

COMPASS

C O M M U N I Q U E

8 Great **NEW** Steeling Presentations from **Vail, Colorado** Now available!

Page 2



America in Bible Prophecy?

Page 12

Christians & Divorce

Is divorce an unpardonable sin?

Page 8



STEELING VAIL

Off the charts!

Standing room only!



Buck Storm



We got it all on tape!

Simply amazing!

Believers from 24 states and four countries gathered to hear the best and brightest Bible teachers from all over America (and one from Great Britain) take on tough topics few are willing to address today. "No holds barred" seemed to be the theme as speaker after speaker held nothing back as they pounded bad doctrine, exposed lies in the church and presented myriads of other little known but eye-opening facts. This was a full day of incredible information of which few Christians seem to be aware. Once you view these DVDs, you'll see the importance of getting this information out to our friends and family . . . while there is still time!

Order today!

GREAT SPEAKERS/TOUGH TOPICS!



Mike Gendron • Proclaiming the Gospel, TX
The Coming One-World Religion

A fascinating Biblical outline of the not too distant, post rapture future. Mike shows how the major religions of the world will eventually come together under a one world religion—including professing Christians, Jews and Muslims!



Dave Reagan • Lamb & Lion Ministries, TX
What Happens When You Die?

This is a most fascinating presentation. It will get you excited (assuming you're a Believer!) about your future transition to the next life when you die or are raptured. Dave is, as always, awesome!



Mike Riddle • Answers in Genesis, KY
Do You Have a Biblical Worldview?

What mind-set you use to read the paper, discuss politics, and address just about everything else in your life, boils down to your perspective . . . is yours Biblical? By a former Microsoft exec and Marine officer—one awesome presentation!



Alan Franklin traveled from England to present at the Steeling conference in Vail.



Ron Rhodes • Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries, TX
All About Angels

Angels are all around us. But myths permeate our thinking. This is a great Bible study to learn Angelic origins, activities, influences and future prophetic fulfillments. A different realm and lots of fun!



Ed Hindson • Liberty University, VA
Global Warning!

Yes, Global Warning is far more important than global warming! Prophetic signs are being fulfilled almost as fast as you can list them! Ed puts them all together in a presentation you'll beg your neighbors to watch!



Gerald Robison • Unveiling Glory Ministries, VA
The Book of Exodus in 55 Minutes

Get an incredible overview of one of the richest books in the Bible by a former "Walk Through the Bible" instructor. Follow Moses through the plagues and Red Sea split to the Ark and wilderness wanderings. Great visuals add up to one slam dunk presentation!



Alan Franklin • The Free Press, England
Christians Better Wake Up!

Europeans lost all their individual rights when they voted to join into the European Union. They were told one thing, but given another. Alan, coming all the way from Great Britain, shows in minute detail how America is in lock-step, heading down the same path. Lots of details, and a bit scary.



Chuck Missler • Koinonia House, ID
America in Crisis

Chuck has more information on what's going on behind the scenes than most people who work in the State Department! And he tells it all in what may be the most important presentation he's ever given. Fasten your seat belts!



Hindson hammers on prophetic signs!



Robison rumbles through Exodus.



Missler's monetary perspective—Wow!

See order form on last page for GREAT discounts!



ISRAEL

You can walk where Jesus walked!



Southern Steps & Mount of Olives



The Empty Tomb



Valley of Armageddon



Caesarea's Aqueduct



The Temple Mount where Jesus will reign for 1000 years



Mount of Beatitudes



Sea of Galilee



Dome of the Rock



The Wailing Wall



Eilat and the Red Sea



This could be you!

**Join us and see all the things
you read about in your Bible!**

November 3-12, 2007 (If you already have a passport)

March 6-14, 2008 • April 7-15, 2008

1-800-977-2177 • www.compass.org

STEELING THE MIND

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Northwest

Tri-Cities, WA • October 20, 2007

**As Iron Sharpens Iron,
so one man sharpens
another!** Proverbs 27:17

As was prophesied in the Bible for these **latter days**, the Christian faith is under attack like never before. TV, radio, magazines, and Internet have made it politically correct to bash what Christians believe. Even within the Church, **deception** is so rampant it's hard to know who is telling the truth and who is lying! To combat the lies and help Believers to better **defend their Bibles**, we're bringing in the best and brightest Bible teachers in America to tackle tough Biblical subjects. The awesome PowerPoint presentations will bring to light more **scripture defenses** than you can imagine! So make plans to join us for one incredible day of **STEEL ON STEEL** in Richland, Washington!

