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WHAT IS PROPHESED!

We now have WORLD REVOLUTION. We now have the H-Bomb, which if produced as a "rigged bomb" could annihilate all life from this earth. Now read what MOMENTOUS events the immediate future holds!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE PRESENT is fearful! What does the immediate future hold? The visible *facts* indicate a horrifying future. But the invisible certainties of PROPHECY assure a peaceful, prosperous, happy WORLD TOMORROW!

It is often darkest just before dawn. Make no mistake, humanity still has major lessons to learn, and this world is now being plunged into gross darkness. But even this rapidly approaching blackness brings it closer to the dawn!

Almighty God has decreed it! The Maker and Ruler of the universe is working out a Purpose! His purpose *stands*, and is working out precisely on schedule! An unbelievable, wonderful World Tomorrow is almost here. Life *could* be such an enjoyable, happy, thrilling experience. It *shall* be, then. It is only because humanity has violated the laws set in motion to produce that joyful life that we find today, instead, poverty, sickness, famine, fear, emptiness, crime, war and chaos.

Yes, humanity still has its greatest lesson to learn! But as we now near the *crisis* at the close of this age, this world shall learn lessons *fast!*

The Awful Ominous Present

The unseen factor is GOD! The invisible Creator-Ruler is about to step in and intervene—suddenly—in *our living*

generation! Now consider WHY!

The visible signs all point to horror, disintegration, annihilation!

Look for a brief moment at the world men can *see!* What started in 1914 was world revolution. It set off a chain-reaction of world political explosion. Kings have been dethroned, governments have toppled, nations have been invaded and overrun. New isms have appeared in fury bent on conquering and ruling the world. The world today is in chaos, fearful of a far more awful World War III, already engaged in relentless cold war, spiced with hot wars in Korea and Indo China.

The hellish Hydrogen Bomb is *here*—a living, terrifying reality!

Just *how* hellish is this H-Bomb? The facts defy imagination. It is the kind of bomb that can be built to be as powerful as the nation constructing it desires. The size most spoken of is an H-Bomb 1000 times as powerful as the A-bombs dropped on Japan. But it could be made many times more powerful than that! The process employed in the A-bomb is *fission*. That in the H-bomb is *fusion*. The reason the H-bomb was not produced in the first place is that no way was known to explode it. It is like igniting a tremendous pile of dry brush soaked in gasoline. There was no known "match" to ignite and set off the terrific

super explosion of hydrogen.

It required a temperature equal to the fusion of hydrogen in the sun, 20 million degrees centigrade. But the highest temperature man knew how to realize on earth was around 6,000 degrees centigrade. There was no "match" powerful enough to set off the hydrogen bomb. But the scientists at Los Alamos produced a fission atomic bomb that generated a temperature of 60 million degrees centigrade at the instant of its explosion! This is three times the temperature of the interior of the sun!

The atomic bomb, then, produced the "match" to ignite the 1000 times more powerful Hydrogen bomb!

How Hellish Is the H-Bomb?

Now consider the terrifying facts! American scientists have developed an A-bomb six to eight times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Japan. But *this fantastic explosive is merely the TRIGGER that sets off an H-bomb!*

Although an H-bomb can be made many times more powerful yet, let us consider how hellish is the Hydrogen bomb generally mentioned—1000 times as powerful as the A-bomb.

To be most effective, it would be detonated a few miles in the air above the target. In a millionth of a second the A-bomb trigger would explode hor-

rifying fury three times hotter than the sun, causing the hydrogen atoms to fuse and instantaneously unleash imagination-defying destruction on the great city below. Directly below, in a circle ten miles across, everything would be instantly *vaporized!* Total destruction would occur to everything in a circle twenty miles across! In an area 40 miles across the buildings would crumble in flames, and the people suffer horrible burns.

Heat would burst over the ground below first, igniting instantaneous fires 35 miles away in all directions—over an area 70 miles across! Everything inflammable would burst into flame. There would be a tapering off damage by fire as far as 20 miles farther out—covering a total circular area 110 miles across! People even in these farther-out points would suffer lethal burns.

Then, almost immediately after this burst of heat as if the sun had suddenly touched the earth, the BLAST would rock the earth. Burning buildings would be pulverized or crumbled to the ground. The explosion would rock an area of 300 square miles. On the outskirts people and buildings that withstood the heat would be crumpled by the imagination-defying blast.

