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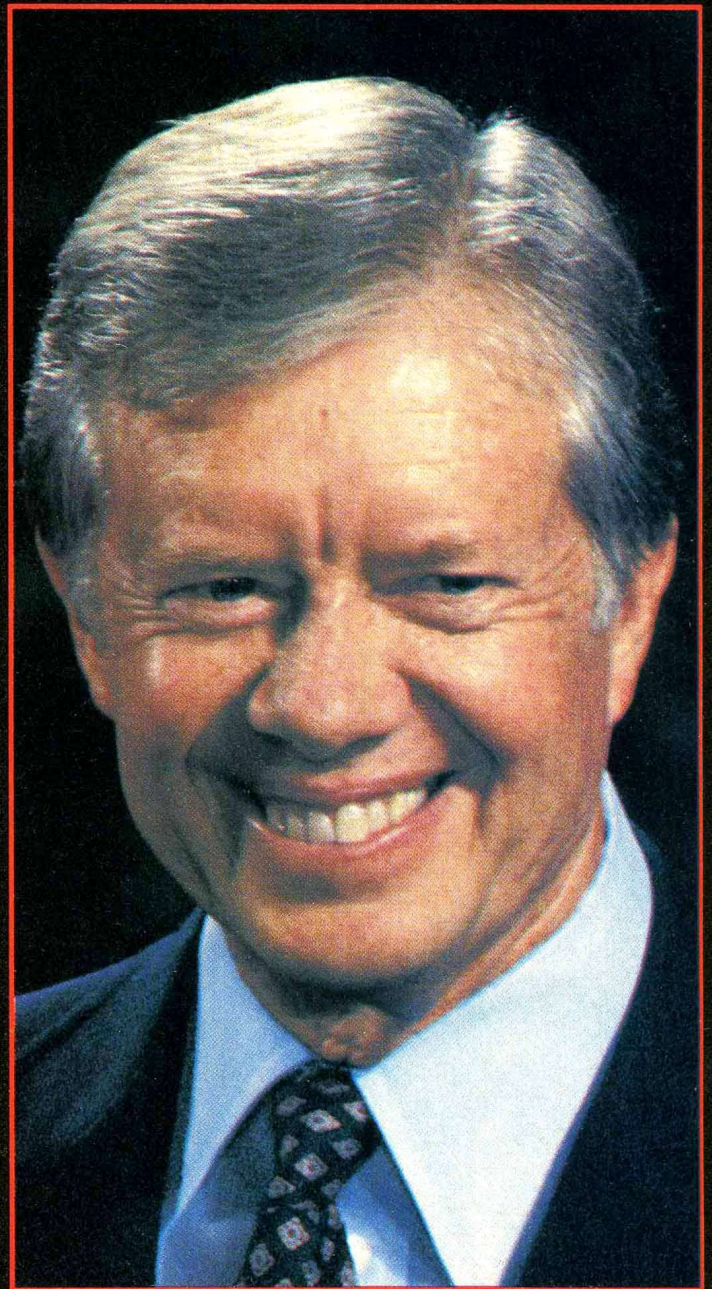
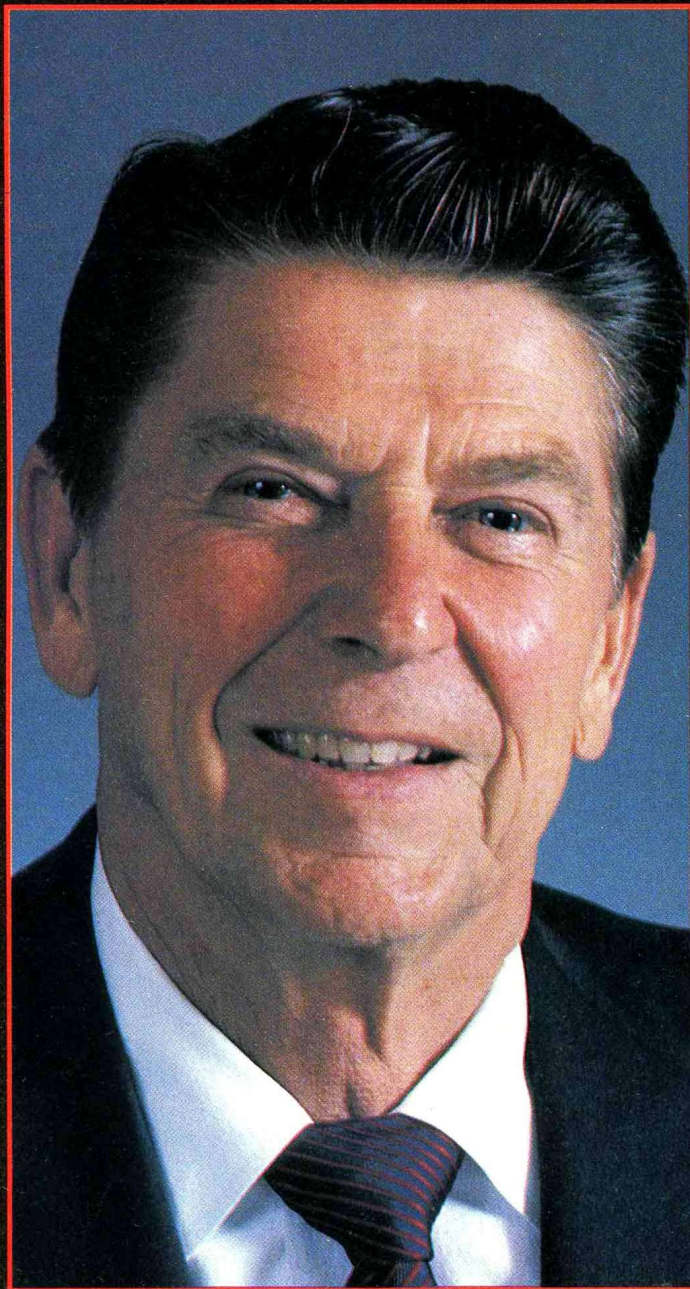
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Is this the LAST ELECTION?



Personal from...

*OLD JERUSALEM—New capital for state of Israel, or should it be an international city?
What prophecy says will now happen!*

NO SPOT ON EARTH is as fraught with explosive international tension as the Old City of Jerusalem. It is now a powderkeg, which could be loaded with nuclear potential.

It is the religious shrine of three major religions. It is the city that GOD chose, and therefore that is emotionally and violently a center of contention between religions and nations of this world.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin is rapidly preparing to move his government administration seat from the newer Jewish city to the west over to Mount Scopus in Old Jerusalem. This is for the moment threatening complete breakdown of the Camp David agreement between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Prime Minister Begin and President Carter. Mr. Sadat is furious.

