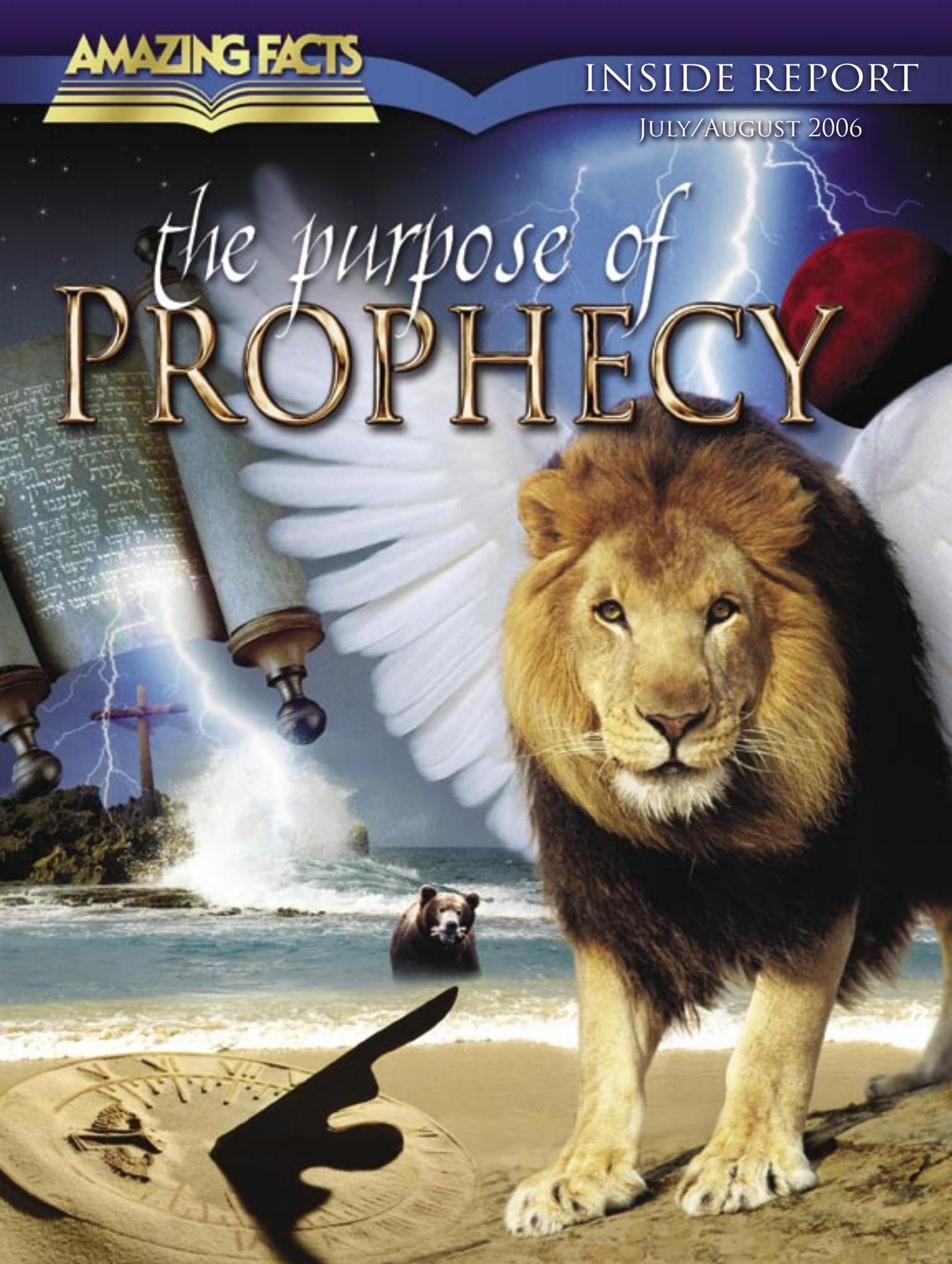


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I believe strongly that God still speaks to His people today. Of course, we know He communicates through His Word, nature, and providence, but I am thinking more specifically through dreams, visions, and even angels. In this age of fierce skepticism, Christians shouldn't cast aside prophetic utterances just because the official canon of the Bible is complete.

Peter reminds us, "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2:17). We can trust that God still has present truth to convey to His people today, which is why it is important to know the difference between a true prophet and a false one trying to get your attention.

Whose prophecies can you believe, and how can you separate the genuine from the counterfeit? Here is a list of seven principles that should help you determine whether a person is truly speaking on behalf of the Lord.



**Number 1:** A true prophet's predictions will always be fulfilled. Some astrologists manage to shoot a stray duck by randomly blasting a shotgun into the clouds. Anyone can make a thousand predictions and be secure that a few will come to pass. Deuteronomy 18:22 says, "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken." (This, of course, does not apply to God's conditional prophecies, like Jonah's warning to Nineveh. These judgments are made to encourage people to change their ways.)

**Number 2:** A true prophet prophesies in the name of the Lord, the Jehovah of Scripture. If someone says, "I've got a special message from Buddha," or some other pagan deity or human guru, that's not a Bible prophet speaking. That's a simple test to apply, but sometimes we also see this kind of deceit as "private interpretations." If a person suggests they're the only one who understands a certain prophecy, a healthy dose of skepticism is in order.

**Number 3:** A true prophet identifies sin. God's messengers will not always preach smooth, attractive things. Jesus said, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26). False prophets say things that people are itching to hear, but a real prophet's message will often be convicting (2 Timothy 4:3).

**Number 4:** A true prophet faithfully warns of coming judgment. Revelation 14:7 says, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of his judgment is come." Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah, John the Baptist, Paul, and, of course, Jesus lovingly warned listeners regarding the future eternal consequences of their decisions.

**Number 5:** A true prophet seeks to edify and counsel the church. Some say, "I've got a message from the Lord," and all they aim to do is decimate and divide the church. That's usually not the fruit of a true prophet; rather, they seek to instruct, counsel, and build up the church to serve God better. (Read 1 Corinthians 14:3.)

**Number 6:** A true prophet's words will harmonize with Scripture, and they will

not contradict other true prophets. Every now and then, a false prophet will start a new religion by saying, "I realize the Bible says this, but I've got fresh information." Or "The Bible has been altered and cannot be completely trusted." But the Holy Spirit will never inspire someone to contradict the Word. (See John 14:26.)

**Number 7:** A prophet's life will be in harmony with God's Word. When a self-proclaimed prophet gambles, beats his wife, or has a drug addiction—well, that ought to tell you something. Yes, prophets are also human, like Jonah, but they should be "holy men so as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Jesus also says we will know them by their fruits.

The Bible is always under attack and false prophets will multiply in the last days. These assaults will not always be from the obvious sources, such as Hollywood and popular pagan culture. Sometimes the devil uses his agents in God's church to distract and confuse. That's why Amazing Facts aims to prepare you to meet these challenges, grounding you in God's Word—that unmovable, unshakable pillar that ever points to Jesus. 

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### Television for the Soul

I found what my heart has been searching for in my desire to grow in God's Word! Pastor Doug's messages are truly a blessing to me, and I watch faithfully every Sunday morning at 6:30. I appreciate the truthful, honest, and straight-to-



the-point lessons! I only wish the program was on longer. Thank you for providing a light in a darkened world. *Michigan*

### Unmasking the Viper

I really enjoyed your incisive and succinct treatment of *The Da Vinci Code*. The article should be more widely distributed than the book itself. May it be used to help disabuse the uninformed of the many errors in that book, which has multiplied like frogs of Egypt under the hand of the devil. Your article gives honest-hearted people the opportunity to see what a viper's den that book is. *West Virginia*

### Stranger Than Fiction

I would like to take part in the Bible study as a new student. I found one of your guides while riding the city bus, and I picked it up. It was very interesting to read. I want to know more about the Bible. Please send me more. *California*



### Seeing the Light

Thanks for revealing the Bible truth via God's living Word. Through your ministry, God has recently revealed to me the certainty of the Sabbath—the seventh day of the week—that should be set aside as His day. Praise the Lord, for my wife and I needed to know this as we prepare for Christ's coming. *E-mail*

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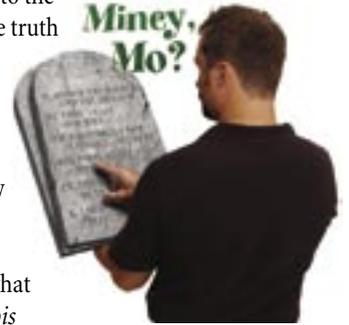
Hi! Just wanted to send my greetings here from Singapore. I chanced upon the Amazing Facts website and wanted to let you know that it has great materials for me. Thanks for making all these great resources available. And praise the Lord for guiding me here. I hope your ministry will keep doing these works through God's strength. *Singapore*

### Online Evangelism at Work

Through your online course, I have learned that the Bible can be trusted and that it holds the key to understanding it within its own pages. This course has opened my eyes to the Scripture and the truth of Jesus Christ.

I grew up in the church but lived a life of selective obedience. I now know the truth and cannot simply choose what I can obey. *Illinois*

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### Filling in the Cracks

I am so excited about the opportunity that God has given Pastor Doug to share Bible prophecy with secular programs. Praise the Lord! Amazing Facts is spreading the gospel faithfully around the world over the airwaves. Now God is beginning to fill in the cracks by using unusual and unexpected sources to reach those who might never set foot in a church. This work is going to be finished up fast! *Idaho*

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# Springtime AND THEN THERE'S THE Harvest



Summertime! It's here now, and many of us are watching our gardens and flowerbeds mature from our faithful efforts of a few weeks past. We are experiencing the beginnings of harvest that is soon to come. Wise planning and hard effort is paying off!

The cycles of nature and season remind us of God's promises and the sure laws of return. We are approaching an even greater harvest, that of souls for the kingdom:

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. . . . God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. . . . Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, 10).

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BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR



**An Amazing Fact:**  
Merchant seaman Morgan Robertson wrote a novel called *The Wreck of the Titan*, which publishers refused to publish because the story was "too unbelievable." But more than 13 years later, the Titanic would set sail and prove those publishers very wrong. Here are just some of the eerie parallels of the voyage of the Titanic and the fictional vessel Titan.

**Length:** 800/882 feet  
**Width:** 90/92.5 feet  
**Top Speed:** 25/23 knots  
**Propellers:** 3/3  
**Capacity:** 3,000/3,250  
**People aboard:** 2,000/2,228  
**Lifeboats:** 24/20

Along with these striking similarities, both ships were encouraged to break speed records during their voyage, both sank after striking an iceberg, and both were on their maiden voyages departing in April. And only one third of the passengers on each ship survived.

At times, Bible prophecy can seem both confusing and unbelievable, but time and again, it keeps coming true. And like *The Titan*, it serves as a warning to save lives for all eternity.

**W**hy is prophecy so intriguing? Everywhere you turn, people are interested in knowing the future. The Greeks consulted the Oracle of Delphi, inhaling vapors to gain some utterance of the future. Others have gazed into crystal balls, studied tea leaves, flipped Tarot cards, or invited somebody to evaluate the wrinkles in their palms. Some get mixed up in Ouija boards, and a few desperate souls even consult mediums who dialogue with demons masquerading as the dead.

Of course, all you have to do today for the latest-and-greatest predications is to check out at your local supermarket and scan the tabloid headlines. I hope you don't take these seriously, but obviously, prophecy sells big. Why? Well, I think one reason is because people feel so powerless about the future. They want to know there is a plan and that life isn't some big cosmic joke. Let's face it, people are looking for a purpose; they are looking for a reason to live for the future.

