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## HYDROGEN BOMB in Prophecy!

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**T**HE TIME has come to disclose the real *bidden* facts about the hydrogen bomb—the facts no government authority can reveal to you—*because they do not KNOW!* The UNKNOWN quantity about the terrifying hydrogen bomb is WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

After all, THAT'S what we all want to know! Will it be used? Where? By whom? And WHEN?

### Who Knows the Answer?

There is only ONE who knows the answers! The Creator—He who MADE the earth, the heavens—all that is—and who now, actively, GUIDES and CONTROLS the destiny of nations and of the whole world—the God this world has ignored and forgotten—He ALONE knows these vital answers to the future—And God Almighty has REVEALED the answers in the prophecies of HIS WORD, the Holy Bible.

In the face of the recent fantastic disclosures of the unbelievable destructive POWER of the hydrogen bomb, heads of government are making every effort to calm public fears and quiet jitter—to prevent any mass hysteria. So first, let me tell you on AUTHORITY of the SUPREME Ruler, God Almighty, that OUT of all this world-chaos, this babylon of confusion, fright and fear that grips the world—this upset topsy-turvy CONDITION of the world today, shall emerge

a NEW—a PEACEFUL, a HAPPY, and a prosperous NEW World TOMORROW!

God Almighty is about to step in and INTERVENE in the misguided affairs of mankind, and bring us a NEW world of PEACE! And in the meantime, GOD ALMIGHTY offers *you*—yes, I mean YOU, reading this article this instant—complete PROTECTION AND SECURITY—*divine* protection—from whatever terrifying destructions may be brought by misguided and God-defying HUMAN leaders! I say to you—and in GOD MOST HIGH lies your ONLY sure and safe PROTECTION in this perilous time. The time has come for you to put aside every other consideration, and SEEK THE ETERNAL YOUR GOD, in the way HE TELLS YOU to seek Him—to put Him *first* in your life, and not second, or last, as most of you have been doing.

Let's not deceive ourselves. Let's not beat around the bush! This world now faces such fantastic forces of destruction that, UNLESS God Almighty was very soon going to intervene and save us from ourselves, this world would DESTROY ITSELF UTTERLY!

Men try to calm their fears and bolster up courage by reasoning that the hydrogen bomb is so frightening that it will act as a deterrent—unless, they add, some human leader in the seat of power in a fit of madness, or thru miscalculation, sets out to conquer the world with this terrible weapon. But, as Presi-

dent Eisenhower warned, INSANITY STILL EXISTS! I warn you, also, that SAFETY lies in ALMIGHTY GOD, and not in wishful psychology!

The question, NOW, is: WILL the super-hydrogen bomb be used?—and if so, WHEN, by whom, against whom?

Did you know the ANSWERS are in the Bible?

### GOD Controls World Affairs

It's about time we pause to realize that God Almighty is working out a PURPOSE here below! God Almighty CONTROLS and RULES NOT ONLY THIS EARTH BUT THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE. It served God's PURPOSE to make us free moral agents—to endow us, as He did for NO OTHER species of life we can see or know, with SOME of the very POWERS OF GOD! He endowed us with MINDS. He made us with power to KNOW and to LEARN, to THINK and to PLAN, and to EXECUTE and BUILD that which we have thought out and designed. In other words, we have been endowed with some of the creative power.

But ONLY SOME OF IT! God *limited* the human mind. He set a LIMIT on human powers—yes, THANK GOD He did THAT. And the MOST HIGH, in His governing power as SUPREME RULER, Himself decreed that mankind should be allowed certain free latitude, to use these God-endowed powers according to man's own ideas, desires, and initiative.

In other words, for a 6,000-year period God Almighty has chosen to KEEP HANDS OFF human activities—MOSTLY. But *not altogether!*

Even the man has not been CONSCIOUS of God's over-all SUPREME authority and rule—even the mankind has not SEEN it, or realized it, yet GOD ALMIGHTY has always determined the destiny of nations—the rise and fall of Empires—the OUTCOME, even, of WARS!

