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## WHY . . . *the Seven Last Plagues?*

**If God is LOVE, why will He punish humanity by sending the frightful plagues depicted so vividly in the Book of Revelation?**

**by Herbert W. Armstrong**

**M**ANY BELIEVE that the *plagues* of Egypt and the *seven last plagues* constitute the one great exception to the statement: "God is I.O.V.E."

A common idea is that God is about to close probation—that the time of salvation will soon be over—that no people can be saved thereafter. *Then*, according to this conception, a God of Wrath will glut his rage and revengeful passion by pouring out vials of torture upon defenseless, helpless heads. A doomed humanity will suffer the most excruciating pains imaginable.

This is a PAGAN conception of a god capable of all the base passions of degraded men.

This concept is *not true!*

### **Why God Must Deal with Humanity**

It is time we understand exactly how rotten the human race has become. The nations are filled with robbery, rape and murder. Two thirds of our women are fornicatrices, and over 95% of men. Drunkenness and prostitution fill the land.

Atheistic communists have enslaved millions from the cradle to an untimely

grave; wealthy capitalists have famished the laborer while the laborers steal from one another.

Whole nations have tortured captive races, roasted their victims alive, gassed millions scientifically. Religious hatred smolders in many lands, awaiting the hour of outright persecution.

This is the world we live in *today*—a world of scientific "progress" and moral decay!

How would YOU deal with such a wretched lot of human beings? How merciful would YOU be to those who have enslaved others? How would YOU teach them all a lesson they would *never* forget? How would YOU correct the nations till they finally have their bellies full of their carnal, murderous ways?

### **HOW God Will Deal with Man**

Now let's understand what GOD will do about it!

Notice Jeremiah 25:31: "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Eternal hath a CONTROVERSY with the nations, *he will PLEAD with all flesh*; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Eternal."

Did you notice that God will *plead* with lost sinners? Probation will *not* be closed! God will send Jesus Christ to PLEAD with all flesh to bring them to salvation.

In His controversy with the nations, God *pleads* with humanity because He *loves* the human family. "God is love" (1 John 4:16). But there is only *one* kind of pleading which human beings seem to understand permanently—*physical force!*

Do you realize that for nearly 6,000 long years God has already pleaded with the human family—thru PREACHING—by the spoken and written word?

### **No More Verbal Pleading**

God IN PERSON spoke to Adam, the first man. On the very first day after Adam's creation—that very first Sabbath day—"the Eternal God COMMANDED the man, saying"—that the wages of transgressing God's eternal laws is DEATH, but that God's GIFT was eternal life! Yes, God preached THE WAY OF ETERNAL LIFE to the first man.

But God made the man a free moral agent. God, sovereign RULER of the universe, deliberately *ruled* that man must

CHOOSE. God commanded Israel: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore CHOOSE!"—But God commanded them to choose LIFE and BLESSINGS! God's laws are LOVE. They are the way to peace, happiness, joy—BLESSINGS, and God's free GIFT of eternal life. But God *allows* man to reject THIS WAY, and to choose curses and death. In no other way can GOD'S GREAT PURPOSE HERE BELOW be worked out!

God pleaded with the world thru Noah, but the world scoffed and jeered—and chose the fate of drowning! God sent His prophets—but the people stoned and killed them.

God sent His own Son, Jesus Christ—who SPOKE God's Message of GOOD NEWS, of HOPE, of ETERNAL LIFE. They rejected His Message and crucified the Son of God. They martyred His apostles and true ministers of the first and second centuries. Then they turned to FABLES and deception, while appropriating the NAME of Christ, and proclaiming to the world that Jesus *was* the Christ! (Mat. 24:5; II Tim. 4:4).

Men have proved they *will not* (except for the very few) voluntarily respond to God's pleading thru WORDS!

God *will not*—CANNOT, without defeating His own purpose—remove the prerogative of free moral agency from man. He WILL NOT *force* men into right ways. But now God *will* PLEAD in a stronger language than soft words. He will PLEAD with humanity to turn to the right ways *in the one language carnal humans seem willing to heed*—PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT!

### Punishment in LOVE!

As any wise and loving father *punishes* his children FOR THEIR OWN GOOD when they refuse to respond to verbal admonition, so an ALL-LOVING GOD will now plead with rebellious humanity with physical FORCE—with PLAGUES!

That time IS AT HAND—coming inside of 25 years! After the first six plagues, administered with increasing severity, shall come the *seven last plagues*—plagues of horrible sores, of blood instead of water to drink, of intense heat from the sun to scorch men, of quakes and terrifying hailstones (Rev. 16).

He will give the world a taste of its own ways—a lesson it will *never* forget. It will be for our own good and for the salvation of the nations.

We read in Hebrews 12:5-6: "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH, AND SCOURGETH EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVETH."

Yes, the plagues are a manifestation of God's *love*! He desires that all nations might come to a knowledge of salvation. He will *plead* with the world to accept the way to peace which the nations have not known.

### It Happened Once Before

When God says He will *plead* with the nations in the only language they understand—physical force—*He isn't fooling!* HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS! It happened once before, and it will happen again!