But this is not all! Following this, all fury would break loose! The roaring heat churning the atmosphere would set off mighty hurricanes!

How hellish is the H-bomb? It is more hellish than the human mind can grasp! Yet this is the comparative "peaceful" form of the H-bomb. This is what is called the "non-rigged bomb." A bomb constructed in the "rigged" form would liberate a huge cloud equal to 5 million pounds of radium. This radio-active cloud could be carried thousands of miles, destroying all life in its diabolical path! This is what Prof. Albert Einstein referred to when he said it is now possible to annihilate life from off this planet!

But What WILL Happen?

We have reached that stage of human "progress" when, if God does not intervene, man would finally wipe mankind out of existence. But GOD WILL INTERVENE!

We are right now rapidly approaching the climax of this civilization built by man. Man built it, in defiance of God's inexorable laws. Man is now destroying it. GOD WILL STEP IN AND SAVE US! Here is what the Supreme Ruler behind *all* rule says will happen. Here is a summary of world events from now!

Summarizing *all* the prophecies of the Bible, in their correct time sequence, as outlined in the prophetic portions of

the Book of Revelation, and as explained by Jesus Christ (Mat. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21), and beginning with actual conditions as they exist today, this is the world picture:

The nations of Europe, directly in the very shadow of the great Soviet menace, are disturbed, AFRAID, distrustful of America, fearfully anxious for a UNITED EUROPE, yet too suspicious of one another to affect it UNLESS or until a SUPREME AUTHORITY shall appear, trusted by all, and with power and leadership to unite so many nations possessing so many rival aspirations and conflicting interests.

The peoples of Europe as a whole *want* such a united Europe. But they will never permit America or Britain to bring it about.

Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Without Germany such a federation of nations is impossible. Yet the other nations of Europe will not trust Germany or a German leader. Still, in spite of this, it is probable that none *but* a German can provide the dynamic, inspired leadership required to organize such a political military federation.

Needed: A Supreme Authority

As our own foreign correspondents, Dick Armstrong and Herman Hoeh, reported to you from Europe last summer, the only possible SUPREME AUTHORITY whom all European nations and peoples would trust to HEAD such a new-created universal Empire is a universal RELIGIOUS power. And that is exactly what PROPHECY says shall happen (Rev. 17)!

The stage is already set! Conditions in Europe are now ripe!

All that is lacking, now, is the new SUPREME LEADER! But what must be perfected is a *political and a military* federation. While none other than a great and *universal and international* religious power can become the SUPREME AUTHORITY that can UNITE these nations and weld them together, with their many conflicting and competing interests—*yet a CHURCH cannot organize, and provide the executive political-military administration for a political-military EMPIRE!*

Actually the LEADER who sits in the executive office, whether called a President, Emperor, Fuhrer, or Dictator, cannot be a great religious leader—but must, of necessity, be a man who is a leader in the political, economic, and military fields.

Inevitably, therefore, the only manner in which a United Europe may be accomplished is by the UNION of Church and State—the CHURCH sitting at the top as the harmonizing, unifying force

which alone can UNITE such conflicting national interests—yet delegating, *under* the sponsorship and religious authority of the Church, the organization and executive power of the political, economic-military machinery to a great leader in this field.

HITLER Probably Alive!

Now consider a startling, yet most significant possibility!

It is now definitely *proved* that Adolph Hitler *did not die* in his Berlin bunker at the close of World War II, as reported to the world. His death was never proved. But evidence, reported in previous issues of this magazine, has accumulated to prove he *did not die*. Evidence points persistently to the fact he was flown by private plane to a waiting submarine, and taken to a fantastic Shangri-la hide-out known to have been prepared by Nazis in the wastes of Antarctica.

And today startling new evidence comes to light indicating that Hitler has left his Antarctic exile and is working feverishly in Argentina, under protection of Dictator Juan Peron, along with 75,000 other Germans known to be living there.

It is now reported that American and British Intelligence Services have ominous evidence of these Germans plotting in the Argentine to make that country the springboard for a new Nazi-Fascist attempt to conquer the world.

Add to this the fact that Germany actually started its comeback *twelve years* sooner than after World War I. This time their plans for staging their comeback and launching World War III were methodically begun *during* World War II. The day that war ended the Nazi organization *went underground*. Their plans for coming back to power and world domination have been proceeding for nearly eight years!

WHO Is "the Beast"?