Now, IS THE SUPER-HYDROGEN BOMB GOING TO BE USED? It's about time we wake up to the fact that GOD ALMIGHTY is directing this universe—that He intervenes when it serves HIS PURPOSE that He is working out thru human experience—that The ETERNAL sees what's going on, and knows a lot more about this hydrogen bomb than any human scientist or official—and HE shall determine whether to *permit* some mad man in a seat of human authority to use it, or whether HE shall restrain and prevent such use. HE—God Almighty—is going to determine the outcome! Before I reveal to you WHETHER this imagination-defying destruction is to be unleashed against any city—or WHAT cities—and WHO or WHAT POWER will perpetrate this colossal crime of the ages, it's necessary, first, that you realize GOD'S power—GOD'S concern and interest in this world chaos of the moment.

### The Warning of Prophecy

Now get your Bible. I want you to SEE these staggering facts that concern this hydrogen bomb with your own eyes. Turn first to the 40th chapter of Isaiah in the Moffatt translation. "Why, the nations are a mere drop in the bucket, no more to him than dust upon a balance! He lifts lands like a straw! . . . Before him all the nations are as nothing; to him they are but empty and inane. Then whom can you compare with God? What can you put beside him? . . . Can you not understand, cannot you see? Were you not told this from the first, have you not grasped this, since the world began?—that He sits over the round earth, so high that its inhabitants look like grasshoppers; he spreads the skies out like a curtain and stretches them like a tent; he brings nobles down to nothing, he ruins rulers of the world—scarcely planted, scarcely sown, scarcely rooted in the earth, when at a puff from him they wither, the storm sweeps them off like straws. To whom will you compare me, then, and equal me?" asks the Majestic One." (Isa. 40:15, 17-18, 21-25.)

Yes, GOD'S power is UNLIMITED. Even the terrible power of the hydrogen bomb is infinitesimal beside the power of God.

And now ONE THING I want first of all to MAKE PLAIN! God is going to permit the misguided hand of man to bring MORE EVIL upon this topsy-turvy

upside-down world! But that evil will fall ONLY UPON THOSE WHO DEFY GOD—or THOSE WHO IGNORE God's *protection!* Yes, EVIL men shall be punished! But, *if you trust God*, surrender your life to Him, the Almighty promises you *protection*: "Happy the man who stays by the Most High in shelter, who lives under the shadow of Almighty God . . . You need not fear the terrors of the night, nor arrows flying in the day; you need not fear plague stalking in the dark, nor sudden death at noon; hundreds may fall beside you, thousands at your right hand, but the plague will never reach you, safe shielded by his faithfulness. You have only to look on and see how evil men are punished; but you have sheltered beside the Eternal, and made the Most High God your home." (Psalm 91:1, 5-6, Moffatt trans.)

And now I am going to bring you the sure and certain ANSWER as to whether, by whom, and against whom, the hydrogen bomb will be used. God Almighty is able to give us the FACTS, before the events happen, for the simple reason that HE CONTROLS what is to happen—God is working out His PURPOSE here below!

I want you to realize JUST HOW FAR God controls world conditions. The NATIONS of the world may get together and make PLANS for controlling world conditions—but THERE IS A HIGHER POWER WHO RULES SUPREME, WHOM THE NATIONS HAVE FORGOTTEN!

Here's what GOD HIMSELF SAYS: "The Eternal wrecks the purposes of pagans, he brings to nothing what the nations plan; but the Eternal's purpose stands for ever, and what he plans will last from age to age . . . from where he sits, he scans all who inhabit the world; he who alone made their minds, he notes all they do. Armies do not bring victory to a king, the warrior is not rescued by sheer strength; cavalry are in vain for victory, there is no winning by the strength of that!" (Psalm 33:10-11, 14-17, Moffatt translation.)

In ways that few seemed to recognize, GOD ALMIGHTY determined the outcome of World War II, by a series of *three* miraculous—or absolutely providential—events, which turned the tide of battle entirely!

### Now What's GOING to Happen?

In this 6,000 year period the MOST HIGH has allotted for mankind to write the supreme lesson of eternity in HUMAN EXPERIENCE, we are now already actually INTO the CRISIS at the CLOSE of this allotted span—of THIS PRESENT WORLD!

For 6,000 years God Almighty has kept hands off from DIRECT RULING over mankind—permitting human-kind to voluntarily accept the beneficent

RULE and GOVERNMENT of God, or to reject it and set up his OWN rule according to HUMAN reasoning, vanity, greed, and corruption. For 6,000 years mankind has REJECTED the government of GOD, REBELLED against the ways and laws of God, and corrupted itself.

