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Democracy's FATE in Prophecy!

LET'S try to clear the picture. Since war came to us, most Americans have been groping in confusion. We read, we hear, disjointed news dispatches. We get a *part* of the picture at a time. But we usually fail to grasp the true connection to the whole.

What is the **WHOLE** picture? Let's try to get our perspective.

The truth is, America today is fighting for its life in a war that is *world-wide*. We woke up on the morning of December 7th to find ourselves plunged suddenly into a two-ocean war, with our one-ocean Navy reduced to secondary strength even before we heard the astounding news.

Who Is Number One Enemy?

Ever since our eyes have been centered mostly on the Pacific. But let us get our bearings. Who is our number one enemy—Japan, or Hitler with whom the United States also is at war?

Few seem to realize that a Japan in control of all Asia, the mighty base of Singapore, the South Pacific including Australia, and probably India, might prove a harder enemy to dislodge and finally beat to submission than a Hitler in possession of all Europe. There is the probability that Hitler's new Europe, in time, will disintegrate from within. But if China, cut off from supplies from the United States, is forced to give up the fight, we might find that the long-expected war between the Oriental and Occidental races has materialized, with Japan in possession of more than half of the entire world population!

And we might as well understand at the outset that it will take a minimum of one

SIX Mighty
Fortresses hold the fate of
Democracy and the world.

Read what is prophesied
about them.

Here is an amazing analysis
of the war at the moment—and
what now lies ahead, according
to BIBLE PROPHECY.

It will give you UNDER-
STANDING of this war.

or two years to wrest back the Pacific territory Japan has taken in a few weeks.

Japan may well prove to be the enemy of *first* importance to us on the Pacific Coast. For *invasion may come to us this year!* More, later, about that.

But we are inclined to believe, based upon prophecy, that Hitler remains the number one enemy of Democracy—that the final and really big battles will be fought in the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and in Europe.

America Does Not Realize

Our people do not yet grasp the true situation. We do not seem to realize our peril. Overconfidence, and its resulting semi-indifference, is our greatest danger.

America has never taken a licking. The United States has won every war. We have grown rich—and soft. But we do not know that we are soft.

We are overconscious of our great wealth—our vast resources—our potential power. We have come to feel superior. We take it for granted it is our divine destiny to win. Defeat never enters our minds. We have been inclined to say, contemptuously, "Why we can lick those slant-eyed Japs in six weeks, and then turn around and lick Hitler in six months." Indeed, reports have circulated that the Navy had assured the president that the fleet would conquer Japan in six weeks.

It has been quite a little more than six weeks since Pearl Harbor—and let us frankly examine what happened.

What Has Happened

The first week of the war in the Pacific, we lost two battles, neither of which should have been lost—Pearl Harbor, and the naval engagement in which Britain's two Pacific battle-ships, the Prince of Wales and the Repulse, were sunk. That week we learned—or should have learned, that sea power without air power to *control* the air overhead, is not power at all.

The second week we lost Guam. The third week Hong Kong fell and Wake was taken by the Japs. This left us without a base from which to attack Japan closer than

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Pearl Harbor or Singapore—much too far away for effective action.

The fourth week, MacArthur's men fighting a desperate defensive battle in the Philippines, Jap hordes marched into the capital city of Manila, while other superior Jap forces advanced in Malaya toward Singapore. The fifth and sixth weeks saw our men retreat still more and more in the Philippines, the Japs advancing steadily through the Malayan jungle toward Singapore, and Jap landings in the Dutch East Indies.

That is the way we licked the despised Japs in just six weeks!

And of course you know what happened since.

What was wrong?

The answer may be summed up in the words of a British "Tommy" fighting in the torrid Malayan jungle.

"I always said," was his comment, "that one Englishman can lick ten Japs any day. But unfortunately, there are ELEVEN Japs for each Englishman in this battle."

Facing the Plain Truth

True, all these cumulative defeats caused our people some anger. Yet they have been taken in America with relative complacency. Even yet our people do not seem to fully realize we are up against the real thing. It does not yet seem to sink through to our American consciousness that, as stated in the first-page headline of the September-October PLAIN TRUTH, "America stands in Mortal DANGER, Now!"

We have grossly underestimated the Japs. We have taken too much for granted. We have been so occupied assuming we could lick the whole world, if need be, that we have neglected to PREPARE for the job. So we were caught flat-footed—unprepared! We have suffered the consequences of horse-and-buggy-day planning by the old-school heads of the Navy. And never in all history have two nations been so thoroughly prepared as are the Germans and the Japs today.

While we have been meeting these stinging reverses in the Pacific, we have listened optimistically to exaggerated news stories coming out of Russia, and somehow formed the idea that the Russians have chased Hitler clear out of Russia and are now about to take Berlin from disorganized, and terror-stricken Germans. But if you will look at a map and the facts, you will see that the Russians have retaken exactly TEN PERCENT—and *no more*—of their own territory. The Germans have merely fallen back a slight distance for the winter, where they are preparing for the Spring offensive in which they plan to conquer all Russia.

The Hitler propaganda machine saw to it that confidential news happened to leak out of Germany to the effect that the German army was crumbling—Hitler about to be thrown over, and a peace satisfactory to the Democracies made by the German generals. Then Herr Goebells suddenly heard

of these rumors, and indignantly denied them. And America—or part of the American public—fell for the German trick, and was lulled into further overconfidence, believing Hitler was about to collapse!

But the plain truth we published even before the war began: "America Stands in Mortal DANGER. Now!" It is time we faced the facts.

Six Vital Fortress-Gates

But now to view the WHOLE picture of this war—the objectives, the strategy, the situation at the moment, the prophecy of the future.

The MANY battles being fought around the world fall into a single scheme.

The Democracies have a DEFENSE-LINE. It circles the globe, and hinges on SIX great and vital fortresses. They are ALL-important.

The six fortress-gates are: The British Isles, Gibraltar, Suez Canal, Singapore, Pearl Harbor, the Panama Canal.

On these six vital fortresses rests the fate of Democracy upon earth!

On these six strategic bases lies the ability of the Democracies to help each other—to unify their efforts. They are the GATES through which all world traffic must flow, whether in peace-time or in war. They are the CONNECTING LINKS which alone can prevent the Democracy nations from being severed, cut off from one another and from unified action together. They are the key points to allied mobility. All the war effort must swing from them, and pivot on them. They are the great bases necessary both for defense, and for later ATTACK. They are the spring-boards from which any attack upon the enemy must be made. They are actually the GATES of our enemy nations.

The Central Grand Strategy of Each Side

And that is exactly the CRUX of the central grand strategy of each side in this war!

Remember, the Axis nations are the "Have-nots,"—we are the "Haves." Britain and America together possess more than two-thirds of all the earth's wealth, resources, raw materials. That is the underlying CAUSE of the war. The Axis powers are bandit cut throats now ganging up on us, attempting to take away from us this vast wealth.

So the Axis over-all OBJECTIVE is to gain the raw materials they lack and must have to continue, and to win.

Not yet equipped or prepared to take the offensive, the over-all OBJECTIVE of the Democracies must be a defensive war of attrition—a delaying action—an effort to prevent the Axis from acquiring additional sources of supply—especially oil—thus starving them into collapse, or weakening them for the day when the Democracies are able to launch an offensive knock-out blow against weakened and economically starved

foes. That time, incidentally, cannot arrive before 1943; perhaps 1944!

But the Axis STRATEGY, or method for accomplishing their objective, has been—and still is—to divide the enemy nations, keep them separated, prevent unified action or command, and to fight on one front at a time.

To illustrate: Joe Louis is the prize-fight champion of the world. One by one he has met and defeated 21 other fighters, each rated, at the time, as the best man in the world to oppose him. But if these fighters had combined forces, all twenty-one attacking Louis at once, you can imagine what a different story would have been written.

Hitler's strategy has been to meet only one nation at a time, starting with the weaker nations, saving the strongest for the last. Thus he has been able to crush smaller nations, one by one, with overwhelming superior force. Each victory adds resources and power to German arms. If Hitler is allowed to carry this policy to its logical conclusion, he can eventually conquer the world!

Why Churchill Flew to America

But now the Democracies think they are finding a way to stop Hitler and win the war. That way is the way of UNIFIED ACTION. The Democracies propose to prevent any further division—to force Hitler and Japan to fight a unified democratic defense—to fight ALL the Democracies, under unified command, at once.

This strategy of UNITY was first proposed, *not* by Winston Churchill nor by President Roosevelt, but by the very first victim of Axis aggression, Chiang Kai-Shek in Chungking, China. He proposed it just a few days after "Pearl Harbor."

And so you can well understand the dramatic flight of Britain's Prime Minister to Washington. As a result of the labors of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt together, complete unity of action is planned and operating. Twenty-six nations signed up for it before Mr. Churchill left Washington. The unified high command for every front, for every department of the war, has been appointed.