Understand this! The former plagues fell on Egypt (Exodus, chapters 7 to 12). The last plagues fall on Babylon. You will find this recorded in Revelation, chapters 15 and 16.

The plagues on Egypt were *real*. The seven last plagues will be equally *real*.

Israel, in the days of Moses, dwelt in Egypt. God *pleaded* with the Egyptians to let His people go. He finally delivered the children of Israel after sending ten plagues on Egypt. The purpose for delivering Israel was to make the Old Covenant.

Now notice the remarkable parallel. Israel, today, is in "Babylon." God says: "Come out of her [Babylon], my people"—God is speaking to His people Israel—"that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of *her plagues*. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Rev. 18:4). This is repeated in Isaiah 47:1, 6 and 48:20. Remember that the Jews went *into Babylon*.

Observe what will happen at the *coming exodus*: "As I live, saith the Eternal God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, (the last plagues), will I rule over you: and I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury (last plagues) poured out.

"And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I PLEAD with you face to face. *Like* as I *pleaded* with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of *Egypt*, so will I *plead* with you, saith the Eternal God. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the *covenant*. And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against Me; . . . and ye shall know that I am the Eternal" (Ezek. 20:33-38).

God will again send His *plagues* to cause the nations to release His people Israel. He will punish the rebellious in Israel and bring the remainder into the *new covenant* relationship, described in Jeremiah 31:31-34.

"Behold, the days come, saith the

Eternal, that I will make a *new covenant* with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah."

### What Is Modern "Babylon"?

These prophecies are, however, meaningless unless we understand who "Babylon" and "Israel" are today.

In the book of Daniel we have pictured in chapters 2 and 7 the succession of Gentile governments from that day until now. The entire system is pictured as a great *image* in chapter 2; and as four wild beasts in chapter 7.

The first of the Gentile governments, beginning in Daniel's time, was BABYLON. Thereafter came the vast empire of the Medes and Persians, followed by Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire and its four major divisions. Next came the Roman Empire which lasted until the traditional fall in 476 A.D. That Roman Empire has been revived six successive times, beginning in 554 under Justinian.

God names this whole system after the original BABYLON, from which it descended. "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON, THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus" (Rev. 17:2, 4-6). She is the 20th Century DAUGHTER of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon (Isa. 47:1, 5).

This great system is the source of false doctrine which has made the people of all nations spiritually drunk until they cannot discern truth from error. That is why it will take the supernatural power of God, sending physical plagues to bring the people to their senses! They will understand in no other way!

Now that we have identified the modern Babylon—*soon to rise up once again* as a "United States of Europe"—as the continuous system of Gentile world governments, we need to understand who *Israel* is.

### An Astounding Revelation

Biblical prophecy has probably meant little to you if you have *not* understood who Israel is. You probably have missed the astounding significance that the prophesied catastrophes mentioned throughout the Bible are destined to befall OUR PEOPLE—AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN and the democracies of northwestern Europe!

You NEED to know who Israel is! Write *immediately* for our FREE booklet "THE UNITED STATES AND THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH IN PROPHECY" which *proves* our national identity as the House of Israel! There is no knowledge more astounding or thrilling (Please continue on page 14)

# Millions do not Know What Christ Really Was!

**Shocking tho it is, Millions of sincere believers are deceived by a diabolical deception. ANTICHRIST IS HERE ALREADY! Perhaps YOU have been misled! Was Christ human, or Divine? Read the TRUTH about this vital subject that has puzzled millions. Your very SALVATION depends upon it!**

**by Herbert W. Armstrong**

**R**EAL "Utopia" is just around the corner. God is soon going to intervene in world affairs and SAVE this world from itself.

Prophecy foretells it. World events show it is coming. Many of YOU will see it with your own eyes.

While most people seem to want to scoff at the idea that their Creator has power to intervene in human affairs, nevertheless God's prophetic messages continue to be fulfilled. Now we are swiftly reaching the point where the world's only hope will be the intervention of God to REDEEM misguided humanity from the horrible result of their wrong ways.

God alone has power to SAVE man from the inevitable result of competition, greed, selfishness, and resulting world war. God alone has made it possible for man to be saved from the results of SIN. "For God so LOVED the world, that he GAVE his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Do we realize what a tremendous sacrifice had to be made to redeem us from sin and give us eternal life?

God so LOVED this world that He gave His own Son to save it! God IS love!

Collectively, man is about to reach the end of his rope. He will finally come to realize God's great LOVE when he is supernaturally saved from world suicide. And individually, we need to really understand just HOW God has made it possible for us to be spared from the penalty of our wrong ways.

## Unusual Problem

The problem of just how God ordained that the penalty of human sin be paid is one that has puzzled theologians for generations. In fact, it was the basis for many of the early heresies after the time of the apostles.

