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REMINDER: Satan not Yet Chained!

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God has given us significant and important victories very recently. He has opened new and extremely important doors for conveying His Gospel Message to NEW AUDIENCES in NEW AREAS! He has delivered us, for the time being, from the foreboding State of California lawsuit that hung like a foreboding cloud over us.

But we must REMEMBER:

The dropping of the lawsuit by the California Attorney General was only a single battle victory--NOT THE END OF THAT WAR! And Satan is still on his throne, unchained, knowing he now has but a short time--and HE WILL NOT GIVE UP!

The Attorney General of California and those politically behind him, beside those civil service bureaucrats in the Attorney General's department, and the judges who were, to say the least, irritated by our dynamic resistance and refusal to "cave in" that God's Church put up, are angry and will yet seek to win a next round of this war if possible.

I cannot read the Attorney General's mind, but I would guess he would like to carry on his political crusade to become the governor.

There is, in this world, the way of life of self-seeking and of competition that leads to the ECSTASY of winning, and the AGONY of defeat. The Attorney General and those whose interest is politically with him are not now going to just lay down and play "dead."

Already a new political movement is in evidence in Sacramento to try to introduce and pass another bill in the Legislature that will amend the Petris Bill, and restore that part on which the Attorney General really based his lawsuit and claim to ownership and total supervision of churches.

Actually, the original bill which the Petris Bill rescinded was aimed at cults like the Jonestown tragedy--cults that were not really responsible churches in the accepted sense. I understand there is another organization of some sort, claiming now to be a "church" which in reality is not a real church but engaged in a more or less criminal activity. Those embittered by the Petris Bill still want legislation to go after these "cults" posing as churches for legal protection. But if they can now succeed it may give the Attorney General's office legal grounds for renewing his lawsuit against God's Church. I'm sure those of that view would rejoice if they yet could DESTROY the Worldwide Church of God, or take over its current assets. I say current assets, because there is NO WAY they can destroy or STOP the Work of the living God. But they could,

if they ever won, take over what current cash assets are in Pasadena and perhaps millions of dollars worth of fine properties.

Anyway, remember we have won a crucial BATTLE--but not yet the WAR!

And remember, Satan is more subtle and diabolically clever than we many times over. God set him on earth's throne when he was "perfect in all his ways from the time he was created." He rebelled, revolted, turned from the brilliant Lucifer to the cunning, evil Satan. God is allowing him to remain on that throne, deceiving and misleading an unsuspecting humanity UNTIL He who qualified is established on that throne, and Satan chained and put for a thousand years into the "bottomless pit" where he can no longer sway mankind during that millennium.

If YOU don't fully realize it, Satan does--that now he has but a SHORT TIME left. And he hates most of all the ONE AND ONLY place on earth where THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD is administered--in this very Church of God! We are near, about at or just barely past the time of Revelation 7--the war in heaven, from which Satan and his demons are cast back down to earth. And what then?

"And when the dragon (Satan) saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman" (God's Church--us). Then, soon we are to be taken on the "two wings of a great eagle" to a place of safety and protection from Satan during the Great Tribulation.

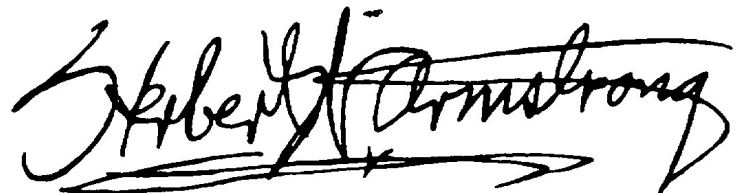
Yes, SATAN KNOWS how close we are to that time. I was personally persecuted ever since I first wrote my first article and preached my first sermon during the old "Sardis" days by some of their ministers (NOT by their brethren)!

But the first time the Church as a body met with real persecution from Satan's earthly governments was this recent lawsuit! It was definitely PROPHETIC!

LET IT WAKE US UP!

Now Satan will try harder than ever. He will find new ways to persecute us. Even yet our attorneys advise me strongly NOT TO GO YET TO PASADENA! There are those waiting to grab me or serve papers on me! Not for any wrong or evil I have done--but pure persecution!

God through Peter says to us, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: whom RESIST steadfast in the faith...." James writes: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herbert Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script with a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.

A Voice Cries Out: A Staggering Turn in World Events

is due to erupt in the next few years!