Now, with this in mind, let us ask, WHO could possibly be the evil political-economic-military genius who, under and with the blessing of the Supreme Religious Power, will be able to organize and head such a gigantic Empire—to SWAY the peoples of all Europe with his oratory and knowledge of mass psychology into a whipped-up fanatical fervor for a new Fascist attempt to conquer and rule the world?

THIS MAN, called "the Beast" in Bible prophecy, IS ALIVE AND PLANNING THIS VERY THING TODAY, as yet unknown to the world! WHO CAN THIS MAN BE?

There is no known figure in Europe, already popular and prominent, with
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any such qualifications—unless possibly it might be Tito. Tito is rapidly swinging from Communist left to Fascist right. It is inevitable that Tito shall bring Yugoslavia into this mighty new Empire. Tito had the personal power, mass psychology, and oratory to sway the various nationalities that compose Yugoslavia behind him—he has had power to hold them, unify them, and defy Stalin and the Kremlin. *But does he have the great personal magnetism and power to sweep the other nations of Europe off their feet, and into fanatical zeal for this new united military crusade? It is doubtful—yet I have warned you repeatedly, keep your eyes on TITO!*

Of course, it is entirely possible that some German, or other man in Europe, at present virtually unknown, might skyrocket to great public popularity and power like a comet, and attain the necessary popular prestige and following within two or three short years.

A Fake Resurrection

Yet, consider this most intriguing possibility: That Adolph Hitler is still alive, and actively plotting with these 75,000 Germans in Argentina. Many of

these aides are able to travel at will to Europe and back. They are able to hold secret conferences with religious or political leaders as often as such leaders might desire.

Now suppose a great, supreme religious leader, with vast influence in nearly all European nations, who never as yet has professed ability to perform miracles, suddenly startles the world by the proclamation that God has now conferred upon him full power and authority to perform MIRACLES (Rev. 13), and that, as his first great world-shaking miracle, *he has raised ADOLPH HITLER from the dead!* The world believes him DEAD!

Suppose this religious leader shocks and stuns the world with the announcement that Hitler has been in "purgatory"—that in purgatory Hitler saw, confessed, and repented of his great mistake and "sin" in opposing the great universal church of this world during World War II—that Hitler now sees that was his one terrible mistake that led to his downfall—that Hitler was, after all, a MAN OF DESTINY, just as millions of Germans believed, but, being human, he made this mistake and directed his ener-

gies in the wrong direction. But now, Adolph Hitler's eyes have been opened. He has been converted in purgatory, and considered now worthy to be brought back to life and restored to leadership to SAVE THE WORLD FROM COMMUNISM. He would be painted as GOD'S MAN, specially resurrected to SAVE Europe and the world from atheistic Communism, with the full endorsement and approval of the great Religious Leader.

Suppose that, now having "divine guidance," Hitler announces he now sees that CO-OPERATION, and UNION of Europe's nations is the right way, instead of conquering them and holding them by the throat captive under the heel of his Gestapo, as he did before! WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT? Can you picture the impact of this on Europe?

The Colossal LIE

Remember, it was Adolph Hitler who said that if you can tell the world a lie that is big enough, they will swallow it wholly! Here would be the colossal lie of modern times!

Germans would go MAD with frenzy, with emotional fervor, and would fall in line with total blind obedience. The hour of their deliverance and revival would have COME! Their beloved Fuhrer has returned from death by divine act of God to save them! Can you imagine the effect of this?

Then, too, it would multiply the prestige and power of the Religious Leader. Most of the peoples of Europe would now say that he is, indeed, *very* God on earth—holding the very power of life and death! He would be elevated in esteem, WORSHIPPED in blind, obedient, devoted ardor as no human ever was before!

The nations of Europe would fall in line. Here, at last, would be the SUPREME AUTHORITY whom they could trust. Here they would believe they see the Hand of GOD! In blind devotion and obedience, in frantic frenzy and zeal, a new spirit would seize the peoples of Europe, sweep them instantly into UNITING in the new RESURRECTED ROMAN EMPIRE, all giving their military, economic and political power from all ten nations joining, to the NEW RESURRECTED LEADER—now the FUHRER OF ALL EUROPE!

I do not say this *will* happen. Remember PROPHECY does not name the man. It tells what he shall do. It reveals that there will be the UNION of Church and State, the religious leader being the figurehead who apparently sits on top, as the unifying agent, but "The BEAST" actually RULING, and then, with his ten lesser Dictators, hating the Church that sponsored them to power, turning

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on this Church and destroying it! (Rev. 17).

