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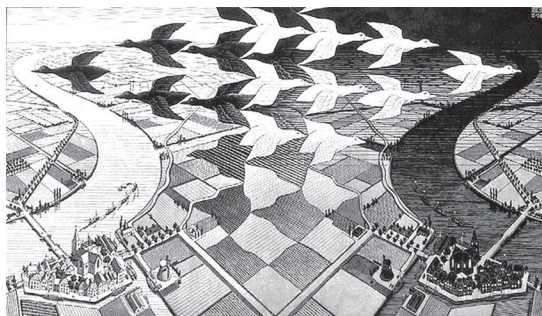
IN THIS PRESENT DARKNESS

The Lord recently used me to comfort two twentysomethings who have a friend whose father had been found dead in a hotel room, having overdosed on prescription drugs. "Life sucks, and sure deals a crappy hand," one bemoaned. The other shared that she had just had an angry confrontation with her dad. We prayed together and I prayed a silent prayer, asking Jesus to flow through me, to encourage them and lift their spirits.

Privileged to work with indigenous church planters in West Africa, I have been re-reading Albert Schweitzer's autobiography, "Out of My Life and Thought." In it he documents his work in French Equatorial Africa. I felt to ask my young friends if they had ever heard of this Nobel Laureate, a gifted doctor, theologian, and musician. Both said, "No." "Who was he?" one asked.

So we sat and talked awhile about how Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), the son of a pastor who taught him to play piano at age five, began to improvise while playing hymns at age seven. I recounted that historians feel Schweitzer would have been an amazingly successful musician and even more noted theologian and university lecturer, but that he dedicated the later part of his life to medicine and went to the Congo where he built a hospital and leper colony. "Being deeply devoted to Christianity," he said he could not "help but feel the suffering all around." A "living legend," he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952.

Near the end of his autobiography, Schweitzer prophetically observed that in this modern age society would become like an orchard filled with sterile trees. Truth would be lost. He also saw that our age would pretend to make the sterile trees bear fruit by tying imitation fruit onto the branches. Can you see the hands of same-sex mar-



Day and Night, woodcut by M.C. Escher (1898-1972)

Gary Bergel

riage advocates here, claiming that homosexual "marriages" are valid moral marriages? Schweitzer foresaw our present age with its spiritual darkness due to the rejection of the Ten Commandments and loss of biblical truth and principles. "Our world rots in deceit," he lamented,

"our very attempt to manipulate truth itself brings us to the brink of disaster."

Schweitzer pointed to the revival we are praying for. "Christianity needs to be filled with the spirit of Jesus. Only then can it become the leaven in the spiritual life of mankind." He said he learned to stay in a hopeful, pro-active posture. "However concerned I was with the suffering in the world, I never let myself become lost in brooding over it. I always held firmly to the thought that each one of us can do a little to bring some portion of it to an end."

In parting, my friends thanked me for sharing my "stories" and committed to staying in touch with their grieving friend. I thanked Jesus for hearing my simple silent prayer, for His inspiration and guidance, and for the grace I watched Him impart. Inwardly, I committed to practicing more silent and verbal "prayer pauses" in 2009.

The proverb, "It is better to light one candle than curse the darkness," and the truth that "darkness is not the opposite of light; darkness is the absence of light," came to mind. A single match ignited in a large dark room will illuminate the whole room.

As we pray for national repentance and revival, endeavor to win souls, and contend for biblical truth and values in "this present darkness" (Eph 6:12 RSV), let us encourage our hearts with the awesome truth that Jesus not only declared Himself to be the light of the world (Jn 8:12), He decreed that we "are the light of the world." (Mt 5:14)

GOVERNMENTAL INTERCESSION | SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Gary P. Bergel

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FIRST FRIDAY
February 6
PRAYER FOCUS

