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Dedicated to the memory of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and to the FAITHFUL  
Philadelphia Remnant of The TRUE CHURCH OF GOD Scattered Worldwide



“...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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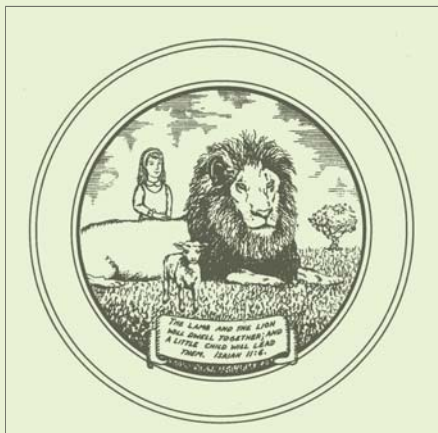
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# Overview of Prophecy

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

March 28, 1981

**W**ell, I don't get to come to Chicago and speak to you people very often. This is the first time in a long, long time and today I've decided to speak to you on prophecy. Now, today I'm going into a chain of prophecies. I don't think the Scriptures, individually are new to you. It may be new the way I am going to put them together. In fact, I know it will be new because I've never put them together this way before.

You know, a story should have a beginning, and a middle, and an end, and that's what I'm hoping to have that I can bring to you now, today; and prophecies that concern God's Church more than the conditions of the world.

Now, many of the prophecies are concerned with conditions in the world, world conditions, but I think we're vitally concerned with: Where are we, in God's Church, right now? Where are we in the chain of prophecies? What's happening now? What has just happened? What is going to happen next?

We need to understand that, and we need to get a new perspective and have it brought up to date and that's what I hope to do right now. And so I've chosen the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation, and I'm going to intertwine in with it a great many other Scriptures that fit right in at the proper place.

## ISRAEL SYMBOLIZED AS WOMAN IN PROPHECY

But beginning with the 12th chapter of Revelation, I'll take first just the first six verses. And it begins back with ancient Israel, as a matter of fact, who were the people of God. And they were looked on as a woman, and a woman, symbolically, represents a Church in the Bible and



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especially in the Book of Revelation. And the Book of Revelation is in symbols, but it explains its own symbols. So, I read beginning verse one, **“There appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.”**



That is speaking of Israel of the Old Testament time and prior to the birth of Jesus Christ, Who was born of the tribe of Judah, in Israel, in apparently, the year about 4 B.C. And so it is speaking there, coming down to, prior to and now the birth of Christ, this 12th chapter of Revelation carries a theme right through from then to the coming of Christ and the World Tomorrow, and the doing away with Satan the devil. And Satan is mentioned in this and what he is doing. He is mentioned in this chapter, of course.



Now, “there appeared another wonder in heaven,” now we come to see Satan also in this. **“And behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.”**



Now, that ties right in with the 13th and 17th chapters of Revelation speaking of the governments of this world, which were manipulated by, deceived by, the former great archangel Lucifer, who rebelled, who was set on a throne on this earth to rule the whole earth over angels. Angels inhabited this earth before mankind,

but angels rebelled because this Lucifer led them into rebellion. And they are **“the angels that sinned”** as you read in II Peter the second chapter, and verse four.

third of them followed him, a third of all of the angels. The other angels, apparently, are still holy angels.

And so the woman **“was ready to be delivered,”** and **“the dragon stood before the woman,”** which is the Church. Now, remember the woman represents the Church, but this was the Church of the Old Testament. It was called the, in the Old Testament as a Church it was called the **“Congregation of Israel.”** Now, congregation means the same thing as church. It’s a word that is synonymous with the word church. Many churches today call themselves congregations. Many even of Jewish synagogues are called congregation of this or that, or Congregation of Israel or something like that. And the Old Testament Children of Israel were called both the Kingdom of Israel and the Congregation of Israel. As a government they were the Kingdom of Israel, but as a Church they were the Congregation of Israel.

Now, you are going to see that the Church today is both called a nation and a Church and also something else that we are going to come to a little later. Now, let’s try to get right along with this.

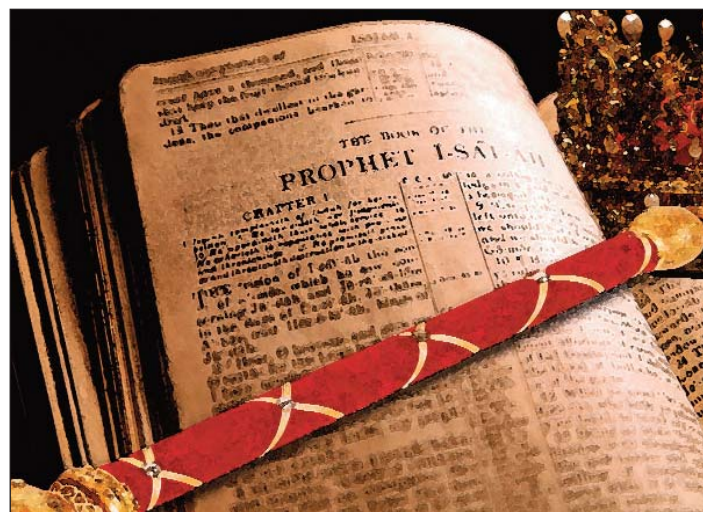
## THE BIRTH AND FUTURE REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST

To **(devour)** **“her child as soon as it was born.”** That was Jesus Christ Who was born. “And she,” meaning the Congregation of Israel, now, through the tribe of Judah, **“brought forth a man child.”** That was the child, Christ. **“Who was to rule all nations.”**

Do you know that in most preaching in churches today, they leave out entirely that Christ came to be the King?



This great red dragon, **“and his tail drew the third part of the stars.”** Now, in many cases stars represent angels in the Bible. And sometimes the word angel means “spirit angels” composed wholly of spirit. And sometimes the word angel, I think in the Greek the word is “angelis” or “angelus” or “angelos.” Anyway, it is used in some cases and translated in our Bibles, in some places in English to mean certain human leaders. It is used interchangeably both ways. Anyway, in this case it is referring to spirit composed angels. A



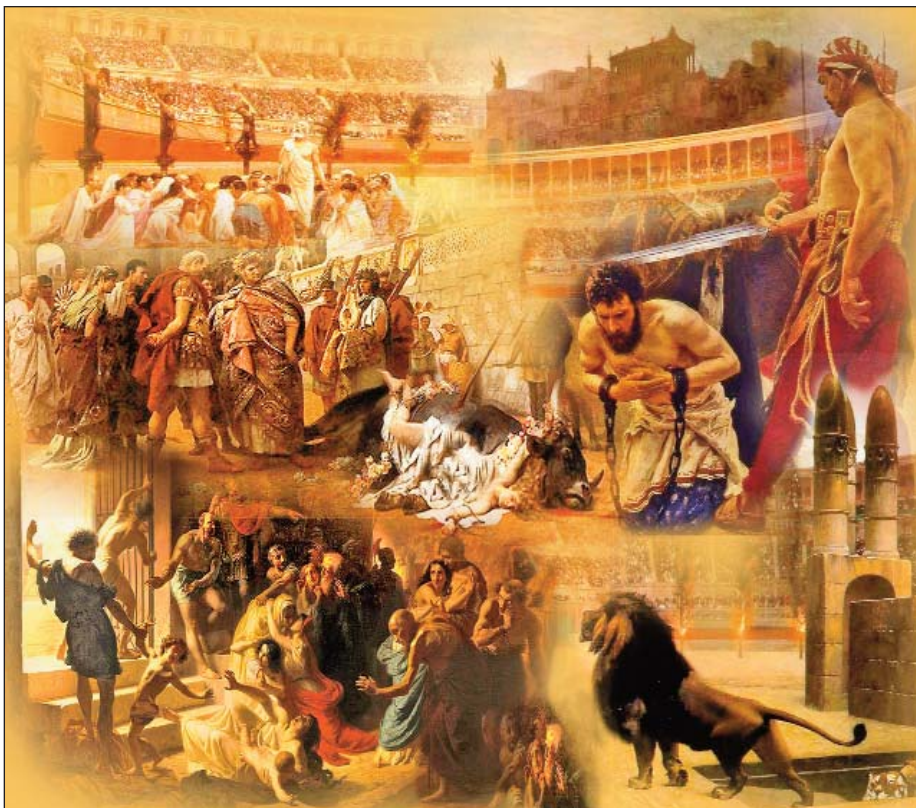


That He came to rule? That there is government mixed up with the gospel of Jesus Christ? They don't preach that much today, but you do hear it in God's Church.