Remember, PROPHECY does not tell us HOW this man will rise, or who he is. But the FACTS of the moment simply suggest what MIGHT happen. Time (and a short time) shall tell us whether this is merely a possibility seen humanly which will never materialize, or whether God opened our minds to see it.

But This IS Prophesied!

But regardless of WHO shall become this "Beast," or HOW he shall appear, we summarize for you now what all the prophecies reveal SHALL soon occur.

Suddenly the world will behold a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! Some of the Balkan nations which have been under Russia's boot will be members of it! TEN dictators in Europe will unite, in a gigantic European COMBINE, turning their united military power and resources over to the new LEADER of Europe! Not only this, but a great RELIGIOUS LEADER will also emerge, in a world-shaking pact *with* the military leader which will far overshadow the effect of the Hitler-Stalin non-aggression pact of 1939!

It will be a UNION of Church and State. The RELIGIOUS influence will be used to cement together, and unify, these ten nations in Europe. These will include Germany and Italy, probably Spain and Portugal and France, Greece, and probably some of the Balkan nations from among Yugoslavia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, or others.

I can't tell you now *which* nations. But in all probability Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland will NOT join this federation. *Definitely Britain will not be in it.* And definitely, the whole thing will be FASCIST—and it's well to bear in mind that Nazism is merely the German *form* of FASCISM—so it will be in fact a NAZI revival.

The "Beast" Emerges

Only *this* time it will not be Germany ALONE, first attacking and conquering and occupying other European nations. THIS time ten powerful European nations will COMBINE their forces. It will be a gigantic, powerful EMPIRE! It will field the combined armies of ten nations totalling 250 to 300 millions of people.

It will comprise the resources of most of all Europe! It will resurrect once again, and for the last time, the ROMAN EMPIRE! It will be able to field an army larger than RUSSIA'S—larger than the combined forces possible for the U.S., Britain, and the democratic nations of northwestern Europe combined!

But, MORE than that—the GERMANs are the only nation who have done actual work on the HYDROGEN BOMB prior to 1945. Undoubtedly they will have the super-Hydrogen bomb, together with rocket weapons for delivering it!

The Nazi scientists are AT WORK, underground, on these very weapons.

It will take a few years for all this to develop to a point where this Nazi-Fascist rebirth of the ROMAN EMPIRE will be ready to STRIKE with the most tremendous power ever conceived by man. It *could* require ten, or even twenty or more years. But it's already developing—and FAST! Much more rapidly than people know! Most certainly it is easily *possible* the thing *could* be developed and ready to strike in five years! Yes, TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON US, FAST, AND WE'RE TOO SOUND ASLEEP TO REALIZE IT!

The sole PURPOSE in the diabolical minds of the LEADERS of this great power will be to CONQUER AMERICA, BRITAIN, AND ULTIMATELY TO CONQUER AND RULE THE ENTIRE WORLD!

But the FIRST blow will be delivered, suddenly, one night without warning, at the CITIES of America and the British Isles!

A Super-Drought Coming

By the time this European colossus has emerged and is ready to STRIKE with hydrogen bombs, we shall have drifted into depression—and we shall be suffering the most overwhelming tragedy of our history in FAMINE, and uncontrollable epidemics of DISEASE.

It may come from intense DROUGHT. It may come from a combination of DROUGHT in some parts of the U.S. and floods in others. We're in the beginning of a famine right NOW and we don't know it—a famine of the needed MINERALS and VITAMINS which no longer grow into our foods because our soil is WORN OUT, and our food FACTORIES are removing much of what there IS!

And all this BECAUSE MAN IS IN DEFIANCE AGAINST HIS MAKER! Whatever man's hand comes in contact with, he pollutes, perverts, and ruins! Man refuses to conform to ANY of the laws the ETERNAL has set in motion! God has revealed that the land needs to lie idle every seventh year but man thinks he's found a BETTER way.

At the same time this dread plague of FAMINE and DISEASE strikes us, there will be another epidemic of locusts and crop-destroying bugs and insects that will make the invasion of 1934 look small!

ONE THIRD of our people will die from starvation, malnutrition, and epidemics of disease in the greatest na-

tional tragedy ever to hit the world up to that time! And this is not a fanciful fairy story—this is PROPHESED, and CERTAIN—and in the next FEW YEARS!

