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Dear Friends,

Today as I was reading in the Book of Isaiah these words stood out: **“For the Lord of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty ... and the pride of man will be humbled, and the loftiness of men will be abased, and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day”** (Isaiah 2:12, 17). Although the proper context for this text is the future Day of the Lord, it presents us with a pattern to evaluate men and nations at any time in history. When applied to the regime of Saddam Hussein, it reminds us that in this world tyrants who commit crimes against humanity, and especially against the Jewish People, will have a day of reckoning. It also instructs us that despite our own nation’s claim to be in the right, we must humbly confess our own moral failings and give glory to God alone. Whatever the outcome of this latest conflict in the Middle East, we can trust in the plan of God that guarantees a glorious future for His own!

With the world anxious for answers at this time about the Middle East, Harvest House Publishers will release on April 11th my new book ***Fast Facts on the Middle East Conflict***. The publisher’s plan is to get this book into secular retail chains in the U.S. (such as Walmart) as well as local Christian bookstores for as great an outreach as possible. My book *Unholy War*, which came out shortly after September 11, continues to be a bestseller and has recently been published in German, Swedish, and Hungarian. Providing answers to the issues of Islam and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, it will remain a necessary guide for these unresolved problems. *Fast Facts* offers new material in a user-friendly format with sidebars and charts for 50 of the most important questions being asked today on all areas of the Middle East – *including Iraq and Saddam Hussein!* We have arranged to get the first copies direct from the printer so we can get copies to you before they are in the bookstores. To take advantage of this pre-publication offer please see the enclosed order form or call our **new toll-free line: (866) 604-7322**. For a quantity order discount please call our office at: (512) 396-3799.

This spring I have been busy with seminary lectures, conferences, television and radio interviews, and speaking engagements at home and abroad as well as working toward our next season of excavation in Israel. However, as I touch base with our office I have been made aware of how crucial the need is to have your financial support for our ministry at the present time. The situation in the Middle East has opened some unique doors for outreach for us such as an invitation to lecture throughout Germany and Switzerland for a month on the issues of Israel, Islam, and Bible prophecy. Attitudes in Germany are growing more anti-American and anti-Israel each day, while the promises of the prophetic scriptures are largely unknown. With your help at this time we will be able to continue our on-going ministry as well as accept these new challenges. **May I ask you to prayerfully consider our needs and help us as you are able! Please scroll to the last item in this newsletter - the response page - print it and return it to us with your gift. Thank you so very much!**

As always, we at World of the Bible Ministries, Inc. appreciate your standing with us as we strive to put God’s Word into its Middle Eastern context, explaining to a watching world the reality of the Savior Who once walked *among* us and is coming again *for* us! May His grace and peace humble your heart as you exalt Him alone!

Yours for the World of the Bible,



Randall Price

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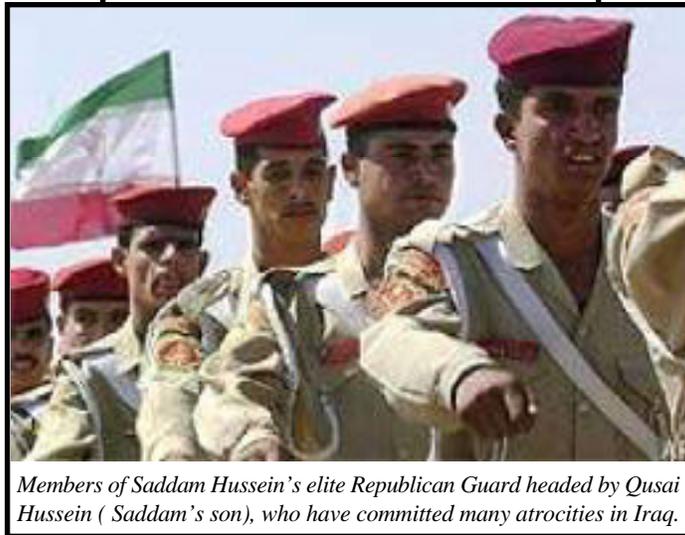
The Case Against Iraq