## A BETTER SOLUTION

An unbridgeable gulf lies between what humans can see in the future and what God can see. In Isaiah 42, God declares, "Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them" (v. 9). The Bible teaches that God has the power to see into the future with perfect clarity. It's nothing like the capricious people you see on television, straining to see through their foggy understanding of world events and hoping that maybe a few of their predications come true. No. It has nothing to do with Tarot cards and tea leaves.

In *The Time Machine*, author H.G. Wells toyed with the idea of how changing one little feather in the past can alter all of history. Everything you do somehow affects every other molecule in the universe. It is a mind-boggling chain reaction that would require a powerful intellect to grasp.

For instance, Miciah the prophet warned Ahab the king that the wicked leader would die in a battle. The king tried to stay out of harm's way. "I can prevent the prophecy from happening," he believed, only to have a stray arrow find a crack in his armor. By trying to avoid prophecy, Ahab helped make it come true. It is an almighty God who could know such a thing, who can declare



exactly what will happen before it happens—taking in every subtle variation of wind and the twitching of a soldier’s arm.

That’s why God’s prophecy, found in the Bible, has so much more to offer than human prognosticating. If you don’t want to feel helpless, know that God knows your future. That also means He has a plan for you, even if we don’t completely know what that is. It’s a very secure feeling to be in the hands of someone who loved you so much that He sent His Son to die for you, isn’t it? “From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God” (Psalm 90:2). God can see the future infinitely better than we can see today. It’s no problem for Him.

## THE PURPOSE OF PROPHECY

Yet I often get asked why prophecy can be so hard to understand. For one, I think God wants us to dig for truth, partly because you appreciate gold when you dig for it more than if it’s dropped in your lap. But more than that, God protects His message. Virtually all of the apocalyptic prophets, such as Ezekiel, Daniel, John the apostle, wrote as captives under a foreign power. Many of these prophecies addressed the destruction of those powers. Revelation talks about the fall of Rome, and Daniel details the fall of Babylon and Persia.

The more we understand what these symbols represent, the easier it becomes to unlock the prophecies. God enfolded some prophetic truths in symbols to hide the messages from the enemy. Still, the honest searcher can discover the greater message. “Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand” (Mark 4:11, 12).

But don’t worry if you don’t understand the mysterious symbols at first. In John 16:4, Jesus says, “These things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you.”

Dr. Leslie Harding wrote, “The better part of prophecy is better understood after it is fulfilled.” We often want to study the prophecies so we can know the future—yet prophecy is best understood *after* it is fulfilled. Only rarely in the Bible does anybody benefit from prophecy in advance, as when Egypt prepared for the famine revealed through the prophetic dreams that Joseph interpreted. Most souls didn’t take advantage of the prophecies of Jesus’ first coming. But others, like us, get the benefit after it is fulfilled. You sit back, take it in, and say, “Ah ha! He is God. There is a big plan. It is not all just an accident.”

Another question I get is “Why spend so much time looking at prophecy? Aren’t there other, more important things to talk about?” Yes, there are. But prophecy is vital to our Christian experience, having the power to inspire others with confidence in God’s

omniscient knowledge, and set those sailing off course back on track. Indeed, prophecy is more than just about knowing the future: “We also have the prophetic word made more sure, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19 NKJV).

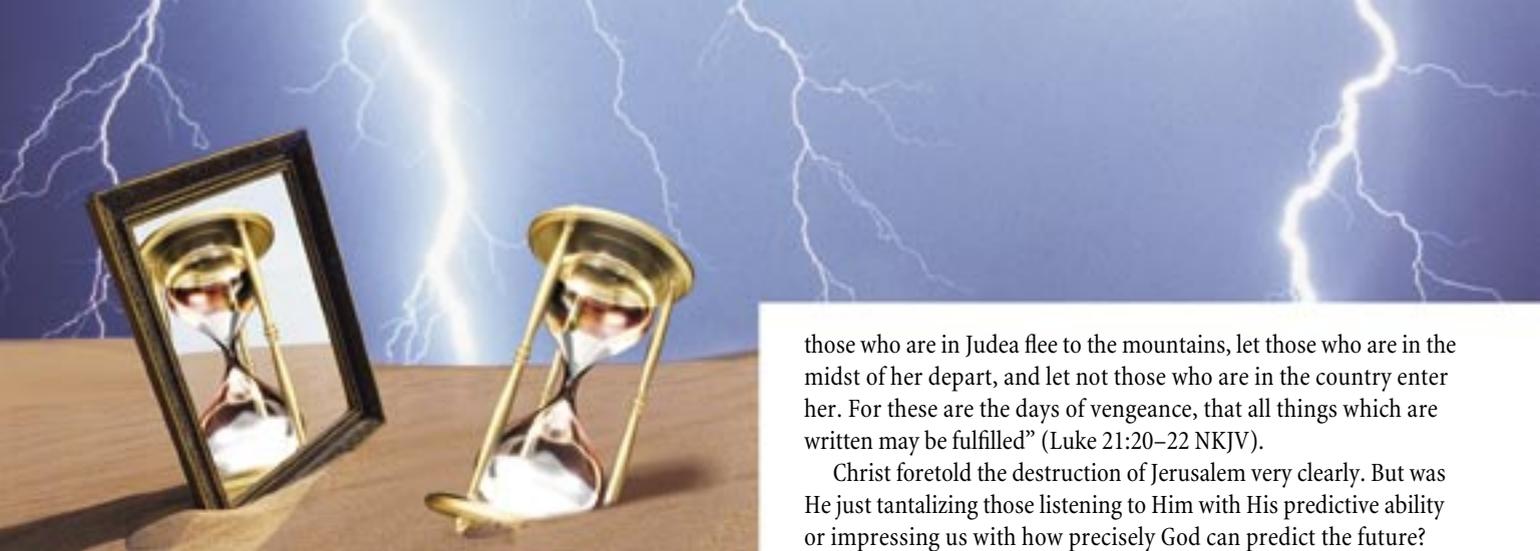
## PROPHECY KEEPS YOU SAFE

Prior to the devastation of New Orleans, the Louisiana government knew for days that serious trouble was coming with Hurricane Katrina and pleaded with its citizens to flee. While granting that some were simply not able to evacuate, there were also many doubting, stubborn souls who ignored the warnings. They remained behind and were trapped by the ensuing floods, and many of them died needlessly.

The hurricane watchers are something like prophets, getting their “visions” from satellite technology. They can see the dangers forming over the ocean long before we can, and they’re also fairly accurate now about where and when a storm will make landfall. If they say a dangerous storm is coming, you might want to go ahead and at least get out your umbrella. Right? Because not listening to their predictions with their superior perspective is foolish.

Regarding the second coming, Jesus said, “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let





## WHAT ARE DUAL PROPHECIES?

The Word of God is simple to understand, but it is also extremely broad and comprehensive. God can be in more than one dimension, yet we always try to stuff Him into a little box. When God delivers a prophecy through a prophet or an angel, we naturally try to make it address just one narrow point. But God's Word is so dynamic and alive that one prophecy can have more than one application, as long as they don't conflict.

That's why some prophecies have what is called a dual application. For instance, in 1 Chronicles 17, Nathan gives a prophecy to King David. "And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers [when you die] that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne for ever" (NKJV). This comes about because David wants to build a temple, a physical house of worship, to honor God.

We know that David's son Solomon did in fact build a temple after his father died, so this prophecy was fulfilled. But is there more to it? Absolutely! Jesus is called "the son of David," and He also said, "Destroy this temple made with hands and in three days I will make one without hands." A temple is also a church, and Christ built up His church after His resurrection. So the "seed" whose throne will be established forever is more completely fulfilled in Jesus.

This is one utterance of prophecy that is fulfilled in more than one way, yet they don't conflict. In most cases, these can be broken down into a physical or historical and a spiritual fulfillment. We find another example in Matthew 24. Referring to the destruction of Jerusalem, Jesus says, "There will not be left one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." The disciples, confused and troubled, had a threefold question for Jesus: "When will these things [the destruction of Jerusalem] be? What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the world?"

Jesus doesn't answer these as separate questions; rather, He gives them a combined answer. He mingles the whole answer into one discourse. Why? Because a lot of the same things that happened in advance of the destruction of Jerusalem are also going to happen just prior to the end of the world.

The spiritual state among God's people during Christ's first coming, His organized church, could be very similar to the spiritual condition of His organized church before His second coming. There are many parallels. Some prophecies, though not all, have more than one fulfillment.

those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled" (Luke 21:20-22 NKJV).

Christ foretold the destruction of Jerusalem very clearly. But was He just tantalizing those listening to Him with His predictive ability or impressing us with how precisely God can predict the future? No. Everything Christ said had deeper meaning. This prophecy and others He gave His people would save them, if they would only heed the warnings. Today, we study last-day prophecy so we too can prepare for what is coming so that our eternal lives might be saved.

## PROPHECY PREVENTS DECEPTION

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:4, 5). Jesus' warning tells us that another purpose for prophecy is to protect us from deception. In Matthew 24, Christ speaks about the signs of His coming and the end of the world in an effort to keep us from following those who contradict His Word and His law in the last days. Just a few verses later, He adds, "Many false prophets will rise and deceive."

This prophecy has certainly come true: Many have come claiming to be Christ or say they come in His name while using that platform to deceive and exploit. Sadly, this is one reason that so many are suspicious, unbelieving, or jaded about prophecy. Yet Jesus said it would happen like this exactly, so those who decry Bible prophecy don't really have an excuse if they're ultimately deceived by the devil.

"Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Jesus predicts that we will all face great deceptions in the end, such as attempts to impersonate His coming. He doesn't want us to be deceived, following smooth-talking preachers or lying spirits.

It is important to note that Jesus is not implying there will be no need for prophecy or prophets in the last days. On the contrary! He is



saying that we need to watch out for false prophets because there will also be genuine prophets. Otherwise, Jesus would have simply warned us to beware of any prophet.

## PROPHECY WARNS THE LOST

When Moses went before Pharaoh, God sent a series of frightening plagues to encourage the devilish ruler to act. However, these plagues were not meant to destroy; rather, they were sent to first save the Jews from captivity, but also to help the Egyptians avoid utter destruction.

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs” (Exodus 8:1, 2). Why was it



necessary for Moses to warn Pharaoh in advance that a plague of frogs was coming? If Moses had not said anything and a plague of frogs suddenly came swarming out of the great river, Pharaoh’s counselors could have said, “This is just a natural occurrence.” If Moses had gone after the plagues and said, “See all these frogs? That’s because you won’t let my people go!” Well, anybody can do that.

A lot of people have weighed in on 9/11, Katrina, and the Indonesian tsunami after the fact. How much more compelling would their testimony be to others had they spoken prior to the events? People would have really sat up to take notice. Moses gave these prophetic warnings to save the lost and to warn the rebellious, showing that God is really in control.

## PROPHECY STRENGTHENS FAITH

The metal image in Daniel 2 is an incredible prophecy. It outlines the kingdoms of the world in perfect order—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, the divided Roman Empire, and ultimately the Lord’s coming. To date, it has happened exactly as God said it would.

It is simply not possible for a person, in their own power, to predict which nations of the world are going to rule over

others, especially hundreds of years from now. We might suggest that Daniel wasn’t pressed too hard when he mentioned Medo-Persia as the next global empire. Everyone could see it was a rising power in those times. But Greece was just a country of warring tribes, and the Romans were nothing more than a virtual village. It must have been a ridiculous notion to even Daniel, who was faithful enough to report it nonetheless. And yet it came true, even down to the important details, such as each one lasting successively longer than the one before and the divisions of the Roman Empire.