Axis strategy, to counteract and nullify this new unified action, is now to crash through and take one, two, or more of these giant fortress bases. For the success of this new supreme strategy of the Democracies must hinge on their ability to hold intact these six vital links in their world-chain of defense and attack.

By breaking any two adjoining links in this world-spanning protective chain, the Axis could sever allied unification—virtually cut the Democracies in two!

Yet Pearl Harbor has been crippled, and Singapore has been taken!

The week Singapore fell was the blackest week of this century for us! Not since the darkest hours of 1864 has the fate of the nation hung so perilously in the bal-

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Does EASTER Really Commemorate the RESURRECTION?

IT is commonly supposed, today, Jesus was crucified on FRIDAY, and that the resurrection occurred about sunrise on Easter Sunday morning.

It would seem that no one, until recently, ever thought to question or to PROVE this "Good-Friday-Easter" tradition. Yet the Bible tells us to PROVE all things.

For PROOF there is but one dependable authority; a sole historical record — the Bible.

Tradition No Evidence

There were no eye-witnesses to the resurrection. Even so-called "apostolic fathers" had no source of information save that record which is today available to us. Tradition, then, must be dismissed.

What are the recorded facts?

The doubting Pharisees were asking Jesus for a SIGN—a supernatural evidence—in proof of His Messiahship.

Jesus answered: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS in the heart of the earth." (Mat. 12:38-40).

Now consider, please, the tremendous import—the overwhelming significance—of Jesus' statement!

He expressly declared that the ONLY SIGN He would give to prove He was the Messiah was that He should be just THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS in the rock-hewn sepulchre in "the heart of the earth."

The Significance of the Sign

These Christ-rejecting Pharisees demanded PROOF. Jesus offered but one evidence. That evidence was not the fact of the resurrection itself—it was the LENGTH OF TIME He would repose in His grave, before being resurrected.

Think what this means! Jesus staked His Claim to being your Saviour and mine upon remaining exactly THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS in the tomb. IF He remained just three days and three nights inside the earth, He would PROVE Himself the Saviour—if He failed in this sign, He must be rejected as an imposter!

No wonder Satan has caused unbelievers to scoff at the story of Jonah and the "Whale!" No wonder the Devil has set up

WAS Jesus three days and three nights in the grave, as He said in Matthew 12:40?

Can you figure this between sunset "Good Friday" and sunrise Easter Sunday?

Here is an astonishing Bible TRUTH!

a tradition that DENIES Jesus is the Messiah!

The Dilemma of the Higher Critics

This one and only supernatural PROOF ever given by Jesus for His Messiahship has greatly bothered the commentators and the higher critics. Their attempts to explain away this sole proof for Christ's divinity are ludicrous in the extreme. For explain them away they must, or their "Good-Friday Easter tradition collapses!

One commentator says of course we know that Jesus was actually in the tomb only half as long as He thought He would be! Some expositors impose upon our credulity to the extent of asking us to believe that "in the GREEK language, in which the New Testament was written, the expression 'three days and three nights' means three PERIODS, either of day or of night!" Jesus, they say, was placed in the tomb shortly before sunset FRIDAY, and rose at Sunrise Sunday morning—two nights and one day.

The BIBLE Definition

But the BIBLE definition of the duration of "nights and days" is simple.

Even these same higher critics admit that in the HEBREW language, in which the book of Jonah was written, the expression "three days and three nights" means a period of 72 hours—three twelve-hour days and three twelve-hour nights.

Notice Jonah 1:17: "And Jonah was in the belly of the fish THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS." This, they admit was a period of 72 hours. And Jesus distinctly said that AS Jonah was three days and three nights in the great fish's belly, SO He would be the same length of time in His grave!

As Jonah was in the "GRAVE" (see marginal reference, Jonah 2:2) 72 hours, after which he was supernaturally resurrected by God, by being vomited up, to become a saviour to the people of Nineveh upon proclaiming the warning to them, so should Jesus be 72 hours in His grave, thereupon being resurrected by God to become the saviour of the world!

Did Jesus know how much time was in a day" and in a "night"? Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day—but if a man walk in the NIGHT, he stumbleth." (John 11:9-10).

Notice the BIBLE DEFINITION of the expression, "THE THIRD DAY." Text after text tells us that Jesus rose THE THIRD DAY. See how the BIBLE defines the time required to fulfill "THE THIRD DAY."

In Genesis 1:4 God "divided the LIGHT from the DARKNESS, and God called the the LIGHT Day, and the DARKNESS He called Night. And the evening (darkness) and the morning (light) were THE FIRST DAY . . . and the evening (darkness) and the morning (light) were THE SECOND DAY, . . . and the evening (now three periods of darkness called NIGHT—three nights) and the morning (now three periods of light called DAY—three days) were THE THIRD DAY" (Gen. 1:4-13).

Here we have the ONLY BIBLE DEFINITION which explains and COUNTS UP the amount of time involved in the expression "THE THIRD DAY." It includes three dark periods called NIGHT, and three light periods called DAY—three days and three nights, and Jesus said they contained TWELVE HOURS for each period—a total of 72 hours!

That ought to be conclusive! Any seven-year old, near the end of the second grade, could figure it easily. We praise God that His plain truths are revealed UNTO BABES, and hidden from the wise and prudent!

What Is Wrong?

What is wrong with these plain, simple words of Jesus? How do the wise and prudent theologians KNOW Jesus was crucified "Good Friday" and rose "Easter Sunday"?

The simple answer is THEY DO NOT KNOW IT—for IT IS NOT TRUE! It is merely TRADITION—a tradition we
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TO OUR READERS: There was no January-February issue of the PLAIN TRUTH. This is the first number since the September-October issue.

A Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

In this column, written just for true believers, I wrote in the September-October number of the terrible persecution—even martyrdom—that impends for God's really converted people.

In Revelation 6:9-11 we are told that the plagues of God's judgment on "Babylon" will not be poured out *until* the fellow-servants of those middle-age martyrs shall have been killed *as they were!*

The very next prophesied event now to occur, according to Jesus' Olivet prophecy, is that "they shall deliver you (true Christians) up to be afflicted, and shall kill you." (Mat. 24:3-9).

But, the prophecy of Revelation 12 shows that, as many of the saints known in history as "the Waldenses" fled to a place of safety, to a mountain wilderness completely beyond the bounds of the Roman Empire, to escape the middle-age persecution when millions were martyred for their faith, so also are many of God's people to be taken *now, SOON*, to a place of escape and protection.

Those who escape the frightful persecution to come will be those who heed Jesus' prophetic warning: "*Watch ye, therefore, and PRAY ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape ALL these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*" (Luke 21:36).

This prophecy shows it is those who "keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ," (Rev. 12:17), some of whom shall be taken to a place of divine protection, and some of whom shall be killed in religious martyrdom.

But *where* shall those who escape flee for refuge—WHERE? And HOW shall they go? and *when*? These questions only those who are praying earnestly, sincerely, constantly, *without ceasing*, fully surrendered to God—and WATCHING!—shall be able to answer. Will you be in that number?

We may be sure that God will reveal the place in some prophecy which was to be closed and sealed until this "time of the END,"—a prophecy now to be opened clearly to those thoroughly consecrated and close to God through prayer, but which no unconverted mind will understand.

Some of us believe we are beginning to receive rays of light on this vital subject. Light on the PLACE we shall go—HOW we shall get there, as revealed in these marvelous prophecies. When God removes those accounted worthy to *escape*, there shall come a time of FAMINE—not of bread, but of hearing the words of the Eternal! Then men shall travel from one end of the continent to the other seeking the Word of God, but they shall not find it!

We have it, now! Do we value it? Are we grateful? Do we study, reverence, OBEY it? In the meantime, God has a great work for us to do. "This Gospel of the KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness, . . . and then shall the end come." *Yes, we have WORK to do!*

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Does EASTER Commemorate the Resurrection

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have been taught from childhood and carelessly ASSUMED! Jesus warned us against making "the Word of God of none effect through your TRADITION. (Mark 7:13).

We have examined two scriptural witnesses, in Matthew and in Jonah, both setting the duration of the body of Jesus in the tomb as three days and three nights, which the Scriptures plainly define as 72 hours of time. Now let us examine four other Scriptural witnesses that PROVE THE SAME THING.

Notice Mark 8:31. "And He began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and AFTER three days rise again."

Our young second grader can figure this. IF Jesus had been killed on Friday, and then AFTER one day He had risen, the resurrection would have occurred on Saturday evening. IF AFTER TWO DAYS, it would have occurred Sunday evening, and if AFTER THREE DAYS, it would have occurred MONDAY EVENING!

Examine this text carefully. You cannot, by any process of arithmetic, figure any less than a full 72 hours—three days and three nights—in a resurrection which occurred three days AFTER the crucifixion! If Jesus was in the grave only from Friday sunset to Sunday sunrise, then this text too, must be torn out of your Bible or else you must reject Jesus Christ as your Saviour! If He rose AFTER THREE DAYS, it might have been MORE than 72 hours, but it could not have been a second less!