by Dr. Randall Price

With British Polls showing President Bush more of a global threat than Saddam Hussein, with the French and the Germans condemning the U.S. in Europe, with anti-war celebrities appearing on talk shows and anti-war demonstrations taking place on numerous American university campuses, with Iraq denying any violations of U.N. resolutions and Saddam personally renouncing weapons of mass destruction, while declaring he would destroy America and kill every soldier that invaded his country as well as attack Israel [with what?], and much of the world opposed to or reluctant to support the U.S.-led war on Iraq, it is important for us to review again the case against the regime of Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. position is that Saddam has previously reneged on 18 Security Council Resolutions and presently has failed to comply proactively and completely with UN Resolution 1441 that called for him to disarm. For this reason, and because of U.S. policy on the War on Terrorism that must respond to Saddam's harboring of terrorists and sponsoring terrorism, the U.S. led an invasion of Iraq to forcibly disarm Saddam, liberate Iraq, and help stabilize the region. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell presented testimony of Saddam's material breach to the U.N. in February. Other voices such as those of Iraqi defectors have also been aired on TV talk shows and news programs detailing Saddam's atrocities and

weapons programs. Even one British lawmaker, the Baroness Emma Nicholson, a member of Britain's House of Lords and the European Parliament, came forward to give proof directly to Hans Blix. As the founder of a humanitarian aid foundation after the Gulf War, she oversees a staff of 270, nearly all Iraqis, and provided Blix with verification of genocide committed by Saddam as well as previously unknown locations where weapons of mass destruction were hidden.



Members of Saddam Hussein's elite Republican Guard headed by Qusai Hussein (Saddam's son), who have committed many atrocities in Iraq.

Let us consider some of the evidence that has been made public concerning Saddam's record.

Under the regime of Saddam Hussein Iraq has been a state that both supports and sponsor's terror. Iraq has trained hundreds of terrorists in hijacking, sabotage and murder. Captured Taliban fighters confessed that Saddam Hussein supplied chemical weapons training to Al-Qaeda and consulted with Osama bin Laden. Like Osama bin Laden, Saddam has a reputation for mass destruction. In 1988-89, he is said to have been responsible for the deaths of between 70,000 and 150,000 Kurds in northern Iraq, killing some 5,000 in just 15 minutes time with mustard and sarin nerve gas. Exposure to these

toxins by those living have since also produced horrible physical deformations and genetic changes in the population that are untreatable and will be passed on to successive generations. It is said that every conversation in any major city in northern Iraq includes references to family or friends killed in one of Saddam's many purges. Saddam also is accused of forcibly relocating some 180,000 Marsh Arabs from southern Iraq by draining the marshes in which they lived. After the Gulf War Saddam allowed 500,000 Iraqi children to die of malnutrition while he continued to build immense personal palaces (10 in the last year) and erect enormous war monuments. Throughout his rule he ruthlessly assassinated family members as well as murdered thousands of Iraqi civilians.

Moreover, Laurie Mylorie's book *Study of Revenge: Saddam Hussein's Unfinished War Against America*, reported that Saddam was the sponsor of the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center. Saddam's agent, Ramzi Yousef, stated that his mission was to kill 250,000 people. In addition, the government of Kuwait has been seeking to try Saddam for war crimes and crimes against humanity, presenting testimony and photographic evidence of over 1,000 Arabs tortured and murdered by Saddam's SID (Special Intelligence Division). This pattern of terrorist behavior by a brutal dictator like Saddam is a threat to the Middle East and to the West, and cannot be ended except by regime change.

After the Gulf War, UN Resolution 1441, by unanimous vote of 15 member nations, required Iraq to disarm and destroy weapons of mass destruction, including chemical and biological weapons. UN weapons



UN inspectors examine one of 125 illegal Al-Samoud 2 missiles that were undeclared in Iraq's disclosure to the U.N..

inspectors were shown gyroscopes found hidden beneath the Tigris River and quantities of de-weaponized anthrax, but tended to disregard the evidence. Yet, every time they thought they had reached a bottom in uncovering evidence of hidden weapons, another bottom even further down appeared. One example of this was Saddam's "super-gun," a giant rocket launcher designed to fire missiles equipped with chemical and biological warheads to a range of 600 miles, which the inspectors subsequently dismantled. In a surprise visit in the mid-1990, inspectors also discovered programs of computer simulations of long-range missile attacks that had been run. As a result of such disclosures, Saddam expelled the inspectors claiming they were CIA spies, renewed hostilities against US and allied flyovers, and continued to violate the no-fly zones.

