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The Invasion of the British Isles *in* PROPHECY

SINCE the last issue of The PLAIN TRUTH, tremendous things have happened. Now even greater events impend.

France has been crushed by the Nazi juggernaut.

That key event, which we have told our readers and radio listeners for years would come as the crucial turning point in this prophesied end-time world collapse—Mussolini's declaration of war against Great Britain, now has actually occurred.

The battle is *on*, in the Mediterranean, where, according to Bible prophecy, the greatest phases of the war are to be fought. The Italians will capture both Palestine and Egypt.

The invasion of the British Isles is awaited hourly—may be in actual progress before this paper is in your hands—may, possibly, not come at all.

Russia has made a series of lightning moves, annexing the Baltic states of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, taking Bessarabia and part of the Black Sea coast from Rumania. Russia now has two or three million soldiers massed on the Rumanian and Polish-German frontiers. Thus Stalin has further encircled and checked Hitler, as we have been telling you, since last September, he was in process of doing.

Invasion of Britain

WHY has Hitler delayed these several weeks his threatened "blitzkrieg" invasion of Britain?

First, because Stalin has deterred him. While most professed students of prophecy have shouted that the prophesied alliance

WILL Hitler succeed in conquering the British Isles?

Will the UNITED STATES be invaded—and if so, will we be able to repel the Germans, or will we, wealthiest of nations, be ruled by Hitler?

Here is an up-to-the-minute summary and analysis of the war, in the light of Bible prophecy.

between "Gog" and "Gomer," (Ezekiel 38:6) was fulfilled in the non-aggression pact between Russia and Germany, we have continuously warned our listeners and readers, since last September, that this prophecy has *not* yet been fulfilled. We have seen no proof that Germany is the "Gomer" of that prophecy, and no alliance has taken place. Rather, Stalin laid a clever trap into which Hitler stupidly fell, plunging him into war with the British which he did not want, and was not ready for, at the time. Russia, the "Gog in the land of Magog" of this Ezekiel prophecy, will not, as we have continually pointed out, enter the war until later. She will hold back, pitting her various enemies one against the other. Stalin feared Hitler more than any other power—yet it is Britain and America he hopes ultimately to conquer. By the non-aggression pact with Hitler, he turned Hitler away from Russia and set him to weakening his ultimate enemy, Great Britain.

Yet Stalin cannot afford to see Hitler completely conquer England, and become the undisputed master of all Europe. So he has moved in the Baltic and in the Balkans to encircle Germany. He has massed a few million armed troops at the German back door, ready to walk in should Hitler become so busy invading England that he would be powerless to stop it. This is reason number one for Hitler's delay in attacking the British Isles.

Reason number two is that Hitler found he was not ready. The British have prepared for defense with lightning speed. Today all England is an armed camp. Hitler cannot successfully conquer England unless he completely controls the air—which he is now far from being able to do.

As this is written, greatly intensified air warfare has raged over Britain for the past five days. Where one hundred bombers were kept continually over British soil the past few weeks, five hundred are now being sent over. Soon the Germans will send a thousand. At the moment there is speculation as to whether this is merely an intensified aerial blockade, or heavy bombing *preliminary* to actual invasion, or whether it is actually THE blitzkrieg invasion in its first aerial stages. Probably it is all three.

It is the fight for control of the air, which Hitler must win before actual land invasion can succeed. Germany outnumbered Britain in *number* of planes about 2½ or 3 to one. Emphasis now is not so much on damage done by German planes, as on the respective number of planes each side loses day by day. Hitler figures that if he can shoot down at least one British plane for

each *two* German planes lost, it is only a question of time until Germany will become complete master of the air. But conflicting reports on these daily battles, now accelerated into the fiercest air battles ever fought, make it impossible to know just what the results actually are.

If the Germans are to attempt invasion at all, it must come within a few more days. Hitler's next and last chance for invasion this year will come between the 1st and the 7th of September. At that time the moon will not show over the English channel, and the tides are exceedingly high. Soon after this the English fog will descend to protect the islands until next Spring.

Will England Be Conquered?

This direct attack on England has been long expected in all quarters. Hitler has directly threatened it, and will lose face considerably if he backs down. But will it be successful, if attempted?

Many, who understand the British identity as "Ephraim," head and birthright tribe of the House of Israel, have felt certain the prophecies guarantee Britain against any such defeat. That is because some prophecies have been overlooked.

True, we read of this very people, rightly applied. In Jeremiah 51:20, where God says "Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms." Up until now the British have always been just that. Together with America, they smashed two old-world Empires into several tiny bits during the first part of this world war.

But later, these same people were to be PUNISHED—punished sorely, if not defeated entirely. Notice Micah's prophecy:

"And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest . . . who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off." (Micah 5:9). The word "remnant" means the last end, referring to this present time. "Jacob" today is Britain—with the United States included. They have been just as all-conquering in war, up to now, as this prophecy clearly foretold. But notice the very next verse!

"And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots; and I will cut off thy cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds"—and the remaining verses of the chapter show WHY—because of our national SINS!

So, notice it carefully! In this same day that the British had become as a lion among lesser beasts—in these same last days—God says HE will cut off Britain's weapons of war, Britain's cities, and throw down all her strong-holds. Does this include Gibraltar? Perhaps a few more weeks will tell. But HOW will God do this?

