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West Germany's New Chancellor Ludwig Erhard

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What our READERS SAY

On The Race Question

"I really enjoyed reading about 'The Real Cause of the Race Crisis.' I never did like what the people are doing to bring on integration. Somehow I never did believe that God meant for all races to be integrated but after reading your article, I know I was right. I think my people are wrong in what they are doing. If they would pray and put their trust in God He would help them. We need more God-sent men like you to preach the truth. I am a Negro."

Man from Alabama

"About the race problem, I must inform you how very wrong you are. You stated that integration will result in intermarriages. If it does, so what? You white men have been getting babies by black women for over 400 years! So what is good for the goose is good for the gander."

Man from Chicago, Illinois

• You're wrong. White men have been "getting babies" by black women since well before the flood—and vice-versa. But sin plus sin does not equal righteousness. Neither does poison plus poison equal no poison. Two wrongs do not make a right—and in such a gigantic and frightfully serious and far-reaching issue as the race problem of today, a purely emotional and distorted human opinion is hardly the solution!

"I read the article where you say you are not taking sides in the race issue. How generous of you. At least you have come out in the open. I know you have been on the Negroes' side ever since I first heard your broadcast several years ago. In fact, I consider you a Negro idolator of the worst kind."

Man from San Leandro, California

• We are NOT—as plainly stated in huge capital letters last issue, taking sides! We are on GOD's side in this and all other issues. And just what, exactly is a "Negro Idolator?"

It's Free!

"I heard you over the radio and was shocked at the things you said concerning our present-day world situation. Did I hear right? Do you send literature free? I must be hearing things. If you really meant what you said then please start sending me the magazine PLAIN TRUTH."

Mrs. L. S., South Carolina

• You're now holding it in your hands.

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"Evening before last, while driving home, I turned to a Nashville, Tennessee radio station and heard the last portion of your program. Actually, Garner Ted was doing the show, but since I first heard *The WORLD TOMORROW*, several years ago, I associate the show with your name. My mother and father listen to your program regularly. Several years ago while I was home on leave from the Army, they invited me to sit down and listen with them. I did and enjoyed it very much. Since that first program I have listened to you in the jungles of Laos, in Europe and in many parts of the Eastern United States. You might be interested to know that a radio station in Thailand broadcasts your programs, and it was that station I heard while I was in Laos last year."

Mr. Larry N. P., Fayetteville, N.C.

• The WORLD TOMORROW is truly world-wide! But we didn't know we were being heard in Laos.

"It sure was good to hear your voice again last Sunday night. I always listen. I know you are teaching the truth for I know it is in the Bible. I check up on you."

Mrs. Rena Q., Statesboro, Georgia

• Good! We want everyone to check up—with an open mind, and an open Bible!

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Personal from the Editor

HERE'S a sample of "clever" but faulty human reasoning! Where God or the Truth are concerned, it seems natural to reason suspiciously, and with a skeptical or hostile approach.

Would you be deceived by this type of reasoning?

Recently a man, who knew little or nothing about the Truth which the living God is proclaiming to the world through us, asked: "How can you know that *you* are any nearer right than anybody else? You say the whole world is deceived. You say the churches are wrong on many points of doctrine, but that you have the TRUTH. You say they are human, and have been deceived. It's human to err. But are *you* not also human? Are you not also fallible? How can you be sure you are any nearer right than any of the others?"

I want to give our readers the clear, plain, understandable answer to that question! I want to EXPLAIN, so plainly you can really comprehend it, HOW and WHY we know we have the TRUTH! I want to make clear how YOU may know what is the TRUTH, while this whole world is deceived and in utter darkness. I want to tell you HOW *you may be SURE!*

First, are we not also human? Yes, indeed! We can make mistakes, too! We, too, could be in error on this, or that, or the other point. But *we do not need to be!*

A man may say: "Who does this Herbert W. Armstrong think he is? Is he any smarter than all these great theologians—these noted preachers and heads of great religious denominations?" The answer is NO—it is not a matter of intellectual capacity.

We are *all* human. We are *all* fallible. I have been wrong. I have made mistakes. The same is true of Garner Ted Armstrong—of Roderick C. Meredith, of Herman L. Hoeh—of all those God is using in HIS WORK.

That is the very first thing that we *do* recognize. That is the *starting point* in

the search for Truth. That is one reason why we *do* have the Truth, in the midst of a very deceived world. I wish every religious leader would adopt this approach.

God says: "PROVE all things." That means *you* are fallible. That means all the "great" men are fallible! ALL are human. ALL can be *wrong*—and nearly all are. The *whole world* is DECEIVED (Rev. 12:9). That means its religious leaders and churches are deceived!

The very recognition of that fact is the *beginning* of right knowledge. We *do* recognize it—and that we ourselves could be wrong. That is the *first step* toward coming out of the fog of error and deception, starting toward Truth.

It is not a matter of who has the greater intellect. A man may have the highest I.Q. in the world, and in his intellectual VANITY refuse to admit he could be wrong—reject all correction—and thus embrace error and deception.

The second step, if you would know TRUTH, is to be *willing* to admit being deceived, or in error, and to reject it and accept Truth. Ask yourself: "Am I really *willing* to confess error—to admit I'm wrong—*when proved*—and reject it? Am I *willing* to accept truth new to me—*when proved*—even though unpopular—even though it cuts me off from my family, friends, associates, club or church members—even though everything in my selfish and vain nature rebels against it? Am I willing to *act on it*—OBEY the Truth—no matter what the cost?"

Ah, yes! Perhaps *now* you are beginning to see why "all these great theologians—these noted preachers—these heads of great religious denominations" could be in error. Did you ever know a person of great intellectual powers who did not have the kind of VANITY that shrinks from confessing he has been WRONG—and has misled others? To find and live the TRUTH requires a HUMBLED mind.

These are the first TWO points in

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OUR COVER

West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard was strongly opposed by Adenauer. Here's why. Erhard, trained in economics and political science, has been strongly influenced by Prof. Franz Oppenheimer. Oppenheimer, a Jew, taught at the Frankfurt Economics Institute until he was forced to flee upon Hitler's rise to power. Oppenheimer gave Erhard his doctorate in 1926. Near the close of World War II Erhard drew up plans for Germany's economic future. He sent a copy to the mayor of Leipzig, a leading anti-Nazi. Erhard escaped detection in the abortive July 1944 plot. After the war the Americans recognized him as one of few "clean" Germans in high office. Erhard's "Wirtschaftswunder" made him the German choice for Chancellor. But many German nationalists oppose him, hope to replace him by 1969 after a re-election.

which one who has come to the TRUTH differs from those still steeped in deception and error.

Can we be SURE that we have the TRUTH, when we, too, as the critic argued, are fallible, with minds that are not perfect? Yes, *you can be SURE!*

The greatest, ablest intellect in the world is still HUMAN—still fallible—still imperfect. Those who are deceived and steeped in error have simply not stopped to realize their own imperfections—their proneness to error. They assume, in their egotism, that whatever they believe is TRUE. And they are UNWILLING to humble themselves and confess their wrongs.

I can tell you how I started, thirty-seven years ago, out of the darkness and into the light. And it is the basically sound and SURE way for you, or any other, to start.

First, I had to know whether there is a real BASIS for Truth. Is there an INFALLIBLE AUTHORITY? In other words, does GOD exist? Is the all-wise—all-knowing—all-perfect GOD a *reality*? And if so, has He communicated basic TRUTH to mankind?

A world-famous Protestant leader writes (or has written for him and in his name) a syndicated newspaper column. It gives HIS answers to Bible questions. I wonder if you have noticed a question and answer column in *The PLAIN TRUTH*? Have you noticed that we completely *reverse* the caption? We do not give you OUR answers to Bible questions—we give you the BIBLE answers to *your* questions!

A question recently published in this syndicated newspaper column asked whether the Bible gives any PROOF of the existence of God. The *man's* answer may be summed up in one word: NO. He answered that we must *assume* God's existence—and then have FAITH. That is, have faith in this human assumption!

But the Bible commands: "PROVE ALL THINGS." That includes the existence of God! In the Bible, God says: "PROVE me now, herewith." The Bible says the scoffers "are without excuse," because the PROOF of God's reality is clearly seen, even in nature. God Himself, in the Bible, offers the PROOF of fulfilled prophecies. He offers, though few experience this proof, the PROOF

of answered prayer. (Write for our free booklets: *Does GOD Exist*, and *PROOF of the Bible*.)

I found irrefutable PROOF of God's existence in the *facts* of science, the FACTS of matter, in reason, and in the Bible. And second, I sought PROOF of whether or not the Bible is the authoritative REVELATION from God to mankind—and I found it positively PROVED by many irrefutable proofs.

So I had a firm BASIS for faith. I had an infallible AUTHORITY!

Still, this was not alone sufficient. I had the SOURCE of Truth. But, up to that time, I had never been able to UNDERSTAND the Bible. Neither do most scientists, educators, or theologians understand it. A great mind and a superior intellect, alone, is incapable of UNDERSTANDING this spiritual revelation from Almighty God!

This is explained in the second chapter of I Corinthians. These Truths of God are a MYSTERY—a hidden SECRET—which none of the leaders, rulers, or great men of the world know (I Cor. 2:7-8). But God has *revealed* these spiritual Truths to converted Spirit-begotten Christians *by His Spirit* (verse 10). For (verse 11), what man can know the things of a man—that is, physical and material knowledge—but the *spirit* of man, which is *in* him?

Can you understand that? Pure physical BRAIN, composed of matter, cannot comprehend the things of this material universe known by scholars, scientists, educators. The dumb animals have physical BRAIN. But they do not comprehend HUMAN knowledge—the physical knowledge known to human MINDS. But, as Job wrote (32:8), there is a spirit *IN* man. This spirit is not the MAN—man is DUST or matter (Gen. 3:19)—NOT spirit. But this human spirit, united with physical BRAIN, forms human MIND. Yet this human MIND is carnal. It can know the things of a MAN—that is, mortal or PHYSICAL things.

What man, then, could *know* or possess this material KNOWLEDGE, except by the *spirit* of MAN that is *IN* the man—united to and functioning with material BRAIN? The addition of this HUMAN spirit turns animal brain into human MIND.

Now go further, in the same verse (I Cor. 2:11): "even so, the things of GOD knoweth no man, BUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD." It is only by the receiving of God's HOLY SPIRIT, to unite with the human mind, that a man may comprehend SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE. Only by the receiving and indwelling of the Holy Spirit are the real TRUTHS of the BIBLE comprehended by the human mind.

The great MINDS of this world cannot comprehend Biblical and spiritual TRUTHS without God's Holy Spirit, any more than a dog, horse, ape, or elephant can comprehend physical, scientific knowledge without the spirit that is *in* MAN—and is NOT in the dumb brutes!

That is precisely WHY, up until thirty-seven years ago, I could not understand the Bible. That is why nearly all of the truly GREAT minds of world leaders cannot understand this TRUTH! It is not a matter of degree of intellect.

So, in order to really *perceive* the deceptions that have BLINDED this world, once we have *recognized* our own fallibility and proneness to error—once we have become WILLING to admit it when proved wrong, and to accept TRUTH—the next step is to receive God's gift of His Holy Spirit. And the CONDITIONS to this are: 1) REPENTANCE; and 2) FAITH in Christ as personal Saviour.

Repentance is toward GOD. Sin is against GOD. We may harm or injure people—but we SIN against GOD. Sin is the transgression of GOD's LAW. Sin is rebellion against GOD. It has cut us off from God. To repent means to be so HUMBLed, so broken up about the *colossal crime* of rebelling against the HOLY GOD—So abhorrent of our own rebellious, deceitful, vain selfish SELVES—that in real contrition we turn to God for mercy and CHANGE of mind and attitude, now desiring to CHANGE OUR WAYS—to be obedient to GOD'S LAW.

Very few know what repentance really is. Then, through FAITH in Christ as Saviour, we may be reconciled to God, and His PROMISE is that we shall then receive HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

The SELF has to die! It means unconditional surrender to God and HIS RE-

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Friend... or FRANKENSTEIN Monster?

You would be AGHAST to know the really BIG NEWS happening in Germany! Prophecy is leaping into the headlines as an awakening giant emerges out of the rubble of a prostrate, helpless Europe! Here's what *your Bible* says about Germany!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

WITH heads of governments toppling like tenpins, new incidents on the Berlin Autobahn, violent storms and terrible accidents, your attention is swept first this way and then that—from one part of the world to the other!

But in the midst of it all—you've probably been missing the BIGGEST NEWS in the world today!

That news is shocking—it's staggering.

Here it is!

The New Germany

It's the new Germany, with its new cherubic-faced "Onkel Ludi," Chancellor Ludwig Erhard! It's a brand-new, pulsating, glittering glamour world of modern industry in Western Europe that is destined to *change the course of your life!*

You would be *amazed*, if you could SEE *with your own eyes* the glamorous new Germany.

Germany's new Chancellor, Ludwig Erhard, now takes power at the helm of the West German government, leader of a people made prosperous principally by his own personal efforts!

Under Erhard's dynamic, energetic, far-reaching reforms as economics minister, West Germany has come from a tottering, starving, poverty-stricken state to the gleaming young giant of Western Europe of today.

West Germany is the world's *third largest* trading nation (just behind the United States and Britain), and *SECOND* in industrial production!

West Germany's exports have soared by a dizzying 700% since 1950, and production rates are fully 276% over

the heyday of Hitler just prior to World War II! Germany presently boasts the largest gold and currency reserves in Europe!

Shocking?

Yes—it is! Especially when you realize how surprisingly *rapid* these fantastic advances have been made! Think of it. Only a *few short years ago*, in the really *recent memory* of so many of us, Germany was a whipped, beaten, dazed nation—her factories in ruin—her buildings and cities in twisted, wasted rubble!

Yet, in just an amazingly short time, West Germany now challenges even the gigantic industrial power of the United States in most world markets!

Ludwig Erhard receives his certificate of appointment as the new chancellor of West Germany.

Wide World Photo



But is prosperity wrong? Is it *bad* that the formerly whipped German people can now enjoy a certain affluency? Is it *evil* that the German people are now able to buy refrigerators, washers and dryers, modern electric appliances of all types, jewelry, furs, and gleaming new automobiles?

Of course not! In spite of Marshall Plan dollars, you still cannot help but admire the tremendous energy of a bustling people who simply *could not* resign themselves to their fate! You cannot help but admire the people who broke up their remaining furniture to feed their blast furnaces to get their industry rolling once again!

It is not the present prosperity that should alarm you, by itself. But what *your Bible* says Germany will eventually DO with her newfound power—what *Bible prophecy* says about the future MILITARY MIGHT of Germany is *not what you think!*

German Unity Ahead?

Former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has now stepped down from his office, to be replaced by the new Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. But political observers in West Germany fully expect the new chancellor, even though never a close follower of Adenauer policies, to continue riding the crest of the wave of German prosperity.

Adenauer, though out of office, expects to continue wielding the power of his influence to *unite Germany!*

Erhard is expected to be more "flexible" in creating a climate geared toward reunification—but it may be the talks between France's President Charles

de Gaulle and former Chancellor Adenauer which will achieve the most tangible results!

With Chancellor Erhard, the West now looks for *closer* German co-operation with the United States administration of President Kennedy, with a gradual widening of interests between the present German chancellor and De Gaulle of France, and definite warm-up in the attitude in Bonn toward Great Britain.

Especially do Western observers expect increased activity by West Germany in all phases of the new Europe!

With an economic wizard at the helm, known to be quite liberal and not an especially astute politician, it is fully expected that emphasis will continue on growth in trade, more free trade with the world, and the continued booming of the newfound West German prosperity.

Are there any Nazis in West Germany today? WILL West Germany continue to be the staunch friend of the United States and Great Britain? Will this emerging young giant in Western Europe *continue* to act as Western planners expect? The answers to these questions are revealed in *your Bible!*

How Did It All Happen?

To get the *true perspective* of what is REALLY happening in Western Germany today, you need to realize West

The new Frankfurt Intercontinental Hotel, another example of the economic resurgence of West Germany.

DPA Photo



(Left) Landing of West German paratroopers. (Right) French troops entering a German transport plane.



DPA Photo

German prosperity is NOT a direct result of American aid ALONE! Shocking as it sounds, there has been a fantastic, carefully executed *plot* to bring about the resurgence of the German nation in so short a time! Even in the winter of 1944, for example, Ludwig Erhard, then running a small private market research institute, wrote a thick document which he mimeographed. He made a number of copies for certain key persons inside the tottering German nation. His opening words emphasized that Germany was *losing the war*—and that it was absolutely essential the post-war economic program be decided upon immediately!

Even before defeat, he was planning economic resurgence!

While Mr. Erhard and others were busily planning the rebuilding of the German *economy*—others were concerning themselves with the MILITARY revival of Germany! The Nazis planned to *go underground*—to stage a comeback!

The rebirth of the German nation, and its arrival to the powerful young giant of today was by no means an *accident*. It was, instead, a *carefully executed plan*. To understand how easily it worked, you must come to appreciate

the unique position of West Germany in Europe.

German geopolitical planners *themselves* wrote of the unbelievable "fascination" in the minds of Western planners concerning Germany's position in Europe!

Obviously the most industrious, progressive, hard-working peoples on the continent, the Germans were the "logical" choice by reason of geographical location and national history to be the "bulwark against the East."

When, through the haze and smoke of the recent war, it finally became clear to a startled public that Russia was NOT, after all, a friendly, fun-loving people destined to remain a loyal ally of the West, the Germans told the West they could not defend Europe without re-arming Germany!

For a time, Washington talked of the "calculated risk" of putting arms into the hands of the peoples who twice in our modern times had plunged the world into war.

But Western planners were only *too willing* to see the Germans as *completely repentant* of their Nazi past. Americans assumed Germans would be eager to see their former heroes, leading generals and public figures hanged un-

ceremoniously as war criminals, and ready to join the West in its fight against a new and more deadly foe—Communist Russia. Key figures in Germany helped keep the image alive. They emphasized *fear of Russia*—and *their* willingness to take part in defending Western civilization against Communism.

Even though the United States' State Department was sternly warned time and again that the Nazis had planned to go *underground* prior to the close of the war, that Hitler had perhaps *escaped*, along with top members of the German general staff, that new geopolitical centers were to be set up in Madrid, Switzerland, Argentina and

many has been hoodwinked on a monstrous scale!

For example, it is a *known fact* that MILLIONS of teen-agers in West Germany DO NOT BELIEVE any Jews were ever slaughtered under the Hitler Regime! They sincerely, completely and confidently BELIEVE Dachau, Belsen, Buchenwald, Auschwitz, and other "death camps" were built by American army engineers AFTER THE WAR, financed by JEWISH DOLLARS, as a PLOT TO DISCREDIT THE GERMAN PEOPLE!

YOU may remember seeing the mountainous piles of grisly, staring corpses, the laboring bulldozers pushing the rotting bodies into common graves—the bones of *human beings* still in evidence



Wide World Photo

German Air Force markings identify the super-powered jet fighter developed by Lockheed Aircraft in the United States.

Egypt, that vast sums of money from plundered Europe were located in banks in these countries, and that a huge plot was ALREADY being formulated to once again put Germany in the driver's seat—the U.S. chose to take the "calculated risk."

That's how one of the greatest hoaxes—one of the most fantastic propaganda campaigns in the history of our modern times completely and totally succeeded!

The plan worked *so well* it's almost unbelievable!

Distorted History

Not only have American citizens proved willingly gullible, but even the new generation of youngsters in Ger-

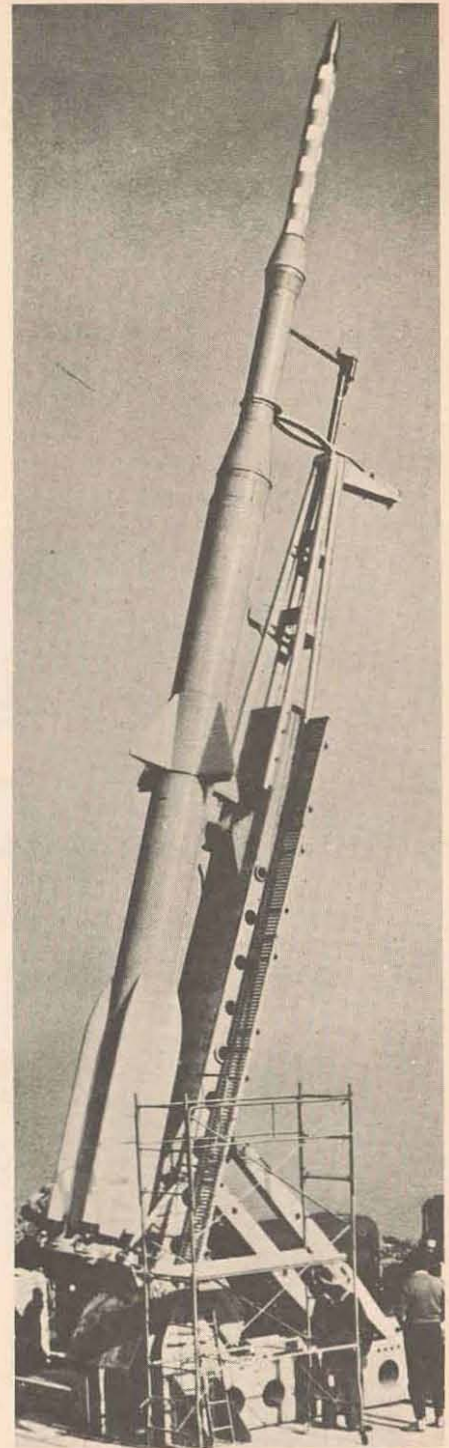
many in the furnaces, the pictures of the gas chambers where hundreds were jammed together like cattle to inhale "cyclone" gas—dying in paroxysms of strangulation! Yes—some of YOU will remember actually SEEING these shocking newsreel photos at the end of the war.

But the German generation of today has NOT seen them.

They've never even heard the story.

The blatant attempt to bury the shameful past, the national trauma against the whispers of conscience has made many Germans virtual historical illiterates.

The old days, under Hitler, are spoken of only in hushed tones—and in private families.



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A rocket of the "Bernice" type. It serves a scientific and not necessarily a military purpose. It is a flying laboratory which gathers important scientific and meteorological data.

You would be *shocked beyond belief* to sit in a German classroom—whether in an elementary school or one of the big universities—and hear what is being taught about recent German history!

What *you* need to realize is the FACTS of the PROPHECIES OF YOUR CREATOR!

Today, as a result of a carefully ex-

ecuted plot—a vitally alive, resurgent industrial, economic and military power once more begins to dominate the scene in Europe—just as fearlessly foretold in these pages since 1934!

Shocking as it may sound, even while Rommel was on the run in Africa, *away* from Suez, THIS WORK OF GOD was foretelling the stark facts of how the NAZIS WOULD GO UNDERGROUND, that GERMANY WOULD RISE AGAIN, and would lead a union of TEN nations, perhaps called a "UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!"

For years, the public scoffed. Even great political leaders boasted Germany

carefully documented, of Germany's prophetic identity is temporarily out of print, but will soon be available as a large booklet.)

Notice what God says about the German people in Isaiah 10:5-6: "Oh Ashur, {*Assyria*—the modern Germans of today!} the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is *mine indignation* [God is going to USE Germany as a rod in *His hand* to PUNISH His own wayward people as a result of their monstrous crimes and sins!] I will send him against an *hypocritical* nation, and . . . I will give him a charge to take the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread

cover the *remnant* of His people, which shall be left, from ASSYRIA {*GERMANY!*} and from Egypt and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coastlands [margin] of the sea" (Isa. 11:11).

