

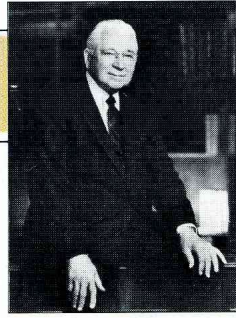
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The Conspiracy Against the Family

Few realize it! But even in affluent America, Britain, and other Western countries, we face an enormous and growing tragedy. The institutions of marriage and family life are being formidably attacked.

A solid family structure is the very foundation of any stable and permanent society. But today in the affluent countries a conspiracy is developing which seeks to destroy marriage as an institution, as well as the FAMILY. This is another decisive bit of evidence that this world's civilization is definitely in the END TIME—the end of this world as we know it!

The threat is dual: 1) Unrealized by most, there is a widespread and aggressive conspiracy to destroy the institution of marriage. 2) Marital relationships and family life are breaking down, and divorces are increasing alarmingly.

I feel strongly the need to talk to my *Plain Truth* readership of many millions about this major threat to civilization itself—and thus to YOUR life and mine. It's time the facts were made known. Today many psychologists are saying that the institution of marriage is doomed—on the way out. And there is a definite movement to bring that about.

The conspiracy consists of a two-pronged attack: 1) a well-organized movement to subtly influence college students to prefer *alternatives* to marriage, and 2) an attempt to influence the general public by newspaper and magazine articles, television programs, the lecture platform, the women's lib movement, and student or former student rebels of the "New Left." How much of all this propaganda has been planted in the minds of the psychologists, professors, writers, publishers, women's lib crusaders, and others by trained Communist propagandists can only be estimated.

There are publishers that seek out writers and authors to supply them with material offering alternatives to marriage—such as homosexuality, group marriages, sex outside of marriage, communal families—writers who will shout the gospel that "marriage is finished, out-dated, obsolete, on the way out." This is a war which is being vigorously and fanatically waged. Every subtle method is being employed to capture the minds of those of premarriage age.

Today virtually every college and university in the United States offers numerous courses in psychology and sociology. And almost without exception, these courses make required reading books and articles that picture marriage as now outdated and soon to become a relic of the past. They represent that both men and women want variety in sex and other social relationships. They

ridicule as a worn-out, old-fashioned idea the belief that one should confine all intimate relations to one person.

One book, required reading at some one hundred campuses in the United States, has a chapter on mate swapping, including the statement: "The family that swings together clings together." The book represents mate swapping as a beneficial experience.

A few years ago, the pioneers in applying methods of scientific research to the subject of sex, Masters and Johnson, held a symposium in Chicago with some six or seven couples who freely admitted to "swinging" as a regular experience at certain chosen intervals. They exchanged their philosophies on the subject, probed by questions from Dr. Masters and Dr. Johnson (actually Mrs. Masters). Masters and Johnson checked five years later and found only one of the couples was still married.

But now what about existing marriages, home and family life? These have given great encouragement to the conspiracy against marriage and the family.

The so-called new morality—which is actually nothing but gross *immorality*—has gained considerable public acceptance since the end of World War II. This crusade of the "new morality" has brought about, first, far more openness and frankness of discussion and conversation about sex and morals; and second, a much more lax behavior, especially among the oncoming younger generation. And one of its greatest dangers is the advent of a new and almost total PERMISSIVENESS.

I think it probably started in the "Roaring 20s" in the days of the "flappers." Those, especially the girls who were in their late teens and early 20s in the 1920s, became much more permissive. They married and became mothers, but they relaxed authority and parental guidance over their children. Then World War II produced another generation—still more permissive.

Discipline relaxed and virtually disappeared in almost all of the public schools. And now, in the past decade, most of the college and university campuses have provided "co-ed dorms" where men are free to visit women in their rooms, and women are free to visit men with almost no restrictions.

Of course, the worldwide conspiracy against marriage and the attack against the FAMILY institution has not, as yet, made any sensational dent in the number of marriages taking place. But it is becoming a THREAT which I feel our readers should know about. □

PART TWO:

WHY HUMANS WERE PUT ON THE EARTH

Why did God create and put mankind on this earth? What is the real purpose of human life? Almost nobody knows! Yet the Bible reveals it plainly.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Did you ever wonder about the countless millions of shining stars you have seen on an otherwise black, cloudless night? Especially in an airplane at night, some 40,000 feet above the ocean, the whole vast universe above seems to burst forth like a stupendous skyrocket exploding into all the myriads of uncountable suns, which we call stars, that dot the vastness of unending space.

Many of these seemingly tiny stars are much larger than our own sun. And just as there are planets surrounding our sun, there must be uncountable millions of planets surrounding these innumerable suns.

Haven't you wondered about the origin of our awesome, vast universe? How did it come to be? Did it evolve? Was it created? Was there a purpose?

What about the other planets in our own solar system? Do they sustain life? Are there people on Venus? Some kind of living beings on Mars? Do any of the planets sustain any kind of life, or are they all

like the moon—dead, decayed, lifeless, pockmarked, wasted, empty, uninhabitable? And *if* they are in a state of total decay, why would an intelligent Creator have created them in such a manner?

Or did He?

These are intriguing questions indeed. Astronomers may hazard some guesses. The actual facts they do not have. Unmanned spacecraft, which have sent photographs back to earth from vantage points very close to some of these planets, do *not* give any evidence of conditions that would sustain life.

Pictures from the Martian surface, for instance, showed a sandy desert littered with rocks—from very minute size to perhaps a foot or more in diameter. It was a dry, barren, sterile surface. Other photographs revealed only a wasteland, crater-marked with the evidence of constant meteoric bombardment.

The other planets are harsh, airless, desolate places. Venus is so incredibly hot and *inhospitable* with its atmosphere of massive acid clouds that it reminds one of

Dante's description of his entirely fictitious fiery inferno commonly called "hellfire."

Still man persists in probing the far reaches of the universe for some sign of organic life. Many scientists insist that some form of physical life is to be found somewhere out there. Yet all the presently existing physical evidence indicates this earth is the sole body with living matter in this endless universe—the only planet which has conditions that are actually life-supporting.

The Vast Universe—and Man

Science customarily rejects divine revelation as a source of fundamental knowledge—especially basic knowledge of human origins and that of the astral bodies. But while science can tell us little or nothing about the origins and present state of these numberless astral bodies, the Bible does give us considerable insight into their existence, how they came to be in such a state of decay, their purpose and their future. Most certainly this is not generally realized or understood. Yet it

ties in directly with the existence or presence on earth of man—the meaning and purpose of human life—and actually involves tremendous significance to human destiny.

In the Bible—the Book of books—God reveals Himself as CREATOR OF ALL, not merely the earth and man, but the *entire limitless universe*. On a cloudless night one may marvel at the awesome dimensions of our star-studded sky. The Maker of mankind is also the Creator of *all that is*—all that can be seen by the human eye.

Is it possible that there is an unrealized connection between the vast galaxies (*now* apparently lifeless and totally uninhabitable) and man? Actually the true connection is the most exciting, most wonderful, hope-inspiring truth that could be revealed.

In the first installment of this series of articles (August *Plain Truth*), I explained that in the very beginning—before this physical universe was created—there existed *only* the two Superbeings—God and the “Word.”

As the *Translator's New Testament* puts it: “When everything began *the Word already existed*. The Word was with God and shared his nature” (John 1:1-2).

In briefest summary, I further explained that these two Superpersonages in space *first* created angels, composed solely of spirit, *before* any physical matter was ever produced. The Bible strongly indicates that the angels were made *before* the creation of the earth (see Job 38:4, 7)—and most probably *prior* to the material universe itself. It may come as a surprise to many to learn that angels inhabited this earth *before* the creation of man. But the Bible plainly reveals it in this and other passages.

“Angels That Sinned”

I also explained that these angels were *not* created with perfect character—their creation was not yet complete.

Can you imagine God's holy angels becoming *sinning* angels? Yet that is precisely what happened! Angels were created with powers of thought, of decision and of choice—

else they would have no individuality or character. Since the New Testament reveals that sin is the transgression of God's law (I John 3:4), these angels (apparently only those that were placed on this earth) *rebelled against God's law*—which is the very basis of God's government.

Sin carries penalties! When the angels rebelled against the government of God, the preservation of the physical earth and all of its original beauty and glory ceased—and physical destruction to the surface of the earth resulted.

With this very brief, high-spot summary, the account of the super-sin committed by the angels brings us, chronologically, to that point in time where the first installment of this series of articles ended.

But the far-reaching implications of this angelically induced earth-wide cataclysm of destruction are *not* confined to the planet Earth and its immediate environs. The penalty of sin by the angels was *not* death—for God had made them *immortal* spirit beings who cannot die. God gave them this earth as their abode and, more importantly, its rule as an opportunity to qualify to possess and beautify *the entire universe*.

Their immediate penalty was disqualification—*forfeiture* of their grand opportunity—and perversion of mind as well. Of course, at the helm of this angelic rebellion was Lucifer—the superarchangel who had led the other angels into sin—into total rebellion against God's government. He was originally created as a bringer of light, but now he *became* the author of darkness, error, confusion, evil and destruction.

So the rebellion of Lucifer and his angels brought this extreme cataclysm to the earth. And in all probability *it did more!*

Whatever God creates (as I explained in Part One) is created in a perfect condition. It is impossible to believe that the other planets in our solar system were created as dead hulks of waste and empty decay. Every evidence from our unmanned space flights indicates that these astral bodies are in a state of total decay. Now God is *not* the author of

confusion, waste, decay and destruction. But Satan is!

