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[Jerusalem's Cup Is Trembling Again: The Battle For The Temple Mount](#) – Prophecy News Watch - By PNW Staff - August 07, 2026



Excerpt: The Middle East is burning. Wars are spreading, oil routes are under threat, and nations are struggling to contain chaos from Gaza to the Persian Gulf.

Yet nearly 20 Muslim nations have found time to unite around one urgent concern: Jews praying on the Temple Mount.

That fact alone should tell us something.

A few Jewish worshippers quietly praying on a hilltop in Jerusalem can provoke emergency meetings, diplomatic threats and warnings of regional upheaval. Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan recently described a gathering in Amman as "historic," as Islamic governments discussed coordinated action against Israel over developments at Al-Aqsa.

Why does this small piece of land create such fear and fury?

Because the Temple Mount is not merely another disputed location. It is the spiritual heart of Jerusalem, the place where the First and Second Jewish Temples stood, and the place where the Jewish people believe their biblical history is anchored.

It is also the place where the question of Jerusalem's sovereignty can no longer be avoided.

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The Days of Noah and Lot are Upon Us! – Wisconsin Christian News -
By Jim Schneider, Executive Director, VCY America – Aug. 2026
Complete Article:

Scriptures warn that the coming of the Lord will occur as it was in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37-38) (Luke 17:26-27) and as it was in the days of Lot (Luke 17:28).

What exactly were the days of Noah like? Genesis 6:5 gives great insight: *“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”* Further description is provided in verses 11 & 12: *“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.”*



The characteristics of this society were marked by great wickedness, corruption, evilness of heart and violence. Whatever they imagined, they did in utter defiance against God.

And what about the days of Lot? These days were filled with sexual perversion where mankind acted at their basest level in total disobedience to the God who made them.

Romans 1:18-32 guide us further to the depravity and corruption of mankind which resulted in God allowing mankind to go his own way. *“God also gave them up to uncleanness...God gave them over to vile affections...God gave them over to a reprobate mind.”*

And even amidst such wickedness, corruption, violence and carnality, life went on as usual: *“they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;”* (Luke 17:28). No problem here; everything is just fine! Who needs God?

They were totally oblivious to the coming judgment of God. For those during the time of Noah, shortly after Noah entered the ark, *“the flood came, and destroyed them all.”* (Luke 17:27).

Similarly, judgement came during the days of Lot. *“But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.”* (Luke 17:29).

How devastatingly sad that these societies forsook God and His commandments! They walked and conducted their lives in direct disobedience to Him.

As we progress through time, we observe once again a growing intensity in the evilness of mankind. News from around the world reveals there is virtually no country that is exempt from vileness taking place. Mass shootings, stabbings, machete fights, and gruesome killings highlight the headlines. But it doesn't stop there as armed robbery, car jackings, high speed chases, and teen takeovers become a norm for society. Uprisings on the streets, rebellion and lawlessness have become the norm while those who are entrusted to uphold the law are vilified en masse.

Sexual immorality and perversion are rampant. From very young ages, children are indoctrinated with the false notion that a boy can be a girl and a girl can be a boy. The Daily Wire reported July 27, 2026, “Minnesota schools and hospitals will provide dolls with removable genitals to children as young as four in order to allow them to express their sexual identities. MyGender Dolls were created by staff at the University of Minnesota, a publicly funded university. They are intended for use as an educational toy for children ages four through ten.” How much more vile does it get?

Children have already been introduced to drag queen story hour in the libraries, at farmer's markets and other public venues. Graphic books have been introduced to young children in schools and libraries and often appear on “recommended reading lists” designed to take a child's imagination where it was never intended to go. Yet, this is being done in the name of “academic freedom” and we're told that “it's in the best interest of the child.” Woe to the parent who objects. Such parents fall under the suspicion of “the system” and are threatened that they just might not be qualified

to raise their own children. It's often been told to parents that unless they are affirming of their child's aberrant choices, their child is at greater risk of suicide. When, in fact it, is the divisive deviation from the immutable characteristics of being a boy or girl that causes confusion and despair of children.