This subject requires clear thinking

and a willingness to be corrected and reproved by the Word of God—our only infallible source of information. We must be careful to consider ALL the scriptures on this subject, and realize that one scripture cannot be used to contradict another—for God does not contradict Himself, and as Jesus said, "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

First of all, we need to understand that the reward of sin, the penalty for going the wrong way, is DEATH. God's inspired Word says: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

When Jesus took our sins He paid the penalty we have incurred—not eternal life in hell-fire, but DEATH. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3).

But if Jesus were only human His life would pay the death penalty for only ONE other person. No one human being could save mankind. The full penalty for everyone's sins must be paid!

Yet God alone could not of Himself pay the penalty of man's sins. The penalty is the forfeiting of human life—not animal or any other kind of life. And God, as the source of all life and the One who has life within himself, and is a spirit being, cannot die (John 5:26; II Cor. 4:18).

Therefore it was absolutely necessary that there be One who was both human and divine.

## Christ Was Divine

In order to pay the penalty for your sins and mine, it was necessary that Christ be Divine—that His life be worth all our human lives put together.

Man does not have life inherent within himself. He has only a chemical existence which soon ends. As God told Adam after his sin: "For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Gen.

3:19). Then God drove man out of the garden of Eden, "lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" (Verses 22-24). So we see that Adam had no eternal life whatsoever inherent within himself—and God did not permit him to attain it at that time.

The New Testament also shows clearly that man has no eternal life inherent within himself. One example is this inspired statement of John: "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (I John 3:15).

God alone has and can give eternal life. "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself" (John 5:26). Again we read of Christ: "In him was LIFE; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Paul described Christ as the One "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto" (I Tim. 6:16).

If Christ were only human, He could have saved but one other human, and given eternal life to none. To do this required God—the life and power of the Creator.

## Christ Is Creator

In John 1:1-2, we read that Christ—the Word or Spokesman—was with God the Father in the beginning. "All things were made by him (Christ)" (verse 3). Paul wrote of Christ: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth" (Col. 1:16). Christ is also proved to be the One who did the creating in Hebrews 1:8-10. Christ, the Word, the Divine Spokesman, "spake and it was done."

Therefore Christ's life is the life of the Creator God. Paul called Him "God

our Saviour" (Titus 1:3). Yes, in the person of Christ, the very *Creator* became our *Saviour*!

Christ is our Maker and a member of the Godhead. Therefore, His life which He *gave* for us is of *greater value* than the total of *all* human beings.

In Hebrews 7:1-4, we find a description of the One who "was made like unto the Son of God" and now "abideth a priest continually" (verse 3). The entire book of Hebrews reveals the present office of Christ as our High Priest. This description can fit none other than the One who came in the flesh as Jesus the Christ.

He is described as being, "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life" (verse 3). Hence, we see that He was not the "Son" of God until He was born of the virgin Mary.

Then Christ, the One through whom the Father had created the heavens and the earth, was translated into flesh and born of a human virgin. Matthew writes that Mary "was found with child of the Holy Spirit" (Mat. 1:18).

An angel spoke to Joseph telling him the child was conceived of the Holy Spirit and commanding him: "Thou shalt call his name *Jesus* (meaning *Saviour*): for he shall *save* his people from their sins" (verse 21).

The narrative continues: "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name *Emmanuel*, which being interpreted is, *God with us*" (verse 23).

Here we see that even Jesus Christ's name revealed Him both as *Saviour*, and *God with us*—a *divine* being *with us*, *in the flesh*—to *SAVE* us from our sins.

Only His life—that of the *Creator*—could pay the full penalty of *sin* for all mankind.

### Jesus Was Also Human

In order to pay the penalty of human sin, it was not enough that Jesus was *Divine*. He must also have been *human*.

The *Bible* definition of sin is this: "*Sin is the transgression of the law*" (I John 3:4). God's spiritual law was given to *man*—not the plants, nor the animals, nor the angels. The Ten Commandments govern the relationship between men, and between man and God. The transgression of this law constitutes *sin*. And, as we have seen, the wages, or reward, of sin is *death* (Rom. 6:23). God exacts the forfeiture of *human* life as the penalty for sin.

"For it is not possible that *the blood of bulls and of goats* should take away sin." (Heb. 10:4). It required *HUMAN BLOOD*!

Christ, then, *must* have been *human* in order to pay this penalty.

Paul explains in I Cor. 15:21-22: "For since by *man* (Adam) came *death*, by *man* (Christ) also came the *resurrection* of the dead. For as in Adam all *die*, even so in Christ shall all be made *alive*." Since eternal *LIFE* is made possible only by *MAN'S* resurrection—and the resurrection to eternal life is made possible for all men *only by the resurrection of the ONE MAN—CHRIST*—and since He was resurrected *from the dead*—therefore the *DEATH* of the *ONE MAN*, Jesus Christ, was necessary to pay *MAN'S* penalty.

Adam, the father of the human race, introduced *sin* into the world. And all of us have succumbed to it. It is the *human* race that is under the death penalty for sin—and that penalty *must be paid—BY HUMAN LIFE!*

So since only *God* has power to save and give life—and since only *man* can pay the penalty of sin—the *only possible way* to save mankind was for Yahuweh—the "Lord" or "Eternal" of the Old Testament, the One who executed the creation for God the Father—to come *in the flesh* as a *HUMAN—GOD* become *MAN*—and *die* for the sins of the world.