The Arab world wants the Old City of Jerusalem back into Arab control. Some nations contend Jerusalem should be made an international city. But the State of Israel has control, having wrested it from Jordan in the war of 1967.

What has been happening in Jerusalem since the Israeli take-over in that war?

I have been somewhat personally involved in events there since that war.

Immediately after the death of my wife of 50 years, April 15, 1967, I flew to Jerusalem. I had two urgent reasons. I had seriously wanted to buy time on Radio Jerusalem, then owned and operated by the State of Jordan. Also I wanted to get away from Pasadena immediately into a totally different environment to ease the grief of losing the companionship of my beloved wife and partner in God's Work.

I wanted not only to go on Jerusalem Radio, I wanted to manipulate the increase of its power to one million watts to give coverage over the entire Middle East. At Amman, Jordan, and in Jerusalem, in conference with the Jordanian government and its radio management, I arranged for a price for a choice time on an extended

contract whereby our monthly payments for that time would finance the Jordan government in the purchase of German Telefunken equipment to boost the station power to this maximum wattage. It was one of the largest contracts for purchase of radio time ever signed.

On Sunday morning, June 4, 1967, I left my home on our campus in England for London airport to fly to Amman to broadcast in person that evening, the first broadcast on this new contract. En route to the airport we heard on the car radio the sensational news that the Six Day War had started early that morning. No planes were allowed to get through to Beirut or to Amman. My broadcast on Jerusalem Radio never got started. By the following Friday, June 9, the Old City of Jerusalem was in Israeli hands.

But I had made a personal favorable contact with a foreign government, King Hussein's Jordan. God had started opening doors for me to carry Christ's Message to many heads of state and into their countries.

In the summer of 1968 I had been invited to visit King Leopold III of Belgium. He had been shown by a friend a copy of the Ambassador College 1968 yearbook, the *Envoy*. The king got word to me he would like to meet me.

Also in the late summer of 1968 the Israel Archaeological Society had invited Ambassador College to come into joint participation in their largest and major-sized excavation southwest of the Temple Mount. In October I flew to Jerusalem to inspect the archaeological project and decide on participation. I had conferences with principal men of the Archaeological Society, the Hebrew University and the government. We had a luncheon in a private room in the Knesset, Israel's capitol building. I told them Mr. Stanley R. Rader, who accompanied me, and I would return on December 1 with a final decision.

We flew on to Tokyo, and there I was invited to

luncheon with Prince Mikasa, brother of Emperor Hirohito. Doors were opening rapidly to heads of state—and through them to proclaim Christ's Message to leaders in many nations.

December 1 we were again in Jerusalem with an answer in the positive. An official ceremony was arranged in the residence of President Shalmon Shazar.

Through the years we have contributed much to this largest neareastern archaeological project of our time, beside sending many students there for summer vacation work on the "dig." Our acquaintance and close friendship with leaders in government, education and archaeology in Israel have developed and cemented. As Moshe Kol, minister of tourism in Israel, suggested at our Knesset luncheon, we have built an iron bridge between Hebrew University and Ambassador College. Mr. Kol since has publicly designated me as a "builder of bridges between nations for PEACE."

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and I have become close friends. One day some five or six years ago he came to my hotel suite in Jerusalem, to "pay his respects," and wanted to show me his plans for a downtown city park in Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem," he said, "is the only world-known city without a public park." He took me to the site, close to the city center and only a block or two from the former border line of the walled Old City. It was a perfect site for the purpose. I was invited to a luncheon attended by Israeli officials, the United States ambassador and the architects for the project. The plans were studied. Mayor Kollek asked if I would sponsor the children's playground first inside the entrance to the park. I did, and now a stone post marker there bears my name just inside the entrance to the park—now a most beautiful project.

Another time Mayor Kollek took me over the city to show me what he had learned from his visit to the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena.

"I am trying to follow your

example, and make Jerusalem one of the most beautiful cities in the world," he told me. It is being beautifully landscaped. Trees are being planted along all main boulevards. The Mayor took me into the Old City. There he showed me how he is completely remodeling and renewing old stone structures and renewing the rooms within them to a beautiful new finish.

In front of the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY) building on the edge of downtown Jerusalem is a square about 100 feet square. A sign erected now calls it "Herbert W. Armstrong Square."

So, beside personal acquaintance with President Sadat and King Hussein, as well as the resigned, though still active, President Franjeh of Lebanon and other Arab heads of state, I have close personal acquaintance with leaders in Israel. I believe, therefore, that I can tell our readers how they feel about these problems, as well as what is revealed in biblical prophecies.

Literally hundreds of new high-rise apartment residences have been erected near the Old City, to the east and northeast of the wall of Old City. The new Hebrew University has been built on Mount Scopus, just northeast of the city wall. The Israelis would never have erected these massive high-rise residential properties merely in order to hand them over to Arab neighbors as a gift! Mayor Kollek would never have done the extensive and upgrading renewing of ancient stone buildings within the walled city, if there were any intention of turning this over to either Arab nations or to become an international city! I know our Israeli friends well enough to know their determined intentions without asking them.

However, Mayor Kollek will be the first to point out that none of the scores of new high-rise residential buildings nor the new Hebrew University were built on land occupied in any way by Arabs. All was built on vacant land, totally unoccupied. No

buildings nor residences occupied by Arabs in the Old City have in any way been molested.

The Arabs who lived in the Old City still live there. And they live at a higher economic standard than Arabs in neighboring Arab countries. They have little crime and violence. Most violence there has come from outside PLO, Palestine Liberation Organization, commandos.

I have personally been very active in supporting the ICCY in Jerusalem. This center is working to bring peace, harmony and friendly relations between Arab and Israeli youth. And with remarkable success.

I also know the views and feelings, firsthand, of the Arab peoples in regard to Jerusalem. They, too, are sincere in their view.

What about making Jerusalem an international city? I would ask, as Mayor Kollek asks, WHO—and from what race or nation—would RUN the international city? The Jews would never accept an Arab and the Arabs would never accept a Jew. And neither would accept someone else. The very idea is out of the question.

What, then, does the Almighty Creator GOD say about it?

GOD once chose Jerusalem as His city. But ancient Israel polluted it and their covenant with GOD. They were conquered and driven out. GOD turned His back on Jerusalem. He says He will YET choose Jerusalem—it will YET become His chosen city—but it is not that today.

Look at the status of Jerusalem today, and the prophecies for tomorrow, in the Bible.