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

Use the enclosed "Top 130 U.S. Officials" bookmark to intercede for President Obama, Vice President Biden, the Cabinet, staff, and families. Affirm the sovereignty of Christ over the Obama administration, all heads of state, and all in authority. (Ps 2:6,10-11; Col 1:12-18; Rev 1:5) Intercede that wisdom be granted to all involved in the formulation of fiscal policy for economic recovery and foreign policy, especially regarding Israel. Pray for the protection of Israel and Jerusalem. (Ps 122)

111th CONGRESS / 1st SESSION

Intercede for your U.S. Senators and Representative—that they come to know Christ or be deepened in their faith, and that they are granted "wisdom and revelation." (Eph 1:15-19) Use the "Top 130" bookmark and pray for the Senate and House Chaplains, Majority and Ranking Minority Committee Chairs. Cry out for mercy and divine intervention, asking the Lord to thwart one-party control and manipulation by pro-abortion and same-sex marriage advocacy groups. Ask God to grant wisdom, anointing, courage, strength, and staffing to His appointed "spiritual statesmen" to stand for righteousness, life, marriage, fiscal responsibility, U.S. sovereignty, and national security.

NATIONAL REPENTANCE | REVIVAL

Mindful that national revival and reformation begins in each believer, repent for any personal sin and disobedience. Intercede that the Holy Spirit convict all U.S. Christians to repent for personal sin and for the Church's falling short of biblical standards and God's "laws of love." (See Page 3) As we begin a year-long prayer focus on the Ten Commandments, intercede for more public postings, media affirmation of the Ten Commandments, and for the preservation of religious freedom and the freedom of speech for believers.

NO OTHER GODS

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (Mt 5:17) Reflect upon how Jesus' intimate relationship with and total obedience to the Father perfectly fulfilled the First Commandment: "You shall have no other gods before me." (Ex. 20:3) Offer thanksgiving. Pray that you, members of your family and church, believers in your area and across the U.S. will "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Mt 22:38)

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Watching Unto Prayer . . .

"What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" —Mk 13:37

"But the end (final limits) of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers." —1 Pet 4:7

Bob Ragan

"And such were some of you..."

"Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." —1 Cor 6:9-11

I grew up in a family where I felt very isolated. This fed my interpretation of what was happening around me. I felt there was something different about me. In 1968 two very pivotal things happened in my life. First, a school associate passed me a book which contained homosexual pornography. To this day I can still see and remember looking at those images. My body literally shook as I opened myself up. I was in a state that allowed the enemy to come in and say, "Bob, this is who you are." It was at that point that I put the homosexual label on myself.

But in God's grace and incredible mercy, that same year He had a Franciscan priest take me to a Full Gospel Businessmen's meeting where I said, "Jesus, I want you in my life." So, here was Satan with this counterfeit identity, and here was Jesus with true life. I went off to college. Even though I was involved with the Jesus Movement and a wonderful group of Christians, no one ever told me that Jesus could or would make a way for me to come out of homosexuality. I knew He did not condone the behavior, but no one ever told me "Bob, He can make a way for you."

I eventually walked away from God, became a gay man, entered into destructive relationships, and ended up in Washington, DC. I started drinking. But God, in His great mercy, again caused my path to cross with loving Christians. In August, 1987, I rededicated my life to Jesus. This time I said "Jesus I want you to be LORD, not just Savior. I want you to be LORD over my sexuality."

In January, 1988, I found out about Regeneration Ministries and went to my first meeting in northern Virginia. I can't tell you the joy to walk in a room and find others just like me. To finally hear testimonies of men and women who had walked out of homosexuality. I was home! I learned about my brokenness. At its root, homosexuality has nothing to do with sex. It has to do with broken, unmet needs, deep inside. I had not connected with my dad, with his masculinity. I didn't have others in my life that could meet that little boy and bless him and call him forth as a son. I started looking for other men to do that and my identity became wrongly eroticized from puberty.

God brought incredibly godly men into my life who loved me right where I was at. I entered into healthy male friendships that began to heal the inner core of need within me. The Holy Spirit made Romans Chapter 6 alive to me. I came to know that when I was born again that old man, old nature, everything that had identified me, was dead and buried. One Bob Ragan died and a new Bob Ragan is living. My new life is hidden in Christ's life. I began to realize my feelings, my temptations; my circumstances do not have the power to say who I am. I am defined by who God says I am.