Only thus could the penalty of *all human sin* be paid by *one man* as *Saviour* of the world. *That* life was the life of our *MAKER*, become *HUMAN*, for the very purpose of death—a life greater than the sum-total of all human lives! *MARVELOUS MYSTERY!*

### Jesus Had HUMAN Nature

God came *in the flesh* as Jesus Christ, lived *without sin*, and thus was able to *die* and pay the full penalty of sin in our stead.

The apostle Paul was inspired to write: "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made *under the law*, to *REDEEM* them that were under the law, that we might receive the sonship" (Gal. 4:4-5). Christ was made of a woman—born of the virgin Mary. He was made "under the law"—His very purpose in coming in the human flesh was to take our sins upon Himself, which would put Him "under the law"—under its *penalty, death*. He did this to *redeem all humanity* which is "under the law"—under the *penalty* of *DEATH*. Jesus was *GOD made mortal human flesh*, "*for the suffering of death*" (Heb. 2:9) — *FOR THAT VERY PURPOSE!*

So Jesus took *human* nature upon Himself and was made subject to *death* in order to be our Saviour. "He also likewise (as the children are partakers of *flesh and blood*) took part of the *same*"—took on *HUMAN NATURE*—became flesh and blood—"that through

*death* he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14).

As Mr. Armstrong fully explained in his article "*Was Jesus Dead?*" which appeared in the June *PLAIN TRUTH*, Jesus was really *DEAD* during the three days and nights His body was in the grave. He who had been one of the personalities in God—was *changed* into flesh so *He could DIE* for our sins.

Paul explains that Christ: "Being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be *EQUAL* with God: *But made himself of no reputation*" — *EMPTIED* Himself of His divine *glory* and *power*—"and took upon him the *form* of a servant, and was *made in the LIKENESS of men* . . . and became obedient unto *DEATH*" (Philip. 2:6-8).

When Christ was in the human flesh, He said: "*I can of mine own self do NOTHING*: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because *I seek not mine own will*, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). Jesus had *emptied* Himself of His divine *glory* and *power*. He plainly said he could of Himself—in His own *human* strength—do *NOTHING*.

In John 14:12, Jesus said: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and *greater works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Here we see that any outside *help* and *power* that Jesus had—coming from God the Father—we may also have, and may accomplish *greater works* through the power of the Holy Spirit which He went to heaven to send.

In living a *perfect life*, in doing great *miracles*, Jesus did *NOT* have any special help from God the Father that we cannot also have.

Christ, one of the beings in the Godhead, had now been *changed* into flesh—still having the *personality* and *will* to do right which distinguished Him as an entity—yet now had become *human*, having *HUMAN NATURE* with all of its *desires, weakness, and lusts*—and subject to *death* just like any other human.

This is a truth about which *millions are DECEIVED!*

### Doctrine of Anti-Christ

The Satan-inspired doctrine that Jesus was *not* human that He did *not* inherit the sinful nature of Adam, that He did *not* have all the normal human passions and weaknesses against which all of us have to struggle—in a word, that Jesus did *not* really come "in the flesh" as a normal human being—*this is the doctrine of the Anti-Christ*. Notice Romans 8:3: "God sending His own Son in the likeness of *sinful flesh*."

"Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come *in the flesh* is *NOT* of God: and *this is that spirit of anti-*

*christ*, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and *even NOW already is it in the world*" (I John 4:3).

Millions are being taught, in one form or another, this deception of Satan the Devil! Some believe that Jesus had a "special" kind of blood in His veins—not containing *human nature* with all its weaknesses. Then there is the belief that *denies* the fact that Jesus inherited *human nature* from His mother, Mary. This theory thwarts the meaning of the many scriptures showing that Christ: Jesus came as the son of *man*—inheriting His *hu-man* nature from a normal, human mother.

Yes, as the scriptures clearly state, this Satan-inspired doctrine of Anti-Christ is "*even NOW*" in the world—and some honest and sincere people are being deceived by it.

### Doctrine Explained

Now, *listen!* The underlying PURPOSE of Satan—the *Adversary*—in formulating the doctrine of Anti-Christ is this: *It is an attempt to deny the fact that a normal man—with HUMAN NATURE—could, with the help of God's Holy Spirit which is now accessible to every man (Acts 10:34-45), live in perfect obedience to the LAW OF GOD as Jesus Christ did.* Again notice WHY Christ came in the likeness of *sinful flesh*: ". . . and, for sin, condemned sin in the flesh"—WHY?—"that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled IN US, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:3-4).

The idea Satan is trying to put across is that it is *impossible* for man to keep the spiritual law of God, and so Jesus came as our Saviour—not "in the flesh" with normal human nature—but through some "special process" so that He could keep the law of God *in our stead!* And therefore we don't have to keep the Spiritual Law. What Christ did *in our stead* was to *die* for us! But His *obedience* was our EXAMPLE!