Register TODAY!

Conference Location

Bethel Church • 600 Shockley Road • Richland, WA 99352 *See web for map.*



*Stay on the scenic
Columbia River!*



Clover Island Inn \$69 • 866-586-0542
435 Clover Island Drive • Kennewick, WA 99336

Stay on an island in the Columbia River!!
Great views and a great rate! Mention
Steeling/Compass and get a great \$69 rate—
WOW! And a short drive of 12 minutes to
the conference location at *Bethel Church*.

Marriott Courtyard \$109 • 509-942-9400
480 Columbia Point Drive • Richland, WA 99352

8 minutes away on the banks of the Columbia
River. Mention *Steeling/Compass* and receive a
great \$109 rate! (Regular \$129)



Great Speakers / Tough Topics

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 20 *Doors open at 8:15AM*



9:00AM **Which Gospel is the True Gospel?**
Mike Gendron • Proclaiming the Gospel, TX

There is so much trash being taught in today's churches—what exactly is the truth? And is truth being proclaimed in your church? Learn the true Biblical model to be able to filter out these last days' deceptions!



10:00AM **End-Time Prophecy Deceptions**
Don Perkins • According to Prophecy, CA

Satan's throwing more dirt and spreading more lies than we can keep up with! Don, one of the top Bible prophecy experts in the world, will outline his top Bible prophecy lies in one awesome presentation . . . lots of steel on steel!



11:00AM **Darwin vs. Scientific Facts**
Russ Miller • Creation Ministries, AZ

Textbooks in every public school in America hold Charles Darwin in high esteem. Unfortunately, his theories don't hold scientific water! Get the facts to better be able to defend creation vs. evolution.



1:30PM **Inside Report: Israel and the Middle East**
Chuck Missler • Koinonia House, ID

Chuck will fly back from Israel and the Middle East the day before this conference and will give a first-hand account of what's really going on behind the scenes. He'll share what he found and what to watch for in the news as these latter days draw to a close. Awesome!



2:30PM **Scientific Evidences for a Young Earth**
Bruce Malone • Search for the Truth Ministries, MI

Bruce has made quite an impact on Christians around the world with his powerful apologetic presentations. Using excellent slides, humor and scientific facts, you'll have no problem defending Genesis One from a scientific standpoint.



3:30PM **Is "Christian Psychology" Biblical?**
T.A. McMahon • The Berean Call, OR

Christians are being duped left and right, as is the rest of the world, on the need for counselors to tell you how to feel. Now counseling has become the #1 major in almost every Seminary. But is this latter day phenomenon scriptural? Tom will show you Biblical facts that will raise a lot of eyebrows!



4:30PM **America's Christian Roots**
Russ Miller • Creation Ministries, AZ

Listening to the liberals you would think this nation was founded by a bunch of atheists! But that is far from the truth. You'll learn the backgrounds and testimonies of our founding fathers, and incredible pictures of our nation's capital today—with Christianity pointedly on most every key building. God bless America!



7:30PM **Praise & Worship**
Buck Storm • Coeur d'Alene, ID



7:45PM **23 Minutes in Hell**
Bill Weiss • Just a regular guy from California

Bill has a story to tell that will forever change the way you talk to your non-Christian friends. It's so incredible we were, at first, dubious of its authenticity! But after careful research, we believe he's true blue. And if nothing else, his story is scripturally accurate. Hold onto your hat for this one!

Register Today!

1-800-977-2177 • www.compass.org

Christians & Divorce

God hates divorce. *Malachi 2:16*

With professing Christians getting divorced at the same or higher rate than non-Christians¹, something is amiss in the Christian world. Percentages of Christians filing for divorce have leveled, but not dropped, in the last 25 years. Desiring to get to the meat of this problem, we asked a Christian divorce attorney to speak at a recent *Steeling The Mind Bible Conference*. He opened a lot of eyes. More on that later.

