

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" MARK 16:15

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## FROM US TO YOU

Whew! We are finally getting this newsletter out to you! It has been a real battle, especially regarding the main article, "Bye-Bye, Miss American Pie." *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against ... spiritual wickedness in high places"* (Ephesians 6:12 KJV). Not only has Anne had a bad rash and severe back pain, especially when working on the article, but we have had all kinds of weird technical problems. Anne's computer has been going haywire as well (1 Peter 4:12-13). A software program mysteriously disappeared. At one point, the file for her article became corrupted and was not useable! Thank God she had run off a paper copy of the most recent draft and Eric was able to scan it. Then he had to fix all the areas where Anne had edited it by pencil and which didn't come out properly on the OCR scan. He also kept busy fixing all the software problems she was having. The wolves (Matthew 7:15) and hirelings (John 10:12-13) will tell you that everything in life will run

smoothly once you give your heart to the Lord. It's an erroneous teaching called the "Prosperity Gospel"! They will tell you that you'll never get sick (Galatians 4:13-14, 1 Timothy 5:23, 2 Timothy 4:20) and that God will make you rich (see Matthew 6:28-33, 1 Timothy 6:10, Luke 16:13, Acts 3:6). Nothing could be further from the truth!

We know there are many pastors, especially in the media, who are prosperous. But it seldom happens to those who really love the Lord! (See Revelation 3:17-19 and James 5:1-3.) Over the centuries, many apos-

tles, missionaries, and other strong servants of God have had all kinds of trouble. Jesus said, "...In Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33 NIV). It's not an outward peace, the kind the world gets when everything is going well for them. It's an inward peace, "...the peace of God, which transcends all understanding ... " (Philippians 4:7 NIV). It's a peace the world doesn't understand. They cannot fathom how someone can be in such horrible danger, but still be tranquil enough to fall asleep, as Jesus did in Luke 8:22-24 and Peter did in Acts 12:6. It comes from the Holv Spirit (John 14:26-27). It's a tranquility of soul that every true believer will need as the days grow closer toward the Lord's return. It is a peace that doesn't depend upon outward events. And it's most active in the most dangerous, painful times. Christ suffered for us and, if we remain faithful, we also will suffer for Him (Acts 5:40-41, 16:23-25). Our suffering does not pay for our sin. Only Jesus could do that (John 1:29)! But it does pay the maintenance on it! That's why Jesus said, "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish'" (Luke 14:28-30 NIV).

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In other words, unless you are willing to pay the price of following Christ, don't come to Him in the first place. He doesn't want any lukewarm (Revelation 3:16) Christians. If you claim to love Him and do evil, it will make Him look bad and you will be a hypocrite (Matthew 6:2-5, 1 John 1:6). Contrary to what the Prosperity people tell you, following Christ is not the "Love Boat." It's a battleship! That's why Paul told Timothy, "Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:3 NIV). The closer you get to the Lord, the more opposition you will have from the enemy. Just as Satan asked permission of God to test Job (Job 1:8 thru 2:8) and Simon Peter (Luke 22:31-32), you will also be tested! God has to allow a certain amount of testing to prove you are sincere in your devotion to Him, and not a fair weather Christian (Matthew 13:20-22, 7:21). Is it just lip service (Matthew 15:8-9) on your part, or do you really love Christ? The testing will prove it! Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to **destruction**, and **many** enter through it. But small is the gate and **narrow** the road that leads to **life**, and only a few find it" (Matthew 7:13-14 NIV). Many ministers say there are lots of believers out there. That's not what Jesus said! He said only a few make it to Heaven!

