

The Blessed Hope!

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

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Current Events through a Biblical World View!



Pope Francis Urged the Global Christian Forum to Create a Visible and Unified Body

From April 15–20, 2024, the 4th Global Gathering of the Global Christian Forum marked its 25th anniversary and met to strengthen interfaith relationships and push for the visible unity of all the churches. The event praised the Pentecostal faith, Catholic education, the Jesuit Fathers, Presbyterian ministerial training, and Methodist pastoral internships. Dr. Casely Essamuah, the Secretary for the Global Christian Forum, told the world-wide gathering of Christians in Accra, Ghana, that “*we all are equals*” and that no one “*has to apologize*” for who they are or what they “believe.” He also welcomed the Vatican representative, Archbishop Flavio Pace, who was appointed by Pope Francis.

Archbishop Flavio Pace, Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and leader of the Catholic Delegation, read the Pope’s message to the gathering of Catholics, Evangelicals, Seventh-day Adventists, and Orthodox. ^[1] Francis’ message summed up the essence of the ecumenical movement: “the visible unity among all Christians.”

The Pope’s message was as follows:

- *“I extend my heartfelt greetings to all present at the Fourth World Gathering of the Global Christian Forum. Your assembly has participants from all over the world, which reflects a beautiful mosaic of contemporary Christianity with its rich diversity while still founded on our shared identity as followers of Jesus Christ.”* ^[2]
- *“Unity is an indispensable element for embracing the vision of the Kingdom of God. As such, there is an intrinsic bond between ecumenism and Christian mission. Throughout its history, the Global Christian Forum has contributed significantly to the promotion of this bond by providing a space in which members, especially those from different historical expressions of the Christian faith, grow in mutual respect and fraternity by encountering one another in Christ.”* ^[2]
- *“May this gathering, on the forum’s silver anniversary, deepen your faith and revitalize your fraternal love as you pray together, exchange your personal stories and address the challenges facing the global Christian community. To all of you, I invoke the blessings of Almighty God, and pray that the gathering will advance the visible unity among all Christians.”* ^[2]

Make no mistake about the Global Christian Forum’s mission and its ecumenical work. They are working to achieve full, visible unity among all churches. This isn’t Adventism. This is not true Protestantism. And it is certainly not apostolic Christianity. This is Babylonian wine, straight from the harlot’s cup of indignation. The issue with these ecumenical gatherings is that they are building bridges to

Rome. This is what the Pope wishes and prays for. Eventually, we come to believe that it doesn't matter whether we are Adventist, Catholic, Evangelical, or Orthodox. We all believe in Jesus, so that's all that matters.



“We are not to cringe and beg pardon of the world for telling them the truth: we should scorn concealment. Unfurl your colors to meet the cause of men and angels. Let it be understood that Seventh-day Adventists can make no compromise. In your opinions and faith there must not be the least appearance of waverings: the world has a right to know what to expect of us”.

One of the most terrifying and inexplicable challenges facing not only Adventism but all of Biblical Christians today is the utter silence on the part of those who should be speaking out loud and clear. It is unconscionable and disturbing to know that some ministers and watchmen would actually suppress our message for the sake of joining up with Rome in interfaith worship. Why? Because the Remnant church of Bible prophecy exists in this period of earth's history for one purpose: to give the last invitation of mercy to our dying world.



The Pope Representative, Archbishop Flavio Pace delivering Rome's message and standing next to the ecumenical cross.

"The Lord gives a special truth for the people in an emergency. Who dare refuse to publish it? He commands his servants to present the last invitation of mercy to the world. They cannot remain silent, except at the peril of their souls."

"Jesus Himself never purchased peace by compromise. His heart overflowed with love for the whole human race, but He was never indulgent to their sins. He was too much their friend to remain silent while they were pursuing a course that would ruin their souls".

Jesus didn't remain silent, and we today have an end-time, present truth message that has been ordained by God to be given to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Have our lives on planet Earth become so comfortable and our institutions so prosperous that we will instead purchase peace at the cost of our silence? God forbid! Have we not learned anything about Bible history? Have we forgotten the admonitions of the Lord to His ancient people? Ancient Israel was also established for a divine purpose. They were also given a message to bear. These instructions given in God's word are for us today:

- ***“Speak unto them; diminish not a word.”*** Jeremiah 26:2.
- ***“Declare all that thou seest.”*** Ezekiel 40:4.
- ***“Warn them from me.”*** Ezekiel 33:7.
- ***“Speak to them all that I command you.”*** Jeremiah 1:7.
- ***“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it.”*** Deuteronomy 4:2.
- ***“For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time ... thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed”*** Esther 4:14.
- ***“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”*** Acts 20:27.
- ***“I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.”*** Psalm 40:10.
- ***“Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace.”*** Acts 18:9.



Who benefits today from our silence? Who stands to gain the most when we diminish nearly every word from the Bible? Who wins when Bible truth and Reformation history are replaced with ecumenism and common ground with Rome? The Vatican wins, and her objective is complete.

We see church leaders focusing on environmentalism, ecumenism, Romanism, feminism, and the LGBT+ movement rather than warning people about the real dangers that threaten them. And this is not limited to ministers; the sin of silence exists everywhere. It appears in our work on religious liberty, humanitarianism, education, and even medical care.



The era of the silent church must end because a silent people are not a true people. A silent pastor is not a true pastor. A silent watchman is not a true watchman. The horrible silence that exists in the church is not the result of ignorance. It is the result of willful disobedience and rebellion. The problem today is that our people are silent on purpose. No wonder they can run with Rome. No wonder they are pleasing men.

The current ecumenical movement only confirms what we already knew. Over 100 years ago, God warned us against becoming silent with our message while at the same time seeking to unite with those who “*depart from the faith.*” The following statement reveals not our ignorance but our disobedience to God’s instructions. Is

it any wonder why Rome is laughing at us?

“The world knows very little of the truths that we believe, and in clear, straight lines the message for this time must be given to all the world. The message comes to me, ‘Wake up the watchmen.’ Let every one now come into working order ... We have a testing message to give, and I am instructed to say to our people, Unify, unify. But we are not to unify with those who are departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. With our hearts sweet and kind and true, we are to go forth to proclaim the message, giving no heed to those who lead away from the truth”

“As God called the children of Israel out of Egypt, that they might keep his Sabbath, so he calls his people out of Babylon, that they may not worship the beast or his image. The man of sin, who thought to change times and laws, has exalted himself above God, by presenting a spurious Sabbath to the world; the Christian world has accepted the child of the papacy, and cradled and nourished it, thus defying God by removing his memorial, and setting up a rival Sabbath”.

