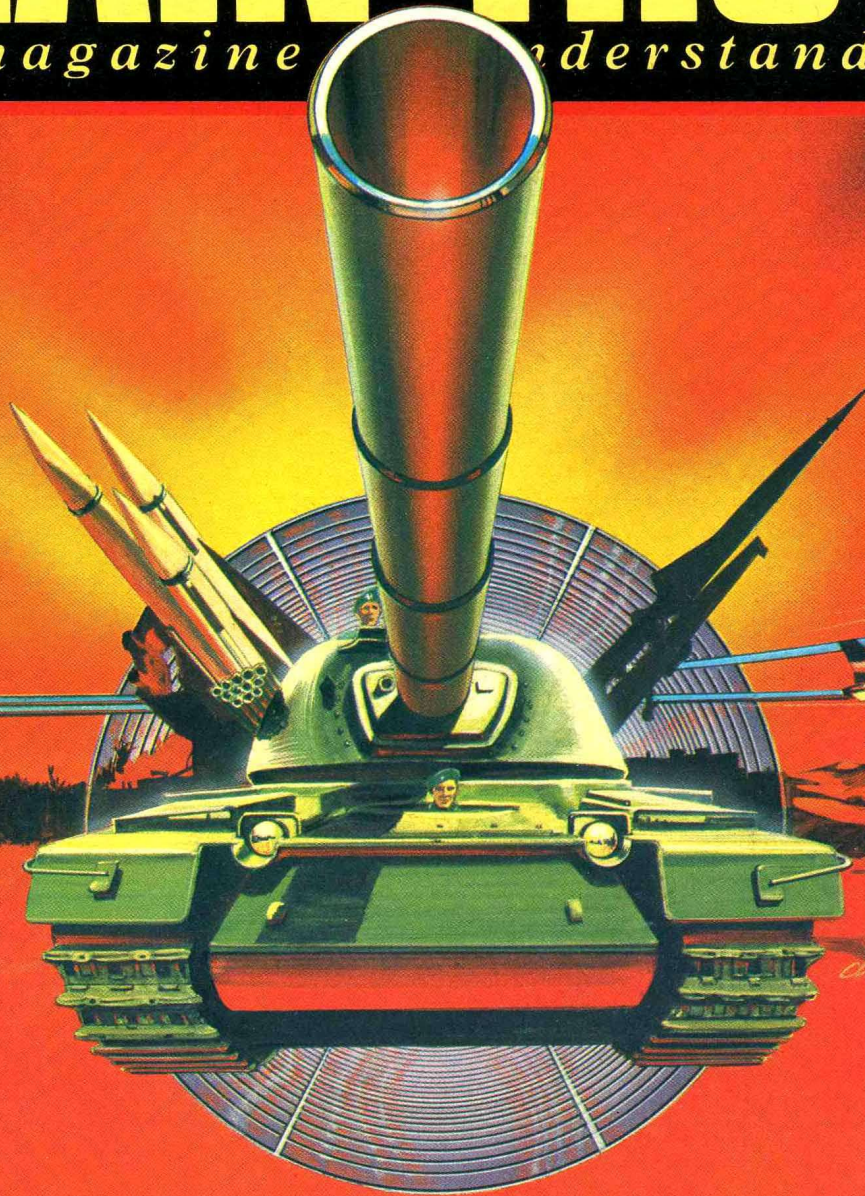


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The World Is an Armed Camp



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There Is a Way of Escape

THE WORLD has sunk into a complacent, indifferent slumber. The world is getting used to violence and war and threats of war. The world has been drugged by a new and unprecedented prosperity—especially in the United States, Europe and Japan.

The world is too busy enjoying this newfound prosperity, basking in the comfortable sunshine of luxury, to be much concerned about the oncoming NUCLEAR World War III that *WILL*, unless prevented by Almighty God, simply erase human life from this planet!

Soft words and pretty speeches do not arouse people out of this pleasant dream. It takes a *jolt!* When we *do* attempt to warn our readers with words strong enough to arouse, I anticipate letters saying: "Cancel my subscription! That article frightened me." Yes, IF YOU ARE TO CONTINUE TO *LIVE*, you *need* to be frightened—enough to take the *action* that will *SAVE YOUR LIFE!*

But, you say, what can I do? Well, there is something you *must* do IF you are to escape the agonies and probable terrifying death, of the coming prophesied Great Tribulation!

YES, YOU CAN ESCAPE ALL THIS!

That is what we are trying to make our readers understand!

God Almighty *will* intervene. He *will* prevent entire cosmocide! But He will *not* intervene to stop the carnage *until* man has come to the very end of his rope! So long as man thinks he can save himself, without God, the Eternal will let him go on trying. God will not intervene until man's last hope is gone. God will never allow man to accuse Him, saying: "Your intervention was unnecessary and tyrannical! We could have saved ourselves if

you had not used your arbitrary God-power to intervene."

God's final last-minute intervention will FOLLOW—*not prevent*—this Great Tribulation that will be World War III.

But, I repeat, YOU CAN *ESCAPE ALL THIS!*

It is only those who *will not* heed who must go through its agony. And remember—God is not going to CAUSE it! MAN HIMSELF will bring it on. But God will protect His own from it!

Jesus' young students—His disciples—came to Him privately and asked *when* the end of the world would come, and what would be the sign of His return IN POWER to rule all the earth, in peace.