Those who believe this doctrine seem to *forget* that Jesus obeyed God in *every* way, "leaving us an EXAMPLE, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21-22), that Jesus taught, "IF thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments*" (Mat. 19:17), and that He said of *all mankind*: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but *by every word of God*" (Luke 4:4). We are not only to keep the letter of the law, but to follow it as it is magnified throughout the Bible in "every word of God."

As Jesus explained throughout Matthew 5, we are to DO *and* TEACH even the *least* of the commandments (verse 19), and should go far beyond the scribes and Pharisees by obeying even the *spirit*, and *intent*, of God's great *law of love* as summed up in the ten commandments.

Satan the Devil, through His *false ministers* who *appear* as "ministers of righteousness" (II Cor. 11:13-15), is trying to *deceive* the world into believing in a FALSE CHRIST—a Christ who *did away* with the Father's spiritual law and made it possible for us to inherit eternal life without having to build, with the help of God's Spirit, the kind of holy, righteous CHARACTER which would enable us to *obey* God's eternal, spiritual LAW both now and forever.

### Truth Made Clear

Now that we understand the real *motive* behind the doctrine of Anti-Christ, let us consider a few final scriptures which will clear up the *truth* of this matter once and for all time.

In James 1:13-14, we read: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for GOD CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH EVIL, neither tempteth he any man: *But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*"

How *plain!* How abundantly *clear!* Not having *human nature* with its *passions* and *lusts*, God CANNOT be tempted with evil. And on the contrary, *every* man is tempted of his own *lust*—because every man *does* have *human nature*.

Now turn to Hebrews 2:17-18. Here God shows that Christ is *qualified* to be a *merciful* and *faithful* high priest—"For in that he himself hath suffered *being* TEMPTED, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

Again, in Hebrews 4:15 we read: "For we have not an *high priest* which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but WAS IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED *like as we are, yet without sin.*"

Could *anything* be more CLEAR?

God CANNOT be tempted. Yet Jesus Christ WAS tempted in *all points* like we are. He was HUMAN. He was tempted through the *lusts* of His HUMAN NATURE.

He said: "I can of mine own self do NOTHING" (John 5:30). In the days of fleshly weakness, He cried out to God who was able to save Him from *death* (Heb. 5:7).

In spite of having *human nature* just as we do, with all of its passions and weaknesses, of being "tempted" in *all points* like as we are," He was "yet WITHOUT SIN."

He willingly suffered every human trial, privation, and persecution, "leaving us an EXAMPLE, that ye should follow his steps: Who DID NO SIN, neither was guile found in his mouth" (I Pet. 2:21-22).

### Jesus Kept Commandments

Though having *human nature*, Jesus

*did not sin!* And what is the Bible definition—God's definition—of *sin?* "*Sin is the transgression of THE LAW*" (I John 3:4).

Then Jesus, though having *human nature* obeyed God's LAW. He said, "I have *kept* my Father's commandments" (John 15:10). He instructed: "If thou wilt enter into life, *keep the COMMANDMENTS*" (Mat. 19:17).

So it is not only *possible*—but *obligatory*—that we obey God's spiritual law, the *Ten Commandments*, as they are magnified throughout the Bible. Keeping them in the spirit does NOT mean "spiritualizing" them away, but really *obeying* them as *Jesus set us the example*, thru the power of God's Holy Spirit, which He gives to them that OBEY Him! (Acts 5:32).

By cleverly twisting, distorting, and misapplying scattered scriptures, Satan—operating through his *false ministers* preaching the doctrine of Anti-Christ—has been able to *deceive* nearly all of professing Christianity on this subject.

Peter knew that men would especially try to twist and pervert the writings of Paul in regard to the law of God. He was inspired to write that Paul's epistles contained "some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable *wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction*" (II Peter 3:16).

God does *not* contradict himself, and literally hundreds of plain, clear scriptures teach us to OBEY the commandments of God, the holy, spiritual LAW of God. And your Bible clearly reveals that Jesus—born into the *human flesh* and having *human nature* even as you and I—*kept* His Father's commandments and set us a *perfect example*.

### Exercising Character

The *only difference* between Jesus and any other human is that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit. Therefore He obeyed God's laws *from birth*—and never had to go through the process of *repenting* of going the wrong way, of *unlearning* wrong ideas and habits, and of gradually learning to *exercise His will to do right* continually.

He, who had been God, was now changed *into human flesh* with all its weaknesses and lusts. Nevertheless, He retained in His personality the *determination*, the *WILL to obey God always*.

The *temptation* to do wrong, the *idea* of *sinning* entered Jesus' mind. Yes, it DID occur to Him to disobey God. He WAS tempted in *all points* like we are!

But from birth, Jesus would always *reject* these wrong ideas, these temptations. He said, "Get behind me, Satan!" He WILLED to do right. He went to God the Father for *POWER* to do always right. And, praying for the strength He

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needed through the Holy Spirit, *He always did right.*

But it WASN'T easy! Jesus had exactly the same day-to-day battle with sin that we do.

