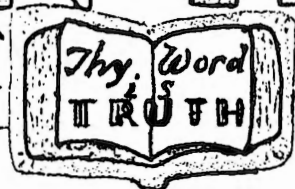


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WHAT IS

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GOD ALONE, is able to foretell the end from the beginning.

Spiritists, astrologers, and mediums, in touch with the demon world of Satan the Devil, may possess knowledge that will amaze and astound. They may make general predictions, so vaguely and indefinitely that people are deceived into believing the things they predicted came true. But only God Almighty is able to foretell infallibly and accurately the future. See Isaiah 41:22-23; 46:9,10.

WHERE WE STAND TODAY

First, let us see just where we stand, TODAY, in the sequence of prophesied events.

We have only recently,---the fall of 1936---come to the end of that prophesied period called "The TIMES OF THE GENTILES."

Jesus told what would occur as these Gentile Times came to their end---and what would then next follow.

Notice His prophecy, recorded in Luke 21:24-25,27:

"And they" (the Jews) "shall fall by the edge of the sword,"---as they did in A.D. 70,---"and shall be led away captive into all nations:"---as they were. "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles UNTIL the Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

The Times of the Gentiles did not begin in any one day. They began over a 19-year period, gradually tapering in. The very beginning of this 19-year coming-in period was December 9th, 604 B.C. On that day King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon sent his armies into the city of Jerusalem, begin-

MOMENTOUS EVENTS are due to shake the world this year.

Where do we stand, TODAY, in the prophesied course of events?

Will there be another WORLD WAR? . . . and what nations will be in it?

ning the original captivity of the Jews.

The Times of the Gentiles lasted 2520 years, as learned from Lev. 26, connected with Dan. 12:7; Rev. 12:6,14; Ezek. 4:4-6; and Num. 14:34. And exactly 2520 years, to the exact DAY---on December 9th, 1917---in exactly the MANNER foretold in Isaiah 31:5, with airplanes flying over, the city of Jerusalem was preserved and delivered unharmed, without the firing of a shot! This one prophecy-fulfillment, alone, is sufficient answer to any atheist of the infallible inspiration of the Bible as the Word of the living God!!

But Nebuchadnezzar did not completely accomplish the downfall of Jerusalem and the Jews until almost 19 years later, the Fall of 585 B.C. And 2520 years later, the Fall of 1936, the Times of the Gentiles came to their final end.

These Times represent a definite period turned over by God to the Gentiles to establish their own Babylonish and pagan civilization upon earth---to PROVE to men by their own experience that these ways which seem right to men---the ways of GET, contrary to God's law of GIVE---cannot make men happy, or bring peace and prosperity to the earth. During this period, God kept "hands off!" He left men FREE to conduct the world's affairs in whatever

way they chose.

But NOW the time for SUPERNATURAL action has come!

So, again, where do we stand today? We have just passed the Times of the Gentiles. We stand today in the very few short years of interregnum between their ending and the Second Coming of Christ!! And it is during this interregnum period that the terrible DAY OF THE LORD shall come---the time of God's judgments upon the world's sins---the time of supernatural signs and horrible plagues---the time of the final collapse of this paganized civilization in the last WORLD WAR!

WHAT FOLLOWS THE GENTILE TIMES?

Jesus told us plainly what shall now follow. In His amazing prophecy recorded in Luke 21:24-25,27, He said:

"And they"---the Jews---"shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles UNTIL the Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." This has occurred.

And then what?

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for FEAR"

And then what next?

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with POWER and great glory."

That prophecy is absolutely CERTAIN. It is not difficult to understand, but so simple a little child can see it. In 70 A.D. the Jews were driven into every nation. Jerusalem was trodden down of the Gentiles UNTIL---yes, UNTIL the very day the Times of the Gentiles BEGAN to end. The Jews are pouring back. The Times of the Gentiles came fully to their end in 1936.

And NOW WHAT? What is now next to occur? World war? No---not quite yet. Another event must come FIRST---the SIGNS IN THE SUN AND THE MOON AND STARS!

