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Will HITLER Crack up *this Year?*

IF ever a war stage was set for action—and the whole world for that stage—it surely is set now.

The big action usually comes in the Spring and early Summer. That time is almost here. And *this* Spring this war will blow WIDE OPEN. At the moment, the world stands poised for the most explosive blows of military destruction ever to visit this earth!

What Will Happen?

Who will be *first* to grab the all-important initiative—who will strike the first BIG BLOWS—our forces, or the Axis?

Take a quick glance at the world picture as the fatal Spring *deadline* approaches.

Up until last November the Axis held the initiative. Then Russia began pushing back the Germans. Montgomery's British 8th Army began chasing Rommel half way across North Africa. We repelled repeated Jap attempts to re-take Guadalcanal. We recently destroyed an entire Jap convoy, twenty-two ships, 15,000 men!

Today in the British isles stand immobilized the greatest accumulation of unused military power on earth—two million men, some trained three years; the greatest aggregation of weapons possessed by any body of troops anywhere; the world's greatest concentration of combat pilots, of planes, of effective airfields. Churchill and Roosevelt both have promised invasions of Hitler's Europe within less than nine months.

And, in America, more millions of men are finishing off their training, ready for

HAS the turning point been reached—**ARE** we winning now?

Here is the secret of Nazi planning to rule the world—the inside story of the Munich Planning Academy. Here are the condensed facts, simply, plainly, understandingly told, about the new science now becoming the basis of ALL military planning—Geopolitics.

overseas action! Here we have the greatest mass-production arsenal in the world, literally belching out vast quantities of tanks, planes, guns, and ships.

Most Americans take one quick glance at this situation, and decide this war is now all over but the shouting! But *is* Hitler bound to crack up this year? **ARE** we as near to final victory as most of us like to suppose?

The WHOLE Picture

Consider the *whole* situation, at the moment.

Across the English channel Hitler has had three years, vast captured resources, ample forced labor of conquered peoples, to construct his new "Todt Line," perhaps the most modern defense system ever devised. It is scientifically planned to repel the most modern mechanized, mobile-type all-out offensive. It runs fifty miles deep the length of the Atlantic Coast-line. Military men say it might cost us a million or more men to crash through it—and that's *half* the number concentrated for the invasion in England today!

The most vulnerable spot for attacking Hitler's Europe is from its so-called soft underbelly. But unless and until we have succeeded in driving the Axis forces completely out of Tunisia, we shall be unable to invade Europe and presence of our vast expeditionary force in North Africa means exactly NOTHING! For that *point* controls the center GATE of the Mediterranean, and the Axis is astride that gate!

At best, the recent set-backs at the hands

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of Rommel in North Africa have delayed our ability to drive the Germans out of Tunisia by several all-important weeks.

The one VITAL spot in North Africa is Tunisia. Our dramatic landing in North Africa last November was one of the cleverest pieces of military strategy ever carried out. Hitler was caught entirely off guard. And yet, with all the advantage of surprise, initiative, and a vast force, we arrived at the one real VITAL spot—Tunis — just *twenty-four hours* TOO LATE! And we still have a nasty and tough job on our hands driving the Axis out of that spot which would give us CONTROL of the Mediterranean!

Add one other very significant factor. Hitler's subs have been sinking our ships in the Atlantic faster than we could replace them up until last December. Now we are reported to be making a very slight net gain, due to increased production of ship-building rather than to winning the battle against the subs. This serious lack of shipping has delayed the much talked-of SECOND FRONT for many long months already.

WHERE Will the BIG BLOW Fall?

The Germans have suffered heavy defeats on the Russian front—even heavier than the winter before. The Russians are masters of winter tactics, have out-fought the Germans in the snow. But Russia appears to lack the power and equipment for an offensive sufficiently sustained to defeat the Nazis alone. All depends, now, upon what we can do, and when! In just one to three weeks the thaws of southern Russia will produce a MUD beyond description. Russian momentum inevitably will be slowed to a standstill then. Indeed, as this is written, it appears to be about stopped already, and the Nazis are counter-attacking savagely.

Hitler still has a most powerful military machine—perhaps the most powerful the world ever saw. Weakened though it has been, Hitler still sits in a very strategic position, and he still has at least one more all-out grand-scale offensive left in him!

The question of the moment, as the Spring blow-off approaches, is whether WE can strike first and DIVIDE Hitler's power before the Russian offensive runs out, or whether Hitler can again beat us to the draw and apply that one last terrific PUNCH in such a manner, and at such a place, that the trend once again shall be reversed with the Axis again on the offensive!

A Startling Possibility

If, for instance, Hitler were able to drive through Spain, with Franco's consent, taking Gibraltar from behind—or at least rendering Gibraltar ineffective for keeping the Mediterranean entrance open for US;—and perhaps, at the same time if Hitler were able to spring across from Crete into Syria, Palestine, and down to SUEZ, clos-

ing up the eastern gate to the Mediterranean while he continues to hold possession of the middle gate at Tunis;—then our great invasion of North Africa might be turned into a MAJOR disaster for us!