But with such a large number of professing Christians in our churches who are divorced, what is their status? Can divorced men serve as deacons or elders? Can they teach Sunday School? Are they second-class Christians?

Based on what the Bible says, there is much confusion in the church over the "divorce" issue. Make no bones about it, divorce is horrible. God hates it. That is because God loves us, and divorce always hurts people. ALWAYS. Interestingly, despite God's vehement language forbidding divorce, it was permitted under the Old Testament law.

"When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house." Deuteronomy 24:1

Jesus referred to that law when He said to the Pharisees, who were under the law:

"And it was said, 'Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce'; but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Matthew 5:31-32

Unfortunately, many many many pastors teach that if your spouse is committing sexual sin, you have, from the mouth of Jesus in scripture, permission to divorce.

But wait, does that verse apply to those of us living in the Church Age? **Absolutely not!** Jesus was addressing the Jews under law, not Christians living in the Church Age. Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, addressed Believers in the Church Age, and said:

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it," Ephesians 5:25

That is a hugely different scriptural command. Christ would never divorce the Church! So another dispensational doctrinal clarification comes into light. Jesus, when addressing the Jews under law, allowed divorce if the spouse was in sexual sin. This was apparently because those living under the law did not have God the Holy Spirit living in them. But later, Paul, speaking to Believers in the Church Age, said there is zero reason for divorce, even if the spouse is in sexual sin! Post-cross believers have the capacity

to love and forgive that those prior to the cross didn't have. We have the Holy Spirit from which to draw incredible power.

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

So, Christians should never get divorced. Christ living in you has the power to overcome the vilest of problems. And with the Holy Spirit, there is always hope for change. If a couple is having marriage problems, regardless of what those problems are, the answer is never divorce. Never.

"Is anything too difficult for the LORD?" Genesis 18:14

However, many many Christians have been divorced. So where do they stand? God's word is very clear, yet many church leaders seem to ignore the instructions. Let's look at what God says about Christians and divorce.

First of all, it makes no difference if both spouses were Believers or nonbelievers at the time of the divorce, or if one was a Believer and one was a pagan. God's instructions to all are the same.

Sin is sin. There are no big sins or little sins. There may be ramifications in this life if you are a homosexual, or a murderer, or divorced, but nothing so large it can't be covered by His blood. For Believers, ALL our sin was paid on the cross—past, present and future. If you are a Believer, as far as divorce is concerned, your sin is under the blood, just like the rest of your sins. It may affect you the rest of your life, but as far as God is concerned, it's paid for and over with.

"And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." Colossians 2:13-14

There are several verses that God inspired for us to understand how to deal with specific situations. If you get divorced, regardless of the reason, the first thing God wants is for you to be reconciled to your spouse.

"but if she does leave, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband." 1 Corinthians 7:11

But if reconciliation is not possible, it's BEST to stay unmarried in order to fully serve the Lord.

"... to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord." 1 Corinthians 7:35

"But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I." 1 Corinthians 7:8

"Yet such (divorced or widowed who remarry) will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you." 1 Corinthians 7:28b

However, if two Believers fall in love, they should marry, divorced or not, and it is not sin!

Is divorce an unpardonable sin?

"Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife. But if you should marry, you have not sinned;" 1 Corinthians 7:27,28a

It is interesting that the Bible says, "But if you should marry, you have not sinned." That is consistent with this verse:

"But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn (in lust)." 1 Corinthians 7:9

God created us to be married. He gave us desires for the opposite sex. But divorce is of Satan and it horribly smashes God's model of marriage.

Therefore, if someone is divorced, their first step would be to reconcile. I'm sure a lot of people will roll their eyes over that one but how big is your God? But if they can't reconcile, they are to stay unmarried. And if someone is not able to stay single, which is the NORMAL case, it is much better to be married.

Keep in mind that to God, all Believers are sanctified, cleansed, pure—to the point that God can live in them, and they stay in that condition until they die or are raptured. Divorce doesn't change someone's sanctification. It's not the unpardonable sin. It was paid for on the cross just like all the other sin.

Some argue that 1 Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6 show that there is a penalty for divorce in terms of church leadership.