Many in our country are fast accepting of the overthrow of law and order and to close prisons. Many strive to establish shariah courts and open our nation's borders for any and all regardless of criminal record or intent to overthrow our system of government. To not do so is a display of "privilege" and a "gross violation of human rights." A growing number of candidates espouse viewpoints like these. They gain popularity due to lawlessness combined with promises that everything in life will be free or greatly subsidized by the populace.

And just like the days of Noah and the days of Lot, our society goes on day after day eating and drinking, working, vacationing and being consumed by personal pleasure and entertainment. Once again, the majority of mankind are oblivious that judgment is coming.

While the first universal judgment came by flooding, the next will come by fire.

And just as salvation was provided for those who entered through the one door of the ark, so salvation is made available only through Jesus who said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."* (John 14:6). And as Luke wrote, *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."* (Acts 4:12).

It is critical for every person to heed the warning that there is a coming judgment to this earth. We've been warned by the days of Noah and the days of Lot. Our times are quite similar. Don't be deceived. It's imperative for each one to come to salvation solely through Jesus Christ!

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Course Correction For Church Suffering Identity Crisis – **Wisconsin Christian News - By Dr. Mike Spaulding – Aug. 2026**

Excerpt: *"But you are a Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."* 1 Peter 2:9.

When reality smacks up against perception, it can be a very sobering experience. Statistics from the Barna Group indicate that professing Christians hold to the same views as their unsaved friends and neighbors in the categories of viewing

pornography, maintaining legalized abortion, and in their support of same-sex unions.

Pornography is a plague upon every person it entraps, disrupting the natural affections and distorting the expectations people place upon their spouses. Pornographic images burn themselves into the memory banks of the mind, and the enemy of God’s people throws them up on the big screen every opportunity he has. Social scientists and law enforcement professionals agree that many crimes are directly linked to the perpetrator’s pornographic viewing.

Abortion, for all the euphemisms people use to blunt the truth of what it is, is still the termination of the life of unborn human beings. The barbaric practice of abortion — regardless of the type or process — is still a modern-day atrocity that certainly grieves God.

Same-sex “marriage” is an oxymoron. Marriage is a union between a man and a woman. State-defined same-sex “marriage” is not biblical marriage as it is antithetical to the Creator’s definition.

Since all of this is true, why do so many professing believers struggle to overcome these spiritual, physical, and emotional traps? When the data is available for everyone to see, when wrecked lives, utterly devastated marriages, and children in crisis are evidence of the dangers of the actions captured statistically above, why do Christians, of all people, continue to believe they won’t be touched by their participation in them or their support of them? A “live and let live” attitude is not biblical, and it certainly is not loving.

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The Surveillance Web: Your Phone, Car And Online Life Are Tracking You – Prophecy News Watch - By PNW Staff - August 13, 2026

Excerpt: There was a time when being followed required someone to actually follow you.

A police officer had to sit outside your house. An investigator had to trail your car. A surveillance team had to photograph where you went and whom you met.

Today, much of that work can



potentially be done by machines--and most people carry the tracking devices themselves.

A new roadside surveillance technology offers a glimpse of just how rapidly this world is changing. Leonardo, a major defense and security contractor, is marketing a system called SignalTrace that can detect electronic signals from devices traveling inside vehicles and correlate them with license-plate information.

In other words, the camera may no longer be watching only your car.

It may also be watching the digital devices traveling inside it.

Your Car Now Has An Electronic Fingerprint

Traditional automatic license-plate readers photograph passing vehicles and record their plates.

SignalTrace takes the concept further.

Leonardo says the system can identify groups of consumer electronic devices that routinely travel together--even when investigators do not know the license plate number. It can detect publicly broadcast signals associated with smartphones, Bluetooth wearables, vehicle electronics and other devices and use that combination to create what the company calls an electronic fingerprint.

Think about what that means.

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The End Of Forgetting: AI Will Soon Remember Everything You Say – Prophecy News Watch - By PNW Staff - August 14, 2026

Excerpt: For most of human history, conversation was temporary.

You could sit across from a friend at lunch, talk with your spouse in the kitchen, debate politics with coworkers, counsel someone at church or make an offhand remark—and unless someone deliberately wrote it down or recorded it, those words disappeared into memory.

That assumption is beginning to collapse.