In 2002, Inspectors were allowed to return, but with limited access to sites. In December 2002 the Iraqis submitted a weapons declaration of 12,000 pages that was said to be a "complete disclosure." In his report of January 27, 2003, Hans Blix gave confirmation that a materials breach had occurred in Iraq's lengthy report. Examples of omissions included 6,000 warheads unaccounted for and several caches of prohibited weapons not listed in the report discovered by the inspectors in an abandoned warehouse. These caches consisted of empty chemical warheads designed to fit rockets and dispense deadly sarin gas or other toxic agents. Also omitted from its disclosure were tons of bacteriological and nerve agents, such as mustard gas, anthrax virus, and botulinum toxin, covertly produced and turned into weapons in the 1980's. U.S. soldiers suffered

from "Gulf War Syndrome" as a result of fall-out from such Iraqi chemical dumps that were destroyed by the allies. However, chemical and biological weapons production has continued full-scale, as exposed by Saddam's son-in-law (whom he later executed), and the CIA has disclosed that it believes Saddam is also close to genetically modifying his biological weapons to enhance their devastation potential. In addition, dried anthrax (such

as that in letters mailed to U.S. officials which caused a number of deaths in October 2001), small pox and camel pox (similar to small pox) virus are believed to have been developed by Saddam. A small pox weapon alone is the biological equivalent of a nuclear bomb, the virus having claimed over 500 million lives during the 20th century. In addition, one pound of anthrax can decimate the population of a large city. Saddam has enough stockpiles of anthrax to kill every person on earth three times over.

Since 1998 Saddam has made repeated attempts to purchase uranium from Africa and enrich it in order to obtain a fusion weapon. In addition, he has acquired aluminum tubes used to make centrifuges and electronic switches used to detonate implosion bombs. In January 2003 about 3,000 pages of material related to uranium, enrichment was uncovered in the home of an Iraqi physicist. This gave evidence that Iraq was not only withholding information on its nuclear capability, but was presently in production of nuclear devices. Because of such disclosures, Saddam refused to allow inspectors to enter the private homes of Iraqi scientists (where documentary evidence may be hidden) or to even to interview them in private. US intelligence has confirmed that Saddam's agents tell the scientist what to say and that Saddam has threatened to kill any scientist and their families who cooperate with the inspectors. Worse still, Saddam would not initially allow U-2 spy planes to do over flights to search for weapons facilities as required in the resolution. Nevertheless, a US satellite has produced photos of an Iraqi compound in northern Iraq that is suspected to be a facility for the production of chemi-

cal and biological weapons.

It is established fact that Iraq has been aggressively developing a nuclear weapons program for at least 15 years. Several Iraqi scientists that have defected to the US have revealed details to US intelligence about Saddam's continued nuclear program. One of these Iraqi defectors, Khidhir Hamza, who for several decades helped build Iraq's nuclear weapons programs, has confirmed this with his testimony. Hamza revealed that Iraq accelerated its secret nuclear program after the Israeli attack of the Osirak reactor, going from 500 to 7,000 workers in a timeframe of five years. After the Iran-Iraq war, it perfected the barriers that made diffusing and enriching uranium possible. They already have a workable design for nuclear weapons. According to Hamza, Iraq needs 2-3 years to enrich their uranium, unless a country like Russia gives it to them. Then they will have it immediately. He also believes that Saddam has the components hardened for a bomb of smaller design to make a flight for delivery to a target. Some critics (including the CIA) believe Hamza does not have accurate information (he defected in the late 1980's and didn't *direct* the nuclear program). However, even if he is wrong in his current assessment, he did have direct contact with Saddam and makes it clear that Saddam's intentions are to be a nuclear power in the region. However, other Iraqi defectors have stated that Saddam has covert laboratories producing weapons of mass destruction in the sub-basements of his palaces and in the backs of recreational vehicles, weapons of mass destruction hidden in an underground complex, in five bunkers beneath Iraqi sands dunes (stocked with warheads), and in tunnel complexes beneath the sewers of Baghdad. Much of this evidence has been provided by Israeli intelligence that debriefed Saddam's senior bodyguard, Abu Hamdi Mahmoud, who had personally visited these sites. Moreover, a number of mobile laboratories are believed to be secretly producing nuclear weaponry. In addition, Saddam has hidden chemical and biological military agents in dual-use facilities, where legitimate pharmaceuticals and chemicals are supposedly produced. One typical example is a castor oil plant which could be converted to produce the deadly toxin Rizin which is extracted from the mash of castor beans. The U.S. government has stated that it has much more detailed evidence of Saddam's weap-

ons violations, but revealing these details would compromise the top-secret intelligence gathering methods used to obtain it, placing the U.S. at a military disadvantage.