Satan has taken the world captive. He has introduced an idol Sabbath, giving to it great piety and importance. He has stolen the homage of the Christian world for this idol. They do homage to a tradition, a man-made commandment. As Nebuchadnezzar set up his golden image in the plains of Dura, and so exalted himself, so Satan exalts himself in the false sabbath, for which he has stolen the livery of heaven.

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How the Jesuits Use Ecumenism to Convert Protestants to Catholicism

Roman Catholics actively engage in prayer, dialogue, interfaith worship, and conversations with Protestants, not merely to inform them about Roman Catholic doctrine but also with the hope of bringing them back to their “Mother” church.” They extend invitations to all believers, aiming to foster a sense of belonging in a shared spiritual journey, but under the umbrella of the Roman Catholic Church.

This is a mission that Rome is eager to complete, and it happens on a daily basis. Several Catholic organizations, including the Coming Home Network, are dedicated to assisting “*non-Catholic Christians make their journey home to full communion with the Catholic Church.*”^[1]

The Glenmary Missioners, a Roman Catholic society, recently described how they use ecumenism and Jesuits to convert Evangelicals to Catholicism. They published the following, which should serve as a wake-up call for all Protestants, including our own members:

- “Glenmary hired Nathan Smith to be the director of Catholic-Evangelical

Relations. The job is an important one in Glenmary, as fostering ecumenical ties with other Christian groups has long been a priority of the society. After all, Glenmary ministers in areas where Catholics are few."^[2]

• "Nathan fits his job well because he is an Evangelical and a Catholic. 'I never refer to myself as a convert,' says Nathan, a former Evangelical pastor. 'I always say I'm an Evangelical who moved into communion with the Catholic Church. I don't want anyone to have the idea that I'm moving away from the faith I was raised in,' he adds. 'I'm only moving deeper into it'."^[2]

• "Nathan's journey into communion took a turn in 2016. He had recently ceased working at an Evangelical church and started visiting a Catholic spiritual center in Cincinnati. He found a Jesuit spiritual director, and began exploring his faith in a new way. The real push came in 2019 after Nathan and his wife had several conversations about desiring to experience Christ in the Eucharist. In time, they were brought into the Catholic Church at St. Gertrude parish in Cincinnati."^[2]

• "Now Nathan is working with Glenmary to foster relations with Evangelicals, to reduce the separation between them and Catholics."^[2]

• "I long for the Church of the future with the Catholic Church and the Evangelical communities coming back into communion," Nathan said. "We're not in a place that we have good relations yet on a denominational level, but I've been really encouraged by the number of pastors locally who are excited to talk to me."^[2]

• "He has had online meetings with Pentecostal groups interested in learning more ... Nathan is also in the process of building a website and podcast to assist in Glenmary's ecumenical mission."^[2]

No matter how much Protestant leaders defend these interfaith encounters and how many articles and speeches they give in support of them, the end result of ecumenism serves to further Rome's aspirations, as described in the Second Vatican Council's ecumenical decree, *"Unitatis Redintegratio."* **The Vatican intends to unify the separated churches under the authority of the Pope of Rome. Notice what the Vatican decreed in 1964:**

• *"The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only."* (Decree on Ecumenism, Section 1, Paragraph 1).^[3]

• *"Nevertheless, our separated brethren, whether considered as individuals or as Communities and Churches, are not blessed with that unity which Jesus Christ wished to bestow on all those who through Him were born again into one body, and with Him quickened to newness of life - that unity which the Holy Scriptures*

and the ancient Tradition of the Church proclaim. For it is only through Christ's Catholic Church, which is 'the all-embracing means of salvation,' that they can benefit fully from the means of salvation." (Decree on Ecumenism, Section 3, Paragraph 5).^[3]

• *"All Christians will at last, in a common celebration of the Eucharist, be gathered into the one and only Church in that unity which Christ bestowed on His Church from the beginning. We believe that this unity subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose, and we hope that it will continue to increase until the end of time" (Decree on Ecumenism, Section 4, Paragraph 3).^[3]*

Ecumenism is absolutely essential for the restoration of the papacy's temporal power. Satan knows this, which is why he is trying to unite them into one body:

Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism ... Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.

Ecumenism is also prophetically necessary for the healing of the deadly wound and the implementation of the Sunday laws. When the churches come together in one, then the image of the beast is formed, not before.

When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result".

Revelation 13:3 says that the deadly wound will be healed, and the entire world will wonder after the beast. This describes the moral dilemma that our world is in. Ecumenism is what sets everything into motion. And when our leaders stand up and defend the ecumenical movement, they are defending the Second Vatican Council, not God's word. But that's not the end of the story. In Revelation 14:9–11, there is a world-wide proclamation that is being given right now, warning the people against the worship of the beast and his image and against receiving his mark on the forehead or in the hand.

It is obvious that these two events—the healing of the deadly wound and the warning against the beast, the image, and the mark—will occur at the same time. What this means to us, the faithful commandment-keeping, non-ecumenical members of the Remnant Church of Revelation 12:17, is that we have but a short time in which we can proclaim to the world with power the messages of Revelation

14:6–12 before the voice of the dragon is heard and the fires of persecution return.

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NEW REPORT: 'Over 98 percent' of world's central banks gearing up for new system of programmable, trackable 'digital cash' and 24 nations will have 'live CBDCs' by 2030

By Leo Hohmann

All this despite almost zero coverage in the mainstream corporate media to date, most of which still refers to a fully digitized monetary system as 'conspiracy theory'.

The era of cash money is nearing its end, and with it will come the end of privacy.

The World Economic Forum claims, in a new report, that 98 percent of the world's central banks have agreed to implement the globalists' long-awaited dream of a cashless society.

Most central banks, such as the U.S. Federal Reserve, are quasi-government institutions owned privately by billionaire bankers.

And the WEF is not the first to reveal the plans of the globalist elite, which have been preparing for years to eliminate paper fiat currencies. But this latest report indicates the grand plan is now very close to being realized, perhaps just awaiting a triggering event – a Black Swan event of some type – before making the switch to “digital cash.”