You think such a thing couldn't happen?

Franco is under obligation to Hitler, whose troops really put Franco in power. German officers give Spanish officers instructions for training Spain's Nazified army today! Foreign minister Suner is reported recently to have made a secret pact with Hitler! It is said to give Hitler the right of passage through Spain and certain military facilities! It is known that Spaniards covet the Rock of Gibraltar! The Spanish have installed new, powerful guns at strategic points around Gibraltar. Bible prophecy at least indicates Spain will tie up finally with the Axis. Bible prophecy directly SAYS the Axis forces shall invade and occupy Palestine and Egypt. (Dan. 11:41-43; Mat. 24:15; Luke 21:20).

It is, truly, a tense hour. It seems we do not always get what we sometimes call "the breaks." And only by turning to ALMIGHTY GOD, and placing our trust in HIM may we be SURE of getting them from now on! If America really KNEW what Bible prophecy plainly SAYS—and knew how CERTAIN the prophecies are—America would turn instantly and in deadly earnest to her GOD!

Does GEOPOLITICS Hold the Answer?

The answer to what shall happen at the terrific Spring BLOW-OFF—and throughout this year—and, in fact, the military situation at the moment, cannot be fully understood until we know something of the fundamental Nazi PLAN.

For there is a general PLAN back of the entire German action. And this plan is more scientific, has been more minutely worked out, than most Americans realize. Hitler and the German general staff are by no means running around in aimless circles.

All German plans for world conquest originate in the German Planning Academy, at Munich. It is known as the Geopolitical Institute. You are beginning to hear a great deal about the new military science called "Geopolitics." You are going to hear a great deal more about it. The application of this new science, or semi-science, is affecting, and will affect, your very life. So far as military planning is concerned, it will determine the outcome of the war.

There is a sinister GLAMOR in Geopolitics. Yet, if you try to read up on it, or study it through ordinary channels, you'll probably find it so highly technical and dry you'll give up before you've learned much about it. But because, simply told, it IS so glamorously interesting—so VITAL to an understanding of the developments of this war—we outline for you here briefly, to the point, in plain, simple, non-technical language ALL can understand, the A.B.C.s of Geopolitics.

The Nazis Stole It from the British

This applied science is tied up with the rise of the Nazi party. Actually it is developed from political geography. It studies the relation of geography to the development of peoples and states. It was first developed as a system, not by any German, but by Sir Halford Mackinder, Vice-president of the British Royal Geographical Society.

Mackinder took a realistic look at the world as a piece of geography. Of the total surface of the globe, he noted that three-fourths is water, only one-fourth is land. And looking at the LAND area, he noted that actually Europe, Asia, and Africa are NOT three different continents as we have thought, but ONE GREAT CONTINUOUS MASS—one tremendous JOINT-CONTINENT, containing TWO-THIRDS of all the land area of the earth. Africa actually is JOINED to the Eurasian continent at Suez, and virtually joined at the narrow gate-ways of Gibraltar and the Gulf of Aden. Thus the Mediterranean Sea becomes an inland LAKE in this vast continent. This greatest joint-continent Mackinder termed the WORLD-ISLAND.

Just off-shore, at East and West, lie two small island groups—the British isles on the West, the Japanese on the East. And, from this geopolitical view of the world, on beyond the seas are the OUTER-islands, largest of which are North and South America, and Australia.

The great WORLD-ISLAND occupies more than two-thirds of the land area of the globe and contains more than SEVEN-EIGHTHS of its population! Viewed geographically in this manner, North and South America are no longer seen as one of the hemispheres, implying equality with the so-called Eastern hemisphere—but merely as outer islands. Only one-sixteenth of the world's population lives in the off-shore British and Japanese islands.

But with seven-eighths of the world's population on the great Eurasia-African world-island, men up to now have always lived chiefly around its edges. Men have SAILED around it in SHIPS. But in this century, the railroad, the automobile, and the airplane have been making the great central land-mass a real unit. All the vast area of the INTERIOR of Eurasia this geopolitician called the HEARTLAND.

This Heartland embraces part of Europe including Germany, Russia, Siberia, Mongolia, and Western China. AROUND this vast Heartland stretch the COASTLANDS. In these Eurasian Coastlands have sprung up all the great civilizations of history.

Mackinder's Warning

And so in such a world, SEA-POWER has always been the dominating force. Through SEA-POWER, the great British
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Is *this* ARMAGEDDON?

WE HEAR a great deal, nowadays, about "Armageddon." Yet few know what it is. Like most other topics of biblical prophecy, nearly everyone has accepted without question what is popularly taught on this subject. And, as in most other questions, the people have been turned away from the truth, and have unthinkingly embraced fables.