How does that make you feel about God and His Word? It strengthens your faith. It certainly gives me courage! It suggests that other Bible prophecies can be trusted, and that God’s Word does not fail. Jesus said, “Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am

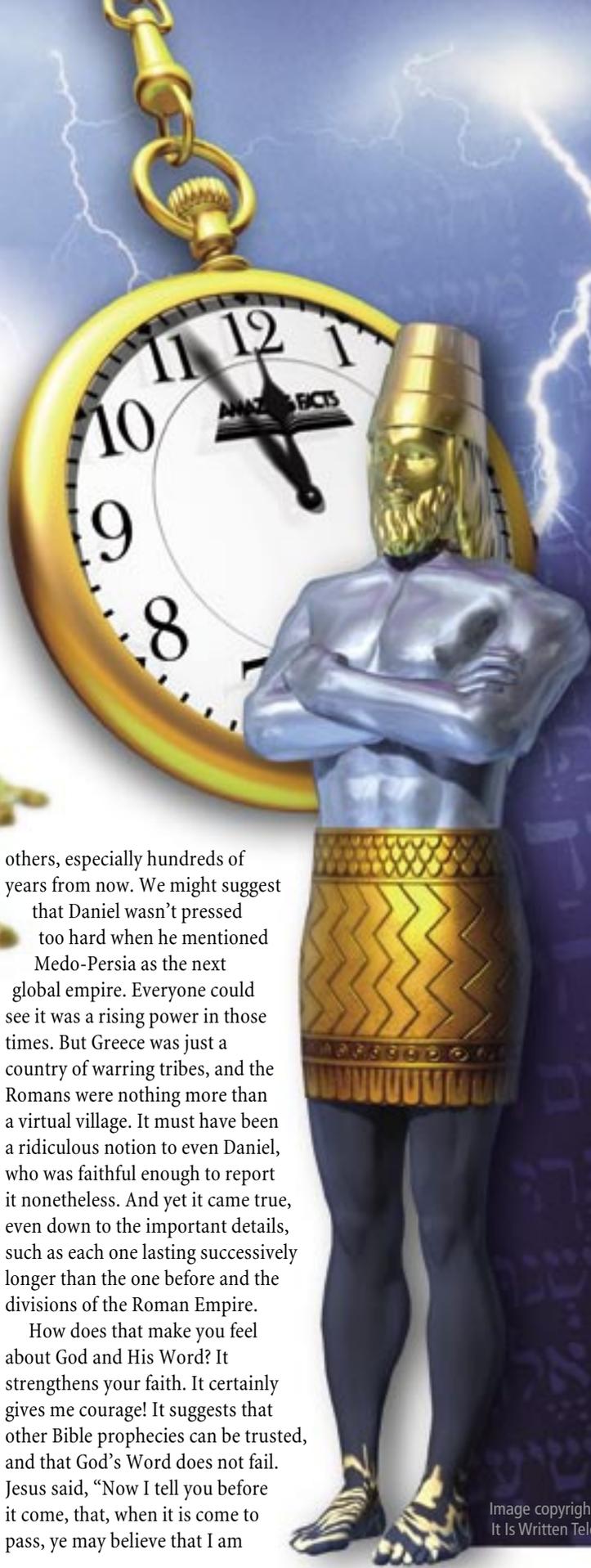


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he” (John 13:19). In short, Jesus gives prophecies so that you will believe in Him. We have something to cling to so that our faith will remain strong even as tribulation comes.

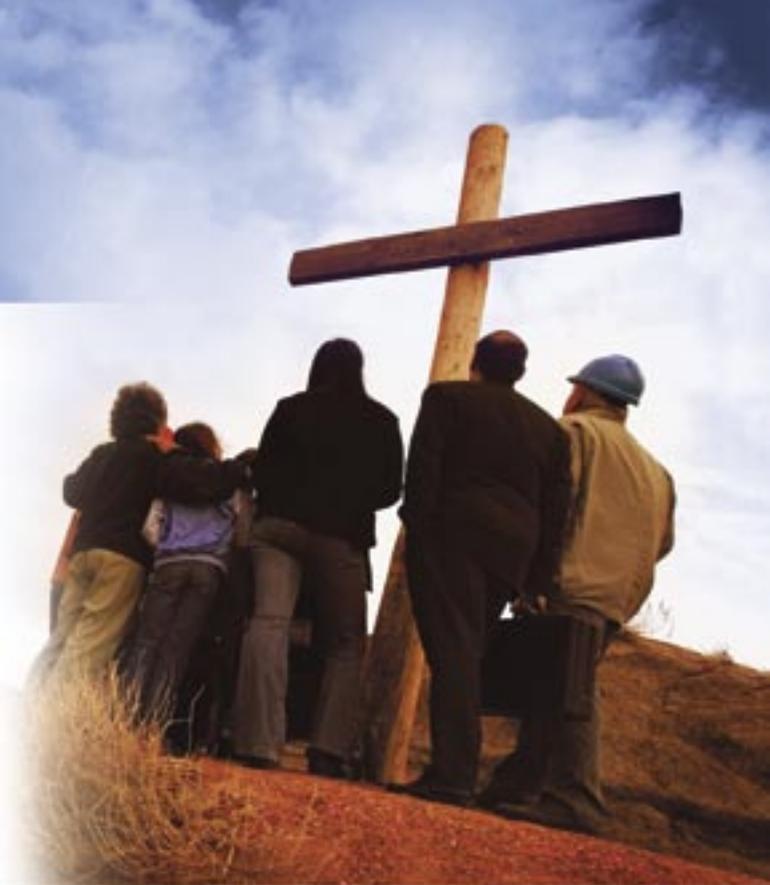
## PROPHECY’S ULTIMATE PURPOSE

Revelation can be such a perplexing book. I’ve known a few dear souls who don’t even like to glance over it because it intimidates them. But while most people know Revelation as a powerful yet cryptic book penned by John on the island of Patmos, they skip right over the most telling part of the book—the first verse.

It reads, “The Revelation of Jesus Christ.” That’s enough, really, to get to the ultimate purpose of prophecy. Whether you’re reading prophecies found in Revelation, Daniel, Ezekiel, or Genesis, never forget that Jesus is the focus. He’s the ultimate point. Just read Isaiah 53 to see what I mean, and if you still don’t believe me, trust what Jesus did: “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27).

In John 5:39, He says, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” Jesus is in the warp and woof of every fiber of Scripture; all true prophecy ultimately points to Christ. He is the fulfillment of the Word. More than 300 Old Testament prophecies deal with Christ’s first coming alone.

Given time, a Bible, and a person who is honest and logical, I’ve always believed that I can convince a searching soul that the Bible is true based on the fulfillment of its prophecy. In fact, I used to be that person—an atheist who thought the Bible was nothing but a sad joke on deluded people. But we know that the prophecies in



the Old Testament were written long before Christ appeared on the scene, and they came true. The timing of His birth, the place, the mother, and all the details of His ministry—His betrayal, His death, and His burial—were spelled out in amazing detail long before Jesus was born.

And if the Bible is right about the when, the where, the how, and the why, then we can also trust that it is right about the who. Jesus is the Savior, the only way to the Father.

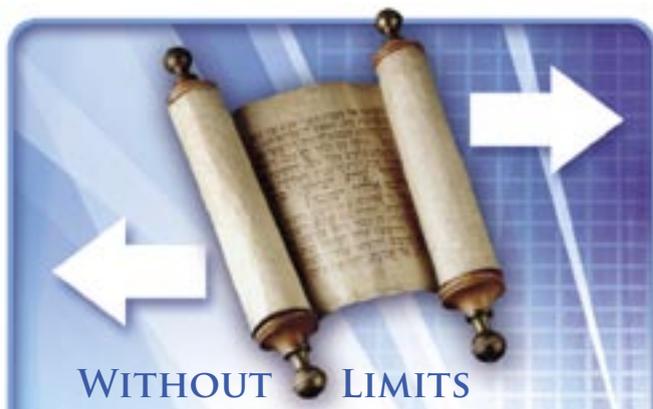
## THE PRINCIPAL PRINCIPLE

The ultimate message of prophecy is redemptive. The reason that God tells you the future is not so you will know when to take your money out of the bank or so you can know when you’re supposed to run for the hills and stock up on food.

He tells you all this more than just to let you know when Christ will come the first time or the second time—or what happens during the millennium. He tells you so you will know He is God and to help you allow Him to come into your heart. And that’s true whether you are familiar with the many secrets of Revelation or whether you are just beginning to read the Bible. The joy and peace you feel when you know that God has a plan for you is one of the most faith-building experiences you can have.

Yes, He has numbered every star in the universe and knows what’s going to happen in the ceaseless ages to come. Yet despite this infinite knowledge of God, He has a hope and a plan just for you.

God is in charge, and He’s proven it with prophecy. He can be trusted, because His Word has never and will never fail. “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away” (Luke 21:33). You can bank your life on Him and His Word, especially as you go out to tell others of His wondrous power. 



### WITHOUT LIMITS

Not only does God know the future, He can take you back to the past. Not all Bible prophets see just the future. For instance, in the book of Revelation, not only is John taken into the future and shown visions, he also witnesses the battle between Michael and the dragon at the beginning of their great cosmic conflict. God can see all eternity—past, present, and future—with perfect clarity.

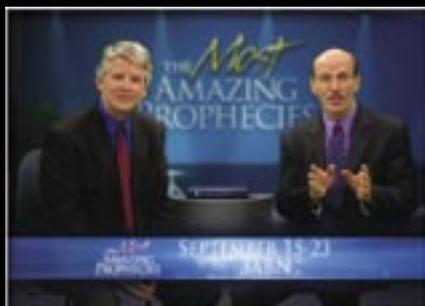
# PREPARING THE WAY

# THE *Most* AMAZING PROPHECIES

## UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY FOR EVANGELISM

God has opened huge doors of opportunity for Amazing Facts and you, preparing the way for the three angels' messages to be heard by more people than ever before!

Amazing Facts will air an unprecedented 30-minute special on the i Network (formerly PAX) during prime time that will feature clips from the *Final Events* DVD and Bible prophecy teaching from Pastors Doug Batchelor and Dwight K. Nelson.



i Network has an audience of more than 227 million people and we're also airing the program on all of our other networks across the country—never before has an opportunity this big been given

to the last-day church! During the program, we will also be offering the *Final Events* DVD to all viewers for only the cost of shipping.

### SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY!

But even more important, viewers will also be encouraged to attend the upcoming *Most Amazing Prophecies* (MAP) satellite seminar starting just four days later.

Thousands of people are likely to go to our website looking for a location where they can attend the MAP seminar. That's why it is so crucial that you register your church or home as a seminar location. How sad it would be if the people in your community who want to attend this soul-winning event discovered that there are no places near them to hear the Bible truth! "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37 NKJV).

Says Pastor Doug, "People simply don't understand what the future holds. They may see signs of the times—earthquakes, wars, and famines—but they do not know where it all leads. They are like multitudes of clueless sheep, being led to slaughter and whose eternal destinies are at stake."

We know that thousands of interests will be piqued. We have purchased the airtime, produced the programs, and are trying to get the word out to as many people as we can. But we can't possibly reach the masses without your help. Imagine—nationwide coverage inviting people to your church!

