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America Stands in Mortal DANGER, *Now!*

OO few here in America realize it, but America stands in immediate and mortal DANGER, now!

The threat is no longer remote or vague. If the United States is to continue to exist as a free and independent nation—if your home, your FAMILY, is to be spared the awful fate of separation in captivity and slavery,—America must come to her senses, and QUICKLY!

This danger—the actual trend of events in the immediate future—is vividly foretold and described in the prophecies of the Bible. We need not guess or speculate. We KNOW what now stares our beloved nation in the face!

And these same Bible prophecies which warn us of the fast approaching DANGER, tell our people how to AVOID that danger—how Hitler can be utterly defeated! Will America heed?

These amazing prophecies tell you, as an individual, how YOU and your family may escape the most tragic disaster of all history, even tho the nation as a whole fails to heed.

Never in history did the Eternal God send a more solemn warning to His people! God help us to listen, and to heed! For the time is *now!*

HIRING Russia as Ally

The United States has accepted the role of arsenal for the democracies. America is committed to the defeat of Hitlerism. President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-chief of the Army and the Navy, has ordered the United States Navy to shoot on sight, and to shoot first, any Nazi ships of war found in American defense waters. That is only

PLAIN TRUTH about the amazing prophesied outcome of the British-American alliance with RUSSIA.

Read what Bible prophecy reveals of an immediate turn of events for the United States.

one step short of war. It will lead, inevitably, to war!

But an amazing thing has happened!

We now see another enemy Dictatorship, as much pledged to the overthrow of Democracy as Hitler's Reich, fighting at deathgrips against Hitler's blitzkrieg armies. And America has set out to aid and abet this second national enemy, giving to Red Russia money, planes, and supplies—actually HIR-ING communist Dictator Stalin to become our ally against Hitler!

On July 12th London entered into an alliance with Communist Moscow, signing a mutal-aid pact! During the week of August

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17th, it was announced the government of the United States had decided to turn over to Dictator Stalin HUNDREDS OF MIL-LIONS OF DOLLARS for the purchase of military supplies, here with no security what-

ever—which means an outright gift!

In other, and plainer words, Britain and America — God's people ISRAEL, the 'Birthright' tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh—now are allying themselves with a foreign Gentile power whose one ultimate purpose is our destruction. These governments, modern ISRAEL, now are actually HIRING one of their sworn enemies to fight against another enemy. America in this way now actually seeks the help of godless Russia—HIRES Russia—is DEPENDING upon atheistic Communism to defeat her enemy in war!

Is this right? Is it wise? Will this trust in the arm of godless Communism insure the safety of America?

The Certain Prophesied Result

Listen to what the Almighty says in His Word!

He tells us with *certainty* exactly what shall befall us if we continue in this course. And He tells us the ONLY way in which Hitler can be defeated—for Hitler can be defeated, if our people will heed. God help us to UNDERSTAND!

In the prophecy of Hosea, the 8th chapter, the 9th and 19th verses, God says of our people—Britain in particular—"Ephraim hath *hired lovers*"—more plainly translated, ALLIES. "Yea, tho they have *hired* among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow."

And here we find Ephraim-Great Britain, and the United States, doing that very identical thing, today—HIRING Russia as an ally. Listen to the 9th verse of the 7th chapter: "Strangers have devoured his (Britain's and America's) strength, and he knoweth it not."

At the very first, God commanded our people regarding alliances with Gentile nations, "Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods." (Exodus 23:32).

Again in Exodus 34:12, God warns: "Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with" them. (that is, Gentile nations). Again we find this warning in Deut. 7:2, and in Judges 2:2, God says "ye shall make no league" with them. And other scriptures command the same thing.

Now what is the certain OUTCOME of such an ungodly HIRED alliance? It will be the same as God warned Judah in Jeremiah's day, when He said, as we find in Jer. 4:30:

"Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, IN VAIN shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers (that is, ALLIES) will despise thee, THEY WILL SEEK THY LIFE!"

Plain Truth About Communism

Listen to just a few hard, cold FACTS about Communist Russia. We quote their OWN STATEMENTS. The "Communist Manifesto" is, in effect, the Communist Bible. On page 37 of this official Communist text-book, we read this:

"The bourgeois (all you who own property or employ any labor) clap-trap about the family and education, about the hallowed co-relation of parent and child, becomes all the more disgusting, the more, by the action of modern industry." This Communist Manifesto advocates ABOLITION of the family, of our educational system, and all rights of inheritance.

On page 40 is written: "There are, besides, eternal truths—such as Freedom, Justice, etc., that are common to all states of society; But Communism ABOLISHES eternal tuths, it abolishes ALL RELIGION, and ALL MORALITY." That is QUOTED from this official Communist Manifesto!

The Young Communist Leagues carry on a broad propaganda in America among the young workers, especially those in the army, for the spread of their principles against militarism for the defense of DEMO-CRACY—tho they uphold the militarism of the RED army of Soviet Russia! On page 38, of their book "Programs of the Young Communist International," a text-book for our youth, we read this: "The Communists understand that the armed rebellion of the proletariat (working class) against capitalism is necessary . . . Only by the victory of its WEAPONS will the proletariat be able to lead humanity." And so they are teaching young America that the Red Army is THEIR army, the United States armed forces their

ENEMY, and they do advocate and PLAN for the armed OVERTHROW of the government of the United States, as well as the destruction of YOUR HOME, and YOUR FAMILY! And that is the sort of ALLY this country is now HIRING to defeat Hitler!