**“Who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God.”** Now, that skips quickly over the 3½ years of Jesus' ministry, between the ages of 30 and about 33½, up past 31 A.D., when the Church was formed and Jesus had ascended up to heaven.

So the child now was the Lord Jesus after His crucifixion, after His resurrection. He ascended, was caught up unto God and to God's throne. He now is sitting on His Father's throne, and we may be granted to sit on His throne on this earth when He comes again to earth as He now sits on His Father's throne in heaven, if we are overcomers, if we have His Spirit, if we begin to live God's way and turn away from the way of humanity and the way humanity is living in this world.

**“She brought forth the man child, Who was to rule all nations.”** He was caught up to the throne of God in heaven.



**“And the woman fled into the wilderness.”** Now, we get into the Middle Ages. This happened along in the Middle Ages for 1,260 years, where the Church had to flee. They had to meet underground and secretly, and many times they had to flee – the time of the Waldenses and of Peter Waldo and of other leaders of the Church through those Middle Age years.

**“Where she hath a place prepared of God.”** I want you to notice that at that time the woman fled. Now, you flee on your own feet. I want you to keep that in mind because we're going to see something a little later that's a little different.

**“That they should feed her there a thousand, two hundred and threescore days.”** Now, I'd like to mention that. That brings the Church up to now, past the Middle Ages. We're past all of that now, past the Middle Ages, past all that now and up to our time, but you will notice the Church was fed there 1,260 days.

Now, there is a *duality* running all through the prophecies of God and in the plan and purpose of God. When it speaks of days in prophecy, in prophecies that are in Old Testament or Me-





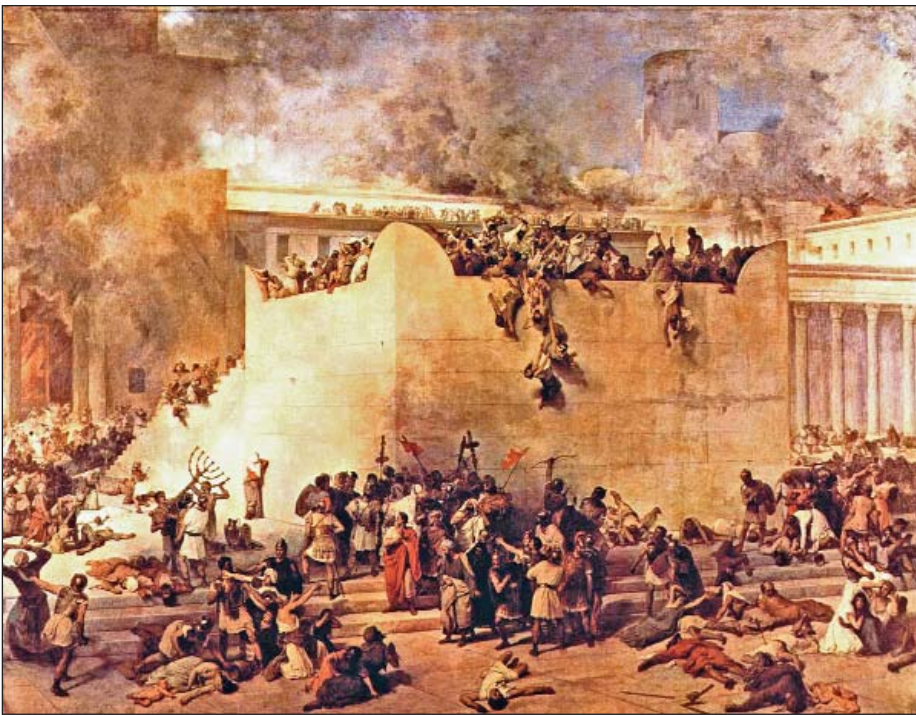
dieval times and prior to this end time in which we live, a day is a year being fulfilled. The 1,260 days means 1,260 years and the Church was persecuted and the TRUE Church of God had to flee for 1,260 years.

Now, there's a *great false church* pictured in the 17th chapter of Revelation who was ruling over the governments of this world during those same years. But you read of the TRUE Church of God right here and the TRUE Church of God was persecuted and had to flee for 1,260 years and that brings us up to the present time.

Now then, I'm going to depart from this for a little while and go to some other Scriptures that fit right in, into the story flow right at this point. So, to bring you up to date now, I'd like to turn to the 24th chapter of Matthew, and I want to first read the first five verses.

Now, that actually did take place in their lifetime, in 70 A.D., but they thought the Kingdom of God and the Second Coming of Christ was going to happen in their lifetime, too. So, a little later, Jesus was up on the Mount of Olives in the next verse, and as Jesus sat on **"the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when shall these things be?'"** What things? The things they'd been talking about – the destruction of the temple. As I say, that happened in 70 A.D. in their lifetime.

**"And what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and the end of the world?"** Now, that didn't mean the end of the earth. It's just the end of this civilization, this world, this way of things, this way of living that is bringing so much unhappiness and sorrow and violence and war and suffering upon a suffering humanity. They thought it was all going to happen in their lifetime.



So, they asked Him two things and actually they were to happen about 1,900 years apart. Now, Jesus knew that, so He answered them a little differently. First, He answered what was going to happen in their time, in their lifetime.

So, **"Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Take heed that no man deceive you, for many shall come in My name.'"** You search the Scriptures and every place anyone comes in Christ's name, he comes as a representative of Christ, saying he is a representative. He is a minister of Christ. He's working for Christ. They don't come saying they are Christ.

**"Jesus went out,"** now this is the one great prophecy of Jesus Christ Himself. This is the greatest prophecy in the New Testament. **"Jesus went out,"** He'd been at the temple in Jerusalem and He **"went out and departed from the temple: and the disciples came to Him (for) to show Him the buildings of the temple. And He said to them,"** when they showed Him the buildings of the temple, He said, **"See ye not all of these things? ... I say unto you, there shall not be" one stone, "be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down."**

Many will come in My name. They will come as ministers of Christ. Saying that **"I am Christ,"** saying that Jesus is speaking here, saying that **"I, Jesus, am Christ."** Saying that Jesus is the Christ and shall deceive the many.

In Galatians the first chapter you will find that the gospel that Christ preached was suppressed, and that was written in 53 A.D., and it was already being suppressed at that time

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# Personal from the Editor

By Alton B. 'Don' Billingsley

## The Life and Death Importance of the Mission of Elijah

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## And the Life and Death Importance of the Elect Church of God to Mankind!