"An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach," 1 Timothy 3:2

"... namely, if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion." Titus 1:6

This argument is not scriptural. In the original Greek, the phrase, "the husband of one wife," literally means, "a one woman man."² There are many men who have been married only once who are not "one woman men," and many who are divorced who are indeed "one woman men." "Not divorced" is not the qualification for church Elder leadership, but rather his maturity as a Believer.

The obvious exception would be if a divorce was a result of a man's poor leadership in his family, THAT would be a disqualification. But not the divorce in itself.

"He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?);" 1 Timothy 3:4-5

It has often been said that God can't use someone until they've been broken. Divorce rattles people to the core. Divorce almost always brings true humility, a Christian characteristic much revered by God. For someone to say that a divorced man is not fit for church leadership, based solely on his divorce status, is prideful in itself. They are adding

to God's word, being legalistic and potentially missing great leadership and input.

So all this begs the question, "Why is the divorce percentage higher for Christians than non-Christians?" As I mentioned, at our last *Steeling the Mind Bible Conference*, we had a retired divorce attorney speak. His story is amazing. Before God saved him, he drew up divorce papers for everyone who came in his office seeking a divorce. But once he trusted the shed blood of Jesus on the cross in payment for his sins, God opened his eyes to the definition of true agape love.

After much study in God's word, he began to see marriage and love in a different light. God had given him great insight into what God's love really is. He was burdened that most people were getting divorced because of a lack of knowledge. So he decided to share what he learned with those coming in for a divorce. He explained to each and every couple that he would draw up the divorce papers only after a two hour explanation of marriage and love based on the word of God.

That two hour pre-divorce conference resulted in 70% of those coming in to get back together, and they are still married today! Yes, you read that correctly! **70% who went to him for a divorce, are still married today! Wow!**

I was so dumbfounded by that statistic I asked him to make a scaled down one hour presentation of his (God's) material, and the results have been absolutely phenomenal. There were five marriages, that we know of, that were turned around at the conference after hearing his presentation. Some churches are now requiring ANY couple in a marriage difficulty to view this DVD prior to any counseling. PTL!

If you know anyone who is having a marriage problem, get this DVD to them. It'll also take a good marriage higher. The title is *How to Love Your Spouse, Regardless!* And, as always, if you can't afford the DVD, we'll send it to you for free. You can't put a price tag on this! Please help us get this material out to as many as possible. 🙏



by Bill Perkins,
Executive Director, Compass International, Inc.

¹ "U.S. divorce rates for various faith groups, age groups, & geographic areas" http://www.religioustolerance.org/chr_dira.htm "Christians are more likely to experience divorce than are non-Christians," Barna Research Group, 1999-DEC-21.

² MacArthur New Testament Bible Commentary, 1 Timothy, pg 104.

When in Israel . . .

The Jordan River Caper

Many, many people who travel to Israel are baptized, or rebaptized, in the Jordan River—the same river where Jesus was baptized by John. Most of these baptisms are performed at a narrow place in the river, just south of where the Jordan exits the Sea of Galilee. This picturesque point, complete with steps, ramps, showers, and viewing areas, was primarily financed by *Calvary Chapel* under the direction of Pastor Chuck Smith.

Thousands of Christians who visit Israel every year take advantage of this specially designed baptismal site. But occasionally, a rogue group will forgo the dunking area and just plunge into the river and swim around. And thus our story begins.

A good friend of *Compass*, who was present on one particular day at the baptismal site, recounts that a group of about ten Eastern Orthodox priests approached the water, hoisting high above them a three foot long, very ornate and expensive looking wooden cross, beautifully encrusted with jewels. They spoke only Greek and were wearing their traditional head-to-toe solid black robes, including their peculiar looking round can-shaped hats, and rope belts wound around their waists. They were there to celebrate a ritual called, “The Blessing of the Cross.”

For this ceremony, the priests don’t disrobe or change clothes, but enter the river fully clothed. On this particular day, they began passing the cross around, dunking it and letting the water drip off of it and on their heads. As they tossed it from one to another, they became more and more euphoric, focusing their celebration around their worship of this spe-

cial icon. The zeal and emotion of the moment seemed to carry them further and further into a realm of unrestrained excitement.