Hydrogen Bombs to Hit Us

While we are stricken with this great tragedy, people dying in nearly every home, the Nazi-Fascist colossus will STRIKE SUDDENLY, unexpectedly, utterly destroying our major CITIES, striking furiously at our sources of raw materials—oil, coal, iron—destroying our great industrial plants, rendering us incapable of fighting back or winning any war, THIS time! And ANOTHER THIRD of our entire population—FIFTY MILLION PEOPLE—will be killed by this lightning and unparalleled HYDROGEN bomb attack!

I know this is not pleasant to contemplate! I know well it won't be believed! I know well that this nation will heedlessly and foolishly refuse to take WARNING! But I also know this is as certain to strike us as tomorrow's sun is to rise and set—unless this entire nation WILL heed the warning, REPENT of its ways, RETURN to its God and HIS LAWS AND WAYS OF LIFE! And therefore, KNOWING this unbelievable thing is coming, I HAVE TO WARN YOU!

Only ONE THIRD—a bare 50 million out of our 150 million population—will be LEFT ALIVE! *Two thirds* of the people YOU know—of YOUR FRIENDS, acquaintances, relatives, members of your family—will be killed!

Americans to Become Slaves

And the remaining third will be UPROOTED from their homes, and transported as SLAVES to Europe, possibly some to South America. There they not only will shine Nazi BOOTS, and do the work of slaves under lashes of cruel taskmasters—but they will be forced to GIVE UP any belief in real BIBLE Christianity—they will be literally FORCED to accept the PAGAN beliefs and customs that will masquerade as Christianity, or state police will arrest them and TORTURE them until they either give in, or finally DIE under the inhuman fiendish tortures!

It will be the supreme time of trouble for Americans and British—and for real and true Christians. This fanatical and unheard-of persecution and martyrdom of all true Christians will continue three and a half years—and THEN IT WILL BE SUDDENLY CUT SHORT!

During this time, there will be NO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—the entire world will be under this revived ROMAN empire, and under Russia—and neither will permit any real GOSPEL preaching of any kind whatsoever! Yes, there will then be an entire FAMINE of hearing the
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Is Tithing in Force Under the *NEW* Testament?

Here is an eye-opening article on a much misunderstood subject. Some ask, "Wasn't tithing just for the Jews of a long-dead past?" Others, "Wasn't tithing done away?" Or, "Was it a form of national taxation in ancient Israel?" Or, "Was it to supply material needs to the poor?" Here is the NEW Testament teaching. You'll find this article interesting, enlightening, plain!

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HOW SHOULD God's work be financed? Does God have a definite *system*? Is "*tithing*" obligatory in NEW Testament times? Or has God left us to our own devices—for churches to resort to the old-fashioned oyster supper and ice cream socials, or to bazaars, entertainments, dances and church movie shows to raise money? Or did God perhaps leave it for each one to give what he feels like—if he feels like giving it?

Did Christ intend His specially-selected and called ministers to be directed and controlled by boards of lay church members *not* called of Christ to the ministry? Or did Christ Himself ordain a system providing for His work, leaving His true called ministers, like prophets of old, free to serve God *alone*?

A Stern PROPHECY for Today!

Let me repeat briefly a stern prophecy for our day—a WARNING from God to 20th century America and Britain!

To us, God says: "I will come near to you in judgment . . . Even from the days of your fathers ye have gone away from *mine* ordinances, and have not kept them . . . *Ye are cursed with a curse: for YE HAVE ROBBED ME*, even this whole nation" (Malachi 3:5-9). That's not a message for ancient Israel. It's a *prophecy*, warning America and Britain *today*!

Other prophecies scattered all thru both Old and New Testaments show the JUDGMENT to be sent on us, for robbing God among other sins—the coming invasion and utter *defeat* in atomic-rocket World War III!

But *why*? "But ye say," continues the Eternal's warning, "Wherein have we robbed Thee?" And God replies, "In *TITHES and OFFERINGS!*"

Notice, we are not robbing Him in tithes alone—but also by neglecting to put into His work OFFERINGS besides!

But we've been taught tithing was done away—merely for Israel of old. It's about time we got back to the *Faith*

once delivered! Is there a definite financing plan ordained in the New Testament?