Jesus needed outside help sorely. And He knew where to get that help. "And in the morning, rising up a *great while before day*, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there PRAYED" (Mark 1:35). When He needed strength to go through the terrible ordeal of the crucifixion, "being in an agony he prayed more EARNESTLY: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44).

Perhaps now we can better understand Paul's inspired statement in Romans 8:3: "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, *God sending his own Son in the likeness of SINFUL flesh*, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

Yes, Jesus had *sinful flesh—human nature*. But by exercising the WILL to always obey God, and by receiving the extra help He needed to *master His fleshly desires*, Jesus *repudiated* the sway of sin in the human flesh and showed that the law of God *could be kept*.

Right here let us understand the scriptures which show that Jesus was *worshipped* while He was yet in the human flesh. In Mat. 2:11, 8:2 and seven other places in the gospels, we find accounts of how men *worshipped* Jesus.

Yet we know that the Bible forbids us to worship another man.

To understand this, we must realize that in Jesus, "God was manifested *in the flesh*" (I Tim. 3:16). Men were permitted to *worship* Jesus because He was the *personality* and *perfect will* of one who was *God*—and He exercised the *character* of God. They were not *worshipping* Jesus as just another *man*, but as the holy, righteous, perfect *character of God* manifested in the flesh.

He *was* GOD—in the human flesh!

## God's Great Purpose

And so by exercising the WILL to obey God, Jesus "condemned sin in the flesh" for what *purpose*?

Here is the real ANSWER to why God had to come in the *human flesh*! Here is the real PURPOSE for the *great SACRIFICE* Christ made in *emptying* Himself of His divine glory and power, and coming to *strive* with sin in the flesh and finally DIE the ignominious death of the cross!

The answer is given in the very next verse of Romans 8. Christ came to condemn sin in the flesh—"That the *righteousness of the LAW might be fulfilled in US*, who walk NOT after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (verse 4).

Christ came *in the flesh* to set us a *perfect example*, then to DIE in payment for our sins and make it possible for us to be reconciled to a holy, righteous God and receive of His Spirit—His very *life and character* implanted within us.

Then He was raised from the dead and ascended to heaven, having now qualified through *human experience* to

be our merciful and faithful high priest—now to *guide* us and *strengthen* us through the Holy Spirit so that we, too, can learn to OBEY God's laws perfectly, can WILL to do right *always*, can develop the holy, spiritual CHARACTER of God—and finally be found worthy to inherit *eternal life* as the *born sons of Almighty God*.

How *great* is God's love in coming into the human flesh to *save* us and make us His own! How *wonderful* is His plan when we really *understand* it!

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## SORRY!

A typographical error completely reversed the meaning of a very important sentence in the June PLAIN TRUTH. Get your June PLAIN TRUTH and correct it *now*. It's on page 4, column 2, the third paragraph from the top. It should read "Jesus Christ was *now* dead!" Reread it so you understand it correctly.

serious controversies, the oracle was consulted. It advised when the nations should use their military strength.

The written records and decisions of the oracle were kept with other official documents in the archives of the various Greek city-states.

Plato is recorded to have written: "All questions of religious detail should be left to the decision of the oracle, as is the usual practice in Greece."

Such has been the *international influence* of spiritism!

### A Counterfeit of Truth

When asked the question, "How does Christianity square with spiritualism?" Margaret Lawrence gives this as her answer:

"I suggest that we take the Bible 'by and large' as a wonderful old record *in general*; but do *not* try and live by every individual word in it . . . The *main outline* . . . is true. But much of the rest should be read with caution—and above all, with the help of common sense *and knowledge*. And this knowledge the study of Spiritualism can give you." (From "What Is this Spiritualism?")

Compare this with what Jesus tells us: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4).

And again, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17).

True *knowledge* comes from God. "The fear of the Eternal is the beginning of knowledge" (Pro. 1:7). The apostle Paul warns us against "the opposition of knowledge *falsely so-called*: which some professing have erred from the faith" (I Tim. 6:20-21).

According to the spiritists, Jesus Christ is not the one true Mediator, but rather in His place is "that gifted class of people called Mediums, who can bring heaven to earth and unite the two worlds in one . . ." (Finlay's *The Rock of Truth*, pp. 297-8).

Spiritism denies that Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh to redeem mankind from sin. It denies that Jesus is the *ONLY* Mediator between God and man. Paul writes that there is "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all" (I Tim. 2:5-6).

### A Substitute for the Bible

Spiritism manifests itself as the one true religion which alone can bring the joys of a millennium to humanity. It masquerades as the final source of truth. Notice how its manifestations are meant

to counterfeit Scriptural Revelation:

Spiritist mediums, both now and in Bible times, claim the power of clairvoyance—the ability to see visions, and the power of clairaudience—the ability to hear what others are unable to hear. As Ezekiel says: "They have seen vanity and LYING divination, saying, The Eternal saith: and the Eternal hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm *the word*" (Ezek. 13:6).

The visions and the voices come to the mediums because *they want to believe* what they think they see and hear. Often spiritist manifestations are the result of the subconscious mental desires, but at other times they are direct manifestations of "spirits." Here is what Jeremiah says: "They speak a vision out of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Eternal" (Jer. 23:16).