Communist Blasphemy

Some few years ago the Communists burned the effigy of Christ in Moscow. Another official Communist textbook, the "Program of the Communist International," says this on page 53: "One of the most important tasks of the cultural revolution affecting the wide masses is the task of systematically and unswervingly combatting religion—the opium of the people . . . The proletarian state (Communist) carries on anti-religious propaganda with all the means at its command."

In the United States the Communist party, headed by Joseph Stalin, has promoted and sponsored several ATHEIST societies among students and in Communist children's organizations. Communist leaders well know that Communism and Christianity DO NOT MIX. It is their goal to DESTROY all Christianity from the face of the earth. Listen to an anti-religious manifesto issued in Moscow in 1924: "We will grapple with the Lord God in due scason. We will vanquish Him in His highest heaven. And whenever He seek refuge, we will subdue Him forever!"

Such blasphemous declarations may shock your eyes, but it is time our people came to realize the NATURE of this godless power which OUR PEOPLE are now HIRING to become an ALLY for the defeat of Hitler! Undoubtedly Hitler is literally INSPRIRED of Satan—the instrument and the tool of the DEVIL. But this alliance with such insidious enemy as Joseph Stalin can never be blessed with success in destroying Hitlerism. No, there is a better way!

The ultimate aim of the Communist program is to take from us the vast wealth and resources with which the Almighty has blessed us. And the prophecy of Ezekiel 38 shows that later on Russia with her vast hordes and allies will come against our people in war, seeking our downfall. That is the way she will repay this nation's present kindness. Truly these gentiles are sapping our strength, and we seem to KNOW IT NOT!

The Lesson of History

Listen to the similiar experience of King Asa of Judah:

In the 36th year of Asa's reign, Baasha, king of Israel, sent his armies against the Jews. "Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, saying 'There is a league between me and thee . . . behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.' " (II Chron. 16: 1-3).

"And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself STRONG in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. Herein has thou done foolishly: THEREFORE FROM HENCEFORTH THOU SHALT HAVE WARS.'" (Verses

Our Certain Fate, Now!

Notice, now, the CERTAIN prophecy of what is coming to us—a prophecy for our time, and our people—unless we will forsake such foolish alliances, turn to the Almighty, confess and repent of our sins, and put on the WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD!

"Thus saith the Lord,"—to us, NOW— "Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up; thou hast no healing medicines. All thy lovers (allies) 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." (Jer. 30:12-14).

Is not Hitler that "CRUEL ONE?" The last sentence of this chapter of prophecy says: "In the latter days ye shall consider it." That is NOW!

The prophecies show America, as well as Britain, is in mortal danger, now, of invasion, of utter defeat- of captivity!

President Roosevelt knows the danger. He is trying to warn and arouse the people. He said recently: "I give solemn warning to those who think Hitler has been blocked and halted that they are making a very dangerous assumption."

The prevailing dangerous assumption is that America is immune from attack by Hitler. The Nazi war machine is essentially a LAND machine, coordinating tanks and planes with artillery and infantry divisions. HOW, we ask, could such an army ever get to our shores? Are we not protected by the world? And we complacently dismiss the thought of invasion is fantastic, IMPOS-SIBLE!

France felt just as secure behind the Maginot line. Didn't France have the world's finest ARMY? It was just as IM-POSSIBLE for a Nazi blitzkrieg to break thru that Maginot line and the French Army as it now is for Hitler's land armies to come across the Atlantic thru the United States Navy.

But Hitler did not break thru the Mag-

inot line. He went around it.

Do we suppose Hitler does not know, better than we, the impossibility of sending

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WHY Does God Permit this War?

War, famine, pestilence! Poverty, inequality, hunger, want! Sickness, disease, suffering, death! Crime, graft, dishonesty, corruption! Insanity, degeneration, decay! Unhappiness, fear, wretchedness and woe!

How, so many are asking, can a supreme, all-powerful God of LOVE permit

WHY does God allow a devil-inspired Hitler to run amuck? WHY does He permit civilization itself to crumble?

Is God FAIR?

Listen! Some men are saying, "God isn't fair! —or is there a God, after all?" But what do you suppose men would say if God took away their right to think and do as they please? For God could never stop this awful carnage without FORCING men to act according to HIS will—denying them a free will of their own!

It is men's ways, so contrary to God's ways, that have brought this unhappy state. And they have brought on all the world's sorrows and anguish in spite of the pleadings of God. He says, "Your ways are not my ways."

God's ways, had they been followed, would have led inevitably to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy. God always has revealed to men His ways. Always He has pleaded with the human family.

Suppose God had taken the only alternative. Suppose He had FORCED men, against their wills, to have lived according to HIS laws?

Can't you almost hear the defiant, rebellious, stiff-necked human race indignantly screaming at the Almighty: "You can't cram your religion down my throat!" For it is a matter of religion. Can't we see that, had God followed that course, more than ever men would have shouted, "GOD ISN'T FAIR!"

For six thousand years men have lived in defiance of God's laws. Had God denied them this right to be wrong, men would have accused God of injustice, demanding freedom to follow their own ways.

God's Plan has for its purpose the creating of perfect CHARACIER in beings that are separate entities from God. Character cannot be created automatically by fiat—it must be developed through experience!....

Nor could character be instilled without free moral agency. To achieve this great purpose—that of producing the supreme pinnacle of all God's creation, separate perfect character,—man has to be *convinced*, of his own free will, that God's laws are JUST, and His ways the only right ways for man! And turn to them, voluntarily! And this lesson could be learned *only by* EXPERIENCE!