The prophecy of the 30th chapter of Jeremiah tells! "And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah"—(the British and the Jews), "For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear; and not of peace." *Therefore, a time of WAR!*

"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," (Jer. 30:4-7). This does *not* refer to the Great Tribulation, as so many have assumed, but this present time of trouble for Great Britain. It does *not* refer to the Jews,—at least not solely, but principally to Great Britain, and perhaps also the United States, referring to punishment we shall receive a little later on!

Notice carefully the next verse of this prophecy. Does this indicate the British, and perhaps our people too, shall actually be defeated, with a foreign yoke upon our necks?

"For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him; but they shall serve the Lord their God," (verse 8.) Does this not say clearly, that at the time when God finally delivers our people out of this time of national trouble, that we shall be shackled in servitude by a foreign power?

Continuing, in the 10th verse, God reassures our people, the House of Israel, saying, "for lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return." This trouble, then, shall come in the very last days just before the coming great Exodus of Israel and Judah together back to Palestine, WHEN this exodus starts, God will deliver our people "from afar"—that is, afar from Palestine—from the land we have lived in during the latter years of this time called our captivity. When the coming exodus begins, our people will not be in a condition of dominance and world supremacy, as we have been—but apparently once again in captivity. SERVING SOME FOREIGN POWER!

No Allies Left!

God continues foretelling these events. Our national time of trouble, of war, perhaps of invasion and captivity, is spoken of as a great national bruise, for which we have no healing medicines.

"All thy lovers 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," (Hitler?) "for the multitude of thine iniquity;" WHY? "because thy sins were increased," (verse 14).

When Britain and America were used as God's battle-axe, smashing other nations, we had allies, Russia, Italy, and France all were allied with Britain in the first phase of this world war. And even then it took the United States to deliver the knock-out blow. Today Russia is neutral, Italy is an enemy

helping Hitler, France is defeated, and the United States not in position to deliver any decisive help.

But, notice please, this thing is OF GOD! It is a punishment, inflicted at the hands of men. Surely Hitler is the "cruel one" here foretold.

Notice, now, the ultimate end, "Therefore all that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil." (verse 16). How shall we interpret this otherwise than foretelling that Britain, and probably America, shall "be devoured,"—shall go into captivity; shall be spoiled, or defeated in war? But afterward, our conquerors shall fall, be spoiled, become captives.

And when we are finally delivered out of it, we shall be delivered, *not* by the might and power of our own armed forces, but by God's supernatural power! (verse 17).

The final end of this prophecy, in the last verse of the chapter ends thus: "The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until He have done it, and until He have performed the intent of His heart: IN THE LATTER DAYS ye shall consider it," It is certain, therefore, that this prophecy does *not* refer to Israel of old, or any time of ancient history—but NOW, in the latter days!

What It All Means

And so we could go on and on, if we had space, for there are many other prophecies indicating these very same things. Namely, that our people as a nation have sinned and sinned grievously in God's sight. We must now be punished. These, and many other prophecies indicate this punishment may extend into complete defeat.

Most of those who know our modern identity as the House of Israel have believed our people *never* shall suffer complete defeat. We, too, have believed that until very recently. But, just as additional evidence in the court room often completely reverses a verdict which appeared CERTAIN, so this additional Scriptural evidence now coming to light, in these latter days, and in the light of the horrible events in Europe, appears to completely reverse our prophesied fate.

And so, the Germans may invade, AND CONQUER, the British Isles this Fall. Hitler may, then, invade, AND CONQUER, the United States of America! We confess this view is new to us. We are reluctant to accept it. But in the light of these prophecies, and others, especially among the so-called "minor prophets," this possibility seems inescapable.

One thing, however, is certain, we believe, *The British THRONE shall not be again OVERTURNED until Christ comes!* (Ezekiel 21:26-27): But this fact does not mean Britain will go unconquered. When Nebuchadnezzar first invaded, and conquered, Judah back in 604 B. C., the king

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The NUMBER of the "BEAST"

.... 666 *Whose number is it?*

WHERE SHALL we find that mysterious number 666?

Does the pope wear it on his crown, identifying him as the BEAST of Revelation 13? Or must we look for it elsewhere?

Here are all the Scriptures speaking directly of this number:

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six." (Rev. 13: 17-18).

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." (Rev. 15: 2).

Note These Points

From these Scriptures, we have the following definite points:

1. The beast has a NUMBER, and may be identified, if we have wisdom, by this number.

2. The number is 666.

3. We are told to COUNT this number—that is, add it up. The same Greek word is used elsewhere only in Luke 14:28: "COUNT the cost."

4. This number, 666, is the number of the BEAST. The only BIBLE interpretation of this symbol, "beast," is a kingdom or the king who rules it, and therefore, really IS the kingdom. (Dan. 7:17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 27). Therefore 666 must be the number of the KINGDOM, or GOVERNMENT, or EMPIRE, as well as that of the king who founds or rules it.

5. The expression "the name of the beast, or the number of his name" makes plain that the number 666 is the number of the NAME OF THE KINGDOM or EMPIRE.

6. The expression, "it is the number of a man" shows we must also count this number in the name of the king, or ruler, over the kingdom identified as the "BEAST."

The Beast Is Not the Woman

In the 17th chapter of Revelation we find a "beast," and a "woman"—a great, wealthy woman called "a whore"—who was riding the beast.

The Bible describes the symbol "woman" to mean a CHURCH. See II Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7; Eph. 5:23-27. On the other hand, "beast is a symbol of a KINGDOM, or

EMPIRE. The "woman" of the 17th chapter is described beyond possibility of doubt as the Roman Catholic Church, who did reign over the kingdoms of the Holy Roman Empire.