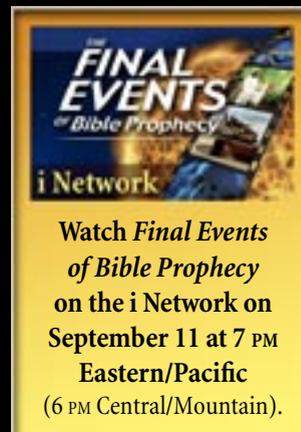
### MOST AMAZING PROPHECIES

Beginning September 15, 2006, Pastor Doug Batchelor will present a thrilling series of 10 messages called *The Most Amazing Prophecies*. They will cover intriguing prophetic subjects such as the second coming, millennium, heaven, and more. These presentations will be fascinating—designed to appeal to friends, family, and church members alike.

Pastor Doug adds, "This generation needs to hear a 'clear call'—a plain and compelling case for the truth of the Bible, and the warning of judgment to come. That's what you and I can give them through MAP."

And now Amazing Facts has made it easy for you to invite your friends and neighbors to learn the truth, so plan now to encourage every one you know to watch the *Final Events* special or sponsor a mailing to your ZIP code. Your local church will have even more ways to can get involved. For up-to-date

news and how to participate, go to [mapseminar.com](http://mapseminar.com).



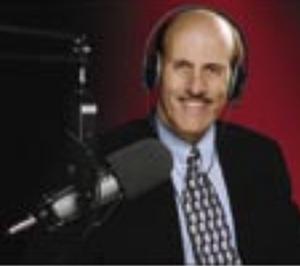
Watch *Final Events of Bible Prophecy* on the i Network on September 11 at 7 PM Eastern/Pacific (6 PM Central/Mountain).

**Register Now as a Downlink Site!**

Call 866-984-3627 or log on to [www.mapseminar.com](http://www.mapseminar.com) and discover the excitement of *The Most Amazing Prophecies!*

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Register your church for the series right away! Go to [www.mapseminar.com](http://www.mapseminar.com) today!
2. Invite your friends and family to tune in to the 9/11 broadcast! We have created special postcard invitations to mail out or hand deliver. Contact us today to find out more.
3. Pray! (Read Matthew 9:38.)
4. Tell everyone you know about MAP!



# BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



**Is there any special spiritual significance to dates, like this past 06/06/06 or upcoming 07/07/07?**

The short answer is: Other than being a numerical curiosity like Friday the 13th, there is no biblical or spiritual significance. For one, the number 666 is an identifying mark of a satanic beast power found in Revelation 13, which also says nothing about 666 being used to signify a date. Along with that, 07/07/07 doesn't have any real biblical meaning either. It doesn't mean something extraordinary didn't or won't happen on those days, but we should not put much stock into dates simply because of their formatting. (After all, the last number is really 2007.) If the Bible doesn't point out particular dates, we shouldn't be expecting prophecy to be fulfilled on particular dates.

However, that doesn't mean that numbers in the Bible don't have spiritual significance. Indeed, while I am not an expert on Bible numerology, even a moderate student of Scripture can quickly see that there are certain prominent numbers that continually reappear. The numbers seen most often are 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, and 40. Let's take a closer look at these numbers the Bible has actually something to say about!

Three is a number that represents the triune nature of God. The angels sing "Holy, Holy, Holy," giving recognition to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. So the number three will often be found representing something about God or a counterfeit god. The three unclean spirits in Revelation are a kind of counterfeit trinity.

The number three-and-a-half is also significant and was seen in the period of famine during the time of Elijah and the time that Jesus ministered. It usually represents a time of rejection and apostasy.

The number five is often a symbol of the Word of God, the Pentateuch, which are the first five books of the Bible. You can see this in action in the five loaves story found in Matthew 16:9.

Seven is a number that represents a complete or perfect cycle of time. For instance, the Creation story is the first cycle of seven. There are also several sevens in Revelation, which represent the cycle of the church's history. The seven churches are religious history; the seven

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seals are political history; the seven trumpets are military history. All through the Bible, you see the number seven representing a perfect cycle. It is also the prophetic time period allotted to the Jewish people, with Christ being crucified in the middle of the last "week" (or seven years) of that period. (See Daniel 9:26.)

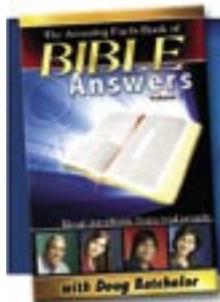
The number 10 often represents the law of God. A woman in the New Testament had 10 silver coins. When she lost one, she searched until she found it. The lost one might have some significance in representing the Sabbath commandment. Of the 10 lepers who were healed, one comes back to glorify Jesus, which again could be a symbol of the Ten Commandments, with the Sabbath being the only one that identifies the God we worship.

Twelve is representative of God's church. You see a woman in Revelation standing on the moon, clothed with the sun, and 12 stars above her head. This represents leadership. There are 12 tribes and 12 judges in the Old Testament, and 12 apostles in the New Testament. All of these represent church leadership. In the book of Mark, a 12-year-old girl is seen dying and then being raised to life, right after a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years was healed by touching Jesus. The old woman represents the Old Testament church, which had the flow of blood for so long through the sacrificial system, and then the New Testament church that was like the little girl—raised to life and fed.

The New Jerusalem is the bride of Christ and represents God's church as well. The number 12 figures prominently in this holy city—12 foundations, 12 gates, and the tree of life that produces fruit 12 times a year.

Finally, the number 40 symbolizes a generation. The children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, and then in the book of Judges, the cycles of highs and lows in the experience of Israel came in periods of 40 years. Jesus said in the New Testament, "This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled" (Luke 21:32). Within 40 years, by A.D. 70, these things had taken place.

See, the Bible has lots of fascinating numbers. We don't need to go find or make up special significance elsewhere. 

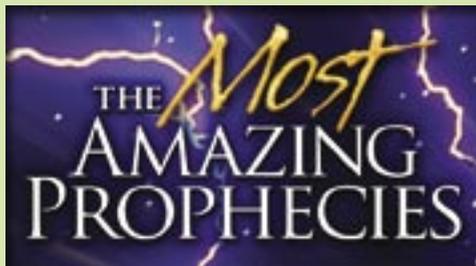


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# Project Storehouse

Building His Kingdom Together

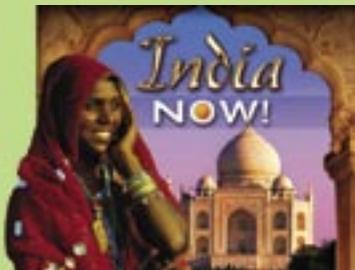


## Project: MAP—Most Amazing Prophecies

In September, Pastor Doug Batchelor will present *Most Amazing Prophecies* from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. This brand-new prophecy series will intertwine the salvation message with the Bible's greatest prophecies, with incredible free resources that will change hearts and minds. Millions of lives will be touched!

**Funding Goal:** \$500,000

**Storehouse:** \$342,727



## Project: IndiaNOW!

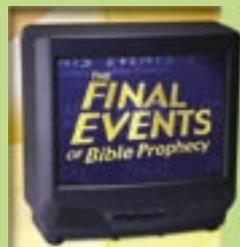
In November, Amazing Facts will embark on an incredible soul-winning mission to India to share the good news of Jesus in a land experiencing increasing Christian persecution. Still, the people there are eager to learn about Christ, and we are expecting to

baptize more than 20,000 souls while also building new churches and offering pastoral training. Help us share Christ to millions before the door closes forever!

**Funding Goal:** \$1,300,000

**Storehouse:** \$714,476

## Project: Prime Time *Final Events*



### DVD Commercial

Amazing Facts' goal is to advertise *The Final Events* on a major network, offering millions a copy of the DVD for just the price of shipping. This will get this life-changing documentary and Bible study resource into the hands of an entirely new audience.

Imagine countless people around the country learning the last-day message for the first time and being able to make an informed, intelligent decision for Christ!

**Funding Goal:** \$500,000

**Storehouse:** \$131,817

## More Ways to Support God's End-Time Work

- You can now do more to further the gospel with even more giving options available! Do you have a non-cash gift you would like to donate to help reach souls lost in darkness?
- Amazing Facts gladly accepts vehicles, stocks, mutual fund shares, and real estate that we can convert into soul-winning resources.
- Call us at 1-800-436-2695, ext. 3029, and we'll assist you with the paperwork and how you can benefit with the best possible tax deduction.



# “I Think Jesus Is Coming!”

by Craig Harris

## Five-year-old Conner Nelson

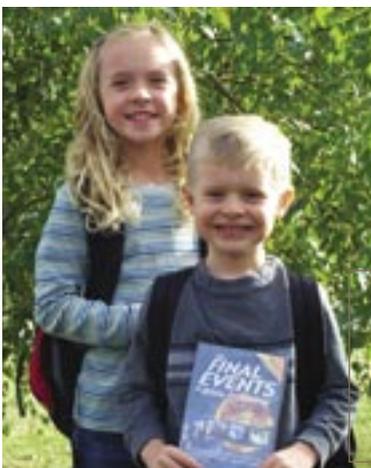
surprised his parents one day by telling them, “We should tell others Jesus is coming soon.” When asked how he wanted to do this, he replied, “I think I’ll just go to their door and say, ‘My name is Conner. You don’t know me, but I think Jesus is coming soon. Would you like a DVD that talks about it?’”

When Conner mentioned this to me, his pastor, I was very excited and we immediately worked out details to accomplish this task. Conner announced his plan to the church family during a worship service.

In early September, we had a practice session, and then put our practice to work on a street right next to our church. Conner was the lead canvasser and I filled in any gaps. We found five people at home; two accepted a *Final Events* DVD. Conner and his family began praying for these two people (Cliff and Gail) each day.

Conner and I visited Cliff and Gail a few weeks later to see if they watched the DVD. Gail said she needed a new one because it didn’t work in her machine. So we gave her another one. Cliff was unable to watch the DVD due to health reasons.

Conner’s enthusiasm was contagious. Soon, his seven-year-old sister, Sheree, and their mother, Brenda, joined his special project.



Together, we finished the street we started canvassing earlier. We knocked on 37 doors. Even though many were not home, we were able to pass out seven DVDs to those who were.

*Sheree and Conner Nelson were not afraid to hand out Final Events DVDs. Could you have turned them down?*

*Conner Nelson (center), from Cadillac wanted to tell his neighbors Jesus is coming. With the help of his pastor, Craig Harris (left), he did just that.*



We always told those who accepted the DVDs that we would be back in about three weeks to see how they liked it. One person promised to watch the DVD and showed it to her college friends that weekend!

Conner and Sheree, along with the creativity of the personal ministries leader, George Corliss, have inspired many in the Cadillac congregation to share the DVDs with their neighbors and friends. To date, over 800 *Final Events* DVDs have been distributed in the greater Cadillac area. Now Cadillac members are starting to follow up on their “leaves of autumn” left at homes. May we all have the faith and courage of Conner Nelson who said, “You don’t know me, but I think Jesus is coming soon.”

I was blessed by the witness of this young man and his care and concern for others to get ready to meet Jesus face to face someday, soon. 

*Originally appeared in Lake Union Herald, March 2006. Reprinted by permission. Craig Harris is the pastor of Cadillac and Cadillac West Churches in Michigan.*



# India Moving Forward

*Your Help Urgently Needed!*

by Jim Ayer, Global Events Coordinator

go into these same 70 villages and hold nightly meetings in preparation for our arrival ... all 100 of us on the India NOW! team.

