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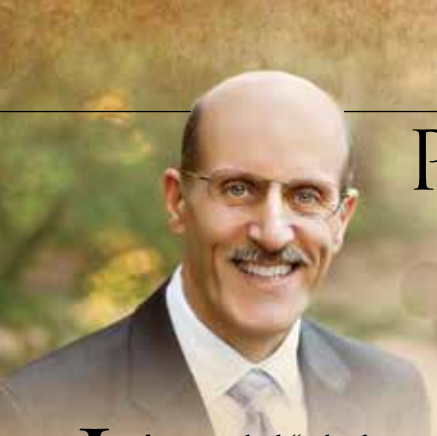
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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

I often get asked, “Why does Amazing Facts spend so much time teaching Bible prophecy? Aren’t there more important things to talk about?”

Well, it depends on where you’re coming from. Prophecy is much more than simply knowing the future. The purpose of prophecy is not really about when to run for the hills, hoarding food, or hiding in a bunker while you wait for the end.

Instead, prophecy, especially fulfilled prophecy, strengthens our confidence in God’s Word and faith in Christ. Jesus said, “Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he” (John 13:19).

It is vital to our Christian experience because it empowers us to inspire others with God’s omniscient knowledge and, in turn, helps right the ship of those sailing off course.

It also keeps us safe by fighting deception. “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 is saying we need to watch out for false prophets; one way to do that is to know what the Bible really says about prophecy. And, of course,

don’t forget that in Revelation 1:3, the Bible promises a special blessing upon those who study prophecy.

But another practical reason to teach prophecy is that so many souls are concerned about their future. They want to know there is a bigger plan and that life isn’t some giant cosmic catastrophe. I like to tell seekers, “If you don’t want to feel helpless,

believe that God knows and guides your future.”

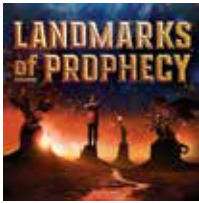
This is one big reason why we’re presenting a new Bible study series beginning in October, *Landmarks of Prophecy*, which you’ll read more about in this issue of *Inside Report*. I’m really excited about this special

event. It’s coming at a crucial moment in history, so I ask and hope it’s something you’ll pray about and participate in. We need you!

Finally, the ultimate message of prophecy is redemptive. All prophecy points to Jesus Christ and His salvation. It shows God’s Word will never fail, that His plan for your life can be trusted. “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away” (Luke 21:33). You can bank your life on Him, especially as you go out to tell others of His wondrous power. —



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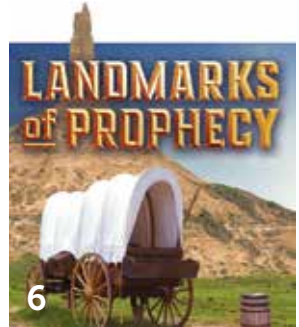
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### WAKING UP

"My husband and I watched the pope video from Pastor Doug after someone posted it on Facebook. It really impacted me dramatically! I realized afresh the urgency of pressing on—how else will the average person discern such spiritual deception? Thank you, Amazing Facts, for this timely wake-up call that many have become so lackadaisical about! ... The deception is going to hit us suddenly. I pray, 'Lord, wake us up!'" *Angeline, email*

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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"Wow! Thanks so much, Amazing Facts. I have recently realized that I need God's help to have my mind reconditioned; this article just helped me to truly see the importance of it. It's so amazing how great God is and what He can't wait to do for us. Lord, help us to trust you!"

*Dianna, web comment*



## CORNERSTONE FOR WITNESSING

"I just watched your *Revelation: The Bride, the Beast & Babylon* DVD. Truly amazing. Very well done and very informative. Thank you for this, as it will be a cornerstone for many who want to have a better understanding of the book of Revelation and how it applies to today's headlines."

*Mickey, email*



## A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Your work truly comes from the Holy Spirit. It was God's providence for me to get to know your website and all your programs. Many times, He answered my prayers through your program. Many times, He has touched my heart and showed me His ways. . . . Thank you so much and always keep focused on Jesus. Continue on and don't be discouraged, for the Lord is your shield and strength." *Ana, New Jersey*

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# LANDMARKS of PROPHECY

BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

**An Amazing Fact:** *The Oregon Trail was forged by fur trappers and traders beginning in about 1811 and was at first only passable on foot or by horseback. By 1836, when the first migrant wagon train was organized in Independence, Missouri, a wagon trail had been cleared to Fort Hall, Idaho. The wagon trail was cleared farther and farther west, eventually reaching all the way to Willamette Valley in Oregon.*

**It's** estimated that between 1834 and 1869, about 400,000 pioneers and migrants traveled to the bountiful lands of the western United States via the famous Oregon Trail. Most actually walked the 2,200-mile historic route, at times even pushing their overloaded wagons.

The journey was brutal, and many died along the way.

Crucial to a successful trip was sticking to the trail. Back then, there were no clearly placed highway signs marking the route! Natural landmarks were enormously vital. Taking a wrong turn, which many did, while crossing the vast "American Desert," could easily lead to disaster and death.

The most famous landmark on the Oregon Trail was Chimney Rock. The 325-foot spire in Western Nebraska stood at the end of the prairielands and marked the transition into more rugged terrain.