God Working Out a PURPOSE

Man was placed on earth for a PURPOSE. And always, from the very beginning, God has had on earth a PRIESTHOOD—a ministry representing HIM, making known His revelation, His will to man, carrying out God's mission.

It does cost money to carry on Christ's ministry. And today with super-powered facilities of radio and printing press, of rapid transportation to every part of the world—facilities making it possible to reach vast masses over great distances in short time—the carrying forth of God's LAST WARNING MESSAGE to a deceived world is a herculean task of gigantic proportions requiring large sums of money.

Has not God, in His wisdom, provided for this financing? And in such manner that His true *called* ministers may be free to serve Him *alone*, carrying His Message BOLDLY? If so, the plan will be revealed in God's Word.

Christ's Office, NOW!

It is well recognized that the people of Israel, during Old Testament times, were required to pay tithes. That is, one-tenth of income—whether livestock, grain, or money. But the NEW Testament teaching on tithing is not generally understood.

Yet the subject is mentioned many places in the New Testament. But, since it is a *priesthood* subject—the financing of Christ's *ministry*—it's well to look first at the priesthood Book—Hebrews.

You hear a great deal of a *crucified* Christ—much preaching *about* a dead Christ. But you hear almost nothing about the *Message* He brought from God, and even less about the function of the resurrected *living* Christ of TODAY!

The Book of Hebrews reveals the

Christ of the Twentieth Century—the work and office of our Christ TODAY—Christ the High Priest of God! And it contains GOD'S INSTRUCTION for financing the ministry of Christ! The 7th chapter is the tithing chapter.

Speaking of the Christian HOPE of eternal life (which hope *is* Jesus Christ), we are told, beginning verse 19, chapter 6, this HOPE (Christ) has entered "within the veil"—that is, the very throne of God in heaven—"whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an HIGH PRIEST *for ever* after the order of Melchisedec."

The NEW Testament Priesthood

Jesus Christ is HIGH PRIEST now. Let's understand it. Jesus of Nazareth came as a *Messenger*, sent from God, bearing a MESSAGE to man. His MESSAGE is His GOSPEL—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD.

After finishing His mission as Messenger, Jesus took on Himself the mission of *Saviour*, paying in our stead the penalty of our sins by His death on the cross. But it requires a living Saviour to impart to us the gift of eternal life! So God raised Jesus, by a RESURRECTION.

And thereupon Jesus ascended to heaven, to the very throne of God, where He sat down and continues today as our Everlasting HIGH PRIEST. That is His office, now. Soon He shall assume still another office, returning to earth in all the power and glory of God, as KING of kings—continuing His priesthood office as Lord of lords.

It is in His office as High Priest that Jesus sits as *living Head* of The Church of God, the true Body of Christ in this age. He is High Priest for this and all succeeding ages.

And as High Priest He holds a definite *rank*—a rank that outranks every priestly office—"After the order of Melchisedec"—or, in the plainer Eng-

lish of the Moffatt translation, "with the rank of Melchisedec."

And who is Melchisedec? This is one of the intriguing mysteries of the Bible! Suffice it to say here, Melchisedec was the High Priest of God during patriarchal times. And Christ occupies the same office now, holding the same rank.

But the Mosaic dispensation was a purely materialistic, fleshly dispensation. The GOSPEL was not preached in Israel, nor did their ministry carry it to other nations. Israelites formed a *flesh-born* congregation, not a Spirit-begotten church. The ministry consisted of rituals, carnal (fleshly) ordinances, substitute animal sacrifices and burnt offerings. This required of the priests much hard physical labor.

During those years a different priesthood of *lower rank* was in office—mere human rank, vastly inferior to the spiritual and divine rank of Melchisedec and of Christ. The priests were of the tribe of Levi. It was called the Levitical Priesthood.

A Tithe-Receiving Priesthood

Yet this lower-level priesthood had to be financed. God's financing Plan from dim antiquity, thru the Melchisedec Priesthood, was the tithing system. This system was *continued* thru the years of the Levitical Priesthood.

Now coming to the 7th chapter of Hebrews, God's financing plan is explained. Notice the comparison between the two tithe-receiving priesthoods.

First read the first five verses, Hebrews, chapter 7: "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; *to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all* . . . abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, *unto whom even Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils*. And verily they that are the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, *have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the LAW*."

Let's understand it. This vital passage of Scripture begins to *compare* the two priesthoods. Notice, back in patriarchal times, TITHING was God's system for financing His ministry. Melchisedec was High Priest. The patriarch Abraham, it is written, knew and kept God's commandments, His statutes and laws (Gen. 26:5). And he paid tithes to the High Priest!