When World War I first broke out, many began excitedly to proclaim "This is the Armageddon war!" Again many have confidently proclaimed that the present war is the war that shall end at Armageddon.

The popular conception is that "Armageddon" is the prophesied last battle of the present world war. It will be a battle between either Hitler, or Stalin, on the one side, *attacking* Jerusalem; with the British and American armies on the other side, *defending* it. And at the precise instant of this final colossal battle the second coming of Christ is to occur.

But is this common conception true?

What IS "Armageddon"?

The word "Armageddon," strange as it may seem, occurs only *once* in all the Bible. It is in Revelation 16:16. Let's look at it. Begin with the 13th verse:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. And he (Am. Rev.: "they") gathered them together, into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, ARMAGEDDON (marginal reading, "Har-Mageddon")."

First, notice "Armageddon" is a *Hebrew*, not an English word. Actually the Hebrew word is "Har-Mageddon," or "Har-Megiddo." In the Hebrew, the "h's" are not pronounced, and so often are omitted in the spelling in English. Megiddo is in the Valley of Jereel, some 70 miles northwest of Jerusalem, just in from the port of Haifa. The Hebrew prefix "Har" means "fortified," or "fortified hill." Between World War I and World War II, the British fortified Haifa at a cost of many millions of dollars. Consequently, Megiddo (or Mageddon) has now become, in fact, ARMAGEDDON.

Secondly, notice the *battle* in question is actually stirred up, not by men or nations

JUST what IS "Armageddon"? Will it be the last battle of this present world war?

Will the United States and British armies be defending Palestine in that battle?

Read in this article, the amazing answer. You will probably be astonished!

alone, but by *spirits*—three spirits—and they are unclean spirits. They are the spirits of devils, or demons. These spirits INFLUENCE the leaders of the nations—deceiving them—stirring them to this battle. They come out of the mouth of Satan the Devil (Rev. 12:9 and 20:2), the Roman or European ruler (now Hitler), and the great religious or ecclesiastical ruler who shall, at that time, be associated in a mutual working agreement with Hitler or his successor.

And now notice thirdly, and most important of all, the text does not speak of any "BATTLE of Armageddon" at all! It is "the BATTLE OF THAT GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY."

Place of BATTLE, or of REFUGE?

Some, who have seen this, have concluded that "Armageddon," *which is a PLACE*, is *not* the place of this battle, but rather the place where Christ shall gather those who are to be protected *from* this battle. They come to this conclusion by assuming that verse 16 is a part of the parenthetic exclamation of Jesus recorded in verse 15. However, in verse 15 Jesus uses the personal pronoun "I." And in verse 16 the second person, "be" is employed in the Authorized Version, indicating that this is *not* part of the quotation of Jesus' own words of verse 15, but is written by John. The American revised uses the pronoun "they," indicating it refers to the three spirits who stir up this battle. The Moffatt and other translations place verse 15 in parenthesis, and Moffatt gives a foot-note explaining that this verse interrupts the sequence of thought, and is parenthetically thrown in.

Thus, considering all the evidence, it appears that "Armageddon" is the PLACE of the battle—but regardless of that, the BATTLE is *not* given the NAME of "Armageddon," in the Scripture, but rather it is "The BATTLE OF THAT GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY."

What IS "The Day of the Lord"?

The "Great Day of God Almighty," is, of course, the great "Day of the Lord" as it is spoken of in so many prophecies in both Old and New Testament Scriptures. And what is "The Day of the Lord?"

"The great day of the Lord is near . . . that day is a day of WRATH, a day of trouble and distress, a day of *wasteness and desolation*, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness." (Zeph. 1:14-15). "The day of the Lord's anger," (Zeph. 2:2). Notice it must be during, or following, this war for it comes at a time when the whole earth has been rendered waste and desolate by the wholesale destruction of the war.

"Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a *destruction* from the Almighty shall it come." Notice, the Almighty sends it. It is the great Day of God Almighty! It is a day of DESTRUCTION—and God sends the destruction!

Is It the Tribulation?

Is this Great Day of the Lord, then, the prophesied "Great Tribulation?"

No, it *follows* the Great Tribulation. Notice Joel 2:31: "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, *before* the great and terrible DAY OF THE LORD come." The DAY OF THE LORD is the time of the PLAGUES sent from God. The time of His supernatural intervening in this wholesale slaughter and destruction by man. But God will not send this PUNISHMENT upon a sinning world until He has WARNED THEM. First, He will send terrific supernatural SIGNS—in the sun, the moon, the stars. There shall be great tidal waves, earthquakes, convulsions of nature that shall throw men (who know not God and those prophecies) into frantic terror, thinking the "WORLD IS COMING TO AN END." (Rev. 6:12-17; Luke 21:25-26).

The "Great Tribulation" is described in Matthew 24. But notice verse 29: "Immediately AFTER the Tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken."

First comes Tribulation, *then* supernatural signs, *then* the Day of the Lord. Notice this also in Rev. 6:12-17. It is the Day of God's WRATH.

"PEACE!" To Be Proclaimed First!

Now notice an amazing fact, revealed by a New Testament prophecy—a fact very

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There has been no issue of The PLAIN TRUTH since the August-September number.

A Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

I wonder how many fully realize the *stark seriousness* of this time—that we are now entering the supreme CRISIS of ALL TIME!

What is the true MEANING of the world condition today? Do you fully realize? We are prone to assume that "all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." We assume that this war is just a temporary disturbance—that it will be over pretty soon, and of course we shall win it, and we proceed serenely to make plans for the future—*after the war!*

But this is *not* "just another war." This war is utterly DIFFERENT. It is the first truly world war. It is world revolution. It is world destruction—literally the *destruction OF THE WORLD!* This WORLD is being literally *destroyed*—torn down! There is a "NEW ORDER" coming. Not Hitler's order, thank God, but not *our* order, or any order of *our* devising and planning either.

This world is going up in smoke—it is being DESTROYED. We shall not be able to save it! This is of God! And the new order to emerge from the ruins of this present destruction shall be the KINGDOM OF GOD!

For "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (II Peter 3:8). Seven millennial "days" have been marked out by the Creator. The first six are the working days of Satan's week—days for his diabolical labor of deceiving the human race as to God's love and God's way of life for man—God's law. Under the sway of that satanic deception man has rejected the *loving* way of God, and built a world civilization upon the selfish way of GETTING—the way of competition and strife. That false philosophy of life has brought, automatically, the present hellish world-slaughter—this final climactic unleashing of the pent-up passions of HUMAN HATE! The world will destroy itself.

Thank God, though people realize it not, we are nearing the END of that way. The *seventh* millennial day will be "the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." In it Satan shall not do any work—the world shall no longer be deceived!

But before that glad day dawns we shall live through the darkest *night* this world has ever experienced! The present,

said Jesus in His great Olivet prophecy, is only the BEGINNING of sorrows! And if you could realize fully *what* sorrows—how *severe* will be the suffering upon earth as this present dying world gasps out its last breath in its desperate but futile death-struggle—you would be staggered beyond words to describe! If you could really see and grasp, now, what you *shall* see within the next five years, you probably would be paralyzed with fright and terror!

Yet NOT ONE need look into the prophesied and CERTAIN future with fear. True, "the day of the Lord"—the day of God's WRATH—God's PLAGUES—the most terrible time of earth's history—"WILL come as a thief in the night"—unexpectedly, when the world least expects it.

"But of the times and the seasons, BRETHREN, ye have no need that I write unto you," writes the inspired Paul (I Thes. 5:1), "for yourselves know perfectly that the DAY OF THE LORD" so cometh as a thief in the night . . . But let us, who are of the day, be SOBER, putting on the breastplate of FAITH and LOVE; and for an helmet the hope of SALVATION. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are entering the supreme crisis of all time! All prophecy warns us to be SOBER—to WATCH!—and to PRAY continually—without ceasing—earnest heart-rending prayer!

"Watch ye, therefore," warns Jesus in His Olivet prophecy, "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).

God help every reader of The PLAIN TRUTH to HEED this warning—and to begin, now, more earnestly than ever before to WATCH! and to PRAY!—to be SOBER, and to take this situation as seriously as it is! I can only warn you. I cannot do *your* praying for YOU! Though I can, and do continually, pray for all of you!

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few have grasped! It is in I Thes. 5:1-3:

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren,"—notice Paul is writing to the "brethren"—"ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that THE DAY OF THE LORD so cometh as a thief in the night."

Notice, Paul is not speaking of the second coming of Christ, but of the "day of the Lord"—the time of the DESTRUCTION God will send upon sinners to separate them from their sins. Now continue the prophecy:

"For when they"—"they" refers to the leaders and rulers of the world. Paul is

How The PLAIN TRUTH Is Published

So many ask: "How can you publish a magazine, without subscription price, and without advertising?"

The answer is simple. The GOSPEL must go to the whole world, and it must go FREE. It must not be sold like merchandise. "Freely ye have received," Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim the Gospel, "Freely GIVE." "Without money and without price," is God's way. We proclaim a FREE salvation. Therefore we cannot put a PRICE upon The PLAIN TRUTH.

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

God's way is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving, not getting. God expects every true child of His to GIVE of tithes and offerings that His work may go FREE—that His true ministers may GIVE the precious Gospel to others. We simply TRUST GOD to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people to give of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to GIVE the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read The PLAIN TRUTH.

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

writing to the brethren—"when *they* shall say PEACE and safety; then sudden DESTRUCTION cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and *they* shall not escape."

Notice, it shall come *suddenly*, unexpectedly. It is the time prophesied by Isaiah: "Howl ye: for the DAY OF THE LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. . . . Behold the DAY OF THE LORD cometh, cruel both with WRATH and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it . . . and I will punish the world for their evil." (Isaiah 13:6-11).