It is apparent therefore, based on what is revealed in the Bible, that a similar cataclysm of destruction happened to the surface of our moon and the other planets of our solar system—perhaps extending to all of the astral bodies in the universe. And all of this was caused by the rebellion of Lucifer and his angels.

Satan and his angels were then *disqualified* to administer God's government over the earth. But it is a principle of God that a government must never be without a head. Consequently Satan was to be left here on earth until his successor, who has already been qualified to rule, *is inducted into office*.

Now notice what God did next.

Renewing the Earth's Surface

God did not leave the earth in a state of rack and ruin. God had planned ahead! He knew *before* the creation of the earth that angels, with *independent* powers of thinking, reasoning, choosing, forming opinions and making decisions, *could* rebel and turn to sin and destruction. He had devised a fail-safe system.

As a result of the angelic destruction wreaked upon this earth, the earth came to be in the condition described in Genesis 1:2, with water covering the whole face of an earth in darkness. Notice the brief description. “And the earth was [became] *without form, and void* [Heb. *tohu* and *bohu*, meaning “chaotic, in confusion, waste and empty”]; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

Notice that it was dark. It speaks only of a fluid surface—oceans—no dry land showing. In Psalm 104:30, we read: “Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou *renewest* the face of the earth.” And here in Genesis 1:2, God had sent forth His Spirit in order to renew the surface of the earth.

Notice verse 3: “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” Satan is the very symbol of *darkness*, evil, sin and ugliness. This

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PART ONE:



THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY



People of the Western world would be stunned—dumbfounded—if they knew! The governments of the United States, Britain, Canada, Australasia, South Africa would set in motion gigantic crash programs—if they knew! But they remain ignorant until this day—yet they could know! But they don't! Why?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

A staggering turn in world events is due to erupt in the next few years. It will involve violently the United States, Britain, Western Europe, the Middle East. It's already rather late for the free world to come *awake* to the real meaning behind current world events! Why do not the world's leaders see what is coming? Why are the world's best minds unseeing—the heads of state, scientists, educators, editors, news analysts, bankers, industrialists, leaders in business and commerce? They are totally unaware! Why?

Because they have been falsely educated and deceived into closing their minds to the great causes behind world events and trends. This world has been falsely educated to ignore causes and deal with effects! Yet all the world's problems and ills are simply a matter of cause and effect. There is a *cause* that has produced strife and war; poverty, wretchedness, inequality; crime, disease, mental ills. But the leaders do not know!

The world's leaders are the educated of the world. But they were not educated in **BASIC TRUTHS**—the foundations of right knowledge. The most necessary knowledge

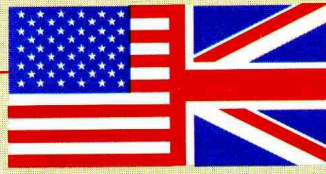
is not being taught! They do not know **WHAT** man is—or **WHY**! They know nothing of the purpose or meaning of life! They were not taught to distinguish the true values from the false. They did not learn the real causes—the way to peace, to happiness, to universal abundance; nor the causes of war, unhappiness, inequality, world chaos.

They know nothing of the purpose being worked out here below. Consequently, they guide humanity on a course in conflict with that purpose, wreaking havoc upon a distressed, suffering, unhappy mankind. Lacking knowledge of the way to peace, the world does not have peace. Leaders talk of peace; they profess to work for peace; they cry out for peace—while they give approval and blind acceptance to the way that produces war!

This world has simply been going the wrong *way*!

This world is giving assent to, and conferring civilization's acceptance on, **THE WAYS** that are the **CAUSES** of all the world's ills.

And now we are fast approaching the final grand smash explosion that is going to stagger the mind of man



beyond the bounds of sanity. Forces are at work today on plans, programs, conspiracies, movements that soon will erupt into a world explosion of violence and chaos such as never happened before, and never will again. Men today are tampering with forces of nature they lack the prudence, knowledge, ability and wisdom to control.

In this folly of educated ignorance, it has become fashionable today and intellectually titillating to ignore the great basic cause of all things; the fact of the purpose being worked out here below, and the master plan for its working out; the invisible but Supreme Power now soon

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to intervene and drastically alter the course of history—before mankind blasts itself out of existence.

Unreal though it may seem to those steeped in modern educational deceptions, some 2,500 years ago the Supreme Power of the universe inspired a man named Isaiah to quote Him, saying: “I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, *My counsel shall stand*” (Isa. 46:9-10). The great world powers are formulating their policies—laying their plans. But the next few years will see astounding events explode in a manner very different than the nations plan! Why?

Never a Miss

Because there is the great God who says: “The Eternal wrecks the purposes of pagans, he brings to nothing what the nations plan; but the Eternal’s purpose stands for ever, and what he plans will last from age to age. . . . The Eternal looks from heaven, beholding all mankind; from where he sits, he scans all who inhabit the world; he who alone made their minds, he notes all they do” (Ps. 33:10-15, Moffatt translation).

This same Eternal God said: “To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things. . . .” And again: “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. 40:25-26, 15, 17).

Through His inspired prophets, the great God caused to be written, some 2,500 years ago, and preserved in writing to our time prophecies filling approximately a third of the whole Bible. In them, He named every city of consequence of that time on earth—and also every

nation! And He foretold precisely what would, through the years, happen to every city and every nation! In every instance the prophecies came to pass!

What was prophesied HAPPENED to Babylon, to Tyre, Sidon, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Ekron; to Egypt, Assyria, Chaldea, Persia, Greece and Rome. There has not been a miss! Those prophecies were accurate.

And now, in other prophecies, the same supreme God has foretold precisely what is going to happen to the United States, the British nations, Western Europe, the Middle East, Russia!

Best Minds—Total Ignorance

Yet the best minds in the world are in total ignorance of the unprecedented cataclysm that is about to strike. And why have these prophecies not been understood or believed? Because the vital KEY that unlocks prophecy to our understanding had been lost. That key is the identity of the United States and the British peoples in biblical prophecy.

That key has been found! We present it in this series of articles to those whose unprejudiced eyes are willing to see.

The events prophesied to strike the American and British peoples in the next few years are SURE!

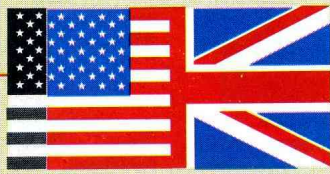
God says: “Surely the Lord Eternal will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). These colossal world events, shrinking the first two World Wars into insignificance, WILL COME, but not until the warning has been made available for those whose eyes are willing to see.

This may sound incredible, but it’s true. Editors, newscasters, foreign correspondents do not understand the real meaning of the world news they report, analyze and discuss. Heads of government are utterly unaware of the true significance of the very world-shaking events with which they deal. They have no conception of where these events are leading. Incredible? Perhaps—but true!

Winston Churchill declared before the United States Congress: “He must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below of which we have the honor to be the faithful servants.” But he did not understand that purpose! That great purpose long ago was master-planned by the Master Mind of the universe.

There Is Purpose

It is true, though almost totally unrealized: Mankind was put on this earth for a PURPOSE! And the Maker of mankind sent along with the human product of His making an INSTRUCTION BOOK to reveal that purpose and to guide man in happily, enjoyably fulfilling it. But the human race has rejected the revelation and the guidance and has preferred to stumble on in the darkness of its own futile reasonings.



About one-third of that Instruction Book is devoted to basic education—revealing to man the necessary foundational knowledge otherwise undiscoverable and unknowable: knowledge of what man is, why he is, where his destiny may lead, how to reach it and live happily along the way; revealing knowledge of the true values as distinguished from the false; knowledge of the way to peace, happiness, abundant well-being. In other words, the most necessary of all knowledge—the foundation on which to build discoverable knowledge.

Another approximate third of that Book is devoted to history—to those events and experiences fulfilling the master plan during the first four millennia of man's mortal sojourn, as examples for our admonition and guidance today.

And then approximately a third—grasp this!—an entire third of our Maker's revelation to mankind is devoted to prophecy—writing the history of future events before they occur. These *foretold* future events reveal the great purpose being finally worked out—being brought to its completion.

Why This Ignorance

Now see why heads of state, news analysts, and the great minds of our time do not comprehend the real mean-

ing of world events as they are shaping up right now.

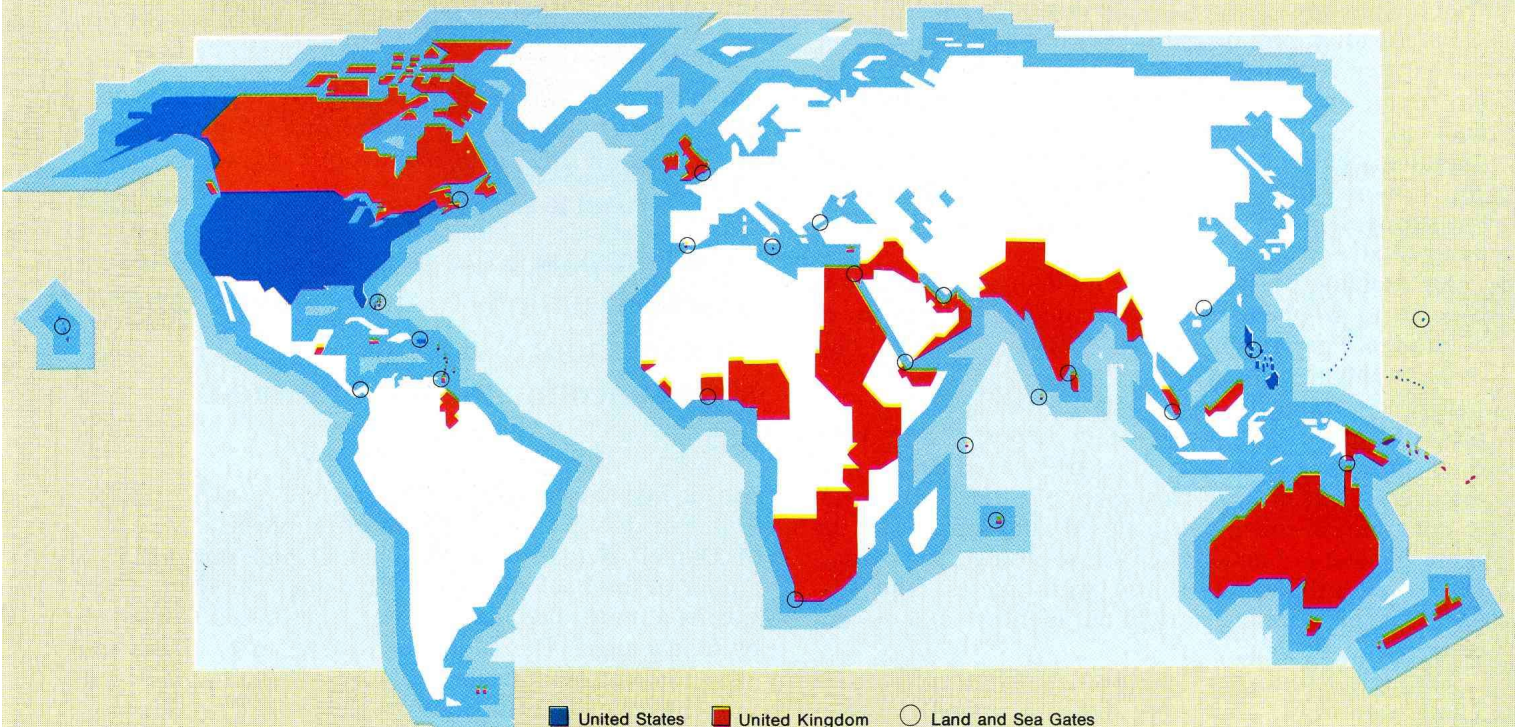
A rational and right knowledge of this great purpose, of the Creator's master plan, of where in the progression of those foreordained events we stand today, and of major happenings prophesied yet to occur—this knowledge is the essential basis for understanding the significance and true meaning of today's dynamic world news. Without this vital knowledge, none dealing in news gathering and news reporting, none responsible for government policies can understand current world happenings or where they are leading.

And not one saddled with such responsibilities does know! Why?

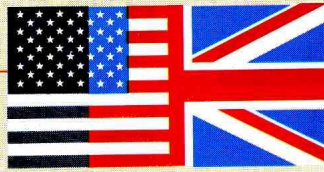
Two reasons, primarily: 1) They have been deceived by false education appealing to the vanity of intellect into prejudicial and disdainful rejection of the divine revelation which alone can impart this understanding; and, 2) the vital key necessary to unlock closed doors of biblical prophecy had been lost.

The great world powers of our time have been, and are, the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, Germany, France, and other Western European nations. The missing vital KEY is simply the *identity* of these great world powers in biblical prophecy! The staggering and cataclysmic world-shaking events soon to erupt upon a

Territory Held By the United States and Great Britain During Greatest Extent of Power



Map by Gene Tikasingh



shocked, stunned, bewildered world relate directly and specifically to the United States, Britain, Germany, Western Europe, and Russia.

Not knowing how and where these nations are specifically mentioned in basic and major prophecies, the educated of the world have been utterly blinded to the plain and simple meaning of prophecy. Due to this lost key more than anything else, the Bible has come to be discredited and rejected in this world's educational system. The unproved and unprovable theory of evolution has been substituted as the foundational concept which became the supposed rational approach to knowledge.

The colossal tragedy of it! Our peoples, being thus falsely and deceptively educated from little children, have, in a supposed era of advanced rationalism and enlightenment, actually been groping around and floundering in the darkness of ignorance, misunderstanding and confusion, fatally unaware of the earthshaking catastrophe into which they are being directly plunged.

Shut Eyes—Closed Ears

Thus our peoples have forgotten and departed far from their Maker. They have shut their eyes and closed their ears to His dynamic revelation to mankind, which, to ears that can hear, thunders out the life-and-death warning to those in the responsible positions of power!

Is it now too late? Have our leaders become so blinded, so steeped in a deceptive false education, so stultified that they cannot be aroused from slumber? God help us now! Time is fast closing in on us!

But the all-important master key has been found!

That key is knowledge of the astonishing identity of the American and British peoples—as well as the German—in biblical prophecies. This very eye-opening, astounding identity is the strongest proof of the inspiration and authority of the Holy Bible! It is, at the same time, the strongest proof of the very active existence of the living God!

An exciting, pulsating, vital third of all the Bible is devoted to prophecy. And approximately 90 percent of all prophecy pertains to OUR TIME, now, in this latter half of the twentieth century!

It is a warning to us—to our English-speaking peoples—of immediate life-and-death import. The prophecies come alive once their doors are opened by this now discovered master key! This series of articles will open, to open minds, this hitherto closed vital third of all the Bible. No story of fiction ever was so strange, so fascinating, so absorbing, so packed with interest and suspense, as this gripping story of our identity—and our ancestry.

Through it Almighty God gives momentous *warning!* Those who read, and heed, may be spared unprecedented cataclysmic tragedy soon to strike. If our peoples and their governments will awaken, heed, and return to

their living God then our nations may be spared. God help us to UNDERSTAND!

Prophecies Closed Until Now

One might ask, were not biblical prophecies closed and sealed? Indeed they were—until *now!* And even now they can be understood only by those who possess the master key to unlock them. But we have reached the approximate end of 6,000 years of biblical history. We have reached the end of an age! We are entering, right now, the world crisis at the close of the present civilization. We face, today, conditions such as the world never before has witnessed. Today the big problem is the stark question of SURVIVAL! For the first time in world history, the weapons of mass destruction exist which can erase all life from the earth. Chiefs of government and world-famous scientists have been saying publicly we must adjust to living in fear of human annihilation, with no solutions in sight.

To those prejudicially cynical toward the Bible I say: It is now your only hope! Science offers no solutions. The politicians and heads of government have no answers. In the Bible alone you will find the advance news of what is now certain to occur—and occur it will *before* mankind blasts itself out of existence!

But another objector might ask, are not most of the prophecies outdated Old Testament writings, addressed only to the ancient nation Israel, of no concern to us in our time? And the answer is an emphatic no! These scintillating, dynamic prophecies were, most of them, never given to ancient Israel.

A Pivotal Book

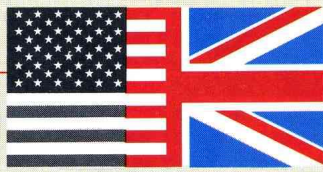
The plain truth is these prophecies were written for our people of our time, and for no previous people or time. They pertain to world conditions of today, and

God compared the populations of these promised nations to the grains of sand on a seashore and to the stars—uncountable for multitude.

could not have been understood until today.

One of the very pivotal books of prophecy is the book of Daniel. Actually, the prophet Daniel was not the author of the book known by his name. The living God was its author! The message was transmitted to Daniel by God's angel. Daniel put to writing, to be preserved until our time, what he heard.

At the very close of his book, Daniel wrote: "And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel:



for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. . . . and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand” (Dan. 12:8-10).

So the prophecies of Daniel were CLOSED, sealed, locked up until now! But today we are living in “the time of the end.” Today the “wise” do understand! But who are “the wise”? Only those who fear and obey God—and who have the master key to unlock the locked-up prophecies. God says: “The fear of the Eternal is the beginning of wisdom: a good *understanding* have all they that do his commandments” (Ps. 111:10). And even most professing “Christians” refuse utterly to do that. No wonder they can’t understand.

And don’t forget, the specific key that unlocks these closed doors of prophecy is the definite knowledge of the true identity of the American and British nations as they are mentioned in these prophecies.

Stop a moment and think. If the prophecies Daniel wrote could not be understood by him; if they were “closed up and sealed *till* the time of the end”—*till* the latter half of the twentieth century—as the angel said and as Daniel wrote, then they were closed to the ancient Israelites of that day; they contained no message for Daniel’s time.

Think a little further.

These prophecies could not have been given to or known by the ancient Kingdom of Israel. Daniel wrote in and after the time of the Chaldean king Nebuchadnezzar’s invasion and captivity of the Kingdom of JUDAH, 604 to 585 B.C. But the Kingdom of ISRAEL had *long before* been invaded, conquered, and its people moved out of Palestine—transported as slaves to Assyria (721 to 718 B.C.) 117 to 133 years *before* Daniel wrote (II Kings 17:18, 23-24). Years before the book of Daniel was written, most of the Assyrians, *with* those Israelite slaves, had migrated from ancient Assyria northwest toward Europe. How far northwest—where they finally settled—was not then known. They had become known as the Lost Ten Tribes.

But today we do know.

Today, as Daniel wrote (12:4), knowledge has indeed increased. The whereabouts of the Lost Ten Tribes is one of the ancient mysteries now cleared up. But in Daniel’s day they were lost from view—as if the earth had opened her mouth and swallowed them.

Not for Old Testament Israel

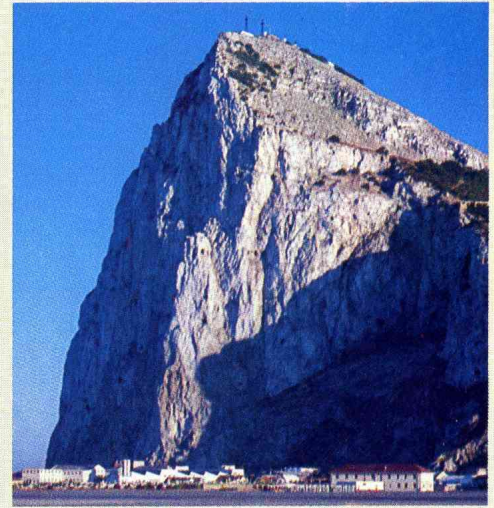
Daniel’s prophecy, then, was not a message to the Old Testament Kingdom of Israel!

Now think further!

Nor was this prophecy a message for the Old Testament Kingdom of Judah. When Daniel wrote, the Jews already were slaves in Babylon. Daniel was one of the brilliant young princes of Judah, specially chosen for service in the king’s palace in Babylon (Dan. 1:3-6). Daniel’s strenuous duties in the Gentile king’s service



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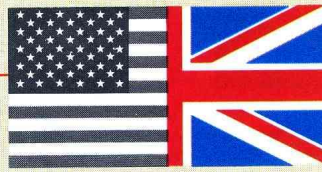
GIBRALTAR, the strategic western “gate” to the Mediterranean, stood for three centuries as the symbol of Britain’s far-flung power. Today it is one of the Empire’s few remaining vestiges.

did not allow him to deliver this closed and sealed message to the scattered Jewish slaves. In this condition of slavery, the Jews had no system of religious meetings—no priesthood. There was no such thing as a printing press—no way to print and distribute literature. And besides, the prophecy was “closed up and sealed *till* the time of the end”—our time, now! The book of Daniel was *not* a message for the Jews of Old Testament times!

Finally realize: It is emphatically clear that these prophecies pertain to no time but to *our time*, in this twentieth century!

Then know this, further:

The greatest mystery book of the entire Bible, to most, has been the book of Revelation. But the book of Daniel is the key to the book of Revelation. And in the book of Revelation, solely and alone, do we find the world events of all prophecies correlated in order of time sequence. The book of Revelation, then, holds the key for putting together all of the prophecies in proper time order. And Revelation, too, was a closed and sealed book—until our time, now. We realize that the living Jesus is the Revelator—and that He has stripped off the seals and opened this mystery book to right understanding.



And where does that lead us? To the fact that prophecy generally was written and preserved for *our time today!* And some 90 percent of all prophecy pertains actually to this latter half of the twentieth century. And the one central master key to prophecy as a whole is the identity of the United States and the British nations in these prophecies for today!

These prophecies could not pertain to any time previous to our precarious present!

It may not be generally realized—but neither Britain nor the United States became great world powers until the nineteenth century. Suddenly, in the very beginning of the nineteenth century, these two—until then small, minor countries—suddenly spurted to national power and greatness among nations, as no nations had ever grown and multiplied in wealth, resources and power before.

By 1804 London had become the financial hub of the world. The United States had exploded out of its swaddling clothes of the 13 original states and had acquired the expansive Louisiana Purchase. It was fast sprouting up to become the mightiest nation of all time. But Britain burst forth to greatness first, and until the



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“He must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below.”

Winston Churchill

World Wars had become the greatest empire, or commonwealth of nations, in all history.

Could We Be Ignored?

Between them the British and American peoples had acquired more than two-thirds—almost three-fourths—of all the cultivated physical resources and wealth of the world. All other nations combined possessed barely more than a fourth. Britannia ruled the waves—and the world’s commerce was carried on by water. The sun never set on British possessions.

Now think!

Could the British and American peoples be ignored in prophecies of world conditions that fill a third of the entire Bible—when some 90 percent of all those prophecies pertain to national and international world happenings of *our time, now?*

Staggering?

Indeed it is. And yet, precisely as prophesied, Britain’s sun has now set. As these same prophecies that foretold Britain’s greatness revealed far in advance, Britain has already been reduced to a second-rate or third-rate power in the world.

And the United States? Today America finds herself heir to just about all the international problems and headaches in this post-World-War-II, chaotic, violent world. And the United States has won her last war—even little North Vietnam held her at bay. Many other nations sap America’s national strength, “and he knoweth it not,” as God long ago foretold!

On the world scene nothing is so important right now as to know where the white, English-speaking peoples are identified in scores and hundreds of prophecies—prophecies which describe vividly our sudden rise to national power and reveal the causes of that greatness; prophecies that paint a crystal-clear picture of our present international dilemma; prophecies that open our eyes wide to see what now lies immediately ahead for our nations—and what our ultimate and final status shall be.

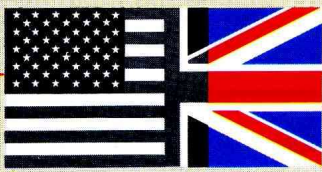
Astounding Facts Come to Light

Prior to World War II, the American and British peoples had acquired more than two-thirds of the cultivated resources and wealth of the world. Yet, astonishing wonder though it be, we acquired nearly all of it rather suddenly, since the year 1800. Never in all history did anything like this occur. Never did any people or nation spread out and grow so suddenly and rapidly into such magnitude of national power.

Yet we are beholding before our very eyes the diminishing and evaporating of this national greatness, wealth and power. In the case of Great Britain, it is disintegrating even more rapidly than it developed! Britain has been almost overnight stripped of her colonies and her possessions—source of her wealth—and reduced to a second-rate or third-rate power. Why? There is a reason! It is bound up with history and divine promises pertaining to Israel. Promises never yet inherited by the Jewish people. And now, unless the people *and* the government of the United States will heed and take immediate and drastic action, the American nation is slated to go down even more suddenly to utter ignominy and loss of all national wealth, greatness and power!

And for the SAME REASON!

It behooves us without delay to quickly review that history and open our eyes to divine promises and warnings almost wholly unrealized by our peoples. It is all



connected with the generally ignored plain and simple Bible story that leads to knowledge of our incredible ancestry and modern prophetic identity. And it is the most amazing, the most fascinating story you ever read. Stranger than fiction—yet it is TRUE!

Why Do We Have Israel's Bible?

Millennia ago, this same national greatness, wealth and power was promised by the Almighty to Abraham. Yet few have ever noticed this astonishing fact in Scripture. We must realize, if we would understand, a peculiar fact. The Holy Bible is the particular Book of a definite nationality—the children of Israel.

It is undeniable! Its history, from Genesis to Revelation, is primarily the history of one nation or people—the Israelites. Other nations are mentioned only insofar as they come into contact with Israel. All its prophecy, too, pertains primarily to this people of Israel, and to other nations only insofar as they come into contact with Israel. The Bible tells of these Israelites and their God. It was inspired by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, committed to writing through Israelites exclusively, and preserved until after the New Testament was written by these Israelites. In its sacred passages we read that all the promises and the covenants of God, all the sonship and the glory, belong solely to Israel (Rom. 9:4).

Yet we must face the astounding fact that our white, English-speaking peoples—*not* the Jews—have inherited the national and physical phases of those promises!

How could this have happened?

The Bible is an Israelitish Book, preeminently of and for the Israelitish nationality, inspired by their God through their prophets. Is it not indeed strange that we English-speaking peoples are today the greatest believers in and exponents of this Book of the Hebrew people; that of all nations we are the chief worshipers of Israel's God and Israel's Messiah—in name and in form, if not in truth and in deed? The more these facts are realized, the more apparent it becomes that a full knowledge of these Israelites is necessary to a right understanding of the Holy Bible, which is chiefly concerned with them as a people. And this knowledge becomes important if we are to understand the present status of the American and British peoples in the world—and their relation to unprecedented world conditions at this fateful hour! Let us remember as we approach this fascinating story that the Bible is concerned with the material, the fleshly, the literal, racial and *national*, as well as with the spiritual. Let us not spiritualize away national things, nor nationalize spiritual things. Let us understand the sacred Word of God as it is!

Nation Began With One Man

Before the days of Moses there was no nation on earth known as God's particular nation. Prior to Moses there was no written Word of God; no inspired Scriptures; no

Holy Bible. Think of it! For more than two thousand five hundred years—two-and-a-half millennia—mankind existed without any written revelation from God! The only historic record of God's dealing with mankind prior to Israel is the revealed history of the Bible. And—even more astonishing—only the first eleven of the fifty chapters of Genesis are devoted to the entire history of the world prior to Abraham, father of the Israelites!

Surprising? Only the first eleven chapters of the very first book of the Bible are used to record for us the history of the first approximately 2,000 years—more than one-third of its entire span.

God began this world with just one man—Adam. Whatever God does through human agencies must start the smallest, and, like the grain of mustard seed, grow big. To this first man God communicated directly and personally. God revealed all essential knowledge otherwise inaccessible to the human mind. The basic essentials of all knowledge—what *is* man?—WHY is he here?—what's the PURPOSE of life?—what is the WAY of life that will produce peace, health, prosperity, happiness and joy?—what is man's END—his destiny?—God revealed this basis of all knowledge to the first man.

To Adam, God revealed Himself—the Eternal Creator-Ruler of earth and all the universe. God revealed to Adam that he was, unlike animals, made in the form and shape of God with powers of mind possessed by no other physical creature; with the potential, through free choice, of developing the very character of God and of inheriting eternal life in the Kingdom of God. To Adam God revealed the way of life that would result in everything man desires: peace, enjoyable life, happiness, abundant well-being.

To produce these blessings—to be the *cause* of such desired *effect*—God had set in motion His inexorable spiritual law. But Adam listened to Satan and leaned to his own human understanding. He disobeyed God, rejected the way to every desired result, and set out on the human course of greed and vanity.

Mankind Spurns God's Way

As men began to multiply on earth, Adam's sons followed in his Satan-inspired course of human nature. Prior to Abraham, only three are mentioned as accepting God's way of life—only three during more than a third of the whole span of the history of mankind. Abel was called righteous; Enoch walked with God; and Noah was a preacher of righteousness, which is simply obedience to God's government (Ps. 119:172). Aside from these three and possibly Shem, there is no record that any man prior to Abraham yielded to the rule of the Eternal.

By the time of Abraham men had lost all knowledge of the true Creator-Ruler, His revelation of His purpose, and the way of God to peace and (Continued on page 38)

COMING SOON: TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

After today's troubled and evil world—the wonderful world tomorrow. Here's just a glimpse into a soon-coming day—and what it will be like!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Some time back, when I was in Pasadena, the musical play *Oklahoma* was presented at the Ambassador Auditorium. Of course I had seen it before, years ago, and also had seen the motion picture of the same name. Many, many times have I heard the musical numbers from the play.

Here I am [editor's note: this section was written some months ago] on the Ivory Coast in Africa—virtually on the equator—but as I looked out the window of the hotel at breakfast and beheld a beautiful day dawning, the song of that play kept haunting my mind:

“O, what a beautiful morning,
O, what a beautiful day.
I've got a wonderful feeling.
Everything's goin' my way!”

Yesterday I was writing an article about how Satan broadcasts—how he is the prince of the power of the air—how he now surcharges the air with the moods and attitudes of discontent, unhappiness, vanity, lust and greed, of jealousy and envy, the spirit of competition, antagonism and strife; of suspicion and resentment against others, of fear and worries, of frustrations, of rebellion against authority—especially God's authority. Satan literally injects this UNHAPPY state of mind into people.

I've said it so often: He does not broadcast in words, pictures, sounds or music, but subtly in moods, attitudes, impulses, feelings.

Then, Suddenly . . .

Then, suddenly that tune from *Oklahoma*—of the “beautiful day” with “everything goin' my way”—brought to my mind this scripture of SURE PROPHECY: “And it shall be in that day, that LIVING WATERS shall

go out from Jerusalem. . . . And the Eternal shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one” (Zech. 14:8-9).

LIVING WATERS! Now just what does the Bible mean by that expression? Let's take time to make SURE—for this scripture is speaking of an event which will drastically alter YOUR LIFE in just a few short years.

This term “living waters” is used in a number of places in the Bible. One is the incident of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in Samaria. Now in the days of Jesus, Samaria (north of Jerusalem) was populated by Gentile people of the Babylonian mystery religion. Back in 721-718 B.C. King Salmanser of Assyria conquered the northern kingdom, the KINGDOM OF ISRAEL, in a three-year siege. He moved the people of ten of the tribes of Israel from their homes, farms and cities, and carried them as slaves to the land of Chaldea on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea. Then he placed people from Babylon—people of the Babylonian mystery religion—in the homes, farms and towns of that land, which became Samaria, occupying the northern two-thirds of the lands which had originally been inherited by the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. Much of this is territory now occupied by the Israelis, but claimed by the Arabs, the subject of bitter dispute (II Kings 17:23-24).

In the time of Christ these Samaritan people were still there. Their religious leader was Simon the sorcerer. He tried to buy an apostleship in the Church of God. Peter turned him down, for his mo-

tives and his heart were evil. This Simon was the “Peter” (or Pater, Father, Papa, leader) of the Babylonian mystery religion (see Acts 8:9-11). This Simon deliberately adopted Christ's doctrine of “grace,” turning it into license to disobey God, and his religion grew, until today it is the largest religion on earth (Revelation 17).

I mention all this because of the possible connection with the woman whom Jesus met at Jacob's well in Samaria, and because I thought it would be interesting to the reader.

The incident is recorded in John 4:2-26. Jesus was walking from Judea to Galilee. He was tired, and stopped at the well to rest. Along came a woman of Samaria to draw water.

“Give me to drink,” Jesus asked.

Now the Jews had nothing to do with these Gentile Samaritans. They called them “dogs.” The Samaritan woman was puzzled that a Jew would speak to her. Notice she recognized immediately that Jesus was a Jew.

She asked: “How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.”

Now notice Jesus' answer: “If thou knewest the *gift of God* [the Holy Spirit], and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee LIVING WATER.”

The woman was confused. She did not understand, of course, that “the gift of God” and “living water” are both symbolic expressions used to designate the HOLY SPIRIT.

Jesus said: “Whosoever drinketh

of this water [from the well] shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Now I have continually said that Jesus DID NOT come on a "soul-saving crusade." This is not yet the time when God is trying to save the world.

Rather, we are now near the END of the 6,000 years during which God sentenced the world to be cut off from Him—to go its own way, form its own governments, its own religions, its own ways of life. Adam, the first man, rejected God and God's government over him and his descendants—this whole world. God has INTERVENED into this world of man, swayed by Satan, and called to Him a FEW—such as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, etc. He sent Christ to ANNOUNCE His coming Kingdom. He sent His apostles to proclaim that GOOD NEWS. But Simon's fast-growing counterfeit church SUPPRESSED Christ's gospel message from going to the world before A.D. 70. In A.D. 31, Christ raised up HIS CHURCH—the CHURCH OF GOD—for the PURPOSE of standing back of the apostles getting out the true gospel. But when the gospel was suppressed, the Church met with such violent persecution that it decreased in size, and ever since has been what Jesus called "the LITTLE FLOCK."

I gave you this incident at the well in Samaria because there is some reason to believe that this woman was at the time living with Simon the sorcerer, founder of the world's largest religion. (If there were not *some* special significance attached to her, WHY would God have mentioned her in the Bible?) Anyway, we find here again that "living waters" means the Holy Spirit.

Let me give you one more example. In John 7:37-39, Jesus stood up and said, on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly [innermost being] shall flow

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER. (BUT THIS SPAKE HE OF THE SPIRIT, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

The Cause of Today's Evils

In Ephesians 2:2, Satan is called "the prince of the power of the air." I have written many times recently how Satan broadcasts. The human spirit in each human person is directly IN TUNE WITH SATAN'S WAVELENGTH. As I've said many times, he does not broadcast in sounds or pictures. But through the spirit in every man, he infuses ATTITUDES of depression, discouragement, vanity, lust, greed, competition, strife, resentment, discontent, rebellion, frustration. He is WORKING in people in this way. He is the SOURCE and CAUSE of all of today's evils.

But SOON NOW—in our living generation—CHRIST will return as KING of kings and LORD of lords, to RULE ALL NATIONS with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

One of the very first things to happen will be the PUTTING AWAY OF SATAN (Rev. 20:1-3). Now think of it! Satan will be GONE! Christ will be here! Rivers of living water will flow out from Jerusalem—that is, instead of this EVIL spirit pervading the entire atmosphere, affecting EVERYBODY, causing all evil, the HOLY SPIRIT of God will infuse the atmosphere.

Christ will be here in PERSON. The government will be government OF LOVE. People will begin to love one another—to help one another. The GOVERNMENT of the KINGDOM OF GOD will bring WORLD PEACE!

Great supernatural physical changes will happen to the earth. Deserts will become rich, fertile, crop-raising soil. Even the topography of the earth will be CHANGED; great mountains will be leveled. Beauty will spring forth everywhere, not only in nature on the earth, but in people's lives—it will show on their happy faces.

But will CHRIST rule alone, by Himself—a ONE-MAN rule with no one under Him?

Of course not. Let me explain. I have said the first man, Adam, REJECTED God's government over him—not only for himself but for the whole human race which sprang from him. It was MAN who made the decision. Instead of accepting GOD as RULER, as the SOURCE of BASIC KNOWLEDGE, Adam decided, for his family—which is all humanity—to produce his OWN knowledge of what is good and what is evil. He took of the tree of THE KNOWLEDGE of good and evil, rejecting the "tree of LIFE" (the "living waters") or the Holy Spirit which would have impregnated him with eternal God-life.

And so, since that was MAN'S DECISION, God SENTENCED the human race which sprang from Adam to 6,000 years of being cut off from contact with Him. In effect, God said: "Go form your own governments, your own religions, produce your own knowledge and systems of education. For 6,000 years you are to be CUT OFF from me and contact with me."

But God did reserve the prerogative to INTERVENE when and where necessary for HIS PURPOSE. God was *not* trying to "SAVE the world" spiritually—instead He had CUT IT OFF FROM HIM. Those uncalled by God were neither lost nor saved—YET!

The FEW who received salvation and begettal of ETERNAL LIFE were called and chosen by God. Noah did not seek out God and beg for salvation—God CALLED NOAH. The same is true for Abraham, Moses, the prophets of Israel. The KINGDOM OF ISRAEL was not offered spiritual salvation—but ONLY physical, material and national benefits for obedience.

CHRIST came to ANNOUNCE His coming KINGDOM OF GOD—to be ushered in AFTER man's 6,000-year SENTENCE had ended. Jesus called and taught His disciples His message of HIS KINGDOM; He sacrificed Himself for us; His apostles went out proclaiming the GOOD NEWS. Christ "added to the church" as many converted Christians as needed to stand back of the apostles, in diligent and earnest prayer,

in encouragement, in tithes and offerings. In their own lives, they were to overcome Satan and Satan's ways and thus qualify to help Christ govern the world in the Kingdom of God—after the 6,000 years (Rev. 3:21; 2:26-27).