And now, in a world DESTROYING itself in world revolution, God Almighty looks down and says this: "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground" (Jer. 25:31-33).

That could never happen until this atomic age when God will intervene in world affairs!

In this present evil day—this LAST, or REMNANT, generation of this present evil world—God says of the descendants of His birthright nations—THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: *And I will cut off the cities of thy land*, and throw down all thy strongholds" (Micah 5:8-11).

I wonder if you realize that the 12 tribes of ancient Israel were divided into TWO nations, after the death of King Solomon! One of those nations, with the TEN tribes, retained the national name Kingdom of ISRAEL. That nation had the BIRTHRIGHT promise that they were ultimately to become the most POWERFUL single nation on earth, and also another great COMMONWEALTH of nations. That nation was not Jewish—was NEVER given the name, "Jew."

But the TWO tribes of Judah and Benjamin, with considerable of Levi, split off into a SEPARATE nation, and they were named the KINGDOM OF JUDAH. The name "Jews" is merely a nickname for the national name of THAT nation, JUDAH. Now the Jews became scattered. Today the Jewish people are scattered all over the world in most ALL nations. This prophecy of Micah does *not* refer to the Jewish people, but to

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# HOW TO BE Saved!

**Millions have been led to think they are saved, who are only deceived, and don't know it!—Here is a frank, daring article, making the truth PLAIN!**

**by Herbert W. Armstrong**

**I**T'S DIFFICULT to believe, but it's true—in *today's* religious confusion *millions* have supposed they had salvation spiritually—they have believed on Jesus Christ—and *are not saved!*

Would you suppose one could actually *worship* Christ—and all in vain?

**Can One Worship Christ—IN VAIN?**

Do you know *what* Jesus Himself said of these people who want to worship Him without *obedience* to God's Commandments?

Listen to His words: "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For, laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men . . . Full well do ye reject the Commandments of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:6-9).

**Back to the Faith Once Delivered**

But what does GOD tell you in His Word?

Thru Jude, God says: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the *common salvation*, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for *the faith which was once delivered* unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares . . . ungodly men, turning the GRACE of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 3-4).

Yes, even before the New Testament was completely written, ungodly men had crept inside the Church to corrupt it—turning GRACE into LASCIVIOUSNESS.

And what is "lasciviousness"? It means "license"—unrestrained liberty,—abuse of privilege. In other words, license to do that which seems *right* in human eyes—according to human *conscience*—tho it *disobeys* God's LAW! And that is exactly what those ungodly men, even in the first century, did—turned GRACE into unrestrained privilege to disobey God's law! turned to *human conscience* as a guide! And once introduced, the practice has persisted and spread over the whole world until today!

This is one of the FABLES the Apostle

Paul warned us men would turn to. Paul said: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, *deceiving*, and *being deceived!* . . . For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts (lasciviousness—*human reasoning*—) shall they . . . turn away their ears from the *truth*, and shall be turned unto FABLES" (II Tim. 3:13-4:4).

But, one will argue, Jude said these men would *deny* the Lord Jesus Christ. Do not the men who teach a "no works" doctrine *believe in Christ?* Do they deny Him?

Yes, *they* DENY Him! God says: "They *profess* that they *know* God; but IN WORKS they *deny* Him, being abominable, and *disobedient*, and unto every GOOD work *reprobate*" (Titus 1:16). The way of human reason—that *seems* RIGHT—is often DISOBEDIENCE to God!

**What the Saviour Himself Taught**

These deceived teachers have just one favorite text. They quote Acts 16:31: "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Now that text from the inspired pen of Paul means what it says. But there are *two kinds* of BELIEVING—the *living* faith that brings salvation, and a *dead* "no works" faith that produces only DEATH!

But WHY do they, in their tracts and their sermons, never quote *what the Saviour Himself said* in answer to the question? WHY?