Let us be consistent. The "Beast" of Revelation 13 is not the WOMAN who rode the beast—the beast is the GOVERNMENT, and the woman is the CHURCH.

The "beast" of Revelation 13 had 7 heads and 10 horns. It was like a leopard with the feet of a bear, the mouth of a lion. This does not describe the Church, but the Roman GOVERNMENT, or EMPIRE.

In the 7th chapter of Daniel we find the unmistakable identification. The lion symbolized the Chaldean Empire. The bear is the Persian Empire, the leopard was the Grecio-Macedonian Empire with its four divisions, pictured by the four heads, and the other beast, mightier and stronger than all, was the ROMAN EMPIRE. And by the time events of history progressed to Rome, we had the seven heads and ten horns.

The "beast" of Rev. 13 had all 7 of the heads and ten horns. It included the strongest aspects of the preceding kingdoms. And so the beast of Revelation 13 is positively identified as THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

This "beast" had a DEADLY wound. (Rev. 13:3). That means the "beast" DIED—it ceased altogether to exist or function. Yet its deadly wound was later healed, after which, (verse 5), it continued to exist another 1260 years!

Those who believe the Catholic Church is the "beast" say this deadly wound came in 1798, when the pope was forced into exile. But the Pope was not killed. The Catholic Church did not die, nor for one day did it cease to function. The popes continued to live in VOLUNTARY exile, as a protest against the Italian government until the recent agreement with Mussolini. But that could in no sense be called a wound TO DEATH. And those who teach this do not expect the Catholic Church to continue on another 1260 years.

But in 476 A. D., the Roman Empire, which is the "BEAST," was wounded unto DEATH. The Roman Empire DIED. It ceased altogether to exist. The next three kingdoms to rule from Rome—the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths—were barbarian, not Roman kingdoms.

But in 554 Justinian, a true Roman, Emperor of the east, re-established the Roman Empire at Rome. History calls this the "IMPERIAL RESTORATION" of the Roman Empire. The deadly wound was healed. And it continued exactly 1260 years—to 1814, when Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo. "So closed," states West's Mod-

ern History, "an Empire that had existed from Augustus Caesar." But this time the Empire did not altogether die. The germ of it remained in 12 little Italian states, united in 1870 by Garibaldi into the present nation of Italy. The EMPIRE went into "the bottomless pit"—a virtual non-existence, from which now it is once more emerging (Rev. 17:8).

The Founder of Rome

The founder, and first king of Rome was ROMULUS. The Roman Empire was named after him. His name, the name of a MAN, also is the name of the KINGDOM. And every citizen in the kingdom bears the same name—a ROMAN.

When John wrote this Revelation, telling us to COUNT the number of the Beast, he wrote in the GREEK language. The Old Testament is written in the language of God's chosen people—the HEBREW. Consequently, we should look for this name, and the number 666, in these languages recognized in the BIBLE, not in the Latin.

We are all familiar with the Roman numerals, where letters are used for numbers. All understand that I is 1, V is 5, X is 10, etc. But many do not know that both the Hebrew and the Greek languages also use letters for numbers.

In the Hebrew, the name of Romulus is ROMITH. And, counting the numerical value of these letters in the Hebrew, we have exactly 666!

In the Greek, the language in which Revelation was written, this name is "LATEINOS." It signifies "Latin Man" or "the name of Latium" from which city the Romans derived their origin and their language. This word, too, signifies "ROMAN." In the Greek, L is 30, A is 1, T is 300, E is 5, I is 10, N is 50, O is 70, S is 200. Count these figures. They count to exactly 666!

It is indeed a remarkable coincidence—or IS it a coincidence?—that in BOTH Bible languages—the only two languages we could look in for this number—that the name of the KINGDOM, its founder and first KING, and of every man in the kingdom, counts to exactly 666!

And more remarkable—catch this—no other two words can be found in two languages, meaning the same thing, and exactly counting, in the numerical value of those languages, to 666! Certainly THE BEAST stands identified!

Mussolini and the Pope

But the same number—666—is branded on the man who is now bringing the Roman Empire out of its bottomless pit, and also on the pope.

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TO OUR READERS: This is the first issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* published since the April-May number. There was no June or July number this year. For the immediate future we hope to be able, the Lord willing, to publish one number each two months. After about six months we hope to be able to send you an issue every month. Later, we shall endeavor to enlarge *The PLAIN TRUTH* to 16 pages, just double the present size. Constant improvement is our goal.

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The PLAIN TRUTH and *RADIO CHURCH OF GOD* are *non-denominational*—utterly independent of denominations, sects, religious organizations or church government—wholly *dependent* upon our heavenly Father for guidance and for funds to carry on this great work for Him. We pay as we go, day by day, running no bills. The true Gospel can go, therefore, only as funds are received. We ask all believers whose hearts are in this work to *PRAY*, earnestly, that God will lay it upon a sufficient number to send in tithes and generous offerings, week by week, that the Gospel of the Kingdom may now go out over more and more radio stations, until "this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness!" *PRAY*, as never before, for a continued great harvest of souls.

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"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of God, he is none of His."

The Number of the Beast . . .

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Mussolini calls himself "Il Duce." Italians shout "Viva Il Duce!" which means "LONG LIVE THE CHIEF." Everywhere in Italy, you will find the printed sign, "VV IL DVCE." The "VV" is the abbreviation used for "Viva." A "V" is used instead of the "U" as is very commonly done. While this is a greeting, or title, Mussolini actually employs "Il Duce" as a NAME. It is in ROMAN. Count it:

V is 5, V is 5, I is 1, L is 50, D is 500, V is 5, C is 100, E has no number. Now count them, and you have exactly 666!