Today I'm in a ministry that is literally hated and receives death threats. Today we are also ministering to men struggling with heterosexual Internet pornography and to sexually abused women and men. The sexual redemption needs are about 50/50 between same-sex attraction and other issues.

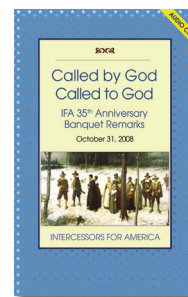
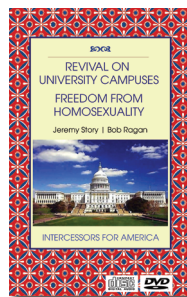
My heart breaks for the younger generation. We're losing them. I pray God raise up those who will present His image of the masculine and the feminine. This world is really looking for His image.

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REVIVAL ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES FREEDOM FROM HOMOSEXUALITY

Jeremy Story | Bob Ragan

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Banquet Remarks

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IFA = A WATCHDOG

Jeremy Story

Jeremy Story, Campus Renewal Ministry president and IFA board member, and his wife Jennifer and sons (pictured above), recently relocated to downtown Manhattan, NYC. He and Campus Renewal Teams are working throughout the Northeast. Jeremy shared the following perspective on the value of IFA's ministry, and offered prayer for IFA at our 35th Anniversary Banquet.

I think about Intercessors for America as a watchdog. How many of you have read a First Friday Prayer Letter or an E-mail Alert from IFA and thought, "that's something I didn't know before?" Or, when you read it you mused, "I knew that already, but this reminds me I should be praying about it?"

That is what IFA is—a watchdog ministry.

It's vital to have a watchdog, because not all of us can be watching. It's difficult. We all have things we are doing, yet through IFA we can all be praying in agreement around appointed matters. IFA is watching for us, and guiding us in our prayers. IFA's watchdog role is especially important at this present time. We are witnessing prophetic events Jesus said would be in the news. (Mt 24)

IFA shows us what to pray for in a really insightful and prophetic way. We've all been impacted, and we're grateful, so let's pray for IFA's multi-generational leadership needs, staffing, and for the resources needed for this year and in the future.

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The Gift of God's Laws of Love

M. Basilea Schlink

The Ten Commandments, given at Sinai, shine forth with renewed force in the New Testament. They reveal God's heart to us, showing us what matters to Him and how He longs for us to respond. In fulfilling His requests, we will bring joy to Him, and peace will fill our hearts.

God's rules for living show us the way to happiness: loving Him and loving our neighbor. All God's commands are either an appeal to love or a warning against actions contrary to love, such as murder, theft, adultery, and slander. They are intended to keep us from sinning against love.

God's laws of love are a great gift to us, but they are also holy. We need to prize them and treat them as holy. We cannot simply do with them as we please. The commands of God stand like solid rock. We may try to undermine them, but they will not fall, for they are grounded in God Himself. We may declare them invalid and irrelevant, but they retain their validity. We may feel they do not apply to us, but they remain binding for us. One day we will be judged according to our works and how far our actions measured up to the will of God revealed in His Word.

Perhaps we argue, "I believe in Jesus as my Savior. I have received forgiveness of my sins. So I will stand justified before the judgment seat." But having Jesus as my Savior does not exempt me from the obligation to keep God's laws. One day we will have to give an account. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. (2 Cor 5:10)

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It is God's rules for living that show us what is good and what is bad. Many believers have gone astray because they turned away from them. (2 Pet 2:20-21) Anyone who turns away from these guidelines turns away from Jesus, the crucified Lord. We need to recognize their validity and their claim on our lives. They show up our imperfections, convict us of our sin, bring us to repentance, and so lead us to Jesus. There at the foot of the cross we enter into a renewed, vital relationship of faith with our Savior, who forgives sin and delivers us from the power of sin.