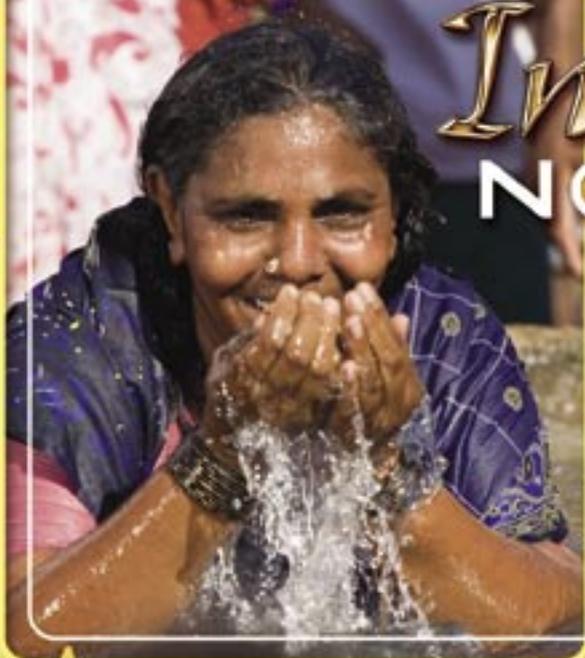
From the moment we land in India, the adventure truly starts. Shortly after our arrival, we'll launch the village visitation program, beginning one of the most incredible and life-changing adventures that most people will only dream about. Moreover, with the help of Maranatha, we will construct a house of worship in every village. Without this important step, much of the harvest would soon disappear. Experience has shown time and again that the new congregation will not only survive but will in fact continue to expand and thrive. And this is crucial, because we aren't sure how long the door to foreign missionaries will remain open.

## Building a Legacy

Your help is needed. The opportunity is still open for you to join Amazing Facts on this spiritual adventure of a lifetime. **We are in great need of doctors and nurses for the medical teams, and we need more help for the evangelism teams as well.** There are thousands of people sitting in their humble homes waiting for you to share the love of Jesus with them. Will you answer the call?

Also, if you or your church family would like to sponsor the construction of a beautiful church building in one or more of the 70 villages, please call today. Pick up the phone now and dial 916-434-3880, ext. 3012, to speak to me or ext. 3052 to speak to Jodi Genson, my assistant.

We are hoping to baptize 15,000 to 20,000 souls during India NOW! Don't miss this chance to create a legacy that will last for all eternity. —



A quick but busy trip to India recently left me tired but energized and encouraged. My goal was to meet with church leaders and Maranatha Volunteers International in preparation for our upcoming November meetings. Excitement is building as plans are coming together for what Doug Clark of Maranatha calls "one of the biggest events Maranatha has ever done."

Why the biggest? Because our plans include not only the experienced and trained evangelism team for preaching and visitation in this 70-village effort—but also a dedicated and sacrificial volunteer team of 50 medical personnel. By God's grace, this special group will provide targeted health care for up to 70 villages. By having a large and continual presence in the villages and providing them with medical help combined with the gospel message, we believe God will provide an abundant harvest.

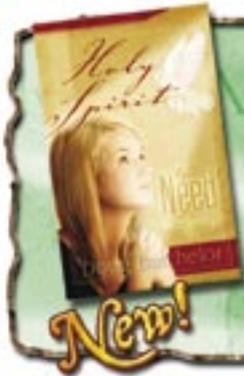
## The Work Begins

India is a land of great contrasts—thousands of strange gods, abject poverty, extreme wealth, rubbish, and yet stunning beauty. Yes, the contrasts in India are enormous. But the greatest contrast is the transformation that takes place in the life of a Hindu when he or she becomes a child of the King. For those of you joining with Amazing Facts for this extraordinary outreach, this miracle contrast will forever be imprinted upon your minds.

By the time you read this, 150 Bible workers will be in the villages holding prayer meetings, going hut to hut praying for the sick and, on occasion, casting out demons. Soon the pastors will

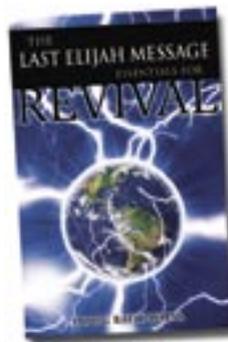


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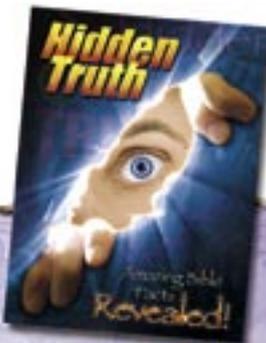


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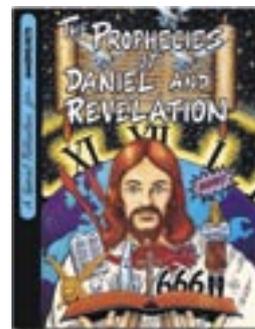
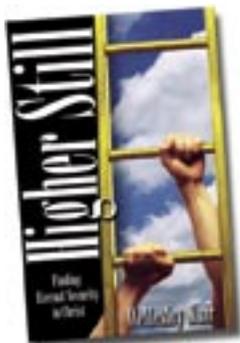
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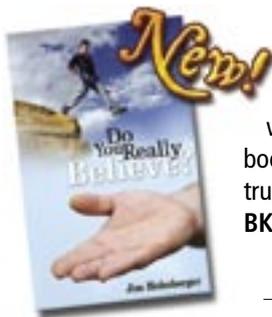
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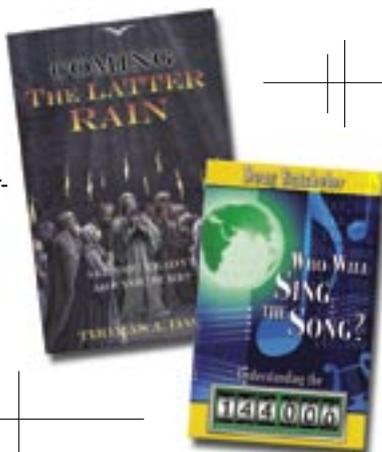


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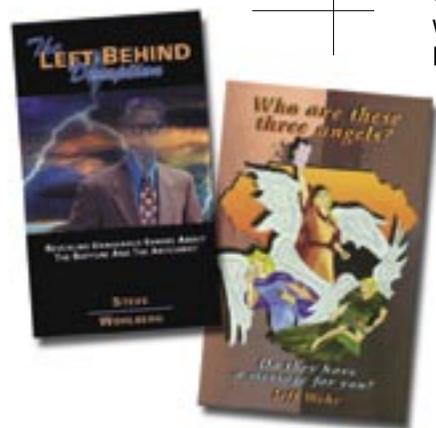
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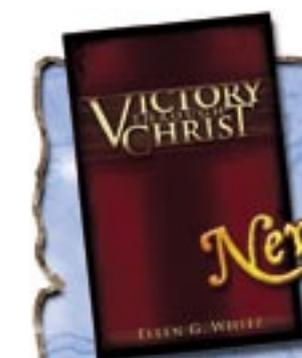
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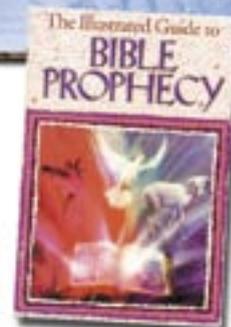


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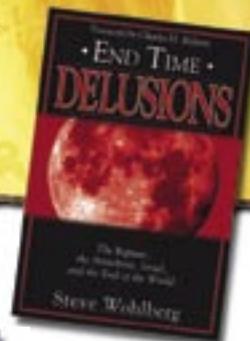
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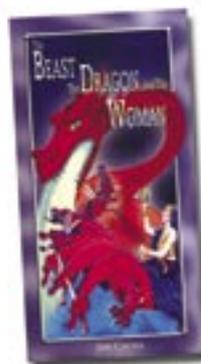
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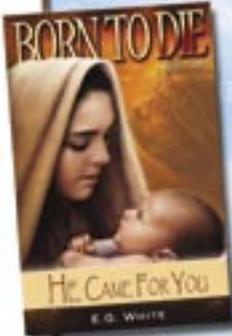
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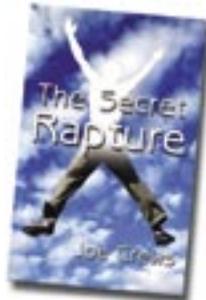
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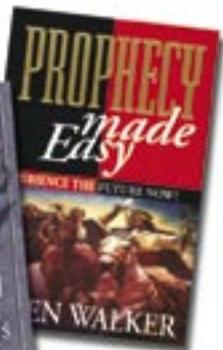
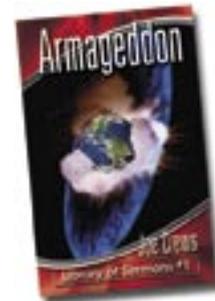
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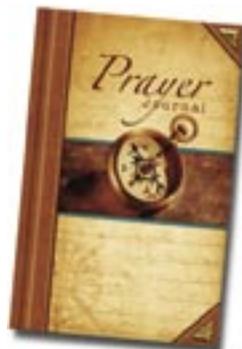


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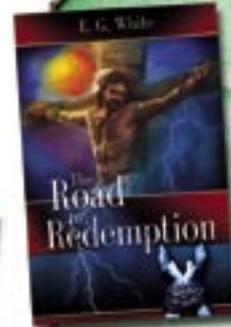
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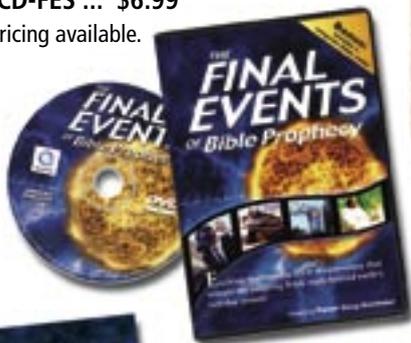
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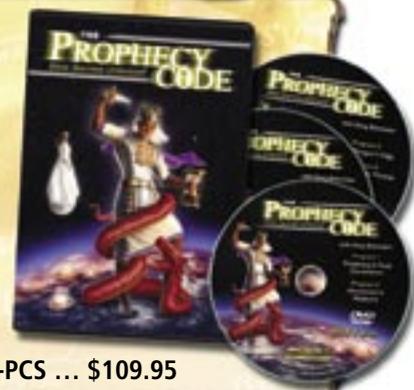
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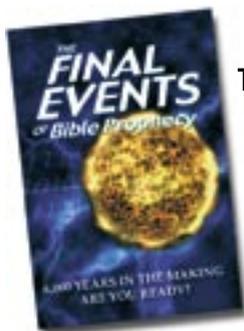
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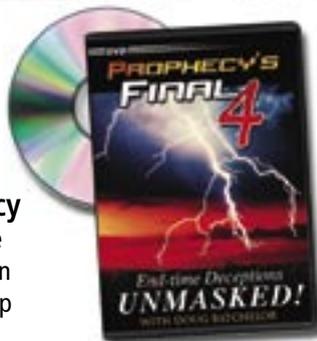
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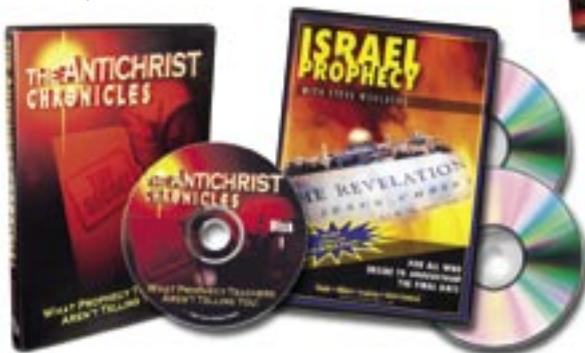


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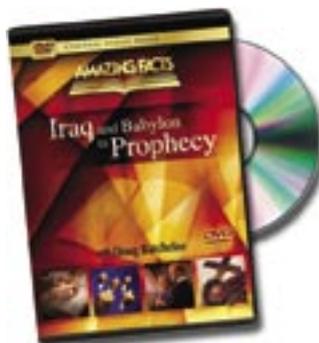


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# NEWS NOTES

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NEWS NOTES

## Amazing Facts New Human Resources Director

Jay Anders joined the ministry team as Human Resources Director and is also serving as a board member and officer for the ministry as corporate secretary.