We digress just briefly here to explain that the "dark day" of May 19, 1780, and the local New England meteor shower of Nov. 13, 1833, did not fit the description of these prophecies, nor fulfil them---the they undoubtedly were a preliminary forerunner of the far greater world-wide signs now due, and we should heed the warning. These prophesied heavenly signs were not to occur until AFTER the Times of the Gentiles had ended, in 1936. And at the TIME of these signs, will come also the SIGN of the coming of Christ (Mat. 24:29-30) which is explained in Rev. 6:14-16---and this tremendous supernatural occurrence has not yet taken place. Still again, at the time of these miraculous signs the nations were to be in DISTRESS---all nations---men's hearts failing for fear of the future. And that has never happened until just recently. It is the world condition TODAY! So the TIME IS HERE!!

And then, what next? What follows the now soon-coming heavenly signs?

Notice Revelation 6:12-17. Verses 12 and 13 describe these same heavenly signs. Verses 14-16 tell of the SIGN of Christ's soon coming in the heavens, and the frantic terror it will cause to all except true saints. And verse 17 announces the event to follow: "The GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH is come." The DAY OF THE LORD'S WRATH is that period called THE DAY OF THE LORD (compare Zeph. 1:14-15).

Notice, too, what the prophet Joel says: "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the great and terrible DAY OF THE LORD come." (Joel 2:31). The DAY OF THE LORD follows the heavenly signs!

WORLD WAR CAN'T COME UNTIL THE DAY OF THE LORD

And what IS this mysterious "DAY OF THE LORD?" It is not peace, but distress. The time when nations are in distress. The time of world war. The time when God shall send PLAGUES upon all sinners.

Joel says: "Alas for the day! for the DAY OF THE LORD is at hand, and as a destruction FROM THE ALMIGHTY shall it come." (Joel 1:15.) God will send it. So it will involve supernatural occurrences. A time of DESTRUCTION---not peace.

Joel continues: "Blow ye the TRUMPET in Zion, and sound AN ALARM ... for the DAY OF THE LORD COMETH." (Joel 2:1) and he continues to describe WAR.

Notice Zephaniah's description: "The great DAY OF THE LORD is near 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 the TRUMPET and alarm against the fenced cities" (WAR against fortified cities). "And I (God) will bring distress upon men, because they have sinned against the Lord." (Zeph. 1:14-17).

In Revelation 15:1, we find that the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES consummate, and complete, the DAY OF GOD'S WRATH. These horrible plagues are described in the 16th chapter. And the final battle of the world war---at ARMAGEDDON---is fought at the time of the seventh and last of these last plagues. And---at this same time, shall occur ... THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!

DOES THE BIBLE FORETELL A COMING WORLD WAR?

There is the picture of events, from this moment on, IN GENERAL. Now let us fill in a part of the picture.

Does the Bible foretell the particulars of the WORLD WAR we all see soon coming?

Listen:

"Behold the DAY OF THE LORD cometh, and thy spoil" (God is speaking to the city of Jerusalem) "shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather ALL NATIONS against Jerusalem to battle..." World war? ALL NATIONS surely means world war. That of

1914-1918 did not involve ALL nations. It was not fought AGAINST JERUSALEM. The armies did not come in the air as a storm, like a CLOUD to COVER the land, as they will in this coming world war (Ezek. 38: 9,16). They did not fight against Christ AT HIS COMING---as they will this time. No, that was not the WORLD WAR prophesied in the Bible. Yet, in a sense, it was the beginning of it---for that war never really ended. "ARMISTICE" means recess, or temporary cessation, indicating it is to be resumed. And indeed, in this sense, the coming world war will merely resume it.

Let us continue the above prophecy:

"...and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city (Jerusalem) shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city." What nation, or power, will capture HALF of the city of Jerusalem? We shall see, from other prophecies. But THEN what will take place?

"THEN"---and not until then---"shall THE LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives..." (Zech. 14:1-4).