First, in the 12th chapter of Zechariah. "Behold I will make [am about to make—Revised Standard Version] Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day [near future now] will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it

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NO POLITICAL ELECTIONS IN THE WORLD TOMORROW!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THIS WAS WRITTEN August 14—last day of the Democratic National Convention. I had to think—after viewing on television both this and the Republican National Convention a month before—HOW DIFFERENT it will be in the World Tomorrow!

All three national networks had their stars and superstar newscasters covering these major conventions.

The convention halls were decorated in bright colors with red, white and blue predominating. The delegates wore loud-colored casual or sports attire, many with outlandish oversized hats. There were horns, sound-making instruments, beside the brass bands. There were whoop-and-holler demonstrations. There were thousands with balloons, like little children at play. There were many large signs and placards.

Each convention was quite a show!

And of course the usual politics were being played secretly in the smoke-filled hotel suites away from the convention halls—the jockeying for selfish advantage, political gain and coveting of power.

I am reminded of the answer given by Franz Josef Strauss, often called “the strong man of Europe.” He had spent the day visiting the Ambassador college campus and was an evening dinner guest in my home.

It was a day or two after Richard M. Nixon had taken the oath of office after his first inauguration, January, 1969.

“What,” asked a guest of Dr. Strauss, “do you think was going on in Mr. Nixon’s mind as he was taking the oath of office?”

“How to be reelected four years from now, of course,” answered Herr Strauss without a second’s hesitation.

On the Wednesday night before I wrote this, there had been considerable delay and nervous concern over what decision Edward Kennedy would make. He had lost the primary elections as a whole, had lost the open-floor fight to have delegates pledged to President Carter released and to throw the convention open. He had won the battle against the President on strategic platform planks. And now after a preweek political move to “dump Carter,” the President had gone over the top on the first ballot. The President had not accepted without any personal reservation Mr. Kennedy’s much-insisted-on plank for spending \$12 billion immediately to ease unemployment. Mr. Carter got word to the convention he was for the same goal, but had personal reservations as to the Senator’s method.

Would Senator Kennedy hold out, split the party, or would he acquiesce for the sake of harmony and support Mr. Carter for reelection?

Just what, in these circumstances, was Mr. Kennedy thinking? Would German politician Dr. Strauss have said, “How Mr. Kennedy could be elected four years from now, of course”? Was the politician thinking of what is best for the PEOPLE or what is

best for his own fight to grab the throttle of greatest government power on earth? I won’t answer that—I can’t read his mind.

There was one bit of humor on the CBS coverage of the Wednesday night convention show. The dry-speaking Andy Rooney was asked by Walter Cronkite if he had any comment on whether the President should stick with Vice President Walter F. Mondale for reelection. The VP nomination was to come before the convention on Thursday.

Andy Rooney did.

“I think,” he said soberly, “the President should select a vice president with more color. Why not ex-President Ford? He almost made the vice-presidential bid at the Republican convention. A Republican on the ticket as Mr. Carter’s VP would at least add color.”

“Or,” he continued, “if Mr. Carter does not like that suggestion, how about putting brother Billy on the ticket—keep it in the family? That way Billy could make foreign connections officially. Or, I have still another suggestion—since the First Lady, Rosalynn Carter, is the President’s chief confidante anyway, why not a husband-and-wife team? She’s a good campaigner.”

Many millions of dollars of taxpayers’ money have been spent on political campaigns and these conventions to nominate candidates for the people to vote on. The conventions were big noisy shows. There was laughter, “having a time,” shouting, confusion, anger, jubilation, pathos, emotion and even tears. In all this cam-

paigning to "GET" the office of POWER, one vocal observer said, "Thank God, only ONE candidate can win."

That is the way GOVERNMENT is carried on in this world.

Six thousand years ago, the former superarchangel Lucifer, having rebelled against the government of God on earth, and now called Satan, was slinking around as a serpent. God had just created the first HUMAN—in God's own image—with a potential of inheriting the THRONE OF THE EARTH.

From this man, Adam, God made a woman, Eve, to be his wife. Eve was all for a "Women's Rights Amendment." She took the lead. The man, created to be the head of the wife, succumbed to her leadership. She led him into Satan's way. Adam joined her in rebelling against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD—rejecting God as Revealer of basic knowledge and as Giver of eternal LIFE!

When the first man and woman REJECTED GOD and HIS GOVERNMENT, CUT THEMSELVES OFF from God and the gift of His Holy Spirit, God made their decision binding on all their progeny for 6,000 years—until Christ, the "second Adam," should have come, qualified by overcoming Satan and Satan's way and actually RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. This shall happen now, very shortly. For we are right at the END of that 6,000 years of the DAY OF MAN under SATAN, and the DAY OF THE LORD is almost upon us!

So ALL HUMANITY—except the minutest FEW God has specially called to His service in preparation for that future world government, has been CUT OFF from God and HIS GOVERNMENT. Man has been left to form HIS OWN ideas of how he should be ruled.

Down through history, some peoples have submitted to the tyranny of DICTATORSHIPS and autocratic MONARCHIES. Some have swung to the center and called it democracy. Others to the extreme left, calling it COMMUNISM. Even there it is actually the

autocratic dictatorial RULE of a central politburo, in which one man—a Stalin, a Khrushchev or a Brezhnev—dominates as real RULER.

Even in the Democratic national convention, some individual delegates interviewed were fighting for turning "still farther LEFT."

But through TV, the public has seen a sample of MAN-made government in our day.

The living Jesus Christ is soon now going to return, as KING of kings, to RULE ALL NATIONS with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

There will be no election campaigns. No multimillion dollar fund-raising campaigns—no political conventions. No politics, pulling the wool over the eyes of the people in the struggle for POWER!

No wars. No crime. No more broken families. No hospitals, for people will be divinely healed.

What will be the BIG DIFFERENCE, THEN?

The present world, though the world of humans doesn't realize it, is actually swayed and RULED by the invisible Satan—the former Lucifer who originally sat on the THRONE of the whole earth.

Backtrack a second, to the original Adam and Eve. In the Garden of Eden were the two symbolic trees—one the "tree of LIFE" symbolizing the Holy Spirit of God and gift of eternal life. The other, the tree of "the knowledge of good and evil" and this knowledge they—for all humanity—took to themselves.

Just one super-significant thing was wrong with that. They did not realize—and mankind does not know today—that man was made with a "human" spirit inside him. This spirit, not present in animals or any other physical life form, imparts the power of intellect to the human brain. But man's KNOWLEDGE is confined to the physical and material.