Notice now Mark 9:31. ". . . they shall kill him; and AFTER that he is killed he shall rise THE THIRD DAY." The duration expressed here must be between 48 and 72 hours. It could not be one second PAST 72 hours, and Jesus still rise THE THIRD DAY." And it could not be Friday sunset to Sunday sunrise, because that is only 36 hours, carrying us into the middle of the second day, AFTER He was killed,

In Matthew 27:63 Jesus is quoted as saying "AFTER THREE DAYS I will rise again." This cannot possibly be figured as less than 72 full hours.

And in John 2:18-22, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and IN three days I will raise it up . . . but He spake of the temple of His body." To be raised up IN three days after being destroyed, or crucified, could not possibly be in a day and a half—it could not be less than 72 hours.

If we are to accept *all* the testimony of THE BIBLE, we must conclude that Jesus was exactly three days and three nights—three full 24-hour days—72 hours in the grave or the only supernatural proof He gave must fail.

The TIME OF DAY of Resurrection

Now notice carefully this fact: In order to be three days and three nights—72 hours—in the tomb, *our Lord had to be resurrected at exactly THE SAME TIME OF DAY* that His body was buried in the tomb!

Let us realize that very vital fact,

If we can find the *TIME OF DAY* of the burial, then we have found the *TIME OF DAY* of the resurrection! *IF* the burial, for instance, was at sunrise, then in order to be left an even three days and three nights in the tomb the resurrection likewise had to occur at sunrise, three days later. *IF* the burial was at noon, the resurrection was at noon. If the burial was at sunset, the resurrection was at sunset, three days later.

Jesus died on the cross soon after "the ninth hour" or three o'clock in the afternoon. (Mat. 27:46-50; Mark 15:34-37; Luke 23:44-46)

The crucifixion day was called "the preparation," or day before "the sabbath." (Mat. 27:62; Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:24). This day ended at sunset, according to Bible reckoning (Lev 23:32).

Yet Jesus was buried before this same day ended—before sunset. (Mat. 27:57; Luke 23:52-54). John adds "There laid they Jesus, therefore, *because* of the Jews preparation day." According to the laws observed by the Jews all dead bodies must be buried before the beginning of a Sabbath or feast day. Hence Jesus was buried **BEFORE SUNSET** on the same day he died. He died shortly after 3 p. m.

Therefore—*notice carefully!*—the **BURIAL OF CHRIST'S BODY WAS IN THE LATE AFTERNOON!** It was between 3 p. m. and sunset as these Scriptures prove.

And since the **RESURRECTION** had to occur at the **SAME TIME OF DAY**, three days later, **THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST OCCURRED, not at sunrise but IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, near sunset!** Startling as this fact may be, it is the **PLAIN BIBLE TRUTH!**

If Jesus rose at any other time of day, He could not have been three days and three nights in His grave. If He rose at any other time of day, He failed to prove, by the only sign He gave that He was the true Messiah, the Son of the living Creator! Either He rose near the **END** of a day near sunset, or else He is not the Christ!!! He staked His claim on that one and only sign!

So a time-honored tradition must be shattered! Let us praise God for His **TRUTH** which has been preserved through the dark ages, so that the true light may now shine forth, if our hearts and minds are still willing to receive it! Praise His name! Do you **LOVE** the **TRUTH** as it is revealed, or despise it and love the traditions you have heard? "Whosoever despiseth the Word shall be destroyed!" Let us say with David, "How precious also are **THY** thoughts unto me, O God!

What Day Was the Resurrection?

Now which **DAY OF THE WEEK** was the resurrection day?

The first investigators, Mary Magdalene and her companions, came to the sepulchre on the first day of the week (Sunday) very early, while it was yet dark, as the sun was beginning to rise, at dawn. (Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1).

Now here are the texts most people have **SUPPOSED** stated the resurrection was at sunrise Sunday morning. But they do not say that!

When the women arrived, the tomb was already **OPEN!** At that time Sunday morning—while it was yet dark—**JESUS WAS NOT THERE!** Notice how the angel says "HE IS NOT HERE, BUT IS RISEN!" See Mark 16:6; Luke 24:3; John 20:2; Mat, 28:5-6.

Jesus was **ALREADY RISEN** at sunrise Sunday morning! Of course He was. He rose from the grave **IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, near SUNSET!**

And since we know the resurrection was just shortly prior to that Sunday morning, and that it occurred in the late afternoon of the day, we now may know **THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST OCCURRED LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON—NEAR THE END OF THE SABBATH!**

The Sabbath day ended at sunset. It was late on that day, before the beginning of the first day of the week. It was not, then, a Sunday resurrection at all—it was a Sabbath resurrection!

Did Christ Fulfill His Sign?

Now all this is based on the supposition that Jesus did fulfill His only **SIGN** of being three days and three nights in the grave. All our evidence is based on the claims of Jesus **BEFORE** His crucifixion. But some of the higher critics and doctors of divinity tell us that Jesus made a mistake—that He was only in the tomb **HALF AS LONG** as He expected to be. Let us have **PROOF** as to whether He did spend the exact amount of time in the grave He said He would.

Notice that in Mat. 28:6, **THE ANGEL OF THE LORD** gives this testimony, which we now present as **EVIDENCE!** "He is not here: for *He is risen, AS HE SAID.*" And He certainly did not rise **AS HE SAID** unless He rose at the precise **TIME** that He had said! So we have the proof of the **ANGEL OF THE LORD**, recorded in the sacred **WORD OF GOD** that Jesus did fulfill His sign—He was three days and three nights in the earth—He did rise Sabbath afternoon, and not Sunday morning!

Now notice carefully one more text, Matthew 28:1-6. "IN the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn **TOWARD** the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the Sepulchre." And at that time the angel told them "He is not here: for He is risen as He said." If we accept this as a correct translation it places the time of resurrection directly **IN**

THE END OF THE SABBATH, or LATE ON THE SABBATH as it is worded in the American Revised translation. In the end of anything is still **IN** it. Some modern translations render this text as "AFTER the Sabbath"—or at dawn the first day of the week. However, even if we accept that rendering, this text becomes a fourth witness to prove that at sunrise Sunday morning He was **NOT THERE—HE HAD RISEN** prior to that time. But if you accept this translation, as it is in your Bible, you have a direct statement that Jesus' resurrection was before the ending of the Sabbath.

Which Day Was the Crucifixion?

It is not difficult now to determine the day on which Jesus was crucified. Counting back three days from the Sabbath, when He rose, we come to Wednesday, the fourth, or very middle, day of the week.

Jesus was crucified on **WEDNESDAY**, the middle day of the week, He died on the cross shortly after 3 p. m. that afternoon, was buried before sunset Wednesday evening. Now **COUNT** the **THREE DAYS** and **THREE NIGHTS**. His body was Wednesday, Thursday and Friday **NIGHTS** in the grave—**THREE NIGHTS**. It also was there through the daylight parts of Thursday, Friday and Saturday—**THREE DAYS**. He rose Saturday—the Sabbath—late afternoon, shortly before sunset, at the same **TIME OF DAY** that He was buried! And Sunday morning at sunrise He was **NOT THERE—HE WAS ALREADY RISEN!**

It is significant that in Daniel's prophecy of the "Seventy weeks" (Dan. 9:24-27), Jesus was to be cut off "in the midst of the week." While this prophecy has the application of a day for a year, so that this 70th week became a literal seven years, Christ being cut off "after three and a half year's ministry, as He was yet it is significant that He was also "cut off" by crucifixion **ON THE VERY MIDDLE DAY OF THE LITERAL WEEK!**

WHAT Sabbath Followed the Crucifixion?

Now we come to an objection some may raise, yet the very point which **PROVES** this truth! Perhaps you have noticed that the Scriptures say the day **AFTER** the crucifixion was a **SABBATH!** Hence, for centuries, people have blindly assumed the crucifixion was on Friday!

Now we have shown by all four Gospels that the crucifixion day—Wednesday—was called "the preparation." The preparation day for **THE SABBATH**. But for **WHAT Sabbath?**

John's Gospel gives the definite answer: "It was the preparation **OF** the **PASS-OVER.**"

"For that sabbath day was *an HIGH, DAY.*" (John 19:14:31).

Just what is a "HIGH DAY"? Ask any Jew! He will tell you it is one of the annual holidays, or feast days. The Israelites observed seven of these every year—every one

called SABBATHS! Annual Sabbaths, falling on a certain annual calendar date, and on different days of the week in different years, just like the Roman holidays now observed. These Sabbaths might fall on Monday, on Thursday, or on Sunday.

If you will notice the following texts, you will see these annual holidays were all called Sabbath days: Lev. 23:24; Lev. 16:31; Lev. 23:39; Lev. 23:15; Lev. 23:26-32.