His journey to California from Tennessee began when the family attended a ministry Faith Summit in Columbia, South Carolina in February 2004. They felt impressed to have a similar meeting in the Chattanooga area, which eventually became '04 Revival! Jay served as the local volunteer coordinator for the revival.

Jay, an electrical engineering manager, had been praying for months for the Lord to show how their family could do more for the Lord. He certainly never considered a full-time ministry position with Amazing Facts, and he was surprised and honored when the ministry asked him to join the end-time work.

His wife Pam is a high-school teacher turned home-schooling mom who teaches Jason, age 11, and Allison, age 8. She and the children volunteer at least once a week by grading Bible school lessons and helping in the warehouse.



## A Special Father's Day

Stephen Batchelor, Pastor Doug's 13-year-old son, debuted as a guest co-host for *Bible Answers Live*. He welcomed each caller very professionally and helped keep the program flowing. Says Stephen,

"Some of the questions were very interesting. My dad gave logical answers from the Bible, and it was fun to see how he reacts to questions. He would smile and spoke very respectfully." The seasoned pro adds, "I can't wait to do it again!"

## Come Join in the Lord's Work

Amazing Facts seeks qualified candidates for the following positions. If you feel God calling you to respond and join in His work at this ministry, please contact human resources at [personnel@amazingfacts.org](mailto:personnel@amazingfacts.org) to submit your cover letter and resume or call 916-434-3880.

These positions require a history of Christian dedication and willingness to relocate to the Sacramento area.

### Publishing Director

We're seeking a team player with experience in the publishing industry. This position is responsible for the management of the publishing department. This person shall be responsible for all publishing related areas of the ministry including sales, inventory, shipping, and receiving. In addition, the person must identify, plan, and implement strategic objectives, manage a budget, and other duties necessary to lead the publishing department.

A bachelor's degree is required, with a concentration in marketing, business, communications or related field preferred. Several years of experience in a publishing role within a professional environment are desired. Experience related to media is a plus. Candidates should have strong leadership skills and have a proven track record in developing and administering a successful publishing program. In addition, must be a self-starter, highly organized, and able to work well with publishers and media outlets. Polished presentation and interpersonal skills are a must. Current and proficient computer skills are required.

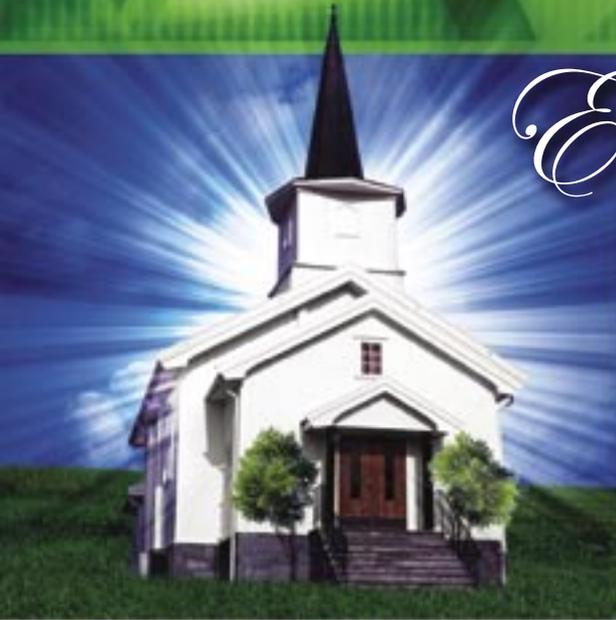


### Marketing Coordinator

Are you a team player with experience in marketing strategy and communications? This position is responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and management of the marketing program and branding of Amazing Facts. This person is responsible for all marketing related areas of the ministry including events, publications, internet, and electronic media. In addition, the person must identify, plan, and implement strategic objectives, manage a budget, provide outstanding written products for promotion in print/on air, and coordinate and oversee these programs as they relate to all departments of the ministry.

A college degree is required for this position, with a concentration in marketing, business, or communications preferred. Several years of experience in a marketing role within a professional environment are desired. Experience related to media is a plus. Candidates should have strong leadership skills and have a proven track record in developing and administering a successful marketing program. In addition she/he must be a self-starter, highly organized, and able to work well with publishers and media outlets. Polished presentation and interpersonal skills are a must. Current and proficient computer skills are required.

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**T**he Empowered Church is an exciting program designed for churches that want to take their outreach efforts to the next level. Beginning with a weekend intensive training course, participants get expert instruction on church rejuvenation, discipleship, and evangelism. In addition, churches can receive a personalized growth assessment, an evangelism implementation plan, discipleship training, resources, coaching, and much more. Amazing Facts can help you ignite revival and growth in your church ... so why not get involved today in helping your church reach its evangelistic potential?

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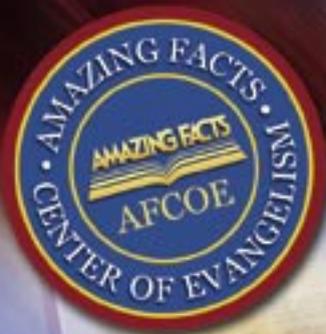
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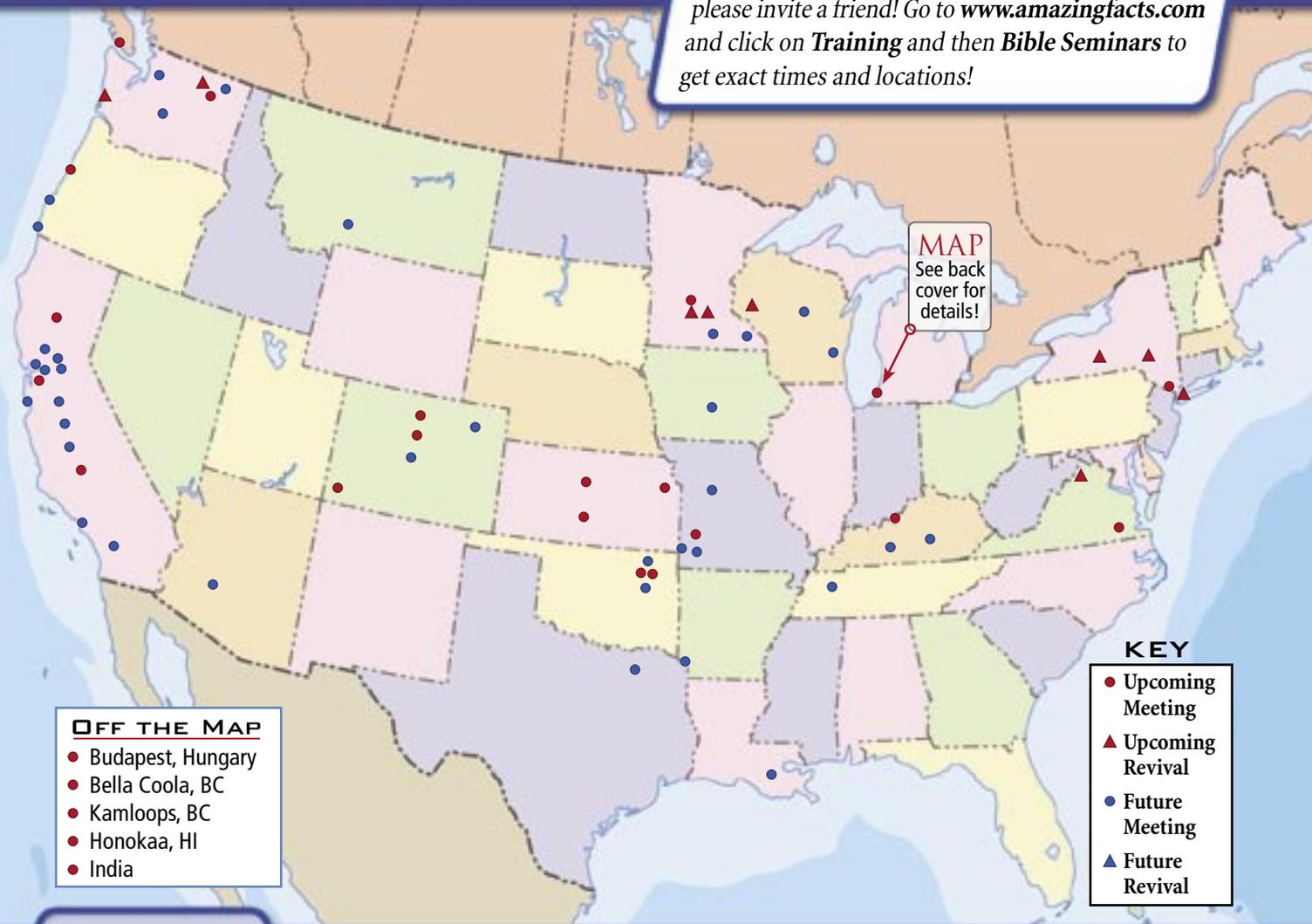
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# THE Harvest

## REPORT

### God in Control

# “Sooner State”

by LaVonne Long

**I**n 1889, thousands of settlers lined up on the border and, when the signal was given, raced into open territory to claim a piece of “frontier” land. Some, however, in their excitement and zeal snuck in early to stake out a plot to call their own—and they became known as Sooners. For this reason, Oklahoma’s nickname is “The Sooner State.” Likewise, in Amazing Facts’ Revelation seminars, it always seems that there are a handful of people who are always so excited about God’s Word that they come out faithfully, accepting the call of Christ as “Sooners,” and settle their lives in the beautiful land of truth.

Toward the end of February 2006, Tyler and I arrived in Claremore, Oklahoma, with the threat of a snowstorm that could wreak havoc on the opening weekend of our evangelistic prophecy seminar. It was distressing news completely unwelcome by us and the church hosting the event.

Although Oklahoma needed the precipitation, since it was dangerously dry and under an extreme fire warning, we prayed nonetheless that God would hold back the storm so people could hear His truth. But He had other plans in mind.

Friday morning, the day before the seminar, snow began falling, and falling, and falling. Before long, roads were covered and dangerously impassable with patches of ice everywhere. Saturday morning, we prayed again as Tyler reminded the church that God is in control and bigger than any snowstorm. “He sendeth out his word, and melted them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow” (Psalms 147:18). With snow on the ground and the roads still icy, we went ahead and opened the seminar in the midst of reports that other local churches were closing their doors.

## The Brave and the Faithful

Amazingly, we had 20 courageous visitors come opening night to hear God’s Word. Praise the Lord! By the next week, the snow was gone and even more visitors came. These new additions quickly caught up with the rest of the group by watching *The Prophecy Code*. And our numbers continued to climb—by the end of the first week we had 39 visitors!

