and does not deal with us as we deserve.

20:45-21:32. We will follow the division of the Hebrew Bible, which begins ch. 21 with our English Bible at 20:45. The rationale for the English Bible versification is that there is a common theme of the “*sword*” throughout ch. 21. In each of the main divisions (vv.

1-7, 8-17, 18-27 and 28-32), the dominant metaphor for the judgment of God is a sword; whereas, in 20:45-49, the dominant metaphor for judgment is a forest fire. The rationale for the Hebrew chapter division is that 20:45-49 and 21:1-7 are verbally and conceptually parallel and mirror each other: 20:45 and 21:1 are both the revelation formula; 20:46 and 21:2 are God's command to Ezekiel to prophesy; 20:47 and 21:3f set forth God's announcement of judgment; 20:48 and 21:5 contain the recognition formula; and 20:49 and 21:6f present two reactions of the prophet (the first is spontaneous, and the second is commanded). Also, "fire" ends the last section in Ezekiel 21:28-32 and thus provides an *inclusio* with the opening "**blaze**" in 20:45-49. The imagery then begins and ends with "**fire**," with the "**sword**" theme in between.

If we allow the symbolic action of 21:18-24 to provide evidence for dating the entire chapter, we would arrive at a date at or just prior to 588 BC, when Nebuchadnezzar sent his armies against the nations of western Asia. Ezekiel 20:10 was dated at 591 BC, and the next date, Ezekiel 24:1, will be 588 BC, putting the likelihood of Ezekiel 20:44-21:32 in between.

As noted above, the theme of 20:45-21:32 is the pronouncement of God's judgment against the people and land of Judah. This theme is cast in an interesting array of literary techniques: the fire and sword "*parables*" in 20:45-48; 21:1-5, a spontaneous outburst of Ezekiel in 20:49, a commanded series of groans in 21:6f, the "**song of the sword**" in 21:8-17, a symbolic action with interpretation in 21:18-24, a personal prophecy to King Zedekiah in 21:25 and following and a reapplication of the sword song of Judah to the nation of Ammon. In this chapter, Ezekiel pulls out his prophetic "*tool box*" and uses every "*tool*" to drive home the point that God was working against His people to bring them down by judgment through the instrument of Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian armies. God was destroying any false sense of hope that He would intervene on Jerusalem's behalf and save them from the Babylonian onslaught. Judah was beyond hope. Ezekiel, the Babylonian exiles with him at Tel Abib (see 3:15) and the people in Judah had to face the realization that matters had come too far; judgment was at hand.

20:45. The revelation formula. This is used three more times in this section -(21:1, 8, 18), and provides the major divisions in the chapter.

20:46. "Son of man" This descriptive phrase addressing Ezekiel accompanies the main divisions noted above, and its use in v. 28 provides an additional division without the revelation formula. The phrase, "**to set your face toward**" in Ezekiel's writings is used in judgment speeches and may have been accompanied by the prophet's turning in the direction of the individual or nation addressed in the prophecy. The posturing of the prophet added emphasis to his words to "underscore, reinforce, and clarify the preached word".

Three different words for "*south*" are used in this verse. The first, comes from the capital city of Edom, Teman, which is south of Judah. The second, has only a directional meaning in the OT. The third, refers to the Judean desert lands south of Beersheba. By

using three different words to describe this “*southern forest*,” Ezekiel wanted his listeners to know that this parable was about Judah, since anyone coming from Babylon went up the fertile crescent and then south to the lands of western Asia.

The use of a metaphor, “**forest**” for the whole nation of Judah has a precedent in Isaiah 10:33, where a cut-down forest stands for Judah ravaged by the Assyrians in the eighth century BC.

20:47. The threefold phrases of verbal pronouncement that begin the verse add authority and weight to the prophecy that follows. They were used to impress the listener that Ezekiel was speaking for God.

After the opening words, Ezekiel delivers his parabolic announcement of judgment. There are no reasons given for this divine retribution; the time for calls to repentance was over. Judgment had come (see 7:2, 10).

God, forests and fire were fairly common themes in settings of OT judgment -(Psalm 83:14; Isaiah 10:17ff; 66:15f). Jeremiah 21:14 is a close parallel text using the same words, “***I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it will devour all things round about it.***” The extent of destruction is indicated by the pairing of dry and green trees, which indicates that no tree would withstand the flame that could not be put out.

The verse ends with “*trees*” being replaced with “*faces*” and serves to help the listener interpret this parable. The forest is the people of Judah: everyone, “*north to south*,” would be affected by the coming apocalyptic fire (cf. “fire” against Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38:19).

20:48. The fire parable ends with a variation of the recognition formula. Instead of the usual “***They will know***,” here it is “***All flesh will see***.” Perhaps it is the visual impression of a forest fire that suggested the change. Another change is that the sentence ends with “***that I the Lord have kindled it***,” rather than “***that I am the Lord***.” Again, a logical variant with the metaphor of a fire. The point is the same: God is in control as revealed by his deeds. All this will not be a blind catastrophe of nature, but an event proving Yahweh’s inexorable judgment.

20:49. The verse begins with Ezekiel’s audible sigh of exasperation (cf. his earlier instances of outbursts found in 4:14; 9:8; 11:13). Normally, the prophet did not reveal his own feelings. But the strain of speaking in a symbolic manner about such momentous matters forced him to vocalize his reaction. What people were saying had truth. In Ezekiel 15-17, 19 and 23, we find long-winded allegories and short parables. The people must have discounted such literary forms, as merely clever words. Not being taken seriously is the worst possible reaction that a prophet or preacher wants.

Blessings,

The **A B C**'s of Salvation

A Admit that you sin.



Your sin separates you from God and keeps you from Heaven. Every sin must be punished. Your punishment for sin is Hell.

Romans 3:10 • Revelation 21:8

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:23a

B Believe in Jesus.



Jesus Christ, God's own Son, came to die for your sins. His death on the cross can replace your death in Hell. He only asks that you believe Him.

John 3:16 • 2 Corinthians 5:21 • Isaiah 53:5-6

... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23b

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

Romans 5:8

C Choose to allow Jesus to save you.



God is waiting for you to receive His gift of salvation. If you ask Him, God will remove your sin and give you a home in Heaven!

John 14:1-2 • Titus 3:5-7 • John 1:12

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved

Romans 10:13