A new generation of wearable artificial intelligence devices is being designed to accompany people throughout the day, listening to conversations and transforming them into transcripts, summaries, reminders and searchable personal histories.

Amazon's Bee wearable, for example, processes conversations throughout the day and uses them to understand a user's patterns, preferences and relationships. Amazon says the device processes conversations without retaining the original audio, but the information extracted from those conversations can still become part of the personalized AI experience.

Plaud's NotePin S can be worn on the body and is designed to record conversations, transcribe them and generate AI summaries.

Limitless developed an AI pendant around an even more ambitious concept: record large portions of your day and allow artificial intelligence to organize, summarize and search what happened. Its system has allowed users to retain audio anywhere from a day to indefinitely, depending on their settings.

The convenience is obvious.

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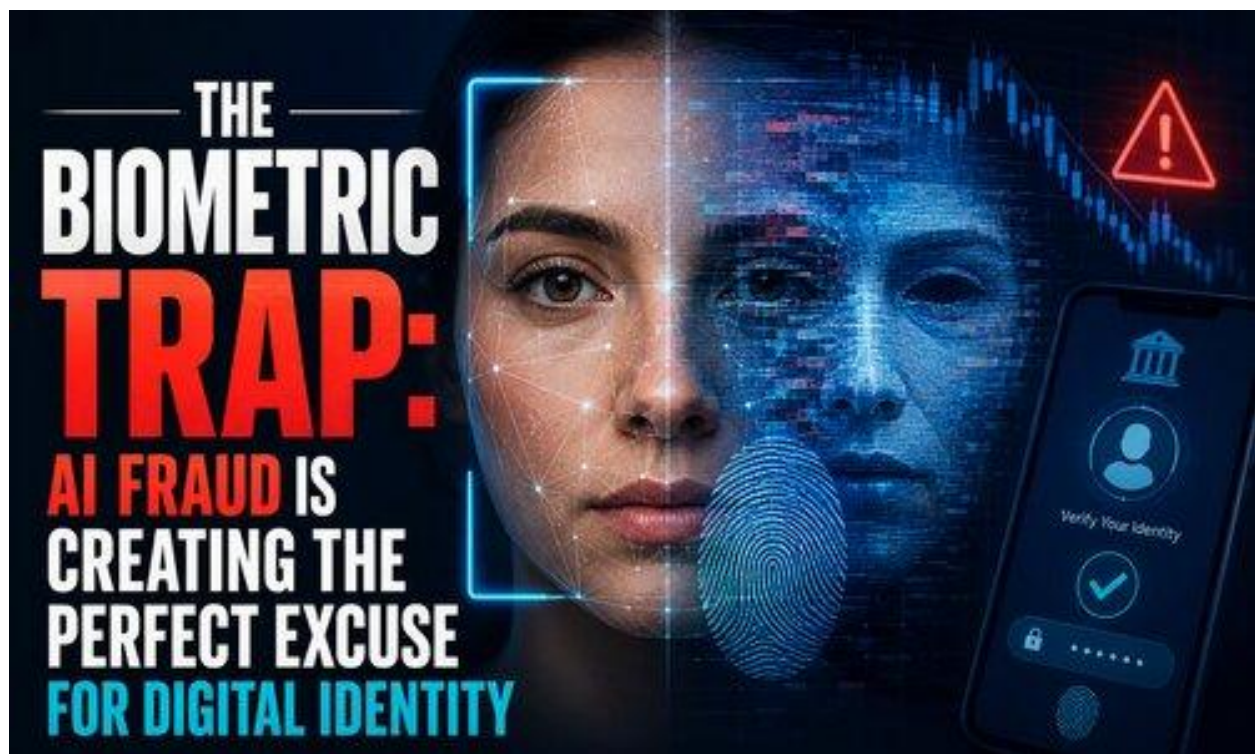
PRESIDENT TRUMP'S SECOND WIFE A FOLLOWER OF KABBALAH AND A CHANNEL FOR KABBALAH INTO THE TRUMP FAMILY ([Friday Church News Notes](#), August 14, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) –