This is why so many of us are joyless and spiritually dead, just going through the motions. This is why we lack love for Jesus, for our enemies, for the lost. If we do not take God's commands seriously; if we avoid the pain of seeing our efforts to live by these standards crumble; if we do not reach out in genuine repentance for the grace of Jesus—we will stagnate. Sadly, many Christians rely on what has been called "cheap grace"; on a

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pardon that costs them nothing: no obligation, no effort to keep His commands, no tears of penitence. The love that rejoices to know the will of God has grown cold in their hearts.

Discard God's rules for living, and you make the coming of Jesus into our world and His mission superfluous. Jesus is God's Word, God's command, come to us in flesh and blood. He taught and lived out perfectly the one command that sums up all others, the command of love. Without the commands of God, law and order break down. Chaos is the result. We are faced with the two options God gave His people after giving them the commandments: "See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil." (Deut 30:15) The choice is ours. If we accept the commandments, we choose happiness. If we reject them, we choose misery—for now and for all eternity.

This has been my own experience. There was a time when I tended to overlook commands of Jesus such as: lose your life, deny yourself, love your enemies.... During those years I was not happy. I sensed something of spiritual death in my life. What a transformation when I started facing up to the challenge in His commands.

Every failure to live up to them drove me into the arms of Jesus in repentance. New life flowed into me, the joy of the Lord was restored, and He could use me in His service. I realized that our happiness in this life and the next depends on our attitude towards His commands and whether, trusting in the grace of Jesus, we make every effort to keep them. Seeing that our life and happiness depend on our attitude towards the laws of God, we should continually remind ourselves of these standards and inscribe them in our hearts.

There is someone who begrudges us this life and happiness—the evil one. He is the deceiver. Using subtle arguments, he constantly tries to make us subscribe to a different set of standards and values. His line of argument is the same as in the Garden of Eden. Did God really say, for instance, that I should avoid suing others? That my anger will bring the wrath of God down upon me? That He hates divorce? (Mal 2:16) That the Bible recognizes only one kind of marriage as valid and every kind of sexual relationship before or outside of marriage as sinful?

When the voice of temptation whispers insinuations into our ears, we need to listen for the voice of God, which comes to us with unmistakable clarity in the commands in His Word. Instead of allowing the voice of the enemy into our

hearts, let us for love of God accept the challenge of His commands. When we are moved by love to do what God says, we become united with the will of God and so with God Himself—the deepest of unions. (Jn 14:23)

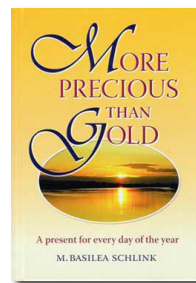
In this age of widespread apostasy and lawlessness predicted by Jesus in Matthew 24, what difference does it make whether we obey God's moral order or not? In the history of Christianity it has never been so drastically evident where contempt for God's commands leads. Death is at the end of the road. Drugs and sexually transmitted diseases have imprinted the mark of death on millions. The suicide rate continues to soar. Violence, terrorism and murder are rampant. And God grieves, His heart filled with pain. His commands were given for our well-being in body and soul—yet people reject them, and so continue to head for death and destruction. The result is widespread misery and breakdown in personal, family, and national life.

Today the consequences of not taking God's commands seriously are glaringly obvious. These are not normal times. The apocalyptic age has begun. The conflict between good and evil is reaching a climax. On the one side is the lawless one, whose forerunners are already dominating the world. On the other side are those who keep the

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commands of God. In this apocalyptic age good and evil each take on distinct, recognizable features. Today it is impossible to be neutral. When we opt out of God's kingdom rule, we come under the dominion of Satan. Either we belong to God and His followers, who consider His commands as binding, or else we belong to the lawless one, whose followers discard them as irrelevant.

Jesus says, "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me." (Jn 14:21 NIV) Honoring God in everyday life by keeping His commands actually helps to curb the powers of darkness that are so active in our times. Something of God's rule of love becomes visible and powerful among us.



MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD
M. Basilea Schlink

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“IRON SHARPENS IRON” MEN’S CONFERENCES IN 45 CITIES TO LAUNCH FEB. 21

★ WEST HARTFORD, CT – One-day men’s equipping conferences will convene in 45 cities across the U.S. in 2009. The first five will convene Feb. 21 in Nebraska, Florida, Vermont, California and on Feb. 28 in Virginia. For men of all ages (13 and older). Register with the men of your church. For details visit www.IronSharpensIron.net.

SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY FEB. 25 – APR. 5

★ AUSTIN, TX – The annual “Seek God for the City” Lenten “Forty Days to Palm Sunday” begins Feb. 25. This call to “pray great things in desperate times” is on biblical hope, seeking the face of God, and seeking His Kingdom. A 64-page daily prayer guide is available for \$3.00 each from WayMakers, Box 203131, Austin, TX 78720; call 800-264-5214; visit www.waymakers.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2009 STARTS FEB. 25

★ COLLEGE STATION, TX – Pre-election vigils were conducted in more than 175 communities in 47 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa and two Canadian provinces. For 40 days, people of faith and conscience prayed, fasted, held peaceful vigils outside abortion facilities, and conducted grass roots pro-life outreach. Tens of thousands participated in this history-making initiative. Many abortion clinics cut back hours or closed for entire days during 40 Days for Life.” The next national campaign begins February 25. Visit www.40daysforlife.com.

MAJOR BIOBANK LAUNCHES IN U.S.

OAKLAND, CA – The California-based health-care provider, Kaiser Permanente (KP), has received a grant of \$8.6 million from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, NJ, to collect DNA specimens from 200,000 enrolled in KP plans. (CBHD 12/31/08)

TEXANS BOOT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

★ AMARILLO, TX – It took pro-lifers in the Texas Panhandle 12 years to effectively pray and battle to close 19 Planned Parenthood (PP) abortuaries in their region, but as of Dec. 31, 2008 all PP clinics had ceased operations. Two remaining clinics in Amarillo have dis-affiliated with PP. The state reduced funding to PP and continuing strategy by Stopp International (www.stopp.org) proved effective. (ONN ALL 12/30/08)

RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE PROTECTED

★ WASHINGTON, DC – President Bush and HHS Secretary Leavitt issued federal regulations in December to protect the right of all health care providers, and patients, to make professional judgments and decisions based on moral convictions and ethical standards, such as not participating in abortion. These regulations, unless overturned by the Obama Administration, will implement conscience protections that have been embodied in U.S. statutes for over three decades. (FRC 12/18/08)

U.S. DEFENDS BIBLICAL MARRIAGE AT UN

★ NEW YORK, NY – Bush Administration ambassadors at the UN refused to sign a UN declaration promoted by France and designed to create two new categories in human rights, one based on sexual orientation and the other on gender identity. In all, 67 nations signed the moral statement intended to legalize homosexual marriage worldwide. (ONN C-FAM 12/26/08)

In America Today...



Dr. Joseph E. Lowery

Dr. Rick Warren

BIBLICAL vs. SAME-SEX MARRIAGE DEBATE AND DIVIDE WIDEN

CHICAGO, IL – Angry protests against Barack Obama erupted from the ranks of homosexual activists when he announced his selection of Pastor Rick Warren, a non-denominational evangelical, to pray the Invocation at his Inauguration. Pastor Warren had openly supported passage of Proposition 8 which banned same-sex marriage in California.

Pastor Warren’s Saddleback Church posted their position that Scripture prohibits sex outside of marriage, and that gays “unwilling to repent of their homosexual lifestyle would not be accepted” as members of Saddleback. Warren has stated that he will not oppose gay partnerships, and that he would work with gays on issues of common concern. Some Christian leaders approve of Warren’s dual-posture of opposing homosexual practice while “loving your enemies,” but other leaders denounce him as a compromised “false prophet” who is “unequally yoked.”