Then the statement is made in this passage that, during that dispensation from Moses until Christ, the priests of that time, the Levites, took tithes from the people BY LAW. It was a LAW, started in the beginning, *continued* thru the Mosaic dispensation.

Tithing, then, did not start with Moses!

It is God's system for financing His ministry, which BEGAN from the BEGINNING—from the dim antiquity of patriarchal times. It was a LAW. It did not start with Moses, it was merely *continued* on THRU the Mosaic period!

Tithing a LAW from Dim Antiquity

Many excuse themselves from tithing today on the false impression tithing pertained to the Mosaic period *only*. They think it was for Israel, *alone*. And that illusion has brought a CURSE on this whole nation!

The Old Covenant is gone—that's true. But its ending could not take away what it did not *bring!* Tithing was God's law hundreds of years before the Old Covenant started.

TITHING is revealed as *God's system* for financing His earthly ministry. *Prior* to the Levitical Priesthood and the Mosaic dispensation, the ministry was under Melchisedec. And we see that ministry, from the beginning, was financed by the tithing system.

Melchisedec, "having neither beginning of days, nor end of life . . . abideth a priest *continually*" (Heb. 7:3). Yes, He was High Priest *from the beginning!* Even from Adam! And the ancient patriarchs from Adam down thru Abraham, Jacob, and on to Moses, financed this ministry of God on earth by the TITHING system!

Merely CONTINUED in Israel

Since tithing is God's permanent, continuous financing system, it had to *continue* thru the Mosaic dispensation. During that period when the Levites were the ministers, their work and labors had to be financed. But when the priesthood was changed, God did not change his financing system. The Levites "had a commandment to take *tithes* of the people according to the LAW."

And notice, the very *subject* of this 7th chapter of Hebrews is the TITHING LAW!

Now continuing the 7th of Hebrews, the teaching concerns *which* of the two priesthoods—Melchisedec, or Levitical—is superior, to determine *which* priesthood should receive tithes, NOW!

Christians of Paul's day did not need to be instructed that TITHING is an obligatory and permanent law of God. But they *did* need much teaching to make clear to them that the Old Covenant was dead—the Levitical Priesthood gone, and replaced by that of Jesus Christ—the *Melchisedec Priesthood restored!* The only question was as to *which* priesthood tithes were to be paid, now!

To make this point plain, Paul pro-

ceeds to show the Melchisedec Priesthood is superior—has precedence *now*.

Notice the Scripture: "Now consider *how great* this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils . . . But he whose descent is not counted from them (the Levites), *received tithes* of Abraham, and blessed him (Abraham) that had the promises. And without all contradiction the *less* (Abraham) is blessed of the *better* (Melchisedec) . . . And as I may so say, Levi also, who received tithes, *paid tithes* in Abraham, for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him" (verses 4-9).

The Melchisedec Priesthood is greater—superior! It has precedence! And it is again in force as God's Priesthood, under Christ! It, too, needs to be financed!

Now notice the conclusion:

"For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also in the LAW" (verse 12).

A NEW Testament LAW!

It does not say the law was abolished. The change in priesthoods makes necessary a CHANGE in the law. What law was thus CHANGED? The very law this chapter is instructing New Testament Christians about—the TITHING LAW! "The sons of Levi have a *commandment* to take TITHES . . . according to the law" (verse 5).

So tithing, far from being abolished, is NEW TESTAMENT LAW! But, the priesthood being changed to that of Jesus Christ—the Melchisedec Priesthood restored—that tithing law is also changed of necessity, so as to become God's system for financing the ministry of Jesus Christ!

Actually, the law is merely restored *as it was from the beginning!*

How plain! Tithing is God's law—His system for financing His great work today; it's commanded, *now!* And this whole nation, says Malachi's prophecy, is under a divine curse because it disregards that law! Every individual who breaks it is under a curse! Let each one ask, "Does that mean *me?*"

ON THE CAMPUS

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With History to substantiate the Bible, Herman Hoeh in his sermons on the Sabbaths, showed the beginning of the New Testament Church, her flight into the wilderness to escape diabolical persecution and utter extinction, and the continuous trace of her existence through all ages.

Mr. Hoeh encouraged us all in our personal duty to grow in grace and

What's Prophesied?