Pioneers were fascinated by this natural wonder and even wrote songs about it.

Similarly,  
the Bible



also provides us with many *prophetic landmarks* to safely guide us through history to the heavenly Promised Land. A wrong turn on this trip can lead us to a distorted picture of God and leave us unprepared for what is soon coming on this world. Yet for those who carefully study these landmarks in prophecy, they can know with certainty that the Bible is a *trustworthy* map. Just as Chimney Rock marked a major transition on the Oregon Trail, prophecy tells us we are now at a turning point in history.

Let's take a moment to fly over some highpoints on this prophetic path and consider some past landmarks of prophecy in light of those we can see today, and what is still to come.

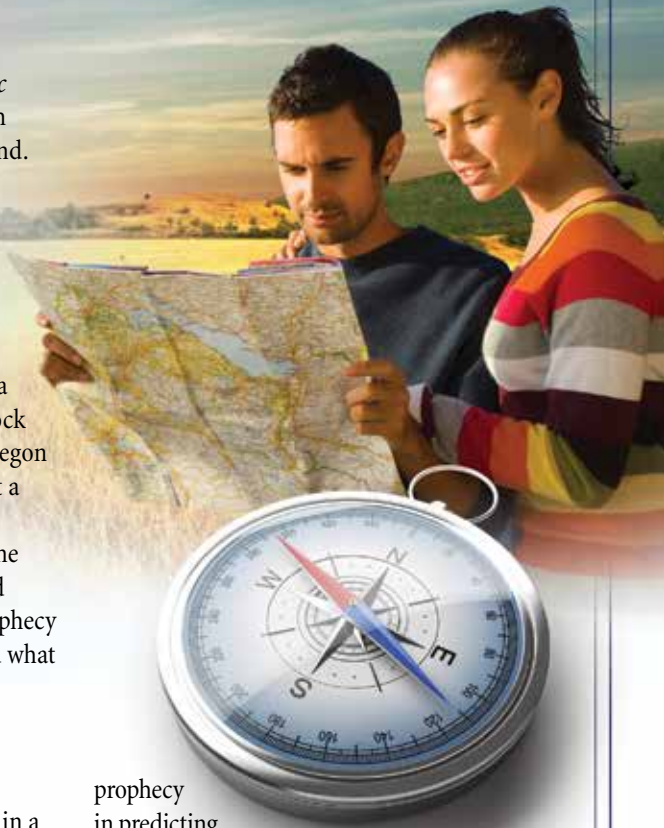
## Past Prophetic Landmarks

The Bible's most comprehensive panorama of prophecy was revealed in a dream given to a king of ancient Babylon. God helped a Jewish prophet, named Daniel, interpret the leader's divinely crafted dream. The vision covered the rise and fall of empires from Daniel's day until Christ's return. Using the symbol of a colossal statue of a man made of varying metals, the Lord revealed the rise and fall of five world empires. It was predicted that the last earthly kingdom would be divided until replaced by God's own glorious kingdom, one that would stand forever.

History has unquestionably confirmed these five nations coming and going. The prophetic landmarks in Daniel 2 strongly establish the trustworthy nature of Bible

prophecy in predicting the future. Babylon, symbolized by a head of gold, reigned from 612–539 BC. Medo-Persia, represented by a chest of silver, followed from 538–331 BC. Then arose Greece, the belly and thighs of bronze (331–168 BC), followed by the iron legs of Rome (168 BC–AD 476). The feet of iron and clay represented the last world empire, which reaches from AD 476 to our day.

Building on this prophecy, we discover deeper insights into the coming Messiah spoken of in Daniel 9. The predictions were very accurately calculated and pointed to Jesus' baptism, crucifixion, and the launching of the gospel to the Gentiles. We find elsewhere in the Old Testament



hundreds of other predictions regarding the birth of Jesus, His mission, and even details about His betrayal and death. All of these are extremely accurate prophetic landmarks we can set our watches to!

Like a set of keys opening a series of doors to the future, the prophecies in Daniel 9 help us to understand the longest prophecy in the entire Bible, found in Daniel 8. It stretched 2,300 years from the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile (457 BC) all the way to the time when Christ entered into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary (AD 1844) and launched His final message to humanity before returning to earth.

We can look back on these sure landmarks in Scripture and trust God's Word on present

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landmarks.

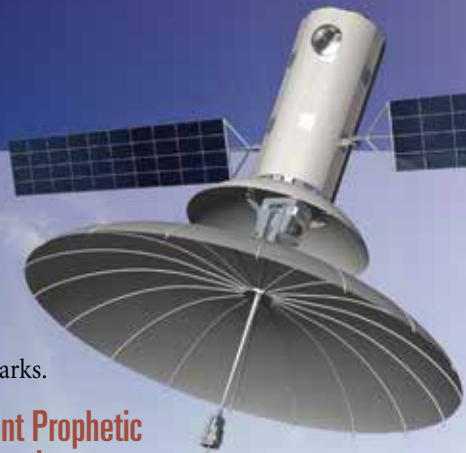
## Present Prophetic Landmarks

Past prophecies assure us we are nearing the second coming of Christ. But Jesus gave extra prophetic clues to the times before His return. Signs would be revealed in the natural world—with major earthquakes and tsunamis, like the ones we're seeing today (Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:25).