God mentions *first of all* the modern-day peoples of Germany—and then includes the Egyptians, (who are presently being forged into a modern military machine aiming toward the stamping out of the little nation of Israel by many of the very same generals who helped lead Hitler's army during World War II) and then to other nations in the same general area, such as Italy, and other countries around the Mediterranean. Notice, "And there shall be an highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, *from Assyria*, like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt" (Isa. 11:16).

Read the fourteenth chapter! Here, the king of ancient Babylon, a type of Satan the Devil, blends into the modern type of the "beast" (verse 16) who will be the strong man and MILITARY leader of a revived Europe! Later, God says "The Eternal of Hosts has sworn, saying, surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: that I will *break the ASSYRIAN* in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his YOKE depart from off *them* [the House of Jacob—the United States and Great Britain—see verse 1], and his burden depart from off their shoulders!" (Isa. 14:24-25.)

Read Isaiah 47! Here you find a *great false church* pictured. This huge religious organization, claiming to be the "lady of kingdoms" or a UNIVERSAL church, is called the *daughter of Babylon!*

God says He is going to give *His people* over into the hands of a CHURCH-STATE organization for such horrible punishments as have never been measured out to any peoples in all history!

Notice it! "I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into *thine* [this great fallen woman—a great false church] hand. Thou didst show them no mercy,

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Wide World Photo

Another of the busy steel mills in the resurgent Germany.

would not rise again for FIFTY YEARS! Some said NEVER!

But GERMANY IS RISEN AGAIN! Prophecy marches on!

Is Germany Mentioned in the Bible?

It most certainly is!

But—just as is true with nearly *all nations*—the German people of today are not known by the *same names* by which they are identified in Bible prophecy.

The *Assyrians* are the ancestors of the modern-day German people—and are first mentioned in your Bible in Genesis 10:22. (The absolute *proof*,

them down like the mire of the streets!"

You need to *read*, with your *own eyes*, the MANY prophecies in your Bible which PLAINLY state that the peoples of the United States and Great Britain are going to be *in captivity*, in the land of ASSYRIA, or modern-day Germany, at the time they are rescued from certain extinction by the second coming of Jesus Christ!

Notice it!

"And it shall come to pass *in that day* [in the time of God's intervention in human affairs, and the second coming of Christ!] that the Lord shall set His hand again the SECOND TIME to re-

TEN Reasons Why Christ MUST RETURN!

*The true God is beginning NOW to intervene in human affairs!
Events are swiftly building to a CLIMAX. Read here the
absolute NEED of DIVINE INTERVENTION in world events!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

DON'T KID YOURSELF! God is soon going to *intervene* in human affairs and change this whole world!

Whether or not you are "religious" has NOTHING to do with it! Whether or not you "look at" it that way has EVEN LESS to do with it. It is GOING TO HAPPEN! You might as well wake up and FACE FACTS! The world you live in won't be here 15 years from now!

Handwriting on the Wall

We are now seeing the HANDWRITING ON THE WALL for this entire generation. And many top leaders and scientists agree!

Sir Philip Noel-Baker, the British authority on world disarmament, told a roomful of congressmen at Washington: "*I believe that within ten years we will all be dead and the earth will be an incinerated relic.*"

Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson, in an address delivered at Goucher College, Baltimore, stated: "I assure you that I know nothing which is classified, but I know enough of what is going on to assure you that, *in fifteen years from today, this world is going to be too dangerous to live in . . . Americans just don't believe that the future exists.* The future is only important to us when it becomes the present. We can be told all sorts of things are going to happen. *We never believe it until it's happened.* Then it's TOO LATE to deal with." (Emphasis ours throughout article.)

You Need to FACE FACTS

The above quotes from a top world scientist and a former Secretary of State in the U. S. Government ought to sober any thinking person. But, as Mr. Acheson stated, most refuse to *wake up* until it is TOO LATE!

Perhaps you never have heard the *ten reasons* which demand the intervention of God to save humanity from self-destruction. Even new readers and normally skeptical persons ought to be moved to REALIZE the *definite prophesied events* that lie ahead. We ought to be willing to take it from the Bible alone. But most people have not really

PROVED the Bible is the Word of God.

These TEN major issues involved reveal the definite NEED of divine intervention in human affairs NOW.

IF THERE IS A REAL GOD IN HEAVEN—and that God is concerned about humanity, then NOW is the time when He certainly *should* and indeed MUST intervene in the affairs of His creatures here

Artists conception of hydrogen bomb explosion over New York City. This is a threatening reality.

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below to save us all from WORLD SUICIDE!

Remember, this is not a "religious" topic or approach. Men on the HIGHEST levels of our society and culture *acknowledge the same thing* even though they may not necessarily be seeking GOD's solution to the problem. For instance, notice what General Thomas D. White, USAF, Ret., *Newsweek* Contributing Editor, recently stated: "Nuclear weapons have given man the ability to destroy civilization. Are we wise enough to control warfare and save ourselves?"

"*Little in the past suggests that wars can be abolished* . . . Every rational person . . . must applaud the search for

mer Director General of the World Health Organization warned here in a speech that any small nation with scientific know-how could knock out the United States overnight. Dr. Brock Chisholm said all that it would take is one biochemist, a handful of technicians and a delivery system . . . 'For the first time in history we must recognize that we cannot survive at the cost of other groups. *We must survive as a human race or not at all.*'"

And remember, as stated in the above quote from General Thomas White, "*little in the past suggests that wars can be abolished.*"

A United Press release reported: "Dr. Linus Pauling, professor of chemistry at

Most people don't seem to think so, really. Because they would rather watch television, hit the cocktail party circuit or "escape" by some other means. The "END OF THE WORLD" talk and idea seems "unpleasant" to most of them—so they simply IGNORE IT.

Intelligent?

As applied to nearly any other subject, most people would say that this is a RIDICULOUS approach or rather "escape" from life and reality—a form of *mental sickness*, actually. But, as applied to today's *terrifying* world events, it is becoming a rather common thing and most people seem to take it for granted. Very few seem to realize that these events were *directly prophesied* in the pages of their *own Bibles*, and the EXACT FUTURE is laid bare IN ADVANCE by Jesus Christ Himself for all to read,

Smoke column from atomic blast at Hiroshima. Below lay a wasted hulk—once a thriving city.

Wide World Photo



Wide World Photo

Panoramic view of Hiroshima's remains after the atomic bomb. This will happen to many of our Western cities.

honorable alternatives for nuclear war. *But many knowledgeable and intelligent people believe that there are none.* In my view we must nonetheless make continuous efforts to find a solution which is of less risk to us than the status quo and its foreseeable projections. The process may be long; and *it may FAIL—it always has.* In the meantime we must have the guts, the wisdom, and the forces to survive. *But in the long run mankind has to find another answer.*"

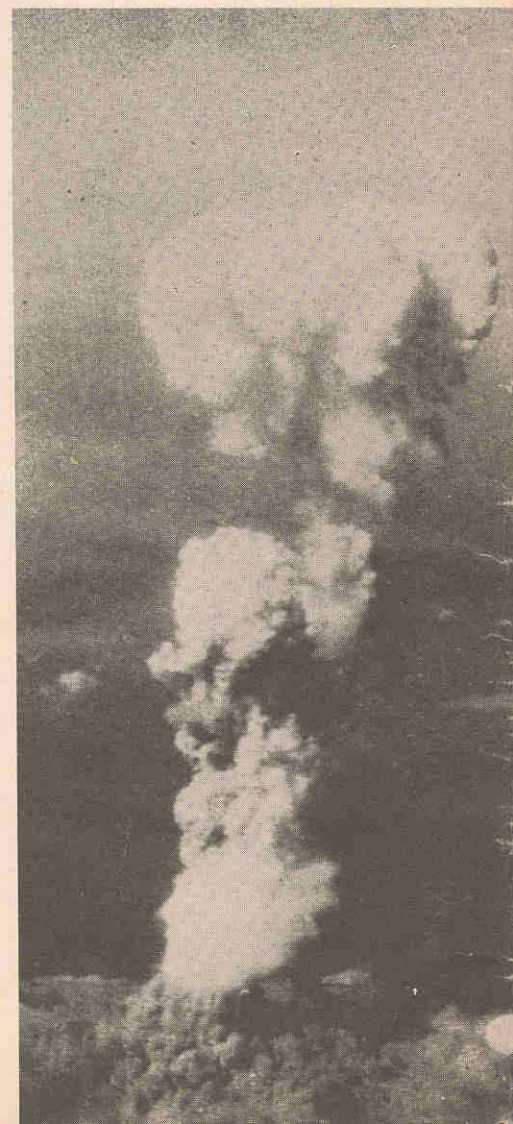
REASON I—The TERRIFIC Increase in Man's Destructiveness

Notice this Associated Press report from San Diego, California: "The for-

CalTech, Nobel laureate, and one of the world's leading scientists, says revised estimates indicate the United States now has 100,000 atomic weapons to Russia's 50,000. However, Pauling told a Chicago audience, *a mere 4,000* of the weapons could DESTROY THE HUMAN RACE."

Notice the *statistics* given here! According to Dr. Pauling's statement, the United States has *twenty-five times* as many atomic bombs as are needed to annihilate all life off this planet. And our *archenemy*, the Soviet Union, has twelve and one half times as many atomic weapons as are needed to *blast human life out of existence!*

Frightening?



to understand and to find therein the **ONLY way of escape.**

Foretold in Advance

Although it is little realized in this day of religious confusion, modernism and maudlin sentiment, the Christ of your Bible was in actual fact the greatest **PROPHET** of future events who ever lived! In Matthew 24, His disciples asked Jesus: "Tell us, when shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the *end of the world?*" (Verse 3).

Then Jesus proceeded to answer and to state, in order, several **MAJOR EVENTS** which would lead up to and climax in *His second coming to this earth* as King of kings and Lord of lords.

First, He said to beware of *false prophets* who would come preaching in His name and deceive **THE MANY**—not just the few (Verse 5). Then He described an increase of wars leading to **WORLD WARS** (Verses 6-7).

After this, He prophesied definite and terrible **FAMINES** and **PESTILENCES** or *disease epidemics* and increasing **EARTHQUAKES** in various places around the earth (Verse 7).

Next, He prophesied a time of **TERRIBLE religious persecution** (Verses 9-13).

Jesus Christ stated that these coming events will be the most *awesome* and **DANGEROUS** in all human history and would result in **HUMAN ANNIHILATION** unless *Almighty God intervened!* "For then shall be **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should **NO FLESH BE SAVED**: but for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened (Verses 21-22).

Here Jesus clearly describes the time when all human life would be **BLASTED** off this planet unless God intervened for the sake of His "elect"!

This Is Tomorrow's NEWS

In plain language, Jesus Christ was just about 2000 years ahead of time as a newscaster commenting on major world events that are **REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN!** For He said that unless the real **GOD**—the God that most people *do not acknowledge* and certainly *do not know*—intervened in human af-

fairs, the threat of **HUMAN ANNIHILATION** would become a *stark reality!*

You need to realize that there are presently **MANY** ways by which this might come about. Notice this news release: "Eight ounces of a substance developed by bacteriological warfare experts *could wipe out ALL LIFE on earth*, British scientist Sir Robert Watson-Watt says. The developer of radar said he was making this disclosure because, 'I am not optimistic the human race will survive another ten years.' He said there are now **THREE WAYS** in which the world's population could be **WIPED OUT** in a few hours. The **FIRST** is the **HYDROGEN BOMB**, which with the initial explosion and fallout could destroy man. He said the **SECOND** method was through **BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCES** and the most deadly of these was the half pound of toxin which can be produced by the organism *botulinus*. It would take only a half pound to kill the animal and human population of the world. He said it was easily produced, was well-known and with a well-trained group could be distributed easily to make it lethal. Sir Robert said the **THIRD METHOD** of destroying man was 'through **NERVE GASES**, which have long been known.'"

Our first real, *factual* **REASON** why Christ **MUST** return now is the literally **TERRIFYING** increase in *man's destructive capacity*.

REASON II—Greatest DROUGHT, FAMINE and STARVATION in Human History

The June 17, 1963, issue of *News-week* magazine presented some arresting facts regarding the increase in conditions leading to **STARVATION** in many areas of the earth.

This respected news magazine reported that every day of the week some 10,000 people will **DIE** of *malnutrition* or *starvation*—*more than at any time in history*. They stated that *more than HALF* of the world's 3 billion people live in *perpetual HUNGER*. In India alone, 50 **MILLION** children will die of *malnutrition* in the next ten years!

Appalling?

Yes, it is. But it is even **MORE** appalling to realize that this is **JUST THE BEGINNING!**

For around this entire earth a veritable **POPULATION EXPLOSION** is taking place and—at the present rate of increase in human kind—there will be 4 *billion* people on earth within 17 years and 6 *billion* within 37 more years! Viewing these facts, the world-famous British historian Arnold J. Toynbee recently told the World Food Congress: "Today, mankind's future is at stake in a formidable race between *population growth* and **FAMINE**."

Yet, as recently reported by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine, this same body was told by its secretary general that: "No sizable reduction of population through birth control is in sight within the next 15 to 20 years."

U.S. News summarized their article on this terrible problem as follows: "Result: the world over, fear grows of *population pressures* building up in 'have not' nations. Those pressures, in times ahead, are seen as bringing the world closer to the 'solutions' of the past—*war, pestilence or famine*."

Undoubtedly, *U.S. News* did not realize it was almost **QUOTING VERBATIM** from Matthew 24:7! "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **FAMINES** and **PESTILENCES**, and **EARTHQUAKES**, in diverse places."

The only difference is that Jesus Christ "scooped" this world news item by getting it into print **TWO THOUSAND YEARS AHEAD OF TIME!**

Drought and Famine Directly Prophesied

This same Jesus Christ—as the "Word" or *Spokesman* of the Old Testament—prophesied in *specific detail* of these events as they were to affect modern-day America and Britain—the descendants of the "House of Israel." (If you do not understand this vital *key* to Bible prophecy, write *immediately* for our free booklet, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy!*)

Speaking of events to befall Israel (America and Britain) in the very *last generation* of man's human society, God said: "Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation. That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which



Wide World Photo

Veritable tons of topsoil darken eastern Colorado skies. This is a preview of calamities ahead.

the locust hath left hath the canker-worm eaten; and that which the canker-worm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten" (Joel 1:3-4).

Notice Verse 10: "The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth." In these verses, God is obviously speaking of a latter day DROUGHT and *insect plagues* which would obviously lead to conditions of *famine* and STARVATION in America and Britain.

Verse 15 gives the time setting: "Alas for the day! for the *day of the Lord* is at hand, and as a DESTRUCTION from the Almighty shall it come." This prophesied "Day of the Lord" is speaking of God's intervention in human affairs at the TIME OF THE END—just before Christ RETURNS BODILY to rule this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. This exact time is described specifically in *over thirty places* in your Bible! It is a time *just ahead of us—NOW!*

Speaking to us, God says: "How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O Lord, to thee will I cry: for the FIRE hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the FLAME hath burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the

rivers of waters are DRIED UP, and the FIRE hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness" (Verses 18-20).

Unless you really STUDY Bible prophecy and sincerely and humbly *ask for understanding*, it may seem strange to you to apply these verses to modern United States and Britain NOW. But you can absolutely PROVE this by writing for the booklet mentioned above, plus Mr. Armstrong's additional free booklet, "1975 in Prophecy"—a fully illustrated booklet dramatically portraying in plain language the prophesied events just ahead of us leading up to the coming of Jesus Christ.

Prophesied Events NOW Beginning to Occur

But THINK! The events described here in Joel are actually HAPPENING at this time, aren't they? For God said that pastures *would dry up*, the cattle and other stock animals *would SUFFER*, and terrible FIRES would break out and devour the fields and the pastures and the forests!

Just a few days ago, United Press International reported: "An Indian summer drought Tuesday triggered open burning bands in tinder-dry Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

"The DROUGHT dried up crops and precious water supplies from New England to the Great Plains, encour-

aged a spat of forest and prairie FIRES in at least eight states and left the Susquehanna River at an ALL-TIME LOW LEVEL. More than SIXTY FOREST FIRES blazed in New York State. Scattered fires burned in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa.

"No real relief was in sight. Mayor Robert F. Wagner warned that New York City faces a SERIOUS WATER SHORTAGE if the drought continues."

And *this very same week*, newspapers headlined the news of the terrible DROUGHT CRISIS facing the city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil! The *Los Angeles Times* reported: "This city of three million people may be without drinking water if it does not rain here within the next two weeks. The WORST DROUGHT OF THIS CENTURY also brought about the curtailment of electric power that brought back memories of World War II.

"Every industry, commercial enterprise and household is having electricity cut off for *six hours daily* on a staggered time and area basis which started Friday. The gravity of the crisis, replacing politics for now as Brazil's *major immediate concern*, was reflected in one bold, black newspaper headline which said: 'Only God Can Give Water to (Please continue on page 28)

Is CHRISTMAS *Christian*?

The *origin* of many of our Christmas customs is amazing, SHOCKING! Millions of Christians accept the customs without ever questioning their origin. Millions observe them without REALIZING the God they hope to worship through these customs CONDEMNS THEM!

by Albert J. Portune

HAVE you ever wondered how *Santa Claus* fits into the story of CHRIST? Have you ever pondered where the tinsel-covered, brightly lit Christmas tree with its ornate decorations figures in the worship of God?

Why do we follow the custom of exchanging gifts at Christmas time? From where come the holly wreaths, the mistletoe and the greeting cards? Why is *December 25th* called the birthday of Christ?

In the Bible?

Did you know that thousands of years *before* Christ—before there was ever a CHRISTIAN—people, just as we do today—went out into the forests and cut down evergreen fir trees? They trimmed the branches, brought the trees into their homes, nailed them down and decorated them with gold and silver ornaments. They exchanged gifts, sent greeting cards, played games, sang songs and feasted in a gala festive season.

Did you know this was all done on the same day of the year—our December 25th?

But Jesus Christ wasn't the central figure of that festival. It was a PAGAN GOD—the SUN-GOD! It was HIS BIRTHDAY.

Everyone seems to feel that somehow the pageant of Christmas sums up the concept of God and the coming of Christ—the Saviour of the world.

But, shocking as it may seem, you cannot find any of these things in your Bible!

Prove it for yourself! Look in your Bible. Search for a mention of Santa Claus! Search for Jesus or His apostles ever decorating a Christmas tree or Jesus ever *saying* we should do so in honor of Him. Examine the Bible carefully for any place Jesus said to celebrate His birthday—to exchange gifts among

OURSELVES. Search for the *proof* December 25th WAS Jesus' birthday. Search for holly wreaths, mistletoe and Christmas cards.

They are not there!

Why then do we find ourselves following such customs? Why are these things a part of Christianity? Where did they come from? The truth will *amaze* you! Do you have the courage to face it?

The Amazing Story

How these things became a part of Christianity is a story as old as history. It is a story YOU need to know.

In the dawn of civilization on this earth, men began to multiply into tribes and nations (Gen. 10:5). These people were PAGANS without the knowledge of the true God.

Their leaders and rulers had the growing problem—as they grew into nations—of keeping their people in subjection and loyal to the state. The standard pagan methods of penalty and punishment were *not enough* to hold down lawlessness and rebellion. A greater and more powerful *tool* was needed to control the masses. *The tool of RELIGION!*

Nimrod became the first such ruler to use this tool. He taught his people that their happiness, their welfare, and their eternal destiny was not in the hands of *man* but in the hands of the SUN-GOD and that HE was the incarnation of that god. He introduced a "new thing" to his people—*superstition* and FEAR! No longer was there just a fear of a human ruler with only *human* powers—but now *superstition* and FEAR of an ALL-POWERFUL GOD who could see and detect all crime and *rebellion* and one who could exact retribution without detection.

What a powerful *tool* this became! *Rulership* through RELIGION!

Beyond the *fear* and *superstition* another concept emerged—the WONDERFUL, the *appealing* and the *sensuous*—the PAGAN FESTIVALS in honor of that god! Festivals fraught with the fable of mystery and delight; festivals which gave the people all the pleasures and delights that appealed to the human appetite.

As the SUN—their god—dipped lower and lower in the sky and winter approached, it appeared each year to these pagans (as taught by their god-leader) that their god was forsaking them. As the winter solstice of the sun approached, the sun slowed in its retreat, then stopped, and began to return.

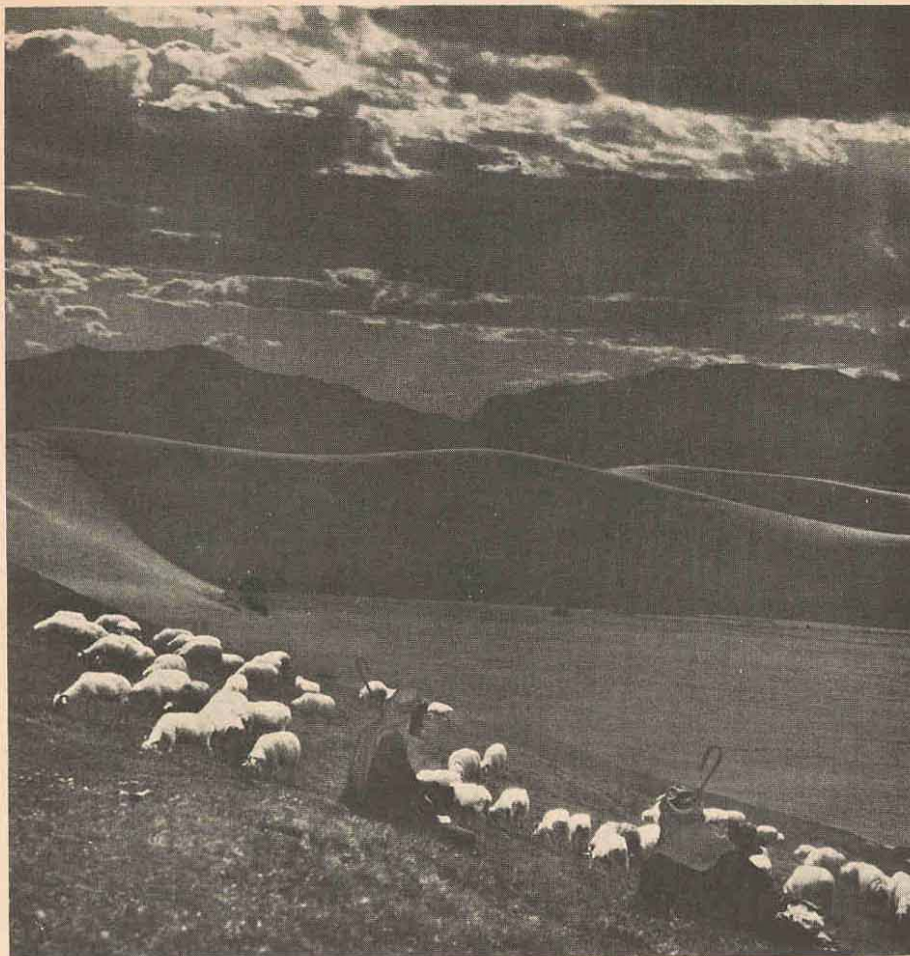
After a few days, it was evident the SUN was *returning*. The people became wild with rejoicing. By the time the date equivalent to our *December 25th* came, it was *positive* and a great celebration or festival began. It was called the BRUMALIA, birthday, or rebirth of the SUN—their god.

As this religious holiday evolved among the pagans, the fir tree emerged as a symbol of that god.

When Nimrod was killed, Semiramis, his wife, perpetuated his religion and gave added impetus to it. She claimed a fully grown tall fir tree sprang up overnight from an old dead stump symbolizing the *reincarnation* of her dead husband Nimrod.