Jesus was asked: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18). Some might try to tell you that the SAVIOUR Himself did not know, or teach, the way of SALVATION—He was teaching Old Testament religion. Well, He was asked HOW to gain ETERNAL LIFE. Is that salvation? It certainly is! Old Testament religion teaching lasted until John—not until the cross—not until "Pentecost." Just UNTIL JOHN (Luke 16:16). Jesus preached the SAME Gospel He commanded His disciples to teach ALL nations—Gentiles included—the same Gospel Paul preached to Gentiles. He preached *only* the NEW Testament Gospel. He revealed THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Here is His answer—that of the SAVIOUR HIMSELF on HOW TO BE SAVED:

"If thou wilt enter into LIFE, *keep the Commandments.*" And He enumerated enough of the Ten Commandments to show it was this particular law that must be obeyed AS A CONDITION to receiving eternal life as God's GIFT. Jesus said "IF"—(there was a CONDITION)—"IF" we are to be saved, by God's grace, WE MUST KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS! God lays down His own terms and conditions. His FREE GIFT is conditional—you get it ONLY if you "keep the Commandments."

You can't EARN it. God GIVES it—but only to those who "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." God will not GIVE you eternal life *in sin*. And what *is* sin? "SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW" (John 3:4).

Some who pervert God's truth insist Jesus did not name ALL of the Ten Commandments in the above Scripture. Sin is the transgression of THE LAW. It is a COMPLETE LAW. He named enough of its points to designate WHICH LAW He was talking about. And James says that law has "POINTS"—and, if we break any ONE of the ten points of the Ten Commandments, we BREAK THE LAW, and are sinners! (James 2:8-11)

The very same day the Holy Spirit came—the very day the NEW Testament Church commenced—thousands, hearing the inspired Peter's sermon which struck straight to their heart, asked: "What shall we do?"—yes, WHAT SHALL WE DO TO BE SAVED?

The *inspired* answer was:

"REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Jesus said, "REPENT YE, and BELIEVE THE GOSPEL." We must BELIEVE not only in Jesus as Saviour, but we must believe also THE GOSPEL He brought and preached—the gospel of the Kingdom of God—the AUTHORITY of God and the WORD of God *over our lives!*—*a message not preached today by most organized churches.*

After His resurrection, in His parting instructions to His disciples for preach-

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ing the way of salvation, Jesus said "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that REPENTANCE and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-47). This is the Gospel for ALL NATIONS!

But *what* must we repent of? WHAT IS SIN? Do you realize that VERY FEW people know? Very few know the BIBLE definition of SIN.

God's inspired definition of sin is this: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Paul would not have known what was sin, except by the law. But *what* law? The very law which says: "Thou shalt not covet" (Rom. 4:4). That law is the Ten Commandments.

This law is summed up in the one word—LOVE! It is further defined in the two Great Commandments, LOVE to God, and LOVE to neighbor. But the same law is further defined, and divided into ten points, by The Ten Commandments—the first four of which tell us how to love God, the last six of which tell us how to love neighbor.

## James Inspired Answer

And thus it is explained in James: "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well" (James 2:8). Here is the Royal Law—the whole Law—as a general principle.

The law is LOVE—and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law. Jesus fulfilled it, setting us an example that we, too, should fulfill the law. We fulfill it *with* LOVE—not any natural, carnal love in human nature, but "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5). The Holy Spirit in

us is merely GOD'S LAW IN ACTION IN OUR LIVES! And so, if we fulfill this Royal Law, we do well—but if not, we commit sin (James 2:9). Now read verse 10. If we keep the WHOLE LAW—the general principle of LOVE to neighbor—yet offend *in one point*, we are guilty—we have broken the law—and the penalty is DEATH, not eternal life.

Notice, please, the law is divided into points! And it is divided into TEN POINTS—the Ten Commandments. These are merely the ten points, or subdivisions, of the general Royal Law, LOVE to God and to neighbor. "For He that said (or, that law which said), Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery"—if you do not break that specific point—"yet if thou kill"—you just break that one point—"thou art become a transgressor of the law" (Jas. 2:11). So you see the TEN COMMANDMENTS is the very law it is sin to transgress.

It is a SPIRITUAL law (Rom. 7:14). It is fulfilled by the SPIRITUAL LOVE which is God's precious gift to us—His love placed within us. "Wherefore the law is HOLY, and the commandment HOLY, AND JUST, AND GOOD" (Rom. 7:12).