In the religious world, the Bible foretold a great awakening in prophecy before the coming of Christ. Beginning in the late 1700s, worldwide interest grew in understanding the Bible books of Daniel and Revelation. Enormous effort was focused on spreading the gospel to the world in fulfillment of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14.

We currently see prophetic landmarks all around us. Jesus predicted there would be a suppression of religious freedom and an increase in wickedness across the globe (Matthew 24:12), numerous wars and rumors of wars (vv. 6, 7), and a rise in false religious teachers (vv. 4, 5). The apostle Paul also pointed to moral decadence (2 Timothy 3:1–4). Do you believe these signs are being fulfilled in our day?

People would also have serious economic challenges (James 5:1–5) and be overwhelmed by the cares of life (Luke 21:34). Most convincing of all was Jesus' promise that the gospel would penetrate into all the world and then the end would come





(Matthew 24:14). Today, with satellite TV and the Internet, the message of the gospel is reaching into every corner of the globe through ministries like Amazing Facts.

Certainly we can look around us and see that these signs are being rapidly fulfilled. But what about future prophetic landmarks?

## Future Prophetic Landmarks

The Bible predicts that before Jesus returns, we'll see a false religious authority arise (Revelation 13:1). This beast-power once ruled the earth and was wounded. However, "his deadly wound was healed" (v. 3) and now "all the world marveled and followed the beast" (NKJV). It would join hands with another beast-power and seek to enforce religious laws in order to crush out God's people (vv. 15–17).


Scripture foretold that a faithful remnant of Christ's followers—those who "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12)—would be protected during the final plagues and calamities to fall on the earth (Revelation 16). Then the false religious system would collapse and Christ would come.

When Jesus comes, the greatest prophetic landmark in history, every eye will see Him (Revelation 1:7). At that time, the

righteous will be clothed with immortality (1 Corinthians 15:51–54). The unrighteous will cry for the rocks to fall upon them (Revelation 6:14–17). God's people will be taken to heaven to reign for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4). Then Satan will be loosed (v. 7) and lead the resurrected wicked in a futile attempt to attack and overthrow God and His people. After this, they will be judged and completely destroyed (v. 9) and, on the ashes of this purified planet, God will create a new earth (Revelation 21:1–3).

## What It Means

Like emigrants on a march to a heavenly land, God's people are traveling through this world to a much better place. To guide us on our journey, the Lord has provided prophetic landmarks to encourage us to continue in the right direction.

We don't need to be afraid. Like Chimney Rock to the early American pioneers, we can recognize these fulfillments of truth and know with certainty that we are on the right trail and will soon reach the beautiful valleys of Canaan. Sure, rugged pathways lie ahead, but God is with you every step of the way. 



# LANDMARKS of PROPHECY

## AN EPIC BIBLE STUDY ADVENTURE

If you asked a complete stranger in a grocery checkout line, “What do you think about the condition of the world today?” most would tell you it seems as if nature and society are going absolutely berserk. Who can deny that global violence, natural disasters, economic and political chaos, and immorality are exacting a heavy toll on our planet?

What they might not be able to tell you is the why—or they could even give you a distorted picture of Bible prophecy.

That’s why, beginning October 31, 2014, Amazing Facts and Pastor Doug Batchelor will present the 21-part *Landmarks of Prophecy: An Epic Bible Study Adventure*. It’s been nearly a decade since our last major evangelistic prophecy event in North America, and souls around the world are primed to hear the answers that will lead them to salvation and God’s eternal kingdom.


Amazing Facts and you need to be there for them before they are deceived by the lies of the world. And Pastor Doug believes the timing is perfect for a major outreach event on this scale. “With all that’s happening in the religious and political world, including the growing popularity and influence of

Pope Francis, we need to show as many souls as possible that the messages of the three angels are all coming into sharp focus in ways we’ve never seen before.”

Through an eye-opening study of historic events and stunning Bible truths, Pastor Doug will reveal why the Bible is a dependable source for answers to life’s most difficult questions. He’ll also show how God has laid down prophetic landmarks so that we can know where we stand in history—and how people can find salvation in Jesus.

While broadcast live from Albuquerque, New Mexico, *Landmarks of Prophecy* will share the last-day message in a new and expansive way. It’s going to be a powerful, multiplatform event available locally, nationally, and globally through new satellite and web technologies.

It’s a brand-new outreach strategy, and we need your support to make it happen. Says Pastor Doug, “I’m personally asking our friends to be a part of *Landmarks* in a special way. I believe you and your friends will discover something new, something bold, that could change lives for eternity!”

To learn where and how to watch and participate in *Landmarks of Prophecy*, please turn to page 12! 



# LANDMARKS of PROPHECY

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS



# OCT. 31

**Join Pastor Doug Batchelor** in person for this live event, as he delves into the Word of God to offer clear and inspiring insight into the big prophetic events that lay just ahead—and the practical tools you need to thrive in the here and now!

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# Join the Global Movement!

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN

# LANDMARKS of PROPHECY

*Landmarks of Prophecy* will be using the latest in media technology to help hundreds of thousands of people delve into God's Word and hear clear answers to today's most pressing questions. But we simply can't do it all without your committed support and willingness to be part of this global effort to inform and to save.