One of the most poisonous doctrines going around these days is the belief that the most worldly, sinful person can get to Heaven five minutes before they die by simply asking God to forgive Him. However, Jesus said, *"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him..."* (John 6:44 NIV). In other words, God is no fool! He knows what your heart is really like (Psalm 94:11,

John 10:14, Hebrews 4:12). He can't be deceived by a quick last minute "forgive me." To paraphrase an old proverb, it's like a boy telling his mother how sorry he is after she caught him with his hand in her wallet. He was only sorry he got caught! And he's trying to escape punishment. That strategy won't work! True Christianity is not a religion. It's a personal relationship with Jesus Christ! He said, "...*My kingdom is not of this world*..." (John 18:36 NIV). Therefore, when you live for Him, your heart must not be carnal.

You cannot receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4, 19:1-6) if you have a carnal heart. And without the Holy Spirit, you have no knowledge of God's will or direction. For "...the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV). You cannot work your way into Heaven (Ephesians 2:8-9)! It's not easy to be a real Christian (1 Peter 4:18)! You're life will fly in the face of this world and even your friends and family may turn against you (Matthew 10:34-36). For, especially in these last days, "...many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:10-13 NIV).

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# Bye-bye, MISS American Pie

Perhaps the most enigmatic of songs recorded in my lifetime is "American Pie." It has been discussed and theorized for decades. It is said to be about the years between 1959 and 1970, beginning with the death of Buddy Holly and ending near the extreme violence and deaths at the "Altamont Motor Speedway" concert. Yet I am convinced that the song harbors a far deeper and more sinister message. It was written in the Fall of 1971, during the years surrounding the Vietnam War (1955-1975), Woodstock (1969), hippies, and the drug culture of that period. Hypnotic drugs, such as LSD, were a part of the culture. It is said that much of the music that came out of that era was written under the influence of hallucinogenic drugs. Therefore I would be surprised if even the song's composer and singer, Don McLean, knew the real meaning of it. And considering the songs strong spiritual overtones, it does not appear to originate from any human source. The use of drugs, so prevalent in music at that time, especially hallucinogenic ones, have the potential to open one up to demonic influence, perhaps without the host human even realizing it. So let's go through the song together. It starts out, "A long, long time ago ... " and speaks about how music made him smile. It says, "I knew if I had my chance that I could make these people dance. And maybe they'd be happy for awhile." This brings to mind so many images of happy people celebrating right before a disaster,

such as those on the Titanic or Pearl Harbor just before the Japanese attack.

Biblical examples include Job's sons, who were having a party right before a mighty wind struck the house and the roof fell in, killing them (Job 1:13, 18-19). And what about the gaiety and drunkenness that proceeded God's handwriting on the wall in Daniel's day (Daniel 5:5-6). Within hours the Medes and Persians attacked Babylon and killed them. And let's not forget the fun the Philistines were having (Judges 16:23-30), mocking Samson and the true God and worshiping their idol, Dagon. However,

Samson prayed to the Lord, "...'Let me die with the Philistines!' Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived" (Judges 16:30 NIV). Let's go on to the next part. And keep in mind that I am describing what I believe is the **spiritual** meaning of the song. Spiritual aspects are often shrouded in metaphors, like dreams. "...<u>February made me shiver</u>..." Conjures up a feeling of cold, darkness and gloom. It is said that people who have been haunted by demon spirits (Matthew 8:31) often sense a shivering coldness. For Christ is light (John 8:12). And light brings warmth and illumination.

Next part, "...with every paper I'd deliver. Bad news on the doorstep..." Sounds like signs of the times (Matthew 24:6-8). And newspapers are usually delivered to the doorstep. "I can't remember if I cried when I read about his widowed bride..." The Bible often refers to nations as if they were women. One example of this is found in Isaiah 54:1 where it speaks of Israel as if the nation were a woman. Verse 4 tells us that she is a widow. "For your Maker is your Husband... the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth" (Isaiah 54:5 NIV). The Bride mentioned in Isaiah 54 is married to the Redeemer, the same as the Bride in the New Testament (2 Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 5:25-32, Revelation 21:9). However, the bride in Isaiah had become a widow, spiritually separated from her husband by death, due to her deep plunge into sin (Nehemiah 9:26-28). For to be separated from the