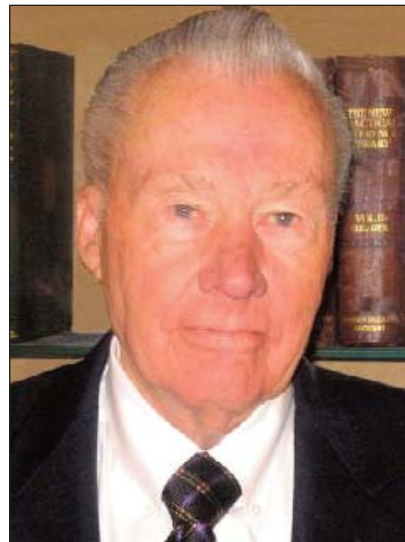
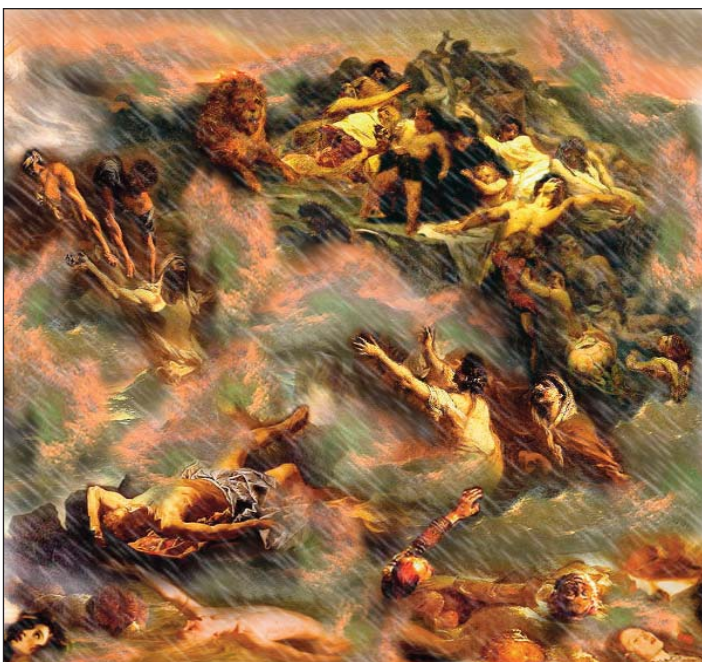
'The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that *every intent* of the thought of his heart was only EVIL continually ... so the LORD said, **'I will destroy man ...'**  
(Genesis 6:5, 7, 11-13, 17)

**D**ue to the very same evils existing today, as then, God is soon going to deal with our world just as He did with the Pre-Flood world of Noah!!!

Daily the media of television, radio and newspapers reveal the same identical problems, as then! Compare the above Scriptures with what is in evidence in our world of today:

*The wickedness of mankind on all levels is great indeed: Crimes of blood fill the land, morals at an all-time low, the legalized murder of the unborn, the unbiblical mixing of the races in marriages, same-sex marriages and every intent of his heart is to further explore, act out and teach evils yet to be discovered!!!*

Matthew 24:37-39; Hosea 4:1-3



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As one should see – there is no real difference. Soon mankind will come to realize that God is no respecter of persons or nations when it comes to violating His holy and righteous laws! He is going to punish the house of Joseph severely for their sins by experiencing **the horrors of famine, disease, captivity and slavery!!!** Malachi 3:6; Ezekiel 6:1-14, 7:1-9.

God is not oblivious to the *open-ness* of their arrogance and contempt of Him: **"The look on their countenance witnesses against them, and they declare their sin as Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves** (Isaiah 3:9; Genesis 19:1-17, 24-25)."



Holy Scripture reveals those who are the driving force for these terrible and abominable sins: **"As for My people, children are their oppressors and women rule over them. O My people! They who lead you lead you astray, and destroy the way of your paths** (Isaiah 3:12, 16-26; Nahum 3:13)."

**"... They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge** (Jeremiah 4:22)."

**God describes the leadership and system that promotes and promulgates these evils as being SICK** (Isaiah 1:4-6 – no longer knowing, or wanting to know, the good from the evil).



*“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Isaiah 5:26.*

## DISDAIN FOR THE TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY BIBLE

The majority of the leadership and people of the House of Joseph could care less what the Holy Bible teaches! They show their lack of belief and disrespect for God by ignoring His teachings! Isaiah 1:4; Hosea 8:12, 14. *Further*, they do not want to hear from those who would dare preach God’s laws that would convict this God-defying and free-wheeling society for their evil ways:

**“They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks uprightly”** (Amos 5:10; Galatians 1:4).”

Note God’s indictment against what has been done by the civil and religious leaders of the land: **“And the LORD said, ‘Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them (the Holy Bible), and have not obeyed My voice (through His use of the Elijah), nor walked according to it, but they have walked according to the imagination of their own heart and after the Baals (so-called Christianity), which their fathers taught them (succeeding generations from Jeroboam, I Kings 12:26-33), ... I will scatter them among the Gentiles, ... and I will send a sword after them until I have consumed them (Jeremiah 9:13-16).”**

*Reportedly, the world-famous evangelist, Billy Graham, said some years ago, that if God does not punish this nation for its sins He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah for destroying them for their sins (Genesis 19). This was well said.*



## DOOM AWAITS!

The judgment of the House of Joseph has been *delayed* only long enough for the fulfillment of the Mission of the Elijah to **WARN** His people of their rendezvous with calamity unless – and with the hope of – their repentance (Amos 3:7; Isaiah 42:9; Ezekiel 18:31-32).

Alarmingly! God would have already destroyed all of mankind today – EXCEPT for:

## THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION OF THE PROMISED ELIJAH OF THE END TIME TO MANKIND TODAY

**“Says the LORD of hosts: ‘Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet BEFORE the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will TURN the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers LEST I come and STRIKE the earth with A CURSE (Malachi 4:1, 5).”**

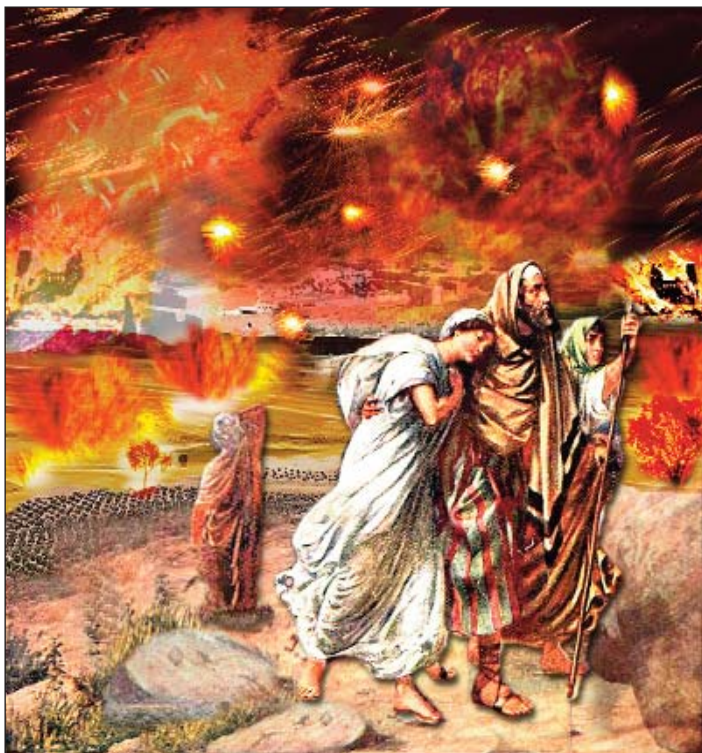


Quotes from a sermon given in 1981 by Mr. Armstrong: *An Overview of Prophecy:*

**“That word “curse,” did you ever look it up? It’s the same Hebrew word as you will find in the 14th chapter of Zechariah where it is translated, “complete, utter destruction!” ‘Unless I come and smite the earth with UTTER, TOTAL DESTRUCTION!’ It will be at a time when men can annihilate and erase all human life from the earth.**

**“Brethren, for the first time in all the history of mankind the weapons of mass destruction now exist that can erase all human life from this earth, can BLAST all human life out of existence, and it will happen if God does not intervene and stop it!”**





Prophecy reveals this will be the unparalleled time of Jacob's trouble: **"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be"** (Matthew 24:21; Daniel 12:1; Jeremiah 30:4-7)."

## TURNING THEIR HEARTS

As the LORD God used the Elijah of old to turn the hearts of ancient Israel back to Him, so has He used His Elijah with the nations of Israel today: Each one was used in turning *a sufficient number* from their *evil licentious worship of Baal* – to the true God and obedience of His commandments, statutes and judgments – *thus saving all humanity from utter destruction* (I Kings 18:37-39, 19:18; Romans 11:2-5; Malachi 4:4-6)!