It was at this time the people were taught the custom of worshipping the Christmas tree. They decorated it with round ornaments symbolizing the fertility their SUN-GOD gave them—pictured as a round EGG—the symbol of reproductive fertility.

The people were taught that on each December 25th, Nimrod would visit their decorated tree and leave gifts upon it for them. This is the true origin of "Santa Claus"—St. Nicholas or



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Shepherds watch over their flocks by night. In Palestine, at time of Jesus' birth, the weather turned to crisp autumn cold by about the beginning of October. The shepherds then took in their flocks from the open fields to protect them, in sheds at night, from icy weather. This is striking confirmation of the Biblical record that Christ was not born on December 25, but in early autumn. In the centuries that have elapsed since the birth of Christ the whole weather pattern has changed in the Near East. And the old Jewish shepherd practice is no longer strictly maintained by the modern rustic Arab shepherd.

NIMROD! Indeed the term "Santa" was a common name for NIMROD in Asia Minor (see *Lempriere's Classical Dictionary*).

What a *delight* this holiday became in the ancient pagan world. It was looked forward to anxiously and with great anticipation—just as Christmas is today. The whole *scheme* was that not only would people serve a god and a ruler they *feared*, but also they would be loyal to one who provided such blessings and physical pleasures. To be disloyal or unfaithful to their god and leader who not only held the supreme authority over their lives, but who also gave them the benefits of such delightful festivals—was unthinkable. It became the most *effective* tool to rule the people.

The whole documented story from

history is available to you. Write for Mr. Armstrong's shocking and eye-opening *free* booklet "THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS." You will be amazed!

Proof From Historians

From the pages of history comes graphic proof of how states and rulers took advantage of this tool of fable, superstition and fear to keep their people in subjection.

Note this striking quotation from STRABO, a geographer and writer of the first century B.C.

"The poets were by no means the first to avail themselves of MYTHS. STATES and LAWGIVERS *had taken advantage of them* LONG BEFORE, having observed the constitutional biasness of mankind. Man is eager after knowledge,

and the love of *legend* is but the prelude thereto. This is why children begin to listen to *fables* and are acquainted with them before any other kind of knowledge. . . ."

Notice how these ancient rulers knew the use of fantastic fable in capturing the minds of the *young*. Children today learn of Santa Claus and the delights of Christmas before they learn to read and write.

Strabo continues: "*But the MARVELOUS, which is capable of exciting FEAR as well as pleasure, influences not childhood only, but age as well. As we relate to children pleasing tales to incite them to any course of action, and frightful ones to deter them. . . . So numbers of our citizens are incited to deeds of virtue by the beauties of FABLE.*"

Just as today, the ancient peoples were *enticed* into loyalty to a concept, through invented FABLE and delightful fantasy.

Notice the rest of this striking quotation: "The great mass of . . . COMMON PEOPLE, *cannot be induced by mere force of reason* to devote themselves to piety, virtue and honesty; SUPERSTITION *must therefore be employed*, and EVEN THIS is insufficient *without the aid of the MARVELOUS and the TERRIBLE*. For what are the Thunderbolts (of Jupiter), the Aegin (of Minerva), the Trident (of Neptune), the Torches, the Dragons, the Barbed Thyrses, the Arm of the Gods, and ALL the paraphernalia of *antique theology* but FABLES employed by the FOUNDERS OF STATES."

Even ancient historians and geographers like Strabo, KNEW that these customs were purely FANTASTIC MYTH to capture the minds of the people.

Another amazing quotation from history graphically illustrates how the ancient rulers of state INVENTED religious FABLE to keep the masses in line.

The writer is Polybius, a Greek historian also of the first century B.C. who recognized these same forces at work in the Roman Empire.

"But among all the useful institutions that demonstrate the superior excellence of the *Roman government*, the most considerable perhaps is the opinion which the people are *taught* to hold *concerning the gods* . . . I mean, SUPERSTI-

TION, which is impressed with *all* its TERRORS; and influences both the PRIVATE actions of the citizens, and also the public administration of the state, in a degree that can scarcely be exceeded. This may appear astonishing to many. To me it is evident that this contrivance was at first *adopted for the sake of the multitude* (the common people). For if it were possible that a state could be composed of wise men only, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED PERHAPS OF ANY SUCH INVENTION. But as the peoples universally are fickle and inconstant, filled with irregular desires, precipitate in their passions and prone to violence; *there is no way to restrain them*, BUT BY THE DREAD OF THINGS UNSEEN, and by the PAGEANTRY of TERRIFYING FICTION. The ancients therefore acted not absurdly, nor without good reason, when they INVENTED the notion concerning the GODS. . . ." (Book VI. 55, 56. The quote is from Hampton's translation, Vol. II, pp. 405, 406.)

Thus the true source of Christmas and other religious myth is revealed. It was NEVER true. It was never a part of the TRUE worship of the true God. It was *invented* as a tool in the hands of ambitious leaders to ensnare their people and to capture their minds by fear and superstition!

How These Customs Became Christian

But how did these customs find their way into Christianity? The story will *again* amaze you!

When the Roman Empire began to expand and rule the world, it inculcated all the pagan practices of the peoples it conquered. All the pagan gods of the subjugated peoples were brought to ROME! Rome became the religious capital of the world with its pantheon of pagan GODS!

So, at the time of Christ and in the days of the apostles, these *same pagan festivals* were being observed in the Roman Empire.

From December 17th to the 22nd, the *Saturnalia* was celebrated with all governmental offices and schools closed. Then on December 25th, the *ancient Brumalia* was celebrated in honor of the birthday of the Sun-god—just as it had been done for thousands of years before.

Greeting cards were traded, gifts were exchanged—there was feasting and celebrating beginning on the "eve" before—just like our "Christmas Eve" today. But Jesus Christ was not the central figure of this festival. It was again the ancient pagan Sun-god. (See *4000 Years of Christmas* by Earl Wendell.)

As true Christianity began to spread, false pagan teachers began to emerge. They taught a counterfeit Christianity which *blended* the truth of God with *pagan* fables which were so popular in the Roman world—following the age-old practice of *absorbing* all religions.

The Apostle Paul—nearing the end of his "good fight"—warns Timothy of this very thing. Notice it: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own LUSTS (desire for pleasure) shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall TURN AWAY their ears from the *truth* and shall be turned UNTO FABLES" (II Tim. 4:3-4).

Some of the teachers of the pagan religions of Rome, greedy for power and recognition, began to see the value of the simplicity of Jesus' message. It had a Champion—the Messiah—who died for the people. It had the appeal of simple faith, the promise of eternal life. It had the overwhelming warmth of love and mercy. AND, the people were "going for it."

These pagan religious leaders knew their own sensual and alluring festivals were *also* popular and attractive to the people. They saw that an amalgam of the two concepts would become an *all-powerful tool*.

Hence they became associated with the activities of the true apostles. They began to preach Christ on their own, but a different message. A message that enabled the people not only to have the promises that Jesus brought, but ALSO to continue their former festivals. They even began to teach among the Christians that those who didn't believe in these customs—their brand of Christianity—were heretics and began to put them out of the church.

Such an incident is recorded for us in III John: "I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remem-

ber his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church" (verses 9-10).

Hybrid Christianity Grows

Soon this *hybrid* religion—a mixture of Christianity and paganism—began to flourish throughout the Roman Empire. Although many "Christians" were martyred and the old religion of pagan emperor worship of Rome fought for survival, this new hybrid religion finally conquered.

In the fourth century A.D. this false "Christianity" was elevated to equal status with paganism. The door was now open and thousands of former pagans became nominal Christians, bringing with them the whole scope of *pagan* customs into the so-called "Christian Church."

Notice this historic conflict as recorded by the *Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*: "How much the date of the festival (Christmas) depended upon the Pagan Brumalia (Dec. 25) following the Saturnalia (Dec. 17-24), and celebrating the shortest day of the year and the 'new sun' . . . cannot be accurately determined. The pagan Saturnalia and Brumalia were too deeply entrenched in popular custom to be set aside by Christian influence. . . . The pagan festival with its riot and merrymaking was so popular that Christians were glad of an excuse to continue its celebration with little change in spirit and in manner. Christian preachers of the West and the Near East protested against the unseemly frivolity with which Christ's birthday was celebrated, while Christians of Mesopotamia accused their Western brethren of idolatry and sun-worship for adopting as Christian this pagan festival." But adopt it they did—nonetheless.

Can there be any doubt as to the real origin of Christmas? Christmas originated with the pagans as an admitted *lie* and *myth* foisted off on the people to control their minds. It became a part of Christianity in the same way—through ambitious men seeking power and recognition. They used its delightful myth to lure and attract the people

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. *Send in your questions.* While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

"I read in Psalm 115:16 that the heavens belong to God, and that He has given mankind dominion over the earth. Will God allow men to trespass into His heavens and travel to the moon?"

The Bible reveals that *"nothing will be restrained"* from man that he has imagined to do—unless God intervenes to stop him (Gen. 11:6). Since the time of Noah, men have continually rebelled against God.

Now we see the great nations of this world locked in a frantic and desperate race to be first to the moon. Incomprehensible sums of money are being spent, and millions of man hours are being plunged into a project in *direct defiance* of the Creator. Man is seeking to *trespass* in God's own heaven! But God is already intervening. Neither the U.S.S.R. nor the United States is able to meet its schedules because of financial crises.

The Bible does not say specifically whether God will actually *allow* man to succeed in his mad race to the moon. But it does foretell that *men will die in the attempt!* Your Bible prophesies that human bodies will be scattered to the *uttermost parts* of the heavens! Read it in Deuteronomy 30:4.

Man does not have the knowledge to cope with the many hazards—known and *unknown*—which confront travelers in space. Beyond the limits of the earth's atmosphere man is worse than a fish out of water. Even the *slightest unforeseen* difficulty can mean *instant death!*

In June, 1961, *The PLAIN TRUTH* reported to its readers of the Soviet

space experiments. Since that time, United States Government Intelligence has confirmed that possibly as many as five Soviet cosmonauts have been lost in the Communist effort to conquer space!

But what does all this mean?

It means that WE ARE NEARER THE END OF THIS AGE THAN MOST EVEN DREAM!

God Almighty gave mankind DOMINION over the solid earth, the oceans, and the air—but NOT over outer-space. When men started to build a city and a tower to reach into the heavens, Almighty God stopped them! He did

not stop them before they got well started. He allowed them to almost complete their dreams. He has allowed man to start once again—this time actually INTO outer-space. He will, undoubtedly, let man get a little farther. BUT NOT MUCH FARTHER!

New experiments with human beings may soon develop. This time hapless men will be shot into space, as medical *madmen* seek to force human beings to exist in a foreign and forbidden environment.

What will happen to those who perish in outer space?

Jesus Christ promises He will gather the victims from the **UTTERMOST PARTS OF HEAVEN** when He returns to resurrect the dead and rule this world!

Notice Deuteronomy 30:3, "That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity (our nations are going into national captivity in World War III), and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine be driven out unto the **OUTMOST PARTS OF HEAVEN**, from *thence* will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from *thence* will he fetch thee." This same promise is repeated in Nehemiah 1:8-9.

Not until this twentieth-century
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The star-filled heavens belong to God. Fleshly human beings were made to rule the earth, not invade outer space. Here you see the Filamentary Nebula in Cygnus.

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Proof of the FLOOD

Was "Noah's Flood" local, or world-wide? Where did enough water for a world-wide Flood come from? Where did it go after the Flood? Were all animals killed by the Flood except those Noah took with him into the Ark?

by L. E. Torrance

WAS there really a Flood? Granted, the Bible claims there was a Flood—but does the Bible mean what it says?

If there was a Flood, what was it like? HOW MUCH of the earth did it destroy? What evidence did it leave?

Why Science Attempts to Discredit the Flood

Few people realize that geologists have uncovered amazing proofs that a universal Flood once destroyed the earth. But these same geologists refuse to accept the plain, obvious evidence they have discovered. They have rejected the proof of the Flood.

Why?

The Bible makes the answer plain.

Geologists and evolutionists do not like to "retain God in their knowledge" (Rom. 1:28). So they have invented fantastic theories about "long geologic ages" in a vain attempt to explain a creation without a Creator.

Evolutionary geologists *will fully ignore* the true meaning of the scientific facts they have uncovered. "For this they *WILLINGLY are ignorant* of, that by the word of God . . . the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished" (II Pet. 3:3-6).

But scientists are not the only scoffers.

Even Theologians Scoff

Many theologians don't have the nerve to teach the Bible just as it is. They are afraid of the opinions of men!

God-defying atheists ridicule the Bible by saying "many millions still live in mental bondage controlled by IGNORANT RANTERS who accept the Bible as the last word of science" (*Geotimes*, Vol. II, No. 2, Aug. 1957, p. 12). So the

timid theologians compromise the truth of the Bible with the theories of evolutionary geology.

Theologians attempt to straddle the fence by teaching *about* the Bible and about the atheistic doctrines of evolutionary science at the same time. In order to please those who believe in supposed long geologic ages, they teach their flocks the Flood was only a local flood. They have deceived millions.

But you don't have to be deceived. Why, if the Flood was a local flood, did Noah spend upwards of 120 years building the Ark? Why not flee that local valley to a high mountain?

Do you think the Creator would be so deceitful as to have Noah and his family and their hired help spend 120 years building a huge ark, when all Noah would have had to do was to escape to the next higher valley, or to the nearest high mountain?

Scores of theologians reject the plain statements of Scripture. They subtly ask, "How was it possible for a pair of all the animals found now on earth to be placed in Noah's Ark? How could the Ark have been big enough?"

They ignore the fact that God said to build the Ark large enough to hold at least one pair of each kind of animal. **THAT IS EXACTLY** what Noah did. They ignore the fact that God commanded Noah to take at least one pair of all animals "after their kind" (Gen. 6:19-20). **THAT IS JUST EXACTLY** what he did (Gen. 6:22; 7:5). From those original Genesis "kinds" have sprung all our many and colorful varieties today.

Foolish theologians even ask, "Suppose the Ark were large enough, how did Noah find all these animals? How did he manage?"

GRASP this **ALL-IMPORTANT** truth. God **ALWAYS** makes it possible for His servants to do as He commands them. Your Bible indicates that a pair of each animal and seven pairs of the creatures that were fit for man to eat, *gathered* around the Ark (Gen. 7:8-9). God gave these creatures an impulse—a fear—that drove them to the Ark, and when Noah opened the door of the Ark they merely walked in.

God said, "Take these animals into the Ark." That is **EXACTLY** what Noah did (Gen. 7:5).

Noah **HAD 120 YEARS** to do as God told him (Gen. 5:32; 6:3; 7:6). Noah didn't do something else, he did **EXACTLY** as God told him. That is why God remembered Noah (Gen. 8:1) and brought him safely through the Flood, but let the disobedient of Noah's day, theologians and all, drown.

KINDS Multiply Into Many Varieties

Still others have asked, "Did a few animals found in the Ark multiply into all the forms of life we find today?"

We need to understand that from two dogs could be bred all the many, many breeds of dogs we have today. That is not evolution. Dogs never evolve into something else. They are still dogs—little dogs, big dogs, short dogs, long dogs—but still dogs!

All the many different breeds of horses sprang from the original pair of horses.

Noah only needed to take a pair of each kind, not all the many varieties of each kind we find today.

Theologians find the Bible account of the Flood very embarrassing. It is hard for them to *explain away* the plain statements of Scripture. God's Word

very plainly states, "And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth, and ALL THE HIGH HILLS, that were under the whole heaven, *were covered*. . . . And ALL flesh died that moved upon the EARTH" (Gen. 7:19-21, emphasis ours).

Where do *you* stand? Do you have the courage to honestly and earnestly search for the truth? Or do you, too, seek the praise of men rather than the praise of God?

YOU Can Know

There is a surprising way for you to be able to "see through" the maze of inaccurate and confusing theories of evolutionary science and discover for yourself irrefutable proof that the Flood occurred!

You can know that the Bible stands proved! You can know that the Flood occurred just as God says it did. You can see how evolutionary geologists have clearly twisted the facts of the Flood to substantiate their false theory of evolution. The truth is truly amazing! Open your Bible and read it.

Your Bible reveals amazing scientific facts about the Flood.

On the day the Flood started, the earth's crust erupted—ripped open by gigantic streams of water shooting out of the ground (Gen. 7:11). Cloud-bursts created flash floods everywhere. The Creator, by using the power inherent within Himself, caused the ocean bottoms to rise and the continents to sink.

Can you even begin to picture the fantastic destruction this world-wide Flood brought upon the earth? As the waters rose higher and higher, huge waves roared endlessly inland from swollen seas. Inland landscapes were quickly obliterated.

Realize—this Flood actually happened! Hour after hour, day after day, winds of hurricane force roared. Mountain-high waves swept over the highest hills until by the end of forty days the Flood waters COVERED the entire earth (Gen. 7:20).

The roaring Flood surged forward over the continents, creating havoc everywhere, destroying everything in its path.

Even after the great storm was over,

for 150 days tremendous tides continued to sweep over entire continents (Gen. 7:24). There was no dry land anywhere.

Birds flying above the water in a desperate attempt to survive finally became exhausted and were drowned in the huge waves. All land creatures were destroyed (Gen. 7:22).

Not many have been able to realize the devastating destruction a WORLD-WIDE Flood would bring upon the earth. Even after the waters began rapidly draining back into the earth and the oceans, and evaporating into the atmosphere, violent action was far from over.

For months after the water level of the earth began to drop, huge tidal waves—having at first little resistance from submerged land masses—continued to rage back and forth across the land. Time and again these wind-swept waters, drawn by the gravitational pull of the sun and moon, swept over reappearing land masses, covering the continents with a layer of mud and sand, burying the remains of animal and plant life (Gen. 8:13).

Gigantic whirlpools gathered large numbers of plants and animals together and buried them under tons of mud and silt.

Terrific forces—beyond anything now known—twisted, folded and bent rock formations. World-wide earthquakes and volcanic outbursts shook the earth and heaved great land masses up and down. The face of the earth was changed beyond recognition.

Proof of such a gigantic catastrophe cannot be hidden. The first proof the Flood occurred, the Bible account, can be proved. The sedimentary rocks of the earth—rocks made when the silt settled out of the Flood water—were laid down in RAPID succession in a very short time, *not* over eons of time, as evolutionary geologists claim.

Why Geologists Refuse to Teach the Truth

God has preserved in sedimentary rocks startling proof the Flood occurred. Evolutionary geologists foolishly refuse to accept the truth.

They realize that if they admitted flood waters deposited the earth's sedimentary layers SUDDENLY, then their

theory that life evolved over long geologic ages *couldn't possibly be true!*

Because their theory of evolution *demands* long eons of time, geologists speculate that it took the "forces of nature" hundreds of millions—if not billions—of years to lay down these immense sedimentary beds we find on earth today.

Why do these evolutionary geologists refuse to accept the PROOFS that the sedimentary rock layers actually reveal?

Few people realize that the foolish, absurd BASIS upon which ALL geologic theory is built is the theory taught by James Hutton (1785) that "the present is the key to the past." Hutton taught that "given sufficient time, processes now at work *could* account for all the geologic features of the Globe" (Carl Dunbar, *Historical Geology*, p. 18).

This doctrine that "the present is the key to the past"—the foundation, the basis, of evolutionary geology—is often called "uniformitarianism."

Simply stated, this doctrine teaches the theory that the processes of erosion and the processes of laying down sedimentary layers have *always* been going on at essentially the same rate as they are today. In other words, this doctrine of uniformitarianism which is the foundation of evolutionary geology teaches that a sudden destructive world-wide Flood never occurred because one is not occurring now! This is simply another way of trying to account for a creation without a Creator. It is a ridiculous course of action taken by desperate men who have seen the PROOF of God's existence, and have rejected that proof (Rom. 1:18-22).

The evolutionary geologists Gilluly, Waters, and Woodford teach their students that "the great thickness of the sediments . . . is the inevitable result of long continued operation of slow processes we observe today" (*Principles of Geology*, p. 21). But nothing could be further from the truth! These authors ought to know better.

Geologists claim to conform to the principle that "the present is the key to the past." They carelessly assume that because a world-wide Flood is not taking place right now, one never did take place!

It is not sound logic to GUESS that

a world-wide Flood never took place just because one is not taking place right now. You can look at the earth's sedimentary layers and see mountains of *clear-cut geological proof* that one or more Floods did occur!

The Geologists' Dilemma

Geologists have long taught that the soil and rocks of the continents are gradually being eroded and washed into the seas.

That is why geologists have decided that the land has been first rising above the level of the seas and then sinking down again below the water—time after time. What geologists postulate is hundreds, or even thousands, of floods occurring over and over again in eons of time.

Somehow they assume such a process repeated again and again would enable the sedimentary layers of rock to become deeper and deeper.

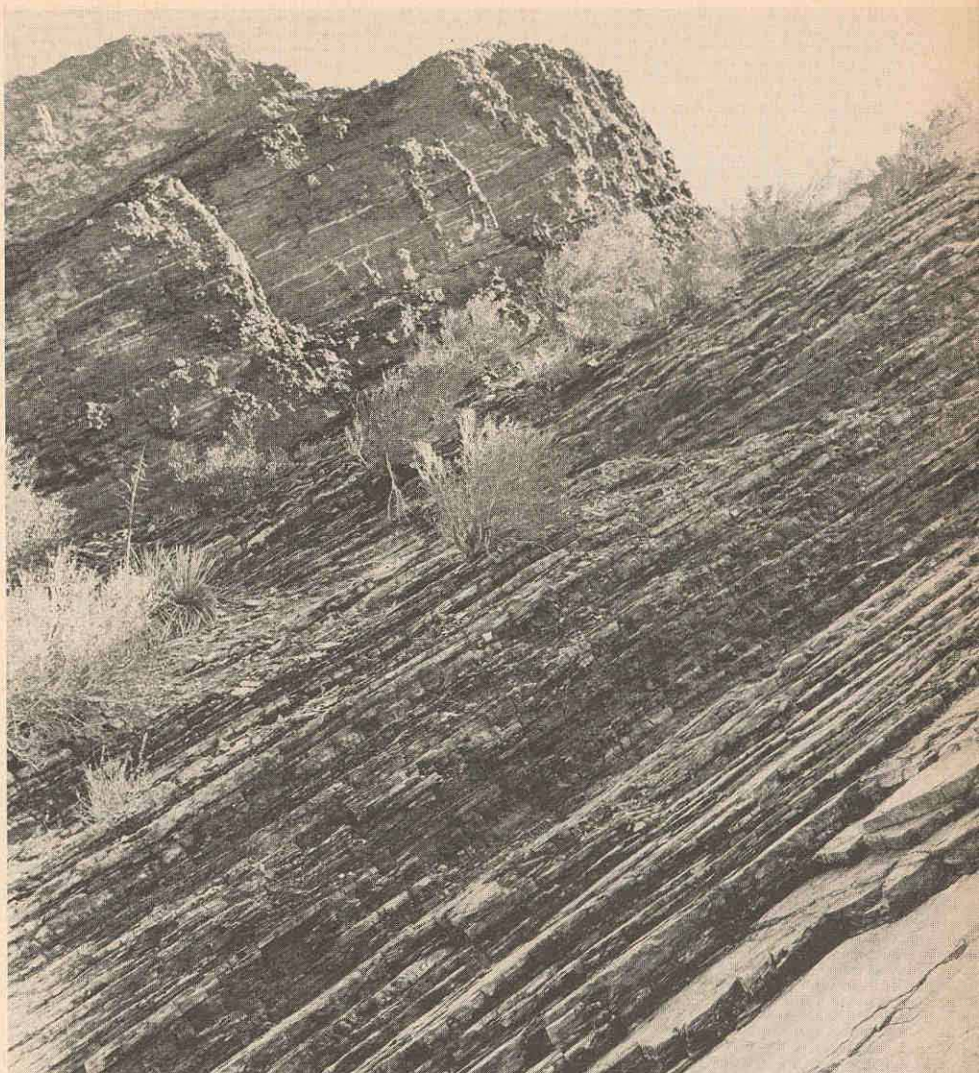
According to this theory, if sedimentary rock layers were ever laid down in the bottoms of seas in the past, they would also be LAID DOWN NOW! For they claim that the way the forces of nature lay down the sedimentary layers now, explains how they were laid down in the past.