As first reported by **Slay News**, the latest revelation was made in an **83-page white paper** from the WEF which declares that nations around the world will soon be ready to adopt a central bank digital currency, or CBDC, in place of traditional money.

In the report, titled *Modernizing Financial Markets With Wholesale Central Bank Digital Currency*, the WEF asserts that a CBDC will replace all other forms of money to serve as a single global digital currency system.

The report states that, “Over 98% of the global economy's central banks are researching, experimenting, piloting or deploying central bank digital currency (CBDC) to determine how to modernize the capabilities of and improve access to central bank

money (CeBM)... With this backdrop and a recent survey finding that there could be 24 live CBDCs by 2030, the importance of clarifying the role of CeBM and wholesale CBDC in the next generation of wholesale financial markets is underscored.”

It makes sense that when the petro dollar collapses, all paper currencies pegged to it will fall like dominoes. This collapse has already been pre-designed. The only question is whether it will continue to unfold gradually or if it will take place suddenly in the wake of a catastrophic cyber-attack or some other “Black Swan” event. WEF founder and director Klaus Schwab is on record predicting a devastating cyber-attack that will shut down all or nearly all communications, transportation and financial transactions for an extended period.

There was also this warning five years ago from the CEO of Charles Schwab (no relation to Klaus).

The end of fiat paper currency has been hinted at for many years, with perhaps the most clear indication coming from economist Dr. Pippa Malmgren in March 2022, when she addressed the World Governments Summit and said:

“And I’ll say this boldly, we’re about to abandon the traditional system of money and accounting and introduce a new one. And the new, the new accounting is what we call blockchain. It means digital. It means having an almost perfect record of every single transaction that happens in the economy, which will give us far greater clarity over what’s going on.”



Digital cash is not cash at all. It is not only digital but programmable, meaning someone outside of your control will have the ability to turn it on and off, or program it in such a

way that makes it applicable only at certain stores or for certain goods and services, not others.

The WEF report states:

“CeBM is ideal for systemically important transactions despite the emergence of alternative payment instruments. Wholesale central bank digital currency (wCBDC) is a form of CeBM that could unlock new economic models and integration points that are not possible today.”

The report focuses on the claimed goal of streamlining cross-border transactions, but it's much more than that.

According to the WEF, central banks are preparing to deploy different forms of CBDCs specifically designed to be used by different institutions for different reasons.

Wholesale CBDCs will be used by banks, governments, and transnational corporations. Retail CBDCs will be reserved for the general public.

The WEF report also confirms what we already knew, that converting to this new digital system means all physical assets will eventually be *“tokenized,”* in a scheme meant to bring more billions in profits to elites on Wall Street.

“The tokenization of assets involves creating digital tokens representing underlying assets like real estate, equities, digital art, intellectual property, and even cash”.

“Tokenization is a key use case for blockchain, with some estimates pointing towards \$4-5 trillion in tokenized securities on DLTa by 2030.”

Doesn't that sound like fun?

And I'm sure our beloved politicians will protect us from these monsters, right?

Hold on tight to your loved ones. Pray and be in the word. It's the only thing that is going to get us through. Physical preparations are advisable, but what's coming will take mental and spiritual strength, because no one is coming to save us. Only the Lord Jesus Christ!

7 Reasons You Should Study Bible Prophecy

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Why does bible prophecy matter? As a Christian, why should you spend any time studying it? It's sad to say, but many Christians (including countless “church leaders”) say bible prophecy doesn't matter. Many of them say you shouldn't study it at all. Why? Among the stated reasons are these:

"Studying bible prophecy is a waste of time."

or

"Bible prophecy is a distraction."

Or how about this one?

"Bible prophecy is so negative!"

That last one is truly ridiculous. Negative? How is the return of Jesus to establish everlasting peace on earth with no more death, crying, sorrow, or pain (Revelation 21:4) negative? It's not. In fact, it's our blessed hope (Titus 2:13)! No. There's something else going on here, and I think I know what it is. The real reason so many church leaders ignore bible prophecy is because they care more about what the world thinks than what God thinks.

The forces of darkness (Ephesians 6:12) love to divert people from the truth. In doing so, they've managed to associate the study of bible prophecy with date setters and "kooks." Many pastors and church leaders who ignore bible prophecy don't want others to think they're one of the "kooks." That would make them uncomfortable. It's much easier (and a lot less controversial) to cover topics like "*7 Ways to a Better Marriage*" or "*5 Ways to Live a Better Life Today*" or "*How to be Happy All the Time*."

Now, I'm not saying these topics don't matter. They definitely do. God wants us all to live a full and blessed life here on earth. But to ignore bible prophecy is to ignore anywhere from one-fourth to one-third of the Bible. If God didn't want us to study it, why would He reveal it? The Bible says all of God's Word is useful for teaching and instruction (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and that includes prophecy.

The Power of Bible Prophecy

The prophetic passages in the Bible are just as important as all the others. God promises wherever He sends His Word, it will prosper (Isaiah 55:11). This includes all of His Word, not just those verses self-appointed Christian leaders deem "okay." If you have any doubt, here's what the Bible itself says about the importance of bible prophecy:

1) Prophecy Points to Jesus

The Book of Revelation says all prophecy points to Jesus (Revelation 19:10). In fact, Jesus Himself said He came to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17). What if the magi (Matthew 2:1-2) had ignored bible prophecy? What if they thought the study of prophecy was "*a waste of time*?" Then they would have missed out on one of the greatest honors of all time – seeing the baby Jesus. What if Simeon (Luke 2:25-35) had the attitude bible prophecy is irrelevant? Then he would have missed out on the

greatest blessing of his life. What if Anna (Luke 2:36-40) had ignored bible prophecy? Then she too would have missed out on Jesus.

2) Jesus Demands We Watch

If the study of bible prophecy is “*a distraction from God’s work,*” then why does Jesus demand it? That’s right. Jesus doesn’t simply suggest we study bible prophecy. He commands us to study it. After all, He commands us to “*stay alert*” and to “*keep watch*” (Mark 13:33,35). That begs the question – watch for what? The answer is clear. Watch for His return. Otherwise, He’ll find us sleeping when He arrives without warning (Mark 13:36). If you don’t study bible prophecy and the signs of His coming, how will you ever know what to watch for? And if you don’t know what to watch for, how can you obey Jesus?