Will you commit now? Joining is as simple as *Decide, Prepare, and Go!*

### Step 1: DECIDE

You've heard about *Landmarks of Prophecy*. You might already know that listening to Pastor Doug Batchelor teach Bible truth can be moving and inspiring. But even if you are familiar with some of these prophecies, you'll certainly learn something new. Now it's time to prayerfully say, "Count me in. I'm going to attend. I will watch this series."

Reinforce your choice by marking your calendar (starts October 31) and telling a few friends. Don't let details get in your way. We'll talk about that next. If you feel convicted in your heart that connecting to these meetings is a good thing for God's

kingdom, then tell the Lord,

"I want to learn more about prophecy and share this experience with others!"



### Step 2: PREPARE

There are two decisions for participating in *Landmarks of Prophecy*. The first is *how* you will watch the series. The second is *where* you will watch the event.

**How to Watch.** The *Landmarks of Prophecy* event is a multi-platform presentation. That means you can enjoy the series in several different ways:

► **Attend the live event.** If you're going to be in the Albuquerque area, we're asking you to *personally attend* the free meetings at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel, 5151 San Francisco Road NE. Your presence will make a huge impact on us and others! The meetings begin each night at 7:00 PM. Please let us know you're coming so we can reserve your seat ahead of time at [www.landmarksofprophecy.com](http://www.landmarksofprophecy.com).



► **Watch the program on satellite.** If you are a regular viewer of AFTV or 3ABN, you can tune in to the program through your satellite dish. It will be shown at 7:00 PM MT and be rebroadcast an hour later (7:00 PM PT).



- **Watch online.** You can live stream the program to your computer, tablet, or smartphone and watch it anywhere you have an Internet connection. Just go to [www.aftv.org](http://www.aftv.org) or [www.youtube.com/amazingfacts](http://www.youtube.com/amazingfacts). Many people hook up to a large monitor or big screen so it's easier for more people to watch!



**Where to Watch.** Again, if you live in the Albuquerque area, please join the live event in person. You'll see Pastor Doug in person, and your presence will be a big boost to him and our staff. Yes, you are that vital to the local event, so please come. Amazing Facts has also made it easy for anyone to participate through the air or online!

- **CHURCHES.** Let this be your church's big annual outreach event! Whether you meet in a church building or a public place, all the resources you need for advertising, inviting friends, watching the series, and other handouts are available at [www.landmarksofprophecy.com](http://www.landmarksofprophecy.com). Ask your pastor and church board for their support and the resources you need to lead your community to Jesus Christ.

- **HOMES.** Turn your house into a meeting hall and invite your friends and neighbors. People are much more likely to respond to a personal invitation from someone they know. Print off brochures and hand them out. Jot your name, address, phone number, and email so people can contact you if they have questions. Create a warm atmosphere and serve some light refreshments.

- **OFFICES AND BEYOND.** Our marketing director, Dean Dennis, hosted an Amazing Facts prophecy series in his office at a former workplace. Fellow workers attended during their lunch hour. Some of his friends even gave their hearts to Christ! There are innumerable ways to enjoy *Landmarks of Prophecy*—be creative and make the decision to act. This could be our last big chance to reach our friends and neighbors.



## Step 3: GO!

**Never Watch Alone.** Like when you go on a vacation, going with others makes the trip more enjoyable! So be sure to watch or attend *Landmarks of Prophecy* with a family or friend. It's a great way to share your faith and let Pastor Doug do all the talking!

**Lots of Free Resources.** We've created tons of resources to help you in advertising, printing, sharing, and connecting to *Landmarks of Prophecy*. Visit [www.landmarksofprophecy.com](http://www.landmarksofprophecy.com) to download posters, bulletin inserts,

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# AMAZING FACTS OVERSEAS



## Did you know

Amazing Facts has full-time overseas missionaries? We're working to share the three angels' messages in places like the Philippines, India, Indonesia, and China, making incredible in-roads in the name of Jesus through Bible and outreach training, publishing, and Internet evangelism.

For instance, because of your support, they're working hard to train and mentor Bible students studying at one of our many worldwide Centers of Evangelism. In this report, you'll love seeing how your generous gifts and prayers are making a huge difference around the world through Amazing Facts' international outreach efforts!

### God's Army Growing in the Philippines



Pastor Lowell Hargreaves, director of the Philippines Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (PAFCOE), shares that 80 more students have recently graduated from our Bible and outreach training. Pastor Ted Wilson, who was in Manila for a two-week outreach effort, delivered the commencement

address, challenging PAFCOE graduates to "dream big" in their future plans for service and soul-winning.


Graduates and students then assisted Pastor Wilson in a huge outreach event to the Metro-Manila area. Called HOPE Manila 2014 iCare, it consisted of more than 120



evangelistic meetings, 55 of which were conducted by PAFCOE students and staff. Thousands were baptized as a result of this huge soul-winning effort by the world church, local congregations, and PAFCOE.

This past March, another group of 45 lay-preachers learned the principles of public evangelism at PAFCOE. These laymen have





regular jobs during the week but are active in preaching and were anxious to sharpen their soul-winning skills. One layman said, “I never wanted to be an evangelist. But praise God, I am enjoying every minute of it despite the devil’s discouragements.”