Despite these claims, countries such as Russia, France and Germany have refused to support a coalition strike on Iraq. This reaction is conditioned by the help these countries have given in supplying nuclear technology to Iraq and the fact that Saddam's regime owes them billions of dollars. France, in particular, who will not support any use of force against Iraq, has a population that is 20% Muslim, is Iraq's largest trading partner, and its President Jacques Chirac, is a longtime personal friend of Saddam. However, based on this evidence, the U.S. and its allies have sufficient justification for leading an invasion to disarm Saddam, liberate and democratize Iraq and the Middle East. This will be a step toward removing the threat of global terrorism in the region and resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict .

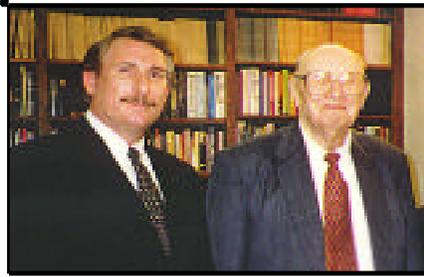
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Tribute to Dr. Walvoord by Dr. Randall Price

Dr. John F. Walvoord, one of the great Christian educators and prophetic scholars of our day, entered the Presence of the Lord at age 92 on December 20, 2002. Dr. Walvoord was best known as the second President of Dallas Theological Seminary, appointed by its founder Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer in 1952 and remaining on after retirement in 1986 as its Chancellor. I had the privilege of being a student under Dr. Walvoord in the 1970's and was first challenged by him in Senior Theology to study the prophetic scriptures. Dr. Walvoord kindly wrote the foreword to my first book, *Ready to Rebuild*, co-authored with Thomas Ice, another of his students, and repeated this favor with a foreword to *The Coming Last Days Temple*. One of my first invitations to speak in a prophecy conference came as a result of Dr. Walvoord recommending me to "take his place" when he was unable to present. I spoke at the conference with fear and trembling, being much humbled by the thought that I could ever "take his place!"

In 1993 Dr. Walvoord agreed to serve as a member of the Board of Reference of World of the Bible Ministries, Inc. In this capacity throughout the years he often answered questions by the media about the ministry, offered valuable counsel in important times of decision, and wrote personal letters of encouragement. My wife Beverlee

and I came to know Dr. Walvoord and his wife Geraldine through times shared as conference speakers. He appeared on two of our video productions: *Jerusalem in Prophecy* and *The Coming Last Days Temple*, and I appeared with him in the video series *Thief in the Night* (aired on television in 1999). This production, filmed in his office at Dallas Seminary with Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost, was quite an experience for me. Imagine having to answer on camera impromptu questions about prophecy while sandwiched between these two prophetic scholars!

Dr. Walvoord always had a ready answer for any question on prophecy and I well remember sitting next to him during Q&A sessions in prophetic conferences writing down his answers as quickly as I could before the microphone was passed to me to address the same question! I have never forgotten one of the answers he gave to the childhood question "will our pets be in heaven?" His reply was a study in diplomacy: "If it is necessary for your happiness in heaven, they will be there." This answer satisfied the concern of the questioner while giving no offense to any doctrinal issue. Now that Dr. Walvoord is happy in heaven I am sure that all of his own questions are being answered by the Lord Himself! Dr. Walvoord often stated that he wished to live until the Rapture of the Church, a truth he championed in many books and articles. Nevertheless, he has now been moved to the premiere position to experience this marvelous translation given in 1 Thessalonians 4:16: "the dead in Christ will rise first." I am grateful for the training I had under Dr. Walvoord and for his gracious ministry with World of the Bible Ministries. We convey our love and prayers to Mrs. Walvoord, and with all the saints who knew "Dr. John," we look forward to that Great Reunion that will soon attend "the Blessed Hope" (Tit. 2:13).