The following is excerpted from “Marla Maples,” *Israel365news*, Aug. 10, 2026: “Marla Maples, Donald Trump’s second wife, revealed in a new interview that the president carries an Aramaic copy of the Zohar’s *Book of Pinchas* inside his clothing, pressed against his heart. Speaking with Channel 12’s Jonathan Rieger, Maples said the mystical text serves a specific purpose in Trump’s life: ‘protection and healing.’ ... Maples described a broader spiritual life shaped by two decades of study at the Kabbalah Center. She said she has kept kosher for more than twenty years and has observed Shabbat for years as well, adding that Trump’s daughter Ivanka’s conversion to Judaism meant ‘Donald was exposed to it a lot.’ ... Raised a Southern Baptist in Cohutta, Georgia, Maples continues to identify with Christianity. *The Daily Beast* has reported that she attends church regularly while keeping Shabbat, eating kosher, and studying Kabbalah.” EDITOR’S NOTE: This report describes the result of the removal of clear doctrinal and spiritual boundaries in evangelicalism. It has become a bridge to any heresy and false religion. Zohar is a fundamental aspect of Kabbalah, the esoteric or occult (secret) teaching of ancient Jewish rabbis. Borrowing heavily from pagan occultism, such as astrology and numerology, it is supposed to be a third or

“hidden” Torah (“Torat Ha-Nistar”) that was revealed to Moses. Kabbalah is based on an allegorical interpretation of Scripture that finds secret and “inner” meanings in the words and even letters of Scripture. There is no one official or “right” Kabbalah teaching. It consists of a bewildering variety of doctrine and practice. The emphasis of Kabbalah is on cleaving to and being one with God, but it is the god of human imagination. The personal God of Scripture is replaced with *Ein-sof* or *Ain-sof*, an impersonal omnipotent energy and infinite wisdom. The panentheistic view of God is emphasized in Hasidic (Chassidic) Judaism, a prominent Kabbalah sect. (For more on Kabbalah, see [*Jews in Fighter Jets: Israel Past, Present, and Future*](#), available in the Books section of wayoflife.org.)

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The Biometric Trap: AI Fraud Is Creating The Perfect Excuse For Digital Identity – Prophecy News Watch - By PNW Staff - August 17, 2026



Excerpt: Artificial intelligence is rapidly changing the meaning of a simple question: How do you prove that you are really you?

For decades, passwords, identification cards, security questions and PIN numbers were considered sufficient for most transactions. But AI is beginning to undermine that entire system.

Faces can be generated. Voices can be cloned. Documents can be fabricated. Video calls can be manipulated with deepfakes. Synthetic identities can be created at enormous scale.

And governments and financial institutions are responding with a solution that could fundamentally change the relationship between individuals and the digital world:

Your body may become your identity credential.

Mexico has just provided a glimpse of where this could be headed.

The country's banking regulator has expanded biometric requirements for financial institutions, requiring facial biometrics alongside existing fingerprint verification and giving banks just 90 days to implement liveness detection designed to distinguish an actual person from photographs, videos or artificial replicas.

The reason is understandable.

AI-powered identity fraud is becoming increasingly sophisticated, forcing banks to determine not merely whether someone possesses the correct credentials, but whether an actual human being is physically present behind them.

This is not simply Mexico's problem.

Financial institutions around the world are increasingly confronting deepfakes, synthetic identities and cross-platform attacks, driving interest in continuous and networked biometric verification.

And that creates an uncomfortable paradox.

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American Idols – News With Views - By Rob Pue - August 18, 2026

There's no question that America has turned away from God. Yes, there are *some* true Christ followers left who sincerely love and seek the Lord with all their hearts, but their numbers are few, and Jesus said it would be this way.

Matthew 7: *"Enter in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be*

which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

What happened to our people, once grateful and devout followers of our Creator and Sustainer? Not only have they abandoned their reverence, awe and faith in Almighty God, but for most Americans, God has become totally irrelevant in their daily lives. Some even openly mock, despise and hate God and those who faithfully follow Him. They see Christianity as a “repressive religion,” though they really know nothing about the Bible, God the Father, or Jesus Christ, our Savior. Because no one has ever taught them.