In the beginning, Satan appeared to con-

test the wisdom of God's Law. This law is, simply, LOVE. Love for God, and love for neighbor, as defined in the ten broad principles of the Ten Commandments. A fundamental, spiritual, eternal law. The philosophy Christ taught that it is more blessed to GIVE, than to receive. But Satan argued for the GETTING way. Competition, he argued, is the life-blood of activity. Self-desire provides incentive to endeavor. Vanity spurs to action. And so, in Satan's philosophy, self-desire, competition, strife, provide the root-principle for accomplishment. The way of GETTING is the way to progress and advancement.

Had not God permitted this selfish way to be tried, tested, and demonstrated, God's creatures could argue throughout eternity that they had been denied the better way.

The Devil's WEEK

And so God turned over to Satan ONE WEEK, consisting of seven thousand-year days, in which to *demonstrate* the falsity of this way

For this week of seven thousand years, Satan was permitted to retain DOMINION over all the earth. "Six days," God said, "thou shalt labor and do all thy work"—his work of deception and hate—"but the SEVENTH day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work." Six thousand-year days Satan was permitted for his labor of DECEPTION. Even then his dominion has been limited to the power of influence and suggestion. Never has God permitted even Satan arbitrarily to force men against their wills.

And so for six thousand years men have been left free to accept the self-seeking competitive philosophy of Satan, or to fol low the Golden Rule of God. And for six thousand years Satan has labored. And mankind has fallen for his delusion!

Satan's philosophy is the philosophy of the world today. On it our present civilzation has been built. A civilization men love and cherish, and for which they patriotically sacrifice their lives! A civilization developed on desire for self-gain, competition, strife! In it success is determined by HOW MUCH a man has been able to GET, not on how well he has served.

God has never left men in ignorance of the TRUE way of life. Always He has made known the true values—the way of His spiritual law of Love! Continually God has pleaded, with patience and in love. He pleaded through Noah in the days before the flood. He set up a nation of His own on earth, pledged to follow HIS laws, dedicated voluntarily to God's ways of life. But Israel turned from God's ways, and persecuted and killed God's prophets!

God sent His only begotten Son to point men back to the true paths. And Him, too, men rejected and killed! During these six thousand years since Adam men continually have spurned God's love, rejected His Law, turned a deaf ear to His prophets and His true ministers. They have built a world after the false philosophy of Satan, replete with its pagan customs, traditions and beliefs. Today people are hopelessly engulfed in these false ways, but, being deceived, realize it not at all!

Satan is revealed as the "GOD of this world." And this worldly civilization worships its GOD. The apalling fact unrealized by the world is that Satan, not Jehovah, is its god! The Creator God "is not the author of confusion," we read in I Cor. 14:33. Its real author is Satan, this world's god! And so he has his many denominations and sects, all striving in a babylon of confusion!

There is just one thing, it seems, that all Satan's ministers can agree upon. "God's LAW," they chorus in unison, "is DONE AWAY!" Yes, they have to tell you that, in order to draw their salaries! Today the people of organized religion refuse to HEAR the Law of the Lord (Isa. 30:8-11). They demand that their ministers preach the soft and smooth things—the deceits! They have turned away from the TRUTH, and are accepting and believing FABLES (II Tim. 4:2-4). They are BITTER against God's Law, and against the few who have courage today to proclaim the PLAIN TRUTH of God's Word!

Yes, Satan has organized religion. He himself appears, not as a devil with horns and a tail bearing a pitch-fork, but "is transformed into AN ANGEL OF LIGHT." (II Cor. 11:14). His ministers are transformed as the ministers of righteousness, appearing AS the apostles of Christ! (Verses 13, 15). But they are preaching another Jesus, in the power of another spirit, and deceiving men with another Gospel than the true Gospel of the Kingdom which Christ brought and Paul and all the apostles preached! (Verses 3-4). Satan's congregations go in for much FORM. "Having a FORM of godliness, but denying the POWER thereof: from such turn away," plainly warns God's Word! (II Tim. 3:1-5). The present worldly order —its competitive principle, its customs and traditions, its political systems—are upheld by Satan's churches within every land! Truly, ALL nations are deceived! (Rev. 17:2;

Jesus Christ appeared 1900 years ago as a Messenger bearing a Message from God. He brought to an unhappy world steeped in false ways the "GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD." A Kingdom now, soon, to replace these crumbling governments of earth!

That Kingdom today is near at hand—even at the doors! (Luke 21:31).

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A Heart to Heart Talk .. with the Editor

Not only does America stand in immediate peril, unrealized by our people, but YOU, as a true Christian and child of God, face undreamed-of persecution—even martyrdom—in the months that lie just ahead!

WHY are we heedless of impending danger?

It need not come to YOU; for God freely offers you full divine protection. But it is certain to come to those who fail to take warning.

Paul pleaded with us, of this generation, that we should not be asleep to this impending danger (I Thes. 5). But it seems God's people of this time are, truly, the Laodicean church foretold in Revelation 3:14-22.

The purpose of the Christian life in this dispensation is to train those who are now called for the high calling of a "king" or a "priest" in Christ's Kingdom. We have been going to school, as it were. When He comes, each shall be called to accounting, (Luke 19:11-27), and given responsibility in Kingdom rule according as he has qualified by Christian growth and development during this life. And just as the young man or woman preparing in college for a profession must take, and pass FINAL EXAMS at the end of the school year, so now God's called are to take final exams! "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried," at this time of the end, says Daniel (12:9-10).