As they became more and more mesmerized by this activity, the cross seemed to traverse further out into the river with each consecutive toss. But every time it splashed into the Jordan, one of the priests would swim over to gather it up and send it once again into flight.

But then it happened. A large, but obviously not too coordinated participant, attempted to throw the cross to the priest who was furthest away. But with a strong arm, he ended up skipping the cross more than halfway across the river, beyond the reach of his fellow priests. The excited exclamations (in Greek) came to an abrupt halt as all of them together witnessed the unbelievable.

From the opposite bank of the river, a black Labrador retriever came bounding down, and with a magnificent leap, pounced upon the revered wooden cross. Before anyone could react, the dog grabbed the cross in his mouth, turned around, swam out of the river, scaled the bank, and disappeared out of sight. The Priests were so stunned they just stared motionlessly at the place where the dog had vanished.

For many of us, just imagining a scene of this sort evokes a tremendous sense of humor. But then we thought of an even more incredible scenario:

Suppose there was a simple Jewish family, just sitting down for dinner in their small, modest home on the eastern bank of the Jordan River, praying and asking God to meet their pressing financial needs, when suddenly the family dog paws at the door with a jewel encrusted, 24 karat gold-overlaid cross in his mouth . . . ☸

See pages 4-5 for information on taking your own trip to Israel!

Our top 10

Apologetic Bible Studies of all time!

Apologetics is simply “Defense of the Faith.” And through the years, we’ve done quite a lot of defending a literal translation of the Bible at our Stealing Bible conferences. So, of our over 50 scientific defenses available on the web, here are our top 10 presentations that should be in every home and church library! Also great for small group and individual study.

• **The Age of the Earth** Kent Hovind

Incredibly clear and humorous, using hundreds of scientific proofs. This is one of our top five most requested tapes. Excellent!

• **The Case for Jesus’ Resurrection** Gary Habermas

Christianity stands on the truth of the resurrection. A great study by the world’s leading expert on the overwhelming evidence for the resurrection of Jesus.

• **Big Bang and the Bible** Mike Riddle

This presentation totally refutes the Big Bang using secular scientist’s own research and conclusions . . . excellent!

• **Grand Canyon: Formed in Three Days** Russ Miller

Grand Canyon is one of the most recognized of all American landmarks, but does the scientific evidence point to being carved out over millions of years or just a few days? Russ uses excellent slides in a witty presentation of facts that pokes huge holes in the “carved in millions of years” argument. Great for any age!

• **The Shroud of Turin—Is It Real?** Gary Habermas

Incredible slides and inside information regarding a most controversial subject - Jesus’ purported burial cloth from the Empty Tomb. Not a defense, or offense, of its authenticity, just the eye-opening facts from someone who examined it first-hand.

• **100 Scientific Reasons Evolution is Stupid** Kent Hovind

In his witty, entertaining style, Kent uses over 300 PowerPoint slides to dismantle forever any thought that evolution could be true.

• **Science and the Bible** Mike Riddle

Mike, one of the top Biblical apologists’ of our day, covers ten major scientific areas mentioned in the Bible and how to easily defend them. You’ll learn how to defend the six day creation, Noah’s Flood, evolution, age of the earth and more! Excellent!

• **Explosive Evidence for Noah’s Flood** John Morris

Learn how to explain and defend the worldwide flood from a scientific standpoint. Outstanding!

• **Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution** Jobe Martin

The complexity of life-maintaining systems in the animal kingdom defies any theory of chance. Jobe explores several amazing creatures, big and small, that give evidence of God’s incredible design. Excellent thought provoking presentation with awesome graphics.

• **What Happened to the Dinosaurs?** Kent Hovind

This is incredible information. Kent, in his witty & highly entertaining style, using scripture with scores of graphics, explains everything you ever wanted to know about dinosaurs. Includes fascinating pictures of present day sightings.



Order these incredible studies Today!

See page 15 for great discounts on multiple titles!

America in Bible Prophecy

Often buried within scriptural text is a parallel subject revelation or dual fulfillment. The most obvious examples are in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28. In Isaiah 14:4, the text begins with references to the “king of Babylon” but gradually changes into obvious comments about Satan (“How you have fallen from heaven . . .” - vs. 12).