3) Prophecy Proves the Bible is God’s Word

Long ago, God issued a challenge. He said, “Who else can tell the beginning from the end” (Isaiah 41:21-26)? God proclaims He alone can do so. Only God can reveal what is going to happen before it happens (Isaiah 46:10). The hundreds and hundreds of specific and detailed prophecies found in the Bible prove its divine authority. What other book on earth can match the Bible in predictive power? None. But if you fail to study bible prophecy, that fact will pass you by. [[There are 8,362 verses of a prophetic nature on 1,817 specific predictions on 737 topics. This amounts to 29% of the Bible - Pastor Bob]]

4) Prophecy is a Powerful Evangelistic Tool

In the first century, bible prophecy was the primary tool for spreading the Gospel. As an example, Peter cited the Messianic prophecies as clear proof Jesus was the long awaited Messiah (Acts 2:14-42). His speech led three thousand people to give their lives to Jesus. He also said the life of Jesus fulfilled what the prophets had written about the Messiah (Acts 3:18-24). Philip used a fulfilled prophecy to explain the Gospel to an Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39). And Paul’s primary method of spreading the Gospel was to reason from the Scriptures (Acts 17:2-3). He explained how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Messiah, and he explained all that the prophets said about Him (Acts 13:27-31). If you don’t study bible prophecy, you’re missing one of the greatest tools for spreading the Gospel. What better way to respond to those who demand evidence Jesus is the Messiah than to tell them about the numerous prophecies He fulfilled?

5) Prophecy Encourages Holy Living

If you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, you know He could return at any moment. And if you know He can return at any moment, it encourages holy living. In the story of the evil servant, Jesus warned us about a danger. What danger? The danger of thinking He’ll delay His return. Jesus said the evil servant thinks, “*My master won’t be back for a while,*” and he goes on sinning (Matthew 24:48-49). Instead, you should live your life as

if He could come at any moment. This mindset leads to patience (James 5:8), disciplined prayers (1 Peter 4:7), love (1 Peter 4:8), and an eagerness to use your gifts for the glory of God (1 Peter 4:10-11). While we wait for the return of Jesus, we should make every effort to live peaceful, pure, and blameless lives (2 Peter 3:11-14).

6) Prophecy Gives Specific Blessings

Some Christians avoid reading the Book of Revelation. They might find it frightening or difficult to understand. But remember, it's the revelation of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1). It's not the revelation of John. It's not the creation of ancient men. It's a message from Jesus. It's so important, God says He'll bless anyone who reads it to the church! And He'll bless anyone who listens to it and obeys what it says (Revelation 1:3). In heaven, some will wear "*a crown of righteousness.*" Who are the people who get this crown? All who eagerly await the return of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 4:8).

7) Prophecy Reveals the Season of the Lord's Return

Jesus says the world will be caught unaware when He suddenly returns (Luke 12:40). It will be like in the days of Noah and Lot. People will go on living their daily lives as normal right up until the moment of their destruction (Luke 17:30). But those who study bible prophecy won't be surprised by His return (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6). Why? Because they'll understand the signs. While we can't know the day or the hour of His return (Matthew 24:36), we can know the season of His return. Jesus, Moses, and the prophets told us what signs to look for. And Jesus says when you see all those signs converging you can know His return is very near (Matthew 24:33).

Bible Prophecy Should Provide You with Hope and Encouragement

Don't ignore bible prophecy. Don't poke fun of it or laugh at it (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22). Instead, study bible prophecy. Doing so will fill you with hope and encouragement. This is especially true in our day and time because our generation is witness to the converging signs Jesus and the prophets said to look for. For over 94% of Christian history, the state of Israel did not exist. Today, it does. For over 95% of Christian history, the Jewish people did not control Jerusalem. Today, they do. These signs and others point to the nearness of the Lord's return. They indicate we live in the season of His return. Jesus is coming, and that should fill you with hope for the future.

Prophecy is behind this hope and almost every promise Christians hold near and dear. The promise of heaven... The hope of salvation... The joy of eternity with Jesus. Each one of these is a promise from God guaranteeing our future. And what is bible prophecy if not a guarantee of future events? So don't let what others think discourage you from studying bible prophecy.

Remember, the world mocked and ridiculed Jesus. If you follow Him, He says you will be mocked and ridiculed as well (Matthew 10:22-25). Bible prophecy is the message of Jesus. And if you're a Christian, you must be willing to endure persecution for it. Jesus

said if anyone is ashamed of Him and His message, He will be ashamed of that person when He returns (Luke 9:23-26). Don't be ashamed. Study bible prophecy. Let it enrich your life. For the whole purpose of prophecy is to glorify Jesus (Revelation 19:10).

Soros funding US pro-Palestinian Protests – Media

A network of nonprofits has reportedly paid student groups organizing tent cities in colleges, according to the *'New York Post'*.

Several student groups that have organized protest "camps" at major U.S. universities have received money from activist billionaire George Soros, the *'New York Post'* reported on Friday.

Protests that began earlier this month at Columbia University in New York City have since spread to 50 universities and colleges in the U.S. and Canada, including Harvard, Yale and UC Berkeley. The Columbia protest was organized by Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) and Within Our Lifetime.

All three have received funding from Soros's Open Society Foundations through a network of nonprofits, the *Post* claimed, citing its own research. Other major donors to the student groups were identified as the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and former Wall Street banker Felice Gelman.

None of the groups responded to the *Post's* requests for comment.

The outlet also named three "fellows" of the Soros-funded US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR), paid several thousand dollars to organize campaigns on campus. Two of them are former interns for congressional Democrats.

Activists have demanded that universities "*divest*" from companies such as Amazon, Google and Microsoft, as well as Lockheed Martin, that have contracts with the Israeli government. They also want the U.S. government to stop giving any more money to Israel, citing its "*genocide*" of the Palestinians in Gaza.

Leader of the pro-Israel group Anti-Defamation League, Jonathan Greenblatt, blamed the protests on "*campus proxies*" of Iran in an interview with MSNBC this week.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has claimed that "*anti-Semitic mobs have taken over leading universities*" in the U.S. and were calling for "*the annihilation of Israel.*" He compared the protesters to German Nazis in the 1930s and said their actions had to be "*condemned and condemned unequivocally.*"

Israel sent troops into Gaza after a series of deadly raids by Hamas on October 7 last year, killing an estimated 1,200 Israelis. Netanyahu has vowed to completely destroy the Gaza-based Palestinian group. So far, over 34,000 Palestinians have been killed in

the Israeli military operation and another 80,000 wounded. Much of Gaza's infrastructure has been destroyed as well.