In 1904, Aleister Crowley, an English writer who was deeply involved in the occult, satanism and ritual “magic” ceremonies, wrote, “Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.” This became a key point of doctrine when Anton LaVey founded the Church of Satan in 1966, in San Francisco. This satanic movement found a ready and willing following during this time of rebellion, hedonism and debauchery here in the US. Our Supreme Court had just recently ruled that Bible reading and prayer would be prohibited in public schools. The “Johnson Amendment” had been in effect for a dozen years by this time, and pastors were already retreating from public discourse regarding politics and cultural issues. Meanwhile, the “hippie” and “free love” movements were starting, and young people (always the devil’s targets) were ripe for this new, permissive lifestyle. With “pastors” now afraid to preach the whole counsel of God for fear of losing their 501c3 status, there was little Godly leadership for young people with more questions than answers — and the lure of promiscuity and moral liberties became very enticing.

Today, we regard that time as the “good old days,” because most Americans still had a healthy fear of the Lord. Most families still attended church every week, and the line between right and wrong was still pretty clear to most. But the downward spiral had begun.

America — and Americans — weren’t perfect in the 1950s and ‘60s, but we were still a “Christian” nation then. Unfortunately, today’s pastors have become “seeker friendly,” “people-pleasers,” and our churches, once the foundation of morality in this nation have become mere social clubs. Salt with no savor, good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled under the feet of men. If you doubt that, look around and see just how “important” church is to most of your family, friends and neighbors... ask yourselves honestly, just how important following Christ is today, among couples (married or otherwise), families, and people young and old.

I understand why the modern “church” has lost so much ground. I understand why Christianity is now viewed as being so “irrelevant.” The salt lost his savor long ago. Those who might have become faithful followers of Christ were left as sheep

without a shepherd — abandoned by those entrusted to teach them, disciple them, and train them up for the work of the ministry. Instead young people spent 40 hours a week in the hands of godless public school curriculums and then given a picture of Noah's Ark to color in Sunday School one hour a week. As they grew older and joined the church youth group, they were given pizza parties, game nights and various other kinds of entertainment, with a pinch of "God talk" thrown in... and as that was happening, God's book of History, Prophecy and Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth became a mere fairy tale to them. Parents also abandoned the faith, though they may have continued attending weekly services for the "fellowship."

We're now several generations removed from those days when God was honored and revered in our nation. And as Christian leaders withdrew from politics, public policy and cultural influence, Islam was more than willing to the void, and so it is that it's now become the number one "religious" influence in America today. Don't get me wrong — Islam is straight from the pits of hell, but Muslims take their faith *seriously*. It's more than just a social gathering. It's more than entertainment for them. They live their faith, and others notice. Especially our young people, who can spot a "phony" a mile away. So, if you're wondering why young people are abandoning Christianity in favor of Islam in America, there's your answer. Too often, professing Christians are "fake" — but Muslims are sincere and devout...even though they're sincerely wrong and following a demonic ideology.

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[A Library on the Music Issue](#) - August 18, 2026 - David Cloud, Way of Life Literature – Complete Article



The following materials are available at the Way of Life web site under the Books and Courses sections at wayoflife.org -

The Directory of Contemporary Christian Musicians.

Free eBook. This large directory contains information on influential contemporary worship musicians who are creating the music that is being used ever more widely by independent Baptists and very conservative Bible and evangelical churches. The *Directory* documents the history of contemporary praise music from its inception in the Jesus People movement and its intimate association with the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement. The documentation contained in this *Directory* proves that Contemporary Christian Music is a jungle of end-time apostasy. It is a bridge to every error in the "broader church." [*The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians*](#). 653 pages

Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy. This book and Bible course has two major themes: *apostasy* as taught in the Bible and as seen through the age and *evangelicalism* as the broad sphere of apostasy in the last hours of the church age. We warn that fundamental Baptists are becoming evangelicals and are thus in great danger. We look at the doctrine of apostasy in the New Testament Scripture and show how it developed in the first 1800 years of church history, how it exploded in the 19th century, how it reached new heights in the 20th century, and how it is nearing its apex in the 21st century. It is evangelicalism, with its profession of biblical faith yet its lack of real boundaries, that is destroying the black and white of truth and error and creating the gray of compromise. Everything is changing, moving, merging, blending, homogenizing. In dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the stage is being set for the day of the Lord and the rise of Mystery Babylon. *Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy* is a 402-page book. It is also a Bible course consisting of a textbook, review questions, tests, and a series of three PowerPoints featuring 560 slides. [*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy*](#)