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter . . .” Proverbs 25:2

The same is true with Ezekiel 28 where verse 11 speaks of the “king of Tyre” but the following verse move into specific traits and characteristics of Satan (“you were in the garden of God”). It’s from these two chapters that many of Satan’s characteristics are revealed, yet we have to dig a little first before we can uncover the jewels buried therein.

If we are living in the final decades, years or days of the church age, the U.S., as the #1 world power, should logically be in the Bible somewhere. Using the above principle of “double reference,” or “dual fulfillment,” there are at least five passages with numerous verses in the Bible that may give us some insight into what ultimately happens to the United States.

Below is a list of the characteristics of an end-time, latter-day nation. I’ll challenge you to find another country, other than the U.S., that fully fits this description! The Bible calls the nation, “Babylon,” and sometimes refers to it as the, “Daughter of Babylon.” These characteristics of Babylon are taken from Jeremiah 50, 51, Isaiah 18, 47 and Revelation 17, 18.

This is a fascinating description of a nation that has much wisdom and knowledge, thinks it is secure and invincible, but is suddenly totally destroyed in one day, even in one hour.

“ . . . you sensual one, Who dwells securely, Who says in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one besides me. I shall not sit as a widow, Nor shall I know loss of children.’ . . . these things

shall come on you suddenly in one day . . . you felt **secure in your wickedness** and said, ‘No one sees me,’ Your **wisdom** and your **knowledge**, they have deluded you; For you have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one besides me.’ But evil will come on you which you will not know how to charm away; And disaster will fall on you For which you cannot atone, And destruction about which you do not know Will come on you **suddenly.**” Isaiah 47:8-11

“**Suddenly** Babylon has fallen and been broken;” Jeremiah 51:8

“ . . . Her **images** have been put to shame, her idols have been shattered.” Jeremiah 50:2d

“ . . . it is the land of **graven images**, and they are mad upon their idols.” Jeremiah 50:38

The nation in question has a lot of “images.” How would Isaiah describe TV, movies, Internet 3000 years ago? And, any way you define, “idol,” the United States is full of them. Money, cars, sex, TV, football, pornography, self, etc., would certainly qualify as “idols.”

“For a nation has come up against her out of the north;” Jeremiah 50:3

“For the destroyers will come to her **from the north,**” Jeremiah 51:48

“ . . . none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.” Daniel 12:10

The nation is attacked from the north. Interestingly, if Russia is aligned with Persia in the Ezekiel 38/39 post-Rapture invasion of Israel, and they attack not only Israel but also attack her protector the United States, the U.S. nuclear attack would come to the United States from Russia over the North pole. (See Jeremiah 50:9).

“Your mother will be greatly ashamed, **she who gave you birth will be humiliated.** Behold, she will be the (youngest) of the nations, A wilderness, a parched land and a desert.” Jeremiah 50:12

This nation has a mother nation . . . like the U.S. has a mother nation—Great Britain. This nation is the youngest of the world superpowers.

“How the **hammer of the whole earth** . . . has been cut off and broken!” Jeremiah 50:23

He says, “You are **My war-club**, My weapon of war;” Jeremiah 51:20

This nation is the military hammer of the whole earth.

“Come to her from the farthest border; open up her barns,” Jeremiah 50:26

“And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more . . .” Revelation 18:11

“ . . . all who had ships at sea became rich by her **wealth,**” Revelation 18:19

“ . . . for in one hour such **great wealth** has been laid waste!” Revelation 18:17

This nation is the breadbasket of the world . . . and is a rich, world-wide, importing nation via the sea.

“ . . . For she has become **arrogant** against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.” Jeremiah 50:29

“Behold, I am against you, O **arrogant one,**” declares the Lord GOD of hosts, for your day has come, the time when I will punish you.” Jeremiah 50:31

This nation “has become arrogant against the Lord,” indicating that at one time the nation was once humble to the Lord.

“A sword against . . . her **wise men!**” Jeremiah 50:35

This nation has many educated men.

“A sword against . . . all the **foreigners** who are in the midst of her,” Jeremiah 50:37

This nation is full of foreigners, legal or illegal.

“ . . . A sword against her **treasures,** . . .” Jeremiah 50:37b

“Abundant in treasures, . . .” Jeremiah 51:13

This nation is full of treasures.