Having in mind their past history, the LORD God realized their repentance and obedience would only last for a few short years. They would then *return* to the same worship of the *Baals* and to disobedience to His holy righteous laws! He also knew the same would be true in our time. *And God was right as He always is!*

Rather than utterly **destroying** them, He chose to punish His people in a different manner by their being conquered by Assyria (*modern-day Germany*) and sending the survivors into slavery to other nations (II Kings 17:5-15, 23).

The same fate awaits the nations of Israel today and for the very same reasons (Ezekiel 5:7-17). *Duality* can be found throughout the Holy Bible.

## THE TRUE LORD GOD/JESUS CHRIST

Turning a sufficient number of people around then, and now, was based on IDENTIFYING the true God with WORSHIP apart from **Baal worship** (*prevalent then, and also in today's Christianity*, I Kings 18:37-39), and turning His people back to Him in worship and obedience to His holy and righteous laws.

**"Says the LORD of hosts: 'Remember the Law of Moses (the 10 Commandments) My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments ... (Exodus 20-23; Malachi 4:1, 4, 6).**

Undoubtedly, God gave the name Elijah to His prophet, for it identifies the true God: **YAH** is **EL** or **YAHWEH IS GOD**. This is why God chose to use two men later who would bear the name of Elijah in TYPE, but not in reality. Though they would have their own names, they would go forth in their missions *in the Spirit and Power of the ancient prophet Elijah* (Luke 1:17).



## THE PROMISED ELIJAH'S COMING CONFIRMED BY JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ confirmed to His disciples what He had the prophet Malachi to write about the promised Elijah of the end time:

**And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that *Elijah has to come first* (before His coming back to earth, Matthew 16:28)? Jesus answered and said to them, "Elijah truly is coming FIRST and will RESTORE all things (Matthew 17:10-11)."**

And true to the promise and confirmation by Jesus Christ, He did send Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to fulfill the mission of the Elijah in our time.



## RESTORING THE ORIGINAL DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS

After the conversion of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in 1926, Jesus Christ began opening his mind to discover with understanding the LOST TRUE DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS of His Church (*MYSTERY OF THE AGES*, Pages ix-xiii; John 14:16, 16:13).

And within a few short years he came to understand them in full – the same teachings that Jesus Christ used His early apostles to place within His Church – teachings that had come to be all but lost over the centuries, and were *all but dead* in the Sardis Church Era; a Church Era that refused to accept new truths – *not really new*, but new to them (*autobiography of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong*, volume 1, pages 359-362; Hosea 4:6).

**Quotes from a sermon given by Mr. Herbert Armstrong on October 23, 1982, “Man and Angels/Clay and Bronze”:**

**“Now, they believed in the Sabbath. They had the name Church of God. They didn’t know yet what the gospel is. They didn’t preach the gospel because they didn’t know what it is. The gospel had been lost. Seventh Day Adventists don’t know what it is. No church on earth knew what it was. It just had not been proclaimed for over 1,900 years. The people in the Sardis Church had accepted the Sabbath. They had accepted the name of God. They knew there would be a Millennium, but they had no idea what would happen. They didn’t know it meant ruling the whole earth and that we would be ruling under Christ. As a matter of fact, they didn’t have the gospel in any way really, but they would not accept any knowledge in addition to what they already had.”**



## THE PHILADELPHIA ERA OF GOD’S TRUE CHURCH

From the death throes of the Sardis Church Era (Revelation 3:1-6), Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was used by Jesus Christ to begin the Philadelphia Church Era (*October 21, 1933, with 19 members, average attendance 22*), **“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,”** *Autobiography of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong*, volume 1, page 533, 517 – **“A Church of Brotherly Love”** (Revelation 3:7-13).

This era of God’s Church was used by Jesus Christ to aid His Elijah in fulfilling his God-given mission of the end time to Israel and the world, through the *Door of Media* that Christ would open for him, and later personal audiences with world leaders. It would remain faithful to Christ to the very end.

This enabled him to sound the Ezekiel warning message to this world, while crying out for the need of repentance, lest the terrible prophesied catastrophes would come on them, and all of mankind (Isaiah 58:1; Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). At the same time, he was preparing the way for the return of Jesus Christ back to this earth.

During his mission, about 4 B.C., the second Elijah, John the Baptizer, also was used by God to prepare the way for the *Messiah* (Luke 1:76-79, 3:2-18).

**Quotes from a sermon given in 1981 by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, “Overview of Prophecy”:**

**“John the Baptist was a voice in the wilderness of the Jordan River, the physical wilderness of the Jordan River, crying out to prepare the way for a physical, human Jesus to be born of a physical, human woman ... So, in the same way, for His Second Coming, this is say-**



ing that there would be someone preparing the way, who would be a voice crying out in the spiritual wilderness of religious confusion in the 20th Century. Preparing the way before the glorified Christ, coming in power and great glory, His face shining like the very sun, and coming to His SPIRITUAL Temple, a GLORIFIED Temple, and coming not to just announce He's going to set up a Kingdom of God, but coming to SET IT UP and coming to a spiritual people and not a human people."



## THE CHURCH OF GOD, FAITHFUL FLOCK

Mr. Armstrong was faithful to God during the 52 years of his life-time mission, 1934-1986.

And, though he has been dead for almost 25 years, he is still being used by Christ *via* his Recorded Works on our web sites in this 21st century – indications are – **as a last ditch warning** – shouting out the warning of the terrible things yet to take place very soon now – before the terrible and horrendous **disasters** strike Israel and those of the Church of God found wanting (Daniel 5:27).

*This is now being done in a way that would be both utterly shocking and unbelievable to all but those who are of the true ELECT!!!* Habakkuk 1:5; Zechariah 4:6.

Knowing there would be a final need for the preaching of the gospel, and the Ezekiel warning message, after the death of Mr. Armstrong, Jesus Christ planned ahead for it from the very early years of the mission of Mr. Armstrong in the following ways.

## SUPERIOR RECORDING EQUIPMENT

During Mr. Armstrong's 52 year-ministry, Jesus Christ led him to purchase the very best in recording equipment for his use to record the Radio and Television programs. As technology advanced from those early years he kept upgrading it – always using the finest quality of recording equipment. Though Mr. Armstrong was unaware of the full reasons for using the best in recording equipment, Jesus Christ, knowing all things – *the end from the beginning* (Isaiah 42:9; 46:9-10) – knew why, and planned for the resumption of His Work after his death.

1) First, Mr. Armstrong had to die to make possible the fulfillment of prophecies that could not be fulfilled as long as he lived for he stood in the way of their fulfillment (II Thessalonians 2:1-3, 6-7). And both the falling away and the scattering of the ELECT did take place in 1995, nine years after his death in 1986 (Daniel 12:7; Ezekiel 34:1-12; Jeremiah 23:1-3).

2) Afterwards, Jesus Christ would once again begin using this same man *via* his Recorded Works for the Elijah was the one prophesied for the end time, and no other.

3) The Recorded Works would prove to be even more timely and appropriate with the closing of this age than during his earlier life-time mission.