Dr. Price's Schedule

- March 3-5** Current Events Conference, Zion Evangelical Free, Weatherford, OK Contact: Dave Blackmore
- March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6** 10:45 AM - Isaiah Series, Grace Bible Church, San Marcos, TX. Contact: Jim Davis (512) 392-6312
- March 19** 4:50 PM (EST) - Interview on CKLW Radio, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- March 20-26** Interview on "Unholy War" airing on *Time for Hope* television program (check listings or call Becki Noles (864)585-5115).
- March 24** 10-11 AM (EST) Interview with Jan Markell, "Prophetic Views Behind the News" KKMS Radio, St. Paul, MN
- March 26** 2-3 PM - taping "Life Inside Out" television broadcast, 7 PM - speaking at Windsor Christian Fellowship on "The Middle East Crisis,". Contact: Chris Standeven (519) 972-5977.
- April 4** 6-8 PM (CST) - Speaker, Annual Fund-raising Banquet, for The Master's School, Southwest Texas University, San Marcos, TX.
- April 8** 9:30-10:30 AM - Speaker, Senior's Retreat, Camp Peniel, Marble Falls, TX. Contact: Gordon Whitelock (830) 692-2182.
- April 10-13** Unholy War Conference (English & Spanish), Living Word Church, Miami, FL. Contact: Jesus Martinez (305) 461-9929.
- April 15-16** Speaking in various locations in The Woodlands and Houston, TX area. For details call: Mae Bell Zycha (281) 363-2013.

Report from Jerusalem

The Joash Inscription

A sandstone tablet, about the size of a legal pad, from the 9th century B.C. inscribed with 15 lines of text, has recently surfaced in Jerusalem. Known as the "Joash Inscription" because its text closely parallels that of 2 Kings 12:1-6, 11-17 that records how King



Joash Inscription

Joash (835-793 B.C.) attempted to repair and preserve the century-old First Temple. The final words of the inscription read: "May the Lord ordain blessing for

His people," confirming the religious connection between God, the Temple and the Jewish People in Jerusalem.

Ironically, the tablet which bears witness to the presence of a Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount, was discovered by the Palestinians during construction attempts to change the face of the Temple Mount to conform it to their revisionist history that denies a Temple ever existed at the site and that a Jewish presence never existed in Jerusalem.

According to the tablet's owner, a young Arab named Tzur, it was found several years ago when Muslim authorities began constructing new mosques on the Mount and dumped massive amounts of archaeological debris outside the walls. The tablet is said to have been discovered outside the eastern wall, not far from the Golden Gate, after a flood had caused a landslide.

Historical sources reveal that most ma-

terial from the destroyed First and Second Temples was deposited by the Roman army in A.D. 70 in this area, which has been covered in recent centuries by a Muslim cemetery and off limits to archaeological investigation. Even so, two years ago I also discovered a Second Temple relic from this site after Arabs had dug a grave and thrown debris from the pit near a path.

Dr. Gabi Barkai, one of Israel's leading archaeologists, stated that if the tablet is authentic it would be one of the greatest Israeli archaeological finds in history since it would offer for the first time physical evidence of the existence of a Jewish temple on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. As expected, controversy over the authenticity of an inscription of this magnitude has raged among scholars.

Hebrew University professor Joseph Naveh, a Hebrew alphabet expert, was one of the first to view it and pronounced it a fake on the basis of mixed lettering styles from the 9th-7th century B.C. However, there are very few Hebrew inscriptions from this period with which to compare, and epigraphy, the study of writing style, is not the most reliable means of determining date. The Dead Sea scrolls were originally rejected by some scholars on this ground.

A year-long analysis by the Geological Survey of Israel Research Institute reports that the tablet is authentic. According to Institute researcher Dr. Shimon Ilani, carbon dating, the most reliable means of establishing date, shows the inscription is datable to the 9th century B.C., which is the time of King Joash. Carbon dating was performed on the patina (an encrustation on ancient artifacts) in the letters and inside cracks in the tablet.