But they also know sedimentary rocks are not being laid down now except perhaps in limited deltas at river mouths.

There is no way out. Something happened in the past that is not happening now, a fact quite contrary to the theory scientists profess to believe. The doctrine of uniformitarianism, the theory that the "present is the only key to the past," is a fiction!

In other words, rather than admit that a universal Flood deposited the earth's sedimentary layers, atheistic evolutionists invent a long series of little floods. They conveniently concoct the theory that the continents first rose above the seas and then sank below them so sedimentary rocks could settle slowly to the bottom of these illusive oceans.

In order to explain the many different kinds of sedimentary rock layers, they say this process repeated itself over and over again, causing first a dry land condition, and then a condition of flooding—again and again—but of course



These stratified layers of rock graphically illustrate the action of the Flood waters. Strata were rapidly laid down—one after the other—as the Flood waters swept to and fro over the surface of the earth. Later stresses in the Earth tilted these strata. Notice how straight and even these strata are. They would have been very badly eroded—and not straight and even—if they had been laid down gradually over hundreds of thousands of years as evolutionary geology assumes.

over long eons of time. Somehow long ages of time are supposed to make the impossible—the evolutionary theory of long geologic ages—possible.

Notice this astounding proof that sedimentary layers are not being laid down today in the bottoms of the oceans—or anywhere else for that matter!

Modern Geologists Know Better

Recent geologic discoveries have given geologists a profound *shock*! They have found conclusive evidence which totally contradicts and refutes their cherished doctrine of uniformitarianism. They are finding that ALL that is being deposited on the ocean bottom is a soft layer of ooze, which could not form a layer of sedimentary rock.

What is even more astonishing—scientists are finding that the thickness of this ooze on the ocean floor "is *much less* than was anticipated." Geologists admit, "Why this is so is an UNSOLVED PROBLEM at the present time" (Edwin L. Hamilton, "The Last Geographic Frontier: the Sea Floor," *Scientific Monthly*, Vol. 85, Dec. 1957, p. 296).

The layer of soft ooze on the ocean floor is much, much thinner than it would be if the ocean had existed for long geologic ages.

They were even more astounded to find that when this ooze is pressed into hard stone, it forms a flint-like rock which is largely chert, formed from siliceous remains of microscopic sea life. This chert is VERY UNLIKE sand-



Wide World Photo

The Flood caused great stresses in the crust of the earth, forcing molten rock, gas and ash from the Earth's interior to

spew forth from hundreds of volcanoes. Such violent volcanic reactions have rocked the Earth ever since the Flood.

stone, shale, and limestone that form the sedimentary rocks found throughout the earth (Harold W. Clark, *The New Diluvialism*, p. 15).

Evolutionary geologists have been forced to confess that "no continent has yielded a sedimentary rock proved to be a solidified deep-sea ooze" (*A Textbook of Geology, Part I, Physical Geology*, p. 220).

In other words, evolutionary geologists can't find PROOF that any of the continents have ever been at the bottom of the sea, for if they had been, *they would today be covered* with chert instead of with limestone, sandstone and shale.

These facts prove that sedimentary rock layers have not been formed on ocean floors over eons of time, as the inventors of the false doctrine of uniformitarianism—who themselves know better—want us to believe.

The very fact that sedimentary rock layers of shale, limestone, and sandstone

are not being formed today on the bottom of the oceans is PROOF positive that these layers never have been deposited on the bottom of the sea, and then later risen above the water to become the continents of today.

Since sedimentary layers are not being laid down at present, on the ocean bottoms or on the continents, a sound mind can come only to the conclusion that at some time in the past they were laid down by the violent action of a world-wide agent. The very nature of the sedimentary rocks themselves proves that this universal agent was the monstrous tidal waves of a world-wide flood!

If each sedimentary layer had been laid down gradually over a long period of many thousands of years—as geologists claim—then erosive agents such as frost, rain, windstorms and other natural forces would have washed gullies and holes in whatever layer was then on top—long before it had time to harden and long before the next layer could

have been laid down.

Look carefully at sedimentary layers and note for yourself that each layer was laid down *smoothly* on top of another *before ANY erosion took place, with not a SINGLE SIGN of erosion* anywhere between. It could not have taken millions of years to lay these layers down!

Realize that a single thunderstorm can wash out deep gullies in a few minutes. How could each layer have been exposed to the rains of thousands of years and still be very flat and smooth, not showing a single sign of erosion?

Common sense dictates the answer.

As huge tidal waves and powerful currents swept across the continents, the raging Flood waters swept up the soil, plant and animal remains.

As the Flood waters were pulled forward over the continental land masses by the gravitational pull of sun and moon, similar materials such as limestone or sandstone settled down to the

bottom in layers.

Then as the tides rolled back and forth, layer after layer was laid down as the sediment settled out of the muddy waters.

As the Flood waters became calmer, great sheets of sediment—mud and silt, animal and plant remains—were constantly settling to the bottom of the waters in clearly defined layers, one on top of the other in rapid succession.

Do you now realize that only the tidal wave action of a *universal Flood* could SUDDENLY lay down the sedimentary layers as they are found from one end of the earth to the other?

Yes, the Flood stands proved!

Not only have modern geologists uncovered conclusive proof that the only possible way the earth's sedimentary rock layers could have been laid down was by a universal Flood, they have also found proof in the fossils these rocks contain that a world-wide Flood occurred.

Then why don't they teach you the truth?

Remember that evolutionary geologists are the product of colleges and universities which reject God as myth.

In our colleges and universities atheistic professors scornfully claim that any student who believes the Bible account that the Flood occurred is untrustworthy, ignorant, superstitious, or the victim of hallucination or some other form of mental aberration.

Every young student respects and fears his learned professor who usually has a lot of degrees after his name. No student wants to be labeled as "ignorant," or "superstitious." To avoid such a stigma, the pliable, young college student usually rejects God and the truth of the Bible.

Rather than risk having his professors and fellow students accuse him of being "unbalanced," the young student finds it easier to accept the wild guesses of his evolutionary teachers as truth, and to reject the revelation of God as myth.

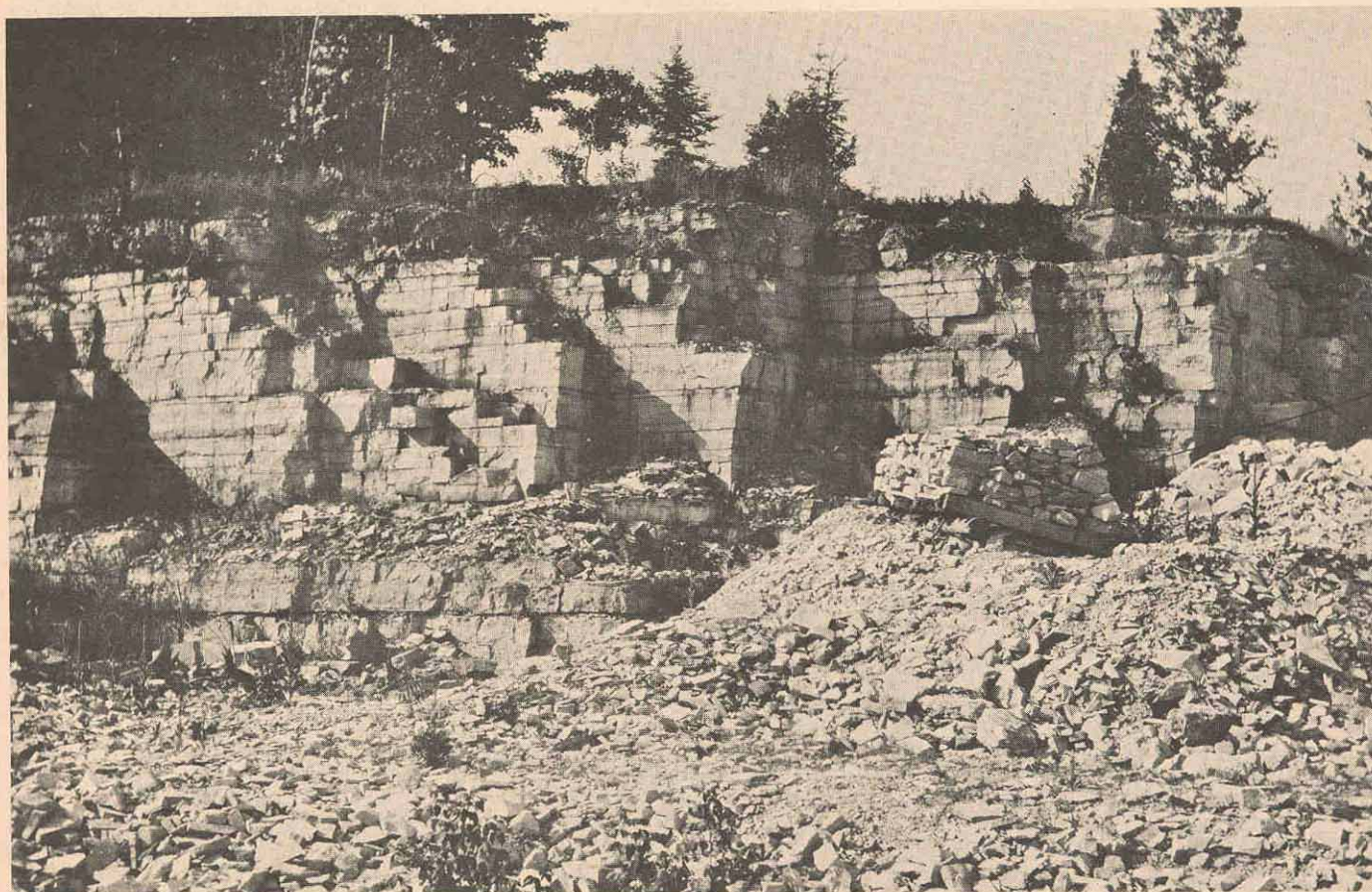
Then after the unsuspecting student has rejected the FOUNDATION of all

knowledge—the Holy Bible—it is easy for atheistic evolutionists to teach him that all fossil records, all sedimentary layers are to be interpreted to fit the fallacious assumption that life evolved from the simple to the complex—over long eons of time. So the young geology student then assumes that a so-called simple fossil is hundreds of millions of years old and the sedimentary layer in which it is found is also just as old.

Do you also realize that the geologist offers the theory of evolution as proof for his long geologic ages. Round and round they go!

If the age of the rocks is determined by the remains or the age of the organisms they contain, how do they determine the age of an organism? Obviously the age of any fossil is interpreted according to the theory of evolution, a theory which leads them to make wild guesses that life evolved long, long eons ago.

Believe it or not! This absurd reasoning in a circle by basing the guess of
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Not all strata were laid down by the Flood. An earlier destruction, before the time of Man's creation, accounts for

most of the Earth's strata. This limestone quarry in Michigan resulted from that destruction before the time of man.

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Is Christmas Christian?

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and bring them into their church!

But What Does God Say?

Most theologians admit the pagan origin of Christmas, but make the same mistake the early church leaders made. They ASSUME it DOESN'T MATTER if they take pagan holidays and Christianize them so long as they keep the name of Christ.

But what does God say about this? Can WE worship God this way? Notice HIS answer! "Take heed to thyself that thou be not SNARED by following them (pagan peoples) . . . and that thou enquire NOT after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? *even so will I do likewise*. Thou SHALT NOT DO SO unto the Lord thy God: for every *abomination* to the Lord, WHICH HE HATETH, have they done unto their gods . . ." (Deut. 12:30-31).

God gives us in His Word—the Bible—the WAY to worship Him. God says we must worship Him in *spirit* and in TRUTH (John 4:24)—NOT through the invented lies of PAGAN peoples.

Additional Condemnation

Now notice a *specific condemnation* of a practice so dear to the Christmas season. "Thus saith the Lord, LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven . . . for the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a TREE out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. They deck it with *silver* and with *gold*; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not" (Jer. 10:2-4).

Does that sound familiar? YES IT DOES. But it is the CONDEMNATION by the Almighty God of a practice we have so long called *Christian*. Could anything be plainer? Does God enjoy our Christmas season and smile upon it when He sees us reveling in the very pagan practices He condemns? Is Christmas really *Christian*?

Christmas Gifts?

Many will say, "Surely giving gifts at the Christmas season is biblical.

Didn't the wise men bring *gifts* to CHRIST?" But *there* is your answer! They gave them to CHRIST—the MESSIAH—KING of the Jews, not to each other. These Magi or wise men had come to honor Him who had been born KING of the Jews (Matt. 2:2).

It was long a custom of the East never to come into the presence of a king without a gift. And, here was not only the King of the Jews, but one who was to become *King of kings and Lord of lords*.

What an open insult it would have been had these wise men exchanged gifts among THEMSELVES rather than presenting them to the King—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yet we blindly follow the same *vain* custom today—exchanging gifts among OURSELVES while ignoring Christ the Messiah in the very festival that is SUPPOSED to honor Him, yet *does not*.

Christ's Birthday Not December 25

When *was* Jesus born?

The Bible plainly does not reveal His birthday. Yet, it is clear from the Bible that it WAS NOT on December 25th.

Jesus wasn't born in the *winter* at all! The Bible makes that clear: "There were shepherds *abiding* in the FIELD, keeping watch over their sheep *by night*" (Luke 2:8).

Beginning in October and November the winter rains and cold weather began in Palestine. Up to that time the flocks *were* in the open fields, but when the rainy season began, the shepherds could no longer abide in the field. This is a plain fact, as many Bible authorities admit.

The plain truth is—NO ONE knows the exact date of Jesus' birth. Jesus' message of *salvation* points us not to His birth, but, to His *death* for our sins—at the Passover season—and His *resurrection* as our *Saviour*, *High Priest* and soon-coming KING.

If you would like a startling, factual account of the *historic proof* that Jesus wasn't born on December 25th, write for our eye-opening article "When Was Jesus Born?"

The date—December 25th—therefore, *has only one significance*: it was the day selected to honor the rebirth of the *false* PAGAN SUN-GOD, but later,

falsely claimed to be Christ's birthday by the false teachers who combined pagan lies with true Christianity. Can we honor Jesus by claiming He was born on this day?

Other Pagan Christmas Symbols

The Christmas wreath—woven of holly vines and berries simulates the round sun and was a symbol woven during the days preceding the Brumalia as a Symbol of the SUN-GOD. The mistletoe was a similar token used in the old *pagan* practice of kissing beneath it as part of the revelry and celebration associated with this festival.

Yes, even the *yule* log and the practice of lighting fires and candles were part of the PAGAN festival and used to entice the waning sun back again.

What Will You Do?

Already the decorations are up. The whole land is full of Christmas. Everywhere gaily lit trees, Christmas wreaths, Christmas candles, greeting cards and Santas. Shoppers are scurrying for gifts for all. The Christmas fable will be told and retold—all in the name of Christianity.

Yet, the true Christ, whose name this festival has stolen, is truly *left out in the cold* as we FORGET Him in exchanging gifts among ourselves and reveling amid the pagan sights and symbols around us.

What will YOU do this year? Will you honor the gods of the heathen under the guise of Christianity or will you do as Almighty God says: "COME OUT OF HER (Babylon—the origin and seat of Paganism) MY PEOPLE, that you be not partakers of her SINS, and that you receive not of her PLAGUES" (Rev. 18:4).

Autobiography NOTICE

We regret that Mr. Armstrong's AUTOBIOGRAPHY did not reach us before this issue went to press. Be sure to read it next month.

Proof of the FLOOD

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long geologic ages upon the assumption that evolution is true, and then basing the theory of evolution upon the assumption that long geologic ages are true, is the only proof either the evolutionists or the geologists have that their theories are true. Furthermore they have no other proof that the Flood did not take place, than this reasoning in a circle.

The plain truth is that both the evolutionist and the geologist will not admit that a world-wide Flood took place. They cannot help but realize that just as soon as you prove that Flood waters deposited the earth's sedimentary layers in very recent times, you also prove that evolution could not possibly be true, for the theory of evolution cannot be true unless there have been hundreds of millions of years in which life could evolve.

How Are Fossils Formed?

It will help many to understand geology to learn that fossils are the hard parts of plants and animals which have been preserved by petrification. Fossils are not only the remnants of plants and animals that once lived, but also the imprints they have left in the rocks. The fossil imprint of a plant, an insect, or an animal was first made in soft mud before it hardened into rock.

It is common knowledge that any animal which dies today quickly decays and rots into dust. That is why scientists cannot prove there are any fossils being preserved today.

Before an animal can be preserved as a fossil, it must be quickly covered by a sudden catastrophe—such as a flood, volcanic matter, or preserved by sudden freezing.

An animal must be buried very suddenly to prevent decay.

Furthermore, scientists know that animals leave fossil remains only when they have been covered up with sediment almost immediately—before decay sets in.

A scientific article in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* makes this clear. "The remains of animals . . . can only be

preserved if they are deposited at a place where mud or sand is being laid down."

Not only that, but, "When buried in sand a shell is exposed to the percolating waters which if acid are capable of dissolving it." Notice then, "Its preservation is therefore dependent either on the sealing down of the sand by such a layer of clay as will prevent the circulation of water, or on a solidification of the sand by a cementing together of the individual grains, usually by calcium carbonate . . ." (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, "Paleontology," p. 102, 1946 Edition).

Likewise the geologist knows that if the theory of evolution is not true, then of course neither is his theory of long geologic ages.

Because they have been deceived into believing the false theory of organic evolution which teaches that life evolved over many hundreds of millions of years, geologists can't correctly interpret the evidence they have found.

The startling truth is, as the geologist Dunbar admitted, ". . . Fossils provide the only historical, documentary evidence that life has evolved from simple to more and more complex forms" (*Historical Geology*, p. 47. Emphasis ours).

When we understand how coal is formed we will understand why fossils cannot be formed except by some sort of sudden catastrophic action.

The Lesson for You

We need to understand that even more important than the knowledge of how to prove the Flood occurred is the knowledge of WHY God wants you to know the truth about the Flood!

First, God wants you to know that He is Ruler and Creator. The Apostle Paul revealed, ". . . he that cometh to God must BELIEVE that He is and that He is a REWARDER of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

Second, the real message of the Flood is that just as in the days of Noah, all men who today refuse to acknowledge and obey God will also perish (Luke 13:3).

God inspired the record of the Flood to be written for our example (I Cor. 10:6) and as a warning to repent, a warning to turn to God with all our hearts.

In the third chapter of Revelation, God promises He will protect the faithful who are in this end-time backing the work of spreading His end-time warning and His end-time Gospel Message about the soon-coming rule of Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God.

The same God who used His power to destroy the world with a flood is also able to protect you from all harm and danger in the days ahead. Your Bible says Jesus Christ promises He personally will protect you. Jesus said to the faithful, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

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Short Questions

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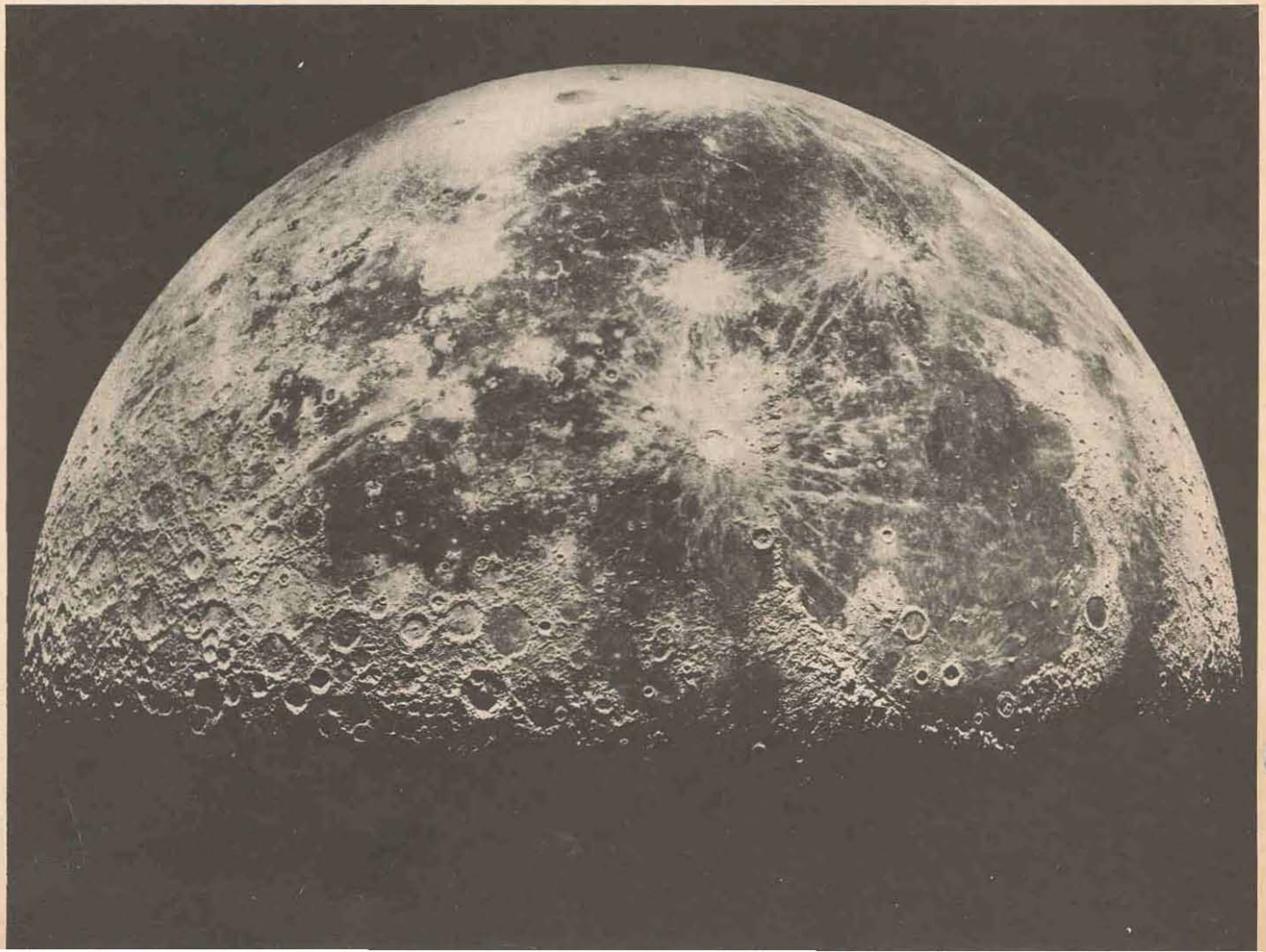
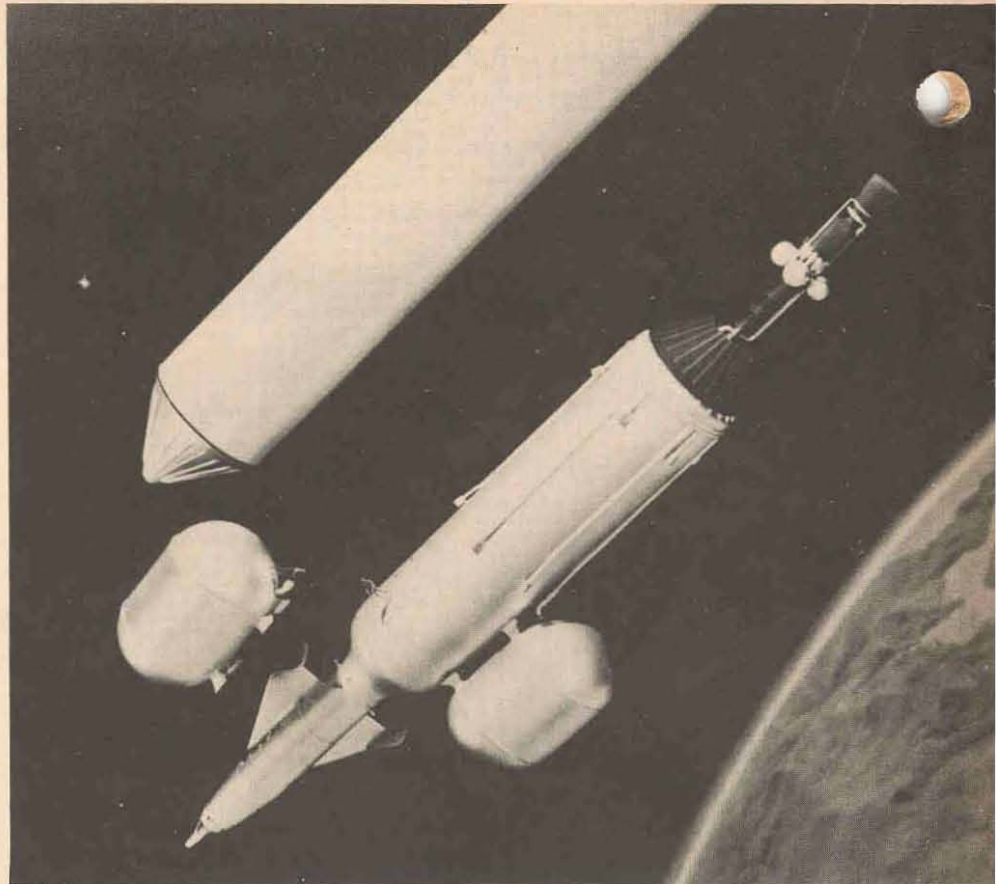
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Below, the barren surface of the Moon, uninhabited and foreboding.