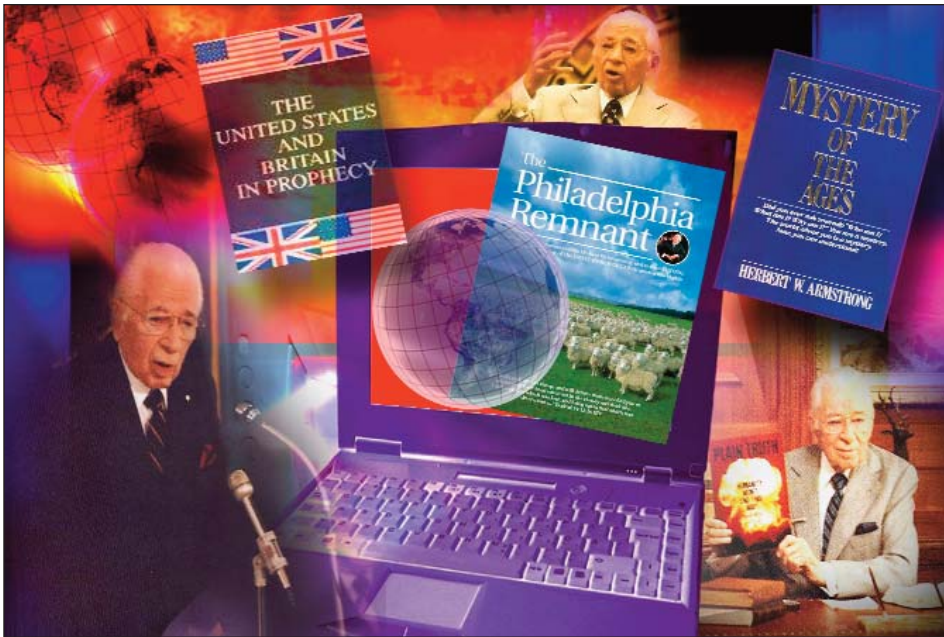
## THE OPEN DOOR FROM 1934 TO 1986 WAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Jesus Christ *closed the door* to His use of the Elijah at the time of his death for a major reason; *and that door remained closed until the Passover season in 2006!*

**Why the Passover season in 2006?** For understanding, one needs to consider the events in the time of the ancient Elijah – and then place those same events in the time of the end-time Elijah. *There is a direct parallel.*

1) Elijah was removed from Israel by a direct intervention from God in 896 B.C. (II Kings 2:1-7, 11-12). He was taken up into the first heaven (*the earth's atmosphere*) by a **fiery chariot and horses of fire** by a tornado-like wind and set down in another part of Israel. There he apparently lived a quiet life probably unrecognized as a prophet by prominent officials and people due to no longer wearing his





5) **Companion Bible: The Spiritual Significance of Numbers** – “The number 10 denotes ordinal perfection. Another new first after the ninth digit, when numeration commences anew.”

**Doubling the number 10 equals 20** – and has the same meaning – **commencing anew** – after the number 19: God has set time running in cycles of 19 years. Just once in every 19 years the DAYS, divided by the sun; the MONTHS, marked by the new MOON; and the YEARS, divided by the revolution of the earth around the SUN, all come into conjunction only once in 19 years. *Thus the number 20 also has the meaning of commencing anew!*

prophet’s hairy mantle for it was picked up by Elisha and kept by him (II Kings 2:13-14). However he kept abreast of what was taking place in Israel and Judah.

2) **Exactly 10 years later!** – A writing was sent from Elijah to inform King Jehoram that he and his peoples would be struck with **a great plague (type of the Great Tribulation in our time)** with which they would die with horrible deaths because of the gravity of their sins (II Chronicles 21:12-15). And this came to pass!

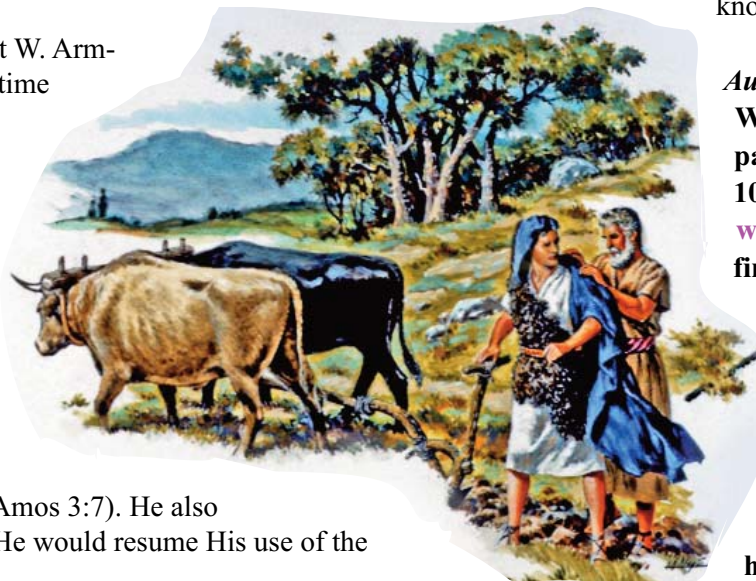
3) **The Parallel:** Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died in 1986. At that time Jesus Christ **CLOSED** the Door to His message for He was NOT going to use **an apostate pastor general** to carry on His Work.

4) **An End-Time Need:** Because of His great compassion and love for His people, Jesus Christ intended there be **a final end-time warning** (Isaiah 42:9; Amos 3:7). He also had in mind **the exact time** He would resume His use of the Elijah.

Though dead – but similar to the disappearance of the ancient Elijah sending **his written letter “10 years” later** – the end-time Elijah’s **Recorded Works** were to be placed on web sites to once again preach the gospel and sound the **end-time warning** – “**20 years later**”! Consider the numbers – “**10 and 20.**”

## MR. ARMSTRONG’S LAST LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

**Regarding this present Work of God:** Somewhat like Elijah’s letter to King Jehoram, it is interesting to note an excerpt from the last letter written by Mr. Armstrong’s personal aide, as from Mr. Armstrong himself. **It speaks of an even greater work to be done after his death!** Though he was too weak to write it, he made known his approval of the letter:



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**Autobiography, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong volume II, pages 643-45, dated January 10, 1986: “... the greatest work lies ahead. Christ confirmed that in John 4:35,**

**‘Say not ye, ‘There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest?’ behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest’.**”

My personal belief and conviction is that Jesus Christ led his personal aide to write this about the **Greater Work lies ahead** – for it has turned out to be a factual statement. And, further, Mr. Armstrong *approved* it, though he knew not **how**, or by **whom**, it would be done!



## PASSOVER SEASON 2006

Through miracles, Christ began to make known to me about the time of the Passover in 2006 that He was once again going to **OPEN THAT DOOR** and **resume** the work of the Elijah by using this *little, little flock* as a *conduit*, or *instrument*, to do it (Luke 12:32).

Three of those miracles came about at a particular time and in the following manner:

1) I received a call from a web master and a server offering to download all of the Recorded Works of the Elijah just before the Passover in 2006 on our *Faithful Flock* web site. I asked if this would be legal, and they assured me it was. With this in mind, I eagerly accepted their offer. And it was done.

2) On the very night of the beginning of the Last Day of Unleavened Bread 2006, I received a call offering me freely and voluntarily 14 web sites. I eagerly accepted them.

3) The first Sunday in January 2007, Jesus Christ made possible our debut of the bi-monthly **Philadelphia Remnant** magazine. I think of it as a combination of the former *Plain Truth* and the *Good News* magazines.

Having received these blessings from Jesus Christ rounded out fully the further mission of the Elijah that He made possible for the continuation of His Work.

Through the use of overhead satellites, all of our web sites, loaded with his Recorded Works, are making possible *an even greater work* that is now accessible to the entirety of the world by use of computers.

## GOD'S TRUE WORK TODAY

Due to the *lack of faithfulness* of all other Corporate Churches of God, the VERY ELECT, the Philadelphia Remnant of God's Church, is being used by Jesus Christ as an instrument in doing God's WORK by continuing to keep alive all of the RESTORED DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS within the Church; together with the radio broadcasts, telecasts and writings of the Elijah to come— all shouting out the **WARNINGS** of what is soon to come to pass – making known the enormous icebergs directly in front of the nations of Israel, and the world (Revelation 3:8; Habakkuk 1:5, 2:2-3, 3:2; Isaiah 29:14).