The name of Nero Caesar, Emperor of the Roman Empire at its height, in the Hebrew language, is 666!

Thus this number 666 is indelibly **BRANDED** upon **THE ROMAN EMPIRE!**

But, some will ask, does not this number apply to the POPE? Some teach "the words 'VICARIUS FILII DEI' are on the Pope's triple crown." And these Latin words in the Roman numerals, count to 666!

The pope does, on some occasions wear a triple crown, **BUT THESE WORDS ARE NOT ON IT!** We should be careful to **PROVE** all things. The denomination which teaches this sent Prof. C. T. Everson to Rome, where he gained access to, and made diligent search in the Vatican archives, but

he could find no crown or record of such crown containing these words.

Furthermore, these words are in the LATIN, not a BIBLE language. This is not a NAME, but a TITLE, and it is **THE NAME** of the **BEAST**, and the number of the name of the **MAN** of the beast we are told to count. Further, this title does not apply to the kingdom, or Empire, but alone to a **MAN**.

However, while "**VICARIUS FILII DEI**" is not among the acknowledged titles of the pope (See Cath. Enycl.) he does claim to be **VICAR OF CHRIST** on earth. Also, for 1260 long years the popes did reign and rule over the **BEAST**. They were, in effect, the actual heads of the **Empire**, ruling over the emperors, as well as over the Church. And so it is indeed significant that this title, too, counts 666!

And so this number is branded on the **ROMAN EMPIRE**, on **ROMULUS**, the founder and first king of Rome, on **Nero Caesar**, one of its great Emperors, on the name **ROME**, on every **ROMAN**, on **MUSSOLINI**, and the **POPE!**

Could anything be more conclusive?

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was not dethroned. For nearly 19 years, during the reign of three Jewish kings, ruling then as vassal or puppet kings under the Babylonish Nebuchadnessar, that throne continued *and was not overturned. Its first overturn occurred at the death of Zedekiah*, 585 B. C., when Jeremiah was used to transfer it, as will be made plain in the next issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Our people today are **spiritually blinded**—so utterly blinded we do not realize our national sins. Even in the churches these sins are denied.

But Israel today is **IN BABYLON**, and God is calling us, individually, **OUT!** (Rev. 18:4). "Babylon" means more than just a great false church, "Babylon" includes this entire false civilization, approved and fastened upon the western world by the leadership of that great false Church! **GOD'S** way of life is the way of love—of giving. The way of this Babylonish civilization is the way of strife, competition, **GETTING**. This is true of politics, of business, of society, and even of organized religion. What we are witnessing today is the **DOWNFALL OF CIVILIZATION** as you and I have known it! It's every phase and factor is based upon the principles of **SIN**—the very antithesis of God's eternal spiritual law of **LOVE**.

Men won't learn the lesson any other way, so **GOD NOW MUST PUNISH**. Added to the horrors of war will come still more terrible events—supernatural **PLAGUES!** What has been sown must now be reaped! Men must learn that God rules,

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HOW THE PLAIN TRUTH IS PUBLISHED

Some ask, "How can you publish a magazine without a subscription price and without advertising?"

We have set out to conduct this work **GOD'S WAY**, and we have faith that way will succeed.

We are endeavoring to spread the **TRUE GOSPEL**, and the Gospel must go **FREE!** Jesus said "**FREE-LY** ye have received, freely GIVE!" The things of God are "without money and without price." (Isa. 55:1).

God's **PLAN** for financing His work is thru the **TITHES** and free-will **OFFERINGS** of His children. We believe God expects every Christian to take active part in spreading the Gospel to others. And we know of no place where your tithes and offerings can more effectively serve the Lord than in helping publish *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and to carry on *The RADIO CHURCH OF GOD*, reaching a hundred thousand souls every week.

The PLAIN TRUTH is **FREE!** You give your offering or tithe as **UNTO THE LORD**. We receive it as **FROM THE LORD!** It does not pay for **YOUR** subscription—it is **YOUR PART** in spreading the true Gospel to **OTHERS!** This work is conducted on God's principle of "**GIVE**," not the Gentile principle of "**GET**."

Every dollar to carry on this great work must come by **FAITH**, in answer to believing prayer. There is a plenteous harvest, but the laborers are **SO few!** We ask every believer to **PRAY** with us, that the Lord will send forth **MORE LABORERS** into His vineyard, helping with tithes and offerings, that every bill may be paid!

The United States in Prophecy

WHERE is the UNITED STATES mentioned in Bible prophecies? Or is it mentioned at all?

We are the wealthiest of nations. And, potentially at least, the most powerful.

We are the same people as the British, and, with them we possess more than two-thirds of all the wealth and resources of the world. All other nations, combined, have little more than a fourth divided between them all. And we have acquired nearly all of it since 1800.

Never has there been anything like it in history. Never did a nation or people spread out and grow so rapidly to wealth and power. Never was a nation or people so rich. WHY?

Could Prophecy Ignore Us?

Consider, too, our people today constitute the HOME,—the last defense, of Christianity. It is *our* people who have sent missionaries into every land on earth—*our* people who have printed and distributed the Bible by unbelievable millions of copies in the language of all peoples.

We know Bible prophecies definitely refer to the Russia, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Ethiopia, Libya, Egypt, of today. *Could* they, then, ignore modern kingdoms like Britain and America? Is it reasonable?