Notice, this WORLD WAR, with ALL NATIONS involved, attacking Jerusalem, half of the city being captured, climaxes in THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. Notice that in THE VERY DAY He comes, He comes all the way to EARTH---to the Mount of Olives, ---coming AS He went, from the very spot to which He shall return. Compare Acts 1:11-12.

So here again we find the same time-order. First, the DAY OF THE LORD. Second, during this period, the WORLD WAR, climaxing with ALL nations in Palestine, and third, the second coming of Christ, at the war's end.

WHICH NATION, OR POWER, SHALL CAPTURE JERUSALEM?

The above prophecy shows world war shall come DURING the DAY OF THE LORD. It shows that in that war HALF of the city of Jerusalem shall be captured.

WHO will capture it?

Turn now to another prophecy picturing, in detail, the Second Coming of Christ---Revelation 19. Verses 11-18 describe the coming of Christ, as King of kings, and Lord of lords, to RULE THE NATIONS and restore peace and happiness.

Then, as He comes, this final battle is described, in verses 19-20:

"And I saw THE BEAST, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse" --(Christ)-- ". . .and THE BEAST was taken, and with him THE FALSE PROPHET. . . These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

So here, in Palestine, at the head of the kings of the earth, and their armies, is one called by the symbol, "THE BEAST." Also associated with him is a

great apostate religious leader, called "THE FALSE PROPHET."

Who is "THE BEAST?"

This "BEAST" is pictured again in Rev. 13, and Revelation 17. But the Bible interpretation of the symbol "BEAST" is found in the 7th chapter of Daniel, where it is declared in plain language that a "BEAST" is a KING (verse 17), or the KINGDOM which he rules (Verses 23,24, 27).

In Revelation 17, this "BEAST" is associated also with a great fallen church. The false church is called by the foul name "whore." (Verse 1). She is a GREAT church, not a small one. She rules MANY NATIONS, speaking different languages, (Verses 1,15). She is called by the name of a great city (verse 18), having seven mountains (verse 9). She has had a kingdom OVER the civil kings of the earth, (verses 18,2). The ONLY great church which has dominated many nations, ruled the state governments, called by the name of a great city having seven hills or mountains, ---is ROME! The Roman Catholic Church!

The "BEAST" which she "rode" is especially described in verses 8, 11-14:

"The BEAST which thou sawest was, and is not;---the ROMAN EMPIRE surely was, and is not today. But,---"and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit."---shall COME TO LIFE ONCE AGAIN! Since he came to power, the one sole purpose of Mussolini has been to revive the old ROMAN EMPIRE to its ancient POWER and glory! That is the sole Fascist aim!

Mussolini's soon-appearing re-born ROMAN EMPIRE is the "BEAST" power, and MUSSOLINI UNDOUBTEDLY IS THE "BEAST"!!

All students of prophecy are AGREED that this "BEAST" is the ROMAN EMPIRE. Even the Roman Catholics admit it! Look at the footnote, bottom of the page of Revelation, or Apocalypse, 17, in their official "Deuay" translation of the Bible, and there you will find it explained and admitted.

HOW MUSSOLINI WILL DO IT

But Mussolini will not be able, alone, to conquer all the territory of the ancient Roman Empire. It completely surrounded the Mediterranean, and to revive the Empire, Mussolini must wrest the Mediterranean from Great Britain. But it is the very LIFE-LINE of the British Empire, and would mean the death of the British Commonwealth! Britain will never sacrifice one vital inch in the Mediterranean, or its strategic seagates, without WAR. And Mussolini, alone, could never whip Britain---with France as an ally, and the U.S. certain to be brought in!

No, Mussolini, alone, will be unable to bring about his dream. But Mussolini is shrewd, clever, far-seeing. He will FIND A WAY---and this 17th chapter of Revelation foretells just what that way must be!

Surely nothing could be more thrilling! Notice how it finally will be accomp-

lished. The "ten horns" on this "BEAST"--- which are a PART of the "beast" itself--- give the answer, found in verse 12:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are" ... these ten horns are WHAT? The interpretation is in plain language ... "TEN KINGS, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

TEN DICTATORS! And what will these ten European Dictators be induced to do?