What many fail to realize is that the human mind can be influenced by outside forces—for either good or evil. The great question which spiritist mediums are *unable to answer with PROOF* is how they know *which* influence they are yielding to!

Spiritism does not reveal the future in a clear understandable LIGHT as does Bible prophecy inspired of God. Spiritism does *not* reveal the way man ought to live. Instead, the manifestations of spiritism deal with *insignificant* details, with *unusual* and unnatural signs, with *ridiculous* rappings. *Where in Scripture did the true prophets of God use these manifestations to attract attention?*

## WHY—the Seven Last Plagues?

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than recognizing where we are mentioned in Bible prophecy!

Notice, now, what God says He will do for our people—America and Great Britain:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again *the second time* to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea"—Gentile lands throughout the Near East and Africa and the islands or coastlands of the sea—"And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, *and* gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim [Great Britain] shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah [the Jews] shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

### No Genuine Happiness

Look a spiritist medium in the face. SEE her abnormal expression. LOOK at her empty features, her shallow personality. She is not developing her mind. She is letting another power think for her! All mediums admit that they are not fully conscious of what they are saying or doing.

Nearly all at one time or another have recourse to *trickery, fraud, deceit*—though at other times they obtain genuine manifestations which are NOT the result of physical laws known to science. These phenomenal manifestations—including the stigmata, bodily elongation, odour of sanctity, and incorruption of "saints" during the Middle Ages—are *not* limited to spiritism. *They are associated with both Catholic and Protestant religious groups, and also heathen religions. Why?*

What is the power that manifests these strange influences? Are the "spirits" or "guides" of mediums really the spirits of dead men and women who want to communicate with the present world? HOW WILL SPIRITISM INFLUENCE THE NATIONAL DESTINY OF OUR PEOPLE?

What is the real explanation of the magicians of Egypt who withstood Moses? And did Samuel really speak to Saul when Saul presented himself to the medium at Endor? These and other questions will be answered in the next issue of The PLAIN TRUTH in Mr. Armstrong's thrilling article: "*SPIRITISM . . . fraud or fact?*" Don't miss it!

. . ." It shall be "like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt" (Isaiah 11:11-13, 16).

This second exodus will take place only *after* we have been scattered as captives among the Gentiles—*after* the coming revival of the Roman Empire in Europe—modern Babylon—turns upon us and destroys us because of our sins! Our captors will be no more willing to let our people go than the Egyptians were. God will therefore plague our captors till we are freed!

### Not the Zionist Movement

The return of a few Jews to Palestine from Europe and Africa and the Near East is *not* the great second exodus of the House of Israel *and* the House of Judah. The presence of Jews in Palestine is merely to fulfill *other* prophecies that the Jews would be fighting at Jerusalem when Jesus Christ returns.

Here is the prophet Jeremiah's de-

scription of the *coming* exodus: "Behold, I will bring them"—notice that *God* brings His people back; it is not an armed rebellion of Jews against Arabs in Palestine—"I will bring them back from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, where-in they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born" (Jer. 31:8-9).

This is not a description of the Zion-ist movement.

The exodus from Egypt was merely a TYPE of the coming exodus. Here are God's own words:

"Therefore will I cast you out of this land"—out of America and the British Commonwealth—"into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour."

Our people will be serving the Gentiles and their idols AS SLAVES in a different land. This is speaking of the revival of modern Babylon which shall conquer us—a religio-political revival of the Roman Empire (Isa. 47:1, 6).

### Another Exodus Coming

Continuing, "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Eternal, that *it shall no more be said*, The Eternal liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of *Egypt*; But, The Eternal liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither He had driven them: and I will bring them AGAIN into their land that I gave unto their fathers" (Jer. 16:13-15).

There is another exodus coming! The first exodus will be all but forgotten. Its plagues will not compare with the terrible punishments which God *will* visit on this world. The Egyptians have forgotten the lesson their ancestors once learned. But in the coming exodus the Gentiles will NEVER forget. The plagues which God shall send will burn into their minds this all-important lesson. They will REMEMBER for all time that the Eternal God of Heaven *rules* over the nations and that His ways alone lead to peace and happiness and eternal life.

### The Terrible Day of the Lord

America and Great Britain TODAY are in "*Babylon*"—the Babylonish *system*, which has deceived the whole world. And because we are not willing to amend our ways and turn in FULL repentance to our God, He will cause us to

be taken as slaves to the literal place over which modern Babylon rules politically and religiously. That is the only way in which we will learn just how wrong the Babylonish civilization in which we now live really is!

Once we learn our lesson, *in captivity*, God will send His Son to deliver us and to give the Gentiles a taste of their own ways. This time of God's intervention in world affairs is called the "Day of the Lord." It is a time of *punishment!* God is a God of justice as well as of mercy. He will punish the world exactly as one nation has been punishing another.

As this modern Babylon has treated us, so will He treat the Babylonish system. As they will take us captive, so will He send them into captivity *under the Communist beel*. As they will torture us, so will He send them catastrophic punishments of nature—the *seven last plagues!*

"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her" (Rev. 18:8).