*Questions: Who other than Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong fulfilled these foretold prophecies by the prophet Malachi and by Jesus Christ Himself? Further, what would another restore that he did not? Who else continually cried out the **WARNING** of the horrors of the end time – horrors that are now virtually on top of us? (Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11; Isaiah 58:1). No one – and anyone who is honest will admit it!*

## THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECT OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH TO MANKIND

It is also very sad that few people grasp the importance and responsibility of each Spirit-begotten member of God's *little, little flock* to Israel and the world (Isaiah 1:9; Luke 12:32; Matthew 5:13-15). The following Scripture makes this fact well known:



**“And UNLESS those days were shortened, NO FLESH WOULD BE SAVED ALIVE, BUT FOR THE ELECT’S SAKE, those days will be shortened (Matthew 24:22).”**

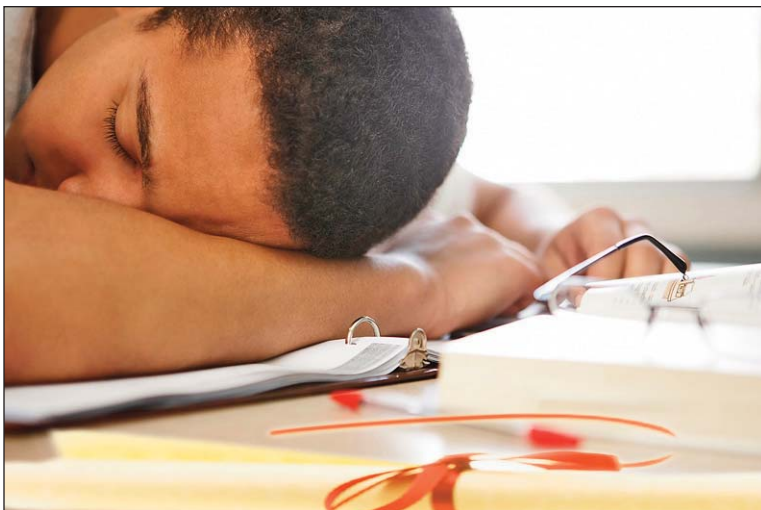
**Who really constitutes the ELECT People of God?** Answer: They are both the Philadelphia and the Laodicean Eras of God's true Church as evidenced by Scripture: Neither one will be deceived by false ministers performing miracles *for both will continue to keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ* (Matthew 24:24; Revelation 12:17).

Unlike the faithful remnant of the Philadelphia Era, the Laodiceans will be disqualified from being taken to the place of refuge due to their lukewarmness and self-righteousness (Revelation 3:15-17; 12:17; Matthew 25:10-12).

The first real notice by Mr. Armstrong of the Laodicean members dwelling in our midst was around 1969. He began speaking of their laid-back attitude of feeling so RICH with those true teachings they were coming to be self-righteous and lukewarm: **“... Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, have need of nothing’ (Revelation 3:7)!”**

Since the scattering of the membership in 1995, they have come to be in full evidence among the larger corporate churches. They are identified by their needing nothing further from Christ, leaving them free to do and go where they wish.





## THE 450-PLUS CORPORATE CHURCHES OF GOD

Observing the *variations of beliefs and teachings* of each of the 450-plus Corporate Churches of God, there appears to be ***no real difference between them and the Protestant churches, due to their individual cafeteria style of offering selective choices of teachings!*** And many blindly follow their wayward leadership instead of following Jesus Christ! (II Peter 2:1-3; Jude 2, 11-12).

Tragically, they ignore what Jesus Christ expects of His true people: ***“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God*** (Luke 4:4; Matthew 4:4).”

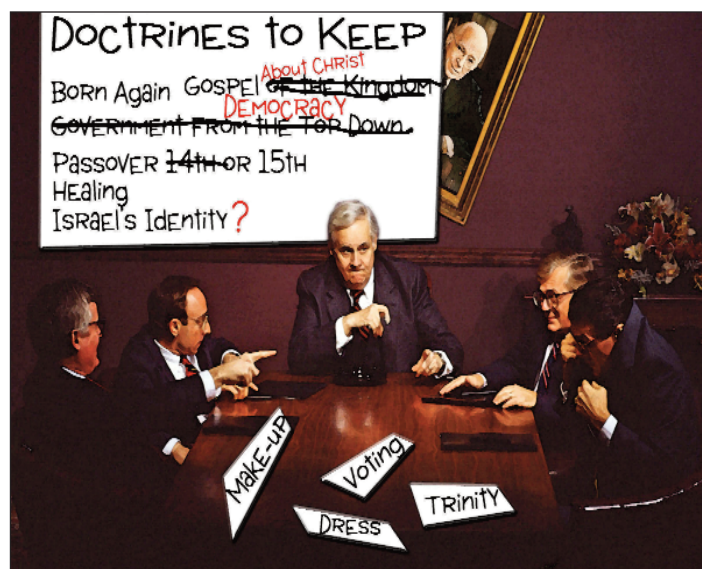
They are ***deluding*** themselves into believing they are the ELECT members of the body of Christ, but are not (II Timothy 4:3-4, 3:13).

***WARNING:*** To all of these wayward and disobedient churches, God says: ***“You REJECT all those who STRAY from your statutes for their deceit is falsehood*** (Psalm 119:118).”

They are choosing to remain among these corporate churches while clinging to the truth they were taught, while wanting to *govern* themselves instead of seeking God’s theocratic governance, with a true faithful and zealous pastor of Christ teaching the fullness of the doctrinal teachings as taught by Mr. Armstrong, along with the rulings he was led to make by Christ.

***Martyrdom*** – Because of His love for the Laodiceans, Jesus Christ is giving them one final opportunity to ***RE-PENT*** and be in the first resurrection by proving their faithfulness to Him through ***the agony of experiencing horrible deaths as martyrs***; otherwise, Christ would be vomiting them out of His mouth with no chance at all for salvation (Revelation 3:18-19; 6:9-11).

They have become ***Dropouts*** from God’s College – wanting to make it ***“their own way”*** (*Mystery of the Ages*, Pages: 228, 266, 270-272 – Firstfruits pages 232-241).



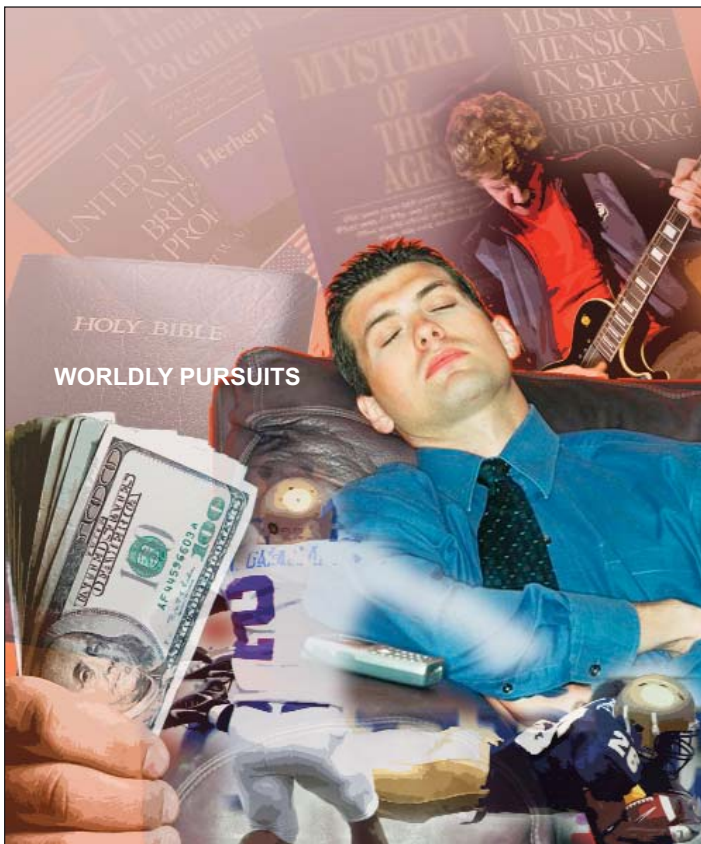
## THE IRRELEVANCE OF THE ELIJAH TO THE 450-PLUS CORPORATE CHURCHES

Sadly, the ministers and members alike, have distanced themselves from acknowledging Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong as being the Elijah and Apostle that Jesus Christ sent to mankind and His Church in this present age to ***WARN*** and ***TEACH*** before the closing of the door to His Gospel and the ***Ezekiel warning message*** (Revelation 3:8). Yet, all of them were taught by him.