Man's PROBLEMS, troubles, evils, are all SPIRITUAL in nature. Man was made to NEED a SECOND SPIRIT—the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. This was freely offered that

first Adam. But he rejected it—rejected GOD'S GOVERNMENT and GOD'S revealed spiritual knowledge. All humans have been born with only this one spirit, limiting human knowledge to the physical and material. Man, without the Holy Spirit of God, is NOT MENTALLY COMPLETE—actually "NOT ALL THERE." Human consciousness is limited to the physical and material, yet all his problems are SPIRITUAL and beyond his comprehension!

NOT ONLY THIS!

Satan the devil is REAL—he exists—he is SUPER POWERFUL—and he is "the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR" (Ephesians 2:2). He BROADCASTS! He surcharges the air with HIS ATTITUDE of selfishness, vanity, lust for power and greed, envy and jealousy, competition and strife, rebellion against GOD!

It is not only that mankind—our human LEADERS—are only "HALF THERE" mentally—Satan has begun injecting from infancy into every human his SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE! All we humans grow up saturated with it. It has become HUMAN NATURE!

So it is not only a matter of what ISN'T IN OUR HUMAN MINDS (spiritual comprehension!), it is a matter of WHAT IS IN HUMAN MINDS—what from infancy Satan has been injecting there—the SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE—that of competition, getting the best of others, "GETTING" instead of "GIVING"—TAKING FROM OTHERS!

This writing was finished on Friday morning after the conclusion of the Democratic National Convention. Senator Kennedy did conciliate just far enough to go to the convention hall platform after President Carter's acceptance speech. But he was not smiling. He was sullen, plainly resentful. He coldly shook hands with the President—but no lifting of arms together in joyful smiles. I felt sorry for him. He had not gotten all he coveted—like a spoiled baby, who failed to take away a toy from another baby. Just as in all of us, Satan had

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Part Seven:

A Voice Cries Out Amid Religious Confusion

How could the world have become so mixed up? Out of this spiritual wilderness, a voice cries out in clarity and power, with the reassuring truth of the world's only and sure hope!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Editor's note: We are printing here, serially, the new book by Herbert W. Armstrong with the same title as this article. The book will appear in U.S. bookstores later this year.

Chapter 6

WHAT AND WHY THE GOSPEL?

COULD ANYTHING BE more unbelievable? To say that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was not proclaimed *to the world* for 1,900 years—100 time cycles—from the middle of the first century until the middle of the 20th—assuredly sounds preposterous.

And yet that happened!

One may well ask: "But hasn't the Gospel about Jesus Christ been preached throughout the world all through the centuries? Have not missionaries carried the

message about Jesus Christ into most or all pagan countries? Isn't Christ preached around the world today—by radio, by television, in print, by personal evangelism? Isn't a well-known radio program called "Bringing Christ to the Nations"?

Ah yes, true! But from about A.D. 53 until 1953 the Gospel of Jesus Christ was not proclaimed *to the world*. You see, preaching *about* Jesus Christ—proclaiming that He is the promised Messiah, the Son of God, is not proclaiming the Gospel *OF* Jesus Christ.

The world has not known that Jesus Christ came as a NEWSCASTER, forecasting world-shaking news of the FUTURE. It is recorded in Malachi, chapter 3, verse 1, that Jesus was to come as a divine Messenger, bringing a supremely important message from the living God. Jesus taught that message to His original apostles. He sent them forth proclaiming that message. *That message was Jesus' Gospel!*

The word *gospel* means *good news*. In this case it was advance

good news—to occur soon now in our time. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not man's message *about* Christ. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is *the Message* that God the Father sent to mankind by His divine Messenger.

In about A.D. 53 the apostle Paul wrote a letter to the churches in Galatia. Immediately after his opening salutation, Paul wrote: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto *another gospel*, which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." Already the true Gospel was lost in Galatia!

The Gospel was SUPPRESSED! No longer—after about A.D. 53—was the Gospel proclaimed to the world! However, the true Church of God retained the Gospel—but they were forced by persecution to "go underground," holding services secretly, communicating the truth of God privately only to those to whom they felt it safe to

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Voice Cries Out

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reveal the truth. But through the generations and centuries even the true Church lost vital portions of that Message. One must remember printing was not to be invented for centuries. Written copies of all the Scriptures were being preserved. But these were not readily available to the brethren of the persecution, often hiding out, meeting secretly. Remember millions of the faithful were tortured and martyred. Copies of the Scriptures—all hand-written—were not available to them.

(Incidentally, it is paradoxical that the great, politically powerful false church "Mystery, Babylon the Great" (Revelation 17:5), which tried to obliterate the truth, was the very instrument God caused to *preserve* the New Testament scriptures that expose them! The Jews were caused by God to preserve the Hebrew Old Testament Scriptures.)

This will explain why, by 1927 the author found the true Church had lost so much original truth. By 1927, of course, all the Bible was readily available in many translations in print.

The Church of God was founded by Jesus Christ, A.D. 31. It was about A.D. 53 that Paul wrote his letter to the Galatians. A century of time cycles later, January, 1953, Jesus' very Gospel went out over all Europe over superpower Radio Luxembourg.

If a different Gospel has been foisted on a deceived world, *what* Message did God send to earth by His divine Messenger Jesus Christ?

The prophecy of this Messenger in Malachi 3 leads us directly to the very beginning of Jesus' proclaiming this Message in Mark 1:1; "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

The second verse quotes this prophecy from Malachi, showing how John the Baptist was the human messenger preparing the way before Jesus' first appearing on earth. Then, verses 14-15: "Now after that John was put in prison,

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching"—preaching *what* Gospel?—"preaching the gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the KINGDOM OF GOD is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Believe *what* Gospel? To be "saved" Jesus said we must believe the GOOD NEWS about the KINGDOM OF GOD! That is the GOOD NEWS Jesus brought from God.

But that GOOD NEWS had been SUPPRESSED! The KINGDOM OF GOD has been misrepresented, counterfeited, nullified. Some have represented it as "the Church." Just "join" the church—any church—and you are in "the Kingdom of God." Many teach that it is a kingdom in heaven—an expression that does not appear in the Bible. Some say it is an ethereal nothing "set up in men's hearts." There was even the teaching in England that the British Empire was to become the Kingdom of God.

The most universal belief has been that "heaven" is the Kingdom of God. That fallacy may be derived more or less from the fact that the New Testament book of Matthew uses the term "kingdom of heaven," whereas Mark, Luke, John and all other New Testament writings use the term "Kingdom of God."

Many believe that "salvation" means "going to heaven." A world-known evangelist, in a televised "crusade" before a huge crowd of many thousands, said that some in his audience might "die before tomorrow morning. If you don't receive Christ tonight it may be too late. If you do come forward and make that decision for Christ tonight you may be in heaven by tomorrow morning."