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Redeemer (who later came into this world as Jesus Christ, see John 1:1-14) is death. For Christ is life (John 1:4, 14:6). However, the Lord eventually took pity on her (see Isaiah 54:7). But the bride referred to as "Miss American Pie" remains a widow. A blessed nation, beautiful, and abundant in wealth. A mecca to the whole world! A reversal of the original Babylon in Nimrod's day (Genesis 10:8-10). In that Babylon "...the whole world had one language and a common speech" (Genesis 11:1 NIV). As one united people they felt full of purpose. And their purpose was to reach into Heaven without doing it God's way (John 10:1,7)! They decided to build a huge tower. Such buildings were called ziggurats, and were used for astrology and pagan worship. Harper's Bible Dictionary says, "The first millennium ziggurat of Marduk in Babylon was called the Etemenanki, 'The house that is the foundation of Heaven and Earth.'"

They said they would make "...'a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.' But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The LORD said, '...Come, let Us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.' So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city" (Genesis 11:4-8 NIV). The United States is the reversal of the

> original "Babylon." It has united people from all over the world into one nation and one language. And, according to the song, "American Pie", she has become a widow. A nation that was blessed more than any nation on earth! *"O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness"* (Jeremiah 51:13 KJV. Also, see Revelation 17:1). Frankly, I think that Europe and other nations are now even more sinful than the United States. But they didn't used to be! I was born an American citizen because my Dad was an American living in England at the time. I love the United

States. This nation has been so good to me! It's the country God brought me to when I was eight years old, and where I accepted Christ as my Savior. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else! However, this is also a nation that has influenced the whole world through its trade (Revelation 18:3), especially as a result of the sinful movies and television shows that have been distributed worldwide. Other nations have seen our riches and splendor and wanted what we have. We have become "...the hammer of the whole earth ...!" (Jeremiah 50:23 NIV). In other words, we have insisted that other nations meet our standards politically, culturally, and militarily. We have done this through political, diplomatic, and financial intimidation, and the threat of war! "Woe to the land of whirring wings [symbolized by an eagle] ... which sends envoys by sea... to a people feared far and wide, an aggressive nation of strange speech, whose land is divided by rivers" (Isaiah 18:1-2 NIV). This cannot refer to the Babylon in Iraq, which is a desert country!

Let's continue. "<u>I can't remember if I cried when I read about</u> <u>his widowed bride</u>..." Unlike the one in Isaiah, this bride remains a widow! It reminds me of the ten virgins mentioned in Matthew 25:2. They were pledged to be married, but five of them missed their wedding because they didn't have enough illumination (John 3:19) to find their way there. "<u>But something touched me deep inside the</u> <u>day the music died</u>." Consider Revelation 18:22-23. Imagine a wedding that is supposed to take place. The guests are there. The food is prepared. The musicians are playing their instruments. But five of the brides can't find their way to the church. The doors are locked. The wedding takes place. When it is over, the musicians pack up their instruments to leave. Then the five foolish brides arrive. However the groom decides it's too late for them. They should have prepared for the wedding sooner. That's the way it will be for the backslidden Christians who do not depend on the Holy Spirit for illumination (Matthew 25:1-13). Now it is too late! "... 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But He replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you'" (Matthew 25:11-12 NIV. Also, see Matthew 7:21-23).

The United States was once considered a Christian nation. Not anymore. There are still individuals who love and serve Christ but the nation as a whole has turned its back on God. Could it be the nation referred to as "Mystery Babylon" in scripture (Revelation 18:2-19)? I believe it is! And while those who love Christ will still get to Heaven, the rich and powerful, "hindermost" (Jeremiah 50:12 KJV or latter-day) nation as a whole will not. Consider the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. He saw the last great empire on earth before the return of Christ. And it wasn't the United States! It was ten toes on the statue (Daniel 2:41-43), representing ten nations making up the European Union! As for "Mystery Babylon", "The music of harpists and musicians, flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No workman of any trade will ever be found in you again... " (Revelation 18:22 NIV). It describes the emptiness of life after "Mystery Babylon" has been destroyed.