“ . . . Against you, O **daughter of Babylon.**” Jeremiah 50:42c

This nation is not Babylon, but the “daughter” of Babylon. Not the original Babylon, but another country.

“At the shout, ‘Babylon has been seized!’ **the earth is shaken**, and an outcry is heard among the nations.” Jeremiah 50:46

This “shout” might be a reference to the timing (Rapture, 1 Thessalonians 4:16).

“The fruit you long for has gone from you, and **all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away** from you and men will no longer find them.” Revelation 18:14

“And the sound of **harpists and musicians** and **flute-players** and **trumpeters** will not be heard in you any longer; and no **craftsman** of any **craft** will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer;” Revelation 18:22

This nation lives in luxury and splendor with many musicians, craftsman and mills. It is quite an advanced nation.

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever . . .” Deuteronomy 29:29

“ . . . your **merchants** were the great men of the earth, . . .” Revelation 18:23

This nation reaches the far corners of the earth with her dominating trade.

“Babylon has been a **golden cup in the hand of the LORD**, intoxicating all the earth. The nations have drunk of her wine;” Jeremiah 51:7

God blessed this nation greatly and the world is making great profits selling her their goods.

“**Suddenly** Babylon has fallen and been broken;” Jeremiah 51:8

“for in **one hour** such great wealth has been laid waste!” Revelation 18:17

Suddenly, something akin to a nuclear attack, will take out this nation.

“O you **who dwell by many waters,**” Jeremiah 51:13

“The sea has come up over Babylon; She has been engulfed with its tumultuous waves.” Jeremiah 51:42

This is a nation who is bordered by “many waters.” It imports primarily by ships. Note that Babylon in Iraq has two relatively small ports on one ocean. The U.S. is virtually surrounded by water. It has no less than 15 major ports, on three oceans, 5 Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

Cont. on page 14



"For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor At the time it is stamped firm; Yet in a little while the time of harvest will come for her." *Jeremiah 51:33*

This nation is compared to a "threshing floor." It is a nation that for the moment has both good and bad people, but eventually God promises to come get the good (cleansed by Jesus' blood—at Rapture).

"Come forth from her midst, My people, And each of you save yourselves From the fierce anger of the LORD." *Jeremiah 51:45*

Note: There are no Christians, or Jews, living in Iraq today (other than the military)

"Alas, oh **land of whirring wings** . . ." *Isaiah 18:1*

This nation has a lot of "whirring" going on. Airplanes, helicopters, and other engines make that whirring sound.

"Which **sends envoys** by the sea, Even in papyrus vessels on the surface of the waters. Go, swift messengers, to a **nation tall and smooth**, To a **people feared far and wide**, A **powerful and oppressive** nation Whose land the rivers divide." *Isaiah 18:2*

This end-time nation sends diplomats around the world, is considered "tall and smooth," is known worldwide and has lots of rivers dividing the land.

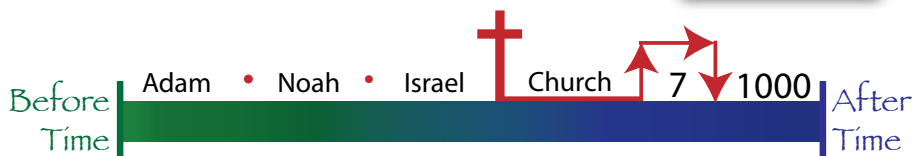
"Though Babylon should **ascend to the heavens**." *Jeremiah 51:53*

It seems this nation takes space shots! That certainly narrows the field of prospective qualifiers!

So, for those that insist that Babylon MUST be rebuilt in Iraq to fulfill prophecy, I submit **it doesn't fit scripture**. Iraq is not bordered on many waters, it is not the world's military hammer, it is not full of wise men, it is not a mingled people nation, it is not the world's largest importer, it is doesn't take space shots!

This nation, whoever it is, is wiped out in one hour, apparently by a nuclear attack soon after Rapture. Would God do that to America? In a **post-Rapture** scenario, yes, in a heartbeat! With the Church gone, and nothing but liberal non-Believers left, it makes sense to me! But in the meantime, God bless America! ☸

Bill Perkins is the Executive Director of Compass International, Inc.