Wide World Photos



Pope Paul VI Calls for

CHURCH UNITY

This second installment reveals the real CAUSE of division among professing Christians. Is the Pope the source of unity?

Read what history and Bible prophecies reveal!

by Herman L. Hoeh

NOT SINCE the days of Martin Luther has the possibility of ultimate Protestant and Catholic UNITY appeared so near.

Yet—major differences still plague church leaders. The BIG QUESTION—who is to rule the church?—is unresolved. Most Protestant sects are governed by the people—from the bottom up. Roman Catholics are governed by the Pope with the bishops—from the top down.

Neither is governed by the living Christ!

Why DISUNITY?

Few today really understand WHY the "Christian" world is divided into hundreds of conflicting sects. It's all a matter of GOVERNMENT.

God is the Supreme Ruler. God the Father rules His realm through Jesus Christ. Christ, in turn, governs the true Church through those whom He chooses—whom He makes willing to OBEY Him.

But today's society is not God's. It rebels against God's rule. It is a deceived world under the sway of the archrebel Satan. Satan deceives the world through his ministers. They profess "Christianity," but are, in reality, practicing pagans. Satan founded his counterfeit Christianity through Simon Magus (Acts 8). Simon professed Christ, but rebelled against God's government. He put himself in place of Christ. In 42 A.D. he went to Rome and founded his church.

The Bible nowhere teaches that man rules in place of Christ. Christ has no one ruling in His place! Christ still rules His Church. But most people do not even know where the *true* Church is today! Every minister in that Church is ruled by Christ and carries out Christ's will, not his own or the people's!

But notice how Simon's church, falsely

labeled "Christian," has sought to maintain unity.

Simon's Followers Copy Roman Government to Preserve Unity

The episcopal form of human church government was adopted at the death of Simon Magus. Simon's followers disputed with one another for leadership. Their counterfeit Christianity became divided. The bishops of Simon's church all began to style themselves the "vicars of Christ." Bingham's *Antiquities of the Christian Church* gives several cases in the early Catholic writings wherein "every bishop is *vice Christi*, Christ's vicar or Vice-regent" (Bk. II, ch. II, sect. 10).

Those bishops—masquerading as Christ's ministers—claimed to stand *in the place of Christ*—claimed that the episcopal form of human church government, falsely labeled "holy," was a unifying institution which the people should hold *in reverence*. This is how the *idolizing* of church government developed!

This church government—which ultimately became the PAPACY—is, in fact, "the image of the beast"! (Rev. 13:14-15.) It is an ecclesiastical *model* of the "beast"—the pagan Roman Government.

Notice these facts of history about Simon Magus' diabolical organization:

"Long before the fall of Rome there had begun to grow up within the Roman Empire an ecclesiastical state, which in its constitution and its administrative system was shaping itself upon the *imperial model*. This spiritual empire," says Myer's *Ancient History*, p. 582, "like the secular empire, possessed a hierarchy of officers."

The PAPACY is "the Roman empire, again extended over Europe by a universal code and a provincial government; by a hierarchy of religious praetors or

proconsuls, and a host of inferior officers, each in strict subordination to those immediately above them, and gradually descending to the very lowest ranks of society: the whole with a certain degree of freedom of action, but a restrained and limited freedom, and with an appeal to the spiritual Caesar in the last resort" (*History of Latin Christianity* by Milman, p. 28).

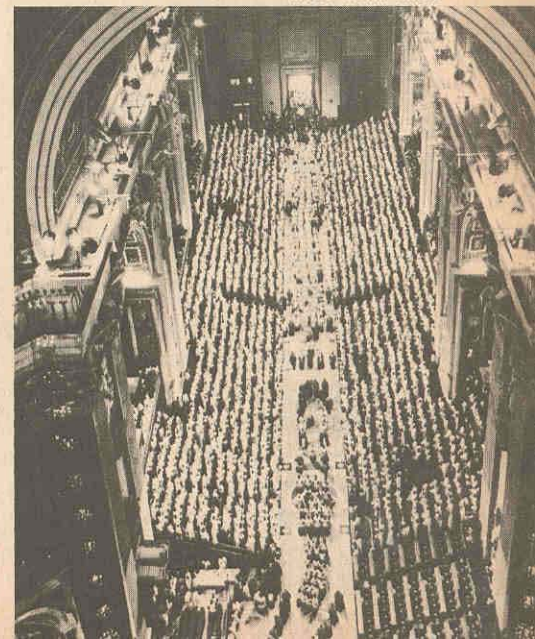
The Papacy, according to these historians, is a *model*, a counterpart—an image of the "beast" which is the Roman Government. This ecclesiastical government compelled people to *worship* a man-ruled church organized into a worldly government. Although palmed off as the government of God, it is in reality an *image* of the devil's Roman civil government. And worshipping any image is idolatry!

But this kind of government, adopted to preserve unity, only caused dissension and disunity.

Just as the old Babylonish idolatry

Overhead view of St. Peter's with council in session.

Wide World Photo



became DISUNITED as it propagated throughout the world, so this modern Babylon the Great, a Mother Church, has propagated daughter churches which came out protesting (Rev. 17:5). And all of them have *different* forms of government—each patterned in some way after *human* governments. When religious people speak of "MY Church," they mean their *humanly* organized denomination, which is labeled "Christian." They IDOLIZE their Church. This is idolatry. God commands you to come out of it! (Rev. 18:4.)

Church Councils Attempt to Keep Unity

Toward the close of the second century, irregular synods—local councils—were held to assist in substituting the heathen Easter for the Passover (Milman's footnote to Gibbon's *Decline and Fall*). By 250 A.D., these synods were held regularly, especially in Greece and Asia Minor.

From where did *this* practice come? Not from the Bible!

Says the historian Gibbon: "They borrowed the model of a representative council from the celebrated examples of their own country. . . ."

"It was soon established," he says further, "as a custom and a law, that the bishops of the independent churches should meet in the capital for the province at stated periods of spring and autumn."

The proceedings were moderated "by the presence of a listening multitude. Their decrees, which were styled Canons, regulated every important controversy of faith and discipline. . . ."

The government of Simon's movement was beginning to issue decrees! The "IMAGE" was beginning to SPEAK with the force of law! Temporary unity was achieved at the expense of Scripture.

Pagan human traditions and customs became labeled as "Christian."

The synods were universally accepted. From provincial councils there poured forth an ever-increasing flow of correspondence *federating* all the provinces of the Catholic churches in an attempt to achieve doctrinal unity.

Exactly as the bishops had so recently grasped authority over every presbyter—who now became a priest—so in these provincial synods the difference in rank

of the city from which each came caused the bishop of the metropolis or chief city of the province to prepare secretly to usurp authority over his fellow bishops and to acquire "the lofty titles of Metropolitans and Primate." This led to further divisions, not unity!

After permitting this specious brand of "Christianity" to become the State religion of the Roman Empire, Constantine found it essential to unify conflicts within Catholic ranks. To this end he called the first universal or ecumenical council—which met in Nicaea in A.D. 325.

Says Boak: "Procedure in the councils was modelled upon that of the Roman Senate; the meetings were conducted by imperial legates, their decisions were issued in the form of imperial edicts, and it was to the emperor that appeals from these decrees were made" (*A History of Rome to 565 A.D.*, p. 492).

Truth was stamped out, the remnants of the True Church of God fled the confines of the Roman Empire and became lost to history!

Emperor Makes Himself Head of False Church

There was as yet no supreme Pope in the Church founded by Simon Magus and reorganized by Constantine. *The Roman Emperor became the active head of Simon Magus' counterfeit "Christianity."* The laws of the Council became the laws of the State. The Roman Senate, not a Biblical example, was the model for the Papacy.

It was also during the age of Constantine that the Roman Empire was divided into great dioceses, thirteen in number. These were made up of numerous provinces over which bishops with the titles of Metropolitan or Primate presided. With the enforced universal councils being the highest assembly ruling the churches, Gibbon says it was not "long before an emulation of pre-eminence and power prevailed among the Metropolitans themselves, each effecting to display . . . the temporal honors and advantages of the city over which he presided. . . ."

Naturally the Metropolitans who resided in the capitals of these great dioceses were to dominate all the other Primate over the provinces in their realms. Thus was the title of "Exarch"

or "Patriarch" acquired by less than a dozen great bishops. There were now four grades of bishops: country bishops who became parish priests, city bishops, Metropolitans, Patriarchs.

Who would eventually be the Universal Bishop? We shall now see.

It is notable that the title *vicarii* (vicars) was given by the Civil Government to the civil administrators of the great dioceses. The Patriarchs of the Catholic Church were really the *vicars* of the Emperor, who was head of the Catholic State Church. But they claimed to be the special vicars of Christ, as Simon Magus' bishops had done decades prior in order to gain their eminence.

Great "Patriarchs" Rise to Power

The Roman Empire was also divided into four *Prefectures*. While the Catholics did not institute any ecclesiastical office to compare to the *prefects*, they did soon find that among the *Patriarchs* over the dioceses, there was a rivalry that brought forth four dominant Patriarchs in the East and one in the West. These were of Constantinople, Antioch, Jerusalem and Alexandria in the East and *Rome in the West*.

Bingham, pages 344, 345, and other authors point out a highly important fact. The dioceses in the West, with the exception of Africa, *lacked* Patriarchs in Spain, Gaul and Britain, or else failed to send them to the councils. ROME WAS THE ONLY WESTERN PATRIARCHATE THAT REPRESENTED THE WEST IN DEALINGS WITH EASTERN BISHOPS, says Boak in the aforementioned book, pages 492, 493.

It was easy to foresee that the bishop at Rome—the successor of Simon Magus, who masqueraded as the Apostle Simon Peter—would become the dominant Patriarch. The Roman church was the greatest and its bishops *claimed the inheritance and the attributes of the office of its founder* Simon Magus, who was palmed off in a clever deception as the Apostle Simon Peter by progressive traditions!

Roman Bishop Not Always Sole Head of Catholic Church

That the bishop of Rome was *not* the absolute head of the Church is admitted by the Roman Catholic Du

Pin. He states, to the later embarrassment of Catholic doctrine, that Germany, Spain, France, Britain, Africa, Illyricum and seven of the Italic provinces were NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BISHOP AT ROME during the early ages (Du Pin de Disciplin. Eccles. Dessert. 1. n. 14. p. 92, quoted in Bingham's *Antiquities*, p. 348).

The bishop of Milan, Italy, was never ordained by the bishop of Rome, as he would have been if he were under his sole jurisdiction. This is even admitted by Pope Pelagius in one of his epistles (Bingham, p. 348).

The African Church under the Patriarch of Carthage was generally independent as Justinian declares. In the 22nd canon of the Council of Milevis, the African churches prohibited appeals to the bishop at Rome. For centuries, Baluzius declared, the French synods "never allowed any appeals from their own determination to the pope" (Bingham, p. 349). The British or Celtic Church did not come under Roman dominion until the Synod of Whitby (664) brought about British conformity to the Roman Catholic mode of Easter observance. (E. R. Edman, *The Light in Dark Ages*, p. 184.)

The advancing star of the Roman Bishop developed rapidly with the transference in the fourth century of the capital of the Empire to "New Rome"—Constantinople. The bishops of Rome were carried upward by the sweep of dominant opinion. Eastern feuds disrupted the patriarchates in that area and left only the most recent, Constantinople, in the leadership. The domination of the Emperor in Constantinople was a disastrous handicap for the Eastern churches. The bishop of Rome was immeasurably freer to expand.

In 343 the Council of Sardica, COMPOSED OF WESTERN LEADERS ONLY, not a universal or ecumenical council, confirmed the Western feeling that the bishop of Rome ought to be the supreme head of the Church. It sanctioned Pope Julius as the final arbiter in disputes resulting from the Arian controversy.

Thirty-five years later the bishop at Rome became the "Pontifex Maximus" or *Supreme Pontiff*. This title once belonged to the high priest of the pagan

Roman priesthood before Julius Caesar, the first Emperor, was granted it. Thereafter, the office was passed to succeeding Emperors until Gratian refused it in 376. Two years later Damasus, Bishop of Rome, was declared Supreme Pontiff *by imperial edict*. (Bower's *Lives of the Popes*.)

The pagan Roman College of Pontiffs was translated into the Catholic College of Cardinals. The pagan Roman *Pontifex Maximus* "had charge of the calendar, fixed dates of the public festivals, and announced each month what days were open and what closed to public business," wrote Boak in his previously mentioned work, page 67. Little wonder that the Catholic Supreme Pontiff should "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25).

The Papacy Fully Develops

We shall now see how the Roman bishops sought by their claims, and obtained by *popular approval*, the position of *Ecclesiastical Caesar*. With the rapid decline of the Western Roman Empire, the bishop of Rome rose in respect with the people. He determined to be the "King of Kings."

At the close of the fourth century Augustine wrote the "City of God." It was a book envisioning a Universal Catholic Empire of which the Roman Empire was the pattern. A few years later Innocent I pushed the claims of the papacy vigorously. Following him came Leo I, styled by many the first real Pope. *He was the first Latin preacher*; for prior to him there seems to have been *no public preaching* by Catholics in Rome according to Sozomen (Milman, *Latin Christianity*, p. 56).

Leo sought to hide the identity of the founder of his church. He suavely claimed to be the heir to Peter's primacy. This Peter was in reality Simon Magus. Leo advocated the absolute "organization of the Church on the model of the Empire, with the pope as its religious head." Resistance to his will brought the sentence of "hell." He advocated the death penalty for heresy.

Boak wrote in his book: "It was Leo also who induced the western emperor Valentinian III in 455 to order the whole western Church to obey the bishop of Rome as the heir to the primacy

of Peter" (p. 493). Despite this decree that made the Bishop of Rome the head of Western Christendom, the Council of Chalcedon, 451, a universal council claiming divine authority, placed the Patriarch of Constantinople "on an equality with the pope, a recognition against which the Pope Leo protested in vain."

The Final Step

Within another fifty years the common term "papa," from which "pope" is derived, was applied almost exclusively in the West to the bishop of Rome, although, in prior years, "it was a common title of all bishops."

The Eastern Catholics did not recognize this papal title, for in the time of Pope Gregory I, 590-604, the Patriarch of Constantinople claimed the title of "Universal Bishop." Against this Eastern usurpation of authority, Gregory stormed. He temporarily refused to appropriate the title to himself for obvious reasons, yet *he exercised* all the authority of a universal bishop.

After the Council of Constantinople in 869, the Roman and Eastern Churches ceased to meet together in ecumenical councils. That breach has never been healed.

Later, in 1123 it was decided that the popes should appoint all Roman bishops. They governed with absolute power the entire ecclesiastical government. Finally, almost 750 years later (1871), the Pope secured the declaration of infallibility when speaking "from the chair."

It is this doctrine which is keeping most Protestant sects out of the Roman Catholic fold. Protestantism, based on the human idea of government from the bottom up, refuses to be governed by either the Pope or Christ from the top down!

Today, to assist the Pontiff in governing his Church, there have been developed through the centuries certain agencies. The College of Cardinals (Cardinals are bishops of dioceses) collectively advise the Pope. Under them are twelve Congregations, three Tribunals and five Offices of the Roman Curia (bureaus, boards and courts) organized to administer Church affairs.

They possess according to Catholic sources "the power to make laws, to sit

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Christ Must Come

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Guanabara.' Guanabara State includes the city of Rio.

"The drought comes at a time when TORRENTIAL RAINS in the southern-most state of Rio Grande do Sul are causing FLOODS of almost unprecedented proportions."

GOD Controls the Weather

Yes, some day *everyone* is going to realize that, "only GOD can give water to Guanabara."

And it is interesting and vital to realize that the drought conditions will often be *alternated*—strangely enough—with FLOODS whose waters will run off the land so quickly as to do little good and only cause damage as a whole—just as is happening in another area of Brazil at the same time Rio de Janeiro is facing its drought crisis.

Notice God's description of how *this very condition* will increase in America and Britain within the next few years: "And I also have given you *cleanness of teeth* [not from some kind of tooth paste, but from *hunger!*] in all your cities, and *want of bread* in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. And I have *withholden the rain* from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered" (Amos 4:6-7).

Then God states in Verse 9: "I have smitten you with *blasting and mildew*: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord."

Thus you can see that the rains to be sent upon some cities will cause FLOODS and MILDEW of fruits and crops, and the *lack of rain* in other areas will cause terrible conditions of DROUGHT leading to *famine* and HUNGER.

You need to realize that not only is drought currently affecting the East Coast areas, but even *worse* and more long-standing drought conditions are

affecting *millions of acres* of farm and pasture land throughout the Midwest, the Plains States and the entire West Coast! Thousands of farmers and ranchers are dipping into their life savings in order to keep going, and hundreds are now GOING BROKE. In Eastern Colorado, State Agriculture Commissioner Paul Swisher said, "If we don't get some rain out here pretty quick, we'll be in a real mess." "The topsoil," Swisher said, "is getting pretty dry and ready to move. *We're as near to the critical stage as we can get. Disaster will follow if we don't get moisture.*"

Upset Weather Spells DISASTER

At the same time, unprecedented FOREST FIRES are raging in many areas of the East and Midwest! Do you think that these conditions of drought, floods and forest fires have nothing to do with *your future*? Well, *you don't have long to find out!*

For the God of heaven speaks to modern America and Britain: "When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of FAMINE, which shall be for *their destruction*, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the FAMINE upon you, and will break your staff of bread: so will I send upon you *famine and evil beasts* and they shall bereave thee; and *pestilence and blood* shall pass through thee; and I will bring the *sword* upon thee. I the Lord have spoken it" (Ezek. 5:16-17).

In this same prophecy—written well over one hundred years *after* Israel's former captivity, and definitely speaking of a FUTURE punishment and captivity in *our day*—God states: "Alas for all the evil abominations of the *house of Israel!* for they shall fall by the *sword*, by the FAMINE, and by the *pestilence*" (Ezek. 6:11).

Yes, the alternating cycles of devastating FLOODS on the one hand with terrible DROUGHT and FOREST FIRES on the other are destined to bring about a condition of *unprecedented* FAMINE *even here in the United States of America!*

Meanwhile, *around the world*, the handwriting is clearly on the wall as a veritable POPULATION EXPLOSION takes place and the stark reality of HUNGER and STARVATION closes in on millions

of additional human beings *every single year!* Almighty God is letting most of humanity go its *own way* and write its own lessons for this first six thousand years of recorded human history. But He is a *merciful God* and a *Father*—and He will soon intervene through Jesus Christ to *save hundreds of millions of people* made in His image from STARVING TO DEATH!

REASON III—Horrible DISEASE EPIDEMICS to Occur

Regardless of the hopes and claims of modern medical practitioners, the GOD OF HEAVEN clearly reveals that ravaging DISEASE EPIDEMICS are soon going to strike this entire earth—and America and the British Commonwealth nations in particular! This is because we have been callously BREAKING God's physical and spiritual laws. Then we have tried to have these transgressions "forgiven" by treating the "symptoms"—the *results*—instead of getting at and correcting the real CAUSE.

Frankly, the average layman only hears a FRACTION of the real facts about burgeoning *disease epidemics* and future PLAGUES which many eminent scientists and medical men know are coming. This is because most newspapers and magazines don't wish to emphasize "unpleasant" items which might prove unpopular with public opinion, and because of *organized medical pressure groups* which SUPPRESS the facts in many instances.

Nevertheless, because modern man is *polluting* his water supply with the refuse of factories in entire cities, because he is *wrecking* the real nutritive value of his soil through the use of artificial chemical fertilizers and poisonous sprays, because he is *poisoning* the very crops themselves through sprays and artificial treatments, because he is *removing* the wheat germ from the wheat, chemically "*treating*" most other food products and thereby producing what are in actual fact "foodless foods"—for these and *many other reasons* he is bringing upon himself horrifying DISEASE EPIDEMICS which are destined to strike within the next five to ten years!

Also, as stated above, when individuals do become sick the medical men

rush to treat the *symptom* instead of the *cause*—quite often by injecting the POISON PUS of animals into the human blood stream in ever-increasing quantities!

Eminent Medical Testing

A noted British physician and surgeon says that modern drugs are "NINETY-NINE PER CENT USELESS." Dr. Harry Lilly stated in an interview: "Drugs patch up the *symptoms*, NOT THE CAUSES. When I first qualified, I thought the use of drugs I'd learned at the university was just the thing. But I'd never go back to that now.

"The medical profession on both sides of the Atlantic is being run and dictated by the pharmaceutical houses. We have only to see the racket going on with drugs—the only way you can describe their cost is disgraceful. We'd be better doing the same with drugs as we do with atomic waste: DUMPING THEM INTO THE SEA."

Dr. Lilly expects a "WORLD EPIDEMIC" of the worst virus yet within the next ten years. It will be the result of the world-wide use of penicillin and antibiotics which, Dr. Lilly says, upsets the bacterial balance of the body.

Some British doctors are blaming the abuse of penicillin for the serious outbreak of polio in Britain, Dr. Lilly says. He agrees, and states regarding the coming virus epidemic: "In my opinion, this danger completely overshadows any threat of nuclear war."

Mankind needs to WAKE UP to the fact that *poisonous drugs, processed foods, chemical fertilizers and poisonous sprays* used on plants is simply courting DISASTER! We need to realize that the absolute POLLUTION of our air and water, and the increasing use of CHEMICAL POISONS in agriculture and industry, is going to bring a sickening RESULT if we don't quit breaking God's physical laws!

A few years ago, Dr. David E. Price, Assistant Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service asked this question: "Is man becoming OBSOLETE?"

Then this eminent physician began to list a number of TERRIFYING dangers to human life which could lead to the EXTINCTION of the human race. He referred to man-made *contamination of*



Wide World Photo
Children receiving inoculation. Where will man be when these fail?

the air, the increasing use of *chemical poisons* in agriculture and industry. Dr. Price said there was, "growing public concern that, even if we escape destruction by war, something else, probably subtle, insidious, and gradual, may eventually cause us to become a 'HAS BEEN' SPECIES."

DANGER in Modern Farming Methods

Notice the following important quote regarding the DANGERS of "modern" methods of farming: "Whole species of Britain's birds will be wiped out by POISON CHEMICALS used on farmlands, a conference of wildlife experts warned yesterday.

"One question left unanswered at the conference came from the Earl of Aylesford, a Warwickshire landowner. After the warnings of bird poisoning he asked: 'Can we say whether humans will follow?'" (From the *London Daily Herald*, March 4, 1963).

In a basic prophecy for modern Israel—the peoples of America and the British Commonwealth nations who are the physical descendants of the ancient, ten-tribed, supposedly "lost" House of Israel—God states: "And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgements, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto

you; I will even appoint over you *terror, consumption, and the burning ague*, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it" (Lev. 26:15-16).

Note these plagues which God says He will send: consumption or *tuberculosis*; fevers such as measles and meningitis which can settle in the eyes causing impaired vision or blindness; general *weakening* or languishing of physical strength—then *foreign enemies* attacking our land.

After warning that He will "break the pride" of our power (verse 19)—which God is ALREADY DOING to America and the fast diminishing British "Commonwealth"—God states: "And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me (even after these early punishments); I will bring *seven times MORE PLAGUES* upon you according to your sins" (Verse 21).

Yes, we are destined to have *pestilences, disease epidemics*—PLAGUES which God will permit to descend upon us in terrifying intensity because of physical and spiritual SIN.

In man's *lust* and GREED for excessive profits, the pharmaceutical houses and medical men have poured BILLIONS of dollars of DRUGS and veritable POISONS into the blood streams of hundreds of millions of human beings! The industrial captains—instead of using their minds and money to devise a *safer way*—are emptying *billions of tons* of industrial POLLUTANTS into the air we breathe and the water we drink! Even the farmers are caught up in the habit of using *chemical fertilizers, and poisonous sprays* on the very FOOD we eat!

God help us to WAKE UP!

Unless we REPENT of this entire vicious cycle and turn to God and HIS WAY of health and healing, we will begin to experience such horrifying DISEASE EPIDEMICS as will make necessary the DIVINE INTERVENTION of Jesus Christ to save us from ourselves!

REASON IV—Earth's DESOLATION Through Atomic Fallout and Radioactivity

Even though the human race may not eradicate itself in a future hydrogen

war, *the aftermath of such a war would hardly be a more enviable fate.* This is the opinion of six leading geneticists given at the first International Radiation Research Congress.

Dr. H. J. Muller of Indiana University says that although the extinction of humanity in a nuclear war was unlikely, it would take the race ONE THOUSAND YEARS to get back where it is today!

He foresaw: immediate death for MILLIONS from blast and heat, then death from DISEASE for other millions weakened by *shock* and *radiation*. Death by STARVATION for others. Then would come the longer range effects: human beings STERILIZED so they could not beget children. Others capable of siring only DEFECTIVE OFFSPRING that would die without children of their own.

Notice! Even IF man does not succeed in destroying himself in a future war, the RESULT would leave a *wretched remnant* of SICK and DYING and STERILE human beings for generations to come!

A United Press report states: "A

geneticist said today an H-Bomb war would damage the genes of surviving Americans so severely that between SEVENTEEN MILLION and ONE BILLION of their descendants might die prematurely or be defective over the next *thirty generations.*" This report was given by Dr. James V. Neal, Chairman of the Department of Human Genetics at the University of Michigan, to a Congressional Atomic Energy Sub-Committee.

But many scientists are concerned not only about the possibilities in a *future war*—but the present DANGER to human life and progeny from the hydrogen and atomic tests which have ALREADY been carried out—and which will undoubtedly CONTINUE to be carried out by many nations from time to time in spite of the temporary Test Ban Treaty which SOME of the leading nations have signed.

The June 4, 1963, issue of the *Los Angeles Times* disclosed that animals in the Arctic living off plants are piling

up heavy concentrations of radioactivity and "*scientists are getting worried about it.*" A study revealed that the "safe" level for radioactive strontium contamination in man was about *seventeen* strontium units. Yet caribou bones have been found recently showing from ONE HUNDRED to TWO HUNDRED UNITS!

Scientists Admit "Safe Limit" Is Now Exceeded

Dr. William O. Pruitt, Jr., biologist who co-operated with the Canadian Wildlife Service in a study of this caribou problem, has become seriously concerned. Dr. Pruitt states: "Behind all the reassuring announcements about nuclear explosions since the beginning of the atomic age there has lurked the specter of the time when the so-called 'safe limits' would be exceeded.

"It is clear that for a great area of the earth's surface THAT TIME HAS NOW COME."

Even though the results of this atomic

Floodwaters pour through the heart of downtown Galveston, Texas. Such catastrophes are on the upswing.
Wide World Photo





Wide World Photo

A freak disaster killed hundreds, completely destroyed this Italian village. Millions will perish when the earth shakes under the prophesied earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tidal waves.

testing are bad enough, your Bible *definitely prophesies* a FUTURE HYDROGEN BOMB WAR! The resulting STERILITY of human beings, the genetic DEFECTS which would continue in the human family for *hundreds of years* IF many survived, and the wretched CONTORTED BODIES of human beings made in His image—these call for the DIVINE INTERVENTION of a loving God by sending His Son Jesus Christ back to this earth SOON—*before it is too late!*

REASON V—GIGANTIC Earthquakes, Hurricanes and Weather Upheavals Soon to Come!

Mankind is soon going to learn that GOD CONTROLS THE WEATHER!

As we have seen, Jesus Christ prophesied: "There shall be *famines*, and *pestilences*, and EARTHQUAKES, in diverse places" (Mat. 24:7).

In Luke's inspired account of these

same events leading up to the second coming of Christ, Jesus stated: "And there shall be signs in the *sun*, and in the *moon*, and in the *stars*; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the SEA and the WAVES ROARING; men's hearts failing them for FEAR, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: *for the powers of the heavens shall be SHAKEN*" (Luke 21:25-26).

In the very next few years, through *earthquakes, volcanoes, hurricanes and tidal waves*—God is going to SHAKE this earth *like a rag doll!* Men are going to learn that Almighty God is VERY "real"!

The June 19, 1960, issue of *This Week* magazine reported that the *worst decade* in United States history for natural disasters was "THE PAST TEN YEARS"! UNBELIEVABLE?

Not when you understand Bible prophecy! For this is just the BEGINNING of

vicious weather cycles which spell serious TROUBLE for America, Britain and much of the Western world. The recent EARTHQUAKE which destroyed Skoplje and the terrifying HURRICANE CARLA which devastated Haiti and Cuba are only a mild portent of what is SOON TO COME!

So far, the *worst* earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions and tornadoes have struck more *thinly populated* areas of the earth as a whole. But the time is coming—and soon—when they will begin to devastate the *big metropolitan areas* in the major cities of this earth.

Even the power of our latest hydrogen bombs is *dwarfed* into insignificance in comparison with the destructive capacity of EARTHQUAKES. It would take the combined force of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND atomic bombs of the Hiroshima class to begin to release the equivalent energy of only ONE of the major shocks in the recent earthquake which struck Skoplje, Yugoslavia!

"*The city is an awful sight,*" the Belgrade newspaper *Politica* said in a special edition. "More than two hundred thousand citizens are in the streets. The screams of the trapped and those who have lost relatives can be heard all over. In the wreckage of the railway station the screams of trapped persons can still be heard. The question is whether rescue teams can reach them in time." This item was contained in a recent United Press release reporting on the earthquake in Skoplje, Yugoslavia.

Heed God's WARNING

If you have not yet done so, write immediately for our exciting, fully documented *free* booklet, "Truth About Earthquakes." Here you will see the full proof that earthquake activity is INCREASING around this earth and is destined to reach GIGANTIC proportions within the next few years.

Also, read again or send for the recent article contained in the June PLAIN TRUTH on "*Volcanic Disaster—A Prophetic Reality.*" This free article vividly describes the *increasing activity* of supposedly "extinct" volcanoes around this earth—including the volcano Mt. Agung which erupted in the latter part of March and took over ELEVEN THOUSAND lives and left more than two hundred thousand others homeless!

Read *Christ's* description of what lies just ahead: "And I beheld when he had opened the *sixth seal*, and, lo, there was a GREAT EARTHQUAKE; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood . . . and EVERY MOUNTAIN and ISLAND were moved out of their places" (Rev. 6:12-14).

Because of REBELLION against God and His physical and spiritual LAWS men have to be literally SHAKEN to their senses! But in His *mercy*, God is going to CUT SHORT the days of this terrible punishment so that CHRIST may come as King of kings to teach man *how to live by God's physical and spiritual laws* before mankind becomes any more DEPRAVED than it already is!

Some day soon—*within the next ten years or less*—when your city, your home, your little "world" is suddenly SHAKEN by a devastating HURRICANE, volcanic ERUPTION, or EARTHQUAKE—

you will begin to see a real NEED for *Jesus Christ's second coming* to SAVE man from the results of SIN against his Maker!

REASON VI—*Man's "Last Hope for Peace" Has FAILED!*

Even while the guns were still firing and men were dying on the battlefields of Europe and Asia, the "United Nations Conference" assembled in San Francisco in the spring of 1945 to found an international political entity to preserve PEACE. Men and women of many races and colors were there from fifty-four nations—representing the majority of human beings living on the earth.

As the conference opened, General Jan Smuts of South Africa declared: "*If San Francisco fails, then I see nothing but STARK DISASTER before mankind.*"

"It is no exaggeration to say," said Anthony Eden, "that the work on which we are making a start here may be THE WORLD'S LAST CHANCE. . . ."

Remember?

Yes, those were the words we were hearing and reading back in 1945 from the acknowledged LEADERS of modern human civilization! But *go back even further*. Recall that even the League of Nations—formed after World War I—was basically the *same type of setup* and formed for the same basic purpose. It, too, was called "*man's last hope for peace*"!

As all the world knows since World War II began, the League of Nations miserably FAILED!

Why?

The real ANSWER is contained in the *Word of God*. The book of James reveals part of it: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of *your lusts* that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye FIGHT and WAR, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your LUSTS" (Jas. 4:1-3).

Human nature is basically *hateful, resentful, competitive* and SELFISH. Until HUMAN NATURE is *changed*, we will have war!

Describing under God's inspiration

all the peoples of the earth—both Jew and Gentile—the Apostle Paul states: "Their feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in their ways: and the *way of peace* have they NOT KNOWN: *there is no fear of God before their eyes*" (Rom. 3:15-18).

Frankly, the world as a whole does NOT KNOW GOD—and it certainly does not know HIS WAY of *peace*!

The United Nations Is "Doomed to Failure"

Therefore, the United Nations is absolutely and positively DOOMED to failure! And it is already, in actual fact, FAILING to keep any semblance of real peace among the nations of this earth.

Even three years ago, a member of the British Parliament, Anthony Fell, stated: "For we must not delude ourselves or the world any longer that the United Nations has any useful purpose to serve, either in the advancement of democracy and freedom or in the prevention of war. *The United Nations HAS FAILED*. It was our creature, and it has failed us. Not because of lack of good intentions, but because it is an organization that is DOOMED TO FAILURE."

General Mark W. Clark, former United Nations commander in Korea, stated that this country should *withdraw* from the United Nations because "no useful purpose is served by the United States being a member." He stated: "Nothing good will happen in the United Nations. I've seen them meet time after time on very grave questions that affect the well-being of the whole world and NEVER have they solved any of them except by a slap on the wrist or some weak action." What every thinking person knows: the United Nations is *failing* and WILL FAIL to preserve peace in our LUSTFUL, fighting, warring, topsy-turvy human "civilization."

Only *Jesus Christ*—at His second coming as King of kings—can and WILL save man from *human annihilation*!

REASON VII—*Soon-Coming SLAVERY for God's Birthright Peoples*

Because of our national godlessness, decadence and SIN, the God of heaven (Please continue on page 42)

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER SIXTY-TWO

WORSHIPPING GOD IN VAIN

IN THE face of danger from their enemies, the Israelites began to pray. But it was too late. The land was so full of sin that their prayers were in vain. God had no intention of answering them until they prayed in the spirit of repentance. Their many idols made their worship sinful. It was all in vain, because God does not hear the prayers of idolaters.

Equally useless were the frantically concocted barricades and other military preparations.

Three days later wave upon wave of invaders from the north pushed over and past Shiloh, leaving thousands of dead and wounded in and about the camp!

Assyria Invades Israel

Within days the Assyrians of Mesopotamia moved over all Canaan. They bottled up Canaanites and Israelites alike in a state of destruction and helplessness. It seemed to powerless Israel that God was helping the invaders more than He had previously helped Israel, though actually God had simply withdrawn His helpful power from the Israelites.

Wherever the Mesopotamians conquered large numbers of people, they left strong garrisons of soldiers to keep the vanquished people under their power. Valuables were stripped from the Israelites. A system of semi-slavery was developed by which Israel was forced to raise animals and crops for the conquerors. No tribes or areas were overlooked by the Assyrians in this matter of constant contribution. The easy life of Israel was transformed in just a few weeks into one of misery and servitude. It was all carried out with "German efficiency" because, as we shall see later, the descendants of those ancient As-



Within a short time the free and easy life of the Israelites was turned to one of miserable servitude by their Assyrian conquerors.

syrians later migrated to Germany and are known as Germans today! There was no outlook for anything but this unhappy condition in the long years to come. (Judges 3:5-8.)

After a time, when they could see no way out of their trouble, the Israelites fell into a state of sincere repentance. For many, life became a round of tears, forced labor and prayers. Still the years of servitude wore on.

Meanwhile a man by the name of Othniel felt quite strongly that something should be added to those prayers and tears. He was of the tribe of Judah, a nephew and son-in-law of Caleb. He had years before distinguished himself in leading troops to vanquish many Canaanites. (Judges 1:12-13; Judges 3:9.)

In their disorganized state the Israelites had little military strength to resist their conquerors. But Othniel secretly managed to establish an underground movement that grew with each passing month. When he decided the time was right for an uprising, secretly armed Israelites made a strong surprise attack on the Mesopotamian garrison at Shiloh. It was so sudden—and successful—that not one enemy soldier escaped to alert troops stationed elsewhere.

Repentance Brings Deliverance

Othniel distributed the captured arms to equip more Israelites for hasty assaults

on other enemy barracks in other parts of Canaan. The result was that within a few days Israel enjoyed a surprising victory over all the enemy soldiers stationed in Canaan.

When news of what had happened finally reached the wicked Assyrian ruler of Mesopotamia, he gathered thousands of troops together. They moved swiftly southward from the vicinity of Damascus to attack the Israelite camp at Shiloh. Meanwhile, the Israelites were so encouraged by their victory that Israelites of fighting ability swarmed from all parts of Canaan to swell Othniel's army.

Before the Mesopotamians could reach Shiloh they were ambushed by thousands upon thousands of Israelite troops desperately hungry for freedom. The enemy from the north slowly fell away—until with God's help the Assyrians fell into a horrible state of slaughter. The remnants of the Assyrian occupation forces fled for their lives. Victory for Israel was complete. (Judges 3:10.)

At last, after eight long years as a captive nation, Israel abruptly emerged to freedom. God had listened to the prayers of the repentant. He had chosen the man Othniel to lead the people to victory and freedom. In fact, God chose Othniel as the first of a line of righteous men who were inspired to lead and guide Israel for many years to come.

The attitude of the people had changed so much during their eight years of servitude that they were quite willing to obey God now. They cooperated with Othniel in the reform he required to be carried out for the good of the nation. Intermarriage with the Canaanites and worship of strange gods were forbidden. Those who indulged in these things were harshly punished. There was a return to the ways of living according to God's laws. The result was an Israel much happier and more prosperous than the nation had been for a long time.

Under the leadership of Othniel, God's chosen servant, Israel enjoyed forty years of peace. During those forty years Othniel was the first of the leaders—since the time of Joshua—known as *judges*. They weren't the kind of judges who were instituted only as men who decided on cases of justice. They were more like rulers, and they headed Israel from Joshua's time until the time of Samuel. (Judges 3:11.)

Lessons Soon Forgotten

Othniel maintained law and order in Israel. But soon after his death the people had no strong leader and again began to lapse back into their sinful ways. God's anger again was roused against them. Once more they were bound to fall under a curse, though they had no idea how God planned to punish them.

The nation of Moab, east of the Dead Sea, was then ruled by a man by the name of Eglon. Much of the territory occupied by Israel east of the Jordan had at one time

been part of Moab, and Eglon was determined to recover it. He didn't realize that his strong desire had been planted firmly in his mind by God, who planned to use him to chasten Israel.

Besides building his own army into a strong fighting force, Eglon enlisted the aid of thousands of troops from the Ammonites and Amalekites, two small nations that hated Israel because of that nation's previous victories over them. (Judges 3:12-13.)

Eglon's forces pushed westward across the Jordan with such strength that the main body of Israel in the central area of Canaan fell captive almost immediately to the Moabites and their allies. Not many Israelites were slain by Eglon, because it was his purpose to cripple Israel as a fighting force and then exact heavy tribute from the people.

Eglon established strong garrisons west of the Jordan to keep Israel powerless. To show that he had extended the ancient borders of his nation west of the river, he set up north-south rows of images in the area of Gilgal. Here he also built a palace for himself so that he might more closely exert control over the captured Israelites. For eighteen years the Israelites were in bondage to Eglon. (Verse 14.)

Again, as might be expected, the Israelites went into their state of repentance. They regretted, as usual, falling into such a sinful condition. Their tears, sufferings and prayers touched the ever-merciful heart of the Creator, who this time chose a sturdy, left-handed Benjamite named Ehud to help change the course of events.

Outwitting a Heathen King

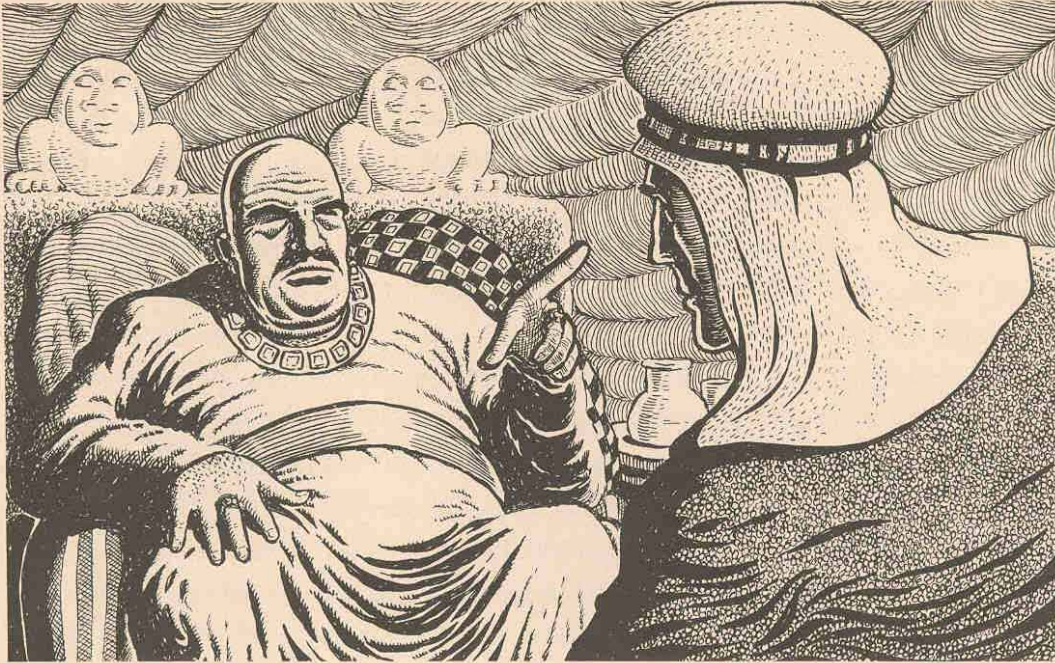
Ehud's part started when he was chosen to head a group of messengers to bear a valuable tribute to the king of Moab. Irksome as it was to the Israelites, wicked Eglon required that the gifts of gold, silver, jewels and produce be brought to him with the pomp and ceremony only a king could demand. On this occasion, Ehud, who had great strength and skill in the use of his left hand, hid a sharp dagger beneath his clothes on his right hip. After the tribute had been presented to Eglon, Ehud and his bearers left and headed back toward Shiloh. Ehud went only as far as the nearby border that had been marked by the stone images. There he told the others to return to Shiloh without him. He quickly returned to the king's palace with the excuse that he had a secret message for Eglon. When guards told the king, he asked Ehud into his private quarters and dismissed his servants. (Judges 3:15-20.)

"Now what is this secret message you claim you have for me?" the king asked.

"Would it surprise you to know that it is from God?" queried Ehud.

"What do you mean—from God?" Eglon demanded, lifting his weighty body from his chair and moving excitedly toward Ehud.

"I mean *this*!" Ehud exclaimed as he administered justice to the criminal-king



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Eglon. At the same moment his left hand slipped under his cloak and whipped out his dagger with such speed that the Moabite ruler didn't have time to shout for help. Ehud quickly thrust the dagger into Eglon's body, then hastily left the room and noiselessly locked the doors behind him. Justice had been done. He slipped out the private entrance leading outside, locked the door, took the key and set out for the area of Mt. Ephraim.

Later, when servants came to wait on their king and found the doors locked, they believed that Eglon didn't want to be disturbed. They left, but when they returned to find the doors still locked, they became concerned. At the risk of facing the king's wrath, they obtained a key and cautiously opened the doors. To their horror they found their ruler dead from a dagger that had been thrust past the hilt into the obese body. (Judges 3:21-26.)

God Is Wise and Just

At this point, as at other instances in past episodes of the Bible Story, a few readers will be inclined to shudder a bit. They will wonder why God would allow one of His chosen people to execute someone, and why the story should be included in a version written especially for younger people.

The Bible should be read by young and old alike. It is a frank description of the

history of Israel, in part, describing the many woes brought on by human nature. In that telling there is no allowance for the delicate feelings of individuals. The Bible Story is less stark in many respects. Any who shudder at this more imaginative but infinitely lesser account of the scriptures obviously could read parts of the Bible only with shocking difficulty.

God specifically chose Israel for a certain purpose, and a part of that purpose included ridding Canaan of the heathen peoples who lived there. In a later judgment these once heathen people who have not had an opportunity for salvation will be given that opportunity by God. (Matthew 12:41-42; Revelation 20:11-12; Isaiah 65:19-25.) As far as God was concerned, it was no different for an Israelite to execute an idolatrous heathen king than it was for an Israelite soldier to slay an enemy soldier in battle. Israel, remember, was a fleshly nation, and unconverted—except for a very few like the prophets and judges. Only God has the authority to tell anyone to kill. It is the responsibility of God, only, to decide when a wicked person should be executed for his own good and the good of those around him. Nevertheless, today it is not a Christian's duty to execute this kind of justice. God leaves that to the unconverted who run *this world*. Jesus said His kingdom is *not* of this world (John 18:36), otherwise his servants would fight. Israel was of this world. But the Kingdom of God is of the World Tomorrow. And Christ will fight to establish it when He comes again.