"So bye-bye, Miss American Pie." You've heard the term, "It's as American as apple pie." Then, "Drove my Chevy to the levee, but

the levee was dry ... " A levee is an embankment made to hold water. Remember what Jesus

said to the woman by the well, "...If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water" (John 4:10 NIV. Also, see Rev.

21:6). After the Lord died on Calvary,

a soldier wanted to make sure He was dead,

so he pierced the Lord's side. Out poured a fountain of blood mixed with water (John 19:34. Also, see Psalm 46:4, Isaiah 66:12, and Amos 5:24).

A Chevy is a car. And, especially back in the 1970's when the song was written, it was a symbol of American capitalism and the American dream. In the days of the "New Deal", a campaign slogan used by the FDR campaign was "A chicken in every pot and a car in every driveway." So the song is saying that he drove his car over to where the water should have been, but there was no water there (Jeremiah 2:13). Without Christ, we don't have the cleansing water of salvation (see John 15:1-8). It was once there, but has long since dried up. For Christ is not welcome in American culture anymore. Schools teach evolution as if it were the truth. Medical science relies on psychiatry instead of the word of God. Television and movies are full of vulgarity, blasphemy, and filth. Even most churches have become lukewarm (Revelation 3:16) and worldly, depending on the weapons of this world in order to do God's will instead of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 10:4, 2 Timothy 3:5). Then it says, "...them good old boys were drinkin' whiskey and rye singing 'this will be the day that I die ... " There's a fatalistic attitude present. The late Reverend David Wilkerson wrote about this attitude in his book, "America's Last Call, On the Brink of a Financial Holocaust" pages 34 thru 37.

The song continues, "Do you write the book of love, and do you have faith in God above, if the Bible tells you so?" Here's proof in the song that the real meaning has to do with God and the spirit world. The book of love, therefore, is the Bible because it teaches us about God's love for us and His plan of salvation (John 3:16).

Then it switches back to the carnal world. It says, "Do you believe in 'Rock 'n Roll'? Can music save your mortal soul?" The Americanization of "Rock 'n Roll" was started by Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis. The cousin of Jerry Lee Lewis, Jimmy Swaggart, has said that the term was to refer to the sexual act. And that the dance originated from African culture, as dramatized in the movie "Great Balls of Fire." So, of course music cannot save your soul. Only Jesus Christ can do that (John 14:6, 1 Timothy 2:5)! Then, "Can you teach me how to dance real slow." This could refer to compromise within the church, one foot in the world, and one foot with God. This sounds like the "lukewarm" mentioned in Revelation 3:16. Next part, "Well, I know that you're in love with him, 'cause I saw you dancing in the gym." Sound like the love of things in this world (see 1 John 2:15-17), and dancing with the devil. Then it says, "You both kicked off your shoes. Man I dig those rhyme and blues." This brings to mind a carefree notion, with no regard to the things of God.

"I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck." Sounds like someone looking for love and spiritual answers. Then, "With a pink carnation and a pickup truck." Carnations are worn in the lapel at a wedding. "But I knew that I was out of luck the day the music died." This takes me back to "Mystery Babylon" again, and the music referred to in Revelation 18:22-23. Then the song repeats the chorus and refers to the levee being dry (Jeremiah 2:13). As Christians, we know that Christ is the true Vine (John 15:1-2), and that unless a plant continues to receive the life giving sap that comes from the vine, it will shrivel up and die (Isaiah 64:6). We continue, "Now for ten years we've been on our own ... "Without Christ's

influence and protection.