Notice, first, "THEY"—the world rulers—shall proclaim PEACE! and SAFETY!

The present world war shall have come to an *end!* Just *before* the terrible DAY OF THE LORD "Peace!" is to be proclaimed. There shall *be* no real peace, but world rulers shall proclaim it! And then what?

And then, as soon as PEACE is proclaimed, then the sudden DESTRUCTION of the plagues of the DAY OF THE LORD shall fall upon them. That is the time of GOD'S wrath.

"Armageddon," then—which literally is the battle of the great DAY OF THE LORD—cannot be the last battle of this present world war. We shall hear "PEACE" proclaimed just *before* the DAY OF THE LORD, in which the great battle popularly called "Armageddon" shall occur.

Great Tribulation Comes First

The "Great Tribulation" must come **PRIOR** to the DAY OF THE LORD. *Immediately after* the Tribulation the terrible supernatural signs shall occur—in the sun, the moon, the stars — earthquakes, tidal waves, convulsions of nature. And these are to occur *before* the DAY OF THE LORD. (Joel 2:31).

But what IS the "Great Tribulation"?

Most people have taken it for granted that the Tribulation is the time of God's wrath—the DAY OF THE LORD. But it is not. It *precedes* the DAY OF THE LORD.

Jesus' Olivet prophecy explains it. It reveals the succession of events up to *now*. The disciples had asked Jesus what would be the sign of His coming, and of the end of the age (Mat. 24:3). And He had replied that first would come false preachers proclaiming false Christs; then wars culminating in this present world war—kingdom, or empire, against empire; third, famines, fourth pestilences. All these have now COME. The famine and pestilence already have started in Europe.

And "all these," said Jesus, "are the *beginning* of sorrows." That's where we stand today—just the *beginning* of sorrows! Then what NEXT?

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you," Jesus foretold.

"They" means the rulers of the world. "You" means God's true saints.

Notice, this event, now the *next* prophesied occurrence, is to come *when* "ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,"—described in Luke's account of this same prophecy as "Jerusalem compassed with armies"—described in Daniel 11 as the Axis armies invading Palestine!

"For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION," continues the prophecy. The Tribulation is *not*, as so many erroneously assume, the time of *God's* Wrath. It is a time of *Satan's* wrath, described in Rev. 12:7-17 and in Daniel 12:1. It is a time, now next to happen, when true Christians shall be martyred by the Axis forces, proclaiming a non-existent "PEACE!" and alligning with the great False Prophet and ecclesiastical ruler of Europe!

Then Comes God's Wrath

Notice again, "Immediately *after* the Tribulation of those days" shall come the awful supernatural signs in the sun, the moon, the stars—the convulsions of the earth and the heavens (Mat. 24:29). And *then* shall follow the DAY OF THE LORD!

For Satan's fiendish persecution and martyrdom of God's saints, GOD shall take vengeance. Hitler and his Axis is Satan's political tool, on earth. *They* shall inflict this terrible Tribulation upon God's saints (see also Rev. 6:9-17). And then GOD shall step in and supernaturally interfere.

First, as a WARNING, shall come these terrible SIGNS! The DAY OF THE LORD will quickly follow—the time of *God's* wrath—the time of the PLAGUES.

The "seven last Plagues" are God's judgments upon this great false church, or ecclesiastical empire ruled by the False Pro-

phet from Rome, who *caused* the martyrdom of the middle ages, and who, lined up with Hitler as they shall yet line up, shall cause this coming martyrdom!

The Axis armies meantime shall have poured into Palestine. Hitler and the False Prophet shall set up the tabernacle and the palace there (Dan. 11:41,45)—move their headquarters there. During their reign the true Word of God will not be permitted to be preached (Amos 8:11). Only God's "two witnesses" inspired with supernatural powers shall be permitted to warn the world of what is then coming. And after three and a half years they shall be killed and their bodies lie unburied three and a half days in the streets of Jerusalem. (Rev. 11:3-10).

Hitler's New Europe

During this period, Hitler will move to stabilize his crumbling "crazy-quilt" empire—an empire described in Dan. 2:41-43—with the strength of "iron" in the world's most powerful army, but the weakness and brittleness of clay—an empire composed of conquered, subjugated, oppressed peoples. Only one man can help Hitler solidify his crumbling "new order" and that man is the great "False Prophet," to whom most of Europe owes ecclesiastical allegiance. Those men will join in a deal—with all the religion under control of the False Prophet.

Then, under this stimulus, TEN DICTATORS in Europe will give their power and armed strength over to Hitler.

This is all pictured in Revelation 17.

This great ecclesiastical system is pictured as a fallen woman astride the "beast." This woman is called "BABYLON." (Verse 5). She is "drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus," (verse 6). She CAUSES them to be killed, by pronouncing sentences (Rev. 13:15). The Gestapo or other policing agency of Hitler's order will do the actual killing.