To REPENT of sin means to turn from sin. It means to QUIT SINNING! And that means to *stop transgressing God's holy law*. And the way to stop breaking it is to begin KEEPING God's

Commandments—ALL OF THEM, for if you break only one, you bring on yourself the penalty—ETERNAL DEATH, and you *lose salvation*.

Now Jesus "magnified the law, and made it honorable" (Isa. 42:21). When we put a spiritual "magnifying glass," so to speak, on the Ten Commandments, it is enlarged in spirit and principle into many more points. And in a larger aspect the ENTIRE BIBLE is a magnification of God's Law. The Law is the basis of all Scripture. It defines THE WAY of life—THE WAY to success—THE

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WAY to peace—THE WAY to happiness, joy, eternal life!

Notice how *like God* it is! The Law is GOOD (Rom. 7:12). God is good.

The Law is HOLY (Rom. 7:12). GOD is holy!

The Law is JUST (Rom. 7:12). GOD is just!

The Law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). GOD is spiritual!

The Law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7). GOD is perfect!

The Law—including all His Commandments—is immutable, ETERNAL, stands fast FOREVER AND EVER (Psalm 111:7-8). And GOD is eternal!

Of course—for the Law is the very character, the very nature, of God! It is the WILL of God.

### Conscience Not Your Guide

But in the modern-day Babylon—confusion of conflicting teachings—you may have been taught, falsely, that YOUR CONSCIENCE tells you what is sin. But your conscience only troubles you when you do what YOU THINK is *wrong*! And what you think is wrong, *another* may think is *right*! Your CONSCIENCE IS NO GUIDE!

Sin is not the doing of what you think is wrong. Not the transgression of conscience—"sin is the transgression of God's LAW" (I John 3:4). Sin is thinking and doing what GOD SAYS is wrong—and He says it in His Law! Some think it perfectly all right to divorce and remarry. Others think it is a sin. To do it would trouble the conscience of the latter, but not of the former.

One who does what he thinks is right may be committing a great deal of sin!

God says: "There is a way that seemeth *right* unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH!" (Pro. 14:12 and 16:25.) Again, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes" (Prov. 12:15). And: "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes" (Prov. 16:2). The world has been going the WAY that seems right to man for some 6000 years. But this WAY has brought only unhappiness, emptiness, discontent, poverty, sickness and disease and finally, CHAOS and DESPAIR all over the world! It has produced NOTHING GOOD!

God says: "SEEK YE the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake HIS WAY and the unrighteous man HIS THOUGHTS; and let him return unto the Eternal, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, saith the Eternal" (Isaiah 55:6-8).

And *there* is THE WAY of Salvation! There is THE WAY to find GOD! SEEK

HIM, by forsaking—WHAT? Forsaking YOUR WAY—your thoughts! The way you have THOUGHT to be right.

### The WAY of SALVATION

The first step toward salvation is to REPENT—and that means forsake your way—the customs and traditions you have been following—the ways of man—the ways you have been living. FORSAKE YOUR OWN WAY. Turn to God's way—the way of HIS LAW! The way of HIS WILL! Yes, the WAY of peace, happiness, and joy—the WAY of success, achievement, doing good, of prosperity—the WAY of the full and ABUNDANT life—the WAY of ETERNAL LIFE!

Since the entire Bible contains the magnified explanation of GOD'S LAW, the Bible becomes OUR GUIDE FOR RIGHTEOUS AND SUCCESSFUL LIVING! That is why Jesus said man shall live by *every Word of GOD*!

True repentance means you give your SELF to God. And the only kind of repentance that is prerequisite to the gift of eternal life is COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO GOD—to His will, which means to HIS LAW. You become HIS, literally, and wholly, with no reservations! Repentance is a COMPLETE CHANGE in your life—in your *attitude TOWARD life*—your *purpose* in life—your THOUGHTS and your ACTIONS.

It means forsaking some of your old friends and companions—if they are living the worldly life that seems *right* to MAN. It means turning from and forsaking worldly social and religious customs, interests, pleasures that are contrary to GOD'S WAYS.

It means THE BIBLE becomes the SUPREME AUTHORITY over your life—your *guide to living*—yes, to happy, abundant, gracious living, and SUCCESSFUL and righteous living, henceforth and forever—to live your life from now on with GOD'S HELP, and BY HIS POWER, according to the spirit and principle, as well as the letter and precept of His Commandments. You henceforth STUDY THE BIBLE—not just carelessly read, but STUDY, to learn GOD'S WAYS, and to LIVE BY EVERY WORD OF GOD!

Now ask yourself, candidly: HOW MANY people who profess salvation—who have "accepted Christ"—do you believe have REALLY COME TO THIS KIND OF REAL REPENTANCE? "Except ye REPENT," warned Jesus, "ye shall all likewise PERISH." And again, "He that SAITH, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4). Yes, MILLIONS ARE DECEIVED!

But if millions are deceived about the prior CONDITION of repentance, just as many millions are deceived today as to

the KIND OF FAITH that really SAVES!

### The FAITH That SAVES

Now *think* a moment! Use your REASON! We are taught, and rightly, that we cannot EARN our salvation—it is the GIFT of God. It is by GRACE—and "grace" means *undeserved pardon* and *free gift*. Yet, notice how inconsistent people are! They argue there must be NO WORKS—no OBEDIENCE of the Commandments, or doing GOOD—no recognizing of God's AUTHORITY over your daily living—because salvation comes by GRACE—God's free GIFT. And yet they seem to believe that somehow WE must supply the FAITH that brings salvation! If WE work up, or if WE supply this FAITH by which we are saved, *would not that*, in fact, amount to our producing *our own salvation* by the very WORKS of supplying this FAITH?

So notice, briefly! Notice more CLOSELY than you did before! "For BY GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that (that FAITH) not of yourselves; it (this saving FAITH) is *the gift of GOD*!" (Eph. 2:8.) The faith that really saves is GIVEN TO US by GOD—it is a GIFT from HIM! YOU don't supply it, or work it up.

Did you ever notice that before?

Well what, then? In Gal. 2:16 Paul explains a man is justified only "by THE FAITH of *Jesus Christ*." Notice, he does not say, by the man's faith IN Jesus Christ—he says by "the faith of Jesus Christ"—which means CHRIST'S FAITH—the faith HE has and uses—the same faith with which He performed all His miracles—the same faith by which He lived—HIS faith, placed by a miracle, as a gift direct from God, into the man!

So PLEASE UNDERSTAND! Salvation is GOD'S GIFT. You do not, cannot, earn it. God GIVES it. But—and here is where people become mixed up, and stumble—God will GIVE it only on condition! Yes, there are terms and conditions! God has set these terms, and you can't alter them, and He won't change them!

I want to make this perfectly PLAIN. It is not *your* faith in Christ—a faith YOU supply in BELIEVING in Him as Saviour—that saves you—it is CHRIST'S faith, which He supplies and places in you by His Holy Spirit, which actually IMPARTS ETERNAL LIFE. But WHAT, then? Is it not necessary for YOU to believe, with YOUR OWN faith, in Christ?

Now let me make this PLAIN! Salvation is GOD'S FREE GIFT—it is by GRACE ALONE. Yet the very purpose of God demands TWO prior CONDITIONS on YOUR part. First, you must REPENT! Second, you must BELIEVE in Christ as Saviour. But you cannot believe in Christ unless you also believe His message—

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# HYDROGEN BOMB

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the so-called LOST Ten Tribes of Israel—destined, according to God's unconditional, unbreakable PROMISE to become, part of them, a great *Commonwealth of Nations*, and part of them forming the one GREATEST, most POWERFUL SINGLE nation in OUR TIME TODAY—after the year 1800 A.D., and BEFORE the end of THIS world and the second coming of Christ!

## The Day of the Lord

Now Jeremiah was inspired to foretell a great and terrible TIME OF TROUBLE to come on these nations descended from the ancient TEN TRIBES of Israel, IN OUR TIME: "For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace . . . Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him" (Jer. 30:5, 7-8).

THAT HAS NOT YET HAPPENED! But, AT the second coming of Christ, CONTRARY TO ALL HUMAN TEACHING ON THIS SUBJECT, these nations descended from the TEN Tribes of Israel are to be found in CAPTIVITY, with a YOKE around their necks. I tell you, it's time to WAKE UP to the TRUTH of this crisis situation! God Almighty has sent me to SHOUT TO YOU THIS LAST WARNING! God help you to HEED!

And now, WHAT power will place that YOKE on the nations that constitute modern ISRAEL—the Ten Tribes whose identity the world has lost? "Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate . . . I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it." (Isa. 47:1, 6-7.)

That latter verse is quoted directly in Revelation 18:7, where this modern DAUGHTER of the ancient Babylon is identified in the 17th and 18th chapters of Revelation.

## Who Will Use It?

Who is this modern Babylon?

In Revelation 17 is pictured the symbol of a weird BEAST, ridden by a WOMAN. All Bible students, so far as I know, regardless of denomination, recognize this symbolic BEAST as the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE. This whole SYSTEM—this DAUGHTER of the ancient "Babylon" is NAMED in Revelation 17:5: "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

Now notice: "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition; and they that dwell on earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." (Rev. 17:8.) This ancient Empire is to be RESURRECTED. It will DUMBFOUND the whole world! It will rise up yet once again by a UNION of TEN modern fascist DICTATORSHIPS in the territory of the ancient Empire: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them; for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." (Rev. 17:12-14.)

So now we have the TIME of the prophecy! Just before the second coming of CHRIST! This is a power, soon to startle and stagger the WORLD, that will oppose and fight against CHRIST at His appearing!

## Hydrogen Bomb to Be Used!

Now what about the HYDROGEN BOMB? Micah's prophecy which I read to you says plainly that this invading power will cut off the CITIES of Israel. Only the atom and hydrogen bombs could do that.

The prophecies of EZEKIEL is to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL, not to JUDAH. Of this time, God reveals thru Ezekiel, in chapter 6, verse 6: "In all your dwelling places THE CITIES shall be laid waste." In Ezekiel 12:20: "And THE CITIES that are inhabited shall be LAID WASTE, and the land shall be desolate, and ye shall KNOW that I am the Eternal"—which in Ezekiel always refers to the

second coming of Christ. And, finally, in this time to come, what will happen to the coming union of fascist dictators in Europe? "And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath." (Rev. 16:19).

But Christ, at His second coming, will RESCUE Israel, REMOVE the Yoke of the daughter of the ancient BABYLON, and RESTORE Israel to prosperity and power, after they have learned their lesson and turned to THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. Notice Isaiah 14:1-4 in the Moffatt translation: "For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

"And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!" . . . against this modern BABYLON that had invaded ISRAEL!

I have had space only to SKIM THE SURFACE of these momentous prophesied events in this article. But you'll find the WHOLE TRUTH of all the scores and scores of prophecies pertaining to WHAT'S PROPHESED TO HAPPEN in coming issues of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. These prophecies are STAGGERING! This is the MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION OF OUR TIME!

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We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in FAITH, upon God's promises to supply every need.

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Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail HIM!

are destined to suffer from devastating drought and famine. God says He will punish His people Israel for breaking His laws. The Democracies of the world, the descendants of the ancient House of Israel (write for Mr. Armstrong's booklet, "United States in Prophecy," which explains our national identity), are to be punished because of our sins—punished with the worst droughts and famines and diseases we have ever seen!

In the 26th chapter of Leviticus, God warns us that we are to suffer these pun-

ishments because we have broken His laws and *made foreign alliances*. Most of you are going to live into this terrible time because *it is for the near future*. These things will strike YOUR HOME unless you change your ways and begin to follow God's laws. The only reason for this punishment is to teach our people the right ways we ought to live.

While these afflictions ravage our lands, Russia will be stronger than ever. She will have almost united Asia. Then  
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## HOW TO BE Saved!

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the gospel of the Kingdom of God (Mark 16:15-16). But NEITHER your repentance, your obedience, NOR your faith earns any salvation! They are merely prior CONDITIONS. But when you supply these two ingredients, then God STANDS BOUND BY HIS PROMISE to impart to you by His Holy Spirit, HIS righteousness, and CHRIST'S faith—and THESE, supplied by GOD are the ingredients that SAVE and impart ETERNAL LIFE!

Paul explains "even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST" (Gal. 2:16). You must repent and believe in Christ, as a condition, a prerequisite, IN ORDER THAT you may receive, and be saved by the faith OF Christ—by HIS faith placed within you!

### Cut Off from GOD

You see, my friends, ALL have sinned. All have gone the way that seems right in human eyes. And our sins have cut us off from God "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear" (Isa. 59:2).

Now salvation—eternal life—comes from GOD. But your sins have cut you off from GOD. The connection is SEVERED. YOU severed it! God will not GIVE you His gift of eternal life until you are reconciled to Him!

But He SO LOVED you, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to DIE FOR YOU so that you need not perish—but, thru Jesus Christ, be brought into contact with Him so He can GIVE you eternal life!

The PENALTY of transgressing His law is DEATH! Jesus paid that penalty in your stead. If, and when, you TRULY REPENT, as I have explained at length, and BELIEVE on Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour from sin and from sinning, then by and thru HIM you gain access to GOD THE FATHER.

The two conditions of turning FROM sin, and accepting Christ (including baptism), YOU must DO YOURSELF! That's what YOU must do! That is NOT what saves you! It merely reconciles you to GOD—brings you into CONTACT with God, so that God will then GIVE YOU His HOLY SPIRIT—and HIS SPIRIT is the gift of the FAITH that saves—and it is also the Spirit of UNDERSTANDING, of knowledge, of the LOVE that FULFILLS the Law, and imparts GOD'S righteousness!

So my friends, that is it! Millions have been deceived, and believed falsely that they have a salvation which they do NOT yet have at all! GOD HELP US, then, to UNDERSTAND.

### What You Should Do

Now, finally, just HOW shall you go about it?

Must you go down the aisle in a church? Must you go to a public altar, and shed tears in front of others, and pray aloud before others?

Being converted is not an initiation into a lodge or secret society! It is not a rite or ceremony! It is a matter of turning FROM the old life that was false, yet may have seemed right to you—of turning to a new and TRUE way of life in Christ Jesus, living by every Word of God, in and by the power of God's Holy Spirit! When you UNDERSTAND the real MEANING and the PURPOSE, you'll see that it is something that takes place down deep in your HEART and not a matter of THE PLACE or THE SURROUNDINGS, or the presence of other people. What Jesus said about confessing, or denying Him before men did not refer to a rite, or ceremonial form of being converted. Being converted is the receiving of the Holy Spirit—the very life—of God.

You CAN, of course, make this full surrender and consecration to God in front of others, at an altar. You can, also,

make it just as sincerely and fully, in a private room at home, all ALONE with God! You can pray in church before others and do it sincerely from the heart. Yet Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet (any small room), and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Well, WHEN you come to this *parting of the ways* from the old life—when you come to the place of making this COMPLETE CHANGE—this total unconditional surrender to God—this complete consecration, GIVING your SELF to Him, accepting Christ as your personal Saviour—turning FROM your sins, and TO God's way of life as you'll find it in the Bible, you'll want to PRAY! Yes, you'll want to throw yourself completely on God's mercy, and ask Him thru Jesus Christ to FORGIVE YOU all your past sins and transgressions against Him.

It is not perhaps of great consequence where you do it—whether in a church meeting, or ALONE WITH GOD AT HOME! But the IMPORTANT thing is to DO IT—and to DO IT NOW!—not to delay or put it off, and let the temptation to keep on putting it off finally rob you of your salvation altogether. The longer you put it off the harder it will become. WHY it should be difficult to just go and throw yourself on God's mercy, and ask His forgiveness, and give your SELF to Him, is hard to understand—yet something in the lower nature within you will keep tempting you to PUT IT OFF. That temptation is not of God, you may be sure.

If you are sick and tired of the empty, fruitless, materialistic life you have been living—IF in your heart you DO want to turn from it to the FULL and JOYFUL life filled with God's SPIRIT, then WHY DELAY? Why delay another minute, even? Wherever you are now go where you can do it—into the privacy of your own room if you are at home, YES, RIGHT NOW!—get down on your knees, make your full surrender to God, give yourself without any reservations to Him—ask Him to forgive—no matter how terrible, or how many have been your sins—He will forgive them all—and acknowledge Jesus Christ as your living Saviour! God will accept you as HIS! Just UNLOAD that burden of your sins on HIM—go and do it NOW! This is just the start of the real Christian life. Don't look for a certain feeling, but repent and believe. God laid down the terms. Conform to them, NOW!

Then write and tell me, if you care to, what you have done, and ask me about being baptized as yours are being planned this summer. A free booklet on baptism will be mailed on your request.