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The song was written in the Fall of 1971, approximately ten years after President Kennedy was elected. Things began to change slowly. But after his death in November 1963 everything went sour. There was the Vietnamese War, the draft, Watergate, racial tension, campus riots, etc. "...and moss grows fat on a rollin' stone." Christ is our holy Stone (Luke 20:17, 1 Peter 2:6-7) or rock (1

Corinthians 10:4) that has been rolled away from United States culture, being discarded and abandoned. "But that's not the way it used to be. When the jester sang for the king and queen...." [The jester is the devil, who mocks everything of God through influences like entertainment and music. Christ is the King, the church is the Queen. Probably refers to the worldly culture that has swept into churches through music and dance.] "...In a coat he borrowed from James Dean." The term "coat" represents deception. Compare with Matthew 7:15. As for James Dean, he seemed to represent youthful good looks, energy, and the glamorization of rebellion, hopelessness, and death. He was in movies like "Rebel Without A Cause" and he died in a car crash at only twenty-four years old. It continues, "And a voice that came from you and me." The Supreme Court has given the right of freedom of speech to the vilest of depravity. This was never intended to be used this way by our Godfearing founding fathers.

"While the king was looking down, the jester stole his thorny crown" Christ is the King. This is mocking the Lord on the cross, referring to the crown of thorns (Mark 15:17). We'll skip a little bit, then, "...while Lennon read a book of Marx..." [Karl Marx was a German philosopher who promoted Communism through his books. John Lennon promoted it through music.] "The quartet practiced in the park." Free public concerts, and lack of traditional moral values and responsibility. Brings to mind concerts like Woodstock. Also creates a desire for leisure and pleasure instead of love for God (2 Timothy 3:4). "And we sang (Continued On Page 4)

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dirges in the dark the day the music died." Preparing for their own funeral in the darkness of sin. The chorus repeats. Then, "<u>Helter</u> <u>skelter in a summer swelter</u>." Heat from a nuclear blast. May refer to mass death, such as in the Sharon Tate murders, where the words "Helter skelter" were scrawled on the wall. "<u>The birds flew off</u> <u>with a fallout shelter, eight miles high and falling fast</u>." Missiles, referred to as "arrows" in Jeremiah 50:9-15. "<u>It landed foul on the</u> <u>grass</u>." They hit their target. "<u>The players tried a forward pass</u>." Tried but failed to win the game/war. "<u>With the jester on the sidelines in a cast</u>." Satan watches man's efforts, as if he is a cast member in a play.

"<u>Now the half-time air was sweet perfume</u>..." Desperate prayers to God (Revelation 5:8), but too late. "<u>While the sergeants played</u> <u>a marching tune</u>." Military tried to defend the nation. "<u>We all got</u> <u>up to dance</u>..." Hope to salvage a few good times but it is too late. "<u>cause the players tried to take the field</u>" [attack by foreign nations (see Jeremiah 50:9)]. "<u>The marching band refused to yield</u>." The defenders keep trying to ward off the attack. "<u>Do you recall what</u> <u>was revealed, the day the music died</u>?" Looking back on the event spiritually, as if from a future date, as John did in the book of Revelation. But in this case, evil spirits are doing the looking and celebrating the events. Then the chorus again. Then, "<u>Oh, and there</u> <u>we were all in one place, a generation lost in space</u>..." [lost without Christ] "...with no time left to start again." Too late for repentance.

"So come on; jack be nimble, jack be quick." Jack is the devil! "Jack flash sat on a candlestick." Smothered the light of Christ and got burned in Hell. "Cause fire is the devil's only friend." The one consolation Satan will have while suffering in Hell is that he will have taken so many humans with him. "Oh and as I watched him on the stage ... " This refers to media and entertainment deception. "...my hands were clenched in fits of rage." The spirit watching these things is very angry. "No angel born in Hell... [demons, also called fallen angels (Revelation 12:9)] "...could break that Satan's spell." No other demons could dissuade or stop their leader, Satan, from his

actions. "<u>And as the flames climbed high into the night to light the</u> <u>sacrificial rite</u>..." [Destruction of Mystery Babylon.] "<u>I saw Satan</u> <u>laughing with delight</u>." Probably the way Middle Eastern terrorists laughed when they saw the destruction of September 11, 2001. "The day the music died."