This is a common experience for students taking part in PAFCOE, explains Pastor Hargreaves. “They get infected with the love of soul-winning, which is why we insist on our students doing their own prophecy series as part of their graduation and on-the-job training requirements. After that ‘taste’ of seeing souls baptized as the result of their personal efforts, most PAFCOE graduates never go back to



being a ‘normal’ or ‘nominal’ inactive church member. PAFCOE is building up an ‘army’ of evangelists that are spreading out to South-east Asia and beyond!”

### **AFCOE India Strives for Souls**



Zac Williams serves as the assistant director of AFCOE India with his wife, Junu, who is the center’s health education teacher. Originally from Manila, Arkansas, Zac serves as the treasurer and coordinator for all of our outreach and evangelism events in India. He also teaches several Bible classes for our AFCOE India program.

The two have been in India on behalf of Amazing Facts for nearly two years, helping to spread the gospel to a land that birthed four world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. It’s a country that struggles with poverty, corruption, malnutrition, inadequate health care, and even terrorism.

One of their greatest challenges, however, is finding and training workers to do follow-up



Bible studies. Many church members lack the proper skills to do effective evangelistic work, but our work in India is changing that. AFCOE India sends new trainees into neighborhoods to conduct door-to-door surveys and give out *The Great Controversy*. The teams have had great success in terms of positive responses. In two recent efforts, the team received more than 50 Bible study requests!

Zac and Junu are working and praying for God to help raise up even more locals



to carry the message forward. Zac says, “The openness we see among the people of India makes me believe the Holy Spirit is being poured out on this great land.”

## A Soul at a Time in Indonesia



David and Melissa Young joined the Amazing Facts team at AFCOE Indonesia in October 2012 and share this report: “We are dedicated to equipping gospel workers for public and personal evangelism. We are presently training another incredible group of sacrificial Bible workers. It is satisfying to see our students grasp the essentials of outreach and apply it to those they meet.

“One graduate named Melya is a young lady from Manado who is making an impact in the heart of a local Muslim. Esther and Rasitha are conducting Bible studies with three men from the Indonesian Air Force who heard about the Sabbath while overseas. Their group has now grown to five. Atty is a student from our first AFCOE class who was baptized and is now giving a Bible study to friends. The stories from our students bring us joy, and their success is our success!

“The challenge in Indonesia is how to effectively reach Muslims without raising prejudice. Many years ago, we trained to do outreach work in a Christian country, pleading with the Holy Spirit to help us know how to adapt our methods to effectively train students in Indonesia.

“One way we create this interest is by working closely with a free Christian health clinic. Our students refer seekers to

this clinic, which is effective at building friendships and trust with the community. We are also translating Muslim-friendly tracts for our Bible workers to share when presenting the gospel to contacts.”

## The Gospel in China

With more than 1.35 billion people, China is the most populous country in the world. While that’s an overwhelming mission field, Amazing Facts missionaries Steven and Shelly\* rise to the challenge and boldly share the gospel message in a



communist country that is often intolerant to religious activity. They came in 2008 with a dream to share Amazing Facts resources with the Chinese.

Today they have two websites sharing the three angels’ messages, [qimiaozenxiang.com](http://qimiaozenxiang.com) (Chinese Amazing Facts website) and [anxiri.com](http://anxiri.com) (Chinese Sabbath Truth website). Since going online, these sites have shared precious truth with more than a million visitors!

Steven and Shelly have also helped translate and print 15,000 Amazing Facts

Bible Study Guides and 30,000 pocket sermon booklets, along with 62 Amazing Facts programs for TV in Mandarin and 32 in Cantonese. These videos have been watched more than five million times online.

Steven also shares, “We are one of the first foreign Christian media ministries that are working in China.” One of the most exciting openings came this spring when Pastor Doug Batchelor was given permission by the Christian Council and Religious Bureau to hold 15 evangelistic meetings in a large city that resulted in 180 baptisms. He was the first foreign pastor given this privilege since 1959.

Steven concludes, “You might not be able to go to a communist country like China and serve God there in person, but your prayers and financial support make it possible for us to go and serve in your place. Thank you for your sacrifice and faithful gifts.”

## More Work to Accomplish

Believing that the gospel is a global work, Amazing Facts remains committed to sharing the good news wherever God calls us to go—even to distant lands. This means a greater level of investment in finding staff abroad willing to risk it all for the glory of Jesus. Please continue to support this work and know that you’re making a difference in houses and hearts halfway around the globe! 📖

\*We’ve used pseudonyms to protect our work in China.



# BIBLE ANSWERS WITH DOUG BATCHELOR



## Q. Is the battle of Armageddon only a spiritual idea?

**A.** *“They gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon” (Revelation 16:16).*

The word “Armageddon” is something of a mystery, appearing only in this verse and nowhere else in Greek literature. It likely refers to the many battles in Israel’s history centering around the mountain of Megiddo. This is also the location of Mt. Carmel, where Elijah had his famous showdown with the prophets of Baal.


Contrary to what most people believe, the battle of Armageddon is not a typical war between political powers—such as Russia, China, and Israel. Instead, it is the final battle between Christ and Satan and their respective followers.

The first phase of Armageddon is detailed in Revelation 12:17, when the dragon makes war with the woman: “The dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God” (NKJV). The ultimate conclusion of this battle takes place at the end of the 1,000 years, when the devil rallies “Gog and Magog,” a symbolic name for the enemies of God’s people, to attack the holy city (Revelation 20:8).