Notice Matthew 26:2: "Ye know that after two days is *the passover*, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified." And if you will follow through this chapter you will see that *Jesus was crucified ON THE PASSOVER!*

And what was THE PASSOVER? It was the ancient day of Israel commemorating their deliverance from Egypt, and picturing to them the crucifixion of Christ and their deliverance from sin. In the twelfth chapter of Exodus you will find the story of the original Passover. The children of Israel killed the lambs, and struck the blood over the door-posts and on the side-posts of their houses, and wherever the blood had thus been applied the death-angel PASSED OVER that house, sparing it from death. Following the Passover, was a holy-convocation or annual Sabbath.

Observe the dates: "And in *the fourteenth day* of the first month is THE PASSOVER of the Lord. And in *the fifteenth day* of this month is the FEAST." (Num. 28:16-17).

The Passover lamb, killed every year on the 14th of the first month called "Abib," was a type of Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, Christ is OUR PASSOVER, sacrificed for us (I Cor. 5:7).

JESUS WAS SLAIN ON THE VERY SAME DAY THE PASSOVER HAD BEEN SLAIN EVERY YEAR! He was crucified on the 14th Abib, the first Hebrew month of the year! And this day, the PASSOVER, was the day before, and the preparation for, THE FEAST day, or annual highday Sabbath, which occurred on the 15th Abib. THIS Sabbath might occur on ANY day of the week. Frequently it occurs, even today, and is celebrated by the Jews, on THURSDAY. The Jews observed this "high-day" Sabbath on Thursday *this year, 1942!*

And the Hebrew calendar shows that in the year Jesus was crucified, the 14th Abib, Passover day, the day Jesus was crucified, was WEDNESDAY. And the annual Sabbath was THURSDAY. This was the Sabbath that drew on as Joseph of Arimathea hastened to bury the body of Jesus late that Wednesday afternoon.

Honest Objections Examined

Someone is sure to notice Mark 16:9, thinking this text says the resurrection was upon Sunday. But if you read the whole sentence, it does not say that at all. The expression was risen" is in the perfect tense. What was Jesus' condition early the first day of the week? Does it say he "was

rising" or that He "did rise" from the grave? No, early the first day of the week, at the time when He appeared to Mary Magdalene, He WAS RISEN. Of course He was! He had risen the late afternoon before, so naturally He WAS RISEN Sunday morning. The text does not in any way refute the scores of other texts we have given.

Another passage that might confuse, is Luke 24:21: ". . . and besides all this, today is the third day SINCE THESE THINGS WERE DONE." "These things" included all the events pertaining to the resurrection—the seizing of Jesus, delivering Him to be tried, the actual crucifixion, and, finally the setting of the seal and the watch over the tomb the following day, or Thursday. Study verses 18-20, telling of "these things," and also Mat. 27:62-66. "These things" were not completed until the watch was set, Thursday. And the text says Sunday was the third day SINCE THESE THINGS were done. These things were not done until Thursday, and Sunday truly was the third day since Thursday. But it was not the third day since FRIDAY, so this text could not prove a Friday crucifixion.

The Final Proof

There is yet one final clinching PROOF of this amazing truth.

According to Mark 16:1, Mary Magdalene and her companions did not buy their spices to anoint the body of Jesus until AFTER THE SABBATH WAS PAST. They could not prepare them until AFTER this—yet after preparing the spices THEY RESTED THE SABBATH DAY ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDMENT! (Luke 23:56).

Study these two texts carefully.

There is only one possible explanation. After the annual high-day Sabbath, the feast day of the days of unleavened bread—which was Thursday—these women purchased and prepared their spices on FRIDAY, and then they rested on the weekly Sabbath, Saturday, according to the Commandment (Exodus 20:8-11)!

A comparison of these two texts PROVES there were TWO Sabbaths that week, with A DAY IN BETWEEN. Otherwise, these texts contradict themselves.

The PLAIN TRUTH concerning the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ is fast sweeping the world. Thousands are coming to see it. This truth has been published in the Sunday School Times, The Oxford University Press, in their Companion Bible," publish a table proving this newly-revealed truth of the Bible.

We praise God that though the truths of His Word became trampled upon and LOST through the dark ages of superstition, apostasy, and counterfeit doctrines, that the ORIGINAL TRUTH has been carefully preserved in THE BIBLE ITSELF. We can STUDY to show ourselves approved unto God, and seek out and FIND these long-hidden truths IN THE BIBLE,

What a wonderful study it is! How precious is HIS WORD! All the Truth has not YET been brought to light, Let us press on, and seek and find more and more! Let us feed upon the pure WORD OF GOD! Let us not reject the true light, or God will certainly reject us! Let us rejoice in it, with praise and thanksgiving!

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ance! The disaster of that week—including the escape of the Nazi battleships through the English channel to Helgoland, giving Germany virtual naval parity in the Atlantic; and the capsizing of the giant French liner Normandie, almost equal to the loss of a battleship—were probably of even greater consequence than the fall of France and all western Europe in the summer of 1940!

The fall of Singapore meant that the mighty six-fortress chain had been broken! More, it meant that these giant fortresses are not so impregnable as we had supposed. It shows that the others COULD be lost—that we CAN lose this war! It meant that any hope of allied victory must now be postponed from one to two more years. Singapore is the KEY to the whole Atlantic and South Pacific campaign—the GATEWAY between Pacific and Indian Oceans. It left the Allies with only shreds of hope. In the Far East! Are we AROUSED to our plight?

Our Amazing National Identity

Amazing as it seems, the story—and the fate—of these six fortress-gates was written thousands of years ago in Bible prophecy.

The story in full is being told in the series of articles in The PLAIN TRUTH captioned "The United States in Prophecy, I"

In a nut-shell, the amazing truth is this: The Jews are not, as commonly supposed, the House of Israel at all. The twelve tribes of Israel were divided into TWO NATIONS. One tribe, Judah, split off from Israel in the days of Rehoboam, son of Solomon. Then the tribe of Benjamin joined them, and they went under the national name, "House of Judah." The Ten Tribes retained the name "House of ISRAEL," and set up their capital at Samaria. The House of Judah became known as "JEWS." Their capital remained at Jerusalem. *Never* were the people of ten-tribed ISRAEL called "Jews." The term "Jew" is merely a nick-name for the tribe of Judah. The House of Israel was driven out to Assyria 131 years before the Jews were carried to Babylon. From Assyria they migrated north and west, finally arriving at the British Isles.

The strange story dates from the time of Abraham. Because of his obedience, God made unconditionally dual promises to Abraham—material and national promises of RACE as well as the spiritual promises of

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What *is* it to be "SPIRITUAL"?

HOW often do we hear one say, "He is so SPIRITUAL;" . . . or, "Those people are not very spiritual." What *is* it to be "spiritual"—do you know?

We need, just now, to be warned against being deceived into a false standard of spirituality. We need to examine the true scriptural standard.

Four Things Usually Accepted As Sure Evidence

There are four things generally regarded as sure evidence of a spiritual mind.

1. Speech, noise, emotion, demonstration.
2. Knowledge of the Scriptures.
3. "Faith."
4. Rigid standard of righteousness.

It will prove interesting, and profitable, to take a brief look at each, and measure according to the scriptural standard.

1. The most commonly accepted evidence of spirituality is the way people talk, write, or demonstrate.

Some people have deliberately cultivated spiritual-sounding language. Or, perhaps, they have unconsciously acquired the habit of using "spiritual" sounding phrases through their association with others who do it.

Their speech and their writing is prolific with spiritual-sounding expressions. People say, "My, isn't Brother so-and-so spiritual?"

Many think a meeting does not amount to anything unless there is more or less noise, mass enthusiasm, and a great deal of emotion worked up and visibly expressed. They never enjoy a sermon, no matter how edifying, unless the preacher is full of certain emotional enthusiasm, fluent in the accepted spiritual phraseology, and able to generate in his audience the usual emotional reactions and outbursts expected in this type of meeting. If such things are present, these folks enjoy themselves immensely, whether they learn anything really worth while or not.

Usually the advance announcements of such meetings assure the people of the "big time!" they are going to have. And they go away talking about the "fine time" they enjoyed.

Getting a Right Balance

This is not to discount or to criticize the natural emotional expression resulting spontaneously from a genuine spiritual experience, or the true spiritual language springing naturally from an honest heart. Far from it.

Some people are naturally emotional. Some are not. We shall see from the Scriptures that emotion and spiritual phrases of themselves are not the essence of spiritu-

ality. They may be the natural result, the honest and spontaneous expression of it; or, if deliberately generated and "worked up," put on for show and effect, they may be only its counterfeit. And the sad part is that those who deal in counterfeit always insist they have the genuine. "By their fruits," Jesus said, we shall KNOW.

It is important we get a right balance.

Other Snares and Pitfalls

2. The second class is well indoctrinated. Usually these folks do not believe in much, if any, noise or any spiritual manifestations. They have a great deal of head knowledge, but most of this class have a great deal of misunderstanding, and often they have queer personal theories and hobbies resulting from misapplied, wrongly-divided Scriptures.

They love to try to trap and corner others with the Scriptures, and especially do they delight in it if they are able to corner some minister. Arguing Scripture is their one great interest in life.

These misguided folks believe their arguments, contentions, and beliefs will win their eternal salvation, without real repentance, or living a surrendered, righteous life in Christ Jesus, showing the fruits of the Spirit in their lives.

Saved by Faith Alone

And then there is the "faith" group. These folks say they are saved "by FAITH, and faith ALONE." They are not so much concerned about the Holy Spirit, and seldom mention such things as repentance, utter surrender, or any need of submission and obedience to God's will.

Their religion never works any miracle changes in their lives. Since "Jesus died for our sins," we do not have to obey, just BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved is their sole condition to salvation. The invitation of the ministers of this group is "Give the preacher your hand, and the Lord your heart.

And when, later, you ask such converts what they did—what really happened—when they "gave the Lord their heart," they usually just look blank. They do not know, It really did not MEAN anything. It was merely a FORM. The churches of this class should be called social clubs—they are not soul-saving institutions.

The Self-Righteous Christian

4. Finally, there are those whose spirituality consists of a rigid standard of righteousness. In fact they usually are so strict about following God's commandments that they fall into the error of keeping the strict LETTER of the law in their own strength. They are scrupulously honest, severely punctual, critically exact. But, like Paul

said of the strictest sect of his day, they are "going about to establish their OWN righteousness," and have not "submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. (Rom. 10:3). And they are usually harsh, stern, critical, intolerant of those who do not live up to their particular ideas of the standard of righteousness.

The True Scriptural Standard of Real Spirituality

Now, let us turn to God's Word, and reverently and humbly seek to learn what is GOD'S standard of spirituality.

Of the true spiritual mind, God says to us, through Paul, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5)

But HOW can you have the mind that was in Christ Jesus in YOU? Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock: if any man hear my voice, and OPEN the door, I will come in to him." (Rev. 3:20). And Jesus meant exactly what He said! He will come in, through His Spirit, and literally LIVE His life of true righteousness in you, if only you will surrender all of SELF and let the blessed Saviour IN.

"For to be carnally-minded is death." That is, naturally-minded, actuated by selfish impulses and a love of self, "But to be spiritually-minded is LIFE and peace . . . But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, IF so be that the Spirit of God dwell IN you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, HE IS NONE OF HIS." Unless His Spirit abides within you, living. His life of true righteousness in you, you are not a real Christian! "And if Christ be IN you, the body is dead because of sin: but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." (Rom. 8:6-10).

When God first takes us as His children, He takes us who have been proud, worldly, sensual, disobedient. His ultimate aim is to make us like unto Himself. This transformation (not *refinement*) is a tremendous undertaking. It requires a miracle. But God stands pledged, upon real thorough repentance, and faith in Christ (Acts 2:38) to start the performance of this tremendous miracle by putting His Holy Spirit literally WITHIN you! But God will work the complete change in your life ONLY if you are willing to SUBMIT to the process! The FIRST condition is real, deep, thorough repentance. You will have to be willing to accept correction and repeated chastisements at His loving hands, for "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." (Heb. 12:6)

The Spiritual mind is the *surrendered, yielded* mind. It is the mind that has given up all wanting its own way. It is the mind that has been thoroughly CONQUERED

in its rebellion against God, It is the mind that, henceforth, is *willing* to obey God, no matter what the cost, and which continually studies God's Word, not to argue and strive and corner others, but to *learn* more of God's will, and to WALK in it! It is a mind FILLED to overflowing with real LOVE for God and all fellowmen—even one's enemies—and which has sympathy, patience, and kindness for others in their ideas and beliefs, their faults and mistakes, which speaks softly, gently, kindly; which seeks only to help and to serve. It is the mind that has DIED to *SELF*.

True Spirituality

The real spiritual mind can say with the Apostle Paul: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet *not I*, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME," (Gal. 2:20). When you can say that, then you have the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

The real spiritual mind is a SOUND mind! "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of *power*, and of *love*, and of A SOUND MIND." (II Tim. 1:7).

To those being carried away with a false and pseudo-spirituality, where real manifestations of the Spirit were being counterfeited by DEMONSTRATIONS of SELF in a fanatical emotionalism, Paul, correcting them, said: "Brethren, *be not children in understanding*," (I Cor. 14:20).

True, Paul said to these same Corinthians, "I would that ye all spake with tongues, BUT," he added, "*rather* that ye prophesied (preached); for *greater* is he that prophesieth (preaches) than he that speaketh, with tongues." (I Cor. 14:5).

True, Paul said to these overly-emotional Corinthians "I speak with tongues more than you all, YET," he continued, "in the church I had rather speak five words *with my understanding*, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." (verses 18-19). And also he said, "God is not the author of confusion," and "Let all things be done decently and in order." (Verses 33, 40).

Let us get a proper balance. Let us get things in the position of their relative *scriptural* importance.

"By their FRUITS," not by their tongues, their language, their emotion, their ability to argue, their empty profession of faith, their self-righteousness, said Jesus, shall we KNOW their true spirituality.

And the true FRUIT of God's Spirit is "Love" first of all, then "joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." *These things*, expressed in living character determine true spirituality.

These things are the expression of "the LOVE of God, shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit," (Rom. 5:5),—and thus the Holy Spirit *in us* is simply GOD'S LAW *in action*, in our lives; for LOVE is the fulfilling of the Law. And that, and that alone, is true Christian spirituality.

The Four Substitutes

REAL Spiritual-mindedness is the mind of LOVE for God is LOVE.

So let us review our four SUBSTITUTES for spirituality in the light of God's Word.

1. "Though I *speak* with the *tongues* of men and of *angels*, and have not LOVE, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal," (I Cor. 13:1). Did you ever hear one speak with the tongues of ANGELS? Spiritual TALK, "tongues," or "manifestations," are only a lot of wind, or a noise like beating old tin pans, *if you have not LOVE*.

2. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and ALL KNOWLEDGE:" and,

3. "though I have ALL FAITH so that I could remove mountains, and have not LOVE, I am NOTHING." (v. 2).

4. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not LOVE, it *profiteth me NOTHING*," (v. 3).

What is it to have LOVE? The next four verses tell. Here is TRUE spiritual-mindedness:

"LOVE is very patient, very kind." Are YOU? "LOVE knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never gladdened when others go wrong; love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient (I Cor. 13:4-7; Mof-fat's translation).

Read those three verses again, substituting your own name wherever "LOVE" appears. Try it as a test on yourself. It will tell you how truly SPIRITUAL you are. Let us seek more real, genuine SPIRITUAL-MINDEDNESS!

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GRACE. The material promises the Bible terms the "birthright"—meaning RIGHT of birth. Grace means undeserved free gift, not right by birth. The two sets of Abrahamic promises are as far apart in nature as the two poles. It is well understood that the "Sceptre" promise—the spiritual promise of GRACE, including a line of kings culminating in Christ, through whom grace was to come to all nations—went to Judah. Consequently Jesus said "Salvation is of the Jews;" and Paul used the expression "To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile." BUT, *the Birthright was JOSEPH'S*, (I Chron. 5:2), *whose descendants we are!* It was handed down through the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh (Joseph's two sons), who headed the ten-tribed House of ISRAEL. And today the British are EPHRAIM, and the United States is MANASSEH!

This "Birthright" (which Jacob took from Esau), included material dominance

of the world—vast national resources, wealth, and power.

These 6 Fortress-Gates in Prophecy

Among the promises of material possession—promises which are ours today—is this very significant detail:

"By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for *because thou hast done this thing*, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son that in blessing I will bless thee; . . . and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies." (Gen. 22:16-17).

Notice, the promise is unconditional. It is BECAUSE Abraham had already obeyed. The promise of control of the world gate is repeated in Genesis 24:60, where Rebekah's brothers, imbued with a spirit of prophecy in their parting blessing to her as she was leaving to become the wife of Isaac, said:

"Be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those that hate them."

Today we, Abraham's literal racial descendants through Isaac and Jacob and Joseph, are in actual possession of the vast wealth and resources promised Abraham for his future descendants. Today we own and control between two-thirds and three fourths of all the wealth, resources and raw materials of the whole round earth—the British and American peoples. Today we have what the Axis "have-nots" want. Today we HAVE—or did have until Singapore fell—these GATES of all enemy nations.

And WHY do we have these things?

WHY We Have These Things

"Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, MY COMMANDMENTS, my statutes, and my laws," says the Eternal God, (Gen. 26:5).

To our forefathers, Abraham's children in Moses' day, God said:

"IF"—note the "if"—"IF ye walk in my statutes and keep my commandments, and do them, then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, . . . and ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight." (Lev. 26:3-8).

They might have enjoyed the wealth and power of the "Birthright" in peace, the dominant world-ruling power, had they kept God's commandments.

"But," continued the Eternal, "if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments, . . . they that hate you shall reign over you . . . I will punish you yet *seven times* for your sins." (verses 14-28). The expression "seven times" is a prophetic term meaning seven years of days—a literal 2,520 long years!