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true Word of GOD—and MILLIONS who spurn it and treat it lightly now, will wish THEN they had heeded!

But then suddenly GOD ALMIGHTY will step in and supernaturally intervene. Something will suddenly happen PHYSICALLY to this earth! Terrible, dreadful things will throw all humanity into a frantic PANIC!

GOD ALMIGHTY WILL SHAKE THIS EARTH IN SUCH MANNER that a God-rejecting, God-ignoring, God-defying mankind will suddenly become AWARE of God's existence and His CLOSENESS, and DIRECT INTERFERENCE!

When Our Work Will Bear Fruit

Then HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS—perhaps MILLIONS—remembering the TRUE MESSAGE FROM GOD going out freely to the world AT THIS TIME, on "The WORLD TOMORROW" program, will cry out to God for mercy, and frantically beseech Him for protection, deliverance, and salvation! And these hundreds of thousands will find that the ALMIGHTY is more merciful to them who really SEEK Him and the RIGHT ways of life than the heavens are high above the earth! Yes, THEY'LL FIND HIM, and he'll accept them as His begotten CHILDREN and HIS PROTECTION will be upon them thru the STILL MORE TERRIBLE PLAGUES YET TO COME UPON THE EARTH—this time sent by God Almighty Himself—the PLAGUES of His judgments against these diabolical Fascist powers who have united to destroy and torture American and British peoples!

Then God will send PLAGUES, terrible beyond description, upon this Eu-

ropean land IN PUNISHMENT for their unprecedented evil! Also at that time, RUSSIA shall have organized an army of ONE HUNDRED MILLION, from among Russians, Chinese, and others under the RUSSIAN orbit—and these vast hordes will then SWEEP ACROSS EUROPE, utterly DESTROYING EUROPE!

Meanwhile, the FUHRER, or whatever the Leader will be called, together with the Religious Leader, will have moved their capital to JERUSALEM, which they shall have captured at the outset of the war. They will have a large armed force in Palestine, as well as forces on other fronts in the war against Russia.

Finally . . . the WORLD TOMORROW

And at THIS juncture, JESUS CHRIST—the same Jesus Christ who trod this earth 1900 years ago—who rose from the dead and ascended to heaven—will RETURN VISIBLY, PERSONALLY, BODILY, TO THIS EARTH, and all the holy angels of heaven will accompany Him. But THIS time He will not come as the humble carpenter of Nazareth.

THIS time He will come in all the supreme POWER, and GLORY of the CREATOR OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE—to TAKE OVER, and to rule EVERY NATION ON EARTH—to SAVE HUMANITY FROM UTTERLY DESTROYING ITSELF!

All who have been TRULY converted, filled with the very Spirit of God, who have OVERCOME their own natures, who have GROWN spiritually and in character, will then be resurrected from their graves thruout the world—or, if living, they shall be suddenly CHANGED to immortality, and all will RISE, to MEET the descending KING of kings in the clouds in the air!

They will all come down at once together, on the Mount of Olives, a half mile east of Jerusalem. The FASCIST armies in Palestine will gather in the valley of Megiddo, 70 miles N.W. of Jerusalem, to FIGHT the returning Christ, and His army of angels. But their flesh will supernaturally consume away from off their bones! ALL AMERICANS and BRITISH who have been SLAVES of this ROMAN "beast" will be immediately set free, and transportation TO PALESTINE will be furnished them BY their former CAPTORS, who will NOW become the servants of our people—they and their children for a thousand years to come!

Christ will set up WORLD RULE, with the world capital at Jerusalem. But the nations will not accept His rule at once. On some of them He will send famine—on others plagues—until they submit to the RIGHT ways and LAWS of God. The RUSSIANS, left victorious over the Fascist EUROPEAN empire, will organize and send their vast hordes of soldiers against Palestine—AGAINST the AMERICANS AND BRITISH THEN happily restored to prosperity in Palestine. THAT is the real fulfillment of the prophecy of Ezek. 38 and 39, contrary to what most so-called prophetic students believe. But THEY will meet a supernatural defeat—five-sixths of their forces will be destroyed. And so, Micah 4:1-3 will finally be fulfilled. The world will prosper in PEACE—when it has learned that its own ways have failed, and it has turned to God, and HIS laws rule the earth!

But if we are faithful, doing our utmost now to warn the world, and are watching and praying always, we shall escape all these horrible things to come.

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