"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." (Verse 13). What is their "POWER", and "STRENGTH?" It is their ARMIES, their NAVIES, their AIR FORCES! The armed forces of TEN EUROPEAN DICTATOR NATIONS SHALL BE GIVEN OVER TO THE ROMAN RULER!

So, when Mussolini sees, as he already must see, that he cannot conquer the Mediterranean Sea, with its surrounding territory, the reviving the Roman Empire, ALONE---he will so manipulate political affairs that a union will be made with ten other dictator nations! They will be welded together! Remember the "ten horns" are all PART of the "BEAST" which is the revived Roman Empire! They become PART of the Empire! All their vast armies, navies, and air forces welded together in ONE---all under ONE HEAD---all given to the ruler at ROME!

Many have thought Hitler is proving to be the number one man in Europe. We fear many will be surprised, when the more resourceful and astute politician, Mussolini, emerges finally as number one man over all!

MUSSOLINI WILL FIGHT CHRIST!

But is Mussolini the "BEAST" who, with the "kings of the earth, and their armies," (Rev. 19:19), war against Christ at His Second Coming, as described in Revelation 19? Notice the next verse, in Rev. 17:

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords and King of kings." (Verse 14). Compare with Rev. 19:16. Compare His overcoming them, with their fate in Rev. 19:20! Certainly these texts describe the same power. Undoubtedly, then, the "BEAST" who will capture half the city of Jerusalem, fighting at Armageddon against Christ at His Second Coming, is MUSSOLINI, with ten European Dictators, and their armies! It is coming in THIS GENERATION! It is NEAR---even at the very doors!

For further identification, let us look now at the only passage in all the Bible where the word "ARMAGEDDON" is mentioned. It is Rev. 16:13-16:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, (the Devil---Rev. 12:9, and 20:2) and out of the mouth of the BEAST (Mussolini), and out of the mouth of the FALSE PROPHET (the pope). For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles," (look out for these miracles!) "which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. . . And they gathered

them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue ARMAGEDDON."

The Hebrew word actually is "Har-Megiddo." The "H" is not sounded, in the Hebrew, in pronouncing. The prefix "Har" means "fortified." Megiddo is A PLACE---see Scripture quoted above. It is 70 miles north-west of Jerusalem, in the Valley of Jezreel. Its port is Haiffa. A few years ago, Britain fortified Haiffa at cost of many millions of dollars.

MEGIDDO IS NOW FORTIFIED---therefore it finally has become HAR-MEGIDDO, or Armageddon! The stage is set, and ready! Soon the "kings of the earth, and their armies" will be gathered there in the final battle of world war!

But, some ask, is this battle at Armageddon to be fought before, or after the thousand year-reign with Christ? Notice the time-setting. It is between the sixth and seventh of the seven last plagues. It is at the very TIME of the Second Coming, for these kings and their armies fight AGAINST CHRIST. Most certainly it is BEFORE the millennium, AT THE SECOND COMING!

MUSSOLINI WILL TAKE EGYPT!

This same modern Roman kingdom is described in the 11th chapter of Daniel. The "king of the north" thru the early portion of this longest prophecy in the Bible is always the king of Syria, one of the four divisions of Alexander's Grecian Empire. The "king of the south" was Egypt. But in the ancient days Ethiopia was a PART of Egypt, and the ONLY part that remained independent until our time.

The prophecy covers in detail the events of these rival kingdoms which alternately possessed Palestine, until verse 31, which took place in 168 B.C.---Antiochus Epiphanes being then the "king of the north."

From that time the prophecy carries on thru the first coming of Christ---verse 33---the "king of the north" now being the power which ruled Syria and Palestine, or ROME, which conquered and took over this territory. It also took over the northern part of Egypt---all but Ethiopia---and so Ethiopia becomes all that is left of "the king of the south."

Verse 40 comes to "the time of the end"---our day. King Menelek of Ethiopia pushed at Italy in Eretrea in 1895, slaughtering the Italian forces. Then, in 1935, as we foretold to our radio audience beforehand, Mussolini, now King of the north, went against Ethiopia like a whirlwind---in the air, overflowed that land, PASSING OVER!