IF our forefathers had obeyed God, they could have had the birthright blessings then. But they disobeyed God utterly. They

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Israel's New Land

We are ready, now, to search out the actual location of the lost tribes of the out-cast House of Israel. We know they exist today as a nation, and a company of nations; powerful; looked upon as Gentiles. And when we find them, we shall find a king, still today occupying the throne of David!

Many passages of prophecy tell of these people in these latter days. Prophecies not to be understood until this "time of the end." Prophecies containing a Message to be carried to these people by those to whom God reveals it!

First it is necessary to fix in mind these facts:

The prophet Amos wrote, in the days of the 13th of the 19 kings of the House of Israel, (Amos 1:1): "Behold the eyes of the Lord are upon the sinful kingdom (House—of Israel—Judah had not yet sinned), and I will destroy it (the kingdom, or government, not the people) from off the face of the earth. For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the House of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth." (Amos 9:8-9).

This prophecy usually is applied to the scattered condition of the Jews. But it has nothing to do with the Jews, or the House of JUDAH, but refers to ten-tribed House of ISRAEL—driven to Assyrian captivity, then migrating from there and scattering among other nations BEFORE the Jews were taken to Babylon. This prophecy says that ISRAEL, (not Judah), was to be sifted among other nations—these Israelites losing their identity—yet God has protected and kept them—"not the least grain shall fall upon the earth."

It was during this time that the children of the House of Israel were to "abide many days without a king," (Hos. 3:4). That these people did sift thru all nations is clear. Many New Testament passages indicate this. Although many of them still were scattered among various nations in the first century, A. D., a portion of them had become established in a definite location of their own by Jeremiah's time—131 years after their original captivity.

But these Israelites who possessed the Birthright eventually were to come to a new land of their own. Jehovah says, in II Samuel 7:10, and I Chron. 17:9: "Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will PLANT THEM," (Jeremiah was commissioned to do the PLANTING of the throne among them.) "that they may dwell in a place of their own and *move no more.*" The context of the whole passage shows this refers, not to Palestine, but a different land where these scattered Israelites were to

What Has Gone Before:

WHERE is the United States mentioned in Bible prophecy? To answer, we must first go back to the beginning of the strangest, most fascinating story ever told, that of God's chosen people, Israel.

Few have noticed that the promises God made unconditionally to Abraham were TWO-fold: First, material promises of RACE. "Thou shalt be the father of MANY NATIONS," God promised. The Jews are but one nation. These material, national promises of RACE the Bible calls the "BIRTHRIGHT," an inherited right by birth. Under the BIRTHRIGHT, God promised Abraham for his fleshly descendants the national wealth, resources, and greatness that have become ours since 1800 A.D.

Second, God gave Abraham spiritual promises of GRACE—a dynasty of kings, culminating in Christ to become King of kings—the "one seed" (Gal. 3:8, 16), thru whom ALL nations are to be blessed—salvation, eternal life. This promise the Bible calls the SCEPTRE. The SCEPTRE was given to JUDAH, of which tribe Jesus was born, (Gen. 49:10), but the BIRTHRIGHT was JOSEPH'S! (I Chron. 5:2).

In passing the BIRTHRIGHT on to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, (Gen. 48), Jacob said: "Let my name (ISRAEL) be named on them . . . and let them grow into a multitude." (the "many nations").

When the twelve tribes had become a nation, God made an UNconditional, unalterable covenant with King David (tribe of Judah), guaranteeing a perpetual dynasty thru all generations FOREVER. The world believes that dynasty ceased in 585 B.C.

Later the BIRTHRIGHT and SCEPTRE were divided into TWO NATIONS. Israel rejected King Rehoboam of David's dynasty. Two tribes, JUDAH and Benjamin only, split off from Israel, remained under Jerusalem rule of Rehoboam, were called "The House of JUDAH," nicknamed "JEWS," possessing the SCEPTRE. Of them Christ was born. But the ten tribes, headed by Ephraim and Manasseh, possessing the BIRTHRIGHT, retained the name "House of ISRAEL," never were called "Jews." They were carried captive to Assyria, 721 B. C., later migrating north and west, known as "The LOST TEN TRIBES."

Afterwards JUDAH sinned worse than Israel. The prophet Jeremiah was divinely commissioned as mediator, to tear down in Jerusalem, then BUILD and PLANT elsewhere, David's throne. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded Judaea, killed all the sons of King Zedekiah and all princes and nobles of Judah. Zedekiah died in Babylon leaving, as the world supposed, no heir to David's throne. Then Jeremiah, performing the second half of his divine commission, went to King Zedekiah's daughters. With Baruch, his scribe, they were taken captive to Egypt, where they escaped, returned to Jerusalem, and from there . . . "the remnant that escaped of the House of Judah shall AGAIN TAKE ROOT DOWNWARD, AND BEAR FRUIT UPWARD," said the prophecy of Isaiah 87:32,31. "In ISRAEL will I plant it." (Ezek. 17:23). WHERE was ISRAEL then, and where now?

gather, after being removed from the promised land of Palestine, and while that land was lying idle and in possession of Gentiles.

Notice carefully! After being removed from Palestine, being sifted among all nations, abiding many days without a king, losing their identity, they are to be "planted" in a far-away strange land now to become their own. And, NOTE IT!—after reaching this place, *they are to move no more!* That is, of course, during this present world.

While other prophecies indicate these Birthright holders were to become a colonizing people, spreading around the world, it is plain that the spreading out must be from this appointed place, which must remain the "home" seat of government for David's throne.

Mark this clearly! Once this "place of their own" was reached, and the thrones of David planted there, THEY WERE TO MOVE NO MORE. Therefore, *the location of this people TODAY is the place where Jeremiah planted David's throne more than 2500 years ago!*

Therefore prophecies pertaining to *this* day, or the location of this people at Christ's return, will tell us the location of Jeremiah's planting. The House of Israel is yet to return, at Christ's coming, to Palestine—yet to plant grapes in Samaria their original country. Prophecies telling where they shall, in that future day, migrate FROM, will reveal the location of "lost" ten-tribed ISRAEL! The two succeeding "overturns" of the throne, too, must be located in this same place.

Lost ISRAEL Located!

Without further suspense, let us see where prophecy locates these Birthright holders, now possessing the throne of David and earth's richest national blessings.

Remember they are distinguished from Judah—the Jews—by various names, "Ephraim," "Joseph," "Jacob," "Rachel," (the mother of Joseph), Samaria, their former home, "Israel," etc.

According to Hosea 12:1, "Ephraim followeth after the east wind." And "east wind" travels west. Ephraim must have gone west from Assyria.

When the Eternal swore to David to perpetuate his throne, He said: "I will set his hand (sceptre) *in the sea.*" (Psalm 89:25). The throne is to be "set," planted, "in the sea."

Thru Jeremiah the Eternal said: "Backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words toward the NORTH and say, Return thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord." (Jer. 3:11-12). Israel is clearly distinguished from Judah. And in these last days messengers are to go "toward the NORTH" (of Jerusalem) in order to loc-

ate lost Israel and proclaim this warning. So the location, we now find, is toward the north, also west, and in the sea.

The 18th verse, same chapter, says: "In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, (margin, *to the House of Israel*), and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that "I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers." At the future Exodus, at Christ's coming, they are to return to Palestine out of the land of the NORTH!

After saying, "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?" the Eternal, speaking thru Hosea, says; "then the children shall tremble from the WEST." (Hos. 11:8,19).

Again: "Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth." (Jer. 31:8). This prophecy is for consideration in the "latter days" (Jer. 30:24; 31:1), and is addressed to "Israel," (verses 2, 4, 9), to "Ephraim," (verses 6, 9), and "Samaria," (verse 5). Here is added another hint—"the coasts of the earth"—evidently they are dominant at sea.

Referring to the House of ISRAEL (not Judah), (Isaiah 49:3,6), God says: "Behold these shall come from far: and lo, these from the NORTH and from the WEST; and these from the land of Sinim." (Isa. 49:12). In the Hebrew, the language in which this was originally inspired, there is no word for "NORTHWEST," but this term is designated by the phrase, "the north and the west." It means, literally, the NORTHWEST! The Vulgate renders "Sinim" as "Australi," or "Australia." So we now have the location NORTHWEST of JERUSALEM!

Hence, Israel of TODAY—Israel of the day of Jeremiah's "planting" of David's throne—is located specifically as NORTHWEST of JERUSALEM, and IN THE SEA!

Let us locate this land more specifically!

The same 49th chapter of Isaiah begins with this: "Listen, O Isles, unto me." The people addressed Israel, are called "O Isles" in the first verse and "O Israel in the 3rd verse.

The 31st chapter of Jeremiah, locating Israel in the "north country," says: "I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first born . . . Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations"—(Ephraim, Manasseh)—"and declare it in the isles afar off." (Jer. 31:9-10).

Again: "Keep silence before me, O islands . . . thou, Israel, art my servant Jacob whom I have chosen." (Isa. 41:5,8).