One man who came faithfully also completed the Amazing Facts Study Guides. He has a major problem with alcohol, such that on his

way home from work, he can’t even pass by a liquor store without stopping. As a result, he drank a lot of beer in the evenings, hurting his health and his relationship with God. Tyler and the church pastor Ryan Neill met with him for prayer and counsel, appealing to him that nothing should stand in the way of his and his wife’s baptism at the end of the series. He made the decision that evening, with God’s help and the support of the pastor, to stop drinking.

Each night, he calls the pastor to pray with him when he is about to pass the liquor store! Stopping old habits and replacing them with new ones, like praying for God’s help with your pastor, is a great way to overcome temptation. Prayer works like nothing else. At the end of the seminar, he and his wife were baptized together and have a new life together with Jesus as their leader.



## Evangelism Revival

Many church members had never attended a prophecy seminar and were blessed by hearing God’s Word each night. Many have also made amazing changes in their lives, and more important, in their hearts because of the new things they were learning.

It is thrilling to see revival in church members’ lives. Amazing Facts, by God’s grace, not only helps to change lives of guests who have never heard last-day truths, but also the lives of the church members as well. God’s grace is definitely a teaching grace (Titus 2:11, 12).

Pastor Neill says, “We are thankful for Tyler and his wife LaVonne, and we know that God led them

to be here at the right time. Now God’s hand will continue to lead us as we move forward by His grace (2 Peter 3:12, 13). May all God’s people see the urgency of our day and know that there is a gospel commission for all of us to fulfill.”

And in Claremore, that’s exactly what happened. By the final night, 16 souls decided to accept God’s everlasting gospel and join the church. When the seminar began, we worried about snow, but we believe God allowed the snow to draw out those really seeking after Bible knowledge—those “Sooner” people, who no matter what, want to study God’s Word and call a piece of heaven their own. —

# REACHING OUT

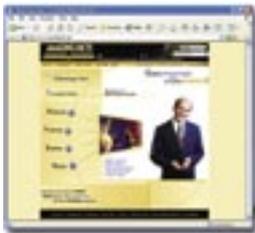
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The advent of the World Wide Web has opened incredible doors of opportunity to not only deepen your walk with Christ, but also help you reach others in your sphere of influence with Bible truth.

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We've even made it easier to support your favorite Amazing Facts outreach. And it's making a difference—our homepage receives an incredibly diverse audience every day, from friends of

the ministry to those searching for Bible answers, and those who are just curious about spiritual things.

### A Bible Extravaganza

Bible Universe ([www.bibleuniverse.com](http://www.bibleuniverse.com)) is designed for both believers and non-believers alike seeking teachings straight from the Bible. Available in multiple languages, users can join a uniquely designed Bible course incorporating Pastor Doug's *Storacles of Prophecy*, study inspired commentary, read a daily devotional, search the Bible, and so much more.

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## You can multiply the influence!

Did you know that all of our Amazing Facts' websites are designed with you in mind? They're a great way to get fresh biblical insight to start your day or give the answers or resources you need to help witness in your community. But you can also use our websites as outreach! Simply tell your neighbor, co-worker, friend, or whoever to visit online today. It's easy!



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## Worldwide Evangelism With Just a Click

Every month, enough surfers visit the ministry's websites to fill the biggest sports stadiums, and that number continues to grow as friends participate as online missionaries and link to Amazing Facts from their own websites.

We also use the Web to add an interactive experience for those watching our special programs, like *The Prophecy Code*, *Drawing Near* revival, or attending our evangelistic seminars. These websites contain valuable resources that are easy to find and continue to be a blessing to many long after the meetings are completed. Visitors are able to download sermon notes and investigate expanded materials on their own time, enriching their experience with eye-opening biblical information.

As the return of our Lord draws near, we will continue to use the internet to share the gospel truth and convince souls that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. 

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At Sabbath Truth ([www.sabbathtruth.com](http://www.sabbathtruth.com)), you'll find a wealth of convincing information on God's fourth commandment. From the history of the Sabbath to finding ways to honor it, Sabbath Truth is visited each day by thousands exploring God's Word online.

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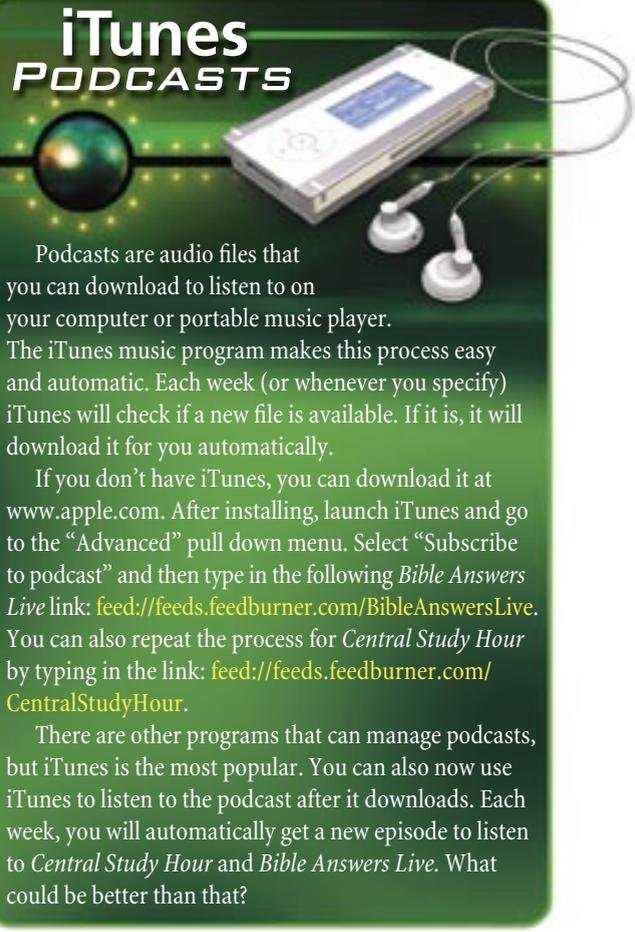
*"I'm a college instructor and when I'm in a computer lab, I'll pull up the Amazing Facts website and play one of your videos. It never fails to attract the students' attention—and then I give them your website address to learn more on their own. It's a great way to use the technology for spiritual food."*

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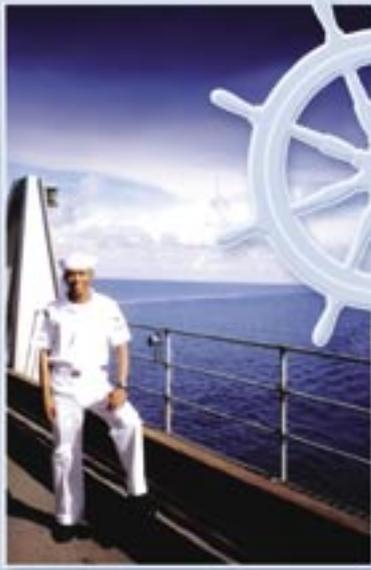
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# A NEW CHANCE

RANDRICK BECOMES  
A SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

BY RANDRICK CHANGE

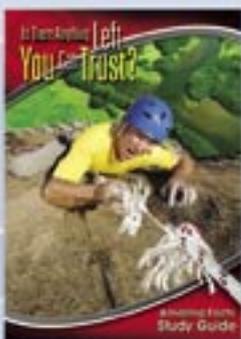


I grew up attending church and even got baptized. But after a few years in the Navy, my philosophy about life radically changed. My idea of success was making lots of money, driving the best cars, and partying every weekend. I found self-worth by dressing in the trendiest clothes, wearing expensive jewelry, and impressing the ladies.

My peers thought I was living the good life. Outwardly, I seemed happy and in control—but within I was miserable and without purpose. Under the mask of success, I was terribly insecure. I wondered how someone like me, who had everything a young person could want, could be so lonely? I was utterly depressed.

## U.S.S. PROVIDENCE?

That's when God gave me my first encounter with real biblical substance. While on duty on a naval warship, browsing through a magazine rack looking for something to just kill some time, I



*Chance found this Study Guide aboard his naval ship.*

discovered an Amazing Facts Study Guide. The title was so startling that I was compelled to pick it up. It turned out to be the beginning of an adventure in discovering God in a completely new way.

I started the lessons with much excitement. I could not wait to get the next one in the mail. Shortly after, I transferred to Italy, and a great controversy began to play out in my life.

There were temptations like never before, and I kept falling for the fake life of the world as I struggled to continue the lessons.

However, I experienced another breakthrough when I got to the lesson "Lost Day of History." It really opened my eyes. Though still not fully converted, I managed well for a time and found peace, but I still had the same friends and influences. Eventually, I fell back to my old habits.

## LASTING RESOLVE

Later, I was transferred to Puerto Rico, and it was there that I really sensed my need for Jesus. Since I was new to Puerto Rico, I didn't have any family or friends there, so I had a lot of time to focus on God and let Him work on my heart. I soaked up each guide's truth like a sponge; soon I was ready to take my stand for Jesus. I contacted Carolyn Moxley, an Amazing Facts representative, about churches in Puerto Rico and she quickly and warmly responded. I then completed the 27 lessons and was baptized!

It has been an awesome journey since I accepted Jesus to rule on the throne of my heart! Praise Him, He had a special calling on my life and has used my passion to let me speak during church services. I even became a youth leader and was invited to preach in Florida for a youth weekend event.

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF SOLDIER

Recently, the Lord led me to the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism. I prayed and fasted, and I felt certain it was part of His will. But honestly, I still had a little doubt, so I asked a specific sign. I told that Lord that if He promoted me one more time in the Navy, I would know He wanted me to go to the School of Evangelism. Incredibly, not long after, I was in fact promoted!

I was excited and shocked at the same time. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, I knew the Lord was telling me to let go of the Navy and follow Him all the way. After being honorably discharged, God led me to an incredible school! It has been the perfect training program for me.

There have been great changes in my life, and God has freed me from many hurtful desires. By the loving mercies and grace of Jesus, I am overcoming the world one step at a time. I have peace knowing I am secure in Christ. God has realigned my priorities so that now I desire to do His will and have totally surrendered to His ministry full-time.

I found out that Jesus, and not the world, is the answer to a spiritually bankrupt world, and He has indeed made a difference in my life. Thank you, Amazing Facts, for being there to help me along the way. —



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Amazing Facts wants to hear how God has used our TV, radio, Bible School, internet, evangelistic seminars, and other ministries to touch your life or the life of someone close to you.

In Revelation 12:11, we're told, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Our testimonies are a wonderful way to encourage others to hang in there as they go through trying times.

We will use these stories as a way of sharing the joy of those who come to Christ and to offer encouragement to those who need it.