Obama countered by asking Rev. Joseph Lowery, a Methodist civil rights pioneer, an open champion of homosexual rights and an advocate of civil unions, but not of same-sex marriage, to pray a Benediction at his Inauguration. Obama said he wanted the event to reflect diverse views and insisted he remains a “fierce advocate” of equal rights for practicing homosexuals.

In his campaign Obama said he personally sees marriage as “the union of a man and a woman,” but said he would not support a constitutional amendment to uphold that definition. He also advocates repeal of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act. (AJC 12/17/08 ONN 12/24/08 DJ 12/31/08)

HOMICIDES DROP IN MAJOR U.S. CITIES

★ MILWAUKEE, WI – Murders dropped 32 percent in Milwaukee in 2008. While New York and Chicago saw increases last year, other cities including Detroit, Cleveland, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Los Angeles had fewer violent deaths than in 2007. Unofficial figures released by 25 of 52 police departments in cities with populations over 350,000 showed 15 of the 25 had fewer slayings last year than in 2007. (AP 1/3/09)

PRAY IN-DEPTH FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA

★ SCOTTSDALE, AZ – Gary Bergel of IFA and John Lind of The Presidential Prayer Team (PPT) are dialoguing, and covet your prayers, as they and other leaders seek the Lord for ways of collaboration to better pray in-depth for the President and Administration officials. You are invited to visit the PPT Web site at www.presidentialprayerteam.org and “track in prayer” for President Obama on a daily basis as he travels, for other administration officials, etc. You can also “Adopt Our Troops” and pray in strategic ways for the military. IFA’s popular “Top 130 U.S. Officials” bookmark is available in bulk quantities for distribution in your local church and prayer group.

PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNED TRAFFICKING VICTIMS REAUTHORIZATION

★ WASHINGTON DC – On December 23, President Bush signed into law the reauthorization of a bill that enhances measures to combat human trafficking. H.R. 7311, the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008. The bill, H.R. 7311, was passed by voice vote in the House and unanimous consent in the Senate on December 10. It authorizes appropriations for FY 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and directs the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense to incorporate anti-trafficking and protection measures for vulnerable populations, particularly women and children, into their post-conflict and humanitarian emergency assistance activities. The bill had been a priority issue for President George W. Bush. (12/23/08 ICE)

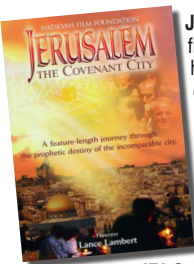
ALIYAH TO ISRAEL NUMBERED 16,500

★ New York, NY – The Jewish Agency to Israel announced that over 16,500 new immigrants moved to Israel, made Aliyah, in 2008; 500 arrived in the final weeks of the year. Of the 3,150 who made Aliyah from North America, 2,750 were from the United States and 400 from Canada. Operation Exodus of the Ebenezer Emergency Fund and other agencies help the Jewish people fulfill biblical prophecy and return to the land of Israel. To learn more, pray or assist Jews returning to Israel visit www.ebenezerusa.org.

JUST PRAY NO TO DRUGS APRIL 18-19

Global Anti-drug Day of Prayer | www.justprayno.org

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JERUSALEM: THE COVENANT CITY by Lance Lambert / Hugh Kitson – Why do world leaders wage war for the Temple Mount and rage over “the final status” of Jerusalem? Part 1 of “Jerusalem: The Covenant City” traces the prophetic history of the Holy City. Part 2 explores what the Bible has to say about Jerusalem’s present and future destiny. We discover that as we move into the third millennium of the Christian era, the destiny of the whole world hinges upon the destiny of Jerusalem and the nation of Israel. This 108-minute documentary will bring you a memorable message of challenge and hope. Order IFA Item #DV046, \$15.95 + \$3.50 shipping. Credit card orders toll-free 1-800-872-7729 or via IFA’s secure eBookstore www.ifabooks.com.

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“For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” —Ephesians 6:12 RSV