This "beast" is the Roman Empire. All students of prophecy recognize that. Even the Roman Catholic Douay version admits this in a footnote. This empire was, and is not (verse 6) but shall be brought back to being once again. It shall be accomplished by a union of these ten dictators, or "junior partners" as Hitler calls them (verse 12-13).

What IS Armageddon?

And now notice!

"These"—these newly crowned kings forming Hitler's revived Roman Empire—shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings."

Christ is the "Lamb." But He does not appear as "Lord of lords, and King of kings" *until* His SECOND COMING!

He shall come at the outpouring of the seven *last* plagues of the DAY OF THE LORD—the very climax of this great and terrible "day." At the time when God's

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We do occasionally have especially-printed articles, Bible studies, etc.; and when these are available they are especially announced over the air. They are always FREE, but are not sent automatically to our mailing list, so you must make special request for these when you hear them announced over the air.

final judgments are being poured out upon this fornicating ecclesiastical system.

At that time Jesus Christ shall return to this earth to RULE! "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER!" (Rev. 11:15). He is the STONE, then smiting this entire rotten Gentile political-ecclesiastical system on the "TOES" of the "image" (of Daniel 2), and the KINGDOM OF GOD shall rule this earth and finally bring REAL PEACE, and happiness, and JOY to a sin-sick war-weary earth!

But Hitler (or his successor if there is one), and the False Prophet shall FIGHT against Christ! They shall fight desperately to retain their foul system.

And the BATTLE that ensues in this struggle to see whether Hitler's New Order or Christ's Kingdom shall rule this earth for the next THOUSAND YEARS, is the BATTLE of the GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY!

Who shall fight against whom? Will Hitler and the ten dictator-kings allied with him and their armies fight against the British and American armies in this battle? NO! Nowhere is one word said in prophecy to give such an idea.

Note it!

"And I saw the beast (Hitler) and the kings of the earth (his junior partners), and their armies, gathered together to make war against"—against WHOM? Not Britain and America! NOT Israel!—"against HIM THAT SAT ON THE HORSE (Christ) and His army." (Rev. 19:19). And *who* composes His army? Note verse 14. "And the armies which were in HEAVEN followed Him upon white horses." Shall the British and American armies go up to heaven? No! Who are these armies? Just one Scripture tells: "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him . . ." (Mat. 25:31). The HOLY ANGELS from heaven are Christ's army! A SPIRITUAL host is coming to take over! It is CHRIST and the Angels that Hitler will fight!

"And the beast was taken, and with him the False Prophet, . . . These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." THAT is to be HITLER'S END!

THAT is the "BATTLE of that great day of God Almighty!" THAT is the battle popularly called "ARMAGEDDON!"

It shall mark the beginning of PEACE—real PEACE on earth, and good will toward men!

STATION KVI ADDED

As we go to press, contract has just been signed adding Tacoma's powerful station, KVI, 570, top of your dial. "The WORLD TOMORROW" program will be released hereafter over KVI through facilities of the Liberty Network at 8:30 Sunday mornings.

Will Hitler Crack Up . . .

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Empire was developed and has been maintained for a century and a half.

Mackinder wrote during and immediately following the first world war. At that time he put the question, as a warning—and this is the point which LEAD to the PRESENT world war—"What if the Great Continent, the whole World Island or a large part of it, were at some future time to become a single united BASE of SEA-POWER? Would not the other insular bases (such as the British Isles), be OUT-BUILT as regards ships, and OUT-MANNED, as regards seamen?"

Mackinder pointed out further—WHOEVER RULES EUROPE AND THIS GREAT HEARTLAND COMMANDS THE ENTIRE WORLD-ISLAND. And if any power ever comes to rule the world-island, that power rules the world!

There, in a nut-shell, is the startling indication of this new science of Geopolitics.

But the British and Americans did not heed the warning.

Unfortunately for us, Mackinder's famous German disciple, Karl Haushofer, did recognize in Mackinder's warnings a diabolical GERMAN opportunity! He was closely associated with Adolph Hitler in the rise of the Nazi party—finally emerged to world-view in 1938 or 1939 as Hitler's evil genius. Haushofer developed the great German Geopolitical Institute—which is the German PLANNING academy—the REAL BRAINS back of the entire Nazi scheme to conquer and rule the world.

Basis of German Plans

Today, this German Geopolitical Institute is housed in more than a dozen large buildings in Munich. It is operating full blast day and night with a great staff of several thousands of scientists, historians, geographers, economists, industrial experts.

The job of this great Planning Academy is to provide the basic PLANS for conquest—to supply for the Military academy in Berlin the geographic PATTERN for German military campaigns.

The fundamental idea was this: "SPACE IS POWER." Whoever controls Europe and the HEARTLAND of the great WORLD ISLAND can control the SEAS and thus can RULE THE WORLD.