These things, Jesus replied, must come first: a false "Christian" religion, whose ministers would falsely claim to be Christ's ministers, coming in His name, deceiving the MANY. Then wars, climaxing finally into world wars; then famines and disease epidemics and increasing earthquakes. *Just before* the end, He said, *His* true Gospel of God's Kingdom would be preached in all the world—*not* to convert the world, but "for a witness"—AND THEN, He said, shall the END of this world come!

All these things already have occurred—except that we are now in a recess during the world wars—between World Wars II and III; and that we have so far had only the first forerunners of the famine and disease epidemics and earthquakes. These shall increase greatly.

And, although Christ's own Gospel of the Kingdom of God *has been going out* since 1934, through this very magazine and *The World Tomorrow* broadcast, this message is just now approaching the climactic world-shaking POWER that evidently is implied by the prophecy.

Then what?

"Then," continued Jesus, "shall be GREAT TRIBULATION," a time of violence, destruction and death greater than anything that ever was, or ever shall be! Jeremiah foretold it (Jer. 30). He identified the nations

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tries as one entity) plus five nations from Eastern Europe. The ancient Roman Empire, one must recall, was itself divided between east and west.

Moscow's obsession is with security. It might be willing—or be forced—in the future to trade her buffer zone in the East for promises of nonaggression and massive assistance for her stagnant economy. "Tubal" and "Meshech"—referring to the Russians in prophecy—are pictured as heavily involved in the final worldwide trading combine centered in Europe (Ezek. 27:12).

In this grand realignment, the United States, Britain and some other North Atlantic countries would be left out in the cold—exposed to mortal danger!

"To the Borders of Russia"

Otto von Habsburg represents a section of Bavaria in the European Parliament. Dr. von Habsburg, a close friend of Dr. Strauss, is the son of the last Austro-Hungarian emperor. The Habsburg dynasty played a major role in the leadership of the resurrected Roman Empire from the late Middle Ages well into modern times.

In an interview not long ago with the weekly West German news-magazine *Der Spiegel*, Dr. von Habsburg was asked, "Where, then, does your Europe end?" Dr. von Habsburg answered: "It extends to the borders of Russia." To the question, "Does that mean that you intend to expel the Soviets from Eastern Europe?" Dr. von Habsburg replied: "That means that we have a feeling of solidarity for the Europeans on the other side of the Yalta line, that we have to stand up for the right of self-determination of these Europeans with all peaceful means. It is for us an unbearable thought that decolonization is applicable exclusively for Africa and Asia and not also for Europe."

In an interview some years earlier, Dr. von Habsburg asserted: "Right now politically the only thing one can do in the West is to

see to it that the West be united as fast as possible . . . in order to give all those nations [in Eastern Europe] who are now separated from Europe an alternative when the time comes—God knows when it's going to come, but it will come one day."

Religion—part of Europe's historic past that today's youth overlooks—is critical to its future. Dr. von Habsburg regards Christianity—in the form of the Roman Catholic Church—as Europe's ultimate bulwark. "The cross doesn't need Europe," he says, "but Europe needs the cross."

Thus the stage is being set for that final, dramatic revival of the Roman Empire. When it actually occurs it will shock an unexpecting world (Rev. 17:8)—all peoples except those few who understand Bible prophecy and God's Plan, and who are called in this age to be in spiritual training for the World Tomorrow. The *good news* is from that date onward it will be but a short step in time to that happy World Tomorrow when Jesus Christ will return the second time and the government of God and world peace will be restored to this earth. □

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primarily affected. It will be those whom God caused to be named after Jacob—or Israel—the nations descended from the two sons of Joseph. And those are the United States and British peoples of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. (See the free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

Ezekiel foretells it (chapters 5:12 and 6:6). Moses described it (Deut. 28—especially verses 20-24, 32-34 and 49-50; also Lev. 26, especially verses 16-20). Already these prophecies are *beginning* to be carried out. Already the "pride of BRITAIN'S power" (Lev. 26:19) has been broken. The former world's number one power has been reduced to a second-rate power. And the "PRIDE" of America's power was certainly broken in Vietnam.

The Great Tribulation is to be

primarily on the United States and the British peoples! Events leading to it are smouldering under cover now, gradually gaining momentum. And then, suddenly, the WORLD WILL EXPLODE into *nuclear* World War III.

But let me tell you, *I* do not expect to be here in its path when it strikes! And YOU need not be one of its multiple-millions of victims!

Jesus Christ gave the warning (Matt. 24, Mark 13, Luke 21). And when He said, in Luke's version of His warning: "WATCH YE therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (at His coming—Luke 21:36), He was giving you and me a PROMISE of divine protection from these very things He had been describing—*IF we do* watch world events AS PROPHESED, and remain obedient and continually in contact with God through prayer.

There is another promise of miraculous protection from this Great Tribulation. It is in the third chapter of Revelation. Beginning verse 7 is a description of how the living Christ would OPEN A DOOR by which His Gospel may go out to all the world as a witness and a warning. That is the very Work being carried on through *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and *The Plain Truth* and related literature. In verse 10 is Christ's PROMISE that *because* we have been faithful WITH HIS WORD, He will also keep us from "the hour of temptation." But the marginal reading—the correct translation from the original Greek—is "*trial*" or "Great Tribulation."

These events are REAL!

This world is hurling itself rapidly to the grand-smash CLIMAX of world trouble. Crime, violence, lawlessness, disrespect for authority, are increasing at a RAPID RATE!

God help us not to treat this warning lightly.

Take heed and read the further promise of PROTECTION not only through the Great Tribulation, but also the PLAGUES of the Day of the Lord to follow, in the 91st psalm. □