Apparently it is supposed that the Kingdom of heaven, to use Matthew's terminology, is supposed to say "Kingdom *IN* heaven." But nowhere does the Bible say that.

A minister who knew the biblical truth was speaking to a crowd one evening. He shocked the audience saying that no one ever did, or ever will go to the heaven of God's throne. He offered a cash sum to any in the audience who could show any scripture or statement in the Bible

saying that anyone ever did, or anyone ever would (except Christ) go to that heaven—or any promise in the Bible that anyone ever could go to heaven.

One woman raised her hand, "I'm just mercenary enough to take that cash offer," she said. "Did not Christ say, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven?'"

"True, Jesus said that," answered the speaker, "but two verses later, Jesus said, 'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.' Now how do you reconcile those two verses?"

"Well," said the woman, a little embarrassed, "I suppose the poor in spirit go to heaven when they die, but those who are meek stay on earth." Obviously she was a little confused.

"Are you not a schoolteacher here?" asked the speaker. She was. "And do you really think you are qualified?" pursued the speaker.

"And you do not know the difference between the two little two-letter words *of* and *in*? There was a bank in New York called the Bank of Morgan. Mr. J.P. Morgan was the principal owner. Was that giant bank in—inside of—Mr. Morgan? You surely know that the word *of* does not mean 'in' or 'inside of,' but it denotes ownership. Mr. Morgan owned (or was principal owner of) the Bank of Morgan. GOD owns the Kingdom of God—so it is called "the KINGDOM OF GOD." Since heaven is God's throne, or abode, Matthew used the term "Kingdom *of* heaven" denoting ownership.

"Further, Jesus said, 'NO MAN hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man' (John 3:13). Now do you think you earned the cash sum I offered?"

"No," she grinned.

The GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST is the MESSAGE God the Father sent to mankind *by* the divine Messenger Jesus Christ. That MESSAGE is the Gospel—the GOOD NEWS. It is FUTURE Good News!

It is NOT man's message *about* Jesus the divine Messenger. It is NOT a message about going to heaven. Just WHAT—and WHY,

then—*is* the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Already I have shown it is the Message of the now soon-to-come KINGDOM OF GOD. But what *is* the Kingdom of God—and WHY?

This Message was prophesied centuries before by God's prophets. Notice a few such prophecies.

In a prophecy written centuries before Christ came to Old Testament Israel, the prophet said: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the GOVERNMENT shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his GOVERNMENT and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

This foretold clearly that Christ would come as a newborn baby, a son of Israel, to become KING over GOVERNMENT and sit on the earthly throne of DAVID, forever.

Another prophecy: "Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Immanuel *means* "God with us."

The promise to Mary, mother of Jesus: "... thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his KINGDOM there shall be no end" (Luke 1:31-33).

Jesus was born to be a KING, ruling over a KINGDOM FOR EVER!

Again, the angel of God said to Joseph, betrothed husband of Mary: "... Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy [Spirit]. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-

21). This was in fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 above.

This revealed Jesus was coming to make eternal salvation possible. So now we have TWO purposes for which Jesus was to come: 1) to set up an eternal KINGDOM, and 2) to bring eternal salvation to those called who repent and believe.

Just what, then, *is* the Gospel MESSAGE that God the Father was sending to mankind by Jesus the divine Messenger?

It is the announcement of the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of THE KINGDOM OF GOD. It is news IN ADVANCE—a PROPHECY—news for the FUTURE!

But, as we have seen, that news was SUPPRESSED—no longer proclaimed to the world, after the approximate middle of the first century. The apostle Paul, beside his letter to the churches in Galatia, quoted above, also wrote to the Church at Rome: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness SUPPRESS the truth" (Romans 1:18, Revised Standard Version).

Go back, for a moment, to the prophecy of Malachi 3:1. Jesus is called "the messenger of the covenant." Of *what* covenant?

In part 6 of this volume, it was explained how God made a covenant with the ancient nation Israel. In the New Testament that covenant is called "the old covenant." Moses was its mediator. That covenant was a MARRIAGE covenant. The people of ancient Israel were "married" to God (Jeremiah 3:14), yet more unfaithful than any harlot!

The old covenant also made the children of Israel one of the earth's NATIONS. They were ruled by theocratic government—by God's government as administered by a man whom God chose. In the days of the prophet Samuel they demanded a *human* king like the other nations of this world (I Samuel 8:1-7).

But Jesus Christ came from God as the Messenger of the NEW covenant (Jeremiah 31:31 and Hebrews 8:6-13). There it says the NEW covenant is also to be made with Israel and Judah—not with a

different basic law or constitution, but with *better promises*.

Jesus Christ is to be the Mediator of the new covenant. Old covenant Israel was given only national and material promises, with the same basic spiritual Law. But the New Testament Church is given better PROMISES—eternal life in the KINGDOM OF GOD!

The Israel of the old covenant consisted of the *human-born* children of the human Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. The Kingdom of God will be composed of the BORN (by a resurrection) children of GOD—immortal members of the divine Family of GOD.

Jesus was the Messenger of this new covenant, bringing the Message of the NEW COVENANT, which will make the born children of GOD the FAMILY OF GOD! And that Family shall be the KINGDOM OF GOD—as ancient Israel was BOTH a human FAMILY and a NATION, so the Kingdom of God shall be both the divine Family of God, and the earth-ruling KINGDOM OF GOD—eventually to rule the entire UNIVERSE!

Now Jesus came, at the very beginning of His Gospel ministry, proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand." WHY did He say that?

Remember, in earlier chapters of this volume we have seen the background. Angels had inhabited this earth prior to man. They at first were ruled by the government of GOD, with the archangel Lucifer on the throne. But Lucifer had rebelled and turned his angels (a third of all angels) into demons. He had abolished the Government of God, and his name was changed to Satan the devil.

The first man Adam had opportunity to reject Satan's WAY, accept God's WAY—the way of the LAW of God's government, and reestablish the government of God on earth. But Adam followed his wife into rebellion. It remained for the "second Adam," Jesus Christ, to come and QUALIFY to set up and rule the Kingdom of God by REJECTING SATAN'S WAY, overcoming Satan, GIVING Himself to GOD's way.

Jesus had done that (Matthew 4:1-11). Jesus Christ had QUALIFIED! Therefore THE TIME WAS FULFILLED! For the first time, the Kingdom of God could be ANNOUNCED! One had *qualified* to set up and rule that Kingdom! The TIME WAS AT HAND. Therefore Jesus called on hearers to repent and BELIEVE the advance GOOD NEWS!

Savior as Well as King

But Jesus came also as Savior of all mankind who, when called, will repent and believe.