It has been reported by some who were of them, they now believe and teach that Mr. Armstrong and the teachings with which they disagree are ***no longer relevant*** in this modern day and age.







The few members among them who acknowledge Mr. Armstrong as *the promised Elijah of the end time*, are laid back, lacking in fervor and zeal, unwilling for various reasons, to **stand up** for Jesus Christ and His TRUTH. They do not love Him or His truth that much! (Luke 14:25-35, Matthew 22:37-38)

### THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF CHRIST'S TRUE TEACHINGS

To His disciples, Jesus said: “If you are faithful to what I have said, you are truly My disciples and you will **KNOW** the truth and the TRUTH will set you free (John 8:31-32; 17:17; II Timothy 3:16-17).”

In contrast, Jesus Christ also said: “He who is of God hears God’s words (with true comprehension and understanding); therefore you do **NOT** hear, because you are **NOT** of God (John 8:47).” The distinction is made here between those who truly belong to God as opposed to those who do not.

*Tragically the vast majority of God’s Church is indifferent and sleeping! No longer do they place any real value on the fullness of the true teachings as taught by the proven Apostle of God, and His promised Elijah! The reason being – he is dead! And the unacceptable teachings and rulings he taught died with him – so they reason; while preferring to retain all or some of the heresies taught by*



*an apostate pastor general; the way of human reason* (Proverbs 14:12, 16:25).

**Tares:** Other than the actual true members of the last three Church eras (Revelation 3:1-22), all others are **Tares** (Revelation 3:7-13, 14-22; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43). And **Tares** are in the midst of the three Church eras.



### GOD’S PROMISE OF REFUGE

Jesus Christ has made a promise of *escape and protection* for His very special **ELECT** people (Revelation 3:10, 12:15-16; Luke 21:36). True to His promise, Holy Scripture reveals **the ELECT of the Philadelphia Era** will be removed just before the real beginning of the **Great Tribulation** to be protected from it (Revelation 3:8, 10). All others will be left behind to **die terror-stricken, agonizing, horrendous deaths** (Matthew 25:10-12; Revelation 12:17).

As mankind continues to move forward into this **troublesome time of uncertainty**, the **ELECT** will continue to **WATCH** with wisdom and understanding from Christ, while continuing to write and speak of the need of: “... *exhorting you to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints* (Jude 3; Luke 21:36).”







# U.S. Would Lose Trade War!



**By Mark Mendiola**

**A**s the ugliness of the Great Depression worsened, Congress enacted the infamous Smoot-Hawley Tariff of 1930 that sharply raised U.S. tariffs on more than 20,000 imported agricultural and industrial goods to record levels, arguably deepening the severity of the nation's worst economic crisis that followed the Stock Market Crash of October 1929.

Named after U.S. Sen. Reed Smoot, R-Utah, and, U.S. Rep. Willis C. Hawley, R-Oregon, respective chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means committees, the legislation was designed to protect troubled American farms and businesses from foreign competition, but it actually backfired when international trading partners retaliated and global commerce ground to a halt.

As a result, U.S. imports and exports were slashed in half, more factories were shut down, bankruptcies soared and unemployment escalated to the

point many Americans could not find jobs and went hungry. When Smoot-Hawley was enacted in 1930, the nation's unemployment rate stood at 7.8 percent. It vaulted to 16.3 percent in 1931, 24.9 percent in 1932 and an astounding 25.1 percent by 1933!

Nearly 1,030 U.S. economists had submitted a petition imploring U.S. President Herbert Hoover to veto the legisla-







SMOOT/HAWLEY, HERBERT HOOVER

tion. Automobile industrialist Henry Ford called it “economic stupidity” and also lobbied Hoover against it.

Thomas W. Lamont, chief executive for J.P. Morgan, the wealthy financier who founded General Electric and U.S. Steel, said he “almost went down on my knees to beg Herbert Hoover to veto the asinine Hawley-Smoot Tariff.”

Calling it “vicious, extortionate and obnoxious,” Hoover originally opposed the bill, but later caved into pressure from his own party and other business leaders to sign it into law, ensuring the nation’s plunge into the depths of the Great Depression of the 1930s prior to World War II.

On Sept. 29, 2010, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 348-79 to amend part of the Smoot-Hawley Act of 1930 (which is still on the books) to give the U.S. Commerce Department extensive protectionist powers to im-

pose tariffs on foreign countries it deems undervalue their currencies to gain unfair trading advantages and “dump” their products on world markets.

Most agree the amendment was aimed squarely at the People’s Republic of China, which has kept the value of its currency (the “yuan” or “renminbi”) low for many years so its exports are less expensive, enabling it to pile up massive trading surpluses.

## HUGE TRADE DEFICIT WITH CHINA

The U.S. Commerce Department reported on Oct. 14 that the monthly U.S. trade deficit widened sharply in August by 8.8 percent to \$46.3 billion, pushing it to a record annual rate of \$502.5 billion, up 34 percent from the \$374.9 billion deficit for all of 2009!

“The deficit with China rose 8.2 percent to an all-time high of \$28 billion, surpassing the old record of \$27.9 billion set in October 2008. So far this year, the U.S. deficit with China, the largest imbalance with any country, is running 20.6 percent above the pace set in 2009,” Associated Press writer Martin Crutzingier wrote. Scott Paul, Alliance for American Manufacturing executive director, told the AP: “The rising trade deficit with China is a disturbing trend. It should be crystal clear that jawboning alone won’t reduce our trade deficit and the loss of jobs. America’s workers and manufacturers need action.”



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Testifying before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on June 9, 2010, Robert E. Lighthizer, an international trade lawyer, stated: “The U.S. trade deficit with China has almost tripled over the last decade, rising from \$83.1 billion in 2000 to \$226.8 billion in 2009 – an increase of 172.9 percent. ... It seems clear that the U.S. manufacturing crisis is related to our trade with China. One estimate states that between 2001 and 2008, the growing trade deficit between the United States and China resulted in 2.4 million American jobs being lost or displaced. Nor is this trend likely to end.”

Writing in the Oct. 4 *Wall Street Journal*, Donald L. Luskin, chief investment officer at Trend Macrolyt-

ics, said if the Smoot-Hawley amendment is passed by the U.S. Senate and signed into law by President Barack Obama, “virtually the entire volume of China's exports to the U.S. suddenly would become subject to countervailing duties. Surely China would retaliate. That makes the bill a nuclear threat of mutual assured economic destruction. If carried out, it would crush trade between China and the United States, which are huge export markets for each other.”

## BACK TO THE FUTURE

Luskin called the Smoot-Hawley Tariff “the mother of all policy errors,” which he said exacerbated the Great Depression. Referring to the U.S. House’s latest amendment to it, he wrote, “We’re on track to resurrect the 1930 Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act.”

Noting that Hoover’s name lives in infamy for erecting Smoot-Hawley’s tariff barriers, Luskin said the September House vote was “a bipartisan move to build those walls higher using currencies as the bricks and mortar.”