Assuredly it is not. Nor *are* we ignored. The fact is, we are mentioned more often than any other race. Yet our prophetic identity has remained hidden to the many. Modern nations are not spoken of in their modern names, except in few cases. Usually they are referred to by the names of the ancient ancestor from which they sprung. Thus, Turkey is referred to in prophecy as *Esau*, or *Edom*, because the Turks are the descendants of Esau. In like manner, the Arabs are spoken of as Ishmael, the Russians as Magog.

The Bible story of *our* ancestry, and our modern prophetic identity, is the most amazing—yes, astounding—the most fascinating and interesting story ever told. It is really the story-thread of the Bible itself, from Genesis to Revelation.

This story needs at least twelve articles, the length of this one, for the telling. We shall try to condense it in a nut-shell to only two installments, of which this is the first.

Our Wealth Promised Abraham

Centuries ago, this same wealth and power and national greatness was promised by the Almighty to Abraham. Yet few have ever noticed this astonishing fact of Scripture.

The promise of the Messiah, and of salvation thru Him, is well known by the most superficial Bible student. But God made

The prophecies of the Bible have been grievously misunderstood. And no wonder!

For the most vital KEY, needed to unlock prophetic doors to our understanding, had become lost.

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also another, entirely different, most amazing promise to Abraham. Notice how God called Abraham, and the *two-fold* nature of His promise:

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: and *I will make of thee a GREAT NATION* . . . and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:1-).

Notice the TWO-fold nature of the promises:

1) the promise his flesh-born children should become a GREAT NATION—a promise of RACE;

2) the spiritual promise of GRACE: "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed," or, as the same promise is repeated in Gen. 22:18, "in *thy seed* shall all the nations of earth be blessed." *This* promise refers to GRACE, thru Christ, the "one seed," as clearly explained in Galatians 3:8. And Jesus of Nazareth was a son of Abraham.

RACE, as well as Grace

But that the "great nation" promise refers alone to race—not to the *one* seed, Christ, but to the plural, multiple seed of natural fleshly birth, is made certain by God's repetition of His promise in greater detail later.

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect, and I will make my covenant between me and thee, and *will multiply thee exceedingly* . . . *thou shalt be a father of MANY NA-*

TIONS. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of *MANY NATIONS* have I made thee." (Gen. 17:1-5).

Notice, the promise is now *CONDITIONAL* upon Abraham's obedience and perfect living. Notice, the "great nation" now becomes *MANY NATIONS* — *more* than one nation. This cannot refer to the "one seed," Christ. The following verses prove that.

"And *I will make thee exceeding fruitful*, and I will make *NATIONS* of thee, and *KINGS*" (more than one) "shall come out of thee." (Verse 6). Notice, these nations and kings shall *come out of* Abraham—generation—multiple seed, not just one descendent *thru whom* scattered individuals may become Abraham's children, by adoption (Gal. 3:29). The scattered, individual Christians do not form *NATIONS*. This is speaking of *RACE*, not *grace*.

"And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in *THEIR* generations." (Verse 7). The "seed" is *PLURAL*—"in *their* generations."

"And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, *the land* wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan (Palestine) for an everlasting possession: and I will be *THEIR* God." (Verse 8).

Notice, the *LAND*—material possession—is promised to the *PLURAL* seed, of whom He is *THEIR*, not *his*, God. The plural pronoun "their" is used again in the 9th verse—"and thy seed after thee in *their* generations."

Not Fulfilled in Jews

Again, notice carefully,—the *JEWS* have never been more than *one nation*. They are not, and never have been, *MANY nations*.

So here is an amazing prophecy—a solemn promise from Almighty God, that could not be fulfilled in Christ, in Christians, nor in the Jews. We must look for a number of *NATIONS* apart from either the Christians or the Jews. Amazing as it is, we must do it or deny God's promise!

God put Abraham to the test, and Abraham, *thru faith*, OBEYED—even to be willing to sacrifice his only son, if need be. And after that the covenant no longer was conditional. Now it became *UNCONDITIONAL*.

"By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for *BECAUSE* thou hast done this thing, and has not withheld thy son, thine only son, that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and *thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies*;" (so far the material, national promises of

RACE); "and in thy seed" (Christ) "shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;" (this promise spiritual, of GRACE); "BECAUSE thou hast obeyed my voice," (Gen. 22:16-18).

The promise now is UNconditional. God has SWORN to make it good. Abraham already *has performed* his part of the agreement. Now God MUST perform His part, without fail.

Notice an additional detail of the promise—the nations who are Abraham's racial descendents are to "possess the gate of his enemies." A gate is a narrow passage of entrance or exit. When speaking nationally, a "gate" would be such a pass as the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal, the Strait of Gibraltar. This promise is repeated in Gen. 24:60.

A Nation and a Company of Nations

These tremendous promises were re-promised to Isaac and to Jacob. Ishmael, and Abraham's other sons were rejected from this birthright. Esau, Isaac's son and Jacob's twin brother, sold it and was rejected. The promise, as confirmed to Isaac is recorded in Gen. 26:1-5. To Jacob in Gen. 27:26-29, where MATERIAL blessing of wealth in the things of the ground is added, with the prophecy that heathen nations shall be ruled by the birthright nations of Israel. And again in Gen. 28:13-14, where the still added detail that these nations of Israel shall eventually spread around the world is added.