Campus Protests Since Wednesday, April 17



[[George Soros is one of the major leftist “deep pockets” behind the election of liberal judicial candidates for DA’s, Attorney’s General, around the country since Obama’s agents were elected to office in the transitioning of the county to Marxist and Communist ideology. I watched FOX News Live the past two days covering these college and university protests. The student movement has been infiltrated by those provoking conflict, and revolution. I remember well the Vietnam War Protest movement in the late 1960s and early 1970s. You might recall the culmination of the Kent State University protest riots that broke out. On May 4, 1970, in Kent, Ohio, 28 National Guardsmen fired their weapons at a group of anti-war demonstrators on the Kent State University campus, killing four students, wounding eight, and permanently paralyzing another. Pray that we do not see a repeat massacre that will further divide the nation.



Ask yourself what's wrong with this picture? There is something odd about those campus tent encampments. Almost all the tents are identical - same design, same size, same fresh-out-of-the-box appearance. It suggests that rather than an organic process, whereby students would bring a variety of individual tents, someone or some organization has supplied them and organized the event.

The protests, which began at Columbia University, have expanded nationwide - with copycat tent cities erected at some 50 colleges including Harvard, Yale, Berkeley in California, the Ohio State University and Emory in Georgia, with organized branches of the Soros-funded Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) having organized them.

The parent organization of SJP has been funded by a constellation of nonprofits which all lead to George Soros.

At three colleges, the protests are being encouraged by paid radicals who are “fellows” of a Soros-funded group called the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR).

USCPR provides up to \$7,800 for its community-based fellows and between \$2,880 and \$3,660 for its campus-based “fellows” in return for spending eight hours a week organizing “campaigns led by Palestinian organizations.” They are trained to “rise up, to revolution.”

The radical group received at least \$300,000 from Soros' Open Society Foundations since 2017 and also took in \$355,000 from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund since 2019. –

'NY Post'. Follow the money trail and you will always find the source of the problem! The Student Leader of Columbia University Encampment Says "Be Grateful That I'm Not Just Going Out and Murdering Zionists".

If you want to know how insane the student protests of Israel have gotten on some college campuses, look no further than Columbia University Student Khymani James.

James is the reported leader of the encampment at the far left school and was recently caught on camera saying some pretty shocking and potentially violent things. He has since tried to backtrack on these comments but they are out there for all to see.

The group has three "fellows" who have helped propel the protests into a nationwide phenomenon, –Pastor Bob]]

Bill Gates Wants To Use AI For Genetically Modifying Beef Cows To "Save The Planet"

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Microsoft founder Bill Gates recently discussed how AI could fight climate change on his podcast, *Unconfuse Me With Bill Gates*, and it was just the type of unhinged conversation you would expect from the same man who touts synthetic beef, depopulation, preventing cows from burping and experimental geoengineering.

He made his latest remarks in an interview with data scientist Hannah Ritchie. When their conversation turned to artificial intelligence and its potential utility in addressing

environmental issues, he shared his surprise at how quickly the technology has been advancing.

“I was very stunned how the AIs went from basically not being able to read or write at all, to doing that in a very facile way,” Gates told her.

When asked if he thought AI could play a role in taking action on the climate, he answered, *“Absolutely.”* He then cited the example of genetically modifying beef cattle with AI so that they produce less methane, or using AI to somehow produce *“meat without the cow.”*

Ritchie pointed out that people are not embracing the idea of meat alternatives, and that’s something Gates is also quite familiar with as he has invested in multiple companies that produce fake meats, such as Impossible Foods, Upside Foods, and Beyond Meat.

He has said in the past that *“all rich countries should move to 100% synthetic beef”* and that he is optimistic fake meat products will be a *“very good”* alternative for consumers as many people are reluctant to cut meat out of their diets.

Last November, Beyond Meat cut nearly 20 percent of its non-production workforce following plummeting sales as customers eschew the highly processed and unhealthy concoction. Once heavily hyped, its stock has fallen more than 60 percent, and an opinion piece in the *New York Times* recently referred to lab-grown meat as *“the revolution that died on its way to dinner.”* Some assessments have revealed that such products don’t offer much in the way of environmental benefits and may even be causing more harm than good.

Gates is also going after cow burps, investing in an Australian startup that is focused on preventing cows from burping methane emissions by feeding them a dietary supplement with a synthetic version of an ingredient in red seaweed that prohibits methane formation.

A spokesperson for Breakthrough Energy Ventures, Gates’ investment fund, said: *“Although cows are a significant [greenhouse gas] source, livestock agriculture remains one of the cheapest protein sources globally, which means technologies that can reduce emissions from the existing cattle supply chain today and in the future are critical.”*

Gates may have a lot of ideas about dealing with cows, but does he really have the environment’s best interests at heart? He said that he sees AI as potentially being useful in modifying cows, but what about the impact that AI is having on the climate?

If carbon really is as bad as he claims, shouldn’t he be concerned about the large carbon footprint involved in developing, maintaining, and disposing of AI technology? The emissions from the IT technology industry as a whole are expected to account

for 14 percent of global emissions by 2040, especially the data centers involved in AI, while training AI models is said to produce 626,000 pounds of carbon dioxide, which is equal to around 300 round-trip flights across the U.S.

Of course, placing all the blame for the planet's woes on cows and glossing over the negative impact of AI on the environment makes a lot more sense when you consider his sizeable financial investments in meat alternatives and OpenAI.

Pyongyang and Tehran strike back: Iran will receive North Korean strategic missiles, and North Korea will receive thousands of Iranian drones

North Korea and Iran have begun to negotiate. About what? This is not even as important as the fact itself: the collective West did not like these two countries even separately, and if they also unite!.. It would seem, on what can they unite? They have almost no trade, no connections... But the situation is completely different.