Rock & Roll's War Against God. Free eBook. An extensive examination of rock music and its evil influence on society. Chapters include "My Experience with Rock Music" (the author's testimony), "What Every Christian Should Know about Rock," "The History of Rock," "The Roots of Rock" (blues, jazz, black spirituals, and Southern Gospel), "The Pioneers of Rock" (the lives of pioneer rockers, the influence of 50s and 60s rock on society, etc.), "The Character of Rock Music," "Rock and the Occult," "Rock and Spirituality," "Rock and Violence," "Rock and Love," "Rock and Voodoo," "Rock and Drugs," "Rock and Suicide," "Rock and Insanity," "Rock Musicians as Mediums," "Rock and Pagan Religion," "Death Metal Rock," and "How Rock Rebels Are Produced." "I want to share my gratitude for your book *Rock & Roll's War Against God*. This book should be a mandatory read for any parent that is about to have, or already has children. It either should be read by children, or better yet read with the children. ALL forms of music listed in your book should be strictly banned from all Christian homes, and every child should be brought up to know its dangers." [*Rock & Roll's War Against God*](#) 647 pages

The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music. This large course consists of a textbook and a video series with 11 video classes of teaching packed with more than 2,000 photos, graphics, audio and video clips. One previewer commented, "The series is broad and deep with serious factual analysis according to properly interpreted Scripture." We learn how to discern the elements of the worldly sound in contemporary music. We learn how to discern soft rock. We learn how chords are used in contemporary music to create an unresolving sound and "feel." We examine why contemporary music always transforms fundamental principles of churches. We show that conservative evangelicals are not safe partners. We document how that the Southern Baptist Convention is more corrupt than ever. We examine the great changes in Southern Gospel today. We consider why we should be concerned about "little" changes in music. [*The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music*](#)

Transforming Congregational Singing in the 21st Century. This deals with

every aspect of congregational singing, including Psalm singing. It begins with a study of a prominent Baptist church of the 18th century, pastored by John Rippon, that was at the forefront of biblical congregational singing and published the first influential Baptist hymnal. By comparing this church with Baptist churches of the 21st century, we can see how far the vast majority have removed from a truly biblical pattern. There is a practical study on [Ephesians 5:19](#) and [Colossians 3:16](#) as the model of exactly what God says we are to be doing. There is an extensive history of congregational singing with lots of practical things, covering the Bohemian Brethren, Huguenots, Moravians, Luther, Calvin, Anabaptists, Welsh hymn singing, Scottish Presbyterians, old British Baptists, First Great Awakening, Second Great Awakening, Shape-note Singing, and the Fundamentalist-Revivalist era. There is an extensive study on Psalm singing by meter with recommended resources on this subject. There are chapters on weighing the music and weighing the lyrics. There is an extensive study on song leading. There are chapters on choosing hymnals and expanding the church's hymn repertoire and analyzing hymns. There are sample statements on standards for music personnel and standards of church music for church constitutions or covenants. There is an extensive list of recommendations of little-known hymns. The book has biographical sketches on 40 important hymn writers. [*Transforming Congregational Singing in the 21st Century*](#). 549 pages

What Every Christian Should Know about Rock Music. Free eBook. Printed book available. We published our first book warning of rock 50 years ago. The power of rock to produce rebels and to build the one-world church has not lessened, but the warnings have nearly disappeared to the detriment of God's work. Homes and churches that don't give clear, effectual, and persistent warnings about rock music in all of its forms should not be surprised if their young people are worldly and tend toward New Evangelical and emerging church thinking. This book lays out nine things that every Christian should know about rock music. 1. It represents a moral revolution. 2. It preaches a philosophy of narcissism and licentiousness. 3. It is permeated with blasphemy. 4. It is the music of false christs. 5. It is condemned by the Bible. 6. It is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. 7. It is at the heart of the one-world church. 8. It is addictive. 9. The only sure protection is to avoid it. [*What Every Christian Should Know about Rock Music*](#) 61 pages

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