Very early in His ministry a prominent Pharisee sneaked in by night to see Jesus.

"We know," he began (that is, "we Pharisees know"), "that thou art a teacher come from God."

Jesus did not waste words, but struck straight to the point. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:1-3).

Nicodemus could not understand this.

He asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" People today can't understand it. But at least Nicodemus knew what it means to be born. "Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" he asked.

Jesus answered plainly. "That which is born of the flesh IS FLESH; and that which is born of the Spirit IS SPIRIT," He explained. When one is born of the Spirit, he shall no longer BE flesh or matter—he shall then BE Spirit—composed of Spirit. No longer human!

Yet thousands and perhaps millions today who are still mortal FLESH, composed of MATTER, claim they have been "born again." That is a *twist* on Jesus' plain statement.

Jesus also said, verse 5, the Kingdom of God is something that may be *entered into*—but only after one *becomes Spirit*—IS Spirit—composed of Spirit—no longer flesh and blood!

In I Corinthians 15:50, 53: "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. For this corruptible must PUT ON incorruption, and this MORTAL [as we now are] must put on IMMORTALITY."

Those who erroneously think they are already "born again" are still mortal—still flesh and blood—still corruptible. They are not yet composed of SPIRIT. They are not yet IMMORTAL. But what they ARE is "DECEIVED"!

The Word of God to man tells us that Satan has DECEIVED THE WHOLE WORLD!

How is the whole world deceived? The foundational LAW—the very Constitution—of the government of God is a WAY of life. It might be summed up in the one word LOVE. But God's LOVE is an OUT-flowing concern for the good



The Kingdom of God has been misrepresented, counterfeited, nullified. Some have represented it as 'the Church' . . . There was even the teaching in England that the British Empire was to become the Kingdom of God.



of those loved! It is the way of "GIVE"—of serve, of cooperate, of share.

But this world—following Satan's WAY—is on the WAY of "GET." The way of "ME," of vanity, lust, coveting, greed—of envy and jealousy—of competition, strife and violence—of rebellion against authority.

The way of this world may be summed up in the three-letter word GET. That attitude—that motive—that approach—is the CAUSE of all this world's evils, sufferings and death.

It is THE WAY that nullified the government of God under angels. The GOSPEL of Jesus Christ is the GOOD NEWS of the WAY of "GIVE" that shall epitomize the KINGDOM OF GOD.

The restoration of the Kingdom

of God was foretold by all the prophets. Notice an example in the book of Daniel.

Daniel was one of four outstandingly brilliant Jewish young men taken captive by the Chaldean forces in the captivity of the nation Judah. These four were placed in positions in the government of the Chaldean Empire—the very first WORLD empire.

The king, Nebuchadnezzar, was exceedingly troubled by a dream. In it he saw an enormously huge statue—of frightening size. It had a head of bright shining gold, breast and arms of polished silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, feet and toes of iron mixed with miry clay.

The prophet Daniel was called upon to tell the king what he had dreamed, and its meaning. Daniel prayed, asking God to reveal the dream and interpretation.

Daniel said before the king: "... there is a God in heaven that . . . maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar *what shall be in the latter days . . .*" (Daniel 2:28).

Daniel then told the king what he had dreamed, and gave the interpretation:

"Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. . . . Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things . . . shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided. . . . And as the toes were part of iron and part of clay, the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. . . . And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall . . . break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (verses 37-42, 44).

Thus God revealed in brief the history of world governments from

the time of Judah's captivity until the KINGDOM OF GOD.

Where are we, now, in the panorama of that prophecy? The prophecies of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and 17 speak of the same chain of gentile world governments until Christ's Second Coming to RULE in the Kingdom of God. We are now at the time of the toes—awaiting the restoration—or resurrection—of the "Holy Roman Empire" of 554-1804—a reunion of 10 nations in Europe. Already it has been started, economically, in the European Common Market.

Other prophecies foretell the coming Kingdom of God. Yet the world seems to know nothing of it!

Jesus taught His future apostles about the Kingdom of God. He sent them out on a special mission to proclaim the future Kingdom of God (Matthew 10:5-7; Luke 9:1-2). He also sent out another 70, two together, to proclaim the future Kingdom of God (Luke 10:1, 9).

Jesus Himself, in His ministry, "went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom" (Matthew 4:23). The parables of Jesus concerned the Kingdom of God. After His resurrection, Jesus was with His disciples "forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). The apostle Paul proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the gentiles (Acts 28:23, 31). Paul pronounced a double curse on man or angel who preached any other gospel than the Kingdom of God (Galatians 1:8-9).

For the first preaching to gentiles, God sent Peter (Acts 10). How did Peter proclaim the first message to gentiles? He said, "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That word [or Gospel] I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached" (Acts 10:36-37).

Take time to notice that. WHO sent the Message—the Gospel? Peter said, "The word which GOD sent." To whom first sent? "Unto the children of Israel." Who was

the Messenger who brought it? "Jesus Christ." Where was it proclaimed? "Throughout all Judea," Where did it begin? "From Galilee." And WHEN? "After the baptism which John preached."

Now that takes us immediately to Mark 1:1, 14-15. The "beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ. . . ." There is the Messenger who brought the Gospel Message. WHEN? "After that John was put in prison, Jesus came." Where did it begin? "Into Galilee." Preaching WHAT Gospel? "Preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God."

That Gospel began in A.D. 27. By about A.D. 53 Paul wrote to the Galatians they were being turned by FALSE PROPHETS to another gospel—the Gospel of the Kingdom was being SUPPRESSED!

Paul wrote to the Romans, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men, who by their wickedness SUPPRESS the truth" (Romans 1:18, Revised Standard Version).

Jesus Foretold Suppression and Today's Proclaiming

The central key prophecy of the New Testament is Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 24, also recorded by Mark in his chapter 13 and Luke in chapter 21. This, by the way, is Jesus' explanation of the very heart of the book of Revelation, which is chapter 6.

It is a prophecy entirely misunderstood, wrested and twisted by many ministers, theologians, evangelists and preachers today. It is very IMPORTANT!

Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, to the east of the Temple. His disciples came to Him privately. He had been speaking of the future destruction of the Temple and also of His later return to earth.

"Tell us," asked the disciples, "when shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

Notice, they asked two questions: 1) "When shall *these things* be?" and 2) "What shall be the *sign* of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

First, *what things*? His disciples had just been showing Him the buildings of the Temple (verse 1). Jesus replied, "See ye not all these things?" Luke's account makes more clear what Jesus was saying: "And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he [Jesus] said, As for *these things* which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (Luke 21:5-6).

So the disciples' first question was when the great buildings of the Temple would be destroyed. Actually that did happen in A.D. 70.