Still later, God appeared unto Jacob, whose name was changed to ISRAEL, still further defining the make-up of these "many nations" thus: "And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; A NATION and a COMPANY OF NATIONS shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins." (Gen. 35:9-12).

So the "many nations" are eventually to take shape as A NATION—one great, wealthy, powerful nation; and another COMPANY OF NATIONS—a group, or commonwealth of nations allied.

This promise never has been fulfilled in the Jews. It could not pertain to the Church, for there is but ONE true Church acknowledged in the Bible, and it is not a nation, or group of nations, but a collection of called-out individuals scattered thru ALL nations. Yet this amazing promise MUST stand fulfilled, unless we are to deny the Bible and God's sacred Word!

The BIRTHRIGHT and the Sceptre

Now we come to a most vital distinction, and bit of Bible truth, known to but very few. Note it carefully.

The *spiritual* promises,—the promise of the "one seed," Christ, and of salvation through Him—the Bible calls "the SCEPTRE." This promise, as nearly everybody knows, was handed down through the Jews. Jesus Christ was of the tribe of Judah, and the House of David. "Salvation," Jesus said, "is of the JEWS." (John 4:22), "To

the JEW first," explained Paul, "and also to the Greek." (Rom. 1:16).

This fact is confirmed in Genesis 49:10; "The SCEPTRE shall not depart from Judah."

BUT—and here is the astonishing vital fact so few ever seem to have noticed—"but the BIRTHRIGHT was Joseph's." Yes, Joseph who was sold by his brothers down into Egypt, where he became food administrator and prime minister—Joseph who was called "a prosperous man," even as his descendents were destined to become. "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler" (Sceptre promise), "BUT, the birthright was Joseph's." (1 Chronicles 5:2).

The birthright which Esau sold to Jacob—the promise of national greatness and material wealth—never was handed to the Jews who are of the tribe of JUDAH. So naturally we should not expect to find this promise fulfilled in the Jews today.

The Birthright is JOSEPH'S

And just what *is* a "birthright?" It is that which comes by *right of birth*. The term "grace" means UN-deserved, UN-merited favor—something that is NOT one's right, NOT inherited by birth, but bestowed as a *free gift*. But a "birthright" is inherited, by birth, as one's RIGHT. Consequently, the term "birthright" includes *only* the inheritance of MATERIAL blessings, passed on from father to son—those blessings one cannot take with him, when he dies.

So notice carefully, please! The Sceptre, which is the spiritual promise of GRACE, thru which ALL nations may be blessed, went to JUDAH, while the BIRTHRIGHT went to JOSEPH. And the birthright includes possession of the land, Palestine, possessing the material "gate" of material enemies, inheriting the heathen for a possession and ruling over heathen peoples, spreading and colonizing around the world! The two phases of the promises to Abraham now are separated into *two different tribes* of Israel!

The interesting story of the passing on of this Birthright from the aged Israel to the two sons of Joseph is found in the 48th chapter of Genesis. You should read it there, entirely.

Notice, Jacob adopted these two lads, Ephraim and Manasseh, as his own legal sons because they had an Egyptian mother. Notice, verse 16, he says, "let *my name* be named on *them*." Hence, THEY were to be called "The House of ISRAEL." It is THEY who rightfully own the name of ISRAEL, *not* the Jews! ". . . and let THEM grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth," continues Jacob, administering the blessing. Let WHO grow into that promised multitude? Notice it,—NOT Judah, *not* the Jews,—but the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh and THEIR descendents.

Together they were to grow to a multitude. But eventually, as indicated by another prophecy, Isaiah 49:20, to be explained

later, the descendents of these two lads were to separate, and Ephraim would lose Manasseh, then to become a separate nation. So, continuing, speaking of Manasseh, Jacob said, "*he also shall become a people, and he also shall be GREAT; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude (or a company or commonwealth) of nations.*" (Verse 19).

And so EPHRAIM, the son of Joseph became the BIRTHRIGHT holder.

WHO, today, are the descendents of Ephraim, and of Manasseh? Somewhere, Ephraim must be a group, or Commonwealth of nations, while Manasseh must be the greatest single nation on earth! Either it is so, or the BIBLE is not so!

David Takes the Throne

After the death of Jacob and his twelve sons in Egypt, their children grew in four hundred odd years to a population probably between three and six millions in that land. Then God raised up MOSES, fitted him in a special way to lead these children of Israel out of the bondage that had come to them in Egypt.

When they reached Mt. Sinai, in the peninsula wilderness, God made a covenant with them establishing them as a NATION—His nation—among the kingdoms of the world. Their government was theocratic, with the civil, as well as the spiritual and religious laws, given direct from God, God Himself was their king, and He ruled them by a system of Judges.

But soon the Israelites demanded a *man* for king, even as the Gentile nations around them. And so God gave them Saul as their first human king. Saul, however, was not a good king, nor was his heart right with God.

Saul was dethroned. His dynasty ended with him. Then God placed DAVID, a man after His own heart, of no relationship to Saul, upon the throne of Israel.

Because of his obedience and sincerity and honesty of heart, David, like Abraham, received a most astonishing UNCONDITIONAL promise from God, as little known as the Birthright promised to Abraham.

The Davidic Covenant

We have space to quote but briefly from the Scriptures setting forth this amazing Davidic Covenant. Like the covenant with Abraham, God made the Davidic Covenant UNconditional and unbreakable.

David wanted to build a great Temple, as God's house in Jerusalem. The Almighty replied, ". . . when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom." (II Samuel 7:12). This, of course, was his son Solomon, who succeeded David to the throne.