I believe that Satan will, someday soon, impersonate Christ and encourage the world to worship the beast. Revelation reveals several ways in which he will deceive the world through false representations.

Bible writers warned about these deceptions. Jesus said, “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive” (Matthew 24:24). The apostle Paul warned us many times not to be deceived (1 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 5:6). Such preparation for Armageddon, to stand firm in the face of deception, needs to take place within our hearts now, not when the final events are already in full swing.

Thoughts of Armageddon should really focus us on a relationship with the Savior. Tanks, guns, or a bunker

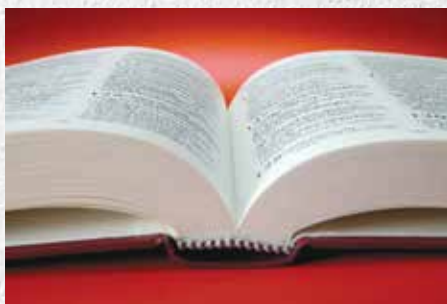
stocked with food will not protect us. We need to be clothed in the armor of Jesus' righteousness. Then we will prevail even in the face of a death decree given to those who keep God's commandments. 

## Q. What is the "abomination of desolation"?


**A.** *"When you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place ... then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains" (Matthew 24:15, 16 NKJV).* Jesus' comments regarding the "abomination of desolation" come as a response to two questions from the disciples—first, about the destruction of the Hebrew temple, when there would not be left one stone upon another; second, about the signs of His coming and the end of the age (Matthew 24:3). Christ then speaks of this abomination, saying, "There will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be" (v. 21).

Jesus tells us directly that to understand this subject, we must go back to Daniel the prophet. Daniel 8:13 speaks of "the vision ... concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot."

The first fulfillment of the desolation happened when Roman armies destroyed the

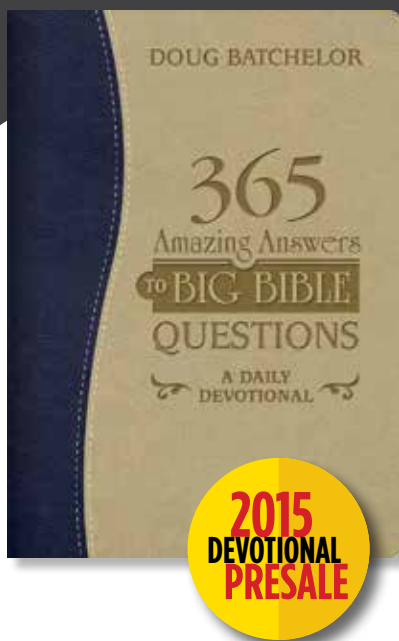


Jewish temple in AD 70. This is why Jesus says in Luke 21:20, 21, "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains" (NKJV). This brought tribulation to the Jewish people. In fact, Jesus uses the same words as Daniel: "Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Luke 21:24 NKJV).

The final desolation spoken of by Jesus and first mentioned by Daniel (8:13; 11:31; 12:11) speaks of the rise of an evil religious power that will, at the end of time, bring desolation into God's church, His spiritual temple, mingling paganism with Christianity. Just as God gave early Christians a warning to flee Jerusalem, so at the end of time, the Lord gives us a similar warning to come out of Babylon or receive of her plagues. When a corrupt world church unites with worldly powers, we know the time of the end is at hand. Like the apostles, we might need to flee to more desolate places before the great tribulation begins. 

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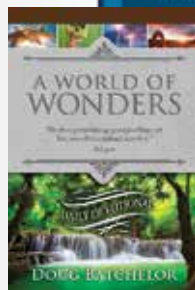
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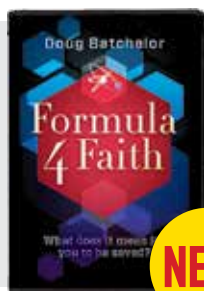


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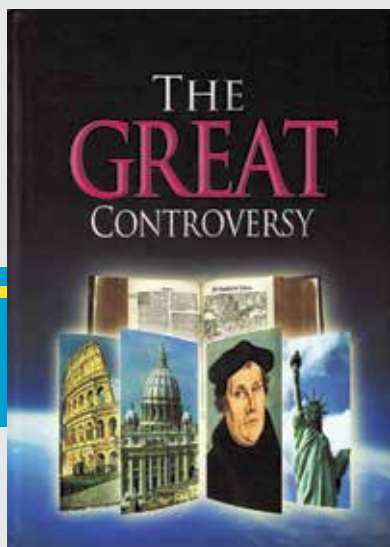


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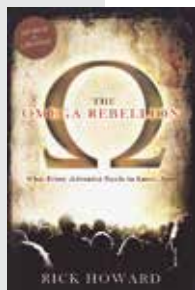
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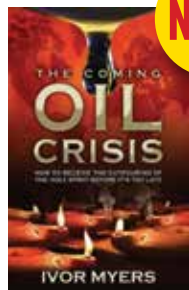
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# NEWS to NOTE

## Amazing Facts of Faith

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Hosted on our YouTube channel, the first program featured the hummingbird, a tiny creature that needs to eat at least half its body weight each day to survive. Pastor Doug then winsomely tied the lesson into a spiritual truth about the power of studying God's Word.