During this 6,000 years God has called no one to spiritual salvation except those He called to back up the apostles getting out the gospel; they were also called to qualify, by overcoming Satan, to sit with Christ on His throne in the Kingdom of God.

Now let's take a look into the newspaper headlines of the near future. The NEW world tomorrow is going to come IN OUR TIME!

And, remember, it won't become utopia *all at once*. When the Supreme Ruler, Jesus Christ, comes again to earth already *crowned* as KING of kings, in all the vast POWER AND GLORY of Almighty God, the Gentile nations actually will resist Him at first. He is coming to rule by divine FORCE. How ironic that the nations will have to be FORCED to be happy, prosperous, physically fit and well, living abundantly and joyfully!

These might be the headlines you will read in the newspaper of the future:

"Crime Rate Drops to Zero."

"No Wars During This Year! Former Soldiers Being Rapidly Assimilated into Food Production and New Industries."

"Disease Epidemics Disappear. Millions Have Been Supernaturally Healed of Sickness and Disease. Causes of Cancer, Heart Attacks, Other Fatal Diseases Revealed. Authorities Predict All Such Diseases to Disappear, by Avoiding Causes, Within Coming Year!"

"Thousands of Hospital Properties Up for Sale. Sensational Decline in Sickness and Disease Releases Increasing Hundreds of Thousands of Doctors, Nurses, Attendants and Staff Personnel for Happier and More Useful Occupations. Knowledge of Causes Reduces Sickness and Disease! Thousands of Afflicted Now Being Divinely Healed!"

"Rapid Increase in Food Produc-

tion. All Records Broken for Increased Food Production. Agricultural Authorities Reveal Abolition of Artificial and Synthetic Fertilizers and Return to Nature's Laws of Soil Enrichment Resulting Not Only in Bumper Crops, but Vastly Improved Quality and Flavor."

Well, how are those, for a starter?

How Utopia Will Come

But now let's be specific! Let's see just *how* tomorrow's utopia is to be ushered in. Remember, this wonderful world-state will not be achieved all at once.

Every major step of these soon-

It will be divine
government—
the government of God.
It will not be government
from the bottom up.
The people will
have no votes. It will not
be government
of or by the people, but it
will be government for
the people!

coming events is laid bare before our eyes in biblical PROPHECY.

The same Jesus Christ who walked over the hills and valleys of the Holy Land and the streets of Jerusalem more than 1900 years ago is coming again! He *said* He would come again. After He was crucified, God raised Him from the dead after three days and three nights (Matt. 12:40; Acts 2:32; I Cor. 15:3-4). He ascended to the throne of God, headquarters of the government of the universe (Acts 1:9-11; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; Rev. 3:21).

He is the "nobleman" of the parable, who went to the throne of God—the "far country"—to be coronated as KING of kings over all na-

tions, and then to return to earth (compare Luke 19:11-27). He is in heaven until the "times of restitution of all things" (Acts 3:19-21). "Restitution" means restoring to a former state or condition—in this case, restoring GOD'S GOVERNMENT to earth, and thus, restoring WORLD PEACE and utopian conditions.

Present world turmoil, escalating war and contentions, will climax in world trouble so great that, unless God intervenes, no human flesh would be saved alive (Matt. 24:22). At its very climax, when delay would result in blasting all life from off this planet, Jesus Christ will RETURN! This time He is coming as divine GOD! He is coming in all the POWER and GLORY of the universe-creating Creator! (Matt. 24:30; 25:31.) He is coming as KING of kings and LORD of lords (Rev. 19:16) to establish WORLD SUPERGOVERNMENT and rule all nations "with a rod of iron" (Rev. 19:15; 12:5).

All crime and organized rebellion will be put down by FORCE—divine supernatural force. Christ will then set His hand to reeducate and to "save" or spiritually convert the world.

THINK OF IT! The glorified CHRIST—coming in all the splendor, the supernatural POWER and the GLORY of GOD ALMIGHTY; coming to *save* mankind alive; coming to STOP escalating wars, nuclear mass destruction, human pain and suffering; coming to usher in PEACE, abundant well-being, happiness and JOY for all mankind!

Resurrected Saints

As the resurrected Christ ascended to heaven in the clouds, so He shall return to earth in the clouds (Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 24:30). Just *as* He is returning (I Thess. 4:14-17), the dead in Christ—those who have received and been led by God's Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:11, 14), including all the prophets of old (Luke 13:28)—will rise in a gigantic RESURRECTION and be made IMMORTAL. Those then living who have the Spirit of God shall be instantaneously *changed* from mortal to immortal (I Cor. 15:50-54), and, together with those resurrected, shall rise to meet the

descending glorified Christ (I Thess. 4:17) in the clouds in the air. They shall be with Him forever (John 14:3). They shall—with Him—come down out of the clouds and stand with Him, therefore, that very same day, on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4-5).

These changed, converted saints, now *made immortal*, will then rule the nations—nations of *mortals*—UNDER CHRIST (Dan. 7:22; Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21).

The New World Government

Now notice just HOW the new world government will function!

It will *not* be a so-called democracy; it will *not* be socialism; it will *not* be communism or Nazism; it will *not* be human monarchy, oligarchy, or plutocracy. It will *not* be MAN'S government over man. Man has *proven* his utter incapability of ruling himself!

It will be DIVINE government—the government of GOD. It will *not* be government from the bottom up. The people will have NO VOTES. It will *not* be government of or by the people—but *it will be government FOR the people!* It will be government from the TOP (God Almighty) down!

There will be no election campaigns! No \$100-per-plate campaign fund-raising dinners. No dirty political campaigns, where each candidate attempts to put himself forward in the most favorable light, while defaming, denouncing, discrediting his opponents. No time or money wasted in mud-slinging campaigns in the lust for power. No splits in political parties with quarreling and hatreds. In fact, *no political parties!*

NO HUMAN will be given any government office. In the *Kingdom of GOD*, ALL in government service will then be divine *spirit* beings.

All officials will be APPOINTED by the divine CHRIST, who reads and knows men's hearts—their inner character, their abilities or lack of ability. You'll find a description of Christ's supernatural insight into the very character of others in Isaiah 11:2-4: "And the spirit of the ETERNAL shall rest upon him, the

spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the ETERNAL; and shall make him of quick understanding... and he shall *not* judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears [hearsay]; but with RIGHTEOUSNESS shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth."

Remember, GOD is the Supreme One who is LOVE—who GIVES—who rules with outgoing concern for the ruled. His will be rule for the HIGHEST GOOD of the people! The most ABLE, the most RIGHTEOUS, those best fitted for office will be placed in all offices of responsibility and power.

There will then be *two* kinds of people on earth—humans and those made divine, who will rule the mortals. Some resurrected saints will rule over ten cities, some over five (Luke 19:17-19).

But further, God has set in motion physical laws that operate in our bodies and minds, as well as His spiritual law. There will be no sickness, ill health, pain or suffering. There *will be*, on the contrary, vigorous, vibrant GOOD HEALTH. People will be filled with dynamic INTEREST in life, enthusiastic interest in constructive activities bringing happiness and joy! There will be REAL PROGRESS, cleanliness, no slums, no degenerate peoples or areas of earth.

All this will be accomplished under the NEW Covenant which Christ is coming to usher in. Did you ever read just WHAT this New Covenant will consist of? Did you suppose it will DO AWAY with God's law? EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE! *This* is the covenant that Christ is coming to establish (Heb. 8:10): "I will put *my laws* into their MIND, and write them in their HEARTS."

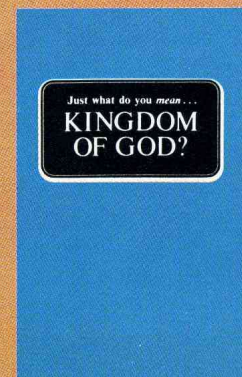
When God's laws are IN OUR HEARTS—when we LOVE God's WAYS and in our hearts WANT to live by them—HUMAN NATURE WILL BE PUT UNDER SUBJECTION; people *will* live the way that is the CAUSE of peace, happiness, abundance, joyful well-being! May God speed that day! □

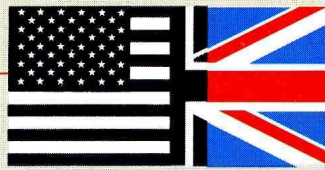
THE KINGDOM OF GOD-

What does it mean to you?

King•dom *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.)





PROPHECY

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happiness and to life eternal. Man pursued his own ways and devices, walking contrary to the spiritual laws of God. Sin and violence filled the earth.

God Started His Nation With One Man

It was in such a world, which had strayed far from God and knowledge of the glorious benefits of God's rule and the worship of the true God, that one man was honest and upright, submissive and teachable, strong and purposeful. So God gave him a test command of obedience. To this man, Abram, God commanded: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation" (Gen. 12:1-2).

Here was a command, which was a *condition* and a **PROMISE**, provided the condition of obedience was met.

And so now, as God had started the whole world with one man, He started His own peculiar nation in the world from one single man—Abraham. As the world, which has strayed far from God and the blessings of God's worship and rule, was started with one man who rebelled against God and rejected His rule, so God's own flesh-born nation, from which is to be reborn the Kingdom of God, was started with one man who obeyed God without question, and accepted His divine rule.

Did Abram stop to argue and reason? Did he say: "Let's reason this out a bit first; here I am in Babylon, in the very center of all this world's commerce, society and gaiety. Why can't you just as well give me this promise right here, where everything is pleasant and alluring? Why must I leave all this and go over to that uncivilized land?"

Did Abram quibble, resist, argue, rebel?

He certainly did not!