**Deadline:** Submissions must be postmarked or received via e-mail by November 1, 2006.

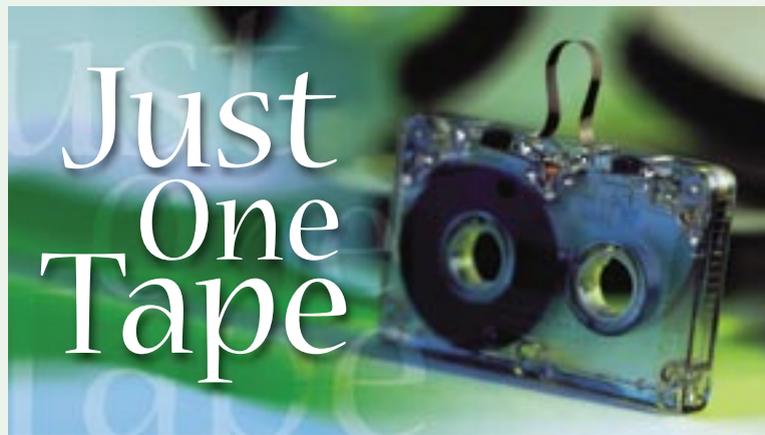
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1. Submit as many entries as you like.
2. Your story must be about how Amazing Facts has touched your life and/or helped you touch the lives of others—especially for those of you who have come to God's Sabbathkeeping church!
3. Each entry must be a true, unpublished work by you.
4. Entries should not be longer than 1,000 words.
5. Entries must be typed and double-spaced with 12 pt. font size (no handwriting should appear on the manuscript).
6. Entries must be postmarked or **preferably e-mailed** by November 1, 2006.
7. Include title of entry and your name on the manuscript.
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## Just One Tape

**H**orst grew up in Germany, only 12 years old when Hitler's Nazi party was terrorizing Europe. Like millions of other children his age, he was brainwashed to believe that he was part of a superior race of humans. Without need for humility, he would never bow to anyone—and much less to a Jew like Jesus.

Then one day, he fell in love with a woman who passionately believed in Christ. But although he was baptized to satisfy her requirements for her hand in marriage, Horst stubbornly never accepted Christ into his heart even as she lovingly ministered to him.

Not long after, the two moved to America where he made a good living as a tool-and-dye machinist, which enabled his Christian wife to stay home and raise their growing boys. He even went to church with his family every week, but he always insisted it was only out of love for her—not because he loved God. Still, she prayed constantly for his salvation, hoping that God would find a way to transform her husband.

### The Richest Miracle

Then many years later, Horst got very sick. He was suddenly bedridden, and his wife went off to work to keep them afloat. With his children gone, and all alone, God began to move on Horst's heart. One day, he asked his wife if she would get him an audiotape of Pastor Doug's testimony, *The Richest Cavemen*. It's the story of how the rebellious teenager of millionaire parents ran away from home as a drug-addict and an aimless hermit living in a cave . . . to a soul-winner for Christ.

By God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, *The Richest Caveman* melted his heart—and Horst bowed his knee before the Savior, giving



his whole heart to Jesus. Horst lived four more years, often lamenting how much happier life would have been if he hadn't been stubborn for so long. But his wife remembers him a completely changed

man in those last four years, and remembers them with joy. She looks forward to seeing him again in heaven when Jesus comes.

We do too. —

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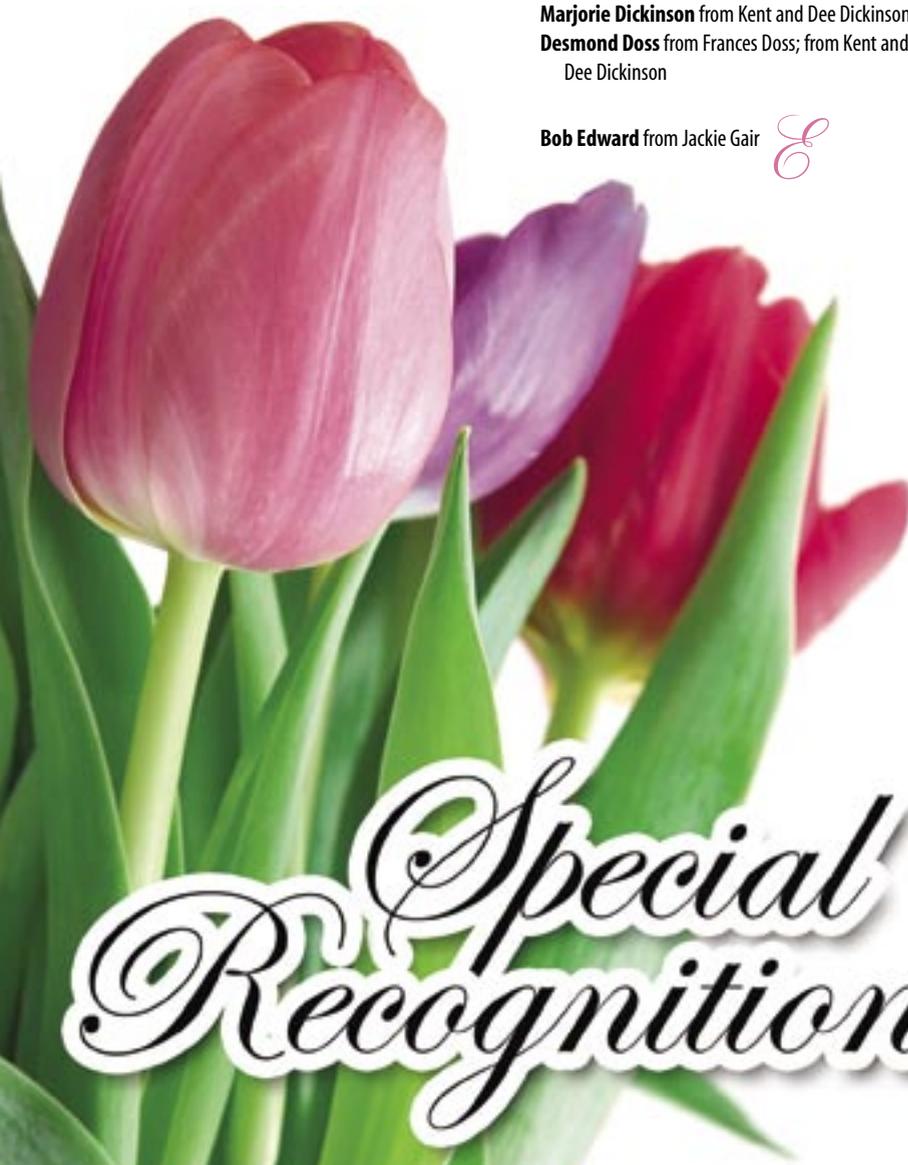
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# Are You Playing Russian Roulette?

by Emily Thomsen



*Please consult your doctor before changing your diet or establishing an exercise program if you have been diagnosed with or suspect you might have diabetes.*

**Blindness.** Burning, aching, numb, and tingling feet. Poor circulation. Slow-healing wounds, gangrene, and amputation. Even heart disease and death. These devastating complications accompany a disease afflicting nearly 21 million Americans.

But there is good news! Diabetes can be controlled—even reversed—with an active lifestyle and a healthy diet. It is said heredity loads the gun, but lifestyle pulls the trigger.

## What Is Diabetes?

The body breaks food down into glucose. In response, the pancreas releases insulin that acts like a key to open the doors into individual cells and allow glucose in to become energy. Type 1 diabetes causes a key shortage, so insulin injections are necessary. Type 2 affects cell doors, making them difficult to open. Both scenarios result in raised blood sugar.

A genetic predisposition for Type 2 diabetes exists, particularly among Latin Americans, African Americans and Native Americans. But if your parents or grandparents have diabetes, don't despair!

A study of the Pima Indians illustrates that family history does not guarantee your demise or health. One group of Pimas moved to southern Arizona while the other stayed in northern

Mexico. Those in Mexico retained their active lifestyle and simple diet and experienced almost no diabetes. In contrast, the group in Arizona adopted a sedentary lifestyle and the typical American diet. By age 35, 50 percent had type 2 diabetes.

## The Bullet

For years, people have assumed that eating too many sugary foods led to diabetes.

They were wrong.

Now before buying a cartload of snacks to celebrate, know that sugar does cause a spike in blood sugar. However, fat is what raises blood sugar long-term.

A group of healthy men ate a high-sugar diet for two weeks and then were tested to see how fast and high their blood sugar increased and how long it stayed increased. After 30 minutes, their blood sugars were around 130. After two hours, they had returned to relatively normal post-meal levels of about 115.

For the next two weeks, the same men ate a high-saturated fat diet consisting of double cheese pizza, steak, eggs, chocolate, cheesecake, and ice cream. (Would this be heaven or what?) This



Diabetes	Type 1	Type 2
<b>Cause</b>	Destruction of the pancreas's insulin-producing cells because of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A genetic predisposition</li> <li>• A viral infection or</li> <li>• An abnormal reaction to a protein in milk</li> </ul>	A genetic predisposition, aggravated by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor diet and</li> <li>• Sedentary lifestyle</li> </ul>
<b>Frequency</b>	5-10% of diabetics	85-90% of diabetics

# TOTALLY DELICIOUS

## TOTALLY VEGETARIAN

time, the glucose tolerance test revealed blood sugars of around 150 after 30 minutes, 180 after two hours. One even went as high as 286!

In another study, 80 type 2 diabetics, all on insulin, ate an extremely low-fat diet. After six weeks, 62 percent of them didn't need insulin and the other 38 percent decreased their dosage. After five years, they all had reversed their diabetes completely.

While glucose needs insulin to enter a cell, fat goes straight in to the cell and plugs it up, so to speak, leaving glucose in the bloodstream. Meanwhile, the pancreas sees all the glucose and thinks there must not be enough keys so it produces more insulin. The cells see all the keys and think they don't need as many doors. As a storage hormone, insulin turns instead to fat cells and opens those doors, storing glucose as fat rather than using it for energy.

At this point blood sugar can appear normal, but so begins a vicious cycle of fat storage, insulin resistance, more fat storage, more insulin resistance... This cycle can persist undetected for as long as 15 years until the pancreas finally says, "Enough! I'm tired of making so much insulin!" A key shortage occurs and insulin injections are necessary.

### Dodging Bullets

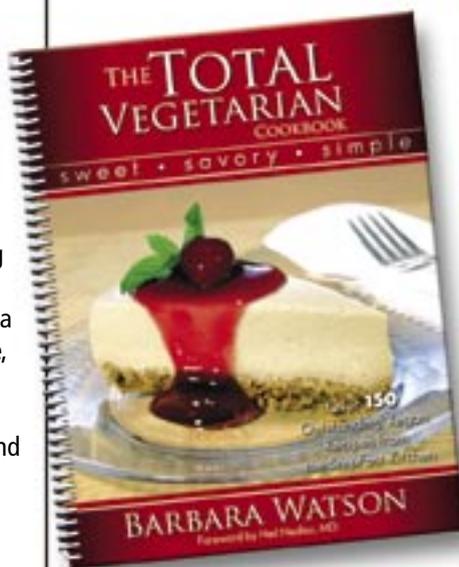
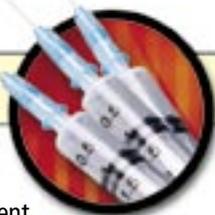
A sedentary person's cells don't require much glucose, escalating the insulin resistance problem. But exercise uses glucose and makes the cells more sensitive to insulin, so blood sugar decreases. One study showed that as calories expended increased from 500 to 3,500 per week, diabetes risk declined by 48 percent.

To prevent or control diabetes, exercise regularly and eat primarily plant foods as close to their natural state as possible. Whole foods are naturally low in saturated fat, high in complex carbohydrates, and high in fiber with no refined sugar. Eliminate or limit animal products and processed foods. Avoid alcohol and caffeine: The body stores alcohol as fat; caffeine increases the amount of fat circulating in the blood.

If you persist at Russian roulette, you'll eventually lose. Remember, your heredity may load the gun, but only an unhealthy lifestyle will pull the trigger. Arm yourself now with the right kind of ammunition—an active lifestyle and a wholesome diet. 

### Diabetes Facts

- Close to 21 million Americans have diabetes.
- Symptoms of diabetes include frequent urination, thirst, fatigue, weight loss and hunger.
- Heart attacks are the leading cause of death among diabetics.
- Diabetes can be controlled or reversed through lifestyle modifications.



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