Wayne Leman, creative director at Amazing Facts, says, "With these videos, we're able to reach all kinds of people not

open to spiritual subjects. In a natural, friendly way, we can open their minds with interesting knowledge and then inspire them with a spiritual message."

Each video is relatively inexpensive to produce, taking only half-an-hour to shoot and a day of post-production. Yet the effort will

allow us to reach a massive new audience and introduce them to the wealth of spiritual knowledge available at Amazing Facts.

New episodes about ultra-marathoners and the brightest manmade light in the world are already shot and are now in post-production, so be on the lookout for these new entries in the near future. To ensure you don't miss them, subscribe to our Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube pages! Of course, none of this innovative evangelism is possible without you. Thank you for your compassionate support!



## New Sabbath School Program

After 18 years at Sacramento Central, Amazing Facts has launched a new Sabbath school program hosted by Pastor Doug. The program, not yet named, will debut on October 4 on AFTV, [www.amazingfacts.org](http://www.amazingfacts.org), and YouTube! Stay tuned for more details soon!



## Amazing Facts Media Recognized

Amazing Facts is honored to have received the 2014 NRB Media Award for Best National Television Commercial for the *Amazing Facts Prophecy Study Bible* at the NRB 2014 International Christian Media Convention in Nashville. It was accepted by Doug Batchelor, president of Amazing Facts, and Brian Bazemore, director of broadcast productions. While we give all the glory to God, awards like these help put the spotlight on the ministry and raise awareness of the three angels' messages!

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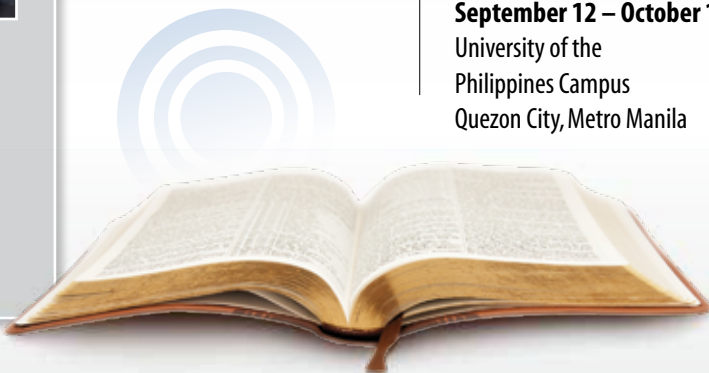
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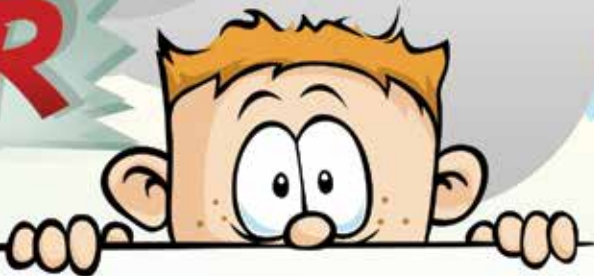
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# AMAZING ADVENTURES IN THE BIBLE

## FEAR

BY LAURIE LYON



People of all ages can suffer from abnormal fears called “phobias”—fears that they don’t have a good reason to have. There are hundreds of different kinds of phobias, and a few of the stranger ones are:

- Alektorophobia—fear of chickens
- Chronomentrophobia—fear of clocks
- Didaskaleinophobia—fear of going to school (okay, this one’s not too strange!)
- Pogonophobia—fear of long beards
- Xanthophobia—fear of the color yellow 
- Anablephobia—fear of looking up
- Phobophobia—fear of phobias
- Hippopotomonstrosesquipedalophobia—the fear of long words (scary word, huh?)

Have you ever been afraid? It’s kind of a silly question, isn’t it? Even without phobias, we’ve all been afraid at times. Let’s

face it: From thefts, violence, accidents, wars, and diseases to earthquakes, tornadoes, famines, tsunamis, wildfires, and more, sometimes the things that happen in our world can be pretty scary!

Did you know that Jesus talked about some of the things that would happen before He comes back for us—some of them are even in the list just mentioned? He could warn us about what’s in the future because He knows about everything that is going to happen. For one thing, He told His disciples there would be a lot of wars. He also said

there would be “famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places” (Matthew 24:7).

Jesus knew that all this might sound scary to His followers, so He also told them not to let these things worry them (see verse 6). But


how can we not worry when bad things happen? What can keep us from being afraid?

Well, the Bible tells us the Lord “rules over the nations” (Psalm 22:28), and “our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases He



does, in heaven and in earth” (Psalm 135:5, 6). That means even when bad things happen, God is still in control!

Another reason we shouldn’t be afraid is that Jesus promises: “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). He also says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). Aren’t you glad He always keeps His promises? That means if we trust in Him, Jesus really is beside us every minute of every day—no matter what happens around us!

It can be upsetting and sad to see bad things happen, but the good news is that we don’t need to be afraid because Jesus will always be with us. And, remember, He has made an awesome home for us where no bad things can happen, and He has promised we can live with Him forever! 

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU’RE WORRIED:



- 1** Remember, God is in control. Jesus is with you at all times and has promised to never leave you.
- 2** Talk to God and ask for His help, and He will give you peace (see Philippians 4:6, 7).
- 3** Write out His promises and say them aloud, as often as you can. They will give you courage!