Then the chorus comes again. "<u>Bye-bye, Miss American Pie</u>' <u>drove a Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry</u>..." Repeating the same theme that we as a nation were no longer attached to the Vine of Christ (see John 15:1-8) and therefore, had no spiritual moisture to grow good fruit (Galatians 5:22-25). The consequences are a dead, spiritually lifeless nation that appears to God, metaphorically, like leaves, dry, blown into a pile (Isaiah 64:6-7), and burned (John 15:6 and Matthew 7:19). Again, a Chevy represents what America once was at the height of God's blessings! Then, "<u>I met a girl who</u> <u>sang the blues</u>." The Christian church, seeing God's judgment and realizing it's too late for the nation. Then we continue... "<u>I asked her</u> for some happy news, but she just smiled and turned away." She's still thinking about the misery around her and the hopelessness for so many who rejected Christ.

"<u>I went down to the sacred store where I'd heard the music</u> years before, but the man there and the music wouldn't play." Went to a church where he had once heard about Christ and His salvation, but was too late. He should have come to the Lord when God was still calling him (Jeremiah 13:16 and Ecclesiastes 12:1-7). Now, destruction reigns all around. The Bridegroom (Christ, see Matthew 9:15 and John 3:29) has His Bride, and the doors to the wedding are locked to all who came late (Matthew 25:10-12, 7:21-23). "And in the streets the children screamed, the lovers cried, and the poets dreamed." Terror, panic, while some remember how good things used to be. "But not a word was spoken, the church bells all were broken." They know that repentance is too late. Even the churches are destroyed, as God closes all doors of access to redemption, and lets Satan destroy those who lived for pleasure and served him (Isaiah 47:7-15). "And three men I admire most, the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost." God's people love Him, but do not envy His power. Satan hates God, but admires His power and authority so much he caused a war in Heaven in his jealous, futile effort to defeat the Almighty (see Revelation 12:7-9). "They caught the last train for the coast..." [Denotes rapid departure.] "...the day the music died. And they were singing 'Bye-bye, Miss American Pie' ... "

As I type the meaning I am feeling this song is about, I am amazed that none of us have every noticed the ominous tones of it before. Americans think it is just a cute, strange song. But to me, it is terrifying! So what do we do about it? We live by faith and trust God with our future (Proverbs 3:5-7). And, "*Remember Him--before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken* 



at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. 'Meaningless! Meaningless!' says the Teacher. 'Everything [else] is meaningless!'" (Ecclesiastes 12:6-8 NIV). As for the meaning, all of us have an invisible, silver cord attached to us in the spirit world. In her book, "Out on a Limb" Shirley MacLaine said she had an "out of the body" experience while involved in occult activity. And saw her own beautiful silver cord. This is extremely dangerous! I read that one woman engaged in this activity had a hard time getting back into her own body!

The "golden bowl" refers to prayers of the saints (Revelation 5:8). The "pitcher" probably refers to the human body, which contains mostly water. So, metaphorically, it is comparing death to a person trying to get water out of a spring when their pitcher is broken. The broken wheel at the well is a similar metaphor. You can't get any water out of a well that has a broken wheel. The point is that we must get our hearts right with God before it is too late. After a person is dead they are no longer capable of accepting Christ as their Savior (see Philippians 3:20) and receiving the life giving water of salvation that only He can give us! Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes. He was a man who had tremendous wealth and everything his heart desired. However, his riches became a stumbling block for him and he ended up backsliding away from God, even to the place of building altars for his heathen wives so that they could worship their pagan "gods". In his old age he returned to the Lord, and wrote the book of Ecclesiastes as a warning to people to put God first. As Jesus put it, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV).