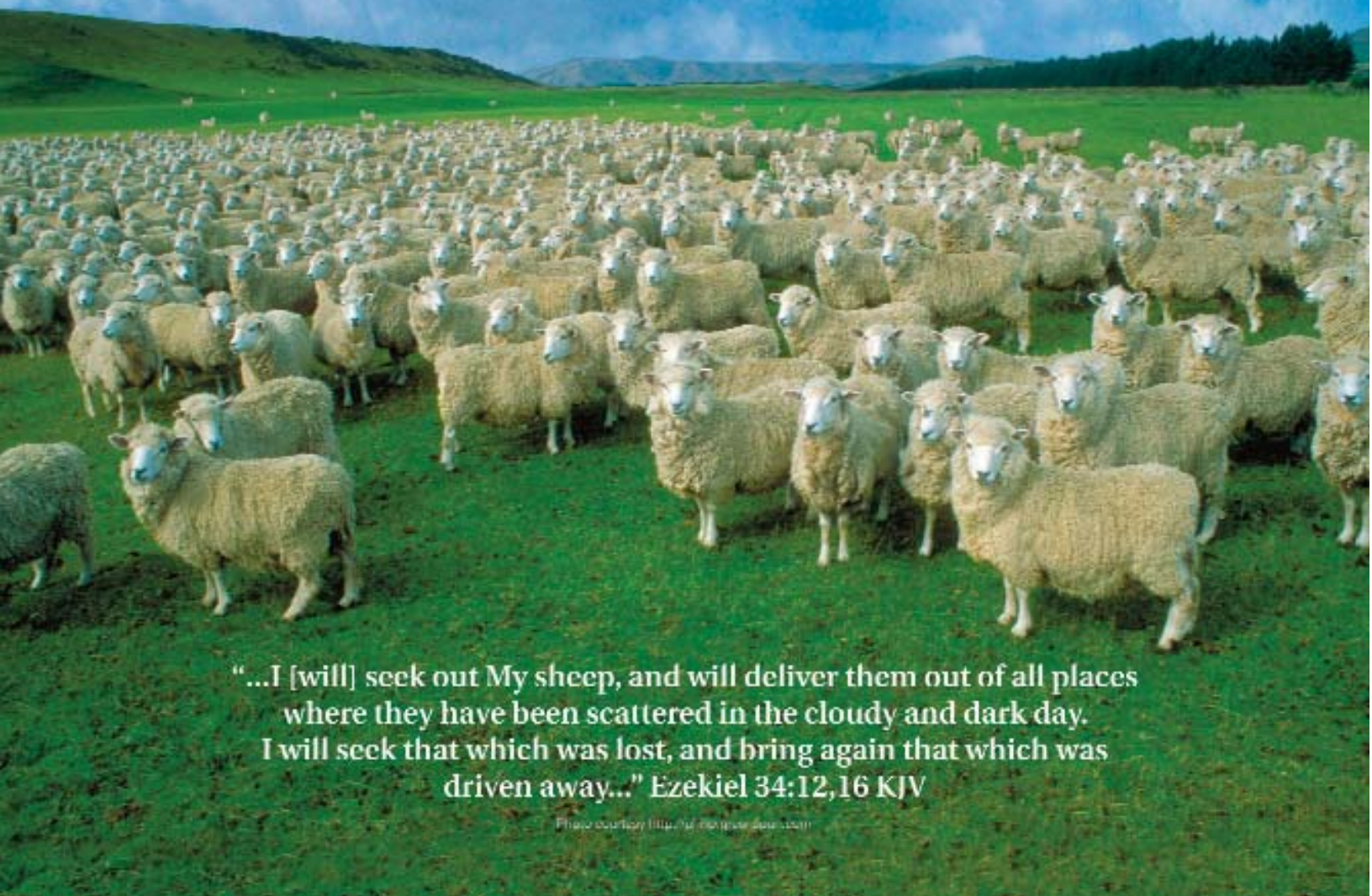


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"...I [will] seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places
where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was
driven away..." Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV

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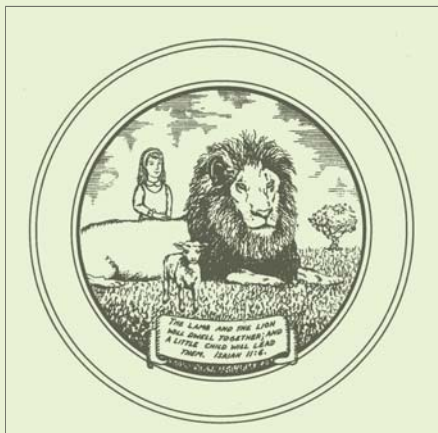
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The Sequence of Prophecy

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

1984 Bible Study

Well, brethren, we need to realize the time that we are living in. The condition today is serious. In the news now, we are hearing about a nuclear winter, a nuclear war, and Bible prophecy says one is coming, and all indications are that it's going to come sooner than we think. That it would create a vast cloud that covered the whole earth, and it would virtually shut out the sun until it would be a nuclear winter.

It would be impossible to raise crops or food. Not only are all prognostications that perhaps anywhere from a billion and a half up to two or three billion people would be killed by the first nuclear explosions, but soon it would be impossible to raise food, and it would very shortly, very quickly mean erasing all humanity from this earth.

Now, it's been several months since we had the report that the nuclear scientists have set the doomsday clock forward one minute.

I have mentioned this a number of times on the air and mentioned it here before, from four to only three minutes to midnight. And midnight is the doom. [*As of 2007, it has*

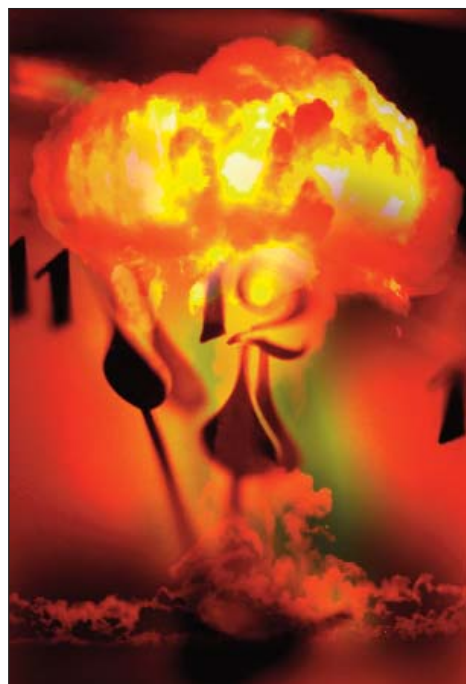


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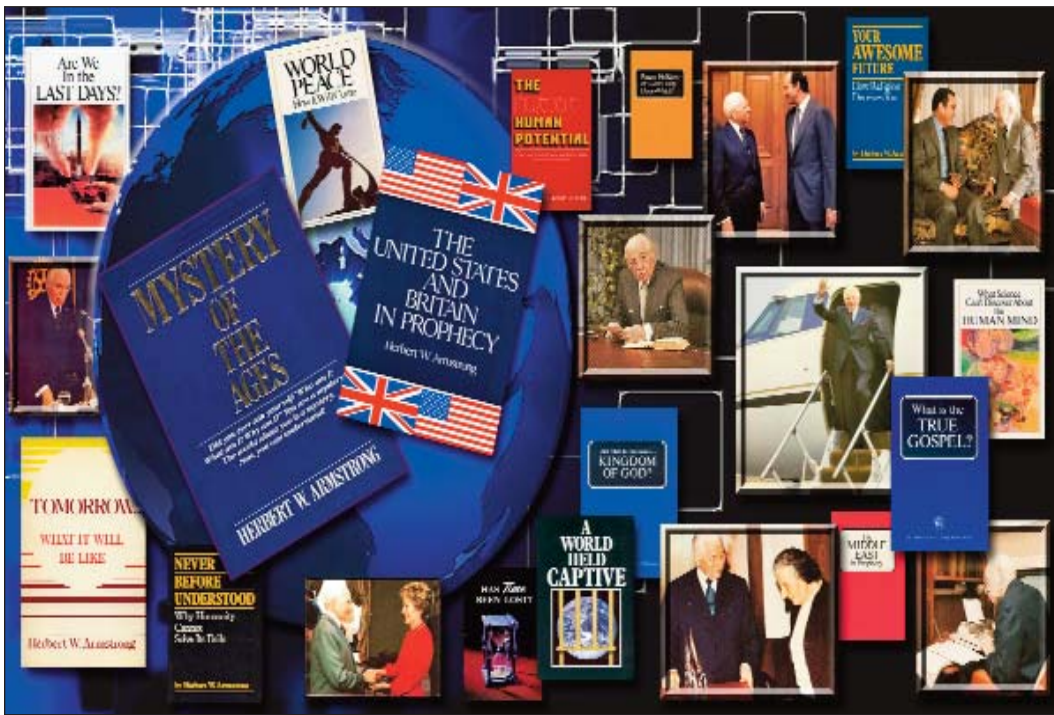
been reset five minutes to midnight] That's the end of civilization as we know it. I think we are living carelessly, brethren. We had quite a conference over in London recently on the production of the *Plain Truth*, and we're very much concerned about *Plain Truth* circulation now in Europe and across the Atlantic. And we're having a big increase in circulation.



NUCLEAR BLAST DARKENS SUN



DOOMSDAY CLOCK



THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM GOES TO THE WORLD

The *Plain Truth* has become bigger than I think most of us realize. The *Plain Truth* is one of the perhaps four or five greatest circulation magazines in the world, that class of magazines.

We're considerably bigger in circulation than *Time* or *Newsweek* or *United States News*, bigger than any of the popular magazines in the United States. We are reaching one of every 20 households in the United States, besides heavy circulations in ALL countries of the earth. The last report I had there are only two nations on the earth we are not getting into. The gospel is going to the world! And the gospel has now, the Gospel of the Kingdom has been declared in all the world for a witness to ALL NATIONS. The two we have not reached are under the communist power anyway, and they are captive nations you might say – Laos and Cambodia. And so the situation is very serious.

Now our men who have been over there say that the economic crisis is really hitting Europe. It's a really serious thing. And in Continental Europe there is a noticeable increase in aversion against, and hostility against, the United States and Britain both. And that is strictly according to Biblical prophecy, precisely what God has said.

We're just getting that near to the end! And I wonder if we're not ASLEEP over here and if we REALIZE that time is very precious, and time is running out on us.

BIBLICAL PROPHECY

Now, I think it's time that we get back to Biblical prophecy, that we see where we are now, where we stand and what is going to happen from now on. As you know, about a third of the Bible is history that happened in the past, and it's a history of Israel and of other nations as they come in contact with Israel. So, it is a history of nations and of governments in this world.

The whole thing's about government. God has a government. He set a throne on this earth. He set a super archangel on that throne whose name was Lucifer, a cherub. Lucifer was perfect from the day God created him, till iniquity, or lawlessness, was found in him, and he turned against God.

And he said, **"I'm going to ascend up to heaven. I'm going to exalt MY throne, his throne was here on the earth, I'm going to exalt it above God, above the stars,**



FALLING ASLEEP AS TIME RUNS OUT

the angels of God.” In other words, **“I’m going to be the Most High. I’m going to take over the universe.”**

He was ruling this little earth, which is only a dot in all of the planets and the suns that compose the entire vast universe. And so, he is still on that throne.

And so we read in the 12th chapter of Revelation that ALL nations have been deceived by Satan the devil, and that’s the kind of governments in all different nations, men thinking that they’re making and forming their own governments, their own kind of society, their own civilization, and we have been born into that type of civilization, near its end.

God allotted 6,000 years for that civilization, and that 6,000 years is just about up. Now, most of you are not as old as I am, and you don’t realize how fast days and months and years are whipping past. It isn’t going to be long now, believe me.



A NUCLEAR WINTER



THE CLIMAX OF HISTORY

So now, about a third of the Bible is also prophecy, foretelling the future, and prophecy is merely history written in advance, before it happens. Then about a third of the Bible is devoted to telling of God’s purpose, of God’s righteousness, of God’s plan to accomplish His purpose and of God’s instruction in character and in

right living in God’s program, God’s plan and salvation. The churches of this world use perhaps not over two percent, one to two percent of the Bible. They never quote more than one or two percent of the various verses or parts of the Bible. I don’t know whether you realize that or not.

Now, tonight I want to go into a Bible study about what is prophesied for the whole world; secondly, what is prophesied for the United States and Britain and nations, and thirdly, what is prophesied for us as God’s Church. And I hope to give this to you in a sort of time sequence.

I won’t have time to bring you everything, but I want to give you at least the synopsis and

cover it in a way that it has never been covered before in this Church.

THE PANORAMA OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY

Now first, where are we right now in the panorama of Biblical prophecy? Right now we are at the point that Jesus explained would happen in a prophecy in the 24th chapter of Matthew. You’ve heard it time and time again. His disciples had asked Him for a sign of His Second Coming and the end of the world, or the end of civilization as we know it – the end of this world of Satan and the coming of Christ and the World Tomorrow, or the Kingdom of God, which is the government that will then rule the world, because this world, whether we realize it or not, has been ruled by Satan and his demons.

In the sixth chapter of the book of Ephesians, you read that we are wrestling with a great many problems and troubles in this world, but we are not wrestling against people, or we wrestle not, as it says in the King James against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and wicked spirits in high places, the rulers of the darkness of



COMMON WORLDLY THOUGHTS

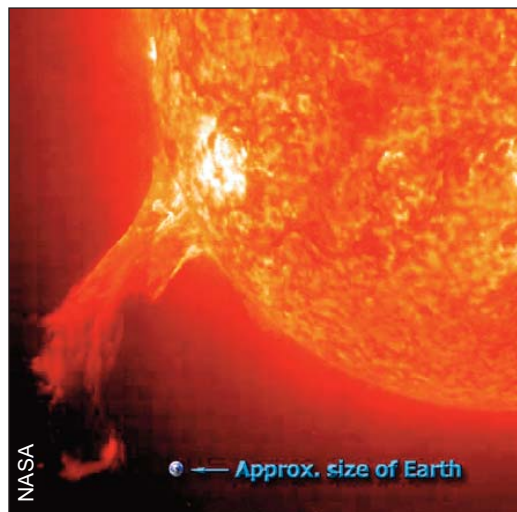
this world. And Satan and his demons are the real rulers of this world. You know I was just thinking today, what is the state of mind of the average person? What do they think about? What is on their mind? What is the attitude? What fills the mind? They think about the things that they see, that are physical, that they see with their senses, they hear with their ears, they taste with their mouths, they smell with their noses or they can feel and touch.

They think and know nothing of the spirit world that is invisible to them, that they don't see, they can't hear, they can't feel, they can't touch. And yet it's really ruling them and putting thoughts, putting impressions, everything into their minds.

They don't think of that. You talk to someone like that and if you tell them and say, "You don't even believe in God, do you?" And they'll be angry and say, "I do too believe in God!" But they really don't, you know.

and to us God is REAL. We don't see Him. We know though that if we could see Him, He is formed and shaped just like we are. He has two eyes and two ears. He has a nose and a mouth. He has hands and feet. He has fingers

and toes. He hears, He sees and He has a SUPREME MIND, but He is composed of SPIRIT and as a great spirit, He has ALL POWER. ALL POWER!



EARTH COMPARED TO SUN

He brought matter into existence. The great suns and suns' suns are many, many, many times larger than our sun, and our sun is so big as compared to our earth. Well, it's like a GREAT BIG monstrous ball compared to a little tiny pea. And other suns are many times that big. And God had the ability to produce all of that. Not only that, He had the mind

to design everything you see, all of the animals, all plant life. Design the difference between a maple leaf and an oak leaf, the difference between a horse, a cow and an elephant

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Personal from the Editor

By Alton B. 'Don' Billingsley

Where Is the True Church Today?

Jesus Christ said, 'I will build My Church.' He did not say, 'Churches,' denominations, 'sects.' He said the gates of hell would not prevail against that Church. Somewhere that original true Church exists today. But WHERE? WHICH? ...'

Booklet, *WHERE Is the True Church?*
Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

'January 7, 2010'

Dear Brethren,

This is the month and year that begins the New 19-Year Time Cycle!!! And past Church history makes known it has always connected with the Gospel message. What meaning does it hold this time for God's Church?

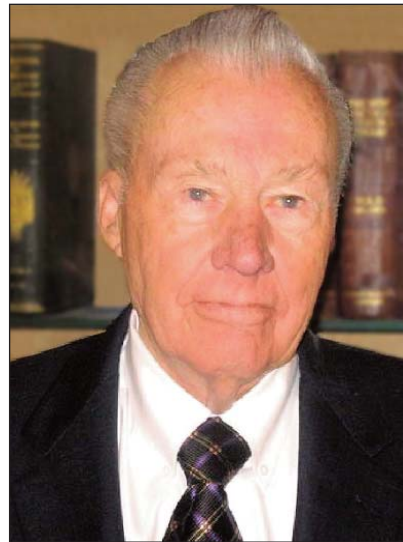
The Gospel has an all-inclusive meaning of the Good News of God's Coming Kingdom, along with His laws and His doctrinal teachings! Many Scriptures make this known as does the following Scripture:

"... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **IN FLAMING FIRE** taking vengeance on those who do NOT know God, **AND** on those who **DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ ... (II Thessalonians 1:7-10)."

This Scripture has a life and death meaning of either acting on revealed knowledge from God with His blessings – or being rejected by Him for not acting on the fullness of the Gospel Teachings:

WALKING AWAY FROM TRUTH

"My people are [being] destroyed for lack of [available true Scriptural] knowledge. Because you have **REJECTED** knowledge, I also will **REJECT** you from being [becoming] priest for Me, **BECAUSE** you have forgotten the **LAW** of your God, I will also **FORGET** your children (Hosea 4:6, Revelation 5:10)."



Alton B. (Don) Billingsley

Philadelphia Remnant magazine). And, *astoundingly*, he shows that the **Gospel** has always without fail connected with January 7 of each new 19-year Time Cycle.

JANUARY 7, 2010 FALLS ON A THURSDAY

Perhaps what will take place on this day will go by unnoticed by all of the Corporate Churches of God and will be meaningless to all with the possible exception of the **ELECT** of God's Church.

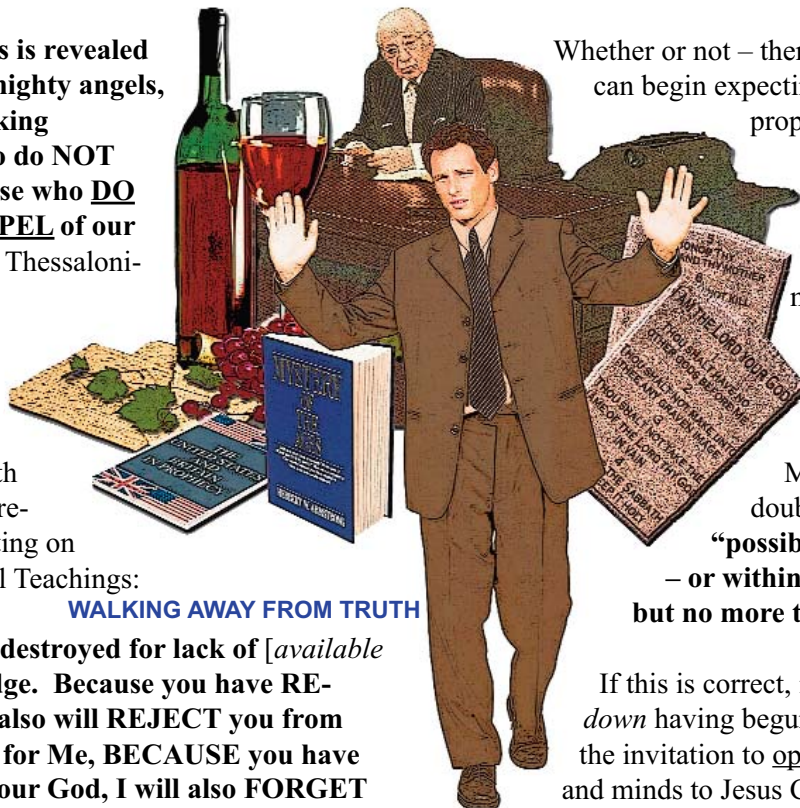
Whether or not – there is no question but that we can begin expecting all of the major end-time prophecies to be fulfilled within this new Time Cycle – certainly within the very next few years, and very probably a lot sooner than many may expect.

Observing what is now taking place on the international and national scene, Mr. Armstrong would undoubtedly say if he were alive – **"possibly beginning this very year – or within the next two years, or so, but no more than 10 years!"**

If this is correct, it could mark *the final countdown* having begun for any and all to accept the invitation to **open** the door to their hearts and minds to Jesus Christ (Revelation 3:20).

THE 19-YEAR TIME CYCLES

From the writings of God's late apostle, and the promised Elijah of the end-time (Malachi 4:5, Matthew 17:11), Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, he makes very clear that each new 19-year time cycle has always had a connection with the **Gospel** (please review my *Personal with the Editor* in the Sept/Oct 2009 publication of the



To act now would add sufficient oil in the needed lamps of the Laodicean membership. They would then find the door open to be counted worthy with others to escape the terrible horrors that are on the very precipice of taking place (Matthew 25:10). It is now that the life and death question hangs in the balance for each one of us!

Jesus Christ wants to spare His people from the coming horrors of the **Great Tribulation**. That is why He has exhorted all of us as His people to be *watching and praying* always that He might find us worthy to escape this soon-coming time, and then most important of all, to be able to stand before His Glorious Presence when He returns to this earth (Luke 21:36)!

What are we now doing about what He said? *Tomorrow may be too late!*

THE SCATTERING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Other than the approximate 50,000 members who walked completely away from the true doctrinal teachings in 1995, almost that same number ended up with leadership in five larger groups, a few lesser groups and the remainder with only a very few members with them – by actual count a total of 450, or more now, of the Corporate Churches of God.

Whether large or small, each of these churches has a leadership that has been **rejected** by Jesus Christ! Why?

WHERE DID THE LEADERSHIP GO WRONG IN 1995?

To grasp what the leadership should have done in 1995, and failed to do, can be learned from past history from which Holy Scripture makes known. In his writings about the de-

parture of Israel from Egypt and their many problems, the apostle Paul wrote:

“Now all these things happened to them ‘AS EX-AMPLES’, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends (destinations, goals, purposes) have come (I Corinthians 10:11, II Timothy 3:16-17).” The apostle Paul further wrote: **“For whatever things were written before were written for ‘OUR LEARNING’, that we through the patience (margin: perseverance) and comfort of the Scriptures might have HOPE (Romans 15:4).”**



ANYONE THERE?



MOSES AND JOSHUA

When we compare these two Scriptures with what took place at the time of Moses' death, and read the instruction the LORD gave to Joshua, we can see a direct parallel with what took place after the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, and *in retrospect*, know why the leadership has been rejected!



They should have followed these Scriptural exhortations from Christ while searching for an example from the Holy Bible as to what they

should have done

at that time. And there was a direct one following the death of Moses and the new leadership given to Joshua – which *in type* were **they** – after the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

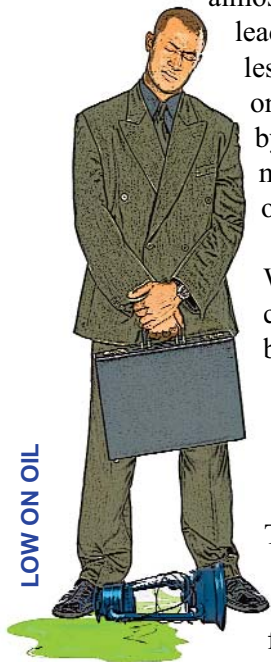
THE LORD TO JOSHUA

Joshua 1:1-2 “... the LORD spoke to Joshua ... Moses' assistant (Mr. Armstrong's assistants — the evangelists), saying: ‘Moses My servant is dead (God's servant, Mr. Armstrong in our time, January 16, 1986).

Now therefore, ‘ARISE’ (in type: one or more of the evangelists – meaning: Take your leadership position!)”



LOW ON OIL



WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AFTER 1995?

The evangelists chose NOT TO ARISE and take the leadership position by NOT going back to the fullness of the original doctrinal teachings as restored in God's Church by Mr. Armstrong – which Joshua DID after the death of Moses! Instead, they went in different directions along with top-ranked pastors. All failed due to human reasoning!

Some chose either a Presbyterian or a collegiate type church government. Doctrinal teachings began to be liberalized, changes began to be made in them, and others were totally rejected. A few chose right government (theocratic) and most of the restored doctrinal teachings, but chose over time to elevate themselves: one proclaiming that he is AN APOSTLE, another choosing lofty titles such as THAT PROPHET and other titles that belong only to Jesus Christ.

EXALTING SELF

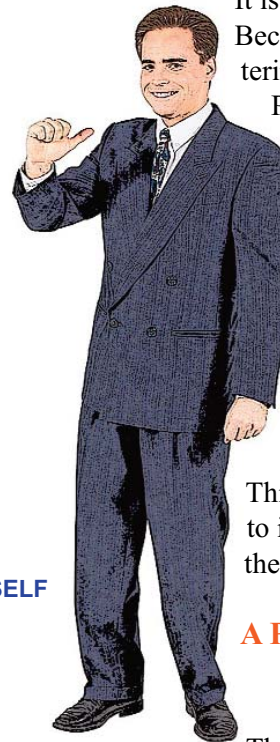
All the leaders of the five larger Churches have failed in one way or another! And all of the other self-proclaimed leaders have failed as well!

THE COMMISSION THEN – AND NOW

Further, the LORD said to Joshua – **Joshua 1:2** “... Go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving them (Duality: Mr. Armstrong's commission to all ministers before his death was to PREPARE the membership for the coming of Jesus Christ) – the children of Israel (The Church of God).”



MINISTERIAL DEMOCRACY IN ACTION



It is noteworthy to notice the parallels: Because Israel was at the border of entering the land of milk and honey, the Promised Land, the LORD instructed Joshua to ARISE and take Israel over into it.

After the death of Mr. Armstrong, the Church was within a very few short years of entering into the Family of God that would take place upon the return of Jesus Christ.

This is why Christ led Mr. Armstrong to instruct the ministry to PREPARE the Church for His coming.

A PROMISE FROM THE LORD TO JOSHUA AND THE LEADERSHIP TODAY

The following promises from God would have been applicable to any one of the evangelists after the death of Mr. Armstrong: **Joshua 1:5, 7** “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will NOT leave you NOR forsake you ... Only be strong and very courageous, that you may OBSERVE to do ACCORDING TO ALL THE LAW (Soncino Commentary, ‘Law’— “It implies far more than ‘law’,” Restored law and doctrinal teachings, Malachi 4:5, Matthew 17:11), which Moses my servant commanded you; do NOT turn from it to the right hand OR to the left (do NOT change any of it NOR compromise!), that you may prosper wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:8 “This Book of the Law (law and doctrinal teachings) shall NOT depart from your mouth, but you shall MEDITATE in it day and night, that you MAY OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN IN IT. For THEN you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I NOT commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do NOT be afraid ...”

The larger Corporate Churches of God have failed and been rejected because of the “fear” of losing members and income. Some refuse to preach strong doctrine, such as “born again,” and the true meaning of physical sin that connects with the bread at Passover (Mystery of the Ages, Page 212; II Timothy 3:5)!



very happy with him. We of Faithful Flock would be more than happy to come under the leadership of such a man if by his fruits they would prove that Christ is now using him as did the disciples with the apostle Paul after his conversion.

JOSHUA A SERVANT OF GOD

Throughout this Book, Joshua never sought an exalted position. Rather he chose to remain in the shadow and teachings of Moses. Because of his faithfulness and humility, the LORD God chose to begin exalting his leadership. Just before crossing the Jordan River –

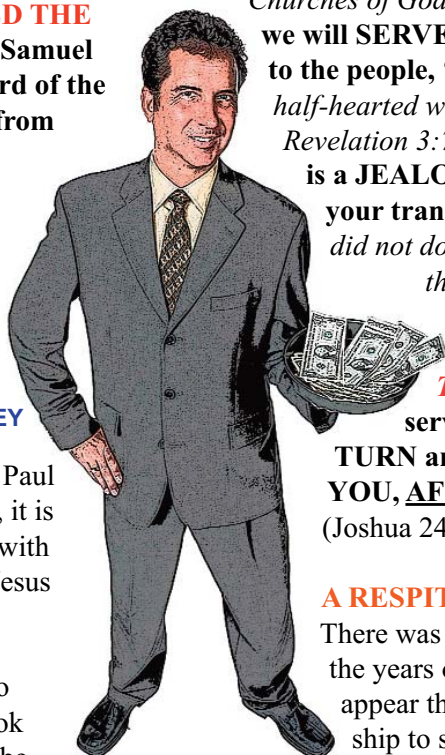
Joshua 3:7 “And the LORD said to Joshua, ‘This day I will BEGIN to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.’”

And God did, but Joshua never let this go to his head as we find before his death. And a true minister would never exalt himself either.

THE TIME OF JOSHUA'S DEATH

Shortly before he died, Joshua gathered all of the tribes of Israel, the elders, judges and officers and rehearsed their past history (Joshua 24:1); after which he said to them –

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods ... (In our time: Protestant beliefs, in part or in whole that have come into the Corporate Churches of God). BUT as for me and my house, we will SERVE the LORD. [Further] Joshua said to the people, ‘You cannot serve the LORD (in a half-hearted way, as are the Laodicean members, Revelation 3:7-22), FOR He is a Holy God. He is a JEALOUS God; He will NOT forgive your transgressions NOR your sins (as He did not do with King Saul; He will CLOSE the door to protection – Matthew 25:20). If you FORSAKE the LORD (now, or during the **Great Tribulation**) and (by doing so) serve foreign gods, then He will TURN and do you harm and CONSUME YOU, AFTER He has done you good’ (Joshua 24:15, 19-20, Ezekiel 33:12-13).”



A RESPITE BETWEEN 1995 AND 2006

There was an interval period of time between the years of 1995 and 2006 in which it would appear that Jesus Christ gave to the leadership to see if any one of them would **RISE UP** and stand in the open gap.

There is also the wrongful teaching of a two-fold gospel, interracial marriage (*Mystery of the Ages*, Pages 293-294; 166-169, etc.) and also the “fear” of reinstating the makeup ruling, knowing they would lose many members by so doing. It appears to be fame and gain!

They should have learned from the example of the rejection of Saul being king over Israel due to his lack of obedience to God for FEAR of the people:

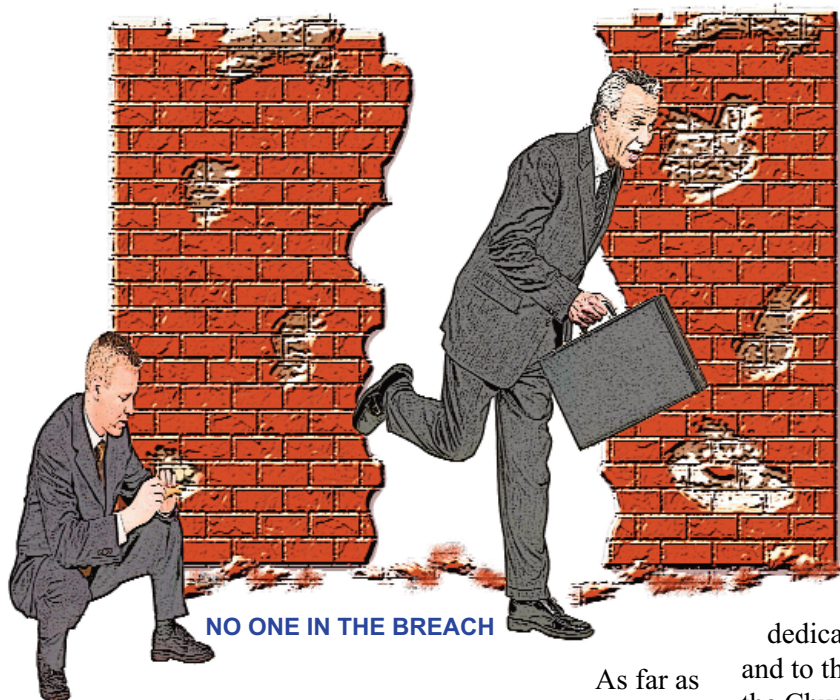
I Samuel 15:24, 26 “Then Saul said to Samuel, ‘I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, **BECAUSE I FEARED THE PEOPLE AND OBEYED THEIR VOICE**’ ... Samuel said to Saul, ‘... you have **REJECTED** the word of the LORD, and the LORD has **REJECTED** you from being king over Israel.’”

The LORD speaks further to Joshua – **Joshua 1:9** “... NOR be dismayed (when the going gets tough – loss of members and income with persecution), for the LORD is with you wherever you go.”

NOT TOO LATE – SHOW HIM THE MONEY

Just as it was with Saul who became the apostle Paul and used of Christ in mighty ways, so even now, it is not too late for an evangelist to humble himself with repentance and then stand up to be counted for Jesus Christ, but time is fast running out!

It is realized this would not be a popular move to make for most ministers and members would look down and disdain such a man, but Christ would be



NO ONE IN THE BREACH

As far as I know, not one did in true faithfulness in true teaching and leadership! I personally appealed to a major leader just *before* the formation of the United Church of God by saying, “**This is a golden opportunity to go back and pick up where we left off in 1986.**” I again appealed to the leadership *after* its formation to begin sounding the Ezekiel warning message. I also wrote a document about observing the true Passover – and that only the apostles had the right to make changes in doctrinal teachings.

In a reply of justification, I was told by the head of the doctrinal committee that Mr. Armstrong was not infallible. He was right, but neither were Abraham, Moses and Elijah (James 5:17-18), but Christ used them because they believed and obeyed God, just as He also used Mr. Armstrong in our time.

All of my appeals fell on *unhearing* ears. After coming to see they were not going to make corrections of the errors in their doctrinal teachings, I gave up on them and left.

Afterwards a few of us met with Mr. Hulme in a private meeting. After hearing him indicate he would follow fully in the teachings of Mr. Armstrong, we went with him. After some time, we left him as well for he began moving farther and farther away from the true doctrinal teachings.

FAITHFUL FLOCK WALKING ALONE

To remain faithful to the true doctrinal teachings, we had no choice but to go it alone for there was no leading evangelist that I knew of who was following fully in those

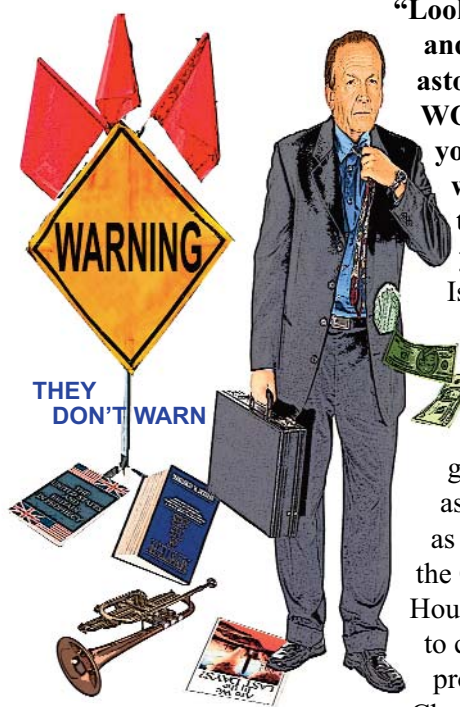
teachings and also accepting Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong as both the apostle of God and the promised Elijah.

Because of Jesus Christ keeping me faithful in belief and doctrine, He chose to begin using this little flock at the Passover Season in 2006 by placing all of the doctrinal teachings that Christ used Mr. Armstrong to restore within His Church on the 14 web sites that were freely and voluntarily given to me. This would appear to have been the beginning of the final **end-time warning** to the Church and to Israel by Jesus Christ.

Shortly thereafter Christ also used us to develop the most beautiful and meaningful magazine of all. It is a combination of the *Plain Truth* and the *Good News – The Philadelphia Remnant*; it is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and to the scattered membership of the faithful remnant of the Church of God. It is also used as an instrument of preaching the gospel and sounding forth the Ezekiel warning message in print.

THIS WORK WAS PROPHESED

This Work is a continuation of the Work of God’s late apostle and His promised Elijah that spanned the years from 1934 to 1986. It was prophesied then and for now by one of God’s prophets. While using the Chaldeans as a type, it was prophesied to take place shortly before the *Restoration of the Roman Empire* (Habakkuk 1:6-11).



“**Look among the nations and watch – be utterly astounded! For I will WORK A WORK in your days which you would NOT believe, though it were told you** (Habakkuk 1:5, Isaiah 5:12, Revelation 3:7-13).” Here at the very end it has been RENEWED by Jesus Christ, and this congregation is being used as a CONDUIT by Him as a final WITNESS to the Church of God and the House of Joseph. In time to come, this will be proved to all the Churches.

Twenty-four years since the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (January 16, 1986).

THE GATHERING OF THE SCATTERED PHILADELPHIA REMNANT MEMBERS

Soon Jesus Christ will begin bringing the 7,000 members or more together with this Congregation (Romans 11:2-5, 7); and with the pastor, whoever he might be at the time, just short of the time to flee to the place of safety (Revelation 3:7-13; 12:15-16).

Though we of Faithful Flock are far from being perfect, we do BELIEVE God our Father and Jesus Christ just as did Abraham, and as did God's late apostle (Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3).

And BELIEVING means we continue to remain faithful to ALL of the doctrinal teachings, just as we were taught by Mr. Armstrong.

And with Christ's help we continue doing our part of the Work He has chosen us to do – the WORK others have failed to ARISE AND DO!

As the result they have been rejected.

Please know – the REJECTION does not have to be final! However time is running out



CHURCH OF GOD, FAITHFUL FLOCK –

As for myself, I am only a Church pastor having been ordained by Mr. Armstrong in 1958. In 1991, I was transferred here to the Stockton-Modesto, California Church area to become the pastor by headquarters at the time.

After the fallout in 1995 and being sifted out from among different Corporate Churches by Jesus Christ so as not to be muzzled by anyone in His use of me in doing His Work, I have been left with only a few local brethren and ties to other members in different places.

Together, we are being used by Christ until He closes the door (Revelation 3:7-8).

We hasten to say that it is indeed very humbling to be used by Jesus Christ in this manner and very unworthy.

THE CLOSING OF THE DOOR

*Please know this open door could be closed at any time now! And **alarmingly**, this could be the connection with the Gospel – this year, month and day – Thursday, January 7, 2010!*



TURNING BACKS ON TRUTH



SCATTERED BRETHREN

Jesus Christ. *Time is running out for all of us!*



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when Christ will *close* the door that is yet open (Matthew 25:10; Revelation 3:20).

Our heartfelt plea is for any former top evangelist to humble himself by repenting and then **RISE UP** as did Joshua for Jesus Christ to walk in the fullness of His true teachings as RESTORED by Christ through Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Such a man will be loved by God our Father and His beloved Son Jesus Christ.

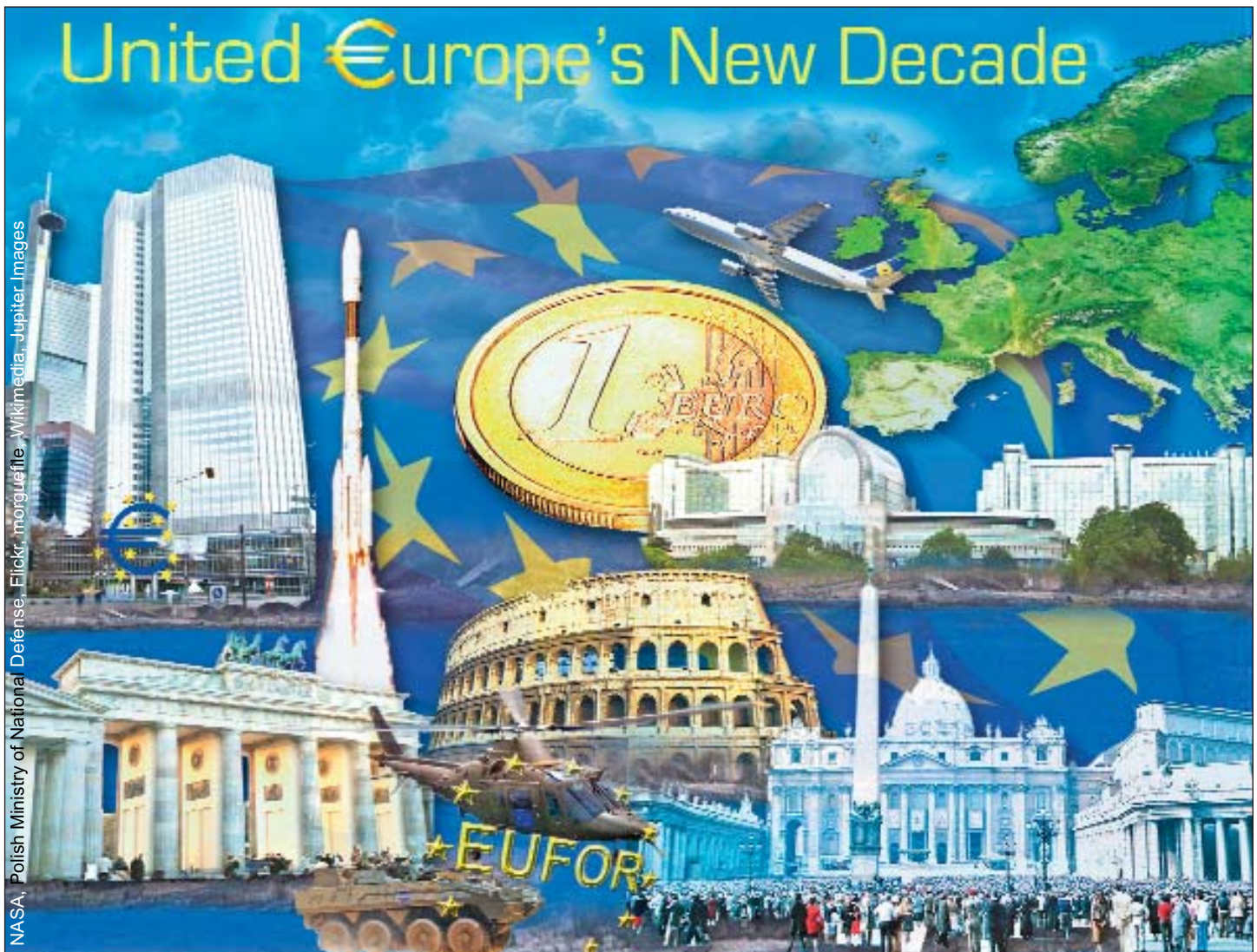
He will also come to be respected by all of God's true people for so doing.

And this is what will really count in the little time that is left before us in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

My heartfelt plea to all ministers and members is to **ARISE** from where you now are – and fill the leadership of preparing the Church for the coming of

WILL ANY MINSTERS STAND UP?





By Mark Mendiola

With the European Union's Treaty of Lisbon taking effect December 1, the framework has been hammered in place for what critics fear will be the structure for an authoritarian super state that will strip sovereignty from the EU's 27 member countries and open the way for a powerful dictator to seize absolute control in the event of a major crisis.

As 2010 gets under way, the new decade promises to be a momentous one for a unified Europe, which does not bode well for the rest of the world as events in the Middle East threaten to spiral out of control and the beleaguered American economy teeters on the brink of collapse.



The Holy Bible prophesies that a seventh, final resurrection of a monstrous, ruthless Roman Empire on the European continent will precede the return of Jesus Christ to establish

the Kingdom of God on earth. Individual countries will willingly surrender their freedoms to this all-powerful central authority, weakening their democracies.

Notice Revelation 17:12-14: "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give

their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

For the first time, the Treaty of Lisbon establishes a single EU president and a foreign/security affairs official to speak with one voice for the entire European Union. It also gives the European Parliament increased involvement in the legislative process. The European Central Bank gains official status as an EU institution, and the euro becomes the EU's official currency. It also paves the way for a common military defense agreement. It essentially strips the right of Britain and other member states to veto new EU rules, surrendering more powers to the European Union.



Tens of thousands of Europeans converged at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate last November to celebrate. Among world leaders who attended the gala anniversary celebration were German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.



Conspicuously absent was U.S. President Barack Hussein Obama. During speeches, there also was little if any mention of U.S. President Ronald Reagan or British Prime Minister Mar-



garet Thatcher, who both played crucial roles in de-riveting the Iron Curtain. It

was Reagan who challenged Gorbachev in his famous June 1987 speech at Berlin to "tear down this wall!"

Only two years later, that concrete symbol of communist oppression – which stood for nearly 30 years – was breached and eventually torn down. Yet, the Europeans barely acknowledged Reagan's role at the commemoration. It was as if they had shoved the United States off stage and let the Americans know they were now in charge of their own destiny.

ALIENATING ALLIES

President Obama has made what many observers believe to be a deliberate attempt to sever the "special relationship" the United States has had with the United Kingdom for at least seven decades in favor of trying to curry the EU's friendship. Yet, he has succeeded in alienating both the British and continental Europeans his short time in office.



BERLIN WALL 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Treaty of Lisbon's enactment came on the heels of the 20th anniversary of the Berlin Wall's dramatic fall on Nov. 9, 1989, which led to the reunification of Germany, the collapse of the Soviet Union and an end to the Cold War – monumental historic events that astounded virtually everyone and caused a tectonic shift in the international balance of power.



In a Dec. 9 London *Daily Mail* column, author Nile Gardiner asked, “Does Obama Have It in for Britain?” He noted Obama failed to mention during his Dec. 1 West Point speech announcing deployment of 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan that 10,000 British troops were stationed there, more than any U.S. ally. “Given the level of sacrifice by British troops, it was the most extraordinary and insulting oversight,” Gardiner wrote, noting nearly 240 British troops have been killed there.

Not once in any of his campaign speeches nor as president has Obama referred to the “special relationship” between the U.S. and Britain, he noted, mentioning Obama devotes 35 pages of his memoir, *Dreams of My Father*, to how his Kenyan grandfather was mistreated under British colonial rule.



Obama was humiliated for a second time in three months at Copenhagen, when he put the prestige of the U.S. presidency at stake in mid-December by attending the United Nations’ climate change summit with about 120 countries to broker a deal to reduce so-called greenhouse emissions. Only 11 weeks earlier, he was spurned at Denmark’s capital when he unsuccessfully pleaded to secure Chicago as the 2016 Olympics site.



Covering the UN Copenhagen summit, the Associated Press reported: “It was almost unthinkable. The president of the United States walked into a meeting of fellow world leaders and there wasn’t a chair for him, a sure sign he was not expected, maybe not even wanted.” Many observers agreed both Copenhagen conferences were failures for Obama, further diminishing U.S. standing in the world.

“The only conclusion that can be drawn is that while the special relationship may not be dead yet, it’s certainly dying, a fact that should be enormously worrying to politicians – and voters – on both sides of the Atlantic. And yet Obama seems strangely oblivious to the dangerous path he has embarked on, becoming the first U.S. president in modern times to place no importance on the historic relationship between the U.S. and Britain.”

Within days of becoming U.S. president, Obama ordered that a bust of Winston Churchill – given as a gift to the United States by the British people following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 – be removed from the White House’s Oval Office and returned. Churchill and U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt forged the



WINSTON CHURCHILL BUST



ANGLO/AMERICAN ALLIANCE DEFEATED HITLER

Anglo/American alliance on the anvil of World War II that thwarted Nazi Germany's conquest of Europe.

When Gordon Brown first visited Obama in Washington, the British prime minister was denied a customary joint press conference in the Rose Garden. "... Brown was treated more like a Third World dictator than the prime minister of Great Britain. His farewell present from the U.S. president of 25 DVDs can have done nothing to repair the damage," Gardiner wrote.

"Nor have things improved since, with Obama apparently keener on sitting down with President Ahmadinejad of Iran, or cozing up to his new friends in France or Germany than he is on spending time with the prime minister. ... Once again, Obama's refusal to grasp that opportunity to stress the special relationship was seen as an insult to Britain."

The speed with which the Anglo/American relationship has unraveled since Obama's inauguration a year ago "is

both remarkable and deeply alarming. One of the greatest forces for good, liberty and freedom – not to mention the defense of the free world – is in very real danger of being banished to the history books for ever.



MERKEL, OBAMA

"Obama, however, seems to be a president with no real grasp of history, as one of his first major acts on gaining office showed. By withdrawing plans for a missile shield to be located in Eastern Europe, he not only appeased the Russians, he also betrayed the Poles and the Czechs, people who have only just been released from the yoke of Soviet control and have since become enthusiastic and valuable western allies. ... The Obama administration is far happier doing business with Brussels than it is with Britain."

Some of Obama's closest European affairs advisers inside the Pentagon and State Department are leading the charge toward a European super state, Gardiner said. As a result, the Obama administration has given its enthusiastic support to the Treaty of Lisbon and other moves to solidify Europe's political, military and economic unification.



OBAMA WITH ARM AROUND FRENCH PRESIDENT SARKOZY AT G-8 SUMMIT

EU, ISRAEL CLASH OVER JERUSALEM

Almost immediately after the Treaty of Lisbon's enactment, European foreign ministers moved to demand that half of Jerusalem be given to Palestinians and be established as their capital, a move vehemently opposed by many Israelis who view Jerusalem as their eternal, undivided capital (See "Jerusalem Under Siege," *Philadelphia Remnant*, Sept/Oct issue).

On Dec. 8, the European Union's foreign ministers urged Israel to make Jerusalem the shared capital of the Israelis and Palestinians. "Israel had strongly objected to an earlier Swedish draft resolution which explicitly stated that East Jerusalem — the disputed part of the holy city — should be the capital of a Palestinian state, and warned the move would damage the EU's ability to be a Mideast mediator. EU foreign ministers dropped that reference from the resolution, but reiterated that the bloc would



Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary. The Temple Mount, site of two Jewish temples, is the holiest place in Judaism. It also is the site of the Al Aqsa Mosque, the third-holiest site in Islam. Pressure is mounting to internationalize Jerusalem.



not recognize Israel's unilateral annexation of the eastern part of Jerusalem," the Associated Press reported.

"The EU will not recognize any changes to the pre-1967 borders including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties," the EU foreign ministers stated, referring to the Middle East war in which Israeli forces captured East Jerusalem from Jordan. "If there is to be a genuine peace, a way must be found to resolve the status of Jerusalem as the future capital of two states," they said.

Jerusalem's status remains the most explosive issue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The most contentious holy site in East Jerusalem is known to Jews as the Temple

Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary. The Temple Mount, site of two Jewish temples, is the holiest place in Judaism. It also is the site of the Al Aqsa Mosque, the third-holiest site in Islam. Pressure is mounting to internationalize Jerusalem.

He continued: "Despite the many conquerors of Jerusalem throughout history — Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Seleucids, Romans, Muslims, Crusaders, Mamluks, Ottoman Turks, British and Jordanians — the Jewish people constantly remain

In a Dec. 7 letter to new EU Foreign Affairs High Representative Catherine Ashton, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat told the British baroness the EU must "unanimously support the vision of an open Jerusalem for the entire world to enjoy, a vision that enables the more than 3.4 billion people of faith to visit Jerusalem and practice their faith freely without a divisive wall of the sort that devastated the city of Berlin. Throughout the history of the world, there is not one important city that was divided that functioned success-



the only people to claim Jerusalem as their capital for thousands of years. We must not disrupt the freedom to practice one's religion throughout Jerusalem, which is greater today under the flag of Israel than it has been for 2,000 years and which we intend to uphold.”

Deputy Defense Minister Danny Ayalon was even more blunt. Responding to Ashton’s maiden speech to the European Parliament in which she criticized Israel, Ayalon said, “Just as the Romans did not succeed in cutting off Jerusalem from Israel, so too will diplomats from the UN and EU be unsuccessful as well.” In her speech, Ashton compared Israel’s control over East Jerusalem to occupying the West Bank.

Ayalon warned if the Europeans recognize a unilaterally declared Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, “Israel will then have the legitimacy to take unilateral steps.”

EUROPEAN MILITARY INVASION FORETOLD

Bible prophecies show a powerful European military force will invade the Middle East and ultimately surround Jerusalem. Jesus Christ Himself warned this would occur prior to His Second Coming. It would be a most significant



EUROPEAN UNION FORCE (EUFOR) DEPLOYED TO HOT SPOTS

sign of the end of this age and His return as King of kings and Lord of lords. These same armies will wage war against the Lamb.

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. ... For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are



pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled,” Christ foretold (Luke 21:20, 22-24). It was revealed to the Apostle John that these Gentiles “will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months” or 3½ years (Revelation 11:2). During this same period, the final resurrection of the Roman Empire will be on a rampage like



EUFOR SOLDIERS ON PATROL IN CHAD, AFRICA



EUFOR SOLDIERS WITH BOOTS ON GROUND

a carnivorous, destructive beast. It will be a terrible, war-making juggernaut arising on the European continent!

Revelation 13:4-5 states, “So they worshiped the dragon (Satan the devil, Revelation 12:9) who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue (“make war,” NKJV margin) for forty-two months” – the same 3½ years that Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles!

This powerful European empire “shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters all things; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others (Daniel 2:40).” The Bible shows kings and



him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships;

and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown. (Daniel 11:40-41).”

Contrary to what Israeli leaders may believe, the Bible shows Jerusalem will once again be crushed by a hostile European military force and be divided as political leaders impose their antagonistic will on the Jews. “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming and your spoil will be di-

vided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity ... (Zechariah 14:1-2).”

History will repeat itself!



ITALIAN SOLDIER GUARDS PLANE

A DOGMATIC RELIGIOUS FORCE

The looming modern European empire will not only be united politically, economically and militarily, the Bible shows a common religion will cement its various countries together like mortar.

In fact, the Vatican has been one of the strongest proponents of a unified Europe – but one rooted in its Roman Catholic heritage.

On Dec. 18, the Vatican and European Union signed an agreement updating a 2000 financial accord that introduced the euro as the Vatican's official currency, binding Rome and Brussels closer economically. Taking effect Jan. 1, 2010, it allows the Vatican to mint 2.3 million euros annually or more than double the monetary value of the coins it issues, keeping 51 percent of them in circulation rather than stored as collectibles.

The Catholic Bishops Conference was one of the first organizations to openly welcome the European Union's enactment of the Treaty of Lisbon. In a news release, the bishops reminded the EU that religious groups, i.e. the Vatican, will claim the privileges promised them by the treaty.



POPE INNOCENT X IN VATICAN ROOM WHERE TREATY OF ROME WAS SIGNED



In its news release, the bishops stated: “Inspired by Catholic social teaching and strengthened by their background experience, churches will be enabled to pursue a critical and constructive dialogue with EU decision makers on the policies put forward by the EU. ...”

In other words, some observers suspect the Catholic leaders intend to take the reins and direct the European Union's policies.

Keith Porteus Wood, executive director of the National Secular Society, responded to the bishops by stating: “This is probably the most sinister document I have read for some time. ... It gives clear warning that the Catholic Church intends to insinuate the Vatican's hard-line Catholic doctrine right to the heart of Europe ...”

The Catholic News Agency reported on Sept. 30, Pope Benedict XVI would pray during October that Sunday would be properly celebrated by Christians, and they would eagerly embrace their responsibility to share their faith – or evangelize. The pope's intention, the news agency said, was “that Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist” or communion.



POPE BENEDICT XVI



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The Catholic News Agency also reported on Feb. 16, 2009, the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community **"welcomed a proposed EU law that would safeguard Sunday as a day of rest from work."** It praised a measure proposed by five EU parliamentarians to recognize the value of "Sunday rest as part of the 'cultural patrimony' and 'an essential pillar of the European social model and as part of the European cultural heritage.'"

The proposed measure would call on member states and EU institutions to **"protect Sunday as the weekly day of rest"** in order "to improve the protection of workers' health and the balancing of work and family life." The Protestant

Church in Germany and the Church of England also endorsed the measure. Responding to complaints by the Catholic and Protestant churches, the German constitutional court ruled on Dec. 1 that Berlin's policy of letting retail shops trade 10 Sundays throughout the year violated Germany's constitution. Court President Hans-Jurgen Papier said the laws should **"as a rule preserve Sundays and holidays as days of rest."** The Central Committee of German Catholics hailed the ruling by stating: "This is a clear signal against the total subordination of society to the economy."

Sunday is enshrined in Article 140 of Germany's Basic Law as a day of rest and "spiritual edification." Other European countries with Sunday shopping restrictions include Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland.

The Bible shows the final revival of a so-called Holy Roman Empire on the European continent will be prosperous financially, united politically and powerful militarily, but also



anti-Semitic and fascistic, imposing mandatory Sunday worship as an integral part of its economic system (See "The Mark of the Beast," Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, *Philadelphia Remnant*, Nov/Dec issue). This startling development will put it at odds with Jews and Christians who observe the seventh day Sabbath on Saturdays, not to mention Muslims who observe Friday as their day of rest.

As 2010 gets under way, watch for the European Union to emerge as a super power whose ominous economic, military and foreign policies will set it on a collision course with the United States, United Kingdom and Israel. Expect the unexpected as we embark on what portends to be one of the most traumatic, terrifying decades in the annals of western history!



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GERMAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

Is There Safety in Numbers?

By Ed Tidwell

In the latter years of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's life, the membership of the Worldwide Church of God numbered into the multiple thousands worldwide, up to about 1986. There were congregations in many major cities spread across the United States and throughout the world.

The individual churches really kept everyone busy in those years, with all of the family-style activities like picnics, hiking, campouts, combined Holy Day services, Spokesman clubs, Y.O.U. groups, and many, many others. We had friends and relatives clustered around us, and we felt safe and secure with a large support group.

Furthermore, we had respect for our ministers (who were set on a pedestal), for they were our immediate authority figures who had a direct effect on our lives. Our local minister was the one we called in the middle of the night with all our problems. And perhaps we leaned on them (the Church and minister) more than we should.

THE FALLING AWAY

For years, Mr. Armstrong

warned that *a falling away* was coming. We all believed, or seemed to believe, that this encompassed a falling away from the CHURCH. And so it was! But it was more than falling away from the Church – It was a falling away or a defection from THE TRUTH! The APOSTASY was the cause of the falling away FROM THE TRUTH OF GOD by many thousands of members and hundreds of ministers! NO ONE expected that falling away would happen the way that it did! It took us all by surprise.

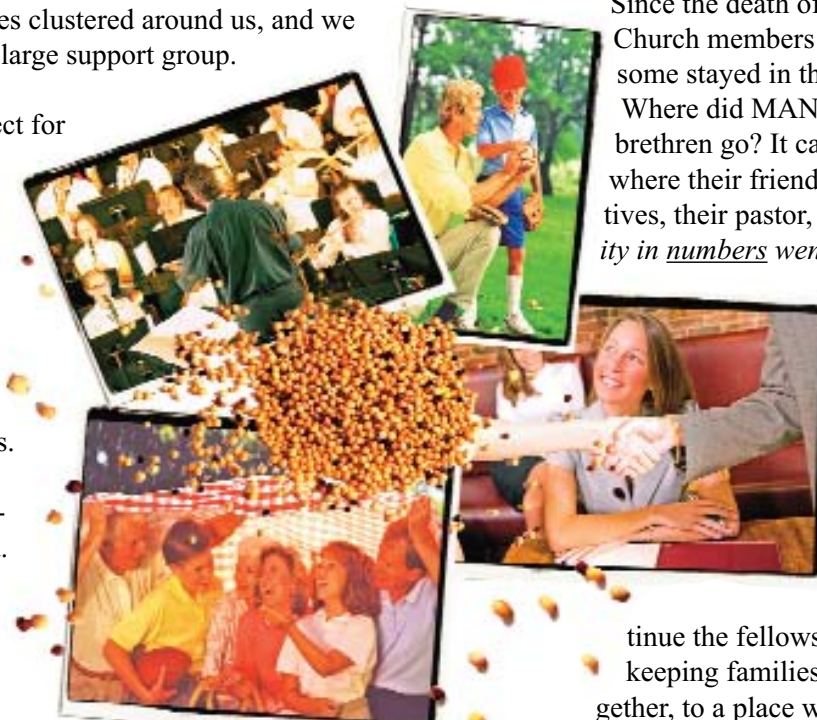
WHERE DID THEY ALL GO?

Since the death of Mr. Armstrong, many Church members just walked away, while some stayed in the parent organization.

Where did MANY of the scattered brethren go? It can be seen they went where their friends went; where their relatives, their pastor, and *where the vast majority in numbers went*. They left and went away, reasoning to themselves that all these people, and the ministry, *just couldn't be wrong!*

Brethren, everywhere, went where the numbers were, to continue the church activities, to con-

tinue the fellowship, concerned about keeping families and relationships together, to a place where there were other





EXCESS BAGGAGE

children for their children, in short – to continue just as before the Church split and went astray, when they were safe and secure, as if nothing had happened. After all, they reasoned, how could all of these people be wrong? How many of our brethren from yesteryear were there just for the social life, and how many stayed in the Church because they really didn't care about doctrine? It's a serious question we must all take the time to ponder in our minds!

HOW MANY FOLLOWED THE TRUTH?

Question: Of the corporate churches that formed after the full effect of the apostasy took place, which Church continued to preach the TRUTH? By now, with all the baggage and errors many churches brought with them when they were established, the true gospel message was now distorted and polluted. The real question each person should be asking is where is the true Church – the one that continues to preach and practice the TRUTH?

For example, one corporate church expounds that they are preaching the "whole counsel of God." But anyone over time, and comparing what they do preach to what Mr. Armstrong taught and restored, will soon discover it is not quite the same gospel message. They might have a slick magazine, or radio and TV stations that reach around the world, but without the full Truth of God, just what do they really amount to in God's sight?

SMALL AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED

The larger corporate church groups, with membership numbering into the thousands, should have hit the ground running. Those with a tithe-paying base in the thousands should have been overwhelmingly sufficient to kick start a massive rush to pick up where the Worldwide Church of God ended!

They didn't have to start out as small as the grain of a mustard seed. But, that's EXACTLY how God DOES start His Work!

This is something Mr. Armstrong taught, one of those core truths was the PURPOSE of the Church and the reason you and I were called. We were not called just for personal salvation, something those who are "*just waiting it out*" should consider, but to support through the tithing system the commission of the Church to preach the Good News message about the coming, return of Jesus Christ as KING of Kings and LORD of Lords to this sick, corrupt, dying world.

Turning over God's tithe to a man or group of men who are not truly involved in the right service to God and mankind could be considered careless. In John 10:12, we read, **"But he who is a hireling and not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees: and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them."**

Mr. Armstrong also taught that one cannot grow in truth and understanding unless one is tied to THE trunk of the tree, fully immersed in that commission. Any other work or preaching that is NOT THIS GOSPEL has a blinding effect – as Christ makes known.

"And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind (John 9:39)."

What Christ is saying is that **THOSE ONCE** enlightened, those who were taught and lived the truth, as delivered once and for all to the saints (Jude 3) – came to be blinded – and are now *off track* (II Peter 2:1-3). For those who profess they are following the teaching of Mr. Armstrong should consider what he taught about having their hearts in the Work.

THE COMMISSION WAS COMPLETED

Many will say that the commission of preaching the gospel around the world has been completed by Mr. Armstrong. Even Mr. Armstrong himself felt that he did. Mr. Armstrong completed **THE WORK GOD GAVE HIM TO DO** in his life-time ministry!

But in hindsight, we can see that he did not complete the work of the Church that God has planned for these times. Paul completed the work God gave him to do, as did Moses, Jeremiah and all the other cloud of witnesses recorded in Hebrews 12:1 Even Jesus Christ Himself said, as He bowed his head, exhaling His last breath, “**IT IS FINISHED!**” (John 19:30)

What did Christ mean? Was He finished with the Work of God? **NO!** It is clear that He was finished with the Work God gave Him to do during His human life ministry! In like manner, Mr. Armstrong completed the work Jesus Christ sent him to do during those lifetime years, but **NOT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.** If the church continues to exist, so does the Work and the commission.

DUALITY PRINCIPLE

During the Philadelphia Era years, Mr. Armstrong repeatedly made a comparison of the difference of what the worldly churches teach or don't teach to the true teaching expounded by Jesus Christ detailed for us in the Word of God, the Bible. Using that same principle of showing duality with all of the various 450 plus different groups today, we can see that all these churches cannot be right.

Each of the corporate churches has its own little quirk for its own *blinded* reasoning that makes it think it is unique and right! A close examination of the corporate churches



will show a subtle deception or deviation from the original gospel message and doctrines restored to the true Church of God by Mr. Armstrong.

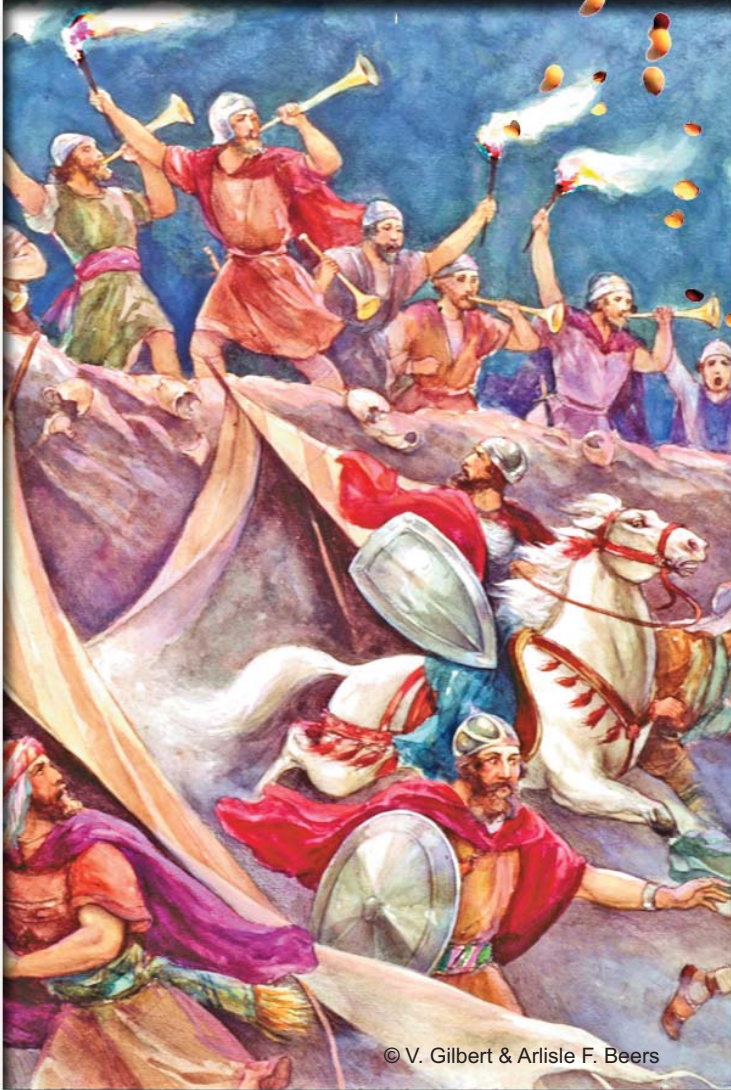
The standards and doctrines adopted by these churches might look like, or have a similar message, but often leave out the *way of life* we all once understood, lived and accepted as taught by Christ through Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

To know or recognize the changes wrought by various groups or corporate churches, one would either have had to have lived it to see the differences, or put in hours and hours of study and devoted examination.

The Word of God calls those who understand this ... **the wise!** (Daniel 12:10) God warned us these times would come in II Timothy 4:3, **“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.”**

Some will say, as in Biblical times, that this group or that group is *“TOO ARMSTRONG!”* That is exactly what was said in I Corinthians 1:12, 3:4: **“Now I say this, that each of you says, ‘I am of Paul,’ or ‘I am of Apollos,’ or ‘I am of Cephas,’ or ‘I am of Christ.’ ... For**

This indicates a problem with submission to God's government, or perhaps, A LACK OF LOVE OF GOD'S TRUTH! (II Thessalonians 2:10)



There can only be ONE uniting truth of God, *not* variations, differences or opinioned viewpoints causing confusion and playing right into the hands of Satan.

We are told by Christ: "... come out of her MY people (Revelation 18:4)." We must all seriously COME OUT and GET BACK to the true doctrines as taught by the early apostles and restored by His late apostle, Mr. Armstrong. Please note the warning that follows in that verse.

DOCTRINES ARE TRUTHS FROM GOD

One of the hallmark identifying signs of the true Church of God is doctrine. The Sardis Era, according to the Word of God, remained truthful and faithful to the doctrines they understood AT THAT TIME.

The truths restored by the apostle of Jesus Christ in our time are the doctrines as made known by Jude: **"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3)."**

There IS a little flock that has grown spiritually by clinging faithfully to the restored doctrines. This flock, as compared to Gideon's army, is a small flock, or army, but mighty in God's eyes.

He has made it known that He will not need many to rout the much larger army of Satan that awaits us in battle in the future.

"The things of God, when the Eternal works through human instruments, must start the very smallest – like the grain of mustard seed. But they grow. No power, no grouping of power, whether satanic or human, can stop or prevent God's PURPOSE" (*Autobiography*, volume one, page 517, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong).

when one says, 'I am of Paul,' and another, 'I am of Apollos,' are you not carnal?" We are instructed, **"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ (I Corinthians 11:1)."**

LOVE OF THE TRUTH

Mr. Armstrong often repeated that Scripture about himself. Those who refused to follow completely (*holding fast to what you have*) the teaching, *the way* taught by Christ through Mr. Armstrong, seem to have some kind of grudge against Mr. Armstrong. Often there is some aspect of his teaching (*which was given to him from Jesus Christ*) with which they disagree.

Coupling what Mr. Armstrong wrote with the story of Gideon's army, we can see this as an example preserved for our learning today to see clearly how God operates.

It is just one of many examples God uses to show He doesn't need large numbers to do His will!

WHAT ABOUT THE SMALL REMNANT?

This *Philadelphia Remnant* magazine started with the idea for a printed church bulletin or newsletter for the edification of God's people.

A small (*as a grain of mustard seed*) idea by comparison in numbers of other corporate church groups, but an example of loyalty to God's Truth as was the case of the true Church of God demonstrated down through the ages.

The Philadelphia Era also began with the idea of a Church bulletin that developed into the *Plain Truth Magazine*. (*Autobiography*, volume one, pages 553, 540, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong).

After the breakup of the parent Church origination, *due to the total compromising of doctrine*, the scattering occurred.

The filtering process began. Emerging 20 years later was a small band of Gideon's army.

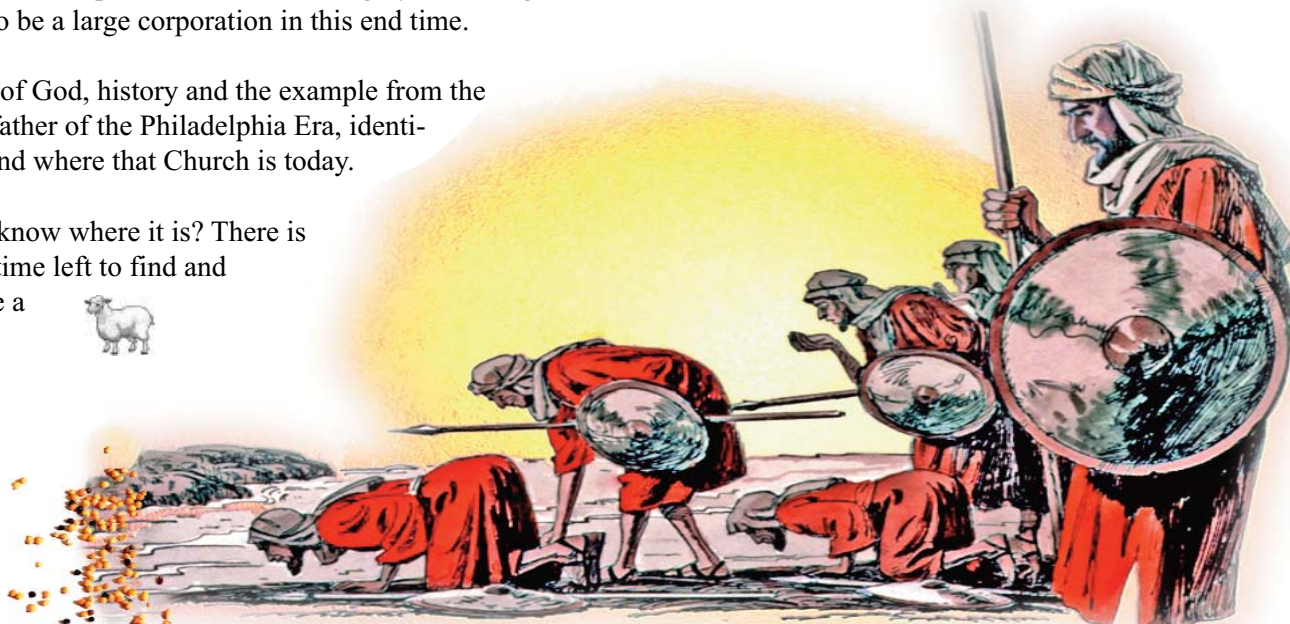
To be the true Church of God, to do the Work of God today, to have a world impact does not in this highly technological age need to be a large corporation in this end time.

The Word of God, history and the example from the founding father of the Philadelphia Era, identifies who and where that Church is today.

Do YOU know where it is? There is not much time left to find and come to be a part of it.



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in animals, to design the human body and the human mind and produce it.

Now, man was made to become in the image of God in character and also in the likeness of God as to form and shape. God is our potential Father. God created us out of the dust of the ground, out of matter, but God wants us to become His children. Now when Adam rejected Him, He closed off the spirit of God by which we could be begotten as His children, until Christ the second Adam should come, and even when Christ came He said **“I will build my Church,”** but even so He said, **“NO MAN could come to Him,”** that is come into the

Church, that’s what He meant, **“except the Father which sent Him would DRAW THEM.”** God Himself has cut humanity off from Him. Now, remember, they are cut off from God, the one we regard as “God the Father.”

They were not really cut off from the one who’s called the “God of the Old Testament,” and in the Hebrew language it is called “Yahweh,” and usually you see it as the LORD or the LORD God in the Bible, in the King James especially. In the Moffatt translation, it’s the Eternal or the Eternal God or the Lord Eternal in some cases.

But they were cut off from God, and Jesus came to reveal the Father and to reconcile us back to the Father, and it’s God the Father that we need to be reconciled to and if you stop to think brethren, the churches of this world, the Protestant churches for example, do not talk much about God and about being reconciled back to GOD. It’s only JESUS. And they think that everybody has access to Jesus,



THE AMAZING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEAVES

and yet Jesus Himself said no one could come to Him except God the Father would draw them.

And in Revelation 12, verse 9, you find that they are all deceived! Even though there is an old saying, it’s not in the Bible, but there is an old saying that “Hell is paved with good intentions.” And man often, as you see man CHOSE the tree of good as well as evil, and there is human good, but it’s on a much lower level than divine good or God’s good. That only comes through the Holy Spirit, and there are millions and billions that are so deceived that they don’t know, and they don’t ... ever live in this world, now we live in this world, but not of it because in our minds is the consciousness of God and of the fact that there is a devil and demons and that there are angels, and that Michael is the super-archangel assigned to protect and to aid us and other angels under him, and the angels are sort of custodians or helpers of us who are being reconciled to God. Well now, let’s go on.

WHERE WE NOW ARE IN PROPHECY

Right now, where are we? In Matthew 24 and in verse 14, Jesus said, **“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”** Brethren, that has happened, and that has happened through this Work and through the telecasts and through the *Plain Truth* and through other literature. Take our booklet *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, over three and one half million people have written in for that book and have received it.

Now, Jesus was answering a question by his disciples. They had been down in the Temple. They had gone outside of the Temple, and they were showing Jesus the buildings of the Temple.

They were sitting up on the Mount of Olives and four of them came to Jesus as you read in Mark's version, the 13th chapter of Mark and, as it is in Matthew 24, and verse three, as Jesus **“sat upon the Mount of Olives”** the disciples came unto Him privately saying, **“Tell us, when shall these things be?”**

Now, He had said that the buildings of the Temple would be destroyed, that they would be torn down. Not one stone would be left upon another. They said, **“When will that happen?”**

And then they asked Him and the sign of Your coming and the end of the world, or the end of the age, the end of this world of Satan. Now, they thought that the end of the world would come at the same time. They thought it was coming in their lifetime. All of the disciples believed that, even the original apostles believed that. They were wrong, but they believed it.

And so, Jesus went on in verse 21, or in verse 14, He said that this gospel of the kingdom would be preached in all the world and then shall the end come. Now, He had said in verse four or five there, **“Take heed that no man**



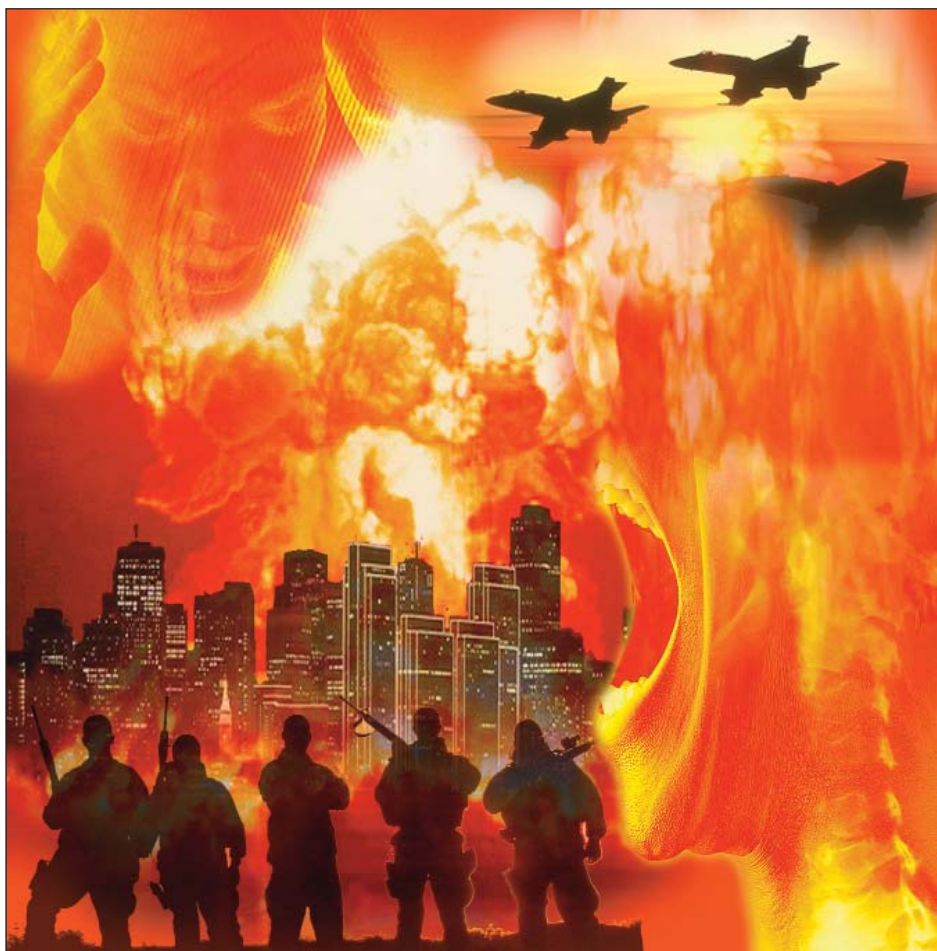
JERUSALEM'S DESTRUCTION

deceive YOU!” He said to His disciples, of something that was going to happen in their lifetime and which did happen in the year 70 A.D. in their lifetime. It was about 30 or 31 A.D. that He was saying this to them, and He said, **“Many will come in My name saying that I am the Christ.”**

They would come preaching about Jesus being the Christ, but they wouldn't be preaching His gospel. They would have another gospel. They would have their own gospel but about Christ, about the person of Christ. “Just believe in Christ” and “Jesus loves you.”



That's what they're preaching still today! Protestants are preaching that. You tune into other religious broadcasts and that's what you'll find. “God loves you.” Jesus loves you,” and “We want to tell people about Jesus.” We must tell them about Jesus, how Jesus died for them, and that Jesus loves them,” and **THAT'S ALL THEY HAVE!** That's the whole message!



But JESUS CAME WITH A MESSAGE FROM GOD ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD, THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD, THE CHARACTER OF GOD AND ABOUT OUR BEING BORN OF GOD UNTIL WE BECOME GOD EVEN LIKE HE IS! And you don't hear any of that in the churches today! That's the GOSPEL, my brethren.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Then He went on after telling the sign of His coming and in verse 21, He said, **"Then shall be GREAT tribulation,"** or world trouble, **"such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved alive, but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."**

Brethren, we are **"the elect."** Not for the world's sake, but **"for the elect's sake,"** those that God has called and that could come to Jesus, and Jesus has reconciled back to the Father. Jesus' death does not save us. You were not saved by the blood of Christ. You were reconciled to God the Fa-

ther by the blood of Christ and then if you believe, you shall receive the Holy Spirit from God the Father and THAT is the gift of eternal life. That is your salvation, and the churches of this world just don't understand it.

Now, that time of great trouble is what is known as the **"Great Tribulation,"** and the Protestant churches, talk about the **Great Tribulation**, and they think that the **Great Tribulation** is a curse sent by God. They don't understand it, and they say the Church will be raptured up before the **Great Tribulation**, that the Church won't be in it, the Church will go up to heaven. And they have a pretty way of saying it, that Christ will first come **"for"** His bride and take her up to heaven, that is the Church, and they think that they're all going to go to heaven. And then, after the **Great Tribulation**, some think that will be one year, some think it will be 3½ years, some think it will be seven

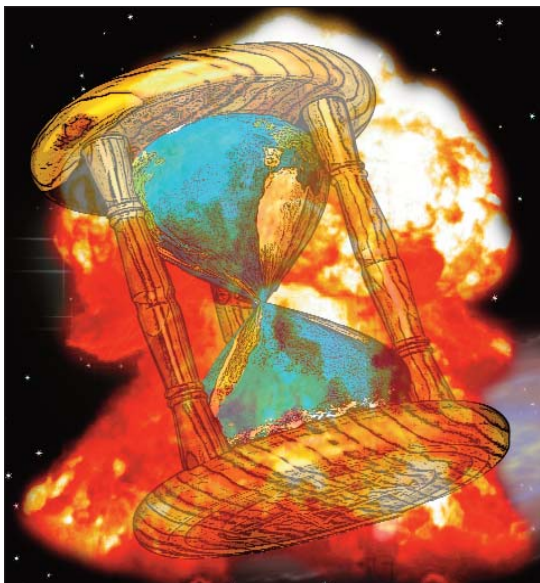
years and the Seventh Day Adventists think it will be 1,000 years and then He comes back **"with"** His bride, after they've been in heaven. I don't know why they want to come back to this terrible earth after they've been in heaven all this time, but apparently that's the way they teach.

Now, here is this **Great Tribulation**. I'm going to read you other scriptures about that, carrying on right here in Matthew 24, in verse 29, **"Immediately AFTER the tribu-**



lation of those days.” Then what’s the next thing. Now, we’re just on the very doorstep of the **Great Tribulation** now. As a matter of fact, you could say we’ve had some of the real beginnings of it, but they are only just rumblings ahead of the main storm, not really the **Great Tribulation** itself as yet. But it’s practically right on us now. Times are already worse then they ever were in the history of the world.

Now, immediately after the tribulation of those days **“shall the sun be darkened,”** and I wonder if this nuclear winter could be that? **“The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then,”** what then, at that time? Or thereafter, immediately, **“then shall appear,”** something they see now, **“the sign of the Son of Man in heaven,”** that’s the sign of Christ in heaven, **“And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see,”** now notice they WILL SEE **“the Son of**



Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory,” the Second Coming of Christ to rule.

Now, next we’ll have to go to

Joel 2:31. I’d want to show you that the Great Tribulation is NOT the Day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord is the time of plagues God will send. Protestants think that the Great Tribulation is the plagues that God will send. I want you to notice in Joel 2:31 that the Great Tribulation is something



MOTHER OF HARLOT DAUGHTERS

altogether different. It says here the sun shall be darkened, well, **“the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD COME!”** Now immediately after the Great Tribulation the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give her light and the stars will fall, but that will be BEFORE the great and terrible Day of the Lord.

Now, the great and terrible Day of the Lord is there referring to a sort of a prelude of the Day of the Lord. It’s before the Second Coming of Christ and up and to and at the time of the Second Coming of Christ, **plagues that are going to be poured out on Babylon and her harlot daughters, and Babylon is simply the church that came out of the original Babylonian Mystery Religion,** and it’s called Roman Catholic today, if you please, and you can guess who the harlot daughters are.

Now, first I want you to notice there will be Great Tribulation that comes AFTER the Gospel of the Kingdom has gone to the world. For 1,900 years, the Gospel of the Kingdom didn’t go. They preached that Jesus is the Christ. They had the message about Christ. They told the people about JESUS, but they didn’t preach HIS MESSAGE!



TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD

And, brethren, I don't want to say anything boastfully, but it is a fact, and it has happened. It's not something I say I will do or is going to happen. This is what HAS happened. That Gospel of the Kingdom has gone to all the world, and there is no other voice that has taken it to all the world, and that is something that nobody can contradict! THAT HAS HAPPENED!

Now, the next thing is that Great Tribulation and then after that will come the Day of the Lord. Now, let me give you the same thing in a prophecy in Daniel. The 10th, 11th and 12th chapters of Daniel are one long prophecy. The 10th chapter is sort of a prelude. The 11th chapter is the main prophecy. The 12th chapter is the conclusion, and the 10th, 11th and 12th chapters all go together.

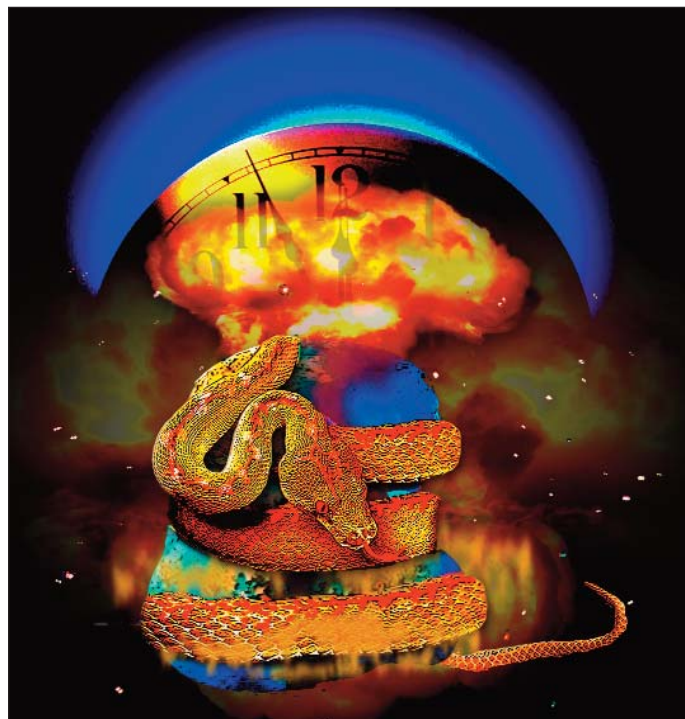
Now, in the 11th chapter and verse 40 it says, **"and at the time of the end"** certain things, and that verse goes on and it carries right into chapter 12 and chapter 12 continues right along the time of the end, and here it says **"and at that time,"** the time

of the end which we're in right now, **"shall Michael stand up."** Now, notice Michael is an archangel. Michael will stand up, **"the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people."** That's Israel, and as we know that we, we and the British people, all, of course that includes the Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and so on, and many of South Africa, but Michael is our prince or archangel.

"Who standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble," now what kind of trouble? **"Such as NEVER WAS SINCE THERE WAS A NATION!"** Same things I read to you in Matthew 24 in Jesus' prophecy, same thing exactly. There can't be two such times greater than ever happened or ever will, **"even to the same time and at that**

time," then what, at that same time? Thy people shall be delivered, everyone that is written in the book and verse two, that was verse one, verse two, **"and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth,"** that is the dead, **"shall awake,"** in a resurrection, **"some to everlasting life."**

I won't read the rest of it because that doesn't happen for a thousand years later, but **"some to everlasting life."** That's the resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ.



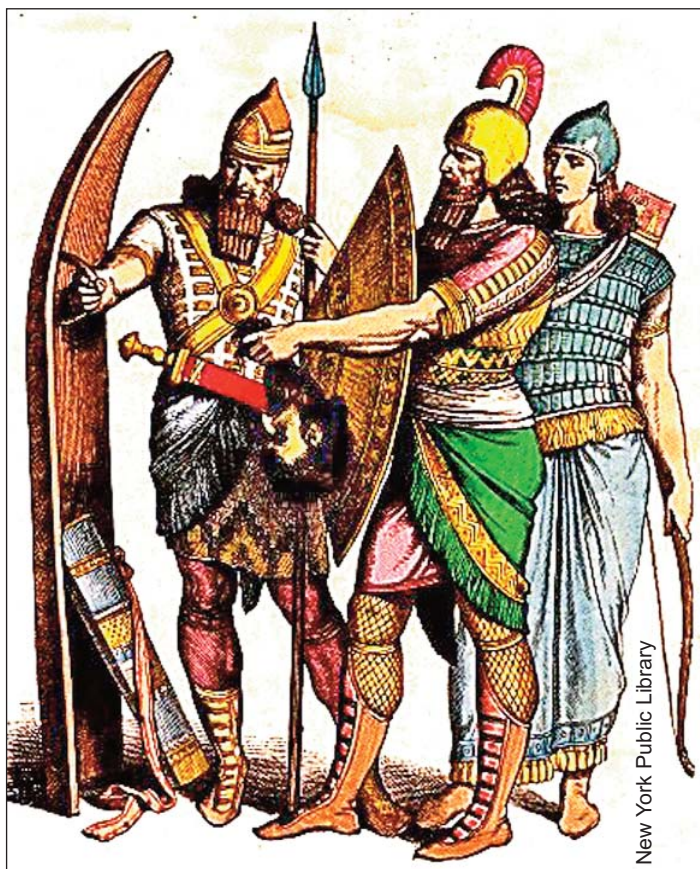
SATAN CAST DOWN FROM HEAVEN

Now let me give you another prophecy that says identically the same thing, all talking, now in Matthew 24, Daniel 12 and now Revelation 12, and notice the similarity Daniel 12, Revelation 12, beginning with verse seven in Revelation, this is after the Middle Ages. The 12th chapter of Revelation has covered ancient Israel, the birth of Christ and then the Middle Ages and then coming in verse seven up to our present time: **"And there was,"** it's

all in past tense, but it should say **“will be,” “war in heaven: Michael and his angels,”** now remember that in Daniel it said Michael will stand up against someone and there'd be a time of trouble such as never happened.

Well, notice here, **“Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,”** who are demons. **“And prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out,”** of heaven, because he lost that battle against Michael, **“that old serpent called the Devil and Satan.”** So there it tells you in plain language who this great red dragon is, Satan the Devil. **“The Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the WHOLE WORLD: he was cast out ... and his angels,”** or demons, **“cast out with him.”** Now that is down to verse nine.

So the Great Tribulation has been caused by Satan. If you read the rest of it, you will see Satan is the real cause of the Tribulation. That's a verse or two later. You can read it in the Bible, and you can see that the whole trouble was caused by Satan and by sin on the world and that Satan influenced. The trouble is coming on the whole earth.

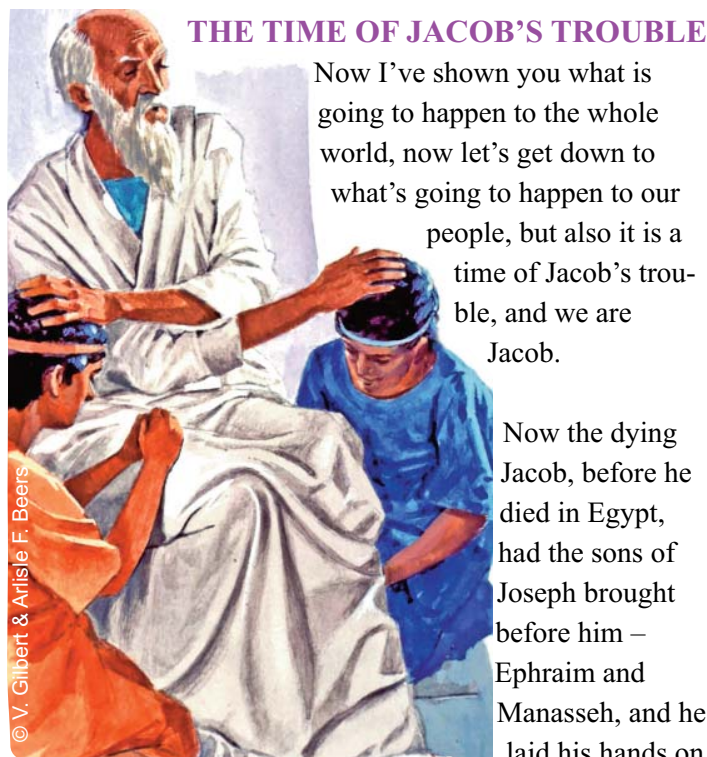


ASSYRIAN SOLDIERS

United States and British in Prophecy you will see it **AB-SOLUTELY** proved, are the United States and Britain. Britain is Ephraim, and the United States is Manasseh, and we are Jacob.

Now notice that, the Great Tribulation is especially on us. Well, let's see that is primarily in the 30th chapter of Jeremiah. I'm coming to that just a little bit later, but now prophecies regarding the United States and Britain. First of all, I want to give you something about ALL of Israel, but it probably it's coming right down to the United States and to Britain. Leviticus 26 about Israel, ancient Israel, and Israel into the future, and our time. Now from Leviticus 26, verse one, **“You shall make you no idols nor graven images, neither rear you up a standing image ... You shall keep MY SABBATHS!”** Notice now, that's a command, **“and reverence my sanctuary, I AM the Eternal.**

“IF you walk,” now there's a great big **“if”** the biggest two-letter word in the English language. **“IF you walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and I will give you peace in the land.”**

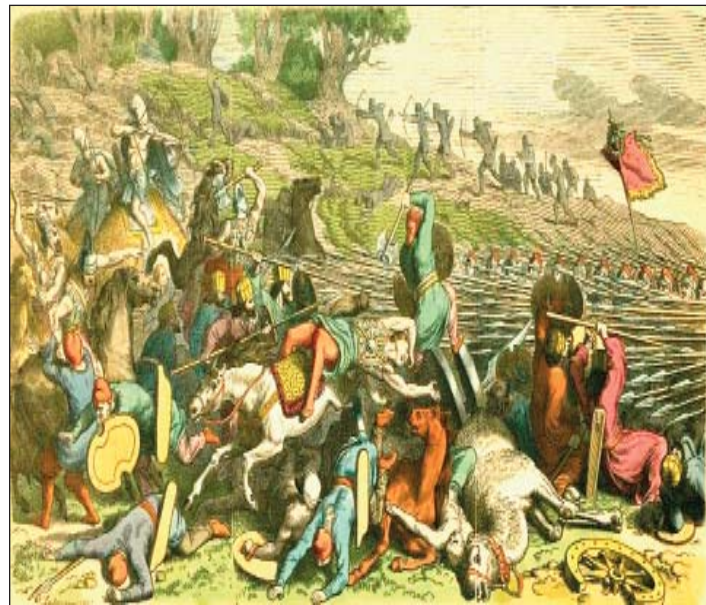
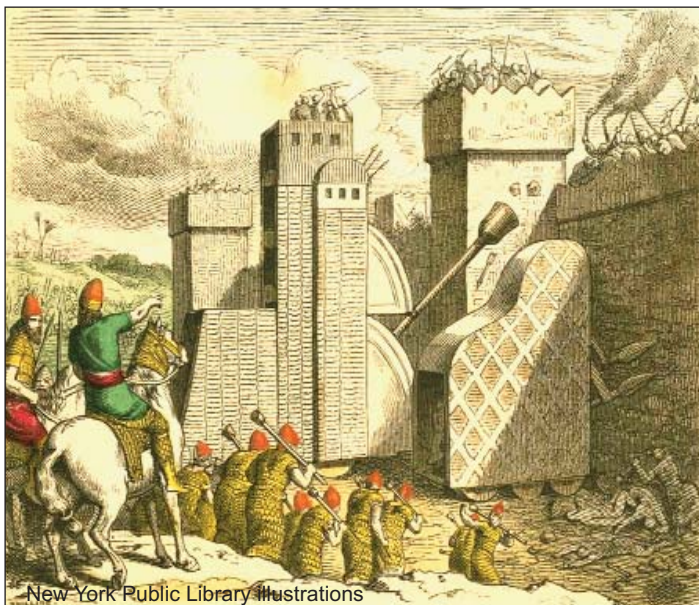


THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

Now I've shown you what is going to happen to the whole world, now let's get down to what's going to happen to our people, but also it is a time of Jacob's trouble, and we are Jacob.

Now the dying Jacob, before he died in Egypt, had the sons of Joseph brought before him – Ephraim and Manasseh, and he laid his hands on

them, and he said, **“Let my name, Jacob, be named on them.”** Now, his name was changed to Israel, so their name was Jacob and their name was also Israel. And the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, if you read the book



ASSYRIANS BESIEGE CITY, BATTLE PERSIANS

Now continuing on, **“But,”** now that was an **“if,”** but **“IF you will NOT hearken unto Me, and will NOT do these commandments;”** which included keeping the Sabbath, **“and if you shall despise My statutes, and if,”** that was His national laws, and if you shall **“abhor My judgments,”** and **“My commandments,”** and **“My covenant, I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.”** They will be taken captive, and they were.

“And I will set My face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies,” and they did go into captivity and they lost in war, from 721 to 718 B.C. Israel did and was taken into Assyria, **“and you shall be slain before your enemies: and they that hate you shall REIGN over you,”** and they were taken by Shalmanezzer of Assyria, and the Assyrians did reign over them. And he too shall reign over you, **“and you shall flee when no one pursues you. And if you will not yet for all of this, hearken unto Me, then I will punish you even seven times more for your sins.”**

Now, He would punish them, and He did. That was way back 700 years before Christ. Now He’s going to punish them seven times, and a time is a year in the Bible and in prophecy it’s a 360-day year, each day being a year being fulfilled, and that means a total of 2520 years. And God would withhold the promises that He made for 2,520 years.

Now, God could NOT withhold them forever, because God had promised these blessings UNCONDITIONALLY to Abraham, 400 years before Israel was called out of Egypt, and God had to keep them, but now He’s going to defer them 2,520 years, and that is from 721 to 718 B.C., and that brings us up to 1800 and to 1803 A.D.

“And I will break the pride of your power,” and that’s after the seven times punishment, and God has broken the pride of our power, and the United States has won the last war its ever going to win! Listen to me, brethren, the United States has won its last war. We will not win anymore. God DID win the First World War for us and then the Second World War, but He did not win the Korean War for us, nor the one in Vietnam. And He is not going to win in Central America, and He did not win when we tried to send a task force over to rescue our people in Iran, about let’s see, that’s about three or four years ago now, and they met a terrible defeat.

THE FORMER GREATNESS OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

How about our nations in prophecy that comes down to our time today? Let me review a prophecy in the prophet Micah, Micah the fifth chapter, and beginning with verse eight, **“and the remnant of Jacob,”** now remember we are Jacob, the remnant is the last generation, getting down to our time now. This is not ancient Israel 700 years before Christ. This is our time today. **“The remnant of Jacob**



shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the field.” Did the Jews ever become a lion compared to other nations in the world? Did they? No.

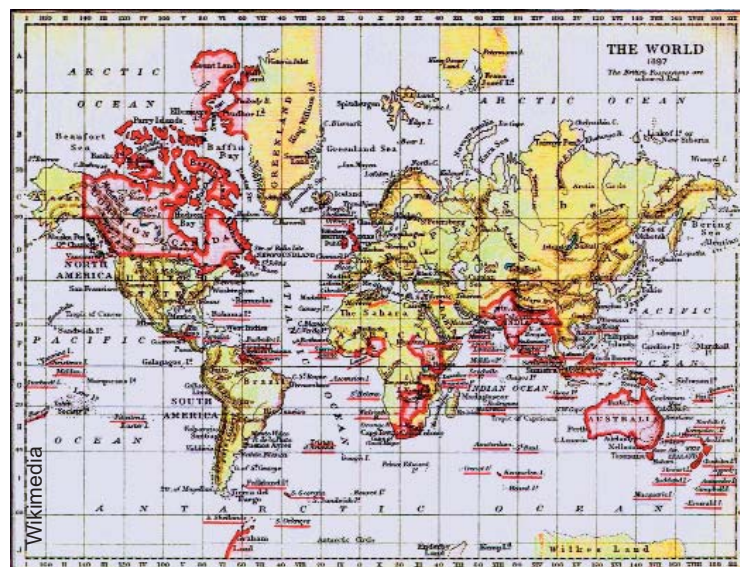
But has the United States and Britain become like a lion compared to other nations? WE CERTAINLY HAVE!

Because after 2,520 years, God blessed us, beginning 1800 to 1804, in 1800 London had suddenly become the financial hub of the world.

In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase suddenly came to the United States, and that was all of the great Middle West added to the original 13 colonies, and we really became, for the first time, we had the wealth that began to make us a great nation.

And by the end of World War I, the United States and Great Britain owned and possessed more than two thirds and almost three fourths of all the great wealth, the cultivated wealth of all the

world! And all the other nations ... China with her billion, and India with nearly a billion, more than three quarters of a billion people, and Russia the third largest nation in the world, and Japan and Indonesia and others that had vast populations, and all the nations of Europe: Germany and France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, ALL OF THE NATIONS



MAP OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

COMBINED had a little over one fourth and less than a third of the wealth of the world. And our two nations possessed it. We had the sea gates of the whole world, and we're losing them and Britain has already lost her world empire.



going to punish our nation. We'd better wake up, but brethren, we in the Church don't need to be punished with it. But the nation is going to be punished and very quickly now.

“Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off,” and that has happened. Look now, you haven't heard the end of this prophecy yet, but now it's: **“And it shall come to pass in that day,”** in the day that we're so strong, in the day when we're winning all the wars, in the day when we have all the wealth, **“in that day saith the *Eternal*, that I,”** notice “I” means God, **“will cut off thy horses,”** Moffatt and other translations say

Now then, I want to show you in prophecy what God said He would do to Britain and the United States after we had come to that wealth which God promised to Abraham and which He gave us. **“And the remnant of Jacob,”** that's the last generation that's getting down to us in this 20th century, **“shall be among the Gentiles as a lion among the beasts of the” field “as a young lion among the flocks of sheep,”** and what would a young lion do to little lambs and sheep? **“Who, if he goeth through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and one can deliver.”**

WHY GOD'S CURSE ON HOUSE OF JOSEPH

We were conquering every nation. We were winning every war for awhile, but we were not serving God. We print on our money “In God We Trust,” but WE DON'T TRUST IN GOD! I mean the nation doesn't. I hope we in the Church do, but when I said we, then I was referring to the nation.

And this nation is producing evil in every possible way – homosexuality, women are beginning to run everything, every kind of evil, rotten music, rotten everything, families breaking down, sex is rampant, drugs, crime is increasing, and we are exporting the wrong everything – drugs, wrong music, everything in our American way of life.

It is a stench in the nostrils of God Almighty! And God is

“your war horses,” in other words our fortifications and our armaments, **“and I will cut off your war horses out of the midst of you, and I will destroy thy chariots,”** and they used chariots in war in the day that this was written, in other words implements of war and things of that sort.

“And I will cut off the cities of your land,” and I'll show you later our cities are going to be destroyed by nuclear warfare, nothing else could destroy them. Now this can't be said of Jews. They never reached such great prosperity. They never were like a lion among other nations. WE HAVE BEEN! And this absolutely proves what is in the book The United States and Britain in Prophecy.

“And,” I will **“throw down all your strongholds,”** the fortifications, military fortifications, **“and I,”** meaning God, **“will cut off witchcrafts out of your hand; you shall have no more soothsayers,”** now that is referring to things like astrologers and things like that. Let me just pause here to say that in the United States adults, over 30 percent are planning their decisions of business and everything on astrology today. And among youth, over 40 percent are following astrology today in this country. That gives you an idea of what we've gone into and what God says is a curse and what He's going to cut off from our land.

Now verse 13, **“thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst,”** you can go into any Roman Catholic Church and you will find those images, **“and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine own hands.”** We worship material things that men’s hands make and men’s machines. Now, of course, men’s hands make the machines and the machines make things.

“And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so I, will I destroy thy cities!” Our cities are to be destroyed. I’ll show you other prophecies saying the same thing. **“And I will execute,”** that is God will do it, **“execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen.”** And that is talking of the seven last plagues and the heathen means other nations, now, **“such as they had never heard.”**

Now we’re going to go to a prophecy in Jeremiah 25 and in verse 31 **“a noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD,”** or the Eternal, **“has a controversy with the nations,”** now that’s the whole world, but the nations often in prophecy does refer to the nations of Israel, and **“will plead with all flesh,”** because they’re sinning, God is pleading through the World Tomorrow telecast, through the Plain Truth. We’re trying to show the people their sins. God says, **“CRY ALOUD and SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR SINS!”**

We’ve been doing that brethren, and it’s going into every nation on this earth. **“He will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Eternal,”** well the sword today is nuclear warfare. **“Thus says the Eternal of Hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation,”** now this is the whole world, **“and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.”**

Now, from that we go to Jeremiah the 30th for another prophecy, and I want you to notice how these all fit together. **“For thus says the Eternal; we have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask you now and see whether,”** oh yes, this is the 30th chapter of Jeremiah. **“Ask you now and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every MAN with**

his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?” Because of the troubles that are coming. We are going to see that in the next year or two or three, very soon now. We are coming right down to that time.

“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it:” Now, have I been talking to you about a time of trouble such as never happened since there was a nation? Here it is again, and I want you to notice that is especially on Israel as I remarked, if you remember, awhile ago.

“Alas for that day is great, so that NONE is like it: IT IS THE TIME OF JACOB’S TROUBLE!” And we are Jacob.



IT’S THE TIME OF TROUBLE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND, AND EUROPE IS GETTING READY TO RISE UP AGAINST US, AND EUROPE WILL REUNITE AND THEY WILL FORM A NEW EMPIRE, A NEW NATION, POLITICAL WITH ONE CURRENCY, ONE MILITARY FORCE, ONE GOVERNMENT!

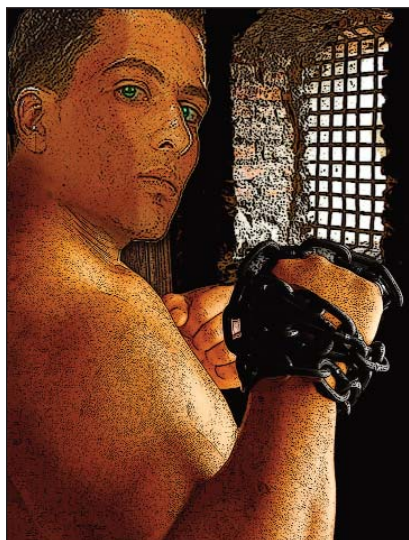
They have a vast, great building in Brussels. I’ve been there. I’ve talked to the architect of this coming Europe. He’s visited here and he’s spoken to you brethren right from this very platform! And they’re working furiously to bring this thing about! And he is the real architect of this coming GREAT NATION that will be greater probably than either the Soviet Union or the United States and IT is the nation that is going to destroy us, NOT Russia, believe it or not!

Now Russia is just as evil as everybody thinks it is, that is their government and their way and the party that is ruling it. I’m not trying to defend them at all. I’m just telling you what the Biblical prophecies say. Now that day is great and it’s a time of trouble such as never was and it’s the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be delivered out of it.

Now, he is getting into it, but then will be delivered out of it. It’s a time if God didn’t intervene no flesh would be saved alive, **“but for the elect’s sake,”** the elect is partly our people.

Now most of, two-thirds of our people are going to be destroyed in what is coming. I'll show you that prophecy a little later in Ezekiel, Ezekiel five, but never-the-less a third is going to be delivered out of it.

“For it shall come to pass,” and this is verse eight now and Jeremiah 30, **“for it shall come to pass in that day, says the *Eternal of Hosts*, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck,”** that is the European yoke that will come, **“and will burst thy bonds,”** because the third of our people that are left are going to be in the dungeon and are going to find grace there and come back to God there. I'll read you that a little later.



“And strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: but they shall serve the *Eternal* their God.” Finally, they're going to turn to God. **“And the *Eternal* their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them,”** by a resurrection, talking about the resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ. You see this is talking about our very time and the time of the Great Tribulation that is coming, and it is the time of Jacob's trouble that means the United States and Britain. And it's primarily going to be against us, but it is going to be on the whole world, and it will be nuclear war, believe me! Nothing else could do what the prophecies say is going to happen.

Now I want to go to the 47th chapter of Isaiah for another prophecy. Notice I'm putting these prophecies right together in a sequence, and I don't think you've ever heard them put together this way before.

Isaiah 47, verse one, “Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon.” Now, Babylon was the ancient King Nebuchadnezzar's empire 600 years before Christ, but this is not the ancient Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar, this is the daughter of Babylon in the last days. And a daughter is a female and it refers to a church. Political gov-

ernments are referred to in the male gender in Bible prophecy and the female refers to a church. That's in the Book of Revelation and here it is in Isaiah and it is in other prophecies in the Bible, Daniel and other places.

“O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground, there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans,” that is talking of the Roman Catholic Church who sat on the thrones of the governments of Europe. She did in 554. She did again in 800 in the time of Charlemagne. She did in 554 in the time of Justinian again 800, the time of the first government. She did later, I think about the 12th century in the time of Otto the Great, the German head, later in the Hapsburg dynasty and it was Hapsburg that was here just a year ago and spoke to us here, and he is the heir to that throne, that same throne, and now they want to get back into power again.

“Oh daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shall no longer be called tender and delicate,” in other words a church and its sitting over governments as the Roman Catholic did in all those years. **“Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers,”** speaking of one that is called a great whore in Revelation 17 and verse five. And her harlot daughters are certainly the Protestant churches.

Its time for plain speaking, brethren, and these things are actually taking place! They are all foretold in the Bible, and you don't find the Catholic or the Protestant churches quoting the Bible! THEY DON'T QUOTE THESE PROPHECIES! THEY DON'T DARE! And no church on earth is quoting them but this one!

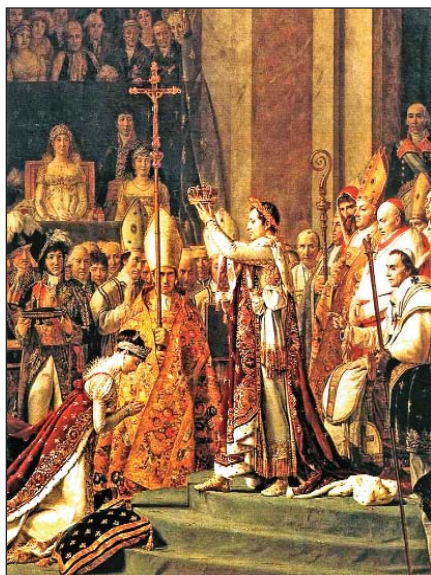
Now, continuing verse three, **“Thy nakedness,”** that means sins, shame and sin, **“thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance,”** this is God speaking, “and I,” God, “will not meet thee there as a man ... As for our Redeemer, the *Eternal of Hosts*,” that's Christ, “is His name,” and “the Holy One of Israel,” which is Jesus Christ.

“Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans,” Roman Catholic Church, **“for thou shalt no more be called the lady of kingdoms,”** the church that ruled over governments. Just as plain as it can be in the Scriptures' symbolic language; and the Bible in-

interprets its own symbols and interprets it exactly as I said.

Now continuing verse six, God says, "I," God, **"was wroth with MY PEOPLE,"** Israel, His people, the United States and Britain are Israel today in the end time, this remnant. **"I was wroth with My people, I have polluted Mine inheritance, and given them into THINE hand."**
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL SIT ON TOP OF THIS COMING UNITED EUROPE!

She did in 554! She did in 800! She did in the 12th century! She did have her dynasty! She did in the time of, oh, down to 1814, Napoleon, when he was crowned he snatched the crown



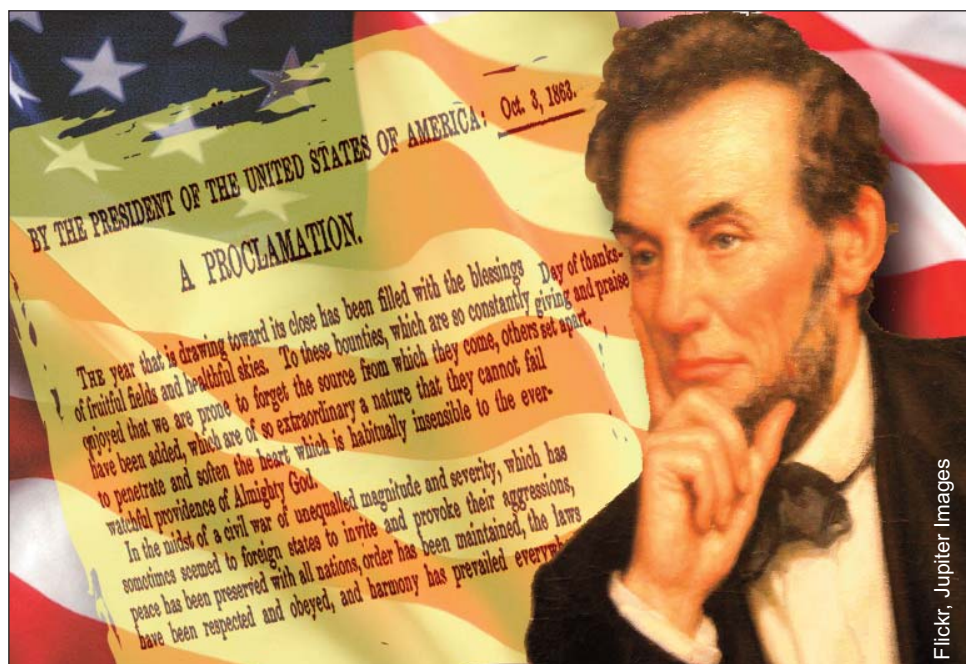
right out of the pope's hand; the pope was going to crown him, and put it on his own head.

And then Mussolini revived it as the sixth head of that Beast and the seventh one is coming up now, the United Europe or the reunification of Europe.

I've talked to the leaders over in Athens, Greece. They want it so bad they can eat it. I've talked to the king of Spain, King Juan Carlos.

I had a long talk with him in his office privately, and a very friendly one at that, but he is very anxious for this union to come and wants to be a part of it, and is very strong for the Catholic Church.

God says, "I," God, **"was wroth with My people,"** that's our people, Israel, **"I had polluted Mine inheritance, and**



LINCOLN'S PRAYER AND FASTING PROCLAMATION

GIVEN them INTO THINE HAND!" GOD IS GOING TO GIVE US OVER TO THIS UNITED EUROPE!

GOD GAVE US THE WEALTH THAT WE HAVE! GOD BLESSED THIS COUNTRY! WE PUT IT ON THE MONEY "IN GOD WE TRUST," BUT WE DIDN'T TRUST IN GOD! I mean the country didn't. When I say "we" I'm talking about the United States, not the Church. I hope WE do trust in God in the Church, but the nation has not.

You know, Abraham Lincoln called a solemn day of fasting and prayer, and he had a proclamation saying we didn't toil to earn the great wealth that we had, and we hadn't gotten all the great wealth yet at that time. He said that it was given to us by God. Abraham Lincoln saw that, but we don't see it now, our presidents don't see it today. They see only what the Protestant churches will tell them.

God says He was wroth with our people. **"I have polluted,"** and that means He is going to do that in the next few years, **"Mine inheritance,"** I have **"given them into thine hand."** The Roman Catholic Church will sit astride this coming United States of Europe, and **"didst show them NO MERCY."** We will not be shown mercy in this, brethren.

"Upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke." We're an ancient nation. We're the descendants of that an-



FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

cient nation, ancient Israel, and we're the modern descendants.

Now, in Jeremiah 30 I read to you about the yoke that would be on us. This shows us who put that yoke on us, and it will be a United Europe, headed by the Roman Catholic Church. **IT'S TIME WE WAKE UP AND REALIZE THAT THESE PROPHECIES ARE REAL! THEY ARE TELLING US WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND VERY, VERY SHORTLY!**

Now, in the fifth chapter of Ezekiel, a prophecy I've read you already, our cities are going to be destroyed, but listen to this, verse 12, **"a third part,"** and this is speaking of the House of Israel, **"a third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed,"** there will be famine that will get into pestilence with disease.

The four horsemen of Revelation the sixth chapter, the first, white horse are the false prophets and they've been here ever since the time of Christ. And then the famine and the disease epidemics that are going to take so many people are the red horse is war and the pale horse and the dark horse, and the pale horse are the famine and the pestilence. **"Shall ... be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part of thee shall fall by the sword."** Now a third part of

our people are going to die by famine and pestilence and disease, a third of us by nuclear warfare and destroying our cities, there will be enough cities to take one third of our entire population by nuclear war. And **"shall fall by the sword round about thee,"** of course the sword is the symbol of armaments, and they didn't know about it to write about it, and no one would have understood it if they had said nuclear war, they didn't know what it was and they hadn't discovered it yet.

"And I," God, **"will scatter"** the third part, now a third of our people will be left alive and they are going to be scattered and taken PRISONER and another chapter, I think I'm coming to that says that the prisoners, the Moffatt translation has it **"in the dungeon"** they are going to find God, going to repent and cry out finally to God and that brethren will be the fruitage of our labors and our work.

I want to tell you there are MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE listening to our telecast! Look we're getting up to 10, 11, 12 thousand telephone calls from every telecast every week now, and nearly always 5,000. We don't hear much about the time that we're in, and the sobering thought of what is coming upon us. And we've got to WAKE UP and not be lulled to sleep.

Now, a third part will be the famine and pestilence, a third part will be the sword and the rest are going to be scattered to the winds. In other words, they will be prisoners of war, and they are going to be taken some to South America and some to Europe.

Now continuing then **"shall Mine anger,"** that's God's anger, **"be accomplished, and I will cause MY FURY,"** that's the last plagues that are coming at the time of the coming of Christ, after the Great Tribulation. **"I will cause**

My fury to rest upon thee, and I will be comforted: and they shall KNOW that I am the Eternal.” People don’t know who God is today.

As I said a while ago you say to someone, “You don’t believe in God” and they’ll really be angry and say, “Don’t tell me I don’t believe in God! I do too believe in God!” But they really don’t, brethren. Because to them God is some mythical, mystic something, not REAL AT ALL! To the average person they have no REAL concept of what God is. Like one woman said not too long ago, this is two or three years ago I remember this, she said, “Well, God is not real to me.” God is not real to most people. Brethren, is He real to you? God is so VERY real to me, and I hope He is to you, and when God says He is going to do these things, you’ll find out how REAL God is very soon now.

Cause His fury and **“fury”** means the last plagues referred to every time, **“upon them, and I,”** God, **“will be comforted and they shall KNOW”** that I am the LORD.” They haven’t known it up till now. And **“that ... I have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished My fury, upon them.”**

Now, He’s going to punish the nations in this fury. He’s going to punish them to wake them up and bring them back to Him, for their own good! A lot of people don’t realize the plagues God sent on ancient Egypt, when He delivered Israel out of Egypt, back in the time of Moses, was sent in God’s love to teach the Egyptians a lesson and to teach them that the gods they worshipped were not real gods and that the true God was real. God punishes those He loves, and God’s punishment is always corrective, never vengeance.

Now, in Ezekiel 6, that’s the next chapter in Ezekiel and verse six, **“In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste,”** now I read that to you in two other prophecies before this. Our cities are going to be nothing but nuclear warfare. Hydrogen bombs could destroy whole cities like

Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, our great vast cities. They are so big. The kind of bombs that have been used even up into World War II couldn’t destroy whole cities, unless there were just hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of them.

“The cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate,” and so on, let me see if I, your images will be thrown down **“and your works will be abolished.”** Now, the Great Tribulation will be on the whole world, but especially on our people as I have just read to you.

Here is some more in Jeremiah 30, and verse 24. **“The fierce anger of the Eternal shall not return, until He hath done it,”** that’s when the Great Tribulation will be the time of Jacob’s trouble as I read at that time in the same chapter, **“and until He has performed the intents of His**

heart: In the latter days you shall consider it.” You see it wasn’t a prophecy for ancient Israel. It’s a prophecy for now.

REPENTANT ISRAEL RESTORED TO GOD

Now Jeremiah 31, **“At the same time says the Eternal, will I be the God of ALL THE FAMILIES of Israel.”** Now when Israel has become a number of nations, now all of the time it means all of the nations, all of the families plural, meaning all of the nations it has developed into from the old ancient tribes of Israel, **“and they shall be My people.”**

You see how it is finally going to come out? **“Thus says the Eternal, the people which were left of the sword,”** and I read to you how there would be a third left of the sword and be taken captive, and **“the people that were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness;”** and some say in the dungeon.

They would be imprisoned. The Moffatt translation has “dungeon” from the original Greek word or the original Hebrew rather.



“Even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.” That’s the time when our harvest will really come in. Brethren, there are millions of people that are reading the *Plain Truth*. Seven million copies go out every month and, in many cases, as many as four different people read every issue.

Millions are listening on television. Everywhere I go in Europe or around in London, in Germany, in France, in Paris and this last trip in Vienna, people come up to me and recognize, “Oh, I watch you on television.” They’re visiting over there on vacation and they see me on television.

You have no idea what a vast audience we have, but our programs are so strong on television. Many, many times I hear from people and talk to them and say “Oh, I’ve been listening to you for years,” and they’ve never called in.

I was down in the home of the mayor of Los Angeles and that was the time when the president of Austria was there and since I have had dinner with him in his own country, and a voice came up and called me by name and I turned around and here was Mohammed Ali, and he said “Well, I listen to you, and I watch you on television.” Oh yes, well I said, “Thank you champ. I’m glad you do.” And he was very well dressed in white, a nice white suit, very snappy looking. So, the champ watches.

Now in Jeremiah 31, verse three, **“The *Eternal* has appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I”** adorned you, **“Again I will build you,”** I’m using you instead of thee, **“and you shall be built, O virgin of**

Israel.” Our people will be built again, all that are left of them, and then during the Millennium and after. **“Thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shall go forth in the dances of them that make merry.”** Then notice, **“Thou shalt yet plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria,”** back over in their holy land. Well, I won’t read all of this, but finally it says, **“Arise ye and let us go up to Zion, unto the Lord our God.”**

A NEW COVENANT

And then coming down to verse 31, it says that then He will make a new covenant with our people, with the House of Israel AND with the House of Judah. And that’s the same thing that you find also in the eighth chapter of the book of Hebrews. The New Covenant that will be made

after the second coming of Christ *then* it’s the covenant of the Kingdom of God. The Old Covenant He made with Moses under the Kingdom of Israel; this one He’ll make under the Kingdom of GOD, not the Kingdom of Israel.

In verse seven and in Jeremiah 31, **“For thus saith the Eternal, sing with gladness for Jacob and shout among the chief of the nations,”** and we have been the chief of the nations, the Jews never were.

This is speaking of Israel and can’t be speaking of Jews. **“Publish you, praise you and say, O Eternal save Thy people the REMNANT of Israel.”** The remnant is the last generation down here before the Second Coming of Christ.

A little more in Jeremiah 31, **“Behold I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth,”** some will be in South America, **“and with them the blind and the lame,”** and **“the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a**



great company
shall return
thither.”

Now, I have more
here than I have
time to read, and
I’m not going to be
able to finish this
tonight.

**“They shall come
with weeping, and
with supplications
will I lead them.”**

That’s the way it’s
going to finally turn
out and Christ will
come, and **“I will
cause them to
walk by the rivers
of waters in a
straight way, they
shall not stumble,
for I am a Father**

to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.” That of course
is Britain.

In Jeremiah 50, verse four, **“In those days, and at that
time says the *Eternal*, the children of Israel,”** that’s
Britain and America, **“shall come, they and the children
of Judah,”** that’s the Jewish people, **“together, going and
weeping, they shall go and seek the *Eternal* their God.”**


Now here is some more from Jeremiah 50 **“they shall ask
the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying,
Come ye and let us join ourselves to the *Eternal* in a
perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. My peo-
ple have been lost sheep: their SHEPHERDS have
caused them to go astray.”**

Now, His people are Israel, America and Britain— and
their preachers – Roman Catholic and Protestant – have
caused them to go astray. I don’t think that preachers of
God’s own Church have caused them to go astray. [*He did
not live to see they did as well—and yet ongoing.*] **“They
have turned them away on the mountains: they have**



**gone from moun-
tain to hill, they
have forgotten
their resting
place.”**

I was going to come
to the prophecies of
Revelation 3, Reve-
lation 12 and other
things, and then in
Matthew 25 and
Revelation 7 and
Revelation 5, show-
ing what is going to
happen to the
Church. You’ve had
enough for one
Bible study, and I
don’t think you’ve
had those prophe-
cies or read them or
studied them re-
cently.

Now, I’ve given you nothing that is new tonight, but I don’t
think you’ve been conscious of these prophecies for several
years, and it’s time we are conscious of them again, be-
cause we are down to that very time and we need to realize
the time and we need to be praying more than we have
been, studying the Bible and getting our thoughts and our
minds on God and the things above, and not the things of
this world. Maybe some of us have had our minds too much
on Olympic Games recently. There is game after game after
game after game. I never realized there was so many things
as you see on television now, on the Olympics. But we’re
just crazy about games and sports, and about everything ex-
cept God. Let’s get our minds and our hearts back 
on the things of God, brethren.

Editor’s Comment: To make room for this sermon to fit
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from it. However, what was removed did not take away
from the subject matter. For those who would like to
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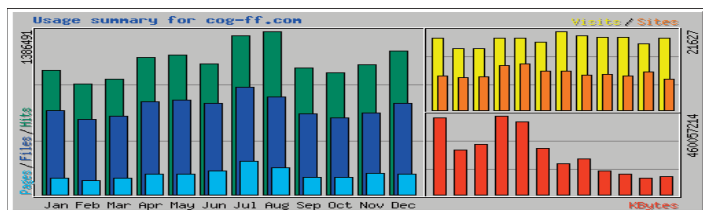
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