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Should Christians *Salute* the Flag?

A CERTAIN Religious sect has been much in the news recently, because its members refuse to salute the flag.

In some cases mob violence has ensued. The Supreme Court of the United States has passed on the issue, ruling that the compulsory saluting of the flag is constitutional, and may be legally enforced.

This question has aroused great public interest. Just what is the BIBLE teaching about saluting the flag?

The Christian's Position

The only true Gospel is the GOOD NEWS of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD—Christ's coming Kingdom. Of this Kingdom, Paul said, "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God" (I Cor. 15:50), and Jesus said "except a man be *born again*, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3). Again, "IF ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's children, and HEIRS according to the promise." (Gal. 3:29). The Christian, then, has not yet inherited the Kingdom. It has not appeared or been established as earth's leading nation as yet. He is now merely an HEIR. It is "WHEN the Son of man shall come in his glory, and . . . shall sit upon the throne of his glory . . . THEN shall the King say unto them on His right hand, *Come, ye blessed of my Father, INHERIT the Kingdom.*" (Mat. 25:31-34).

It is the SAINTS, which means the Christians, now heirs, who shall inherit and possess the Kingdom (Dan. 7:22,27). They, then, shall reign with Christ and RULE *all other nations* of earth (Rev. 11:15; 2:26-27; 3:21).

The Christians, then, made immortal, shall establish a new principle of government upon earth—THEOCRACY, which is the rule of God, under God's laws. The Christian life is merely the PREPARATION—the TRAINING, to qualify individual Christians for that great task of world reconstruction.

Called Out of the World

And to fit him for this coming responsibility, God calls each individual Christian OUT of the present world. To become a Christian, one must RENOUNCE the world and all its customs and ways. And that includes everything that is OF the world—its politics, its society, its way of life. The Christian solemnly pledges a NEW allegiance—to CHRIST, and to His Kingdom.

"COME OUT from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord" (II Cor. 6:17). Jesus Christ, in His last prayer for His Church, said "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because *they are not OF the world*, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil" (participation in worldly ways, interests, or

affairs). "*They are not OF the world*, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:14-16).

Yes, we must live IN the world, but the Christian is not to be OF it—not to take part in it, or its ways, customs, activities, politics, all of which are based upon a principle diametrically contrary to the way of life God's Kingdom will establish upon earth. Every government on earth—including the *best* of all, the United States—is a WORLDLY government, and OF this world.

Some cannot seem to see that the true Christian must not take part in this world's ways, its affairs, and government. The old argument is, "We have to live here, and we ought to leave this world a better place to live in than we found it."

Yes, we have to live here. As Jesus prayed, "I pray NOT that thou shouldst take them OUT of the world," we must remain in it. BUT, He did pray that His children should not be OF it. If we are truly Christ's, our Kingdom is HIS Kingdom, and He said "MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD" (John 18:36).

We are now HEIRS, to inherit the Kingdom only after He returns to earth as KING of kings and Lord of lords, to rule all nations, when the kingdoms, or governments, of this world shall BECOME the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. (Rev. 11:15). Thus we are called out of the world, to an inheritance RESERVED IN HEAVEN for us (I Pet. 1:4)—an inheritance we receive when Christ, who is in heaven, returns to this earth, bringing our reward—our citizenship—our inheritance—with Him (Rev. 11:18; 22:12). Thus our present citizenship is reserved IN HEAVEN. It is not, in the Christian sense here on earth.

Guests of Uncle Sam

As Abraham lived as a stranger and a pilgrim on the earth, (Heb. 11:13) so we, as his children thru Christ, must live in the same way. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you *as strangers and pilgrims*," Peter addresses us in I Pet. 2:11. "Now then we are AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST," we read in II Cor. 5:20.

The United States sends its ambassador to Germany. He goes to Germany. He resides there. He lives IN Germany, but he surely is not OF Germany—he is OF the United States, representing its interests there. He is in Germany as a stranger and pilgrim. He is Germany's GUEST. He conducts himself as a guest should.

He does not try to tell Hitler how to govern Germany. He does not take any part in German politics. But he is subject to German laws, rules and regulations, and conducts himself, as Uncle Sam's representative, in such manner as to bring no reproach

upon the country he represents.

And so the Christian, living inside the United States, is here only as CHRIST'S AMBASSADOR—representing the interests of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD, and he ought to be about his Father's business, as Jesus set him the example!

We Christians, then, are living here as the GUESTS of Uncle Sam. We should so live as to command the respect of the United States government, but our whole interest and active effort is in behalf of CHRIST'S coming Kingdom. If Christ's Kingdom is NOT OF THIS WORLD, then, as Christians, neither is ours.

It is as if I came to live in your home as your guest, I should not try to run your home for you, or tell you how to manage it. I should not participate in your quarrels with your neighbors. But I should conform myself to your rules and regulations. If you charge me for room and board, I should pay it willingly—or leave.

And—get this!—I should appreciate the hospitality and privileges you extend, and I certainly would TAKE OFF MY HAT, as a token of respect, upon entering your home.

Saluting the Flag

In like manner, I very sincerely APPRECIATE all the many privileges, the protection, the freedom, which I have accepted and enjoyed as the guest of Uncle Sam.

The United States flag is the SYMBOL of the protection, the freedom, the rights and privileges the government has guaranteed and given me.