The prophet Zephaniah vividly describes this city Babylon which rules over the nations today: "She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Eternal; she drew not near to her God . . . her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law" (Zeph. 3:2, 4).

What happens to this Babylon: "The great day of the Eternal is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Eternal: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of WRATH, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced [defenced] city, and against the high towers. And I," says God, "will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Eternal: and their blood shall be poured out as the dust, and their flesh as the dung"—God punished them as they punished their starving slaves.

"Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Eternal's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy: for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land . . . Seek ye the Eternal all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be HID in the day of the Eternal's anger" (Zeph. 1:14-18 and 2:3).

Yes, there is a WAY of escape—"seek the Eternal while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near: let the

wicked forsake His way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: let him return unto the Eternal, and He will have mercy upon him" (Isa. 55:6-7).

### God's WARNING to America and Britain

Turn now to the 48th chapter of Isaiah. Here is God speaking: "Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel!"—AMERICA and BRITAIN, *listen!*

"All ye, assemble yourselves, and HEAR . . . Thus saith the Eternal, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Eternal thy God which teacheth thee to *profit*, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my COMMANDMENTS! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:"—*keeping God's commandments* is the way to peace, but our people think they know a better way.

"Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me."

But because our people refuse to keep God's laws, He says: "Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans—" we must be *in* Babylon, not in our own lands, because we *flee* from our captors—"with the voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth: say ye, The Eternal hath *redeemed* his servant Jacob. And they thirsted not when He led them through the deserts: He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: He clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out" (Isa. 48:12, 14, 17-21).

This is not referring to the exodus under Moses; *this is the coming exodus under Jesus Christ!*

### A WARNING Before Destruction

God never sends destruction without first sending a warning of impending danger. *What you are now reading is that WARNING!*

*The great denominations refuse to warn the people!* The prophet Jeremiah was inspired to write: "My people hath been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray . . ." (Jer. 50:6).

The shepherds or pastors—the churches—have been responsible for not instructing the people to OBEY God—neither have they given the people warning of the consequences of sin and our national calamity soon to come!

Continuing God's warning: "Thus saith the Eternal of hosts; the children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together: *and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go. Their Redeemer is strong; the Eternal of hosts is His name:*



He shall thoroughly PLEAD their cause, that He may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon" (verses 33 and 34).

America and Britain are to be conquered! But our God will PLEAD our cause, *once we repent*.

He will punish our captors as they punished us. The only *pleading* they will understand is the *physical* punishment of the PLAGUES OF GOD—the *seven last plagues!*—*horrible sores, plagues of blood, intense heat of the sun, blinding darkness, thunder and lightning, devastating earthquakes and terrifying hailstones* (Rev. 16).

These are all *just* punishments: "For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink" (Rev. 16:6).

Now I want you to notice another part of this warning. These terrible plagues will also come upon US unless we forsake this Babylonish system *now!*

Here is the Lord's warning through the apostle Paul: "Wherefore *come out from among them!*"—those who have been deceived by this Babylonish system or civilization—"and *be ye separate*, saith the Lord" (II Cor. 6:17).

Just as national Israel must flee the physical confines of Babylon, so God commands us today to *flee the customs and practices* of this all-engulfing Babylonish society in which we live, and OBEY GOD instead.

Here is what will happen to those who refuse to separate themselves from the false customs of this age and come under God's protection: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting *gospel* to preach to them that dwell on the earth . . . saying . . . Fear God, and give glory to Him; for *the hour of his judgment* is come . . .

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made *all nations* drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Whoever follows this foul, rotten system that permeates the world "*shall* drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out *without mixture* into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb [Christ] . . . Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:6-12).

Notice, God's wrath is unmixed—undiluted—full strength!! God must reveal to the world just *how much* He hates sin. Only those who patiently endure and keep the commandments will escape.

#### NOW Is the Time to Repent

Repentance is one of the most difficult acts which a human being must perform!

NOW is the time to repent and to receive God's protection. YOU have just read what, God warns, will happen if you refuse to repent!

And REMEMBER, *most* people will not repent *when the plagues come!* We read that they still "blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and REPENTED NOT of their deeds" (Rev. 16:11).

Do *you* want to be among these?

God says *you will be* among these if you don't "come out of her"—the customs of this Babylonish system—"that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

God commands me to say to you: "As

I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked *turn from* his ways and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?" (Ezekiel 33:11.)

These words are God's *final appeal* before He sends physical force to punish us. And if we still don't repent while in captivity, then He will send the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES—sores, blood instead of water to drink, scorching from the sun's heat, intense darkness, lightning, earthquakes and hailstones until *all* the wicked are destroyed!

*God means* BUSINESS! He warned the Egyptians. They refused to listen. *The plagues* CAME!

God means what He says *today!* He is warning our people *now*.

Are you going to refuse to listen? Then God WILL send the plagues—far worse punishments than He visited upon the Egyptians, until we learn that His ways are right!

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