In this puzzle, every other word is scrambled. First, solve all the scrambled words, and then you should be able to read an amazing promise from God! Hint: Start with the short, easy words.

“Be tgorsn and fo good ragoecu; do ont be fidara, nor eb dismayed, rof the oLdr your odG is itwh you hevrewre you og.” —Joshua 1:9

Answer: “Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” —Joshua 1:9



# Wrong TURN, Right PLACE

by Curtis Rittenour

A few weeks ago, while driving on a new delivery route, John Robinson missed a turn and had to turn his vehicle around. As he drove down the “wrong” street, his mouth fell open as he passed a sign that read, “Amazing Facts.” It was the name of the ministry that helped change his life!

After work, he drove back and was given a tour of our facilities and even got to meet Pastor Doug.

“Amazing Facts has been a big part of my walk with Christ,” he explains. “Seven years ago, I was living in a confused world that included marijuana and impurity.” Then one day he saw his neighbor trying to move a mattress down from the top floor of her apartment. After helping her, she asked, “Do you know Jesus?” She then invited John to attend a Bible study at her daughter’s home.

“At this time in my life, I was surrounded by non-believers. I never

read the Bible,” he shares.

When he went to the Bible study, the first thing they did was watch the *Final Events* DVD. “Since that moment,” John tells, “I’ve had a hunger for God’s Word.”

John started thinking about attending church.

As he considered the idea,


Joanne, his neighbor and Jolene, her daughter, invited him to a series of Bible study meetings at their church. After the sessions were completed, a pastor hooked John up with one of the church leaders to study the Bible. Every week they went over the *Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides*. They also watched several of Pastor Doug’s *Everlasting Gospel* sermons.





Then, in April of 2009, John was baptized. The day of his new birth in Jesus was also his birthday!

Since that time, Amazing Facts has helped John begin his life again in his new marriage with Leticia and also in sharing with others the truths he has learned. John uses the same *Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides* that led him into the remnant church. He's also ordered his own copies of the *Final Events* DVD, along with the *Cosmic Conflict* DVD, and *The Ten Commandments* bookmarks that he enjoys handing out after giving a Bible study.

John was a little frustrated the day he missed his turn on his driving route, but years earlier God directed his pathway to Amazing Facts. "I was so glad to be able to say thank you to Pastor Doug and everyone at Amazing Facts," he says. John was once going down the wrong road in his life, but Amazing Facts caused him to turn in the right direction. "Amazing Facts will lead you to the truth. I know because of how God has led me." 



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- ▶ **Worry about asking friends is normal.** Most people hesitate to invite others to watch a spiritual series of meetings, but swallow your fear. Many thousands of people have invited friends to listen to Pastor Doug preach and have never been embarrassed. Remember, if people say no, they are not rejecting you as a person. Let the Holy Spirit convict people on whether to attend.
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# STRESS

**Everyone** experiences stress. It's a natural part of life. But too much stress can be toxic and disabling. In a recent national poll conducted by National Public Radio (npr.org), with their partners at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health, 1 in 4 Americans admitted to experiencing a great deal of stress in the previous month.

Half the adults surveyed said they experienced a major stressful event during the past 12 months. That adds up to more than 115 million people. One researcher believes this is only the tip of the iceberg and merely identifies those who are conscious of their stress. Many people, they believe, have hidden stress that impacts their ability to deal successfully with all the problems that come their way.

These are not people who just feel challenged, either, but Americans with "high stress" levels that impact their daily lives—from sleep and work to health and relationships. When asked what their biggest stressors were, people responded most often with anxieties related to poor health, a disability, low income, a hazardous

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job, being the parent of a teen, and being a single parent. Most reported multiple stressors.

### DEALING WITH STRESS

One of the biggest barriers for getting help is the belief that "I need to figure this out on my own." Shame and a fear of being embarrassed get in the





way, and many don't know where to go for help. They just keep trying to survive but know they are at a breaking point.

The Bible does not leave us to cope alone with stress. The Word of God teaches that you cannot handle it all on your own. We need to admit our need and then reach out to a Power greater than ourselves. God is compassionate and wants to bring you stress relief! Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

There are also many practical tools given by God to help us cope with stress. One of the most important is a regular exercise program.

Breathing fresh air while briskly walking in the sunshine in a natural environment can calm our nerves and move our minds toward peaceful thoughts. These activities will also aid in providing a good night's rest, something that evades people who are under stress.


Some people try to relieve their stress with activities that only create more stress. Watching mind-numbing television or aimlessly wandering through the Internet might at first seem relaxing, but the content these media pour into our brains has the long-term consequence of actually taking away our ability to cope with stress. Overeating or

taking unnecessary medications to relieve stress will also increase the problems in our lives.

Relationships suffer when people feel stressed out. Relaxing with friends, spending time with family, or participating in a Bible study group with those who care help us not only to feel loved but push us outside of ourselves. Anxiety decreases when we take time to serve and care about those around us. Helping others moves our focus off our own problems. Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put in your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38 NKJV).

When we try to run our own lives, things go out of control. But when we follow God's plan and put the Lord in the driver's seat, we will find



peace. Jesus encouraged, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). You may freely cast "all your care upon him; for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Jesus is the great stress reliever. 



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