In Revelation 6:9-11 we are told that those Christian martyrs of the middle ages are to rest in their graves yet a little while until their fellow-Christians OF THIS END-TIME GENERATION shall be mar-

tyred as they were!

In His Olivet prophecy, Jesus told of the false preaching, the world war, famines, pestilences. These things have now hap-pened. "Then," He said, next, "they shall deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you." (Mat. 24:3-9).

But the prophecy of Revelation 12 shows that, as many of the saints known in history as "the Waldenses" fled to a place of safety from the middle-age persecution, so many of God's people are again, now, to flee under God's direction and protection to a place of escape!

Some of God's people shall have to sacrifice their lives for their faith, yet others shall escape! Thus God's true people fall into two classes.

What shall determine into which class YOU shall be?

Remember, "there is no respect of persons with God." Therefore HE shall not decide into which class you find yourself. You, yourself, must decide it.

The question is, HOW?

"Watch ye, therefore, and PRAY AL-WAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of is Jesus' own answer. (Luke 21:36).

Notice, 1st, you must WATCH! Be looking for it! Read I Thessalonians 5. We are children of the *light*,—we have Bible prophecy—we KNOW what is coming. Do not deny it; do not scoff; do not hide your eyes from impending danger-WATCH!

And then, something else! PRAY! Pray always! Are you praying that hard?

Jesus, our example, was accustomed to spending LONG HOURS in private prayer, alone with God. He prayed all night to God. He arose early, long before it was day, and went out where He could be ALONE with God. He FASTED and prayed. Do you?

Those who ESCAPE are those who put Christ's Kingdom FIRST, not second, in their every-day lives; who spend full hours in earnest, heart-rending prayer-who actually FAST and pray; who pray continually, even as they go about their work, as they walk down the street, or drive their cars. They are continually in a spirit of prayer.

YOU shall decide for yourself into which camp of the saints you shall be placed -whether you shall have to suffer the agonies of torture and death-or whether you shall be accounted worthy to ESCAPE

all these things!

Do you find God such a "bore" that you dread His company in prayer? If you truly love Him-if He is your best friend-then it should be such a sweet privilege to spend whole hours with Him in prayer! He is never "too busy" to give you all the time you wish. Whenever you go to Him in prayer, He is there! His ear is always open! You can have all of His time you want! As often as you want it! How THANKFUL we should be!

America Stands in Danger

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his LAND forces past the American Navy across the wide expanse of the Atlantic?

Even so, as the president has pointed out, if Britain and the British Navy goes down, Hitler and allies will be able to float a navy much superior to ours-with shipbuilding facilities and resources far outstripping ours.

How Hitler May Come AROUND the Atlantic!

But perhaps Hitler does not plan to come across the Atlantic at all. Perhaps he plans to go around it! Two avenues are open to him. One, thru South America. Three or four times in recent months Nazi plots have been overthrown just in time to save a coup which would have given Hitler control of a South American country! Once in control of some South American government, Hitler can land troops, tanks, planes, at will on this hemisphere, then come by land to the United States!

And now comes the report of another Hitler plan! A plan so amazing as to sound fantastic. Yet a plan that appears far more practical than one might suppose at first glance. That plan is to invade the United States from the NORTH!

Years ago Russia demonstrated the practicability of flights from Moscow to Van-couver, Washington, and even non-stop flights from Moscow to California, over the NORTH POLE! Russian fliers just recently have made another such flight to Seattle.

The new report says one of Hitler's motives in attacking Russia is to gain control of at least a portion of Western Siberia, for a hopping-off base. The report is that one

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The United States in Prophecy

PART FOUR The Mysterious "Breach"

THERE did Jeremiah go, with Baruch his secretary and one of more of the royal daughters of History stops short at this point. Enlightened sudents of Bible history have long known that the Ten Tribes-called by the name "House of ISRAEL"—have been lost, and exist today among the Gentile nations, unrecognized.

Their identity, and location, is one of the things God has hidden from the world. Yet, in this end-time, when knowledge is to increase, when the "wise" are to UNDER-STAND (Dan. 12:4,10), we shall find the secret revealed thru PROPHECY which could not be understood until now.

But first, we must now consider a mysterious "breach" that occurred in the days

of Judah, son of Jacob.

Judah was the father of twin sons. The first born was royal seed, for thru him the SCEPTRE promise was to be carried down. It seems the midwife knew twins were about to be born. It is recorded that just before birth one of the twins "put out his his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, 'This came out first.'" But the child drew back his hand, and the other was actually born first. The midwife exclaimed, "How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: (margin, wherefore hast thou made this breach against thee?). therefore his was called Pharez," meaning "Breach." (Gen. 38:27-30).
WHY should this strange occurance be

recorded in Bible history, unless this breach was to be HEALED between the sons or their descendants at some future time? Yet it never occurred in their life-time.

Zarah, of the scarlet thread, had five sons (I Chron. 2:6). Only Solomon was wiser (I Kings 4:29-31). Did a descendant of Zarah finally get the throne, in a man-

ner healing the breach?

David, Zedekiah, Christ, all were of the PHAREZ branch—none of Zarah. Now consider, 1) the fact of the breach means the transfer of the Sceptre from the Pharez to the Zarah line. 2) such transfer never occurred before King Zedekiah of Judah, who was descended from Pharez. 3) Therefore it had to occur after Zedekiah's death. 4) Since David's line (Pharez) is to remain on the throne thru all generations FOR-EVER, it could only occur at an OVER-TURN of the throne by a marriage between a Pharez heir to the throne and one of the Zarah line, thus healing the breach.

History shows the descendants of Zarah became wanderers, journeying to the northwest and founding the Scythian nation, their descendants joining the Ten Tribes.

What Has Gone Before:

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

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

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

In passing the BIRTHRIGHT on to the

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

nations).

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

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

Afterwards JUDAH sinned worse than Israel. The prophet Jeremiah was divinely commissioned as mediary, to tear down in Jerusalem, then BUILD and PLANT elsewhere, David's throne. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invadd Judaea, killed all the sons of King Zedekiah and all princes and nobles of Judah. Zedekiah died in Babylon leaving, as the world supposed, no hear to David's throne. Then Jeremiah, performing the second half of his divine commission, went to King Zedekiah's daughters. With Baruch, his scribe, they were taken captive to Egypt, where they escaped, returned to Jerusalem, and from there . . "the remnant of the House of Indeed to be the true of the House of Indeed to be the true of that escaped of the House of Judah shall AGAIN TAKE ROOT DOWNWARD, AND BEAR FRUIT UPWARD," said the prophecy of Isaiah 37:32,31. WHERE was David's throne planted and builded?

But meanwhile, the Pharez-David-Zedekiah line possessed the Sceptre-was HIGH -exalted. The Zarah line feeling it rightfully should possess the Sceptre, and some day would was low, abased-so far as royal power was concerned.

Now consider a much misunderstood passage of prophecy:

The Three Overturns

If you will begin reading at the 18th verse of the 21st chapter of Ezekial, you will see plainly that Jehovah is here speaking of the captivity of Judah by the king of Babylon. And, beginning with the 25th verse, He says: "And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel (Zedekiah), whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord God; 'Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: (as did happen, thru the first half of Jeremiah's commission). This (the crown) shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."

Let us understand that clearly.

"Remove the diadem, and take off the crown." King Zedekiah, of David's dynasty, had the crown. This says it is to be removed. It was removed. He died in Babylon, his sons and all the nobles of Judah were killed.

"This shall not be the same." The diadem is not to cease, but a change is to take place—the throne is to be overturned—another is to wear the crown. God's PROMISE to David is not to go by default!

"Exhalt him that is low, and abase him thit is high." Who is "high?" King Zedekiah of Judah. Now he is to be abased. He is to lose that crown. Judah has been "high," while Israel has been "low,"—lo, these many years without a king (Hos. 3:4). The Pharez line has been "high"—the Zarah line has been "low.'

"I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more until he come whose right it is." What was to be overturned? The diadem, and the throne. Not once, it is to be OVERTURNED three times. Overturned by abasing Zedekiah, the House of Judah, the Pharez line, and exalting, now, the House of Israel, and one of the Zarah line! The first of the three overturns was accomplished as the first half of Jeremiah's

commission.

'And it shall be no more." Does this mean the throne—the crown—is to cease to exist? Not at all! How could it be OVER-TURNED three times-that is, TRANS-FERRED from one to another, if it ceased to exist? How, after these three transfers of the crown, could it be given to HIM-Christ-whose right it is, at His second coming, if it ceased altogether to exist? How could he who was "low" be now exhalted by the crown, if that crown was to be

no more? No, the meaning is, "It shall be no more overturned until the Second Coming of Christ!" And then it shall be once again overturned, and given to Him! God will not break his unalterable promise made to David! Thru every generation David shall have a son wearing that crown! The SECOND half of Jeremiah's commission must now be performed. That throne must be transPLANTED, and again BUILDED. The crown must be overturned—transferred to another!

But WHERE? To WHOM?

A "Riddle" and a "Parable" Tells!

The strange TRUTH of the PLANT-ING and the REBUILDING of David's throne is revealed in a "riddle and a parable," couched in symbolic language never understood until this latter day. Yet it stands, today, so clearly explained a little child could understand!

It fills the 17th chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy. The whole chapter should be carefully read. Notice, first, this prophetic message is addressed, NOT to Judah, the Jews, but to the House of ISRAEL. It is a Message to give light to the lost Ten-Tribed House of ISRAEL in these latter days!

First, Ezckiel is told to speak a riddle, and then a parable. The riddle is found in verses 3 to 10. Then, beginning verse 11, Jehovah explains its meaning.

"Say now to the rebellious house," God says,—the "rebellious house being Ten-Tribed ISRAEL (Ezek. 12:9), to whom Ezekiel is set a prophet (Ezek. 2:3; 3:1, etc.) 'Know ye not what these things mean? tell them . . . "and then the riddle is clearly explained. A great eagle came to Lebanon and took the highest branch of the cedar. This is explained to represent King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who came to Jerusalem, and took captive the king of Judah. The cropping off of the cedar's young twigs and carrying them to a land of traffic is explained to picture the captivity of the king's sons, "He took also of the seed of the land," means Nebuchadnezzar took also of the people, and the mighty of the land of Judah. "He set it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature," means the Jews were given a covenant whereby, altho they were ruled over by the Chaldeans, they might live in peace and grow. The other "great eagle" is ex-plained to represent Pharoah of Egypt.

Thus, the riddle covers the FIRST half of Jeremiah's commission. Now notice what is revealed concerning the SECOND part—the PLANTING of David's throne!

It comes in the parable, verses 22-24. "Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar." From God's own explanation we have learned that the cedar tree represents the nation of Judah; its highest branch is Judah's king. The riddle told us Nebuchadnezzar took the highest branch—the King. The parable now tells us God—not Nebuchnezzar, but GOD, will take of the highest

branch. Not the branch, but OF the branch

—of Zedekiah's children. But Nebuchadnezzar took, and killed, all of his SONS.

God, thru his prophet Jeremiah, is now going to take OF this highest branch, and "SET IT." (Verse 22).

"I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a high mountain and eminent," continues the Almighty! Ah! "A tender young twig!" The twigs of this highest branch represent the children of King Zedekiah! Certainly a tender young twig, then, represents a DAUGHTER!

"... and will PLANT it." Could symbolic language say plainer this young Jewish Princess is to become the royal seed for the PLANTING again of David's throne?

".... upon an high mountain and eminent." says Jehovah!" A "mountain" in symbol always represents a NATION. But WHICH nation?

"In the mountain of the height of IS-RAEL will I plant it," answers the Eternal! David's throne now is to be planted in ISRAEL, after being thrown down from JUDAH! Could language be PLAINER?

the king's daughter) shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar:" Did David's throne cease with Zedekah of Judah? Did God forget His covenant? NO! Compare this language with the passage in Isaiah 37:31-32: "the remnant that escaped of the House of Judah shall again take root downward (be planted) and BEAR FRUIT UPWARD." It was PLANTED in ISRAEL, who removed from Judah! After this Hebrew Princess is "planted" on the throne, now in ISRAEL—lost from view—that throne is to BEAR FRUIT. She is to marry, have children, and her sons are to continue David's dynasty!

"... and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell." (Verse 23). "Lost" Israel, now having acquired the throne and become again a self-ruling nation, shall, in time, spread around the earth dominance and power. They shall inherit the unconditional promises of the BIRTH-RIGHT, according to God's covenant with Abraham!

"And all the trees of the field" (verse 24). A "tree" is this riddle and parable is likened to a nation. In other words, "All the nations of the earth."

"... shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree." Judah, the high tree, having the throne for 131 years after Israel had been taken captive, now is brought down to the low stature of slavery.

". . . have exhalted the low tree." For 131 years Israel had been a "low tree." Now Israel is exhalted, becomes again a nation

with a king.

"... have dried up the green tree"—
JUDAH, "and have made the dry tree to
flourish." ISRAEL, headed by the tribes of
Ephraim and Manasseh, who possessed the
BIRTHRIGHT, now shall flourish, become
prosperous in due time. "I the Lord have
spoken and have done it." Yes, that

BIRTHRIGHT is in ISRAEL. The LOST—the supposed to be a Gentile nation, They are the people who were to grow into the promised multitude—the great nation, and the company of nations, possessing the gates of their enemy nations, becoming a colonizing people spreading around the world, being blessed with national resources and wealth. And, when they become thus powerful and nationally dominant, remember David's throne is transplanted among them!

But WHERE did Jeremiah, with his royal seed for the transplanting, go to find the lost House of Israel? WHERE are they today? HOW was the "breach" healed, and how did a son of Zarah ascend the throne? Can we tell?

We CAN! The exact, precise location is revealed in Bible prophecy! We can pick up Jeremiah's trail in actual history, besides!

In the next issue, the exact location of Jeremiah's transplanting of David's throne will be clearly revealed by many prophecies, and by history. "Lost" Israel will be definitely located and identified among earth's nations, TODAY—with Bible proof beyond dispute. Don't miss this most thrilling installment of this series!

Why Does God Permit...

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Thank God, we are near the END of the six working days allotted to Satan's dominion. God's thousand-year Sabbath day is just about to dawn!

There is a saying that it is darkest just before the dawn. Now we see on every hand the final fruitage of men's ways. War, famine, disease, poverty, squallor, sickness, insanity, crime, DEATH! Is anyone HAPPY today? Written in unerasable blood, in human misery, anguish and despair, is the six-thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE!

Even now men will not heed this horrible lesson—not until they are FORCED to see it!

But, as Satan's sixth "working day" closes, God is about to step in and supernaturally to interfere!

The coming seventh millennium shall see Satan restrained. Christ will return to rule the earth with all the power of God. God's New Order for the next thousand years will restore peace, happiness, and joy.

Then men may look back over this present world, and COMPARE! Never will God FORCE a single human being, against his own will, into salvation and eternal life.

But, with the seven thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE set plainly before seeing eyes, do you think anyone will want to return to these ways we seem now to love? Not many, you may be sure of that! Yet some, even then, will rebel.

Finally we shall acknowledge, of our

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HITLER'S Invasion of RUSSIA

HAT does Hitler's invasion of Russia mean? What does BIBLE PROPHECY say about it?

As usual, there are many ideas. So FEW, it seems, have a right understanding of the Bible and its prophecies.

In September, 1939, following the announcement of the non-aggression pact between Hitler and Stalin which electrified the world, most of those who set themselves as teachers of Bible prophecy were shouting that this pact was the prophesied alliance between "Gog" and "Gomer" of Ezekiel 38. But listeners of the Radio Church of God, and readers of The PLAIN TRUTH knew that it wasn't.

And now, again, many are trying to fit the German invasion of Russia in some manner into the 38th of Ezekiel! But again we say to our readers, there is no connection whatever!

Hitler Still On Schedule

In the November, 1939, number of The PLAIN TRUTH, speaking of the Russio-German non-agression pact, we said: "among the territory to be conquered in HITLER'S plan was the Russian Ukraine!"