Now what shall Mussolini do next?

Notice verse 41: "He shall enter also into the GLORIOUS LAND" (PALESTINE), "and many countries shall be overthrown: . . . and THE LAND OF EGYPT SHALL NOT ESCAPE." (verse 42).

Great Britain now has Egypt. WHY does Mussolini want it? WHY is he stirring up strife in Palestine between Arabs and Jews? BECAUSE HE MUST TAKE THE SUEZ CANAL, IN OR-

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2nd, the Suez Canal, entrance at the EAST; 3rd, Djibouti, the gate at the SOUTH, at entrance to the Red Sea from the Gulf of Aden. The fourth strategical point is Tunisia, at which point, in the very center of the Mediterranean, it narrows almost into a pass between Tunisia and the Italian island of Sicily.

Mussolini is planning and plotting to take every one of these strategical points!

In the February number of The PLAIN TRUTH we hope to continue this particular phase of the situation, showing with a map, just WHY Mussolini first took Ethiopia, then backed Franco in the Spanish conflict, is now demanding Suez, Djibouti, and Tunisia, stirring up strife between Jews and Arabs in Palestine, as disclosed in the December PLAIN TRUTH.

SOVIET RUSSIA ENTERS IN

But to continue the prophecy in the 11th chapter of Daniel. The 43rd verse says the Libyans and Ethiopians shall be at his steps---and they are already, proving again that Mussolini is today the "king of the north."

Verse 44 shows that, after taking Egypt and at least part of Palestine, closing or controlling the Suez Canal, NEWS FROM THE EAST AND THE NORTH shall trouble him. This refers to Russia, Japan and China. The events it involves are described in the 38th chapter of Ezekiel. There Russia, under the name of "Gog"---a godless atheist nation---is depicted coming against Palestine with the most vast manpower ever assembled on the armed battlefields of all history. There Russia is shown allied with MANY allies, including the descendants of Japheth, father of the YELLOW races---China and Japan today.

Today Japan is Fascist, allied with Italy and Germany. Japan is winning in China, yet almost at the END of her limited resources. It takes FOOD to feed an army, money to produce armaments and ammunition. Japan is economically weak, and tho winning, it is a question of how much longer she can hold out. Russia knows this. Russia has ONE MILLION SOVIET TROOPS, at this very minute, on the Manchukuan border. Communist propaganda has already turned millions of Chinese to Communism. At the right moment, Russia will strike, when Japan is too weak to resist. Then either she will conquer Japan, or ally with her, and take over the vast manpower of China! No wonder this news will trouble Mussolini. Then Russia and her yellow hordes, believing the Fascist Dictatorships and the Democracies already have exhausted themselves in war, will come into the fray, and ALL NATIONS will be in it!

The final battle will be at ARMAGEDDON! Mussolini will have 35 million men in the field. But Russia will vastly outnumber him! And WE will find ourselves facing annihilation! In desperation, we will finally drop to our knees, and as a NATION appeal to God (Joel 2). And THEN and then ONLY shall we be saved!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We had intended including two more articles in this issue---one showing the aims of Hitler and Mussolini in more detail, with a MAP illustrating WHY Mussolini went into Ethiopia, the Spanish war, the Arab uprising---why he is interested in Tunisia and Suez. Due to the fact that, since page 1 was printed, more requests have come in than we can supply---most of them requesting this map---and also due to the fact we have been delayed until this January number must be completed and mailed out in February---we are shortening this issue, and holding out this other very interesting material, with the map, until the next issue, so all can have it. YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS IN THE NEXT NUMBER.

What is PROPHESED
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DER TO CONTROL THE MEDITERRANEAN. And this is absolutely necessary in order to re-establish the Roman Empire!

Notice how shrewdly Mussolini has planned for years. There are three VITAL gates, and a fourth strategical point, in the Mediterranean. The vital gates are, 1st, Gibraltar, the entrance at the West.