Two countries - one course of history

The West was never able to crush both of these countries - North Korea and Iran - with sanctions. Moreover! Despite the sanctions, both of these countries not only did not fall apart economically and politically, but also managed to make great progress technologically. Actually, both countries have hyper-sound, which the United States does not have. At least according to Tehran and Pyongyang. Nevertheless, their technologies were already so advanced 2-3 years ago that they were not far from hyper-sound. Therefore, many experts fully admit that such products are actually at the disposal of Tehran and Pyongyang. But given the closed nature of both countries, it is very difficult to be sure of anything there.

The history of Iran and North Korea is reminiscent of the history of Russia: to survive and develop, despite the strongest pressure from the West and attempts at international isolation. Moreover, with regard to these two countries, attempts were much more successful: it was the Soviet Union (like Russia) that was always difficult to isolate, almost impossible. And yet they are much more than just survivors: they seem to survive the collective West! Now let's get back to cooperation.

Defense technologies of Iran and North Korea

It is precisely defense technologies that can change! And how! Here you can almost see in real life how the hairs on Westerners' heads stand on end. The fact is that the development of defense systems in Iran and North Korea took very asymmetrical paths. In terms of the obvious, North Korea has a satellite. And obviously there will be more satellites. And this is already an interesting topic for cooperation: if not for direct technology transfer, then at least for the provision of intelligence data. But this is on the first layer.

And what a wide field this opens up for Russia and China in terms of "*laundering*" intelligence data!.. Now both Beijing and Moscow will be able to calmly transmit the data

that they deem necessary, then emphasizing the fact that: we have nothing to do with it! And they have their own satellites, they exchange data with each other! And in general, you are slandering our family, it's a sin!



Iran, for example, has much more developments in terms of its fleet - historically, this has happened. North Korea is just forming its flotilla, and Iran can help here.

Strategic technologies

But the most important thing, of course, what the West is afraid of is the transfer of strategic technologies and the exchange of “red buttons”, with which North Korea is doing very well – it reaches all the way to the United States, as you know. And this is not the most important thing for Europe and the USA!

Here's what the South Korean publication Yonhap reported:

“The DPRK sent a delegation led by Minister of Foreign Economic Affairs Yoon Jong-ho to Iran to discuss bilateral relations and strengthen economic ties. North Korea may seek help from Iran on solid-fuel missile technologies, such as a ballistic missile with a hypersonic warhead,” experts said.

But here, as you know, for one open piece of news there are a thousand hidden meanings.

A blow to the world hegemon

To begin with, South Korea is terribly afraid of one thing that has proven to be extremely effective: Iranian drones. Oh yes, they can be shot down, of course. BUT!!!

Iranian drones are extremely cheap, so many of them can be produced in just six months that they will overload and break through any air defense system. South Korea has a good air defense system, but it is not at all designed for challenges of this kind.

Strictly speaking, the current and far from resolved issue in the world in general is how to counter drones. There are Russian systems a la Pantsir, which are considered the best in the world. There are developments in the field of electronic warfare - and here Russia is also ahead both in technology and in accumulated experience. South Korea simply does not have such a range of solutions. Creating all this takes a long time and is very expensive. But it's possible to plant Iranian-style drones almost in garages cheaply, quickly and in huge quantities. And when they break through the defenses, then they can finish the job using traditional methods - artillery, MLRS, missiles.

And in South Korea they fear such a situation much more than stories about the “red button”. Because the chances that Pyongyang will decide to resort to unconventional means are still extremely small. But if Kim Jong-un can win with authorized weapons, then he can go ahead and do it, to be honest. And who will interfere? South Korea has long disbelieved that the United States would enter into a direct confrontation with North Korea to liberate South Korea. And Japan won't help either - it has even fewer resources.

And, accordingly, there is movement in the opposite direction. It is not just scary, but literally like death for some players.

After all, if North Korea's missile technology falls into the hands of Iran... Oh, then it's not hard to imagine how much trouble Israel will have! The defense potential of North Korea is very serious, and from the very beginning it was built on the need to confront and literally “keep at gunpoint” not only South Korea, but also Japan. And from North Korea to Japan is about the same distance as from Iran to Israel. And in Israel they understand this very well. For years they prayed that there were no ties between these two countries, but now they have appeared. And it is clear in advance that Pyongyang and Tehran will not trade silks or spices. So - Israel is tense, but... There will be no sense in Israeli tension: they could never influence North Korea, and the United States cannot do this either - they have tried for the last 50 years. It didn't work out. And now...

Problem for the West

The situation for the collective West and its satellites is getting out of control. The technology exchange and cross-pollination between Iran and North Korea is a black swan for the U.S. and NATO. They simply do not have recipes for such a case. And they can no longer stop this process...

Thus, active military cooperation between Iran and the DPRK poses a serious threat to the collective West and its satellites. These two countries, despite sanctions and pressure, continue to develop technologically and strengthen their defense systems. The exchange of technologies and experience between them can lead to serious consequences for regional and global security. At the same time, Western countries do

not have clear recipes for such a case, and they will no longer be able to stop this process.

Bipartisan Bill would Create "Anti-Semitism Monitors" at Colleges

A pro-Israel House Democrat and Republican plan to introduce legislation creating federally sanctioned "antisemitism monitors" for select college campuses.

Why it matters: It's the first bill introduced in Congress as a direct response to the pro-Palestinian protests that have rocked Columbia University and other colleges in recent days.

Driving the news: Reps. Ritchie Torres (D-N.Y.) and Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.) are introducing the College Oversight and Legal Updates Mandating Bias Investigations and Accountability Act – or COLUMBIA Act.

- The bill would allow the Department of Education to send a "third-party antisemitism monitor" to any college that receives federal funding — and to revoke that funding for colleges that don't comply.
- The monitor, paid for by the school, would be charged with releasing a public, quarterly report evaluating "the progress that a college or university has made toward combating antisemitism."
- The bill was first reported by Jewish Insider.

What they're saying: *"My office and I have spoken with countless Jewish students from campuses across America who feel deeply unsafe, purely as a result of their religious and ethnic identity,"* Torres said in a statement.

- "Jewish students have told my office that they feel completely abandoned by their university administrators and they view Congress as the only avenue for accountability and safety."

Zoom out: The bill's introduction comes as college campuses have become ground zero for a national fight over antisemitism and the Israel-Hamas war.

- At least 10 House members, including Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.), have gone to Columbia this week to denounce campus antisemitism and criticize the college's administration
- Several high-profile House progressives have also gone to colleges in recent days to show their solidarity with demonstrators.