In the preceding issue, the May-June number of this year, we published Hitler's "TIMETABLE," as revealed by a German map copy of which has been in The PLAIN TRUTH office since early 1939-before the war began. It was published to show our readers that at that time-last Spring-Hitler was exactly on his original schedule! That schedule as published went six months into the future. It revealed that for the Fall of this year -this Fall-Hitler had planned the invasion of the Russian Ukraine! PLAIN TRUTH readers know world events, before the occur! And as this is written Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, and Russia's third city, has fallen and the Nazis are pushing on!

WHY Hitler Invaded Russia

WHY did Hitler turn cast, postponing his drive on thru Palestine to Suez and Egypt; postponing again his invasion of the British isles?

This past Spring Hitler invaded the Balkans, swept thru to Greece and the island of Crete, placed the whole vast section of southeastern Europe under his power. This was a direct threat to Russia. Under the non-aggresion pact, Stalin had been supplying Hitler with supplies and materials with which to fight Britain—also regarded by the Communists as their ultimate enemy. But Stalin did not wish Hitler to completely conquer Britain and come into possession of the vast British resources. He merely wished to help Hitler weaken the rich democracies, while Hitler also weakened himself, and Russia remained free and strong. From the

beginning the ultimate aim of Communism has been to gobble up the overwhelming resources of the English speaking races.

But now the time had come for Stalin to cut Hitler off from all supplies furnished under the non-aggression pact. Hitler's sweep thru the Balkins was a direct threat against Russia. Stalin has feared Hitler from the first—feared Hitler and had designs against Britain and America! The time had come for Stalin to act. He cut Hitler off from all supplies. From one to three million Red troops were mobilized on the Russio-Balkan frontiers.

The British, with the "Free French," had put down the uprising in Iraq, had taken Syria from the half-hearted French. Britain suddenly had become greatly strengthened and intrenched against a Nazi drive down thru Palestine toward Suez,—a drive definitely prophesied to occur in due time. But now such a drive was impossible as long as the Red Army stood massed at the Balkan borders as a threat. Stalin alarmed by Hitler's successes, decided to check Hitler. Hitler DARED NOT turn his back to these Russian hordes, and continue to march on south into Palestine. He DARED not shift his armies back to the west and invade England with Stalin's vast forces waiting to march in thru his back door.

Further, with Russian supplies now shut off, Hitler MUST HAVE the breadstuffs and other supplies of the Russian Ukraine in order to continue the war. Still further, the Ukraine is the gate-way to the Near and Middle East territories, which Hitler also MUST have for its all-important oil, and also because he cannot capture the Eastern Mediterranean and Sucz without it.

What Bible Prophecy Indicates

But what about Bible prophecy in this connection? We have stated that the present conflict in Russia has no connection whatever with the prophecy of Ezekiel 38. True, Russia is the "Gog in the land of Magog" of that prophecy. But Hitler is the "BEAST" of Revelation, and Ezekiel 38 does not connect the two. Ezekiel 38 fore-tells events yet to happen—considerably in the FUTURE! They will not occur until after the present war.

Well, then, where in the prophecies is this Russian invasion foretold? The answer is, NOWHERE, directly! We must remember that the Bible is concerned only with ISRAEL and JUDAH—and with gentile nations only as they come into contact with Israel. Russia and Germany are both Gentile powers. A battle between them naturally would not be mentioned directly in Bible prophecy. There have been literally hundreds of wars between gentile powers that are nowhere mentioned in prophecy.

But Bible prophecy does show that Hitler, or his successor in office, as "The BEAST" of Revelation, is to continue on to far greater destruction in activities which will yet take considerable time, and will require resources and supplies which he now lacks. In order to fulfill these prophecies, Hitler simply MUST have supplies and resources he can obtain only from the Ukraine and other parts of Russia.

There, Bible prophecy does indicate that Hitler MUST BE THE VICTOR in his present Russian invasion!

But, on the other hand, the very prophecy of Ezekiel 38 shows that some years later Russia, with many allies, will rise up to attack and invade our people, in the land of PALESTINE. Therefore Russia will not be destroyed or totally conquered in this war. Russia must be left free to rise again to great military power in time to fulfill Ezekiel 38!

Based on these prophecies, we may know, then, that Hitler will win valuable territory in this bloodiest war of world history. The Nazi machine will perhaps take a few more cities. They will gain still more territory Then weather conditions will slow the advance to a stalemate. A settlement will be reached, giving Hitler the supplies and resources he must have and undoubtedly part of western Siberia. The terms will give Hitler assurance that the Red army is unable to attack him, as Hitler turns his wrecking machine to the British Isles, the United States, and Palestine.

Hitler will emerge from this Russian campaign stronger than ever, free to turn the entire might of his forces against Britain—and AMERICA!

Why Does God Permit...

own free volition, that God's ways are right ways, and we shall accept them with our whole hearts! "Christ," says the Scripture, "learned obedience by the things which He suffered!" (Heb. 5:8). Even He who never did wrong! "And being MADE perfect."—through experience— "He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." (Verse 9).

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Some day we shall look upon GOD'S Plan with breath-taking admiration and awe! The sufferings of this present time shall have faded completely from mind. The lessons of experience we shall have with us for eternity! Finally we shall accept God's ways of life, KNOWING that they are right ways. The happiness and joy we shall then experience our minds could not conceive today! Thru all eternity we shall worship and praise the Eternal God for His wisdom, His mercy, His LOVE!

Do you think anyone, then, will look back and say "God isn't fair?"

