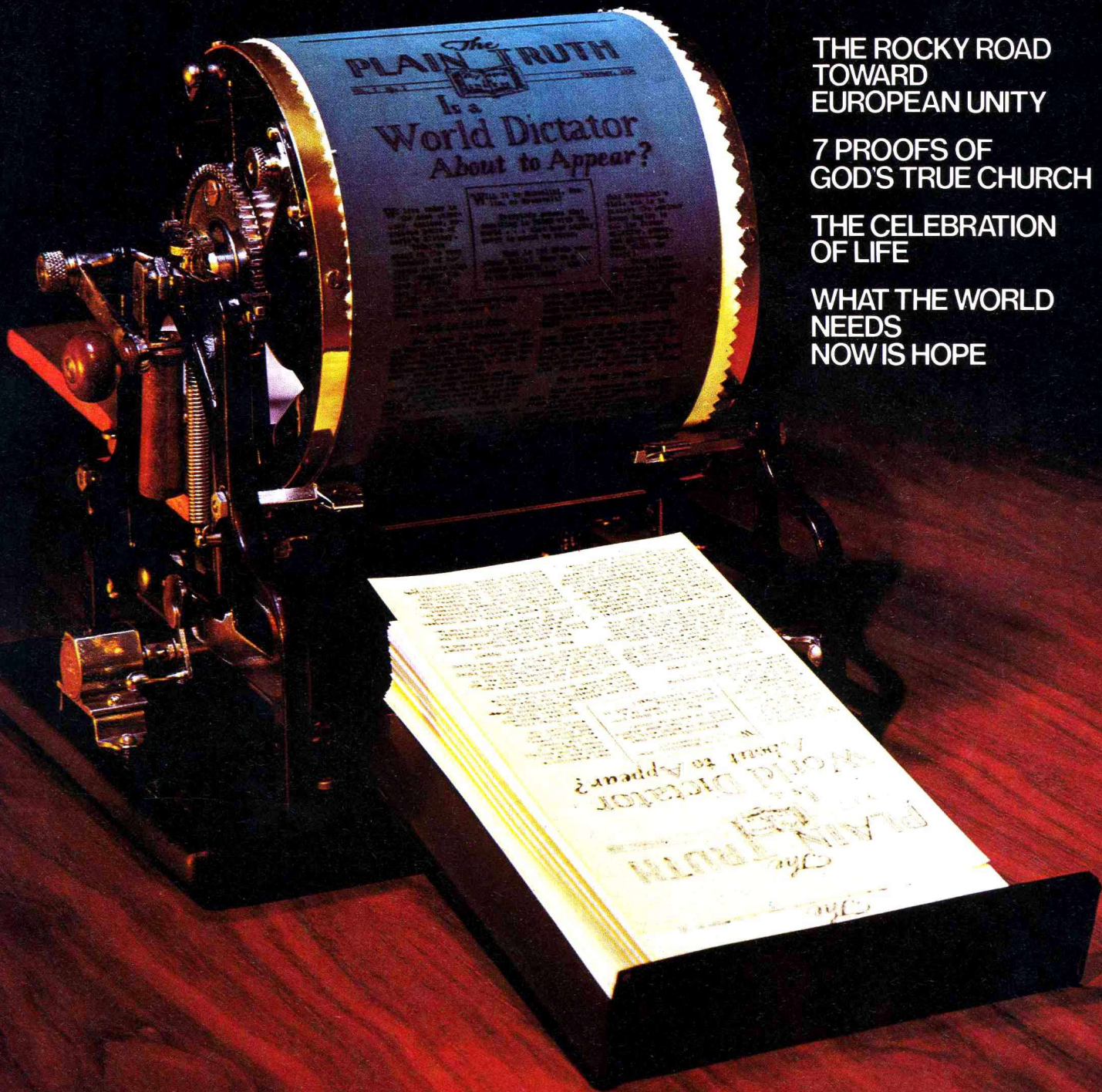


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45th Anniversary Issue—A Personal Message From The Plain Truth's Founder and Editor

Forty-five years—and still ahead of our time! Seven years ago I wrote on this “Personal” page: “Suppose you had the urge and the ambition to start a new, mass-circulation magazine—but you had no money, no facilities or resources of any kind to get it published, no means of gaining subscribers.

“But further, suppose you had the conviction, because it was going to make the truth (God’s Word) plain, that neither advertising should be sold, nor subscription price put on it. Further, suppose you had the conviction that it should be a magazine with exceptionally fine quality—not only in its reading content, but in its physical appearance.”

I think that if you told this urge to the publisher of a national magazine, he would shake his head in derision, perhaps call you a fool, and say, “IT CAN’T BE DONE!”

Well, *fifty-two years ago*, I had precisely that “Mission Impossible” urge. It was the spring of 1927. In sheer faith that it would be accomplished, I spent what must have been most of all the money I had to have a professional letter artist design a front cover—with the name in clear, bold letters across the top: “*THE PLAIN TRUTH.*”

I had been on the advertising and editorial staffs of newspapers and magazines since 1911—16 years. And though I didn’t know it then, I was to spend another year and two months as advertising manager and editorial writer for a daily newspaper—and still my dream magazine was yet to appear.

Seven years went by. The Great Depression started in 1929. How was I ever to start this magazine without

money? How would I get subscribers—even without a subscription price—because I definitely had principles against giving it to any who did not subscribe of their own volition? The Depression plunged the nation deeper and deeper into what seemed a hopeless economic condition.

If a man lost his job, he could not find another. People who were buying their homes had to give them up; instead of inflation, we had unbelievable DEFLATION—and the value of real estate tumbled until a home being bought on payments was not worth anywhere near as much as the homeowner still owed.

Yes, indeed it was “Mission Impossible.” But I never gave up the dream. It came to 1933—the year President Franklin Delano Roosevelt closed the banks because the nation had HIT BOTTOM in the economic plunge. Meanwhile I had been ordained a minister of Jesus Christ.

I was speaking six nights a week in a one-room country schoolhouse seating 36. It was eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon. Attendance averaged about 38 or 39—with a few having to stand for the service most evenings. I hitchhiked nightly to the schoolhouse, for I had no car.

In October 1933 I learned that the one local minimum-wattage radio station in Eugene, Oregon, where I was staying, had a morning devotional program, 7:45 to 8:00 a.m., Mondays through Fridays. And I learned the station had difficulty getting local ministers to get up early enough for a 7:45 morning broadcast, even if no charge was made to their churches.

I inquired at the station. A woman secretary said, “Why, yes, Mr. Armstrong, (Continued on page 44)

Part One:

7 PROOFS OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH

*Where is the one and only true Church today—the Church founded by Jesus Christ in A.D. 31?
Seven major eye-opening proofs identify it unmistakably.*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

YOU LIVE in a world of religious confusion. WHY so many different religions? The world has Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity, with its many denominations and sects.

Religion is generally regarded as the worship of the Creator or the supernatural—although some Oriental religions are primarily philosophies.

The largest religion in the world, in asserted number of adherents, is Roman Catholicism. Its claim of being the original church of Christianity has won near universal acceptance in the Western world.

But where is the absolute AUTHORITY to identify the *true* religion, and the one original Church, of the Christian religion?

Or, is *any* authentic? Communism rejects religion, labeling it “the opiate of the people.”

I seriously doubt if *anyone* has been put through the experience that came to me in *settling* this question with PROOF POSITIVE.

WHY do most people believe the

things they believe? The philosopher C. E. Ayers said truthfully that few, indeed, have ever stopped to ask themselves in retrospect *why* they believe the things they believe, or *HOW* they came to believe them.

I have said many times that most people believe that which they have repeatedly heard, read, or been taught, and have carelessly *assumed* those things to be true without question and without proof.

The Disturbing Dual Challenge

I was born of stable and upright parents, whose Quaker ancestors had emigrated from England to Pennsylvania with William Penn a hundred years before the United States became a nation.

At age 18 I dropped all but the most passive interest in religion. I had put myself through an intensive self-examination, coupled with a survey of the various occupations and professions, to determine where I belonged—to avoid fitting the proverbial square peg in the round hole. This led me into the advertising pro-

fession and business life. I was unusually successful. I had continued through the years diligent study and application. I had planned that my business contacts were largely with “the great and the near great.”

Then, at age 34, I was assailed by very disturbing dual challenges. My wife, after our nine years of happy marriage, had begun keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. I was aghast! That, to me, was religious fanaticism! She claimed to have found this teaching in the Bible.

My first upsetting thought was, “What will my business contacts and friends say?” It was a devastating thought, humiliating!

All the *arguments* came quickly to my mind. They were of no avail. She said she found this teaching in the Bible. “But the Bible says,” I protested, “‘Thou shalt observe Sunday.’”

“Can you show that to me in the Bible?” she asked.

“No,” I replied. “I don’t know much about the Bible. My interest and studies have been in the area of business. But I know the Bible

teaches Sunday observance, because *all these churches can't be wrong*, and they derive their beliefs from the Bible."

"If," she smiled sincerely—but to me exasperatingly, "you can show me where the Bible commands Sunday observance, I'll go back to it."

There was no dodging the challenge. My marriage depended upon it! Coincidentally, a sister-in-law, newly married and fresh out of college, hurled at me a second humiliating challenge.

"Herbert Armstrong," she accused contemptuously, "you are just plain *ignorant!* Everybody who has any education *knows* human life has come by evolution."

I was proud. I had not neglected study and education. I thought I knew the facts about evolution, and I didn't believe in it. But now I had to admit I had never pursued a thorough, in depth research of the question.

The dual challenge drove me into determined, almost night-and-day research. That intensive study continued for six months before I found the *proven* answer. Yet the study to this day has never ceased.

I was not only angered by these challenges—I was *determined* to prove both my wife and sister-in-law wrong. Both challenges focused on a common starting point—the book of Genesis in the Bible—although that was only the beginning.

These challenges came at a period in life when I had ample time on my hands. I plunged with intense concentration into the study.

But I did not begin the research in Genesis. First I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin, Lyell, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt, Chamberlin and Moore, and even into the earlier works of Lamarck and his theory of "use and disuse," which preceded Darwin's "survival of the fittest" hypothesis.

Immediately those writings appeared convincing. They would have to be, to have won virtual universal acceptance in the world of higher education. I readily understood how the field of education had been gripped in the clutch of the evolutionary concept.

Evolution, as I finally learned, is

the atheists' attempted explanation of the presence of a creation without the preexistence of a Creator.

This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to the realization that I had *assumed* the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard—and therefore accepted—it. For a while my head was literally swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error, after all? I was awakened to the realization I had never seen *PROVED* the reality of God. Now I was determined to know the *TRUTH!* My mind was being cleaned out from ideas and beliefs previously taken for granted.

Of all the writers on evolution, Moore alone had culled out many discrepancies in the theory, yet he, too, went along with the doctrine overall.

But now I had, first of all, to prove or disprove the existence of God. It was no casual or superficial study. I continued in this research as if my life depended upon it—as, in actual fact, it did, as well as my marriage. I studied books on both sides of the question.

Suffice it to say here that I did find irrefutable *PROOF* of the existence of God the Creator—and I found proof positive of the fallacy of the evolutionary theory. I had the satisfaction of winning the admission of one thoroughly steeped in evolutionary thought (she had spent years in graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Columbia) that I had definitely chopped down the trunk of the evolutionary tree; though, like Dr. Moore, she had been so thoroughly brainwashed in evolutionary theory she had to continue in it, even though she had seen and acknowledged *PROOF* of its falsity.

Also I had the enjoyment of being able to cause my sister-in-law to "eat those words" branding me as "ignorant." This, of course, was mere vanity on my part, which I had not yet eradicated.

I had proved the reality of *THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD!* But my wife's challenge was still tormenting my mind. Already, in the evolutionary research, I had studied Genesis. I knew each of the world's religions

had its own sacred writings. Once God's reality was proved, I had expected to pursue the study of comparative religion—to see if any such sacred writings proved authoritative. Through which of these did *GOD* speak to mankind—if any?

Since I had to research the Sabbath question anyway, and had already delved into Genesis, I decided to continue my study of the Bible—intending to examine in depth the writings of other religions afterward.

In my biblical study I early came across the passage in Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is death. . . ." I stopped, amazed. "Wages" is what one is paid for what one has done. Here I was staring at a statement diametrically opposite to all the Sunday school teaching I had received prior to age 18.

"Why," I exclaimed, "how can that be? I was taught in church that the wages of sin is *EVERLASTING LIFE*—in an eternally burning hell."

Another shock came on reading the last part of the same verse: ". . . but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"But," I questioned in disillusionment, "I thought I already had eternal life—I am, or I have, an immortal soul."

I researched the word "soul" by means of a Bible concordance. Twice I found the words, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4 and Ezek. 18:20).

Then I remembered I had read in Genesis 2 how God said to the first human, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (verse 17).

In Genesis 2:7 I read how "God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man [dust—matter] became a living soul." This states plainly that a soul is physical—formed from matter. I found that the English word "soul" is translated from the Hebrew *nephesh* and that in Genesis 1, fowl, fish, and animals, all three, were *nephesh*, as Moses was inspired to write.

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After 2,550 Years...

JEW ARE A NATION AGAIN!

...Prophecy Fulfilled?

Here are the real facts back of the strange dilemma in Palestine, exclusive in The Plain Truth, from private interviews with chief leaders of both Arabs and Zionist Jews.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The Jews once again a NATION of their own in Palestine, after 2,550 years! What does it all mean? What's back of this world-shaking event? Is this the prophesied regathering of Israel back to the Holy Land?

The new nation was born in turmoil, and WAR between it and surrounding Arab nations flared out immediately.

The new nation is a REPUBLIC, its president is in America, and it calls itself, officially, "ISRAEL"!

All Topsy-Turvy

This is not the prophesied great coming exodus of Israel back to Palestine, but man-made blundering and CONFUSION!

This is not the restoration of Israel and of PEACE in the Holy Land, but strife, misunderstanding,

UPDATE ON THE ISRAEL-ARAB QUESTION

The Plain Truth is always ahead of its time! Over thirty years ago, The Plain Truth published this article which explained the basic reasons for the current Middle East strife. It was captioned "Jews Are a Nation Again," with personal interviews with the two chief spokesmen for each of the opposing factions. The article is reproduced here from the June 1948 issue.

bloodshed in open battle! But WHY? Why do the Arabs so desperately fight against this new "Israel"? Why do the Jews with such fanatical fervor sacrifice lives and money for it? What is prophesied, and what does this have to do with it?

To bring you the true answers—

the PLAIN TRUTH *behind* the news you read in newspapers and hear in newscasts—I went to San Francisco to interview the man in charge of Palestine relations for the Arabs, Sheik Hafiz Wabba, and later to London for another interview with him. I went to New York for a three-hour interview with Itzhak J. Karpman, executive director of the World Confederation of General Zionists. And the amazing, almost unbelievable truth from prophecy we bring you direct from the Bible.

Why the Arabs Fight

My first interview with the sheik from Arabia was at the San Francisco Conference in 1945. The interview was arranged two days in advance. At the appointed hour I was ushered into his office in the Fairmont Hotel. I found him attired, not in the flowing robes in which the Arabian delegation had so intrigued San Franciscans, but

in an ordinary American business suit.

He received me very cordially, and spoke good English. With Prince Faisal, he was the leader of the Arab delegation, and the man in charge of Palestine relations for the Saudi Arabian government.

"Why do the Arabs oppose the Jews in returning to Palestine?" I asked.

"We do not oppose the presence of Jews in Palestine," he corrected me. "We only oppose further and unlimited immigration of Jews into Palestine."

"But the Jews claim Palestine as their Holy Land," I said. "They believe Almighty God *promised* that land to Abraham, and that they are the children of Abraham, and therefore that Palestine belongs to them by divine right. Now I understand the Arabs are also the children of Abraham, descended through Ishmael. Do you believe that, and claim the right to possess Palestine on those grounds?"

"We are the children of Abram," he replied, pronouncing it "Uh-brahm," with the accent on the last syllable, "and we are descended through Ishmael, yes, and Ishmael was the firstborn son of Abram and therefore the rightful birthright holder and heir to the land promised Abram. But," and he emphasized the point, "we do not present our claim to Palestine, or oppose further and unlimited Jewish immigration, on those grounds."

Then he explained the Arab position—and he gave me an UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT—yet the Zionist director in New York later gave me a sizzling answer to the unanswerable argument! "Let me put it this way," the sheik continued. "How long have you Americans been here in California—when did your first white men come here?"

"Only some three or four hundred years ago," I replied.

"Exactly! And you have only been established as a government here a much shorter time than that. Now you are still at war against Japan. [This was in the spring of 1945.] A considerable number of Japanese had immigrated into California before the war and estab-

lished homes here. You did not object or fight against this limited Japanese immigration and residence here, just as we did not, for a long time, against the Jews' immigration into Palestine. But now suppose the Japanese wanted to increase their immigration into California until there would be more Japanese than Americans here, and then they also demanded that you let them take over the State of California and set up a new Japanese NATION here on your soil. Tell me, would you oppose that? Would you call out your armed forces to fight against it?"

There was only one answer to that! Of course the United States would fight to prevent it, with all the power and resources of the nation, if need be!

"Would you think you were right in doing so?" he asked.

We would!

"Well," he explained, "the Arabs have lived in, and had possession of Palestine, for thousands of years. Our homes are there. We didn't object to a few Jews coming into our land. We know they have brought us many benefits. They have brought with them money, energy, industry. Our people have benefited by the additional prosperity and other advantages they have brought us. That we welcomed, as long as they were a beneficial minority in our midst. But now Jewish immigration has been increasing at such a rate that soon there will be more Jews than Arabs. Now the Jews want to take our land away from us and make it their own NATION! That land has belonged to us many times longer than California has belonged to Americans. You say *you* would oppose and fight against Japanese immigration flooding California with more Japanese than Americans, taking your fair state away from you and turning it into a new Japanese nation. Well, that is exactly why we oppose further Jewish immigration and will fight to the last man against the Jews setting up a NATION on our land!"

There is his "UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT"!

Can *you* answer it? Of course, in due time, when God Himself steps in to take rule away from men and to rule the earth by divine fiat

through Christ as King of kings, it will be different. But, from the standpoint of the present time and the present world, I had no answer! "But," I questioned "His Excellency" further, "what about the pitiful condition of hundreds of thousands of persecuted homeless Jews driven out of Europe by Hitler? Can you deny these poor refugees a home in what they consider as their own ancient homeland?"

"Why should the Arabs be called upon to bear *all* the burden of sheltering homeless Jews?" he asked in reply. "Why do America and Britain expect us to accept them when you yourselves refuse them? You could absorb them and they would only be a small and unnoticed addition to your famous 'melting pot.' But every other nation on earth turns these homeless Jews away from its borders and then expects the Arabs to take them all into Palestine, where they would then outnumber Arabs and take our country away from us! Is that right? Is that international justice?"

In London, late February 1947, Mrs. Armstrong and I were specially invited by the Arabian plenipotentiary to a royal reception in honor of the crown prince Emir Saud, eldest son of King Ibn Saud. After we and the other guests had been formally presented to "His Royal Highness," I had a few words once again in private with Sheik Hafiz Wabba.

"If only Great Britain, America, and all the other nations would quit interfering and stirring up all this emotional feeling in favor of more and more Jews going to Palestine until they drive our people out, we would have no troubles at all in Palestine. The fires of trouble are being fanned by the interference of other nations and their sentimental and unthinking emotion about Jews becoming a nation in Palestine. Stop all this propaganda and interference by so many nations not directly concerned, and the Arabs and the Jews will get along all right together in Palestine."

And there, again, he put his finger directly on the source of the trouble: so many nations not personally concerned burdening themselves with Palestine!

Do you know the prophesied fate

of these nations who interfere in a quarrel not their own?

Listen! "The burden of the word of the Eternal for Israel, saith the Eternal. . . Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah [the Jews] and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people [all nations]: all that burden themselves with it *shall be cut in pieces*, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it" (Zech. 12:1-3).

The Jews' Answer to the Sheik

But what is the *Jewish view* on this question? Have they an answer to Sheik Hafiz Wabba's "unanswerable" argument?

In New York, returning from Europe, I spent nearly an entire afternoon in conference at the American office of the World Confederation of General Zionists with Itzhak (Isaac) J. Karpman, executive director of the World Confederation.

A young Jewish Palestine labor leader, Hapoel Hatzair, had just arrived in New York from Palestine, and he sat in on our chat for about an hour.

I told Mr. Karpman what the Arabian minister had told me—the Arab's "unanswerable" argument. And did he have an answer? He had a *sizzling answer!*

"First, let me state a few census figures," he said, "so you'll have the exact relative populations in mind. According to the 1944 official Palestine census, there are 1,750,000 total population in Palestine. [Now over two million.] Of these, 1,100,000 are Moslems, mostly Arabs; 530,000 are Jews; 140,000 are Christians; 15,000 miscellaneous."

(Actually, today, 1948, there are about 1,300,000 Arabs and 710,000 Jews in all Palestine. In the new Jewish nation called "ISRAEL," roughly half of Palestine, there are about 600,000 Jews and only 395,000 Arabs. In the city of Jerusalem today are approximately 100,000 Jews and 100,000 Arabs.)

"All right," said Isaac Karpman, "let's take the Arabian minister's example—California—and see if the circumstances are the same.

"Conditions are altogether different. Today, the real *life* in Palestine is JEWISH! The real life in California is American, not Japanese. In Palestine today industry, banking, insurance, commerce is *90 percent Jewish!* Only 10 percent Arab! Agriculture in Palestine—40 percent Jewish! Jews pay 87 percent of the income tax in Palestine. How much do the Japanese pay in California?

"Now let me tell you what *Hadasah* has accomplished! *Hadassah* is the women's Zionist organization of America, with 220,000 members. Since 1920 they have been caring for the health and hospitalization needs in Palestine. They maintain in Palestine a large organization of social workers and spend four million dollars a year in bringing about better health and sanitation conditions in Palestine. Now there are more than three hundred million Arabs—only about a million of them are in Palestine. But because of the charitable work of this Jewish women's organization, the highest birth rate and lowest death rate of Arabs in the world are in Palestine. These conditions are terrible in Egypt, Iraq, Syria, and other Arab nations."

How Jews Feel About Palestine

"If a Jew feels he is a Jew," continued the Zionist executive director, "if he is connected with Jewish people, he feels a *connection* with Palestine. All Jewish life, through all the history of the Jewish people, has centered around Jerusalem and Palestine.

"All Jewish education has instilled in Jewish people a definite connection with Palestine. From childhood all Jewish boys and girls have been taught of the glory of the Jewish people in ancient Palestine. The glory of God is inseparably interwoven with the glory of Palestine. Palestine is the center of Jewish education, of Jewish religion, of Jewish culture, of Jewish family life—it is the very *heart* of the Jew! It means his *life!* To separate our people from Palestine would be to tear our hearts out!

"The basic Jewish law, of family life, of social relationships, of religious life, is laid down by the Sanhedrin, inseparably connected with

Palestine. For many centuries our people have been dispersed, driven from nation to nation, scattered all over the world, with no national home or nation of our own. But through all these centuries the Jews have felt they were exiled and driven cruelly from *their home*—PALESTINE! All these centuries Palestine has been, in their hearts, their HOME from which they were temporarily driven. It is the *only* national home and center of the Jews! But Palestine has never been the national home, or center, of the Arabs, but just a small part of their territory—just a place where a *small part* of them have settled and lived.

"Mr. Wabba's California illustration is not a fair comparison at all!" And Mr. Karpman waxed almost vehement. "The Japanese have their ancient home in Japan. If such an absurd event should happen as for them to ask for California for a new Japanese nation, such demand would have no basis whatever. But we have *every* basis for demanding Palestine for our home! Or, I suppose he might say the Indians might demand California back as their national home. The Indians were there before the white man. But the Indians had never developed California; the Jews did, and are now, developing Palestine. Arabs never did, and are not now, developing Palestine! California never was the center of Indian life, religion, and industry, or any semblance of national life. There is no comparison whatever!"

52 Nations Gave Jews Right To Settle in Palestine

"Now, do the Jews have any real *right* to be in Palestine today? The Arabian sheik doesn't want to base his claims on the Bible, because he must know God rejected Ishmael and gave the land to the descendants of Isaac. But aside from the Bible claim, let us look at our rights in Palestine based only on the authority of modern nations and conditions as of today. Palestine was opened to Jews after 52 nations [the League of Nations] decided they had a *right* to go there and create a Jewish national home in Palestine. And these nations based this right on the Bible, on Jewish history, Jew-

ish life, etc. Fifty-two nations gave us that right!

"In 1922 there were only 85,000 Jews in Palestine. As a result of the Balfour Declaration and mandate from 52 nations, we brought in 600,000 Jews. But at the same time, 600,000 more Arabs also came into Palestine, so they would still outnumber us—so actually the Jews brought 600,000 Arabs into Palestine! Neither the Japanese nor the Indians ever brought 600,000 of their people into California! Now the rate of Arab immigration into Palestine—from Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon, Yemen, etc.—is greatly increased.

"Transjordan is four times as large as Palestine. In 1922, it had 300,000 population. It is about the same today—just a vast desert. But the Jews have brought 600,000 Jews and 600,000 Arabs into Palestine. They have brought PROSPERITY and progressive LIFE into Palestine—ample employment, the highest standard of living, good health, removal of swamps and malaria which killed so many Arabs before we went back there. We brought all these benefits and blessings to Arabs as well as to Jews.

"There is room in Palestine for all homeless Jews of the earth—and without any harm to Arabs. And no other country will accept these homeless people! The condition of those refugee Jews is tragic—yes, one of the world's greatest tragedies—and Palestine is the only solution! Remember, 52 nations opened it up to us! No other nation will open its doors to us! It will not injure the Arabs, nor even alter the proportion of population, since every Jew also brings another Arab into Palestine! And every Jew also improves living conditions for that additional Arab who moves in to keep him outnumbered! We are *benefiting*, not harming, the Arabs! Now where else are our tragically homeless people to go? The United States will not take in these Jews. In South America, Brazil receives 7,000 Italians, but no Jews—they don't want us! Jews can't demand that other countries take in our people, but Jews do have a right to demand that Palestine, which 52 nations said Jews have a right to enter, should

receive us. Remember, the condition of these homeless Jews is pitiful—yet, as soon as they are admitted to Palestine they become part of the busy, industrious national life there, and become useful, energetic, productive citizens. They are no longer a pitiful burden to anybody—they are now a great HELP even to the Arabs!"

What Arabs and Jews Did in World War

"Prior to World War I, there was no independent Arab nation! All Arab peoples were under Turkey!" The Zionist leader was far from finished! "After World War I the Arabs got independence—Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, etc. They are still just deserts—and just backward, undeveloped people—but they were made independent! They didn't contribute anything to the war—but they got independence!

"The Jews participated in the war in the U.S., British, and other armies and played an important part—there was a special Jewish Legion in World War I—and yet all our people got out of it was the *right*, by 52 nations, to have a national home in Palestine!

"Now look at World War II. A million and a half Jews participated in Allied armies. The Palestinian Jewish Brigade fought in the desert, and in Italy against Rommel. It was help supplied by Palestine Jews which actually turned the tide of the entire war in the Allies' favor at El Alamein. One of our greatest war correspondents wrote a book about Jewish participation, called *Our Forgotten Ally*. Yes, America and Britain seem to have forgotten their Jewish ally! But now what did the Arabs do? Arab leaders brought the Nazis into Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. The British had to force Egypt to change its government from pro-Nazi to King Faruk. No Arab country declared war, or entered the war, against the Nazis until three months before V-E Day—and *then* only to get a place in the United Nations!

"Arab leaders from Palestine, Iraq and Syria flew to the side of Hitler in 1941-42 and worked with him and helped him slaughter Jews! The British have brought back to Cairo the Arab Nazi leaders who

worked with Hitler in Berlin through the war—but not one of them has been so much as tried!

"Six million Jews were slaughtered in Europe! My family was all killed . . ."

" . . . and so was mine," interjected Hapoel Hatzair.

"Only one and a quarter million of these European Jews remain alive, and now today everybody is worried about how to feed the Nazis and care for the poor defeated Germans—but these Jews are still homeless, and no nation will admit them! Fifty-two nations gave them the right to enter Palestine, but the Arabs fight us, and the Arabs have oil, and so Britain and America listen to Arabs!

"After this last World War, the Arabs got additional new independent nations out of it—Iraq [formerly British], Syria and Lebanon [formerly French], and Transjordan [previously under the British and French]—all given independence—and what for? As a reward for helping Nazis during the war!" The Zionist leader was a little bitter now.

"But what do the Jews get out of it for helping the Allies defeat Germany? When we have these homeless survivors from Hitler's race-hatred slaughter in their present pitiful plight, *we* get the door to our homeland slammed in our faces! After 25 years of the mandate from 52 nations which said it is the Jews' *right* to go back to Palestine, that mandate is exercised by the British fighting against any Jews who try to go there—sending these Jews to Cyprus and detention camps, placing them as prisoners behind barbed wires!

"The Arabs won six seats in the United Nations. The Jews won *nothing* for their help in the war. We have no representative—no voice nor approach—in the United Nations councils. Yet *they* sit in judgment over our fate in Palestine and give us not one voice!

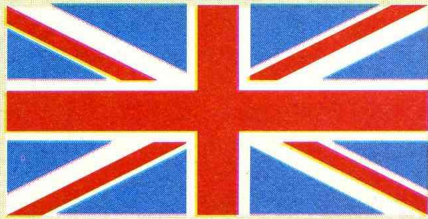
"Palestine," Itzhak J. Karpman concluded, "is *not* an independent Arab nation at all, but has been under mandate to Great Britain. In this mandate, those 52 nations promised the Arabs *nothing*—they

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PART FOUR:



THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY



The “Lost Tribes of Israel” didn’t just vanish—they went on to become some of the richest nations in the world today. But just who are they? And what does it have to do with your future?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

We come now to one of the most fascinating and gripping phases of this strange story of Israel—indeed, the very connecting link between prophecy and present-day fulfillment—yet totally unrecognized by theologians.

After the house of Israel, the northern kingdom whose capital was Samaria, was driven into Assyrian captivity, 721-718 B.C., the Kingdom of JUDAH continued on in the southern part of Palestine known as Judea. At that time Judah, as a nation, had not yet rejected the government and religion of God. God had continued to keep His covenant with David. David’s dynasty had continued on the throne over *part* of the Israelites—the house of JUDAH—the Jews.

But after Israel had become lost from view, Judah turned from the ways and government of God, going after the ways of the Gentile nations, sinning even worse than Israel, until finally the Eternal drove Judah, too, into national captivity and slavery.

Before Judah’s apostasy, God had said, through the prophet Hosea: “Though thou, ISRAEL, play the harlot, yet let not JUDAH offend . . .” (Hosea 4:15). But later, the Eternal said to Jeremiah: “Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, ISRAEL, how she . . . played the harlot? . . . and her false sister JUDAH saw it. She saw that for

all the adulteries of that faithless one, ISRAEL, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce; yet her false sister JUDAH did not fear, but *she too* went and played the harlot . . . Faithless ISRAEL has shown herself less guilty than false JUDAH” (Jer. 3:6-11, Revised Standard Version).

Here, again, it is made distinctly plain that the 12 tribes of Israel were divided into two totally separate nations. And yet opponents of the truth revealed in this series of articles deny these plain scriptures—and attempt to discredit those who reveal it.

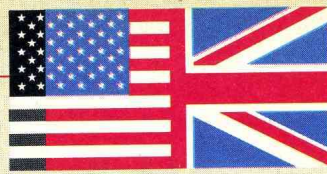
Now see how Judah (the Jews)—more than 130 years after ISRAEL’S captivity—also was removed from their land. They were taken as slaves to Babylon—*not* to Assyria, where ISRAEL had been taken.

“And the Eternal said, I will remove JUDAH *also* out of my sight, as I have removed ISRAEL, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there” (II Kings 23:27).

And so, more than 130 years after Israel’s captivity, the time came when God caused the Jews also to be driven out of their land in national captivity and slavery.

Jeremiah’s Strange Commission

For this purpose God raised up a very special prophet whose real call and commission few indeed understand.



This prophet was Jeremiah. Jeremiah played a strange and little realized role in this captivity.

Something of the importance of this mission may be gleaned from this significant fact: The Bible mentions three men only who were sanctified for their respective offices before they were born—and of these three Jeremiah was the first. The other two were John the Baptist and Jesus Christ!

The Eternal first spoke to Jeremiah when he was but a young lad about, some evidence indicates, seventeen years of age. By the time his mission was completed he was an aged, white-haired patriarch.

This vital yet little-known call and commission is described in the opening verses of the first chapter of the book of Jeremiah. “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,” the Eternal said to him, “and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations” (Jer. 1:5, RSV).

But Jeremiah was frightened—afraid! “Ah, Eternal God!” he replied. “Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”

But the Eternal answered, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you” (verses 6-8).

Then the Eternal put forth His hand and touched Jeremiah’s mouth. “See,” said God, “I have set you this day *over nations* and over kingdoms, *to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, TO BUILD AND TO PLANT*” (verses 9-10). Or, as this tremendous commission is worded in the Authorized Version: “to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to BUILD, AND TO PLANT.”

Notice, Jeremiah was set over NATIONS—more than one kingdom. He was a Jewish lad, living in Judah. He was set a prophet over Judah—but not Judah *alone*. Over NATIONS—over KINGDOMS! He was set over these kingdoms to do *two* things: first, to “pluck up,” or “root out,” to “pull down,” or to “overthrow,” and second, TO BUILD, AND TO PLANT.

Not Realized Today

Look at it in your own Bible! Jeremiah was used of God as a prophet to warn the nation Judah of their transgressions against God’s government and ways. He was sent to warn this rebellious nation of impending punishment—their invasion and captivity at the hands of the Chaldean armed forces—unless they acknowledged their guilt and changed their ways. He was used as a go-between—an intermediary—between the kings of Judah and Babylon.

It is well known that Jeremiah was used in warning Judah of the impending captivity, and the “pulling down” or “overthrowing” of *the throne of David* in the Kingdom of Judah.

It is generally understood that the house of Judah was invaded by the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar; that the

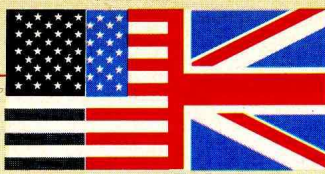


“See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant” (Jeremiah 1:10).

Jews were taken captive to Babylon; that they ceased from being a kingdom; that there no longer existed a ruler of David’s dynasty on the throne over the Kingdom of Judah.

What, then, does this mean? Did God, at last, forget His covenant promise to David that David’s dynasty should *never cease*—that David’s throne was established in Solomon to continue through ALL GENERATIONS FOREVER? Had God Almighty now forgotten that He had sworn that He would not alter this promise—even though the kings and the people rebelled and sinned? The faithfulness of GOD is at stake. The inspiration of the Holy Bible as His revealed WORD is at stake!

But note it! See it in your own Bible! Jeremiah was divinely commissioned to *pull down* and to *overthrow* that very throne of David in Judah—but notice the second half of the commission. TO BUILD AND TO PLANT! To build and to plant WHAT?



Why, naturally, that which he was used in “rooting out” of Judah—the THRONE OF DAVID which God swore He would preserve forever! Jeremiah was set over not just the *one* nation, Judah—but over NATIONS. Over THE KINGDOMS—the Kingdom of Israel as well as Judah!

He was used in “rooting out” that throne from Judah. Then what was Jeremiah commissioned to do, in *Israel*? Notice the *second* half of his strange and little-understood commission—to BUILD and to PLANT!

So far as the world knows, the last king to sit on that throne of David was Zedekiah of Judah. He was thrown down off the throne and the throne rooted out of Judah in the year 585 B.C.—nearly 600 years before Christ!

What happened to that throne? Where was that throne between 585 B.C. and the time of Christ, 600 years later? We know Jeremiah did not plant and REBUILD it in Babylon. God had promised that David’s throne should rule over ISRAELITES through *all* generations—not over Gentiles. We have the history of the continuance of the Gentile throne in Babylon.

David’s throne was never again planted or built among the Jews! It was not reigning over the Jews in the time of Christ. The Jews were then under the Roman rule. Jesus did not ascend any such throne. The throne was not functioning in Judah—it was not existing at that place or over that people—it was not there for Jesus to take over. And Jesus said plainly that HIS Kingdom *was not of this present age!* Yet He was born to sit upon this very THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID (Luke 1:32)!

But that throne was divinely commissioned to be planted and REBUILT by the prophet Jeremiah—*during his lifetime!* Jeremiah was set over *both* Judah and Israel. To be used in *rooting out* David’s throne in Judah. But more! To plant and to build, then, of necessity, among the house of ISRAEL, lo, these many days without a king—among LOST Israel, now supposing herself to be GENTILE! Therefore the identity and location of the replanting *must remain hidden to the world until this time of the END* in which we live.

Tearing Down the Throne

The life and work of Jeremiah is a most fascinating story. The first chapters of the book of Jeremiah are devoted to his ministry, warning of the impending captivity of the Jews. He warned the kings, the priests, prophets and people of Judah, delivering God’s message. They threw him in prison—and they refused to heed or obey God. Then God caused their captivity.

It is generally known that Babylon took Judah in three different stages. The first siege was in 604 B.C., a date about two years later than has been commonly reckoned, but a date now firmly established. The land did not *completely* pass into the hands of these Gentile Babylonians, however, until a full time-cycle of 19 years later, or 585 B.C. You can read the part played by Jeremiah in this captivity in the book of Jeremiah.

But now notice an interesting fact. The last and final king recorded either in Bible or secular history as having sat on the throne of David was King Zedekiah of Judah. Remember his name. Now notice II Kings 24:18: “Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.”

Now notice briefly a description of the final tearing down and rooting out of this throne of David: “In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up. And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris,

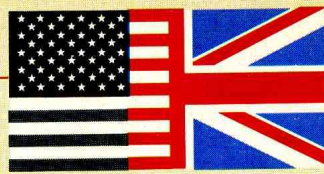
Jeremiah was to do two things: first, to “pluck up,” or “root out,” to “pull down,” or to “overthrow,” and second, to build, and to plant.

Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon. And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king’s garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain. But the Chaldeans’ army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him. Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah’s eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon” (Jer. 39:1-7).

In the 52nd chapter, first 11 verses, we find almost a word-for-word description of the same events with the added phrase: “. . . and put him [Zedekiah] in prison TILL THE DAY OF HIS DEATH.”

These passages bring out these points:

- 1) The king of Babylon slew *all the sons* of Zedekiah who were heirs to the throne of David.
- 2) He also slew all the nobles of Judah so as to leave no possible heirs for that throne.
- 3) Finally, after putting out Zedekiah’s eyes, the king who sat on David’s throne was himself taken to Babylon where he died in prison.
- 4) Thus, as it *appears*, and as the whole world has believed, the throne of David ceased, with no possible heirs,



or sons, to keep the dynasty alive. Certain it is that from that day on, the throne never again has existed in Judah, in Jerusalem, or among the Jews!

What About Jeconiah?

It is true that a former king of Judah was at that time in the dungeons of Babylon—and he had sons to continue David's line. Former King Jeconiah (Jehoiachin), taken to Babylon in chains, was restored to honor 37 years after the captivity (see II Kings 25:27-30). He was even given the title "king" along with numerous other captive, vassal "kings."

One of Jeconiah's sons was Salathiel, who was the father of Zorobabel, the son of royal seed through whom Jesus Christ Himself traced His royal ancestry back to David! (Matt. 1:12.) And Zorobabel—or Zerubabel—was the man God caused Cyrus, king of Persia, to make a decree giving him the *governorship*—not the crown of a king—to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the House of God, the Temple, *seventy* years after the captivity.

Yet neither Jeconiah nor any of his sons or grandsons reigned as king in Judah. Why?

If there was a descendant of the line of David who lived through the captivity, why wasn't he restored to the throne when he was returned to Jerusalem? *Why?* Simply because God would not permit it!

It is God who makes kings—and *unmakes* them! God was determined to remove the crown of David from the ruling line of Pharez and place it on the head of a son of

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Zarah. Yet a royal line straight from David had to remain in the area so the Christ could be born of David's seed yet hundreds of years in the future. And God also had to keep His promise to David that he, David, would never lack a descendant to sit on the throne! Many intricate and fascinating prophecies had to be carried out—some seemingly contradictory—a difficult job to perform, an awesome commission from God to Jeremiah!

"As I live, saith the Lord, though Coniah [Jeconiah] the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence!" (Jer. 22:24.) God had determined an end for this line of kings. He was removing the *crown*—not permitting Jeconiah's sons to reign on Judah's throne! God was turning over (*overturning*) the throne to another branch of Judah's family.

God told Jeremiah forcefully, "Thus saith the Lord, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, SITTING UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, AND RULING ANY MORE IN JUDAH" (Jer. 22:30.)

God spoke! Jeremiah wrote! History was designed and done as God said! Jeconiah had children—God Himself caused this fact to be recorded (see I Chron. 3:17; Matt. 1:12), but as far as the THRONE OF DAVID was concerned HE WAS CHILDLESS—none of his children ever occupied that throne!

The crown had now been removed from the *Pharez line*, uprooted from Judah, any immediate candidates to the throne killed, and Jeconiah incarcerated in a Babylonian prison, written childless as far as the throne was concerned by the command of God Almighty!

Jeremiah had now accomplished the *first* part of his great commission. The throne had been rooted out, the kingdom torn completely down. Judah was now beginning HER national punishment.

Where Did Jeremiah Go?

But what about the *second* part of Jeremiah's important commission?

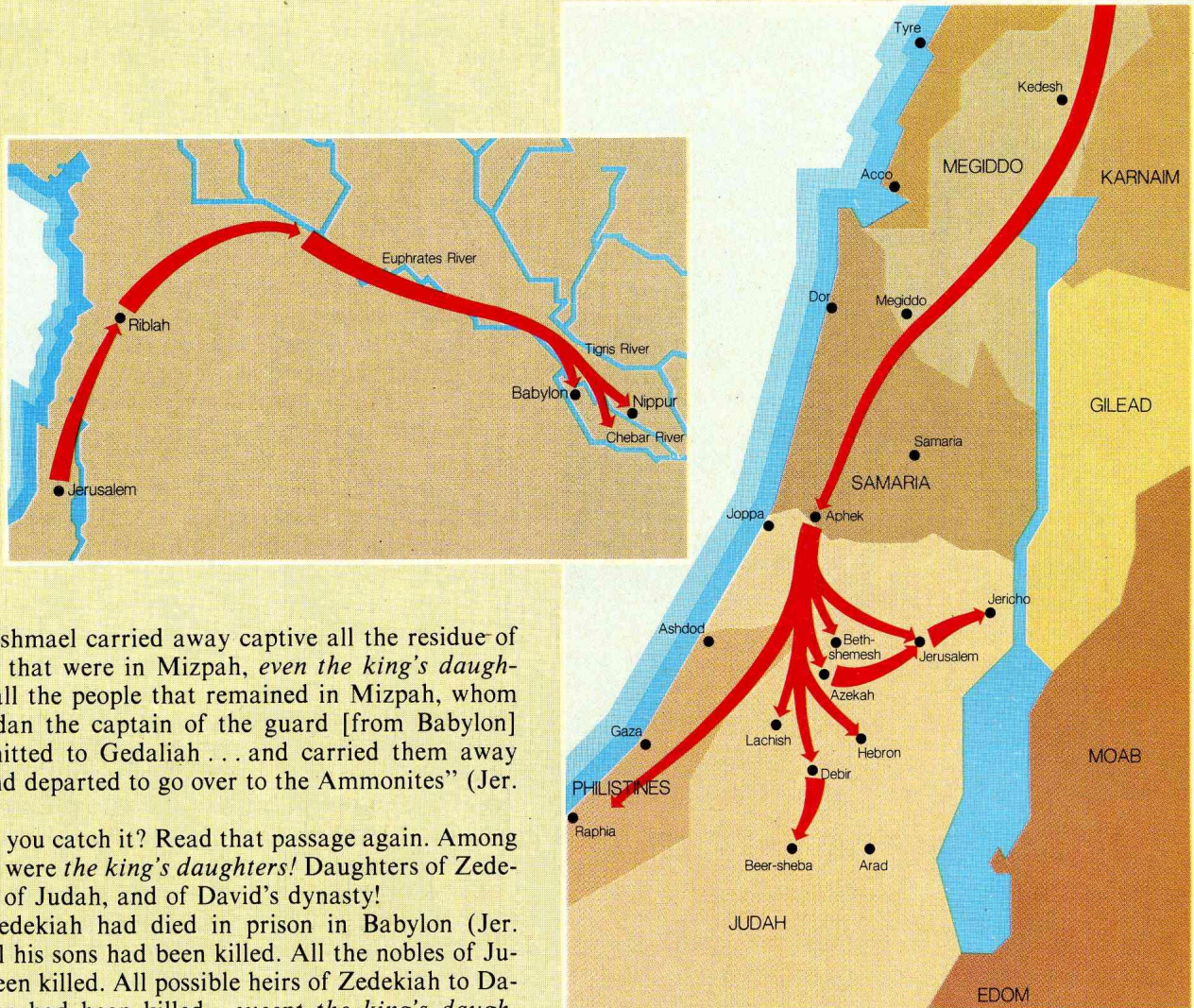
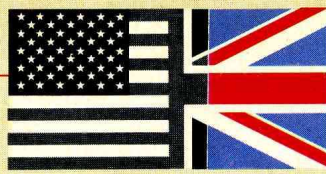
Jeremiah was among these captive Jews. He must be free to carry out the second part of his commission.

So, "Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying, Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee" (Jer. 39:11-12). "And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him... behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear; behold, all the land is before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go... So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward [money], and let him go" (Jer. 40:2-5).

So Jeremiah was left absolutely free to do as he pleased, supplied even with expense money, and given complete freedom, so that he might perform the second half of his mission. Where did he go?

We come now to an amazing, fascinating, thrilling part of the book of Jeremiah which has been almost entirely overlooked. "Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to *Mizpah*; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land" (verse 6).

Now this Gedaliah had been made governor over a remnant of Jews in the land by the king of Babylon, and since Jerusalem was destroyed, he had made Mizpah his headquarters. But the king of Ammon plotted with a Jew named Ishmael to assassinate Gedaliah. The plot was executed; the governor and part of the Jews were slain. Jeremiah was among the survivors.



“Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, *even the king’s daughters*, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard [from Babylon] had committed to Gedaliah . . . and carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites” (Jer. 41:10).

Ah! Did you catch it? Read that passage again. Among these Jews were *the king’s daughters!* Daughters of Zedekiah, king of Judah, and of David’s dynasty!

King Zedekiah had died in prison in Babylon (Jer. 52:11). All his sons had been killed. All the nobles of Judah had been killed. All possible heirs of Zedekiah to David’s throne had been killed—*except the king’s daughters!* Now we see why Jeremiah went to Mizpah!

Jeremiah Escapes

Soon a man named Johanan replaced Ishmael as leader. And in fear of reprisals from Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldean army, Johanan and the captains appealed to the prophet “and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the Lord thy God . . . that the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk” (Jer. 42:2-3). They were like so many professing Christians today. They come to God’s minister with solemn assurances that they surely do want to know God’s will; they promise, as did these, “we will obey the voice of the ETERNAL our God” (verse 6).

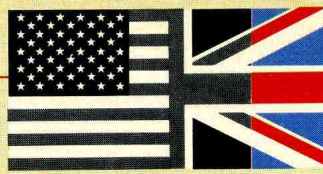
But did they mean it? Such people seldom do. Human nature wants to *be* good—or *think* it is good—but it does not want to *do* good.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, and He told them not to fear, that He would protect and deliver them. But the people wanted to flee to Egypt. This the Lord

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR and his army conquered the southern kingdom of Judah and carried its people captive to Babylon—far to the south of those areas to which the northern tribes had earlier been taken by the Assyrians.

warned them not to do. If they did, the sword of Nebuchadnezzar which they feared would overtake them there, and they would die. “If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt,” God said, “and go to sojourn there; then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there . . . and there ye shall die” (Jer. 42:15-16).

But, as people usually do, they rejected God’s warning. “Thou speakest falsely,” Johanan answered. “The ETERNAL our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt” (Jer. 43:2-3). “So Johanan . . . and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the ETERNAL” (verse 4). People who loudly *profess* to want to do God’s will usually will not accept God’s Word as being His will, unless it is *their* will!



“And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon” (II Kings 25:7).

And so Johanan “took all the remnant of Judah . . . even men, and women, and children, *and the king’s daughters . . . and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah* [Jeremiah’s scribe, or secretary]. So they came into the land of Egypt” (Jer. 43:5-7).

On reaching Egypt, God warned these Jews again through Jeremiah that they should die there by the sword and famine, and “none shall return *but such as shall escape*”! (Jer. 44:12-14.) Yes, a *few* in this company are under divine protection. A divine mission is to be performed. They shall **ESCAPE**! The Eternal continues: “Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah” (Jer. 44:28).

Under Divine Protection

Baruch was Jeremiah’s constant companion and secretary. It is important to note here God’s promise of protection to him: “Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto

thee, O Baruch. . . Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. . . but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest” (Jer. 45:2-5). Baruch’s life, like Jeremiah’s, was under divine protection!

Now previously the Eternal had said to Jeremiah, “Verily it shall be well with thy **REMNANT**.” The only “remnant” left for Jeremiah’s mission of transplanting the throne was the king’s daughters. “Verily,” continued the Eternal, same verse, “I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction” (Jer. 15:11). This God literally did, as described in chapter 39:11-12 and chapter 40:2-6, which I have covered previously.

Notice, it is to be well with the royal material given to Jeremiah with which to build and to plant—and Jeremiah is to be protected and to go to a land that he knows not! Who else was to go to a land they knew not? The ten-tribed birthright kingdom, Israel!

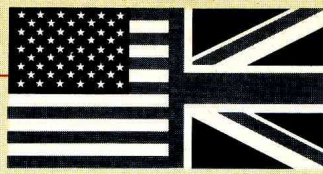
So Jeremiah and his little royal remnant are to escape out of Egypt, return to Judah, and then—where? To the place where the “lost ten tribes” had gone, as we shall see!

Now let Isaiah complete this prophecy: “For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this. And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall **AGAIN TAKE ROOT DOWNWARD, AND BEAR FRUIT UPWARD**” (Isa. 37:32, 31).

This same prophecy is found also in II Kings 19:30-31. It is a prophecy given through Isaiah in the 14th year of the reign of King Hezekiah of Judah, when King Sennacherib of Assyria threatened invasion of Judah. It was a prophecy to happen later—not during Hezekiah’s reign. Some critics, seeking to overthrow this basic and important truth, argue that this same remnant is mentioned also in II Chronicles 30:6. But that event is *not* a prophecy, but a historic account of an event in the *first* year of Hezekiah—and *that* remnant did not escape from Jerusalem, but they were Jews who escaped from Sennacherib’s forces threatening invasion of Judah—they escaped *into*, not *out of* Judah. And nothing is said here about “taking root downward, and bearing fruit upward,” as in both Isaiah 37 and II Kings 19.

This prophecy is so important it is recorded twice! It does refer to the remnant to escape later—to Jeremiah’s escape. This remnant with Jeremiah—at least one of the king’s daughters—shall *take root downward*! That is, **BE REPLANTED**!

And then *bear fruit upward*! Be **BUILT**! Has God failed in His solemn covenant to keep alive David’s throne? Where was this planting and building? Can we find it in God’s Word? We can! The place and the people among whom the throne was reestablished are clearly identified!



Where did Jeremiah go with Baruch his secretary and one or more of the royal daughters of the king? History stops short at this point. Enlightened students of Bible history have long known that the Ten Tribes—called by the name “house of Israel”—have been lost in identity and historic knowledge, and exist today among the Gentile nations, unrecognized. Their identity and location God has hidden from the world.

Yet, in this end time, when knowledge is to increase, when the “wise” are to *understand* (Dan. 12:4,10), we shall find the secret revealed, through PROPHECY which could not be understood until now. But first, we must consider a mysterious “breach” that occurred in the days of Judah, son of Jacob.

The Mysterious “Breach”

Judah was the father of twin sons. The firstborn was royal seed, for through him the sceptre promise was to be carried down. It seems the midwife knew twins were about to be born. It is recorded that just before birth one of the twins “put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.” But the child drew back his hand and the other was actually born first.

The midwife exclaimed, “How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee [margin, wherefore hast thou made this breach against thee?]: therefore his name was called Pharez,” meaning “breach.” The other twin was named Zarah (Gen. 38:27-30).

Why should this strange occurrence be recorded in Bible history unless this breach was to be *healed* between the sons or their descendants at some future time? Yet it never occurred in their lifetime.

Zarah, of the scarlet thread, had five sons (I Chron. 2:6). Did a descendant of Zarah finally get the throne, in a manner *healing* the breach? David, Zedekiah, Christ—all were of the PHAREZ branch—*none* of Zarah.

Now consider 1) the *fact* of the breach means the transfer of the sceptre from the Pharez to the Zarah line. 2) Such transfer never occurred before King Zedekiah of Judah, who was descended from Pharez. 3) Therefore it had to occur *after* Zedekiah was dethroned. 4) Since David’s line (Pharez) is to *remain* on the throne through all generations forever, it could only occur at an OVERTURN of the throne by a marriage between a Pharez heir to the throne and one of the Zarah line, thus healing the breach.

The Three Overturns

History shows the descendants of Zarah became wanderers, journeying to the north within the confines of the Scythian nations, their descendants later migrating to Ireland in the days of King David.

But meanwhile, the Pharez-David-Zedekiah line possessed the sceptre—was HIGH—exalted. The Zarah line, feeling it rightfully should possess the sceptre, and some

day would, was low, abased—so far as royal power was concerned.

Now consider a much misunderstood passage of prophecy. If you will begin reading at the 18th verse of the 21st chapter of Ezekiel, you will see plainly that the Eternal is here speaking of the captivity of Judah by the king of Babylon. And, beginning in the 25th verse, He says: “And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel [Zedekiah], whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, thus saith the Lord God; remove the diadem, and take off the crown [as did happen, through the *first* half of Jeremiah’s commission]: this [the crown] shall not be the same: *exalt* him that is *low*, and *abase* him that is *high*. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.”

Let us understand that clearly. “Remove the diadem, and take off the crown.” King Zedekiah, of David’s dynasty, had the crown. This says it is to be removed. *It was removed*. He died in Babylon; his sons and all the nobles of Judah were killed.

“This shall not be the same.” The diadem is not to cease, but a change is to take place—the throne is to be overturned—another is to wear the crown. God’s *promise* to David is not to go by default!

“Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.” Who is “high”? King Zedekiah of Judah. Now he is to be abased. He is to lose that crown. Judah has been “high,” while Israel has been “low”—these many years without a king (Hosea 3:4). The Pharez line has been “high”; the Zarah line “low.”

“I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is.” What was to be overturned? The diadem, and the throne. Not once—it is to be overturned *three times*. Overturned by abasing Zedekiah, the house of Judah, the Pharez line, and exalting, now, the house of Israel, and one of the Zarah line! The first of the three overturns was performed as the first half of Jeremiah’s commission.

“And it shall be no more.” Does this mean the throne—the crown—is to cease to exist? Not at all! How could it be overturned *two more times*—that is, TRANSFERRED from one to another, if it ceased to exist? How, after these three transfers of the crown, could it be given to Him—Christ—whose right it is, at His second coming, if it ceased altogether to exist? How could he who was “low” now be exalted by the crown, if that crown was to be no more? No, the meaning is: “It shall be no more *overturned* until the second coming of Christ”! And then it shall be given to Him!

God will not break His unalterable promise made to David! Through every generation David shall have a descendant wearing that crown! The *second* half of Jeremiah’s commission must now be performed. That throne must be TRANSPLANTED, and again BUILT. The crown must be overturned—*transferred* to another!

But WHERE? To WHOM? □

(To Be Continued)

Prophecy

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promised the Jews a home—and we have not been getting it!”

And thus the Zionist leader gave answer to my friend, Sheik Hafiz Wabba!

What Has Happened?

And now what has *happened*? On May 15th the British mandate ended. After 25 hopeless years of trying to keep peace in the Holy Land, the British gave up.

The same day the Jews in Palestine declared themselves a nation! They set up a republic. They called it “ISRAEL.”

Twenty minutes after this nation came into existence, President Truman in Washington—still May 14th, Washington time—having switched around from one policy after another on Palestine and having just abandoned the U.S. partition plan for Palestine—dramatically announced United States recognition of the new Jewish nation called “ISRAEL.” It seems the reason for the hurry was to take this action ahead of Soviet Russia, who thus was forced to *follow the United States lead!*

By dawn, May 15th, just a few hours after the “Jewish state of ISRAEL” had been proclaimed, Arab air forces began dropping bombs on Tel Aviv, and the armies of Arab nations began marching on Jerusalem. Thus, while Jews in America prayed for PEACE in Palestine, the proclamation of the “Jewish nation of ISRAEL” was the signal for WAR between that nation and surrounding Arab nations. There was no ushering in of PEACE!

And the Almighty says, prophetically: “All [nations] that burden themselves with it [Jerusalem]” in the day “when they shall be in the siege . . . against Jerusalem”—as the Arab nations are now—“SHALL BE CUT IN PIECES.”

The British have been burdening themselves with it for 25 years. The United States has been meddling, interfering, burdening itself with it. So has Soviet Russia and nearly every nation on earth. The United Nations has been burdening itself

with it. God says “*they shall be cut in pieces*”!

Not Prophesied Regathering

In God’s own due time the Jews are to be released from their persecutions, their harrowing trials, and be reestablished within Palestine IN PEACE! But this is not that prophesied regathering of Israel!

This is merely a blundering human effort to do for themselves, before the time, what they will have to wait for God to do for them.

And this present movement, setting up a nation of Jews and calling it “ISRAEL,” can only lead to more bloodshed and more troubles!

In the first place, the new nation that has declared itself in Palestine is *not* Israel at all—it is only a *part* of JUDAH!

When the great prophesied exodus occurs, it will be Israel and Judah *together*. And they will not do it in their own defiant, embittered power and strength; they will be taken back, by Christ after His coming, from a condition of slavery and from the land of their enemies (see Ezek. 39:25-27). At that time they will take captive their captors and rule over those who had been ruling over them (Isa. 14:1-3—see especially Moffatt translation; Jer. 30:16; 31:11). It will be a greater exodus than the typical one under Moses—this one will be under CHRIST at His return! (Jer. 23:7-8.) They will go back to Palestine weeping, confessing their sins, loathing themselves for having ignored and transgressed against God, seeking the MESSIAH whom they have rejected (Jer. 50:4-5; Ezek. 20:34-43). They will then be converted, changed from sinners into Spirit-filled people living by God’s laws (Jer. 50:19-20; Ezek. 36:24-28).

The Jews in Palestine, and this new nation, fulfill NONE of those prophecies!

But what a strange dilemma!

The Jews Are Not Israel!

Most people today do not seem to know that the Jews are *not* Israel, but only a part of Judah. The first place in the Bible where the word “Jews” occurs, the Jews are at war against ISRAEL (II Kings 16:6).

Four whole books of the Bible are

devoted to showing the historic difference between the two nations Israel and Judah. There were twelve tribes of Israel, originally. But after Solomon died, the nation ISRAEL rejected her king, Rehoboam, son of Solomon, and made Jeroboam, of the tribe of Ephraim, king. Then the one tribe of Judah *split off from the nation Israel* and formed a NEW NATION of their own (just as they are trying to do again today), in order to retain Rehoboam as king. This new nation was called the kingdom of JUDAH. The tribe of Benjamin and a large portion of Levi then joined Judah, leaving the TEN TRIBES in the nation ISRAEL.

Palestine belongs, by divine grant, to Abraham and his descendants. But God rejected Ishmael, the father of the Arabs, from the promise. It passed on, instead, through ISAAC. God also rejected Isaac’s eldest son ESAU, after he had undervalued the birthright and sold it to Jacob for a bowl of red soup. The TURKS are the children of Esau, and so they, too, have always felt Palestine belonged to them. But it was given to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

But *then* how was it passed on down? The dying Jacob passed the birthright, and possession of Palestine, on through the tribes of EPHRAIM and MANASSEH, sons of Joseph (Gen. 48:4-5, 15-16). He named HIS NAME (Israel) ON THEM—Ephraim and Manasseh. It is *their* descendants today, the American and British peoples, therefore, who are truly the national ISRAEL. The Jews come from Judah, and belonged to the nation JUDAH, not the nation ISRAEL!

For a complete exposition and understanding of our national identity as the true nation ISRAEL, the reader is referred to our special booklet *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, sent free upon request.

But what a muddle! The Arabs believe Palestine should be theirs because they are descended from Ishmael. The Turks want it because they come from ESAU. The Jews want it because they come from Jacob, but through JUDAH! What a hot firebrand it is! It may yet set the whole world on fire! □

7 PROOFS

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Next, I happened to read where Jesus said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man" (John 3:13). I researched the heaven and hell teaching further. I saw that the inspired Peter, on the day he received the Holy Spirit, said: "For David is not ascended into the heavens" (Acts 2:34).

I was, in utter astonishment, coming to realize that what I had been taught growing up in church was the precise opposite of what the Bible says in clear language.

This is not the place for a lengthy, detailed account of my intensive search in the Bible—when I was bent on proving to *my* satisfaction that "all these churches can't be wrong—for their teachings come from the Bible." The essential point here is the simple fact that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the divine inspiration and SUPREME AUTHORITY of the Holy Bible as the revealed Word of God as originally written. Even all the so-called contradictions evaporated upon unbiased study.

Yet, to my utter dismay and chagrin, I was forced to "eat crow" in regard to my wife's supposed "fanaticism." It was not what I *wanted* to believe, THEN! But by now I had taken a real beating. I had *proved* truth contrary to what I *wanted* to believe.

Let me pause here to add a point to what I wrote above, saying most people believe what they have repeatedly heard, read, or been taught. There are two other psychological truisms in regard to WHY people believe what they do. One is that people carelessly accept what those around them believe. Most Thais are Buddhists, because those around them in Thailand are Buddhists. There is the psychological tendency to "go along" with one's peers. One other reason for people's beliefs is that human nature tends to cause one to believe what he *wants* to believe—and refuse, regardless of proof, what he does not want to believe. There is the

old saying, "One convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

That is why I have said the experience I was painfully subjected to in this six months' intensive study was UNIQUE in human life and conduct. I know of no world religious leader who arrived at his teachings in such a manner. Perhaps that is why GOD'S INSPIRED WORD *alone*—as I proved—is TRUTH. Only GOD is infallibly correct!

I was brought, by the spring of 1927, to a complete MIND-SWEEPING—my mind swept clean of previous assumptions and beliefs and surrendered to the WORD OF GOD which by then I had *proved* to be TRUE and the SUPREME AUTHORITY.

More, I had been brought to realize my own inadequacy and nothingness. I had been brought to a real repentance—CONQUERED by the GREAT MAJESTIC GOD—and received as God's gift a solid rock-based FAITH in Jesus Christ. I was baptized, and the indwelling of God's Spirit opened my mind to the JOY UNSPEAKABLE of knowing God and Jesus Christ—of knowing TRUTH—and the warmth of God's divine LOVE!

What I once hated I now LOVED. I found the greatest and most absorbing joy of my life in *continuing* to dig out those gold nuggets of TRUTH from God's Word.

Now came a new enthusiasm for biblical study and receiving the REVEALED knowledge of God.

And I was led to find that ONE and ONLY true and original Church of God, founded by Jesus Christ on the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 31.

I now reveal to the reader SEVEN MAJOR PROOFS that identify it.

Proof One:

WHO AND WHAT IS GOD?

It seems utterly unbelievable! The religions of this world do not know WHO or WHAT God really *is*! Yet religion *is* the worship of God. How can one worship what is UNKNOWN?

The only answer is that the Bible

reveals that ALL NATIONS have been *deceived* (Rev. 12:9).

The true understanding of the very identity of God is one proof that the one and only Church founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ is, today, the Worldwide Church of God.

It seems inconceivable—but you live today in a world of religious CONFUSION! Among the largest of the world's religions are Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity, with its hundreds of denominations and sects. The latter is the largest in number of adherents.

And yet only one religion, neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant, knows WHO and WHAT God *is*!

Modern science does not know. Higher education does not know or teach it. The intellectuals of the world in the first century were the Athenians. Certain philosophers of the Epicureans and of the Stoics encountered the apostle Paul.

"What will this babbler say?" queried some in ridicule (Acts 17:18). Others sneered sarcastically, "He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods."

They took Paul and brought him to Areopagus, the supreme tribunal, on Mars Hill.

"May we know," they asked cynically, "what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears."

Here were the world's most "scholarly." Paul was preaching the truth of GOD.

"Ye men of Athens," said the apostle forthrightly and boldly, "I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions [idolatrous objects of worship], I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. GOD that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he *giveth* to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to

dwell on all the face of the earth.”

WHO is GOD? CREATION is the basic proof of God. These Athenian Epicureans and Stoics did not even know that. Perhaps the adherents of many religions do not.

But what of the real NATURE of God? Just WHO and WHAT is God? We need a more concrete understanding than to say, merely, that God is the Being who created all. That is the starting point. Only the one original Church Jesus founded in A.D. 31 has the full answer.

It seems inconceivable that, of all the religions and churches in the world today, only ONE is unique in UNDERSTANDING the nature of the CREATOR of all that is!

Mankind *could* know! God reveals Himself in plain language in His Word, the Holy Bible. But no book has been so distorted, twisted, and misrepresented as this ONE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF TRUTH!

The generally accepted teaching of traditional Christianity is that God is a “Trinity”—God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which is designated as a “Ghost.”

By about A.D. 59 the gospel Jesus Christ proclaimed had been suppressed (Gal. 1:6-7). A counterfeit “gospel” had replaced it. From about A.D. 70 there ensued “the lost century” of Church history. All historic record of the true Church of God had been systematically destroyed during that hundred years. The curtain had been rung down on Church activities, and when the curtain of recorded history lifted, an entirely *different* church appeared, calling itself “Christian.” Extreme persecution by powerful forces had driven the true Church of God underground.

The church by the fourth century was more like the Babylonian mystery religion, having appropriated the name “Christianity” (Rev. 17:5).

There had been two heated doctrinal controversies—one called the Quartodeciman controversy between Polycrates and the bishops of Rome on the observance of the spring festival (should Passover or Easter be celebrated?). The other, between Arius, a priest of Alexandria, and the Roman bishops on the Trinity doctrine.

Emperor Constantine, the supreme head of the Roman Empire, called the Nicene Council in A.D. 325 and made both the pagan Easter (named from the goddess Astarte) and the Trinity doctrine LAW!

The Trinity doctrine *limited* God to three Persons. More of that later.

The King James biblical scholars translated the Greek words for Holy Spirit as “Holy Ghost,” under the delusion that the Spirit of God was a third Person.

Also the translators of the 1611 version usually used the pronouns “he,” “him,” etc., in relation to the Holy Spirit, but not always: The pronoun “it” also is used.

But how does God reveal Himself authoritatively?

If one should ask, “Where, in order of time sequence, do we find the real beginning in the Bible?” the reply probably would be Genesis 1:1, beginning with the words, “In the beginning God. . . .”

RIGHT?

WRONG! In order of time sequence the earliest prehistoric revelation is in the New Testament, in John 1:1-3: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

The Word was one Personage. God was another Personage. Yet the Word was a Personage separate from God—as shown in verse 14: “And the Word was [much later] made flesh, and dwelt among us. . . .” The Word *became* Jesus Christ.

The English “Word” is translated from the original Greek *Logos*, meaning “Word” or “Spokesman.”

That all things were made by Him is confirmed in Ephesians 3:9, where it speaks of God “who created all things by Jesus Christ.” “He spake, and it was done” (Ps. 33:9).

Here are TWO Personages, yet both are GOD. How is that? A man named David Smith may have a son named Paul. But Paul, though a separate individual, is also a Smith. However, Jesus Christ did not become the Son of God until about 4 B.C., when born in human flesh of

the virgin Mary. Prior to that, He had ALWAYS existed, even as had God. Christ was originally “without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life” (Heb. 7:3).

Now come to Genesis 1:1: “In the beginning God. . . .” This was written originally by Moses in the Hebrew language. The English “God” is translated from the Hebrew *Elohim*—a uniplural noun. It is uniplural in the same sense as the words “family” and “church”—denoting more than one component forming the whole. Not two Gods—but ONE God consisting of more than one Person.

When, only nineteen hundred-plus years ago, Jesus was begotten of God in the womb of His human mother Mary, He was the *only* human ever so begotten *prior to human birth!* Yet, as we shall see later, humans may become begotten children of God—*after* human birth, but preceding a spiritual birth.

Throughout the first chapter of Genesis, the Hebrew name of God is always the Hebrew *Elohim*, which denotes both the Word and God.

But in chapter 2, Moses began adding another name for God—*Yahweh* in the Hebrew, usually combined with *Elohim*: *Yahweh-Elohim*. In the King James English translation, it is rendered “LORD God,” which is somewhat misleading.

It is interesting, at this point, to explain this name *Yahweh*. There is no one word in the English language which adequately translates it. It means “the self-existent, eternal-living, creative one.” The Moffatt translation renders it “the Eternal.” The Fenton translation uses “the Ever-Living.” Personally, I prefer to use only the one word “Eternal,” instead of “Lord.”

In any event, the English “LORD” in the King James translation refers to that *Person* in the Godhead who in John 1:1 is called “the Word”—the very one who later became Jesus Christ.

Who Was the God of the Old Testament?

That leads to an important point in the UNDERSTANDING of WHO and

WHAT GOD is. Many if not most seem to believe the God of the Old Testament was the one Jesus prayed to as His FATHER. But many New Testament passages quoting from the Old Testament prove that the one of the Godhead who was born in human flesh as Jesus Christ was the *Yahweh* of the Old Testament and the Word of John 1:1. That knowledge is a portion of PROOF #1 identifying the true original Church today.

Jesus came, among other purposes, to REVEAL the Father. Ancient Old Testament Israel knew of only ONE PERSONAGE in the Godhead—although their Scriptures contained the Hebrew *Elohim*. But to them, primarily, God was conceived of as not only ONE God, but only ONE Person! The truth is, Israelites generally knew nothing of God—the Person to whom Jesus prayed and the Father Jesus came to REVEAL.

However, another technical point is: God only *became* the FATHER of the GOD FAMILY when Jesus Christ was begotten and born as a human. Yet He may become *our* Father in heaven when we are begotten by His Holy Spirit. More of that later.

Now notice that God (*Elohim*) is more than one Person, even though only ONE GOD.

In Genesis 1:26, *Elohim* said, "Let us make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness. . . ." Notice! Not "Let me," but "Let us"—plural, or uniplural.

Then, in Genesis 2:2-3, "On the seventh day God [*Elohim*] ended his work which he had made. . . . And God [*Elohim*] blessed the seventh day. . . ."

Then, verse 4: "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God [*Yahweh Elohim*] made the earth and the heavens." Again it was through the Word, in the Hebrew named *Yahweh*, that the earth and heavens were made—as GOD created all things by Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9).

Does God Have Form and Shape?

God reveals that He is spirit-composed (John 4:24). Unless supernaturally manifested, spirit is invisible to human eyes.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape" (John 5:37).

Later "Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." Jesus answered, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:8-9). WHY? Because God the Father—if human eyes could see—looks like Jesus. And what did Jesus look like?

Certainly NOT like artists' renderings you have seen which are supposed to picture Him. For one thing, HE DID NOT HAVE LONG HAIR (I Cor. 11:14). He looked like other Jews then in Judea, else the chief priests would not have paid Judas Iscariot 40 pieces of silver to identify Him.

Now notice once again Genesis 1:26: "God [*Elohim*] said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness [form and shape]. . . ." God is described in the Bible as having eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hair, arms, legs, fingers, toes. Jesus was "the express image of his [the Father's] person" (Heb. 1:3).

What Is the Holy Spirit?

If the Holy Spirit is not a Person—a "Ghost"—then what does the Bible reveal about the Holy Spirit?

The natural carnal mind of man simply cannot grasp an understanding of spirit. It is not matter. The Hebrew word for spirit, *ruach*, and the Greek *pneuma* both are often translated into the English "wind," "air," or "breath"—because these *physical* words perhaps most closely explain *spirit* to the human mind—yet spirit is not physical or material.

The Holy Spirit is the spirit (not Ghost) that emanates out from both God and Christ everywhere in the universe. Through His Holy Spirit, God projects Himself, in spirit, everywhere in the universe—yet both God and Christ have form and shape, even as man.

The Holy Spirit is many things. It is the very LIFE of the immortal God, which, entering into a human, begets him with God-life.

It is the POWER of God by which, when Christ "spake," it was done. It is the POWER by which God stretched out the heavens—created the vast endless universe.

The Holy Spirit, entering into man as God's gift, opens the mind to UNDERSTANDING of spiritual knowledge, unknown to the human mind otherwise. It is the LOVE of God "shed abroad in our hearts." It is the FAITH of Christ which may be given to God's begotten children. It is the POWER of God, begotten within humans, enabling us to overcome Satan and sin.

"How Great Thou Art"

We have covered the nature of God. Now consider HOW GREAT He is.

King David was meditating on this, and man's insignificance by comparison. He wrote: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Ps. 8:3-4.)

Isaiah was inspired to write: "Who hath measured the waters [oceans] in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? . . . Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance. . . . All nations before him are as nothing. . . ." (Isa. 40:12-17). Then God is quoted: "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? . . . Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power. . . ." (verses 25-26).

Yet, there is much more to come, in relation to David's comparison of God to man, and why God should be concerned about us, in a later installment—and fantastically thrilling it is!

NONE but the Worldwide Church of God today possesses the REVEALED TRUTH and knowledge of WHO and WHAT God is! □

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Personal from...

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we'd be glad to put you on. What week would you like?"

"Next week," I answered promptly.

And the next Monday morning I had my first experience with "mike fright," but after five seconds or so I was breathing normally, and for the first time Jesus Christ's true gospel message was ON THE AIR!

When Thursday morning of that week arrived, the announcer told me that the station owner, Frank Hill, wanted to see me. He had a handful of letters.

"We've never received any mail from this morning devotional program before," he said. He had listened to me that morning, said I had a good radio voice and a voice personality, and he suggested I go on the air with a regular Sunday morning half-hour program. He even contributed to the cost by cutting the charge to \$2.50 per program.

But where was I going to find the \$2.50 per week? I sent a letter to a small number, mostly converted and baptized from my preaching. It was the BOTTOM of the Great Depression. They were going to try to contribute half of the \$2.50 per week. I went ahead, trusting God on faith, to supply the other half.

That program started the first Sunday in January 1934. One of the most important things about the broadcast was that it gave me the chance, at long last, to acquire subscribers for my dream magazine. Incidentally, *The World Tomorrow* program has not missed a broadcast in all these years. But I still had no money to publish my dream magazine.

Necessity, it is said, is the mother of invention. I went to the Eugene office of the A. B. Dick Company, which sold mimeograph equipment. I bought stencils and asked if they would let me use their mimeograph. I had to use the most inexpensive paper. At a cost of less than \$5.00, I "printed" on the borrowed mimeograph machine volume 1, number 1 of *The Plain Truth*. Circulation was less than 350 copies.

I offered it, gratis, to radio listen-

ers. The first issue came out by February 1. Before another month went by, the salesman at the A. B. Dick office had come up with an old antiquated ancestor of the mimeograph, which I could buy for \$10. Somehow that amount of money came in. That machine was an old Neostyle, but an even older model than the one pictured on this month's front cover.

The words printed in that first issue of my "magazine" are still those that go to the world of 1979—only *more so*. It stated: "We live today in the most tenuous hours of earth's history. Today we stand on the very threshold of colossal events that will stagger the mind of mortal man." *We did! We still do!* Only, the worst is yet to come—to be followed by the WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW—A WORLD OF PEACE, universal prosperity and eternal life offered to all!

I'm not sure I could have said "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" *accomplished*—as yet. It was a real struggle, and a test of FAITH, to keep both the radio broadcast and *The Plain Truth* going.

But faith plus determined effort was rewarded. We have never in these many years failed to stay on the air. Rather, by 1942, we started *daily* radio broadcasting.

We did have to miss a few months, along the way, in publishing *The Plain Truth*.

Meanwhile, tremendous changes have occurred in world events. In the past three or four years the thrones of nations have been overturned on the average of one a month. This was definitely foretold in biblical prophecy. God said, in Haggai 2:21-22: "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; and I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen. . . ." That is happening NOW!

And from here on—WHAT? You will find it foretold in biblical prophecy, explained and expounded in *The Plain Truth*. Some of the world events we forewarned of back in 1934 are finally shaping up NOW.

In all these years there has been no magazine like *The Plain Truth*. None today!

THE KINGDOM OF GOD-

What does it mean to you?

Kingdom *n.* A politically organized community or major territorial unit having a monarchical form of government headed by a king or queen.

The phrase "kingdom of God," which appears frequently in the Bible, is often heard in religious circles. It is generally assumed to be a reference to heaven or to a condition of mind held by believers. Almost no one would apply the standard dictionary definition of "kingdom"—a type of government over a specific territory. Yet that is precisely how the term is most often used in the Bible. The real meaning of the term "kingdom of God" is far more interesting and exciting than the traditional vague concepts. The booklet *Just What Do You Mean . . . Kingdom of God?* clearly explains what the Kingdom of God is and why it's important to you. For a free copy write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you. (See inside front cover for addresses worldwide.)