ORDER FORM

TITLE

AUDIO

AUDIO CD

DVD

Steeling Vail

The Coming One-World Religion <i>Mike Gendron</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CCGA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CCGCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CCGD
What Happens When You Die? <i>Dave Reagan</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CWRA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CWRC	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CWCD
Christians Better Wake Up! <i>Alan Franklin</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CCFA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CCFCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CCFD
Do You Have A Biblical Worldview? <i>Mike Riddle</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CDRA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CDRC	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CDRD
All About Angels <i>Ron Rhodes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CARA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CARCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CARD
Global Warning! <i>Ed Hindson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CGHA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CGHCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CGHD
The Book of Exodus in 55 Minutes <i>Gerald Robison</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CERA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CERCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CERD
America in Crisis <i>Chuck Missler</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CAMA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CAMCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7CAMD

Top 10 Apologetic Bible Study Presentations from past conferences:

The Age of the Earth <i>Kent Hovind</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9AHA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9AHCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9AHD
The Case for Jesus' Resurrection <i>Gary Habermas</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3CCHA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3CCHCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3CCHD
The Big Bang & the Bible <i>Mike Riddle</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4CBRA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4CBRC	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4CBRD
Grand Canyon: Formed in Three Days! <i>Miller</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7AGMA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7AGMCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7AGMD
The Shroud of Turin <i>Gary Habermas</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3SSHA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3SSHCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3SSHD
100 Scientific Reasons Evolution is Stupid <i>Hovind</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> KH100A	<input type="checkbox"/> KH100CD	<input type="checkbox"/> KH100D
Science & the Bible <i>Mike Riddle</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7ASRA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7ASRCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7ASRD
Explosive Evidence for Noah's Flood <i>Morris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2SEMA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2SEMCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2SEMD
Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution <i>Martin</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3SIMA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3SIMCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3SIMD
What Happened to the Dinosaurs? <i>Kent Hovind</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1WHA	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1WHCD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1WHD

How to Love Your Spouse, Regardless! *Greg Knapp* ☐ \$7AHKA ☐ \$7AHKCD ☐ \$7AHKD

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

	AUDIO TAPE	AUDIO CD	DVD-R
■ Choose a single title	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.95	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9.95	<input type="checkbox"/> \$19.95
■ Choose any 3 titles	<input type="checkbox"/> \$18.95 <i>Save \$2!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24.95 <i>Save \$5!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$49.95 <i>Save \$10!</i>
■ Choose any 8 titles	<input type="checkbox"/> \$39.95 <i>Save \$15!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$59.95 <i>Save \$20!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$99.95 <i>Save \$60!</i>
■ Choose any 12 titles	<input type="checkbox"/> \$49.95 <i>Save \$33!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$79.95 <i>Save \$40!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$129.95 <i>Save \$110!</i>
■ Special All 19 above	<input type="checkbox"/> \$59.95 <i>Save \$65!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$99.95 <i>Save \$80!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$159.95 <i>Save \$200!</i>

SUB-TOTAL \$ _____ + \$3.00 shipping + Extra Donation* \$ _____ *Thank you!* = TOTAL \$ _____

*Compass is a 501 (c) (3) organization, a receipt will be mailed.

Name _____ Email _____

We NEVER sell or share email addresses.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ Check enclosed *Payable to Compass* ☐ Please bill my credit card: M/C, Visa, Disc, AmEx

_____ - _____ - _____ Exp. date _____

Signature (Credit Card only) _____ Day Phone _____

MAIL ORDERS TO **Compass International, Inc.** • P.O. Box 3747 • Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816

PHONE ORDERS **800-977-2177** 9-4 Pacific Time • FAX 208-762-3363

OR ORDER ONLINE AT **www.compass.org**



Post Office Box 3747
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
800.977.2177 • www.compass.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Permit 166

INSIDE:



➤ **8 GREAT NEW**
STEELING THE MIND
presentations from Vail! *Page 2*



➤ **Featured Article:**
Christians & Divorce
Is divorce an unpardonable sin? *Page 8*



➤ **America in Bible Prophecy?**
If it's not the USA, then who is it? *Page 12*