Ehud lost no time in reaching Mt. Ephraim, a few miles to the northwest, where he summoned many Israelite men to tell them what had happened.

"These Moabite soldiers stationed here to keep us captive are the choicest warriors of their nation," Ehud told them. "But when they hear that their leader is dead, they will lose their desire to keep guarding us, and will want to flee across Jordan to their country. It is according to God's will that you take up your hidden arms now and follow me!" (Judges 3:27.)

By the time news of their ruler's death reached the Moabite soldiers massed near Jericho, Ehud and the Israelite soldiers had come charging out of the Mt. Ephraim area and were well on their way toward the Jordan river.

As Ehud predicted, having been inspired by God, leaders of the Moabite troops in Canaan quickly decided to move their soldiers back to Moab when they learned that their king had been mysteriously slain. They had a feeling that the God of Israel had something to do with the matter, and they feared it was an omen that Moabite troops might also meet death if they were to remain in Canaan.

Ten thousand Moabite soldiers of the Jericho region set off on the shortest route toward the Jordan—a road that ran almost directly eastward. Ehud's inspired foreknowledge of how the enemy would retreat made it possible for the Israelites to know

they should station themselves at the Jordan river to prevent the escape of the Moabite army.

Long before the Moabites could reach the river, the Israelites were ready and waiting in ambush. When the Moabites arrived, the Israelites closed in on them with such surprising fury that when the fray was over, every Moabite of the ten thousand was dead.

When the remaining Moabites at Eglon's palace and those stationed elsewhere in Canaan heard about what happened to the ten thousand picked troops, all fled eastward inside the true borders of their nation. Israel was free from the oppression of Moab.

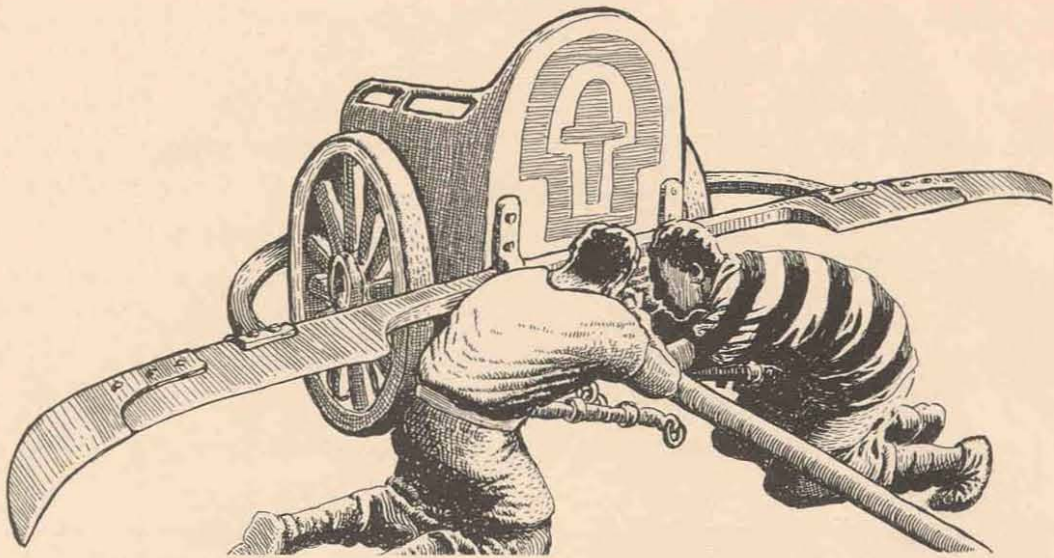
Because of his ability in leadership, Ehud became the second Israelite ruler known as a judge. He remained in power for many years of peace and prosperity in Israel, which meant that during that time the people were obedient, for the most part, to God's laws. (Judges 3:28-30.)

A short verse at the end of the third chapter of the book of Judges names a man by the name of Shamgar as another man of leadership who was possibly a lesser judge in western Canaan during Ehud's time. The Philistines, a nation of city-states on the shores of the Great Sea, had joined with Moab in attacking the Israelites in that region and had kept them in servitude for many years as farmers. The servitude was abruptly ended when the husky crop producers turned on their conquerors with their soil-tilling implements. An unusual accomplishment of this encounter was Shamgar's wielding an ox-goad (a sharpened, metal-tipped hardwood pole) so swiftly and expertly that he killed six hundred Philistines, though possibly part of that number was included in the efforts of Shamgar's fellow farmers. (Verse 31.)

And Now a Northern Foe

It might seem discouragingly repetitious to report that after Ehud died, Israel again lapsed into a state of rebellion against God. But it happened! Once more God used a pagan king to punish the people. This time it was Jabin, a strong ruler in north Canaan. He was a descendant of that Jabin who had many years previously tried to attack the army of Israel with iron chariots. He had been overcome by Joshua and had lost his city in flames. This next Jabin had rebuilt the city of Hazor, and had become so powerful that he overcame the Israelites in the northern part of Canaan. Ironically, this later Jabin used nine hundred iron chariots as a means of victory. The general of his army was the dreaded Sisera.

For twenty drawn-out, unhappy years Israel suffered under the terrible domination of Jabin. (Judges 4:1-3.) Again, as usual, Israel cried out to God for mercy. The people showed proof of their repentance by departing from the evil ways they knew were forbidden by God.



Many of the chariots of the enemy forces were possibly fitted with huge, sharp blades intended to literally mow down the Israelite soldiers.

As a means of rescuing Israel, God used a woman by the name of Deborah. She lived near Mt. Ephraim, and was one of such good judgment and fair thinking that many Israelites came to her for advice. This woman was not a judge in the sense that she was a ruler with authority, though God chose her to help Israel in several ways. (Verses 4-5.)

For one thing, God gave Deborah knowledge of what could happen in Israel's favor, but it was necessary for a man who was a military leader to carry out the plan. Deborah knew of such a man. His name was Barak. He came from his home to the north when she sent for him.

"God has disclosed to me that if a capable man such as you can succeed in gathering ten thousand armed Israelites on Mt. Tabor, then He will give them victory over the Canaanites who seek them out there for battle," Deborah told Barak. "With a promise such as this from God, is there any good reason why you should refuse to be the one who can be of such great service by gathering and leading those men against the Canaanites?" (Judges 4:6-7.)

Not Enough Manhood in Israel's Men

"I can manage to organize the army," Barak replied, "but I would want to know more about what God has revealed to you. I'll go to Mt. Tabor with the men, but only if you will accompany me to advise me in the crucial moments." Deborah agreed, but told Barak that, since he was depending too much on a woman and was not showing

enough manly leadership, God would allow a woman to destroy General Sisera.

Barak secretly organized the necessary troops. Most of them came from the northern tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun, though many men from other tribes swelled the number. The army succeeded in getting to the flat area of Mt. Tabor, and there encamped. (Verses 8-10.)

When Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, learned about the Israelites being on Mt. Tabor, he gathered his men to go there. Included in his mighty fighting force were nine hundred chariots, and thousands of trained warriors so feared by Israel. (Verses 12-13.)

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Personal from the Editor

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VEALED WAY! I know that with me, it was a painful process. The SELF does not want to give up in surrender. I knew it meant ridicule and persecution from relatives, friends, former business associates. It meant a CHANGED LIFE. It meant a start toward a NEW AND DIFFERENT GOAL.

But God had humbled me. He brought me to repentance and faith. And He opened my mind to HIS TRUTH by the gift of His Holy Spirit.

But I had to be willing, continuously, to confess being wrong, and to embrace truths constantly NEW to me.

That process has been going on, now, for thirty-seven years. As I studied a portion of the Bible, I could now understand it. But I had to *walk in the "light"* as God opened my mind to see. Regardless of the cost in the esteem of men, or in countering opposition and persecution, I had constantly to BE WILLING to follow GOD and not man.

It is a matter of WILLINGNESS—not of superior and lofty minds. It is a matter of being LED by GOD'S SPIRIT into *His* ways that are so CONTRARY to this world's established customs, not of personal human powers.

WHAT CHURCH do you know that has ever publicly confessed that its teaching and practise has been WRONG, and has CORRECTED IT, to conform to the Bible? What great, lauded, and mighty churchman or religious leader has ever made such a public confession, turned from his non-Biblical ways, and, despite persecution and ridicule, PROCLAIMED THE TRUTH?

These lauded, lofty "greats" of this world *could* become undeceived and have their eyes opened to God's Truth—*IF THEY WOULD BE HUMBLLED, REPENT, AND SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY TO ALMIGHTY GOD AND HIS LAW!*

But if you would know what GOD says of these "great and eminent" religious leaders of the great denominations, read God's PROPHECIES describing these very leaders of OUR OWN 20TH CENTURY, in Jeremiah 23; Ezekiel 34; Ezekiel 22, especially verses 21-31, referring to British Commonwealth and United States peoples and their religious leaders NOW, at the time leading directly to "God's WRATH"—the time of the last PLAGUES, just prior to, and at, the second coming of Christ!

Yes, we CAN KNOW, if willing to know, whether we are right or wrong. It is not a matter of superior intellect, but of SUBMISSION TO GOD.

But the conclusion of the whole question is this: I did not start this work of my own accord at all. It is the very

last thing I would have wanted, in my days of carnality, to do. IT IS GOD'S DOING!

By circumstances, God forced me to submission. The living CHRIST so manipulated events and the force of circumstance that He literally PLUNGED me into His Work. It is not my work—it is THE VERY WORK OF GOD.

And THIS can be easily proved, to those willing to know the TRUTH!

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be paid for! This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE must be paid for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is more blessed," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to give free-will offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of others. Yet it must go *only* to those who ask for it for themselves! Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already been paid.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

Christ Must Come

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prophecies that the *birthright peoples* of Britain and America are going to be *punished* with the GREATEST NATIONAL SLAVERY in the history of mankind!

The God of your Bible prophesied that the descendants of Israel would become a great "nation and a company of nations" (Gen. 35:11). Although the *spiritual* promise of bringing forth the Messiah—called "the sceptre" promise—went to *Judah* or the *Jewish peoples*, the *BIRTHRIGHT* or promise of *physical blessings* went to the descendants of *Joseph* (Gen. 48:16).

Through his two sons, *Ephraim* and *Manasseh*, Joseph's descendants were to become a great nation and "company," "multitude," or COMMONWEALTH of nations dominating a large part of this earth and having TREMENDOUS national and physical blessings! In "the last days," the descendants of Joseph were to have "blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: the blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors [Jacob said] unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: *they shall be on the head of JOSEPH*" (Gen. 49:1, 25-46).

In these "last days," TODAY, very *obviously* and *definitely* to anyone with a really OPEN mind, the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh stand revealed as the peoples of the British Commonwealth and the United States of America! For—as God prophesied through Jacob—we have become in the "last days" the GREATEST single nation and "company" or COMMONWEALTH of nations that has ever existed on the face of the earth.

To fully understand this VITAL key to Bible prophecy, be sure to read and *study*—with an OPEN MIND—Mr. Armstrong's exciting *free* booklet, "The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy." It contains the important TRUTH that our peoples are definitely the descendants of Joseph through Ephraim and Manasseh, and in Bible prophecy bear the NAME of "Is-

rael"! For as God said clearly through Jacob (Gen. 48:16): "Let my NAME {Israel} be named on THEM {Ephraim and Manasseh}."

Thus, when the Bible speaks of the end-time peoples of "Israel," it does NOT mean merely the Jewish peoples—although they are sometimes *included* as a small part of such a prophecy since they were once ONE of the twelve tribes of Israel. But the "House of Israel"—*not Judah, which became a separate nation and often warred with Israel*—is represented by the United States and British Commonwealth nations today.

When God speaks of something happening to "Israel" in the *latter days*, He means *our peoples*! He is speaking to YOU and ME! This stands PROVED as a *demonstrated FACT* and the events prophesied for our peoples—we can *now say*—are not merely "going to happen," but they ARE HAPPENING!

So *wake up* and LISTEN!

What WILL Happen

In a prophecy for America and Britain in the "latter days" (verse 24), written well over one hundred years AFTER Israel's first and only captivity and prophesying a FUTURE punishment and captivity, God speaks to our peoples in Jeremiah 30 of events that will *strike our nations SOON*.

"And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning *Israel* and concerning *Judah* [BOTH peoples are involved here!]. For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of FEAR, and *not of peace* . . . Alas! for *that day* is GREAT, so that NONE IS LIKE IT: it is even the *time of JACOB'S TROUBLE*; but he shall be saved out of it" (verses 4-7).

Here is a time of *terrible* national trouble—the GREATEST national trouble that has ever hit the peoples of Israel! Men are so TERRIFIED that their stomachs knot up in sickening FEAR as they bend over like a woman in travail (verse 6). A national "yoke" of SLAVERY will be put on their necks which will remain UNTIL the second coming of Jesus Christ as King of kings (verses 8-9).

As indicated, it is the time of the RESURRECTION from the dead for David will be "raised up" to be the king over the nation of Israel during the Millen-

nium as prophesied also in Ezekiel 37: 24 and other prophecies.

Notice verse 10. God says He will "save" our peoples from the "land of their CAPTIVITY." So very obviously we are destined for national SLAVERY until we are *released from this by Christ's second coming*.

WHY?

The answer is contained in Verse 14 as well as many other places: "All thy lovers {our *beathen 'allies'* that we have *relied upon instead of God*} have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the *multitude of thine iniquity because thy SINS were increased*."

There is certainly ample REASON for the Living God to intervene and PUNISH His *birthright peoples* through the invasion of a foreign enemy and a terrible national CAPTIVITY. Our SINS are certainly "increasing" and only a *violent, national whipping* will make us REPENT and return to the Living God of Israel!

What J. Edgar Hoover and Others State

Notice this recent United Press release: "FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said today 'a massive avalanche' of crime has placed the man-in-the-street in greater DANGER than in any other time in the nation's history . . . Admitting there was no single remedy to the problem, Hoover said the crime wave will not abate 'as long as there is wholesale disrespect for law and order in the nation.'"

Here is what Senator John McClellan recently stated, "the internal threat of crime exceeds any immediate danger of infiltration or subversion by the Communist international conspiracy . . . It is a MAJOR THREAT to our national security."

Yes, as God stated through Jeremiah's prophecy, our national SINS are certainly INCREASED!

In addition to our growing preoccupation with *sex* and *filth*, our skyrocketing divorce rate now breaking up about one out of three American marriages, we now seem headed on a national scale toward outright PERVERSION and *utter degradation*. After citing film after film

which dealt with rape, incest, nymphomania, homosexuality or other PERVERSIONS, *LIFE* magazine summarized a report on this current tendency: "*These motion pictures reflect a preoccupation with sex—and particularly its aberrations—that is unprecedented in the U.S.*"

Now notice this shocking quote from the *Chicago Daily News*: "'It has to be said—and I'm willing to say it.' With this preface, the Health Department's new consultant in venereal disease disclosed what has been an open secret in Chicago. *The disturbing rise in venereal disease cases is due largely to HOMOSEXUALS—white males who are not necessarily in the low income class.*"

Obviously, some of our future *disease epidemics* will stem directly from *sexual PERVERSIONS*. For we are a PERVERSE SOCIETY and we are going to have to be PUNISHED by the righteous God of heaven!

A "Voice in the Wilderness"

As *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine have prophesied now for *some thirty years*, America and Britain are going to be PUNISHED by the Living God not only through *drought, famine, disease epidemics* and the other punishments mentioned in this article—but through NATIONAL CAPTIVITY and SLAVERY! In *specific detail*, *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine has for *three decades* described a coming United States of Europe which will soon be dominated by revived FASCISM and directly influenced and guided by a powerful *religious system* having unprecedented prestige and POWER in modern times.

This union of nations in Europe—called prophetically the "Beast" in Revelation 17—will eventually be comprised of EXACTLY ten nations or groups of nations having *exactly* ten heads of state or "kings" (verse 12). This revived Roman Empire will *attack* and CONQUER predominately Protestant America and Britain and subject our peoples to the GREATEST national degradation and captivity of any nations in modern times. As all our long-time PLAIN TRUTH readers know, we have been WARNING of the development of this system LONG BEFORE it began to develop and appear in Europe!

For the *detailed prophecies* of what will happen in this *national slavery*, and how Jesus will RETURN to this earth to SAVE His *birthbright peoples* of Israel from utter extinction, write immediately for Mr. Armstrong's *free booklet*, "1975 in Prophecy." And read Mr. Ted Armstrong's stirring article on page 3 entitled: "Germany—Friend or Frankenstein?"

A *tremendous REASON* for Jesus Christ's return to this earth is to save God's *birthbright peoples* of America and Britain from our imminent national SLAVERY and possible EXTINCTION in the concentration camps of Europe. This punishment is *certainly coming* because our SINS are increased!

Notice what Los Angeles Police Chief Parker recently warned: "*Unless the nation's citizens begin now to exhibit a greater respect for law and order, America's vaunted civilization faces almost certain decay and EXTINCTION.*"

The handwriting is on the wall—NOW!

REASON VIII—*Frightful RACE WAR Is Coming*

"Unless America is willing to come to grips with the problem of liberty and justice for all, *there is the grave possibility that BLOOD WILL FLOW in the streets of our cities like it has not since the Civil War.*" Thus spoke Dr. E. Franklin Jackson, President of the Washington Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People, earlier this year. He and others have expressed great fear of RACE WAR if the goals of Negro leaders are not quickly attained.

Prominent Negro Congressman Adam Clayton Powell recently forecast "*One of the worst race riots in the history of America*" unless the causes of racial tension are promptly removed.

In Detroit, a Negro newspaperman worried aloud: "that 'look how much we've gained in the last 50 years' stuff—that sours on the Negroes' stomach. . . . We're going to see VIOLENCE."

An important point to remember is that *not only in America*, but AROUND THE WORLD there is increasing tension between the races.

In Africa, the Blacks have the Whites on the run in Congo and Kenya—and they are crying out against White rule in South Africa and Portuguese Angola.

In Asia, the Chinese are seeking to rally Colored races of the world to their side in their battle with Russia for leadership of the World Communist Movement. In Russia, the Yellow and Black races are being *held down* systematically—and Negro students from Africa have been attacked by Whites in the Soviet bloc.

After terrible RACE RIOTS, Great Britain has cut down drastically on immigration of Black and Brown people. Civil War is looming in British Guiana between Negroes and persons whose ancestors came from India.

Nearly everywhere, racial feelings are

Multitudes jam the plaza of New Orleans to demand "equal rights." The race question continues to be the most heated problem in the United States.

Wide World Photo



being *whipped up* to the breaking point by scattered incidents in *nearly every major nation of the earth*. Apart from God, the growing *suspicion, resentment, and open HATRED* which is now mushrooming among the races of the earth creates nightmarish FEAR—and the possibility of HUMAN ANNIHILATION—unless Almighty God intervenes.

Airing his feelings against the White "liberal" leaders, radical Negro leader Malcolm X. recently stated: "The Black

REASON IX—*The Appalling Increase in MENTAL Sickness*

According to the National Association of Mental Health, more people are in the hospitals for MENTAL illness than for polio, cancer, heart disease, tuberculosis and *all other diseases combined*. An estimated EIGHTEEN MILLION Americans are suffering from some form of mental illness that needs treatment.

One of the most common mental

men, women and children of all ages and social backgrounds. Indeed, *it threatens almost EVERY ASPECT of American life, school, job, marriage.*"

This authoritative article states: "*Our generation is willfully exposing itself to unknown DANGERS from drugs. Inevitably, DEATH occurs in some of these tragic cases.*"

Again: "*We know that many of these drugs can cause temporary physical and emotional impairment, even permanent disability leading to DEATH.*"

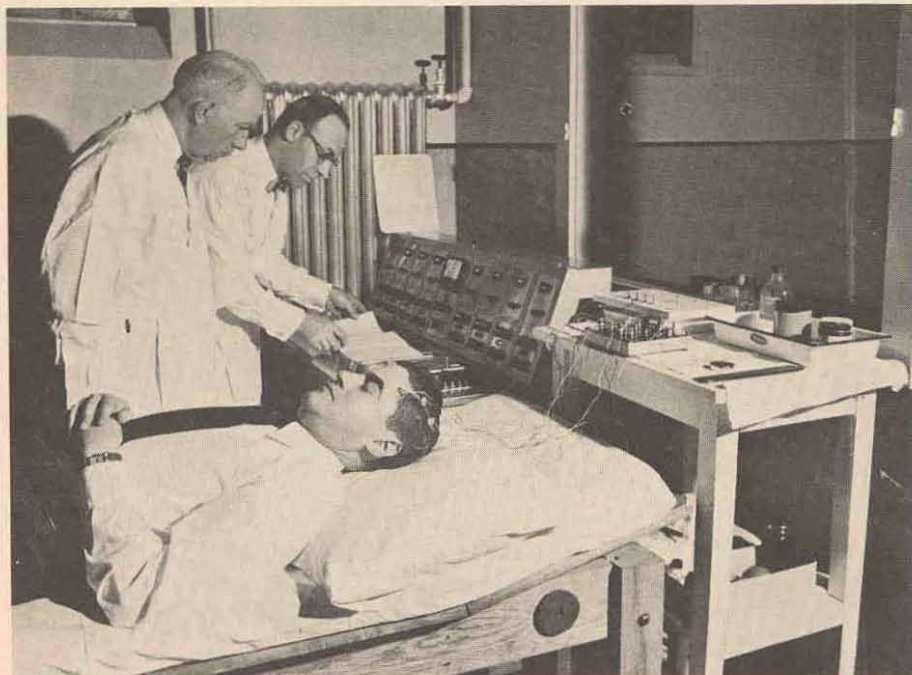
The above illustrations and facts are a *direct fulfillment* of God's warning to modern America and Britain of what would happen if we *forsook Him* and turned to our own ways: "The Lord shall send upon thee *cursing, VEXATION, and rebuke*, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed . . . The Lord shall smite thee with *MADNESS, and with blindness, and astonishment of heart*" (Deut. 28: 20, 28).

Not only *disease epidemics*, then, but *mental sickness* or *MADNESS* were prophesied for our peoples *thousands of years ago* by the God of heaven! And in recent testimonies before a Senate Sub-Committee it was revealed that *more than ONE HUNDRED MILLION PRESCRIPTIONS* are written in the U.S. each year for tranquilizers and other drugs affecting mental health! Commenting on this, Dr. Fritz A. Freyhan, an expert of the National Institute of Mental Health, predicted, "*Things will get WORSE before they get better.*"

Our Father in heaven looks down with *compassion* on the growing *frustrations, anxieties* and utter *WRETCHEDNESS* involved in mental sickness and suffering which cause untold *MILLIONS* of human beings in His image around the world to exist in a veritable "living hell." As this situation mushrooms, it becomes a mighty important *REASON* for the second coming of Jesus Christ to bring *PEACE* not only between nations—but "*the PEACE of God, which passeth all understanding*" (Phil. 4:7).

REASON X—*Satan's FULL WRATH Must Be Stopped!*

Soon now, within a very few years, coming upon us suddenly before we



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An electro encephalograph. It is used to analyze mental patients' conditions. In spite of science and technology, mental illness is skyrocketing.

man is fed up with the inability of White liberals to solve racial problems in America. Unless something is done soon, I am afraid we will have a racial explosion—and a racial explosion is more DEADLY than an ATOMIC EXPLOSION."