Consequently, I should feel ungrateful indeed, if, when the flag goes by, I did not TAKE OFF MY HAT, in token of respect and appreciation of that for which it is a symbol! And, if there is occasion otherwise to SALUTE the flag, I feel it would be discourteous, and a disrespect to the government whose hospitality I have accepted, to refuse.

This salute, does NOT involve any prior allegiance over and above Almighty God or His laws—it is always *secondary* to that.

True, a pseudo flag waving patriotism can be generated into a form of idolatry. No true Christian should indulge in this type of flag-flapping, or permit his children. We should avoid that type of senseless emotional patriotism which becomes flag-worship, or idolatry. Even the military authorities do not wish nor approve such nonsense.

The Christian should remember, always, that he is here as Christ's ambassador—as Uncle Sam's guest. His flag-saluting should be merely that token of respect which he certainly OWES, and should give. When I tip my hat upon meeting a woman on the street, or remove it upon entering your home, no one accuses me of idolatry.

Certainly there are no Bible grounds against saluting the flag in this manner.

The United States in Prophecy

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"He," God continued, "shall build an house for my name,"—and it was Solomon who *did* build the Temple,—*"and I will establish the throne of his kingdom FOREVER."* (Verse 13)

Notice it! The throne of David, occupied by Solomon, was to be established **FOR EVER!** If that throne ever ceased to exist, then God's promise has failed!

But some say the promise was *conditioned* upon the obedience of Solomon and the future line of kings or their people. Notice the Scriptural answer to this:

"I will be his father, and he shall be my son. IF he commit iniquity, *I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:* BUT"—yes, notice this BUT—"my mercy shall not depart from him *AS I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.*" (Verses 14-15). Saul's dynasty ceased. God promises He will never take away this throne from David's line in this manner. David's dynasty **SHALL NEVER CEASE!** Continuing, next verse, "And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established **FOR EVER** before thee: *thy throne shall be established FOREVER.*"

Through ALL Generations

Not only was that throne established **FOREVER**, it was to exist *continuously* forever,—through **ALL GENERATIONS!**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, *Thy Seed*" (his dynasty) "*will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to all generations.*" (Psalm 89:3-4). That throne was to stand forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven." (Verses 28-37).

"For thus saith the Lord; David shall *never* want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel." (Jer. 33:17.) So far as is historically known, the last king of David's dynasty to sit upon that throne was King Zedekiah of Judah, who died in 585 B. C., with the Jews a captive people, with all his sons, and all the nobles of Judah killed. There is no historic record of any continuance of that throne from that year. Did David want for a man to sit upon his throne, and continue his dynasty, from that day on?

Some say Christ took over the throne. But He didn't. Instead He was crucified, resurrected, and ascended to heaven. He **SHALL** come, and soon now, to sit upon that throne as the King of kings and Lord of lords. But **HOW** can Jesus Christ, when He returns again to earth, take over and sit upon a throne that long ago ceased to exist?

Will Christ Come to a Non-existent Throne?

If the throne of David ceased with Zedekiah, then it does not exist today. And if it does not exist, *how shall Christ sit upon a non-existent throne?* See Luke 1:31-32.

And, since it was to continue through *all* generations, how about those many generations between Zedekiah and the birth of Jesus?

"Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; *then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign

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upon his throne." (Verses 19-21). Day and night still continues. Does David's throne?

But what do *the people* say? "Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the Lord hath chosen," (Israel and Judah), "he hath even cast them off? Thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them." (Verses 24).

But what does **GOD** say? "Thus saith the Lord," (verse 25), "If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; **THEN** will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Strong words, those! Unless you can stop this old earth from turning on its axis—unless you can remove the sun and moon and stars from heaven, says the Almighty, you cannot prevent Him from keeping His covenant to maintain *continuously, through all generations, FOREVER*, from the time of David and Solomon, a descendant of David in one continuous dynasty on that throne!

Not necessarily ruling over **ALL** the House of Israel, or of the Jews—but at least some of them, and enough to form a nation,

Remember again, the **SCEPTRE** promise, which includes this line of kings until it culminates in **CHRIST** at His Second coming: "The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver (margin, ruler's staff) from between his feet, **UNTIL SHILOH** (Christ) **COME**; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." (Gen. 49:10).

The Test of Bible Truth

Has the Sceptre departed from Judah?

Has the throne ceased? Or does it, as God so bindingly promised, exist today so that Christ can take over and sit upon a living, going continuous throne when He comes?

The infallibility of the Bible is at stake! God's **WORD** is at stake!

In the next issue, we shall answer these questions with definite, irrefutable **PROOF**—and show you just where that throne is, today!

In the next issue, we shall continue this amazing, intriguing story, showing how the Birthright and the Sceptre became separated into *two different nations*; showing you the strangest mission ever given a man to perform, the mysterious, secret mission of Jeremiah, almost totally unknown today. We shall give you astonishing Bible proof that the **JEW**s are *not* the House of Israel, and never were! And we shall identify the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes" of Israel beyond refute, and establish, beyond any doubt, the astounding ancestry and true identity of the people of the United States of America!

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and that God's ways and God's laws are right and just—that we cannot find happiness, prosperity, contentment and joy in any other way. That all our ills and miseries have come from transgression of God's law.

When the ways, the systems, the institutions of this world have been torn down and utterly destroyed—when men have been punished for their sins, then **CHRIST** shall return to rescue this old world from its own self-inflicted miseries, The **KINGDOM OF GOD** shall be set up, and it shall rule the world!

Truly, **CHRIST**, and His **KINGDOM**, is the only hope of the world!