The German Geopolitical philosophy does not CHANGE the basic principle upon which Britain's world-empire has been based—that who controls SEA-POWER dominates the world. It entirely reverses the British METHOD. Instead of controlling the LAND AREAS of the world FROM the Sea, the German Geopolitical Plan is to CONTROL THE SEAS from the Land. The Germans realize that control of the SEAS is necessary to their Plan for World Control.

Control of Sea-Gates Means World Rule

Now notice carefully another point which is VITAL. Britain has been able to control the waves ONLY by controlling the strategic GATES to the Seas. Whoever controls the six great Sea-GATES—Gibraltar, Suez, Singapore, Pearl Harbor, Panama Canal. The British Isles themselves—controls the Seas and the outer-bases of the seas.

It is said that Gibraltar is a fortress that is invincible—and so it is, from the Sea. The same was true of Singapore. That's why the Nazi military machine is essentially a LAND machine—even though strange as it may seem, they know that to WIN this war they must WIN POWER OVER THE SEAS, and must do it by capturing these outer sea-BASES—the strategic GATES between the Seas. But Geopolitics teaches that the power in control of the LAND mass BEHIND these bases could capture them by OVERLAND attack—not from the Sea with battleships, but FROM BEHIND, over LAND!

In the early 1930s Haushofer predicted the fall of Singapore. "It's guns are pointed the WRONG WAY," he said. And this proved true. The Japs took it FROM BEHIND, and OVER LAND!

If the Axis can take any three adjoining of these fortified sea-gates, they would probably win the war. Experts claim that Hitler COULD have taken Gibraltar in this same way, from BEHIND, at any time after the fall of France.

But now you can understand why Hitler attacked RUSSIA first. It was his bid to grab complete control of this vast HEARTLAND. THEN they would be able to take Gibraltar—over LAND, from BEHIND, and SUEZ, and thus control Africa and the entire WORLD ISLAND. Once in control of that, the rest of the world, they believe, would be at their mercy.

And so, reduced to its simplest terms, the Nazi PLAN has been, first to gain control of Europe as a stepping-stone to control of RUSSIA and all of the WORLD ISLAND. Second, to capture the Mediterranean—third, the PACIFIC, and then, fourth, the ATLANTIC.

To accomplish this, the original Nazi PLAN followed this order: 1—alliance with Italy; 2—control of SPAIN, to make possible the capture of Gibraltar from behind, LATER; 3—control of France; 4—control of Albania, Yugoslavia, Greece; 5—control over Poland, and Russia; 6—control of Libya and Egypt; 7—Syria and Palestine; and 8—to seize Gibraltar and Suez. That would place Hitler in control of the HEARTLAND and the MEDITERRANEAN, and, in fact, the entire WORLD ISLAND. Then was to follow control of the Middle-East, India, China's Coast, capture of the Philippines and SINGAPORE, and control of the SOUTH PACIFIC. This

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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. And you will be literally astounded by this proof.

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

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

Can you figure three days and three nights between sunset "Good Friday" and sunrise Easter Sunday?

We have never published an article that stirred more comment and enthusiastic endorsement than this article, which we reprint from the issue of March-April, 1942.

"Whale!" No wonder the Devil has set up 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 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 these 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 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 cried 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 Fulfil His Sign?

Now all this is based on the supposition that Jesus did fulfil 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 fulfil 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 years' ministry, as He was, yet it is significant that He was also "cut off" by 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 certain annual calendar dates, 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 PASS-OVER 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 (1 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 PASS-OVER, 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 last 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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to be followed by control of the Atlantic and defeat of America.

The PRESENT Viewed Through Geopolitics

And now, WHERE DO WE STAND, at the moment, and WHAT OF THE FUTURE? Viewed from this over-all Plan of Geopolitical science, the present situation does not look so overwhelmingly BRIGHT as many of our optimists are beginning to paint it.

Everywhere in America people are serenely coming to the conclusion that the tide of war has definitely turned, that the Axis is about WHIPPED, and the war will be over pretty soon. But the actual FACTS of the war are not that bright and easy. Regardless of the trend AT THE MOMENT, *Hitler is well along with his general PLAN.*

And now, WHAT OF 1943?

With this over-all fundamental picture in mind, and based upon the opinion of military experts—and also upon the indications of BIBLE PROPHECY, I would make this prediction:

Hitler will soon make a DESPERATE GAMBLE. He has at least ONE MORE grand-scale offensive left in him. He will employ it with reckless abandon, where he and his geopoliticians and military strategists think it will count the most, and stake everything on it—win or lose.

It might be, and most likely WILL be, to go through SPAIN to Gibraltar, and through Syria to Palestine, to SUEZ. Bible prophecy indicates both attacks will be made.

The CRUX of the Situation Is These GATES

Finally, regardless of other points of strategy, the real crux of world-control lies in the control of its sea-GATES! Seventy-two percent of the earth's surface is water, and who controls the WAVES controls and dominates the world. And who controls the six great fortified sea-GATES also controls the SEAS!