Several leading House progressives took to college campuses on Thursday to show their support for pro-Palestinian demonstrators who have disrupted universities across the country.

Why it matters: At least ten pro-Israel lawmakers have [gone to Columbia University](#) this week to blast protesters and the college's administration over alleged anti-Semitic incidents.

[Mike Johnson's trip to Columbia met with brutal hostility](#)



House Speaker Mike Johnson and four other House Republicans at Columbia University on April 24, 2024. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) and a contingent of his Republican House colleagues faced a venomous response to their Columbia University visit on Wednesday – both on and off campus.

Why it matters: Several prominent New York Democrats accused Johnson of "politicizing" the chaotic pro-Palestinian protests that have rocked Columbia for over a week.



Students gather to show support for the people of Gaza on the campus of Northwestern University

Pro-Palestinian protests are heating up on college campuses across the Chicago area amid a nationwide [student-led movement](#) against the war in Gaza. In an article above it has been revealed that the so-called “student-led movement” has been infiltrated by leftist George Soros “activists” with another agenda.

The big picture: U.S. colleges have been flashpoints for pro-Palestinian protests since the Israel-Hamas war began last October, *write Axios' Sareen Habeshian, Rebecca Falconer and Jacob Knutson.*

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Greenblatt is trying to create a legal framework where pro-Palestine protesters can be charged with providing material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization so they can be jailed for their First Amendment protected speech and denied their right to protest.

Greenblatt went to Columbia University earlier this week to demand the NYPD or National Guard be called in to deal with pro-Palestine protesters.

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"The Countering Antisemitism Act is the most far-reaching antisemitism initiative to be introduced in Congress," ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said Thursday on X. "It offers a smart, bipartisan, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to combating this hatred and protecting Jews around the country."

The bill is supposed to work in concert with the Biden administration's ADL-backed *"National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism"* which called on *"all online platforms"* to ban *"extremist websites,"* ban *"hate speech"* and institute *"zero tolerance"* policies to protect Jews from anti-semitism.

The ADL/Israel Lobby wants to take away all our free speech rights and send the National Guard after us for protesting against their ethnic cleansing campaign in Israel.

Now we know why our bought off Congress rammed through the FISA law to spy on us without a warrant. What most people seem to forget one cannot be both a Jew and a Zionist. Biblical Jews, descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are supposed to live by the Mosaic Law, i.e., the Ten Commandments.

Zionism vs Judaism

The difference between Zionism and Judaism is that Zionism refers to the national movement that was held to re-establish and for the identity growth of the Jews as the main community in Israel. On the other hand, Judaism refers to faith in God. According to the Jewish people, their sole belief was that they had only a particular God named Yahweh. Also, we can make out that all the believers of Zionism are Jewish people, but on the other hand, all Jewish people do not have faith in Zionism.

If you have been following the Israel –Palestine issue for any length of time, you might have come across photos or videos of members of the Jewish community protesting the actions of the Israeli government and holding placards like 'Zionism is not Judaism' or 'Anti-Zionist is not Anti-Semitic.'

So, what do these terms mean and why is it necessary to make those distinctions? Although Judaism and Zionism are two distinct terms often intertwined, in reality, they represent rather distinct concepts with different historical, cultural, and most importantly, political implications.

Judaism is a religion and cultural identity that has evolved over millennia, while Zionism is a political ideology centered on the establishment and preservation of a Jewish state in Israel. Understanding these differences is crucial for appreciating the complex

dynamics within Jewish communities and the broader political landscape of the Middle East.

Judaism: A Religious and Cultural Identity

Judaism is one of the world's oldest monotheistic religions which dates back to thousands of years. It is fundamentally a belief system rooted in faith, encompassing cultural, ethical and religious aspects. It is practiced by all Jews, a very diverse group of people who share a common religious and cultural heritage.

The central tenet of Judaism revolves around the belief in a single God, and its religious practices are anchored in the sacred text known as the Torah. Jewish religious practices encompass rituals like Sabbath observance (Shabbat), daily prayer, kosher dietary laws (kashrut), circumcision (Brit Milah) and observance of major holidays. Synagogue attendance, charity (tzedakah), and rituals for lifecycle events (for example bar Mitzvah) also play significant roles in Jewish life.

Judaism encompasses not only religious aspects but also a distinct cultural identity. It includes traditions, customs, art, literature and a deep sense of historical continuity. Jewish culture has a rich tapestry of music, literature and cuisine that evolved over centuries.

Judaism is a diverse and multifaceted religion. There are several denominations within this religious tradition, such as Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and others. Each denomination has its unique interpretations of religious practices and beliefs. The diversity within Jewish tradition reflects its adaptability and openness.

Zionism: A Political Ideology

Zionism, on the other hand, is a political ideology and movement that originated in the late 19th century. It is centered on the idea of establishing and maintaining a Jewish homeland in the historic region of Israel, which was under Ottoman and later British rule during the movement's early years.

Following the establishment of Israel, Zionism became an ideology that continues to support the development and protection of the State of Israel. Zionism, at its core, can be understood as a manifestation of Jewish nationalism.

Theodor Herzl is widely regarded as the father of modern political Zionism. He envisioned the establishment of a Jewish homeland in response to the prevalent anti-Semitism and as a haven for Jews facing persecution.

The term Zionism is derived from the word Zion, a hill in Jerusalem, widely symbolizing the Land of Israel. Zionism rose to prominence during a period of rising European nationalism, and it was fueled by Jewish oppression and persecution, particularly in Eastern Europe and Russia.

The early leaders of Zionism had the goal of establishing a Jewish state and the first Zionist colony in historic Palestine since the late 1800s. At the turn of the century, waves of "newcomers" – Jewish immigrants – started to come and establish Jewish settlements.

Years of political struggle and conflict eventually led to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. As I have noted in previous articles, understanding the existence of Israel can only be understood through a Biblical world view; and to do any other way leads to massive confusion and a flawed myopic understanding.

The fundamental distinction between Judaism and Zionism lies in their essence. Judaism is a religion and a cultural identity, while Zionism is a political ideology focused on Jewish nationalism and statehood. Judaism has ancient roots, dating back millennia, while Zionism is a recent movement that gained momentum in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

While Judaism is a global faith with Jewish communities worldwide, Zionism is specifically concerned with the establishment and support of a Jewish state – and the continuation of support for Israel.