America Stands in Danger

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entire Nazi division is already in rigorous Arctic training for the task. The plan, as reported, is to leap off 500 to 1,000 miles north of Moscow, transporting many mechanized infantry divisions, with tanks and full blitzkrieg equipment, by large transport planes over the North Pole to some uninhabited point in far northern Canada. The planes are to be equipped with sled-runners, taking off and landing on the frozen ice or snow. Germany is reported to have planes that can transport tanks, guns, and many troops. An army of a million or more could thus be ferried across the North Pole, landed in uninhabited Arctic wastes of the Northland of this American continent, perhaps before the American or Canadian forces could be aware of the move. Hitler would have his LAND ARMIES on our North American continent, ready to march south in a surprise attack. Are we prepared for such a move?

Perhaps this is fantastic. Perhaps it is more practicable than we suppose! Hitler did go AROUND the Maginot line—and he did break thru the French army. He may have a way AROUND the Atlantic Ocean upon which we have depended so complacently for security!

Most of those who set themselves up as expositors of Bible prophecy have been telling you that America and Britain shall never be defeated —our nations shall always win. They point with pride to America and Britain as a righteous, holy, and Christian people.

But these are false prophets. The blunt truth is that our people are steeped in sin. Sin is the transgression of God's Law (I John 3:4), and in the pulpits of the land we are assured this very law "is done away." Our people have forgotten GOD! And now we are trusting in the arm of flesh, and of material weapons, for the defeat of Hitler!

America Needs TOTAL Defense

This is not a plea for military armament. Far better that this nation throw away every plane, every battleship, every tank and every gun—far better that it disarm entirely and send every soldier and sailor home,—and put on THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, than to plunge the entire resources of the wealthiest nation of earth's history into material armament—without God!

Today we stand arrayed against an inspired Satanic enemy. Hitler stands revealed as "the BEAST" of Revelation. As such the Devil has given him his power and his authority. As such, Bible prophecy reveals he is imbued with the supernatural guidance and power of Satan the devil. Material arms alone will never defeat such evil supernatural power! To defeat satanic Hitlerism, America must seek a greater supernatural power!

Listen to the kind of armament which can defeat Hitler:

"Finally, my brethren," is God's warning

to us thru Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "be strong in the Lord, and IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT. Put on THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle NOT against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked Spirits in high places. Wherefore, take unto you THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day . . ." (Eph. 6:10).

This whole armour of God consists of TRUTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, the gospel of PEACE, FAITH, SALVATION, the WORD OF GOD, PREVAILING PRAYER!

God help us to learn in whom we must now put our trust! We carry the quotation "In GOD we trust," around in our pockets on our silver dollars—while *in practice* we trust in the arm of steel, of flesh,—and of Joseph Stalin!

The God of old King Jehosaphat still

Jehoshaphat Had TOTAL Defense

Listen to the actual history of "the armour of God" in action!

The allied armies of three gentile powers were marching against ancient Judah. "Then there came some that told Jehosaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side of Syria."

Did King Jehoshaphat, like King Asa, send money to hire gentile allies? Not he! "Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a FAST throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord." (II Chron. 20:1-4).

Then came God's answer, thru one of Judah's priests:

"Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou King Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, 'Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but GOD'S. Tomorrow go ye down against them. . . . Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you!" (verses 15-17).

"And they rose early in the morning . . . and when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir utterly to slay and destroy them; and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another." (verses 20-23).

"And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped." (verse 24).

How America Can Defeat Hitler

Yes, the God of Jehosaphat still lives!

And WE are His chosen people, ISRAEL, today! But today our people have forgotten God! We have strayed far from HIS ways—we are transgressing HIS law—we are proud and exhalt ourselves saying we are righteous!

And our God is now about to punish. Bible prophecy shows America stands, now, in mortal DANGER! If our president would now do as King Jehosaphat did, and solemnly set himself to seek God's face, and God's HELP, with fasting, and long hours of earnest prevailing PRAYER, humbling himself before God; if our president, as his predecessor in office Abraham Lincoln did, would proclaim a day of FASTING AND PRAYER throughout our land, and solemnly ask the HELP of our God, and then RELY upon and TRUST IN that help; if this whole nation would confess its sins, repent of them, and turn to the God of its fathers, putting on THE WHOLE ARM-OUR OF GOD, then this country would speedily be delivered from that danger that now threatens!

For God has promised it "If my people," He promises, "shall humble themselves, and PRAY, and seek my face, and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their LAND." (II Chron. 7:14).

But if our stiff-necked and rebellious people go on DENYING the immediate peril, scoffing at the danger, trusting only in material and military defense and in such unholy alliances as the government is entering into with Communist Stalin, then the prophecy of Jeremiah 30 and 31-of Micah 5:8-11—of the COMING invasion described all thru the Book of Ezekiel-shall have to be fulfilled. America will have to go down in defeat, fantastic and impossible though that may seem. We shall be invaded, CONQUERED, and, as Ezekiel's prophecy amply foretell, and as Hitler now boasts, we shall be uprooted from our homes and transplanted to OTHER lands across the seasscattered, ruled over as slaves, finally to be rescued and delivered only by the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRÍST.

But, even though the nation as a whole fails to heed God's stern warning, yet YOU and YOUR FAMILY may be spared and placed under divine PROTECTION, if YOU will drop to your knees earnestly before God, rending your heart, confessing your sins, throwing yourself upon His mercy, WILLING to study His Word and to make it YOUR WAY OF LIFE thru faith in His power!

"Watch ye therefore," warned Jesus," and PRAY ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape ALL these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21:36).

And, be warned, the time is NOW!