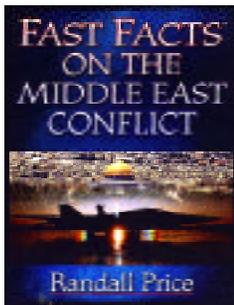
A forger could have taken the patina from another source and affixed it to the tablet, the letters and the crack, but such a move would have been impossible to hide from laboratory analysis as the chemical composition of glue used to attach the material would have been revealed.

Moreover, microscopic beads of pure gold were found on the outer layer and inside the lettering and crack. Dr. Amos Bain, another Institute researcher, said: "These specks of gold are not natural but a sign of human activity. They could be from gold-plated objects in the home of a very rich man, or a temple." Gold only forms beads like this as the result of intense heat. If the inscription was within the Temple at the time it was burned by the Babylonians, the gold covering the inside of the Temple itself could have been deposited on the stone. "It's hard to believe that anyone would know how to do these things to make it look real," said Bain.

If scholars accept the inscription as authentic, its similarity to the Biblical text will have far-reaching implications for the composition date of the Bible. Critical scholarly consensus believes that it was written after the return from exile in the 6th century B.C. This inscription would argue for an early composition, at least of some parts, during the Biblical monarchy.

It will also challenge some scholars' presumption that the early monarchy period lacks historicity. Most important, it will provide archaeological proof that the Temple Mount is the site of the Jewish Temple and that it is the ancient right of the Jewish people to possess the site and restore the Temple.

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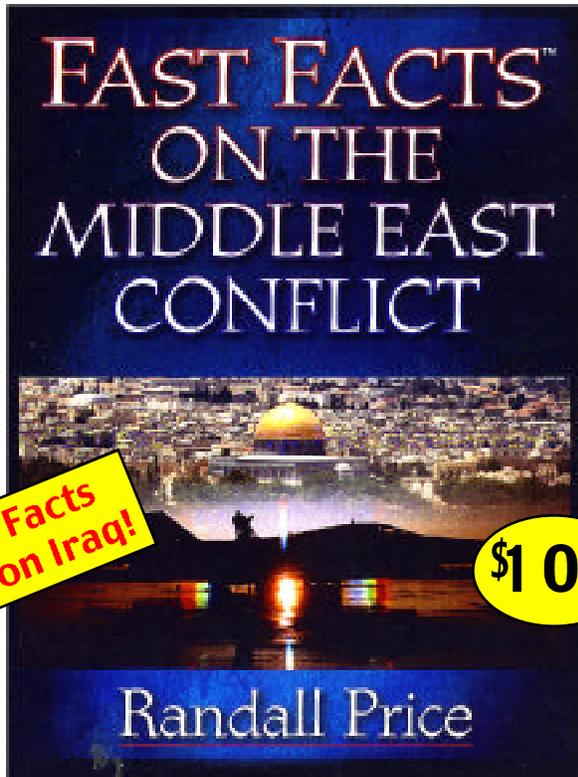
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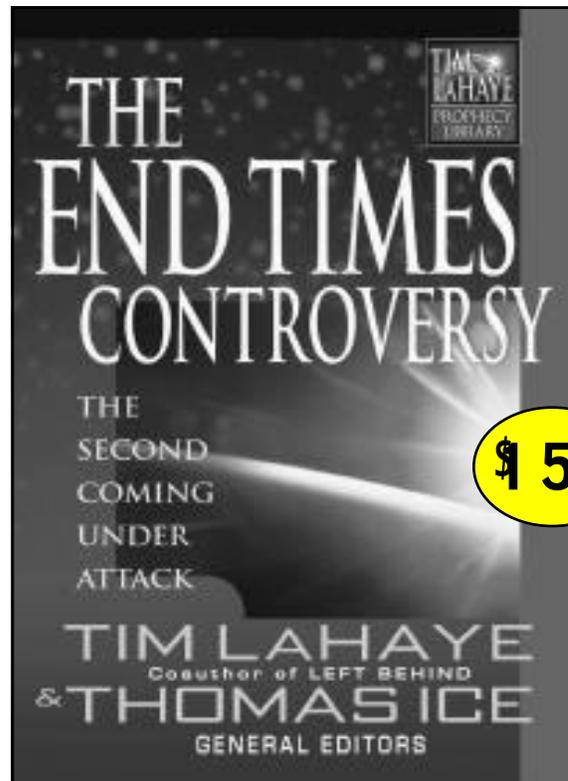
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