Zionism is characterized by its exclusive emphasis on Israel as the designated homeland for the Jewish people. In contrast, Judaism is an inclusive identity, with Jews living in many countries and embracing a variety of practices and beliefs.

While Judaism is a major faith practiced by more than 15 million people, Zionism became an ideology that supports the development and protection of the State of Israel. So people may hold a wide range of opinions on this ideology.

Why is it Relevant Now?

Today, the relationship between Judaism and Zionism is again a topic of heated debate. Every time the Israel-Palestine conflict escalates, this comes to the forefront of global discussion.

The conflict, while currently anchored on a conflict based on terrorism, is tracked by history as a conflict based on territory. Because, in the pursuit of a Jewish homeland, Zionists and their allies caused the dispossession of Palestinian land.

Opposing Zionism and criticism of the Israeli government is not inherently anti-Semitic. It is imperative to distinguish between criticism of political ideologies or policies and prejudice against a particular religious group. A history of persecution against the Jews does not nullify legitimate criticism of the Israeli government and its politics.

Even within the Jewish community some ardently support the State of Israel and its Zionist principles, while others are critical of Israel's policies, especially their treatment of Palestinians.

You can call it Bible Prophecy or 'History told in Advance', but Zechariah 12:2-3 written 2,600 years ago could not make it anymore clearer than it is today: ***"²Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. ³And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."***

LOOK UP!

A massive explosion is about to flare up in the night sky, giving the appearance of a bright new star in the constellation called the Northern Crown.

The "new" star, which astronomers call a nova, is actually a dead star that has collected enough matter from a nearby companion star to trigger a thermonuclear reaction. The violent reaction causes the dead star to brighten by hundreds of times, making it appear as if it has suddenly burst back to life.

NASA anticipates that the nova's peak brightness will be visible for about a week this spring or summer. Unfortunately, scientists cannot predict the date of the outburst, only that it will occur between now and September, so stargazers will have to remain watchful to catch this once-in-a-lifetime event.

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Seeing how God made the stars for "signs" to mark sacred times (Gen. 1:14; Luke 21:25), it is interesting to consider some particulars around the nova explosion:

- The star system that produces the nova is some 3,000 light years away, which means the explosion witnessed in 2024 actually occurred 3,000 years ago. This is significant because around 3,000 years ago, in 967 BC, is when Israel's King Solomon laid the cornerstone of the First Temple. Today, the Jews are futilely preparing to build another Temple to commune with God, because they have rejected the ultimate "cornerstone," Jesus (Acts 4:11; 1 Cor. 3:16).
- The outburst in the Crown constellation occurs only once every 80 years, making it a once-in-a-generation event (Ps. 90:10; Matt. 24:34).
- The nova will be visible for a "week," denoting a prophetic conclusion (Dan. 9:24–27).

The most compelling feature of the impending nova, however, is that it occurs in the Crown constellation. The crown symbolizes Jesus' victory over sin and death, and is a symbol of His kingship when He comes to harvest and reign over the earth:

"[Jesus is] crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death ... for everyone" (Heb. 2:9).

“On the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle He ... swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested” (Rev. 14:14).

Furthermore, because we share in Jesus’ victory (1 Cor. 15:57), the heavenly Crown symbolizes the crowns that are awarded to believers at His coming:

“There is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord ... will award to ... all who have longed for his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8).

“You will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

“Around the throne ... I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads” (Rev. 4:4).

“Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, so that no one may take your crown” (Rev. 3:11).

That the Northern Crown symbolizes the crowns awarded to believers is supported by various features of the constellation:

- The seven stars that make up the Crown correspond to the seven Churches (Rev. 1, 2).
- The Crown is a subdivision of Libra, the constellation whose “balance scales” denote judgment based on weight: “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2 Cor. 5:10). And “from everyone who has been given much, much will be expected (Luke 12:48).
- The constellation Serpens, located beneath the Northern Crown, is orientated to appear as if the serpent is reaching up to take the Crown (Rev. 3:11).

In summary, the nova explosion of 2024:

- Is a once-in-a-generation event.
- Is a product of a dead star bursting back to life.
- Occurs on an unknown day, during the spring–summer harvest season.
- Occurs in the constellation that depicts the crowns worn by Jesus and His followers.

Scripture says the heavens speak to us: *“The heavens declare the glory of God ... Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge” (Ps. 19:1, 2).*

If we are interpreting the 2024 nova explosion correctly, the King of Kings is coming quickly to harvest and judge humanity. Like the impending nova outburst, *“no man knows the day,”* but the spring–summer harvest season is a time of heightened

probability. Therefore, “*keep watch,*” and “*hold fast what you have, so that no one may take your crown.*”

NOTES:

1. More on the nova explosion in the Northern Crown:

<https://blogs.nasa.gov/.../view-nova-explosion-new-star.../>

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/.../a-rare-nova.../...>

<https://www.earth.com/.../t-coronae-borealis-blaze-star.../>

2. Jesus is the cornerstone of the ultimate Temple, the body of believers called the Church:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/...>

3. Construction on the First Temple is believed to have begun in 967–66 BC:

[https://armstronginstitute.org/685-967-bce-how-the...\).](https://armstronginstitute.org/685-967-bce-how-the...)

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Solomon-first-temple.html>

4. Since 2023–24 is a calculated Jubilee year, the year that the Temple construction began, 967–66 BC, is also a Jubilee:

$2023-24 \text{ AD} + 967-66 \text{ BC} = 2,989 \text{ years}$

$2,989 \text{ years} \div 49 = 61 \text{ Jubilees}$

5. Seeing how 2024 marks the 61st Jubilee since the Temple construction began, it is interesting that Strong’s #61 (Greek) is the word **agra**, referring to the miraculous “catch” or “haul” of fish in Luke chapter 5.

6. According to our Jubilee reckoning, the 60th Jubilee (from the First Temple) began in 1974, seven years after the Jews began to rebuild Jerusalem in 1967. This is significant because the First Temple took seven years to build, and its dimensions were 60 cubits long by 20 cubits wide by 30 cubits high (1 Kings 6:2, 37, 38).

7. There are five types of crowns awarded to

believers: <https://www.gotquestions.org/heavenly-crowns.html>

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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