In Jer. 31:7, the message to be declared "in the isles afar off" (verse 10), is to be shouted in "the CHIEF OF THE NATIONS."

So, finally, today, as in Jeremiah's day, the House of ISRAEL is IN THE ISLES, which are "in the sea," the CHIEF of the nations, NORTHWEST of Jerusalem! A coast-dwelling, and therefore sea-dominant people!

Certainly there can be no mistaking that identity!

Take a map of Europe. Lay a line due

SCIENCE and the SPADE

For years learned men of Science maintained that the art of writing was not known until long after the days of Moses. This proved, they argued, that Moses could not possibly have written the Pentateuch. Therefore the Bible, which claims Moses wrote these Books, could not possibly be true,

Even Jesus said plainly that Moses wrote these Books (Mark 10:5; John 5:46). Science answered that Jesus merely shared the ignorance and prejudices of His day!

But the spade has since dug up the

PROOF, out of the ground, that it was these "scientists," and not Jesus, who were full of ignorance and prejudice. In the British Museum today you can see the Tel-el Amarna tablets containing writing in the cuniform inscriptions dating 100 years before Moses! In another part of the Museum you will now see the huge black stone eight feet high discovered by M. de Morgan at Susa in December, 1901. It contains the written laws of King Hammurabi, who lived 500 years before Moses!

NORTHWEST of Jerusalem, across the continent of Europe, until you come to the sea, and then to the islands in the sea!

This line take you direct to the BRITISH ISLES!



In the next number we continue this series, with amazing proof of Israel's identity today.

Democracy's FATE.

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turned from His commandments, took up with the ways of the Gentiles around them. They were righteous in their own eyes—even as we today. But evil sinners in the sight of God—even as we today! So the House of ISRAEL—the ten tribes who carried the Birthright—were driven into captivity, taken by Shalmanezar to Assyria, in 721 B.C. For 2,520 long years the Birthright inheritance was denied our race—because of disobedience.

But God had promised Abraham unconditionally. The promise must be kept. That is why God limited the punishment during which the material blessings should be withheld. The 2520 year limit expired in 1800 A.D. Beginning that year two little insignificant nations began suddenly to spurt to riches and material possessions in a manner unparalleled in all history. By 1804 London had become the financial hub of the world. We grew rich and powerful. In war we always blundered, the British always "muddled through"—but somehow things always seemed to "break" for us—and we always won that last battle!

Today, with these six world-spanning "gates" the world's most gigantic fortresses—today, rich and increased with goods because Abraham kept God's commandments,—today, in full possession of the Birthright inheritance denied our forefathers 2520 long years because they disobeyed the Eternal God, WE are disobeying His commandments as grievously as any generation of the past!

How We Break God's Laws

Today we are a self-righteous nation, We exult ourselves for our righteousness, look with contempt upon "the poor heathen." We boast of the missionaries we

send to other lands, the number of Bibles we print. Our land is full of churches—but it is full of idols, too! And today we are AT WAR, facing HARD TIMES just ahead!

Here is our prophetic description, as Paul wrote it to Timothy:

"Mark this, there are HARD TIMES coming in the last days. For men will be selfish, fond of money, boastful, haughty, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, irreverent . . . they will be treacherous, reckless and conceited, preferring pleasure to God—for though they keep up a form of religion, they will have nothing to do with it as a FORCE." (1 Tim. 3:1-5).

Yes, our land is full of churches. So people join a church, and think they have it all fixed with God! Then they go ahead and still have other gods before the Creator—still put worldly pleasure, material desires, their business, profession, social or worldly interests FIRST in their hearts, and relegate the Kingdom of God to secondary interest. It is not the MAIN thing in their lives,—just a formal and occasional incidental. They still worship at the shrine of materialism, and even add a new form of idolatry by idolizing their particular denomination.

They still take God's name in vain—yes, even in their churches, by calling upon His name while their hearts are far from Him. "In vain," Jesus said, "do they worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men," thus making "the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." (Mark 7:7; Mat. 15:6). Such worship is actual profanity! (See also Titus 1:16, and I John 2:4). They still profane God's holy Sabbath—still dishonor their parents—still harbor jealousy, malice, envy, resentment, hatred, which the Bible says is the spirit of murder—still divorce and remarry and thus live in adultery according to God's commandments (Mark 10:6-12), until this, far more than that of Jesus' day, is "a wicked and adulterous generation!"

They still are selfish, even dishonest in business dealings, taking advantage where possible; still steal God's tithe which rightly belongs to God's work (see Mal. 3:8). They still carry tales and bear false witness against their neighbors—still covet the ma-

terial things and pleasures of this world! And thus is EVERY commandment, shattered — even by the Christ-professing church-going people of this land!

And no wonder! For these are the days when the congregations demand of their pastors "preach not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things!"—a people in these last days who will not hear the law of the Lord (Isa. 30:8-10). And so the pastors, feeding themselves instead of the flock. (Ezek. 34:2-10), are preaching from the pulpits of the land, "The LAW is *done away!*" "Christ nailed His Father's Commandments to the Cross! But I John 2:4 says the lie!

Our Certain Fate —UNLESS!

Has God changed?

We have enjoyed, till now, the greatest wealth, prosperity, material luxury, ever enjoyed by man. No other people does now, or ever did, enjoy the rich material blessings God has lavished upon us—*all because ABRAHAM kept God's commandments!* God withheld these material blessings from our forefathers 2520 years because they refused to keep His commandments. Now God has KEPT His promise to Abraham. Do you think He will now bless this nation IN WAR—permit this nation to CONTINUE in the peaceful possession of these riches, while we continue to defy Him and His law?

TODAY, God says, *unless we now repent and turn quickly to Him, He will take from us ALL these giant-fortresses—ALL this vast wealth with which He has blessed us!*

Here it is! Read, ponder, study this prophecy! For it involves the fate of your home, your family, YOUR COUNTRY! It is the VOICE OF THE ETERNAL LIVING GOD!

"And the *remnant* of Jacob (the last generation—us today) shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest . . . thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off," (Micah 5:8-9). Here is pictured our condition in prosperity and power—from 1800 until *now!*

But wait! Notice what now shall befall us *in this same day* when we have been so powerful!

"And it shall come to pass *in that day*, SAITH THE LORD, that I will cut off thy horses (war horses, Moffatt translation) out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: (not only war vehicles, but our automobiles are being taken away from us—no more are being manufactured): And I will cut off the cities of thy land (already this has happened in England by bombing, and we have lost Manila), *and throw down ALL thy strongholds!* (FORTRESSES, Moffatt translation), (Micah 5:8-11).

There it is! God Almighty says in plain language that He will take away ALL those "gates" now fortified. And if you will

study Jeremiah 30 and 31, you will see that in this very day our people—ISRAEL—are to be punished by the Almighty through the sword of invasion—at the hand of a CRUEL ONE—why? "BECAUSE THY SINS WERE INCREASED!" says God.

UNLESS America quickly WAKES UP, repents, turns to God and puts her faith in Him, the punishment we already are suffering in greater and harder doses from week to week shall continue until there is invasion, defeat—and utter SLAVERY!

It is prophesied. It is in the BIBLE! GOD HAS SPOKEN!

America is being warned—through The PLAIN TRUTH — through the Radio Church of God—as Nineveh was warned by Jonah. Nineveh repented — and was spared. Oh, America—God's chosen people Israel—awake today, repent, and be spared!

Today we are not blundering and muddling our way to victory, BUT TO DEFEAT! Week by week it is happening! As a man said recently, "I can't understand it, It seems that everything we do goes wrong." Always it is the same story, "Too few, and too late!"

WHY the Germans and Japs Are PREPARED!

This is not "just another war." President Roosevelt has told the nation that this war is utterly unlike any war before.

No, THIS THING IS OF GOD! It is a JUDGMENT SENT FROM GOD!" He is now using the heathen and the Gentiles to PUNISH us for our sins—our hypocritical, sanctimonious *pretended* Christianity! Already we are SUFFERING! *Can't we see the handwriting on the wall, heed the warning, and repent? Or must we suffer MORE?*

Yes, *this is of GOD!*

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather ALL NATIONS, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat." (Joel 3:1-2) Notice, the time is NOW!

And now notice verses 9-11: "Proclaim ye this *among the Gentiles*, PREPARE WAR . . . beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak (the 'have-not nations') say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves and come, all ye heathen."

And so the Japs and the Germans are PREPARED—while we are not! Just as God ordained. We have sent repeated shiploads of our old plowshares—old junk and scrap iron—over to Japan. She has beaten it into implements of WAR—and the first bomb lobbed by a Jap sub over California soil was filled with old rusty safety-razor blades, and other scrap of American manufacture. We are beginning to get our scrap-iron back! *It is happening 'exactly as GOD SAID!*

Armies Do Not Win Wars!