Most theologians assume falsely that all of Jesus' reply referred to the *sign* of His Second Coming to earth. But first He was explaining what would happen between then, A.D. 31, and the destruction of the Temple which did occur in A.D. 70.

Jesus answered as to things that would happen in *their* lifetime, prior to A.D. 70: "Take heed that no man deceive *you*"—meaning "you disciples," in *your* lifetime. "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:4-5).

Understand what Jesus was saying. He was NOT saying, as theologians erroneously interpret today, that "Many shall come in my name, saying that *they* are Christ."

What Jesus meant was that many would come in *His* name—that is, representing to be Christ's ministers, and saying that *Jesus* is the Christ, and yet deceiving THE MANY. Jesus said "MANY" such false preachers and evangelists would come, and deceive the MANY!

Next Jesus said, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye"—you disciples living in A.D. 31—"be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet"—*catch that!* Jesus was not answering their second question yet, about the end of the world. These things were not the *sign* that would signal that the end of this world—this age—and the coming of Christ—was near. He specifically said these things were *not* that sign. Yet most preachers today believe He was speaking of that sign. Not yet.

Jesus proceeded to warn them of how even they—His original apostles in the first century—would be delivered up to be afflicted and killed. AND THAT ALL HAPPENED!

In verse 13 Jesus said, "But he that shall endure unto the end"—of his lifetime—"shall be saved."

Then, verse 14, Jesus came to their *second* question about the END of this world and Christ's coming. Here it is. Read it twice:

"And this gospel"—the same Gospel JESUS proclaimed—"of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and *then* shall the end come."

The Gospel of the KINGDOM, as shown above, was suppressed by mid-first century. It was not proclaimed again worldwide until this writer proclaimed it over the most powerful station on earth, Radio Luxembourg, first week in January, 1953—A CENTURY OF TIME CYCLES SINCE IT WAS SUPPRESSED! That was one time cycle *after* it had been proclaimed to all America!

But the *sign* Jesus gave by which it should be known that the END of this world (this AGE) and His coming in supreme POWER and GLORY is near is the proclamation of "this Gospel of the KINGDOM"!

That time is now NEAR! Many other prophecies describe world events now occurring or about to occur at the very END time!

But now, *WHAT* and *WHY* the CHURCH? People *assume* the existence of the Church as if churches had always existed. They take for granted that the "good" people go to church on Sunday mornings to hear beautiful music and a 12-to-15-minute pleasing sermon.

But why did Jesus Christ say, "I will build my Church?" *WHY*, and for what *PURPOSE*?

Just as no religion knows *WHO* or *WHAT* God is, *WHAT* and *WHY* man is, *WHY* the nation of ancient Israel or *WHAT* and *WHY* the Gospel is, so it would seem no one knows *WHAT* and *WHY* the CHURCH is!

The surprising, eye-opening TRUTH will appear in the following part 8. □

REFUGEE CRISIS

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tween the two basic ways of life. Accordingly, God cut all succeeding generations of mankind off from Him for 6,000 years, except those whom He would call for an express purpose.

Adam chose the wrong government—Satan's government—because rational, sound government does not produce refugees as we see today! People stay where they are happy.

The basic government Adam chose is still with us today! A fascinating and true account of the nature of human government may be found in your library or bookstore in the book *The Incredible Human Potential* by Herbert W. Armstrong, published by Everest House.

Man's government is inherently unable to deal with the refugee problem effectively because the way of man is the cause of it! This is not to speak disparagingly of the efforts of thousands involved in relief agencies. It is to say that the problem will never be resolved fully until the world-ruling government of God takes over. The task is too big for man.

Coming—the Ultimate Solution

The only complete answer, then, is the restoration of God's government and His way of life on this earth. Only then will any resolution of the plight of 10 million homeless people come about.

The exciting prediction of this government can be found in the pages of your Bible: "But in the last days [the time we are in now] it shall come to pass, that the mountain [God's government, Daniel 2:44-45] of the house of the Lord shall be established . . . and He shall judge among *many* people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they [every nation] shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:1, 3).

Ironically, part of this message is boldly inscribed on a marble slab by the United Nations' building! Side by side with the current ineffective world-coalition government of sorts, it mutely foretells of a time not now long in coming when the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will return to set up a government based on the laws of the living God. Once people have been restored to their own lands there won't be any refugees under this government.

Can we imagine what a changed world this will be? People will rejoice in this government—a world populated by happy men and women, with a future so positive it would take pages to describe it. In fact, pages have been written about it. For your free copy, write the nearest address on the inside cover for your copy of *Why Were You Born?*

Refugees from this world's troubles will be given a new chance, an opportunity to learn and have a fulfilling life. There simply won't be a need of countless foundations and relief agencies—there simply won't be any war-torn lands to send relief to. "Evil" will become a word used in past-tense!

See here the wonderful relief that will be provided refugees by God! "...when the favouring hour comes [after God's government is established], I [God] will answer you, and aid you when the day for rescue dawns, restoring the ruined land, re-peopling desolate places, bidding exiles leave their prison and come forth to the light . . ." (Isaiah 49:8-9, Moffatt).

And what will happen when the refugees are released?

"... On the road home, food shall never fail them, they shall find pasture even upon bare hills; they shall not hunger, neither shall they thirst, never shall sun or sirocco [a hot wind blowing from the deserts] plague them . . ." (Isaiah 49:9-10, Moffatt).

What an incredible future! And it is *sure!* □

Personal from...

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[against it] shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it. . . . In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again. . . .

"In that day [now soon] shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them" (Zechariah 12:2-3, 6, 8).

I pause here to mention something that may or may not be significant—God knows and time will tell. I, personally, am of the house of David. I have my personal ancestry recorded every generation through my father, his father and so on back to King Edward I of England. And, through the royal ancestry of the British dynasty the ancestry is traced back to the ancient King David of Israel. Already God has given me close and warm favor in the eyes of many leaders in the State of Israel. A Message (Isaiah 40:9-10) is yet to go by a servant of God to THE CITIES OF JUDAH. In whatever way God wills, it shall go.

But now continue in Zechariah 12:9: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

But at Christ's coming as KING of kings to rule ALL NATIONS—to usher in WORLD PEACE—He shall again choose Jerusalem as HIS CAPITAL—then to become the CAPITAL FROM WHICH THE WHOLE WORLD SHALL BE RULED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!

I personally have come to love Jerusalem, as I know my friend Teddy Kollek loves it, and I expect to spend much time there in the future—if Christ so wills! □

RACE RIOTS

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whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Those who commit crimes should get what they deserve—not be able to go free by wrangling an immunity deal.