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IT WILL INVOLVE violently the United States, Britain, Western Europe, and the Middle East.

It's already rather late for the Free World to come awake to the real meaning behind current world events!

World leaders do not see clearly what is coming. **WHY?** Why are the best minds not seeing—leaders in the United States, heads of state around the world—scientists, educators, editors, news analysts—bankers, industrialists, leaders in business and commerce? **WHY?**

They are all the product of modern education. They have been falsely educated in a system where the most important dimension in knowledge is unknown and untaught. They have been deceived into closing their minds to the basic **CAUSES** of present events and trends.

The world has been falsely educated to ignore **CAUSES** and deal with **EFFECTS**! There had to be a **CAUSE** of present and coming **EFFECTS**. There is a **CAUSE** that has produced strife, violence and war—poverty, wretchedness, human suffering—crime, widespread immorality, the decadence in the basic foundation of any healthy and stable society, the **FAMILY UNIT**! But the leaders do not know, and certainly do not correct the **CAUSES**!

World Explosion to Erupt!

There has been a fatal missing dimension in the dissemination of knowledge. Leaders do not know *what man is*, or the purpose and meaning of life! They were not taught to distinguish the true values from the false. They did not learn the real **CAUSES** of troubles, nor **THE WAY** to peace, happiness, abundant well-being for all.

They know nothing of the overall **PURPOSE** being worked out here below! Consequently they guide humanity in a course in conflict with that purpose! Lacking knowledge of **THE WAY** to peace, we have no peace. Leaders talk of peace, they profess to work for peace, they fight for peace, while they give approval



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and blind acceptance of **THE WAY** that produces wars!

This world is giving civilization's acceptance to **THE WAYS** that are the **CAUSES** of all the world's evils!

And now we are approaching the final grand smash explosion. It will stagger the mind of man beyond the bounds of sanity! Forces are at work today on plans, conspiracies that soon will erupt the world into a violence and chaos such as never occurred before and never shall again! Men now are tampering with forces of nature they lack the prudence, knowledge, ability and wisdom to control!

In this folly of educated ignorance it has become fashionable and intellectually titillating to ignore the basic **Mind and Power** over all—the **PURPOSE** being worked out here below, and the master plan for its working out—the invisible but **Supreme Power** now soon to intervene and **END** the impending world chaos. It will be done *to us*, before mankind blasts itself out of existence!

Unreal though it may seem to those steeped in today's educational deceptions, some 2,500 years ago the **Supreme Power** of the universe inspired a man named Isaiah to quote Him, saying, "I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning... saying, 'My counsel shall stand'..."

The great world powers are formulating their plans and policies. But the next few years will see astounding events explode in a manner very different than they plan.

WHY? Because there does exist the great God who says: "The Eternal

wrecks the purposes of pagans, he brings to nothing what the nations plan; but the Eternal's purpose stands for ever, and what He plans will last from age to age.... The Eternal looks from heaven, beholding all mankind, from where He sits. He scans all who inhabit the world. He who alone made their minds. He notes all they do."

Through inspired prophets, this same Eternal foretold, beginning 2,500 years ago, the world events of the future—zeroing in particularly on our time **NOW**! All events prophesied to occur up to now have happened! without a miss! The rest—the climactic crisis of our **END** time—is certain—and **SOON**!

Yet the world's best minds are in total ignorance of tremendous impending events. Neither religionists nor theologians understand!

WHY? Approximately one third of all the world's best seller is filled with **PROPHECIES**—mostly foretelling our immediate future! Yet the **KEY** that unlocks prophecy to **UNDERSTANDING** had been lost! That vital key has been found! But because it is **NOT** the doctrine they have been preaching, evangelical theologians ridicule it.

That vital **KEY** is the identity of the United States and Britain in biblical prophecy.

Where is the United States spoken of in biblical prophecies—especially pertaining to our immediate future? Small nations—Ethiopia, Libya, Egypt, Turkey—are mentioned. Russia is mentioned. How could such a great world power as the United States be ignored? **IT ISN'T!** What you have read on this page is taken from the introduction of this revealing book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

We will present it gratis to those whose unprejudiced eyes are willing to see. It is an eye-opening, intriguing book—230 pages. You may have an attractive paperbound copy, illustrated in color, gratis on request—with no follow-up. Or, if you prefer, you may buy a distinctive hardcover copy at bookstores.

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