Read the August and October issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* for a *full understanding* of the current race crisis. We are NOT going to enter into human politics and try to humanly "*solve*" the race problem. But we are GOD's ambassadors to warn America, Britain and the rest of the world of what *WILL* happen and *WHY*. The only real *SOLUTION* will be the second coming of Jesus Christ to *SAVE US* from a horrifying *RACE WAR*!

That is another *REASON* why *He must return soon* as King of kings.

disorders is "schizophrenia" —*splitting of the mind*. Very few of the schizophrenics are ever pronounced truly "*cured*" and therefore about half of the hospitalized schizophrenics have been in the hospital *longer than ten years*!

According to *The Chicago Tribune* magazine: "*Under the circumstances, schizophrenia ranks as one of our GRAVEST health-problems, not only in the United States but throughout the world, and its maddening mysteries are still unsolved. . . .*"

A vitally important article on mental illness appeared in the October, 1963, issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. It disclosed that one out of six Americans uses a pill bottle to change his mental attitudes and perceptions. It stated: "Drug overuse is destroying the physical and emotional well-being of uncounted

quite realize what is happening, very *strange* and "weird" and HORRIFYING events will begin to take place between nations and individuals.

This will NOT be the "normal" wars, competitions and hates of the past. This will be DIFFERENT.

There will be more "strange," unexplainable murders, rapes, and sadistic attacks upon young children and other helpless victims. There will be more WILD, uncontrolled bursts of HATE and VIOLENCE between many different types of individuals and groups. In the coming *invasion* and *national SLAVERY* of our peoples, more senseless, perverted TORTURES and "brain-cleansing" and brain *torturing* activities will take place. Military and religious leaders will seem to have gone MAD!

In addition, unusual "miracles" will be performed by the authoritative religious leaders co-operating with the "Beast" power which will take our peoples into slavery. They will NOT be the type of plain, loving and HELPFUL miracles which Jesus and His apostles performed. For there will be more of an accent on "strange phenomena"—shining crosses and crucifixes, weeping dolls, strange incantations to "expel demons," and even bringing what appears to be FIRE down from the heaven!

The REASON?

If you will humbly *study* it and come to *understanding*, your Bible reveals the answer in Revelation 12. It describes Satan the Devil trying to destroy Jesus Christ at His birth (verse 4), His ascension to heaven (verse 5), the true Church fleeing into the wilderness for 1260 years during the Middle Ages from the bounds of the persecuting Roman Empire (verse 6).

Then, in verse 7, the time setting moves to the *end of the age*, and there is "war" in heaven as Satan the Devil and his DEMONS try *once again*—as they did in Isaiah 14:12-14—to ascend to heaven and TAKE OVER from God Almighty! But they are *overcome* and *cast down* for the LAST TIME (verse 10).

Then, the peoples of this earth are warned: "WOE to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, *having* GREAT WRATH, *because he knoweth that he*

hath but a short time" (verse 12).

When this occurs, the activities of Satan and his demons will be VIOLENT. They will seek desperately—in rebellion against God and His plan for humanity—to DESTROY not only God's true Church which "*keeps the commandments of God*" (verse 17), but in their utter frustration will turn their wrath against ALL *humanity*!

Demon-inspired FIENDS

Drunkards, dope addicts, people who let their minds "wander"—all these and others will suddenly find that their human brains have been taken over by DEMONS! They will suddenly break out into WILD—*weird*—FIENDISH behavior which will seem totally unexplainable to their former friends and associates.

People will be SHOCKED!

Headlines will SCREAM the news of "unaccountable" beatings, murders, rapes and sadistic activities. People worshipping "spirits" and engaging in "witchcraft" will suddenly sense a new POWERFUL PRESENCE in their midst! It will seem *exciting—and many will yield to it!*

In the religious sphere, a great FALSE PROPHET will arise in the midst of the revived Roman Empire. "And he doeth GREAT WONDERS, so that he maketh FIRE come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and DECEIVETH them that dwell on the earth by means of those MIRACLES which he had power to do in the sight of the beast" (Rev. 13:13-14).

Strange impulses leading to the most violent WAR in human history will suddenly grip military and religious leaders: "And I saw three UNCLEAN SPIRITS like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon (the Devil), and out of the mouth of the *beast* (the coming Hitler), 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 that great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:13-14).

This "great day of God Almighty" is the prophesied time of *God's intervention in human affairs* mentioned in over *thirty places* in Bible prophecy! It is the time mentioned in Matthew 24:22:

"*And except those days should be shortened, there should NO FLESH BE SAVED: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*"

Satan's full WRATH will be vented against the world—and against *God's true Church* and His *birthright peoples Israel* in particular. Individual and international MADNESS will seize the world in a manner unprecedented in human history!

Learn to Face REALITY

This is REAL—and it is REALLY *going to happen!* Very frankly, the ideas and imaginations of science fiction writers are going to seem TAME in many ways by comparison with the *literal events* that lie ahead before the living CHRIST of your Bible returns to RULE this rebellious world with a rod of iron!

But He is COMING—and *before it is too late!*

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall RULE them with a *rod of iron*: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:15-16).

In this article, you have been given TEN MAJOR REASONS for the soon-coming of this *tremendous and wonderful event*. If God has given you *eyes to see* and *ears to hear*, then THINK—PROVE these things—and ACT on the very real present TRUTH you have received!

What kind of "witness" do you want? How much more *definite* and *specific* can we get in these PLAIN TRUTH articles?

Will God have to take YOU, personally, by the nape of the neck and *chastise you personally* before you will believe that HE EXISTS, that He ACTS and MOVES in world affairs, and that He has a SPECIFIC plan which He is revealing to you through this magazine as His "watchman"?

We are *God's servants* to serve and help YOU. But we can do no more than *lay the facts* before you, *appeal* to you to act, and PRAY that you will make the right decision.

The rest is up to you!

Church Unity

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in judgment, and to fix spiritual penalties when necessary."

These attributes belong ONLY TO GOD. To attribute them to any organization of men is to set that organization in the place of God—to commit idolatry—to to worship the image of the beast! Not only does the Roman hierarchy claim such powers, but also millions of PROTESTANTS ARE WORSHIPPING SIMILAR IMAGES OF THEIR OWN MAKING—human church governments which pretend to rule in Christ's place.

Prophesied to Happen

Not only does the "god of this world" have his *civil* rulers doing his will, but he also has ecclesiastical rulers—ministers who masquerade as the "ministers of righteousness" (II Cor. 11:13-15). Satan is desperately trying to *unify* his world before Christ intervenes in human affairs. That's why the churches are being stirred up to seek *unity*.

Prophecy reveals partial unity with German Protestants will happen—but not the way people think. Before final unity will be achieved by this world's divided sects and denominations, there will be a demonstration of miraculous, supernatural powers—performed through the "power of Satan" (II Thess. 2:8-10)—by a great religious leader. Millions will be swept off their feet by his mighty signs. He will claim to be the source of *unity* in the Christian world. This "false prophet" will even be worshipped "as God" (II Thess. 2:4) and claim supreme rule.

The stage is being set NOW—by the reconvening of the council. People everywhere are curious, even expectant, to see what happens.

It is time you were warned about what's soon to happen. Bowing down to human church government is idolatry. Everyone committing such idolatry—soon to be forced on the world—will suffer the wrath of God, the seven last plagues without mercy! *Your only hope* is to COME OUT OF THIS IDOLATROUS SYSTEM THAT IS GRIPPING THE WORLD. "Come out of her, my people," says God (Rev. 18:4). Come under His Government by surrendering your life to Him!

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside Front Cover)

What Is Man?

"My husband and I have been listening to your radio program every night, except Saturdays, for almost a year, and I must say you have really changed my way of thinking. All my life I have believed that we had immortal souls and have taught this to my children. And although I never doubted, or thought I never did, there was one thing that always bothered me. Where, I used to wonder, did the soul go when a person died and was revived or brought back to life?"

Mrs. Claude M., Tennessee

• *That WOULD be a problem! Especially if the "soul" had already gotten to heaven—then had to face the prospect of going back into the body and maybe LOSE it, after all! Suppose the "soul" decided to STAY THERE? Yes—the old superstitions are a little confusing!*

Conquers Discouragement

"Since I lost my husband last December it seemed I just couldn't go on living. But I knew I had to try my best to be a mother and father to my three children. The kind of mother God wants me to be. I got *The PLAIN TRUTH* with the article by Garner Ted, which is 'Don't Let Doubt, Despondency and Discouragement Ruin Your Life.' I thank God for all you wonderful people at Pasadena who have brightened my pathway so much in a time of sorrow when I need encouragement so much."

Mrs. Blanch B., California

"With this letter I must cancel for an indefinite length of time, the receipt of those publications which have been most valuable to me during the past 6+ months. I must ask that you discontinue my subscriptions to the Bible Correspondence Course, and the PLAIN TRUTH. In the eyes of my parents, they are no less than poison in our mailbox,

and my parents have threatened to burn, destroy, or mail back to your office, any further literature that you send."

Dan P., Mount Vernon, Washington

• *Well, Dan—you must HONOR and respect your parents—but, remember, "IN THE LORD!" Your religion is your own (Eph. 6:14).*

The Few Are Willing

"Our ministers have found out about your PLAIN TRUTH. They were shocked when they read my December [1962] issue about 'Sunday & about 'Christmas.' This past Sunday they have asked the whole congregation to forgive them & also asked God to forgive them too, for not realizing what they were preaching was wrong."

Mrs. Verna K., Hilo, Hawaii

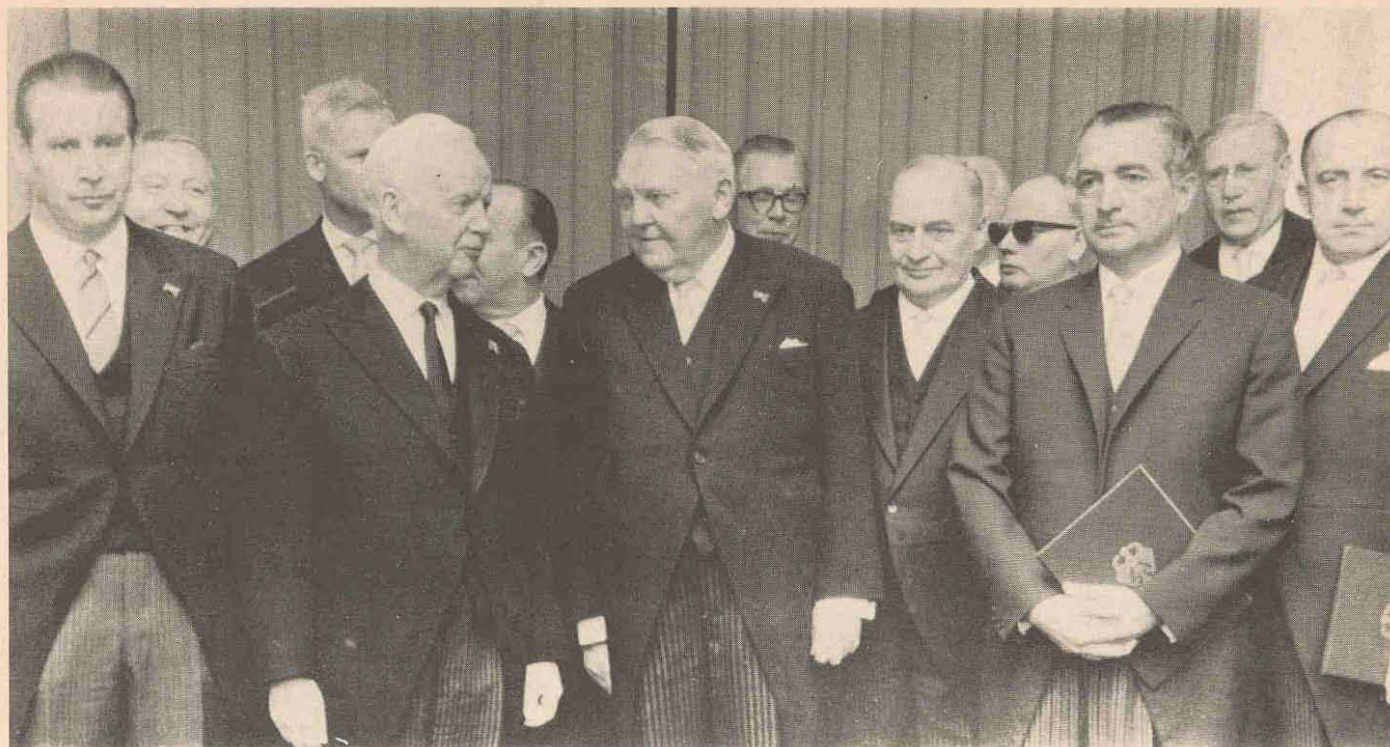
• *An extremely unusual, and very heartening example!*

The Majority Are Wrong

"I cannot help but write you about the experiences I had today regarding the plain and simple Word of God. When you say that many people are deceived you are so right! I phoned a number of ministers in my area today and asked them questions about Sunday being the Lord's day and also why we take Good Friday and Easter Sunday as literally being three days and three nights concerning the Lord's death and His resurrection. The answer was that the early Christians apparently did these same things that were taught them by the Apostles and this was right and good. As for the three days and three nights, I was told that it was not to be construed as such, merely as a symbol. When I asked if God's Word should be taken literally such as the Ten Commandments, the answer was: these Scriptures have to be taken in the light of the present world we live in. In other words, fit the Word of God into the life that we are living, not, the life we are living into the Word of God."

Mr. Herbert T. T.,
Lincoln Park, Michigan

• *A shocking and saddening experience—but you can certainly profit greatly from it. Thousands do not know how casually their own view the scriptures!*



Chancellor Erhard and his new cabinet. Front row, from left: Gerhard Schröder, Heinrich Lübke, Erhard, Erich Mende. Rear, from left: Niederalt, Bucher, Höcherl, Von Hassel,

Schwarz, Blank, Krone and Dollinger. The new government will seek greater ties between Germany and the United States. But where will this lead?

Wide World Photo

Friend... or Frankenstein Monster?

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upon the ancient hast thou very heavily
LAID THY YOKE!"

Remember, God says the peoples of Germany will have our peoples under a great YOKE which He is going to *break* at the time of the second coming of Christ!

Here, in this frightening prophecy, God shows a great false CHURCH will ALSO be party to this huge yoke of bondage.

Read the rest of that amazing prophecy of Isaiah 47—and see the horrible *end* of that church and her daughters!

Next, study the remarkable prophecies of Hosea! God inspired Hosea to foretell the exact future history of the British Commonwealth of Nations!

(If you have not yet read our free, 26-page, two-color booklet, "The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy," absolutely PROVING the identity of the modern-day peoples of Great Britain and the United States—then write for it immediately.)

In the amazing prophecies of Hosea, God not only predicted the terrible *punishments* coming upon His people for their sordid crimes, their national debauchery, and their gullible reliance upon former enemies for their protection—but even predicts that His people would receive a *stern warning* about their future!

Notice it! "Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: *among the tribes of Israel have I made KNOWN that which shall surely be!*" (Hosea 5:9).

Yes—among the peoples of Israel, God is MAKING KNOWN the *exact future!* Do you know of ANY other work fearlessly foretelling the exact, specific, plain-spoken truths of what WILL happen to our peoples in the near future?

No! You do not!

God says, further, "Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they *call* to Egypt, they GO to Assyria. WHEN they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, *AS THEIR CONGREGATION HATH HEARD!*" (Hosea 7:11-12).

Notice it is just at the precise time when Great Britain would be making

conciliatory gestures toward both Egypt and Germany that God says their national disaster is going to befall them—and says it will come, just EXACTLY as *THEY HAVE HEARD IN ADVANCE!*

Throughout this remarkable book of Hosea, ASSYRIA, or modern-day Germany is identified as the one *principal nation* who is going to lead in the national punishment of our peoples!

"Israel is swallowed up, now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein there is no pleasure. For they are *gone up* [relying upon, making agreements with, depending upon, being bound together in an alliance with—Germany!] to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath HIRED LOVERS!" (Hosea 8:8-9).

Yes—God says we have been trying to BUY "lovers," or military allies and friends to help stave off the greatest obvious enemy of free men today—Red Russia! Later, God says, "Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the *east wind*" listening for *rumors*—finding out "which way the wind blows" FROM THE EAST! Which area lies directly to the east of Great Britain? Europe—with Germany its strongest nation and leading, driving force! "He daily increaseth

lies and desolation, and they do make a *covenant* [pacts, treaties, trade agreements, alliances] with the *Assyrians* [Germans] and oil is carried into [THROUGH—see margin] Egypt!"

Have you *ever* seen a more accurate prophecy?

Remember! the *Suez Canal*, supremely important lifeline for Great Britain, runs *right through* the land of Egypt! When Britain froze Egyptian assets in British banks as a result of the Jew-Arab conflict, and the seizing of the Suez Canal by Gamal Abdel Nasser, the British, fearing the severing of this vitally important artery, actually let Nasser *get away* with his modern piracy!

Today, true to this prophecy written so many centuries ago, oil is being carried to *Ephraim*, or *modern-day Great Britain*, *right THROUGH EGYPT!*

Also true to this prophecy written so long ago, Great Britain hopefully awaits a warming of relations between Bonn and Britain, and perhaps additional pressure from present Chancellor Ludwig Erhard upon French President Charles de Gaulle to allow Britain's entry into the Common Market!

Yes, the prophecies of your Bible are absolutely true—and they are *accurate!* *Ezekiel* prophesied of the future captivity and destruction of our peoples! But *remember*—*Ezekiel* predicted a YET FUTURE captivity of the modern-day peoples of the United States and Great Britain (Joseph, or Ephraim and Manasseh) *one hundred and twenty-seven years* AFTER those peoples had already *disappeared* in a captivity!

These amazing prophecies of *Ezekiel* are for our day—now!

Read the twenty-third chapter, where God indicts both the peoples of Judah (the modern-day nation of "Israel") and the peoples of the United States and Great Britain for their concourse with and reliance upon Gentile nations.

God finally says, "Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of *her lovers*, into the hand of the *ASSYRIANS*, upon whom she doted!" (Ezek. 23:9.)

Is NAZISM DEAD?

Immediately after the war, the Western Allies began an intensive program of "denazifying" Germany—or so they thought!

The pitiful efforts are perhaps most clearly understood by simply relating the fact that the Western Military governors of Germany turned over the whole task of denazification TO THE GERMANS THEMSELVES—in 1947! FORTY-SEVEN—not fifty-seven—only TWO YEARS AFTER THE WAR!

But WHAT REALLY HAPPENED to all the Nazis in Germany?

There were MILLIONS of them—not just a handful! Where *are* the leaders of concentration camps, the fiendish doctors who carried out grisly experiments on living victims, the brutal SS men who tortured, maimed, whipped, starved and murdered countless thousands? Where are the geopoliticians, the lawyers, the judges, the teachers, the magistrates, the policemen, the young businessmen, the members of the many branches of the armed forces, the former members of Hitler Youth, the party workers, the industrialists who supported Hitler to the hilt, the propagandists, the fifth column agents—and all the rest?

Simple.

They're right back where they used to be!

Today, for example, SIXTY PERCENT of the lawyers, judges, civil service workers, *Bürgermeister* (Mayors) and magistrates in the one state of Bavaria are known former Nazis.

Nearly ALL the top industrialists in the Ruhr are former Nazis. Members of the present government—including the CDU—are known, card-carrying, former Nazis.

Brian Connell, in his documented, shocking book *A Watcher Along The Rhine*, relates dates, names, places.

Mr. T. H. Tetens, in his two books *Germany Plots With The Kremlin*, and *The New Germany and The Old Nazis* gives dates, names, places.

Anyone who doubts for one second the stern warning of his Creator about modern Germany should READ THESE CAREFULLY DOCUMENTED BOOKS—and THINK about them!

The facts are available—if we're not afraid of the TRUTH!

You will be SHOCKED to read of the dozens and dozens of former war criminals who are presently living comfortably on government pensions. Of the

torchlight parades, the reunions, the praises in the newspapers for the returning "heroes" from allied imprisonment. Of the continuing desecration of Jewish synagogues, graveyards, and places of business. You'll be shocked to see the documented PROOF of the *mountainous* problem of dormant Nazism, always lying just barely beneath the surface, ready to leap into flames!

As Mr. Connell said, "Any shift in political emphasis and any deterioration in the *economic situation* could lead, as it did before, to the diversion of these funds (the monies used by the Ruhr industrialists to finance political parties—the same industrialists who financed the right-wing radical groups of Hitler and Hugenberg) to less savory quarters."

In analyzing the tremendous potential of all the fanatical right-wing parties in West Germany today, Mr. Connell stated, "It is not easy to rant against hard-won plenty and the by-no-means negligible political and diplomatic successes of the Bonn government. Intransigence thrives on the setbacks of others, but these neo-Nazi groups could fan very little fuel into a VERY LARGE FLAME!"

And that is just it! So long as present German prosperity *continues*—as most observers expect—the Nazi takeover will not be possible! But—should any severe THREAT to that hard-won prosperity come—the picture will change—and change VIOLENTLY, in Germany!

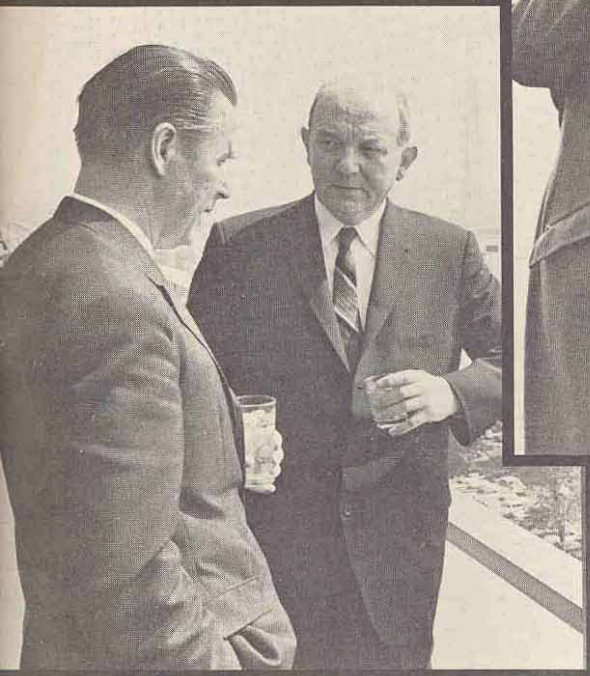
Remember! It was the afterwash of the disastrous stock market crashes of 1924 and 1929 that fanned the flames of violence in Germany to pave the way for Hitler!

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF, they say. And your Bible predicts a great TRADE WAR between the burgeoning economic power in Europe and the United States. It predicts terrible financial COLLAPSE for this country!

Make no mistake! Germany, and all Europe, would not escape unscathed in a hot trade war between the Common Market and the United States. Terrible economic disasters would result! And the results from such disasters? A NEW NAZI GERMANY!

You need to be WATCHING—and keeping your eyes on developments in EUROPE—as never before! YOU, at least, have been WARNED!

West German Foreign Minister Schroeder chats with Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Are we going to sign another "Munich Pact" in the near future?
Wide World Photo



DPA Photo
General Lyman Lemnitzer reviews an Honor Guard of German troops. This is part of Germany's contribution to NATO—built under United States supervision. Are we building our "friend" into a frankenstein monster who will turn on us?

FRIEND...OR FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER?



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President von Hindenburg reviews an Honor Company of German troops in front of the Reichstag. The year was 1925. No one then considered that a battered and war-torn Germany would rise and attempt to conquer the world.

Neville Chamberlain and Adolf Hitler after the infamous Munich Pact. This pact was to bring "peace in our time." But it only sparked World War 'II.

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