The inspired Scripture account states simply: "So Abram departed." There was no arguing with God. There was no human reasoning that God was all wrong. There were no foolish questions: "Why must I leave here?" "Can't I do as I please?" There was no stopping to say, "Well, here's the way I look at it."

"Abram departed." Just plain, unquestioned obedience!

And God established this man, whose name He later changed to Abraham, as the *father* of His nation, *Israel!* To Abraham and his descendants were all the promises of God made. And we must become like Abraham, and through Christ one of his children, if we are to inherit the promise of eternal life in God's Kingdom.

Of His peculiar flesh-born nation, Israel, the Eternal said: "This people have I formed for myself; *they shall*

shew forth my praise" (Isa. 43:21). That prophecy shall yet—and soon—be fulfilled!

Dual Promises to Abraham

Few have realized it, but a duality runs all the way through the plan of God in working out His purpose here below.

There was the first Adam, material and carnal; and there is Christ, the second Adam, spiritual and divine. There was the Old Covenant, purely material and temporal; and there is the New Covenant, spiritual and eternal. God made man mortal, physical, of the dust of the ground and of the human kingdom; but through Christ he may be begotten of God to become immortal, spiritual, and of the Kingdom of God.

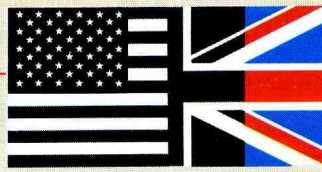
And in like manner there were two phases to the promises God made to Abraham—the one purely material and national; the other spiritual and individual. The spiritual promise of the Messiah, and of salvation through Him, is well known by the most superficial Bible students. They know that God gave the spiritual promise to Abraham of Christ to be born as Abraham's descendant—and that salvation comes to us through Christ. But—and this will sound unbelievable, yet it is true—almost no one knows what that salvation is; what are the promises of salvation we may receive through Christ; how we may receive them, or when—incredible though that sounds! But that truth belongs in another article.

What is essential to the theme of this series of articles is the fact that God also made another entirely different, most amazing national and material promise to Abraham which has been almost entirely overlooked.

Notice now again how God first called Abram, and the *twofold* nature of His promises: "Now the Eternal had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I *will make of thee* A GREAT NATION. . . and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:1-3).

Notice the twofold promise: 1) "I will make of thee A GREAT NATION"—the national, material promise that his flesh-born children should become a great nation—a promise of **RACE**; 2) ". . . and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed"—the spiritual promise of **GRACE**. This same promise is repeated in Genesis 22:18: "And in *thy seed* shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." This particular "one seed" refers to Christ, as plainly affirmed in Galatians 3:8, 16.

Right here is where those who profess to be "Christians"—and their teachers—have fallen into error and scriptural blindness. They have failed to notice the twofold promise God made to Abraham. They recognize the messianic promise of spiritual salvation through the "one seed"—Christ. They sing the hymn *Standing on the Promises*—falsely supposing the *promises* to be going to heaven at death.



This is a pivotal point. This is the point where professing “Christians” and their teachers jump the track of truth. This is the point where they switch off the track that would lead them to the missing master key to the prophecies. They miss the fact that God gave Abraham promises of physical RACE as well as spiritual GRACE.

But the plain fact that the “great nation” promise refers alone to race—not the “one seed” of Galatians 3:16, who was Jesus Christ the Son of Abraham and the Son of God, but to the plural, multiple seed of natural fleshly birth—is made certain by God’s repetition of His promise in greater detail later.

Notice carefully! Understand these promises!

“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Eternal appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. . . . thou shalt be a father of MANY NATIONS. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of MANY NATIONS have I made thee” (Gen. 17:1-5).

Notice, the promise is now conditional upon Abraham’s obedience and perfect living. Notice, the “great nation” now becomes many nations—more than one nation. This cannot refer to the “one seed,” Christ. The following verses prove that.

“And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings [more than one] shall come out of thee” (verse 6). Notice, these nations and kings shall *come out of* Abraham—physical generation—multiple seed, not just one descendant *through whom* scattered individuals *may* become Abraham’s children by spiritual begetting through Christ (Gal. 3:29). The scattered, individual Christians do not form NATIONS. The Church, it is true, is spoken of as “a royal priesthood, an holy nation” (I Peter 2:9), but Christ’s Church is not divided into “many nations.” This is speaking of race, not grace.

“And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in *their* generations . . .” (Gen. 17:7). The “seed” is plural—“in their generations.” “And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, *the land* wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan [Palestine], for an everlasting possession; and I will be *THEIR* God” (verse 8).

Notice, the land—material possession—is promised to the plural seed, of whom He is “their,” not “his,” God. The plural pronoun “their” is used again in verse 9: “and thy seed after thee in *their* generations.”

But now examine this PROMISE carefully!

The future of great nations rests on the promises the eternal Creator made to Abraham. The only hope of life after death for anyone—regardless of race, color or creed—is dependent on the spiritual phase of these

promises to Abraham—the promise of grace through the “one seed”—Christ the Messiah!

How Much Land—What Size Nations?

These are not casual, incidental, unimportant promises. These are basic—the foundation for the establishment of the greatest world powers; the basis for any personal salvation spiritually; for any hope of eternal life for humans. These are stupendous promises. The future of mankind is based, by the Creator God, on them.

Jesus Christ came “to confirm the promises made unto the fathers” (Rom. 15:8)—which fathers were Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

A carnal cynic, whose mind is hostile to God and His promises, purposes, and ways, tosses these tremendous promises aside, saying flippantly, “Oh yeah?—but what kind of ‘many nations’? Twentieth-century style? Nations of 100 million or more people? Don’t be ridiculous! Those men who wrote the Bible knew nothing of nations that would be ‘great’ by our twentieth-century standards! They referred only to little nations like there were then—nations containing no more people than a small township or county today!

“And then how much land did this promise include? Was God supposed to have promised an inheritance out

“I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins.”

of the land of Canaan, as mentioned in verse 8 of Genesis 17? And then in repromising this land to Jacob, all the land that was included was ‘the land whereon thou liest’ in Genesis 28:13. How much land was that? Not more than a tiny plot two feet wide, and about six feet long!”

A cynical objector actually argued thus!

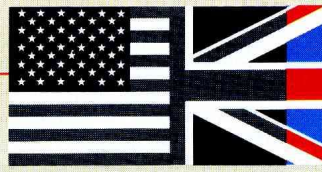
So let’s answer the sneering closed-minded cynic!

Let’s check carefully, and see precisely what was promised under this phase of the promises pertaining to race—the physical, material, national promises. I leave the checking of the spiritual phase of the promises to be explained in other booklets or articles.

How much land was promised?

A Cynic Argues

But first hear out the refutation of the criticizing cynic. “That promise,” continues the objector, “of ‘many nations’ was written in Hebrew, and the Hebrew word for ‘nation’ is *goi*, and for more than one, plural, it is *goiim*. It merely means some “people”—it could mean just a



little handful of Abraham's children and grandchildren."

I mention this because a self-professed "scholar" did one time make this very ridiculous statement and professed to reject this entire important truth on these arguments primarily. If the reader cares to check up on this Hebrew *goi* he will find it means "nation"—or, in the plural, "nations" or "peoples," without regard to size of population. This is the word most often used—actually hundreds of times in the Old Testament—for the various nations of the world, including the largest nations. In the prophecy of Joel 3, verse 2, God says He will gather "all nations." That is speaking of a time yet future, in this twentieth century—and the Hebrew *goiim* is used. There the word *goiim* includes such nations as Russia, Germany, Italy, China, India—pretty big nations.

But God promised that Abraham's literal, human, flesh-and-blood descendants should become "a great nation" (Gen. 12:2); that He would "multiply thee exceedingly" (Gen. 17:2); that "thou shalt be a father of many nations" (verse 4); and that "I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee" (verse 6). As we proceed along with other promises and prophecies, we shall see that biblical language describes these as great and large nations.

And how much land? In Genesis 17:8, God promised "all the land of Canaan," but in other scriptures He promised much more. In Genesis 15:18: "In the same day the Eternal made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt [the Nile] unto the great river, the river Euphrates." The Euphrates is a considerable distance to the east in the ancient land of Babylon, which is today Iraq—considerably east of Palestine.

But all of this objector's arguments are refuted and made ridiculous by the very next verse from the one he quoted when he said that all that was promised was a plot about 2 x 6 feet. He could have read this next verse: "And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south" (Gen. 28:14).

Here the size of the "many nations" is compared to the number of grains of dust of the earth. Elsewhere God compared the populations of these promised nations to the grains of sand on a seashore and to the stars—uncountable for multitude.

As we proceed, the magnitude and the reality of these promises will become quite evident.

Not Fulfilled in Jews

Again, notice carefully—the Jews have never been more than one nation. They are not, and never have been, many nations. So here is an amazing prophecy, a solemn promise from Almighty God, that could not be fulfilled in Christ, in Christians, nor in the Jews. We must look for a number of nations apart from either the Church or

the Jews. Amazing as it is, we must do it or deny God's promise!

God put Abraham to the test, and Abraham, through faith, obeyed—even to being willing to sacrifice his only son, if need be. And after that the covenant no longer was conditional. Now it became UNCONDITIONAL.

"By myself have I sworn, saith the Eternal, for BECAUSE thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies [or, as correctly translated in the Revised Standard Version, "And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies." The Fenton translation renders it: "And your race shall possess the gates of its enemies"—so far the material, national promises of race]; and in thy seed [Christ] shall all the nations of the earth be blessed [this promise is spiritual, of grace]; because thou hast obeyed my voice" (Gen. 22:16-18).