And the astounding truth is that these GATES, and their fate from here on, are foretold in biblical PROPHECY!

Millions are beginning to learn that the white, Anglo-Saxon, English-speaking peoples are the literal, racial descendants of the so-called LOST TEN TRIBES of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL! The Jews are merely from the tribe of Judah. But WE are the true chosen people—the BIRTHRIGHT people, who have actually inherited the Birthright Jacob took from Esau! For many hundreds of years our national identity was lost. The thrilling story of this great fact is interestingly, convincingly told and is PROVED in a special booklet, "The United States in Prophecy." Two printings of this booklet have been exhausted, but the third printing will be available in a few weeks.

A copy will be sent, without charge, upon request.

One of the vital PROMISES in that great material Birthright was possession of these very sea-GATES. The Eternal God gave this promise to Abraham:

"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." (Genesis 22:16-17).

We Inherited Those GATES

The House of Israel could have inherited that great Birthright of world-dominance and vast wealth during or after the days of Moses. But because they departed from the laws and ways of God, and adopted the Babylonish customs, these precious promises were DENIED them for the 2520 years of Israel's national punishment. Israel's national punishment ended 1800 A.D. Beginning that year the British and American people began suddenly to spurt to wealth and greatness such as NO NATIONS ever before had achieved. And among the vast riches bestowed upon us were the six world-spanning sea GATES and naval bases. We fortified them, every one.

These gates are, Gibraltar, Suez, Singapore, Pearl Harbor, Panama Canal, and the British Isles themselves! They are the GATES that mean WORLD CONTROL! Today they are our principal fortifications! Giant fortresses—the outer SEA bases for world control!

And now, what is prophesied?

The PROPHECY!

The future of the world hangs upon these GATES—now our principle FORTIFICATIONS!

Listen! "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many peoples as a lion among the beasts of the forest." (Micah 5:8).

The "remnant" is the LAST GENERATION, during this present age. The generation that shall SEE the Second Coming of Christ and the dawning of a NEW age! The British and Americans are JACOB! We, today, are among other nations as a lion among other beasts of the forest! You could hardly apply *this* prophecy to the JEWS!

"Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off," continues verse 9. This has been true of our people since 1800 A.D.

BUT—note it—in this very day—this very last generation, "and it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord"—in the day we are so great and rich and powerful—"that I will cut off thy horses ("war-horses,"—Moffat translation) out of the midst of these and I will destroy thy chariots; and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds!"—Moffat says FORTIFICATIONS! (Verses 10-11). Almighty God says HE will

do that to us—because our sins have increased!

This is not in ONE prophecy—it is in MANY! It is prophesied throughout the Old Testament, and also in the New! Most of the prophecy of Ezekiel is devoted to it! Jeremiah foretells it—30th and 31st chapters, and also the 5th to 7th. Joel shows how God will accomplish it by sending upon us years of FAMINE, and crop-destroying worms and locusts! Thus shall we be softened for invasion—UNLESS we repent, and turn to GOD! Hosea foretells it, as does Amos and other prophets—ycs, even Jesus Himself foretold it in His famous Olivet prophecy!

AMERICA'S REAL HOPE

BUT, says God, "IF my people which are called by my name, 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).

Joel's prophecy shows that, if we will not repent before, even after the prophesied invasion starts, if we will repent and TURN TO GOD with our WHOLE HEARTS, He will rescue us and turn back the invading cohorts of hell!

If only this nation can realize it, we are God's chosen race—and GOD ALONE determines the outcome of WARS!

"Armies do not bring victory to a king," says Almighty God (Psalm 33:16, Moffat translation), "No, the Eternal's eye rests on His worshippers who rest their hopes upon HIS kindness, that HE may rescue them from death! (verses 18-19).

Whenever our forefathers, Israel of old ignored God, lived according to pagan customs as WE ARE LIVING NOW, trusted only in their own armies and those of Gentile allies, ISRAEL LOST EVERY TIME! But every time Israel or Judah relied upon the Eternal GOD, even though they were unprepared and had no army at all, God fought the battle for them, and their foes fell in defeat—and there is not one exception in history!

Listen! HAS GOD CHANGED? He says He has not! This war, for us, is a judgment sent from GOD. America has a lesson to learn. WE SHALL LEARN IT. God help us to TURN TO HIM—to turn FROM evil ways and customs and traditions—our ways of selfishness and greed—of self-seeking, of pleasure, of dissipation and immorality—to PUT OUR TRUST IN OUR GOD! Otherwise America will still learn her lesson, but she shall have to learn it the HARD WAY—in defeat, and slavery, and loss of liberty, property—everything we hold dear!

"As I live," says the Eternal GOD, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked TURN FROM HIS WAY, and LIVE: turn ye," God pleads with America today, "TURN YE from your evil ways; for WHY will ye die, O House of Israel?" (Ezek. 33:11).