The Bible, on the other hand, recognizing man has such limited means of finding the facts of a case, requires that witnesses must be truthful (Exodus 20:16: "Thou shalt not bear false witness . . ."). The Old Testament makes perjury a severely punished crime: ". . . if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother . . ." (Deuteronomy 19:18-19).

And yet in the McDuffie case, the judge had to emphasize to the jury that the witnesses could be lying: "A witness who realizes he must procure his own freedom by incriminating others has a motive to falsify."

What Is Truth?

The ability of the natural (what the Bible calls carnal) human mind to know the whole truth of a situation is severely limited. It is often very difficult to be sure of what really happened. To overcome this limitation, human justice in countries having the Anglo-Saxon legal system have developed the jury system. The basic principle is that two heads are better than one. This is in agreement with the basic biblical principle: "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety" (Proverbs 11:14).

And yet jurors are human, and are, unlike God (Acts 10:34), "respecters of persons." The jury which acquitted McDuffie's murderers was all white. Of course, they weren't supposed to let any racial factors affect their judgment. But many, including those who rioted afterwards, believe otherwise.

And yet while the idea of a jury is based on the multitude-of-counselors principle, the par-

ticular jury in the McDuffie case seemed to violate the principle. A jury normally consists of 12 persons—the same number as Christ chose as His original apostles. The McDuffie case jury had only six. Perhaps, if the jury had been larger, they might not have been so quick to return a not-guilty verdict. The jury was all white because the judge moved the trial away from Miami to an area where there are fewer black residents on the jury lists, and because the defense lawyers were able to challenge all potential black jurors who were available.

This last points up a growing problem in American justice. Because lawyers are able to challenge jurors, they are using that privilege to mold juries in ways that they believe will be favorable to their clients. They know certain kinds of people are biased certain ways.

The Bible, on the other hand, seeks to remove justice as much as possible from merely human factors. The Bible's system of justice seeks truth—unfiltered by human emotions and feelings: "Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless . . ." (Deuteronomy 24:17). In God's system of justice, it makes no difference who the judge is or who the defendant is. Color, class, sex are all factors that the Bible says very clearly should never affect the outcome of a case: ". . . if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin . . ." (James 2:9).

Unfortunately, when justice is left in the hands of mortals, judges and juries *are* respecters of persons. Accordingly, juries should be made up of enough individuals to "dilute" their human tendency. Had the jury in the McDuffie case been larger, racial biases might have been easily overcome. Many people have a very hard time believing that a 12-person jury, including a number of blacks, would have returned the same verdict.

The Bungling Revenger

God lays on human rulers the duty to punish evildoers: "For he

[the human ruler] is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he [the human ruler] beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Romans 13:4). Because private citizens usually would punish out of proportion to the crime, the Bible declares that such revenge must be left to duly constituted authority: "... avenge not yourselves . . . , Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord" (Romans 12:19). God repays, in part, using the human authorities as His ministers. Indeed, the bloody and senseless Miami riots themselves show what happens when private citizens seek to take vengeance into their own hands!

And yet human rulers do fail in their duty to punish evildoers—as happened in the McDuffie case. The prosecutors bungled. They should have protested the all-white jury more. They should have brought harsher charges against the defendants, so at least the jury would be more willing to return a guilty verdict on some charge, even if it was a lesser one. And they should have taken more time to investigate the case.

In this regard, God indicts the whole criminal justice system. This indictment applies especially to judges, who make the law that binds the prosecutors: "Thus saith the Lord God; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord God" (Ezekiel 45:9).

This charge from God is confirmed by the statement of Benjamin Hooks, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: "It's hard to describe the feelings of rage you have when men and women in uniform, who are agents of the state, beat or kill someone and you follow due process of law and the Constitution and they're let go."

Thus, because the American judicial system doesn't work as

God desires, the murderers of Arthur McDuffie went free and Miami burned in race riot. A Boston Human Rights Commission member says, "When there's an appearance of a perversion of the judicial process, people take to the streets." The prophet Ezekiel is even stronger in condemning such injustice: "... the land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice . . ." (Ezekiel 9:9, RSV).

Justice may be yet visited on the murderers of Arthur McDuffie. The United States attorney general, at this writing, is considering prosecuting them on federal charges. But no matter what happens it is sure to be a long process, drawn out over years. Even if a federal prosecution is successful, the biblical rule that sentence should be "speedily executed" against evildoers (Ecclesiastes 8:11) still will not have been followed.

Proclaim Equal Justice

The injustice done in the McDuffie case was in many ways the last straw for those who rioted. The citizens of Miami's black community had come to believe that the criminal justice system was biased against them. Thus, Miami prosecutors had gone out of their way by calling a rare Saturday session of a grand jury to indict a popular black school official of misuse of funds, but failed to secure an indictment against white plainclothes detectives who mistakenly burst into the home of a black school teacher and beat both him and his son. In another case, prosecutors let a white police officer who sexually molested an 11-year-old black girl off with psychiatric treatment rather than punish him by sending him to jail.

With the acquittal of McDuffie's killers, a pattern seemed to be forming. Whites who did harm to black people weren't getting the punishment they deserved.

In God's World, and under God's system, things will be different. God's principle is that factors that have nothing to do

with guilt—like race—should have nothing to do with the outcome of justice. God condemns such partiality—whether, for example, it is against the poor (Exodus 23:6) or in their favor (Exodus 23:3).

The Bible declares that it is an abomination when "innocent blood"—like Arthur McDuffie's—is shed (Deuteronomy 19:10). And in the coming World Tomorrow, such incidents as happened to McDuffie will be forever banned.

God will soon send Jesus Christ to establish His government to bring "justice from henceforth even forever" (Isaiah 9:7). Under that government, there will be equal justice for all regardless of race.

The Bible declares: Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country . . . (Leviticus 24:22).

One "manner of law" for everyone! Because this principle was violated, Miami burned. But when Christ returns, it will be respected and put into practice. A just world is coming—one with equal justice for all. □

ELECTIONS

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injected that spirit of animosity in competition. Mr. Kennedy is only human. God's Spirit of LOVE was not in evidence. Neither is it in evidence in ANY of this world's leaders.

HOW DIFFERENT in the WORLD TOMORROW.

Satan will be GONE! Jesus CHRIST will be RULING! Ruling with, but under Him, will be truly converted saints then made IMMORTAL—filled with GOD'S Spirit of "LOVE"—immortal GOD BEINGS with no SELF-interest of coveting, but outflowing LOVE for the good, happiness, welfare and eternal salvation of all others!

Jesus taught us to pray, "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!"

We'd better be PRAYING! □