The promise now is UNCONDITIONAL. God has sworn to make it good. God does not promise these things IF Abraham or his children do certain things. He promises them to Abraham BECAUSE he already has performed his part of the agreement. If these promises could be broken or annulled, then no promise in the Bible is sure!

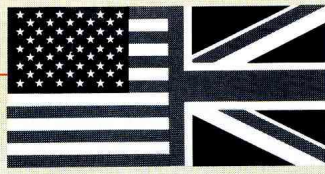
These promises cannot be broken or annulled. Not if it be true that "heaven and earth shall pass, but my word shall NOT pass away." Now God must perform His part without fail.

Notice an additional detail of the promise—the nations who are Abraham's racial descendants are to possess the gates of their enemies. A gate is a narrow passage of entrance or exit. When speaking nationally, a "gate" would be such a pass as the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal, the Strait of Gibraltar. This promise is repeated in Genesis 24:60 to Abraham's daughter-in-law: "Be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those that hate them."

Notice, Abraham's descendants would possess vital geographic passageways of their enemies—"those that hate them." This has never been fulfilled in the Jews, nor could it be fulfilled after Jesus Christ returns to rule the nations and establish world peace. This promise could only be fulfilled in the present world or else we must deny the Bible as God's revealed Word. We must look for a people forming more than one nation—yet all one people, children of Abraham—either now or in history who possess the sea gateways of the world, or we must deny the Word of God. It is a test of the inspiration of the Bible and of God's power to rule this world!

A Nation and a Company of Nations

These tremendous promises were repromised to Isaac and to Jacob. Ishmael and Abraham's other sons were



rejected from this birthright. Esau, Isaac's son and Jacob's twin brother, sold it and was rejected. The promise, as confirmed to Isaac, is recorded in Genesis 26:3-5: "I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; and I will make thy seed to MULTIPLY as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries. . . ." Notice! Twice God promised "all these countries." That is millions of times larger than the 2 x 6-foot plot our "intellectual" cynic contended for. Also, Isaac's descendants were to "MULTIPLY as the stars of heaven." That's thousands of times larger than a tiny "township."

To Jacob it is repeated in Genesis 27:26-29, where MATERIAL blessing of wealth in the things of the ground is added, with the prophecy that heathen nations shall be ruled by the birthright nations of Israel. "Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness [margin: fat places] of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee."

To Spread Worldwide

And we find the promises again in Genesis 28:13-14, where the added detail that these nations of Israel shall eventually spread around the world is recorded. "And, behold, the Eternal . . . said, I am the Eternal God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. . . ."

The original Hebrew for "spread abroad" means "to break forth." This promise places no limit on how far east, west, north and south Jacob's descendants should spread. Thus it indicates they would spread around the earth. This is confirmed in Romans 4:13: "For the promise, that he [Abraham] should be the heir of the world. . . ."

But this is not a promise that Abraham's descendants should inherit, own, and possess the whole of the earth, leaving nothing for Gentiles—that is, prior to the new earth—but rather that, in years and centuries to come, they would spread and occupy certain areas in various parts of the earth. Yet, the new earth—after the millennium—will be inhabited only by those who shall be Abraham's children through Christ (Rom. 4:13).

There is a phase of this prophecy heretofore utterly overlooked—not before understood. Indeed these birthright Israelitish nations *have* spread to and occupied various lands or areas in many locations around the world. This occurred after they were—721-718 B.C.—driven in a captivity out of their own promised land of

Samaria in Palestine. The next verses in Genesis 28 complete this phase of the prophecy. "And, behold," God continued, "I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest [God is here referring, not to Jacob personally, but his descendants who were to spread abroad in all directions], and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" (verse 15).

This generally unnoticed, but significant prophecy will be fulfilled at the second coming of Christ. It is explained further in Jeremiah 23:7-8, and 50:4-6, 19-20, and other prophecies.

Repromised to Jacob

Still later, God appeared to Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, even further defining the makeup of these "many nations" thus: "And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; A NATION and a COMPANY OF NATIONS shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins" (Gen. 35:11). The Moffatt translation renders it "a nation, and a group of nations." The Fenton rendering is "a nation and an Assembly of Nations." The RSV translates it as in the Authorized Version, above quoted. So the "many nations" are eventually to take shape as a nation—one great, wealthy, powerful nation—and another company of nations—a group, or commonwealth of nations.

Mark carefully this crucial fact! This is basic, if you are to grasp the all-important key to all prophecy—the very key to the real meaning of the unprecedented world events of the present. This promise never has been fulfilled in the Jews. It cannot be "spiritualized" away by interpreting it as being inherited only through Christ. It could not pertain to the Church, for there is but one true Church acknowledged in the Bible, and it is not a nation, or a group of nations, but one Church of called-out individuals scattered through all nations. Yet this amazing promise MUST stand fulfilled, unless we are to deny the Bible and God's sacred Word!

Here is the enigma of the ages! Is this a divine promise unkept? Thomas Paine and Robert Ingersoll lost faith in God and rejected the Bible because they believed these national promises were never fulfilled.

The very fate of the Bible as the revealed Word of God—the evidence of the existence of God—hangs on the answer to this momentous question. The Jewish people did not fulfill these promises. The promises do not refer to the Church. The world with its great church leaders does not know of any such fulfillment. Did God fail? Or has He made good this colossal promise unknown to the world? The true answer is the most astonishing revelation of Bible truth, of prophecy, and of unrecognized history! □

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darkness was caused by his great supersin and that of his angels. But God is the very symbol of *light*—of truth—of beauty. So on the very first day of what is often called “creation week” God changed the earth’s surface from darkness, ugliness, decay and confusion to light, beauty and harmony.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that God is the author of beauty—of quality—of perfection. Satan is the author of ugliness, inferiority, imperfection, cheapness, destruction. In the six days of renewing the face of the earth and lavishly decorating it with flora and fauna, God made it beautiful—gloriously beautiful!

God had now completed renewing the face of the earth, preparing it to become the abode of man.

The Creation of Humankind

And now was to come the crowning piece of God’s handiwork—MAN! “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Gen. 1:26-27).

But *why* did God create man?

Here is a truth perhaps never before understood by man. Look now at God’s supreme, overall purpose. As He had previously surveyed the colossal cataclysm that the angelic rebellion had produced, He must have realized that it left HIMSELF as the ONLY Being who will not and CANNOT SIN! The only possible assurance of accomplishing His great purpose of finishing the creation—populating and beautifying the entire universe—was for Him to reproduce Himself.

But what part could man possibly have in such an awesome purpose? Notice what King David was inspired to write: “O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. . . . 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?*” (Psalm 8:1-4.) Marveling at the entire creation, David had asked how God could take any account of puny man.

Continue: “For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; *thou hast put all things under his feet. . . . O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!*” (Ps. 8:5-9.)

David here *limited* man’s dominion to the present—that which God gave mankind at his creation—the solid earth, the earth’s atmosphere, and the waters and sea. That is the dominion that man *now* has!

But in the New Testament, written much later, a far greater destiny and dominion for man is revealed.

The Transcendent Goal

In the book of Hebrews, we read: “For unto the angels hath he [God] *not* put in subjection *the world to come*, whereof we speak” (Heb. 2:5). The theme of the first half of this chapter, in context, is “the world to come”—*the world tomorrow!* Then verse 6 follows on with a quotation from the first six verses of the eighth Psalm. Again David was specifically showing that God has *now* placed in subjection under man the solid earth, the earth’s atmosphere or air, and the sea. But the writer of Hebrews is inspired to follow with *something infinitely greater*—something to happen in the world to come.

The revealed knowledge of God’s purpose for mankind—of man’s incredible, awesome potential—staggeres the imagination. Science knows nothing of it—no religion reveals it—and certainly higher education is in utter ignorance of it.

Continue now in this passage in Hebrews, beginning where this New Testament book leaves off quoting the eighth Psalm and adds the awesome human potential: “Thou hast put all things in subjection under his [man’s] feet. For in that he [God] put all in subjection under him [man], he [God] left *nothing* that is *not* put under him” (Heb. 2:8).

Is it possible God could mean what He says—“all things”? *Nothing* excluded? In the first chapter, verse 3, the Moffatt translation of the Bible renders the Greek word that is translated “all things” as “*the universe*.”

In other words, for those willing to believe what God says, He says that He has decreed *the entire universe* with all its galaxies, its countless suns and planets—*everything*—will be put under man’s subjection.

But wait a moment! Before you disbelieve, read the next words in this same eighth verse: “But now we see *not yet* all things [the endless universe] put under him [man].” Remember, this is speaking of the “*world to come*”—*not* today’s world.

But what do we see now, today? “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour. . . .” (verse 9). Man, other than Christ, is *not yet* crowned with glory and honor. But *he will be* in a new age—yet in the future.

This is only a brief inkling of the fantastic, awesome, transcendent purpose of man—only one of the many passages in the Bible that describes his incredible potential. God needs millions or billions of perfect and righteous beings, governed by His divine government, to *complete* the creation of, in all their beauty, majesty and glory, not only the other planets of our solar system (*now* in utter waste and decay), but also our galaxy, and countless other galaxies of the limitless, vast universe.

I have yet to tell you of the incident of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden—where man went wrong—and why he was created of matter, the dust of the ground. Expect surprises as you learn more of the *crowning pinnacle* of even God’s unmatched creating powers.

How could the *great God*—the Self-Existent One—the Creator of all else—reproduce *Himself* into multiple millions of others just like Himself—divine, supreme in power, perfect in character—each by his own choice *perfectly* like-minded with the Father, each having so set himself that he cannot sin? □

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