And now America speeds frantically her effort to arm. We have been forced to

a DEFENSIVE war of *attrition*—which means a war in which we fall back, intending to inflict heaviest possible losses on the enemy while we retreat,—thus crippling the enemy even in his victory, causing him to pay too high a price for his gains, hoping to weaken him for the day when our war production can reach the proportions that will permit this nation to take the offensive, and then to win.

But now it appears this policy cannot win—*may even lose the war THIS YEAR*, unless some change is made! For to date the Japs have conquered an Empire of immense riches—have become a self-reliant Empire holding much former American wealth—and Jap losses in proportion to gains have been *extremely small!* Instead of being weakened, Japan is growing stronger every day. The question of the hour now is, does America yet DARE to take the offensive? It begins to appear that *only* by taking the offensive, AT ONCE, can we prevent disaster. But we still lack the trained men, the tanks, the supplies, the planes, the ships, for this! In men, arms, tanks, planes, and guns we are outnumbered by the ratio of 13 to 5.

Yet America appears to be placing ALL her faith in MATERIAL armament—and in *men*. General MacArthur has done a heroic job, and so now many begin to make him their god. "MacArthur will save Australia," many have said, on hearing of his dramatic escape from Bataan.

But ARMIES DO NOT WIN WARS!

Listen! "The Eternal wrecks the purposes of pagans. He brings to nothing what the nations plan . . . The Eternal looks down from heaven . . . from where He sits, He scans all who inhabit the world; ARMIES DO NOT BRING VICTORY TO A KING, the warrior is rescued by sheer strength, cavalry are in vain for victory, *there is no winning by the strength of that!* No, the Eternal's eye rests on His worshippers, who rest their hopes upon His kindness, *that HE may rescue them from death.*" (Psalm 33:10-19, Moffatt translation.)

What We Lack

America today needs TOTAL defense! And that means *more* than material weapons and men—it means the WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD—it means SPIRITUAL rearmament.

Today America lacks the SPIRIT! The Germans are fighting as *inspired* men with a loyalty to their "fuehrer" we cannot seem to understand. But all true Bible students ought to understand. For Hitler is the "Beast" of Revelation—supernaturally inspired by Satan (Rev. 13:2,4). The Japs fight as fanatics, as a result of hundreds of years of heathen religious teaching. America, outnumbered 13 to 5 in physical armament cannot conquer that satanic supernatural power by human effort alone! America needs a HIGHER supernatural power—that of the Creator God Himself! And

without Him, and His power, America cannot win this time!

Yet America has forgotten God! We have turned from Him and His commandments. We cling to mere empty FORM of religion—but God is not the empowering FORCE in our lives!

Today America is taking one licking after another. Today this nation stands in far deadlier peril than the people realize, or even dream of! The hour of God's judgments has come! Our ways have not brought happiness to our people. In love, God is now taking measures to bring us to repentance and a *different* way of life that will bring happiness to all.

This nation—including *you*, personally—**MUST SHORTLY NOW BE CONQUERED!** In one of two ways this shall happen. Either we must immediately surrender to God and His laws, or, week after week, the material pressure will be increased. Week after week we shall continue to lose battles. Week after week God will continue to take away from our people the automobiles, the radio sets, the electric refrigerators, the gadgets, the fine clothes, the luxuries we have placed as other gods before Him! We shall be utterly stripped of these material gods, whether we like it or not! Yes, finally, even the *necessities* we shall lose **GOD IS DEALING WITH US NOW!**

God will not *force* you as an individual, nor the nation as a whole, into spiritual surrender to Him. But He will permit these military defeats and disasters to continue week after week until a stronger military power does force us to physical surrender, unless we will voluntarily surrender to God before that happens!

America's Way to Victory!

The way to victory for America is open—and there is now only one way! A loving God, whose chosen people we are, pleads with us:

"IF my people, which are called by my name," He pleads, "shall humble themselves, and *pray*, and seek my face, and *turn from their wicked ways*, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and **WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.**" (II Chron. 7:14).

There is God's plea—and His *promise!* Can't we see that God is gradually taking from us, through priorities and war restrictions and lack of materials, all the material luxuries we have placed ahead of Him in our affections? Can't we see that we are losing our sons—and will lose them with rapidly increasing momentum in the weeks and months ahead? Can't we see that the vast wealth and resources God bestowed upon us, **BECAUSE ABRAHAM KEPT HIS COMMANDMENTS**, are now being taken from us? Are we so blind that we can't see that those giant fortress-gates, upon which our material security rests, have also begun to go? Are we blind to see that this is a **JUDGMENT FROM GOD?**

If America will repent—will throw the stiff formalism and social emptiness out of its churches—will quit turning God's holy Word upside down, and acknowledge that sin is the transgression of God's laws—and change her **WAY OF LIFE** to conform to God's commandments—if America will now plunge her whole heart and soul into an inspired **TOTAL DEFENSE**—putting on the **WHOLE ARMOR OF THE LIVING GOD**, as outlined in Ephesians 6:10-18—then you are promised on the authority of Jesus Christ that the Japs and the Germans will fall before us.

But if America refuses and rebels, America must learn that the Eternal God brings to **NOTHING** what the nations plan—that God in heaven controls and guides the destiny of nations. Then America shall go on suffering, suffering, suffering. Week by week our punishment shall now be increased! Yes, week by week until **SUDDENLY**, "though we little expect it, we shall be conquered by those God in His prophecies said should be **PREPARED** to conquer!

MUST America learn the lesson the *hard* way?

But, even so—see the **LOVE** of God toward us. Our ways have not brought happiness to our people. In defeat, if we must finally **LOSE** this war, as the slaves of a cruel and despicable enemy, our people finally will come to their senses. And, finally, stripped of our foolish pride, our vain intellectual false teachings, our selfish possession of wealth we did not put to a right and good use, our people shall then be **HUMBLED**, and in their humility, their poverty, their slavery, they shall come to their senses, and **REPENT**. Then they shall **ABHOR** themselves for their former evil ways. They shall then begin to seek the Eternal their God. They shall, even in their gross darkness, grope after **HIS** ways and desire to do them.

The Final END of It All

And then, while in slavery our people are learning this bitter but profitable lesson, God will pour out the vials of His wrath upon our conquerors, that they, too, may be brought to the Truth. Then He shall send again **JESUS CHRIST**, whom the heavens have received until the Times of Restitution of all things. (Acts 3: 20-21).

Hitler's proposed New World Order shall never stand! For just a very **SHORT SPACE** Hitler shall be permitted to rule. The **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**—the one **HOPE** of all the nations—shall **END** the Nazi dream of world-rule!

Yes, then **CHRIST** shall return to earth—literally and *in person!* As **KING** of **KINGS**, and **LORD** of lords, He shall rule **ALL** nations, sternly, yet justly that they may find—**PEACE!** His coming will rescue our repentant people—scattered, then, as helpless slaves around the world. His

coming shall **LIBERATE** them from their captors!

Then, to **OUR** people, God says: "all they that devour thee shall be devoured—and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity, and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil . . . for I will restore **HEALTH** unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord . . . *in the latter days ye shall consider it.*" (Jer 30:16-17, 24).

Then our people shall be taken back to the land of our forefathers—Palestine. There, living God's Commandments, we shall be blessed—our land shall yield vast riches—our wealth shall be restored, and multiplied—but then we shall know how to use it! We shall find happiness, and **PEACE!**

And Christ shall reign, and we shall reign with Him—for **ONE THOUSAND YEARS!** We shall know that **GOD IS LOVE**, and His ways are **RIGHT** ways for us!

But, in the meantime, **WHY MUST WE SUFFER SO HORRIBLY TO LEARN?** America need not suffer this horrible impending defeat. But **ONLY GOD** can save America *now!*

And so, finally, we plead with each reader, won't you do two things?

1. **PRAY** for America, our beloved country that we all love! Not a stiff formal prayer that God will be on our side—but a heart-broken, deadly-earnest prayer that our people will **WAKE UP**, and **REPENT**, and **TURN TO GOD**, before it is too late! Pray for President Roosevelt—that he will realize more solemnly his great need of God's wisdom guidance, and power, and that God will bless him with it abundantly.

2. Give *your* heart, unreservedly, to God, **NOW!** Let this national revival begin with **YOU**. And even though the nation as a whole refuse to bend its stubborn will to God, *you*, personally, need not suffer the terrible things ahead. God offers personal protection to **YOU**—if you will now surrender **ALL** the way to Him! But it means **SURRENDER**, utter, full, complete! It means a **CHANGE** in your life—a change from the ways of those about you—from the customs and ways of this time. It means a change to **GOD'S WAYS** as outlined in His Commandments! Through Jesus Christ as Saviour, find your way to God. Pour your heart out to Him in prayer. **STUDY** your Bible, as the guide to your new way of living—through the living faith of Christ, **LIVE** the way you see revealed in those sacred, inspiring pages. Do this, and you shall be accounted worthy to escape **ALL** things now soon to come to pass, and to **STAND** before the Son of man! (Joel 2:11-21; Luke 21:36).

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