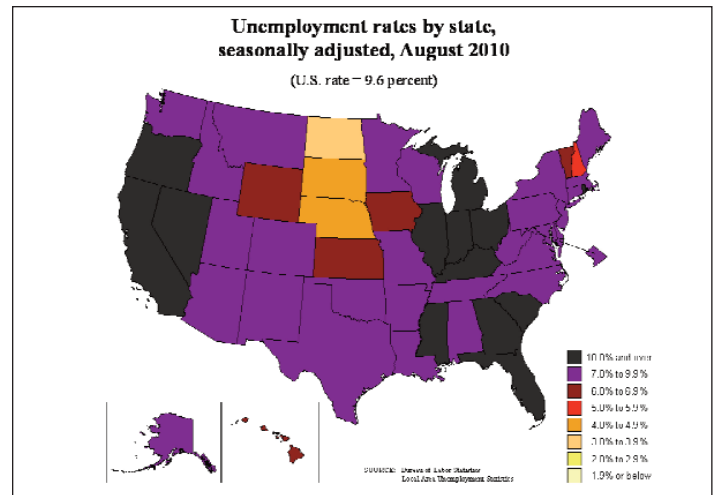
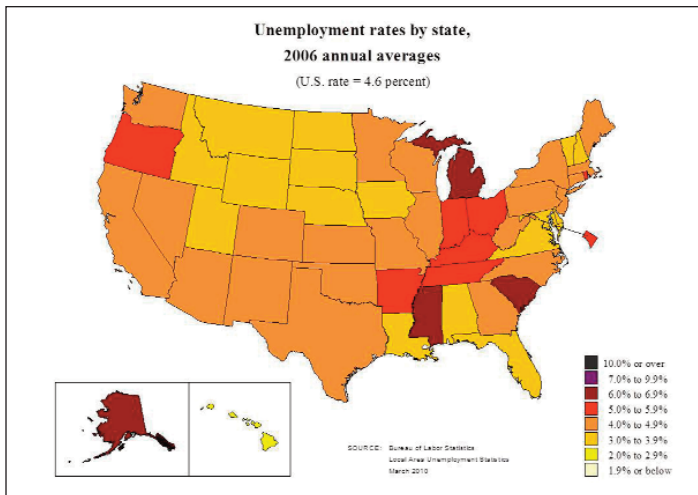
Luskin warned that the stock market the past 18 months has followed a path eerily similar to that of 1937, “when the cumulative effects of massive hikes in personal and corporate tax rates, severe monetary tightening, and aggressive business bashing by the Roosevelt administration tipped the economy into the ‘depression inside the Depression.’ From there, stocks were in for the longest and second-deepest bear market in history.”

Congress and the Obama administration are “flirting dangerously” with one of the mistakes of 1937 – by failing to extend the George W. Bush administration tax cuts that expire on Dec. 31, 2010, which Luskin said would mean “instant double-dip recession. ... Meanwhile, as we await New Year's Day when today's low tax rates expire, American taxpayers, already beset by crippling uncertainty, have no choice but to keep listening as the ticking of the doomsday clock gets louder and louder.”

Failing to extend the lower tax rates while firing opening shots in a trade war against China are twin threats to the nation’s fragile economic recovery, Luskin said. “Sometimes in the heat of politics cooler heads do not prevail. If that happens now with issues as







### UNEMPLOYMENT DRAMATICALLY WORSENS NATIONWIDE IN FOUR YEARS

critical as these, then the economy and the stock market will be doomed to repeat the tragedies of the 1930s."

Jeremy Warner, assistant editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, in a Sept. 29 column titled "Are We Heading for a Replay of the 1930s?" wrote that the United States and United Kingdom have embarked on "beggar thy neighbor" economic policies of competitive devaluations of their respective dollars and pounds, plus increased protective barriers at the expense of their trading partners, to improve their balance of trade deficits and reverse rising unemployment.

"Is this not the 1930s in redux, and therefore a threat to global stability more profound and imminent than any of the more usually identified hazards of international terrorism, nuclear proliferation and the scramble for scarce resource?" Warner asked, noting Britain, like the United States, has embarked on the same policy of devaluing its currency as a key strategy for economic recovery, taking a risky gamble.

Stephen Roach, a Morgan Stanley economist, warns that protectionist moves such as recent U.S. House currency legislation easily could have unintended consequences. "At best, it is a circuitous solution that would address only one of the many pressures shaping the imbalances," he told the *Christian Science Monitor*. "At worst, it would lead to a trade war, or risk jeopardizing China's understandable focus on financial and economic stability."

### INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY WARS

The *Financial Times* reported on Oct. 14 that the dollar's tumble against most major currencies prompted "warnings that the weakness of the world's reserve currency could destabilize the global economy and push other countries into retaliatory devaluations to underwrite their exports."

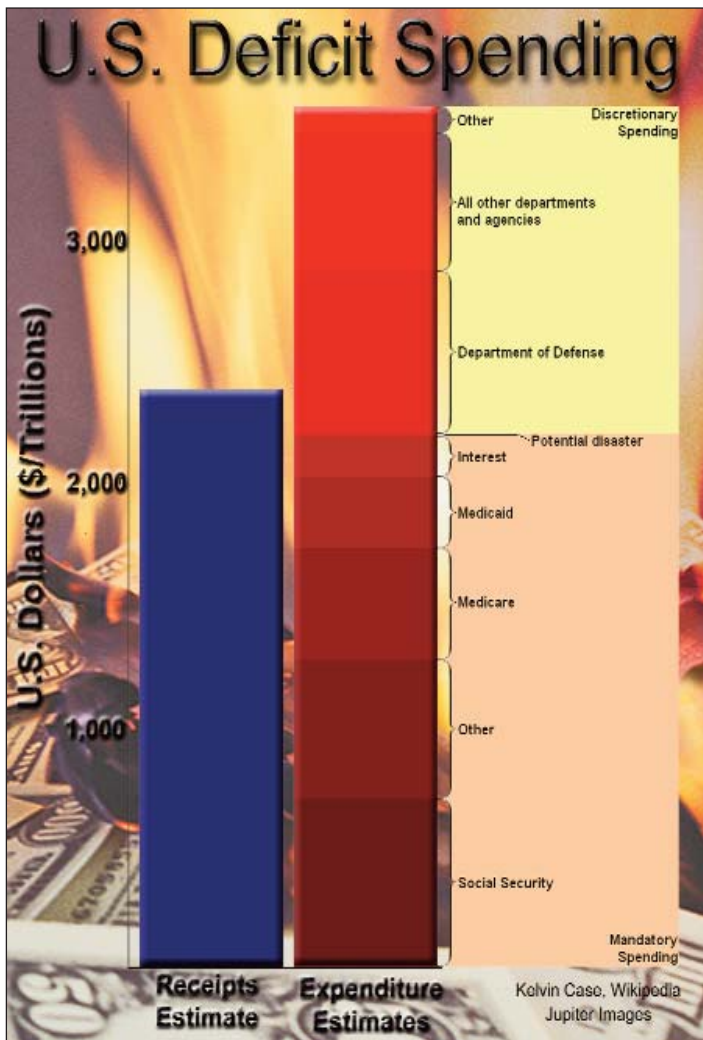
International Monetary Fund Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn told the BBC on Oct. 7 that global currency wars pose "a real threat" to economic recovery. Guido Mantega, Brazil's finance minister, declared in a Sept. 27 speech to his South American country's industrial leaders: "We're in the midst of an international currency war. This threatens us because it takes away our competitiveness."



In mid-October, the U.S. dollar dropped to new lows against the Chinese yuan and the Swiss franc. It reached parity with the Canadian and Australian dollars. It dropped to a 15-year low against the Japanese yen and to an eight-month low against the euro, matching a five-week losing







streak against the European Union's currency that ended in December 2008. Gold prices rose for the 11th straight week.

A BNY Mellon chief currency strategist told the Financial Times: "In narrow terms, the U.S. is winning the currency wars as a weaker dollar will help its economy, but it could damage the other big economic blocs of China, Japan and Europe."

Meeting with EU officials, Russia's finance minister primarily blamed the United States for global currency instability. A European policy maker also said it would be "irresponsible" if the U.S. Federal Reserve pursues aggressive monetary easing to make U.S. exports more competitive at the expense of rivals.

Yet, that is precisely what the Fed did with its Nov. 3 announcement that it plans to purchase \$600 billion in U.S. Treasury bonds, engaging in a second round of "quantitative easing" to stimulate the U.S. economy by flooding the markets with more greenbacks. Many economists view the first round of federal stimulus measures an abject failure

with U.S. unemployment still hovering near 10 percent for more than a year despite massive government spending.

Responding to the Fed action, a Chinese central bank official said that unbridled printing of U.S. dollars is the greatest threat to the global economy. "As long as the world exercises no restraint in issuing global currencies such as the dollar – and this is not easy – then the occurrence of another crisis is inevitable," he wrote in a Chinese newspaper.

The U.S. dollar hit an 11-month low against other currencies the day after the Fed's announcement. The Federal Reserve's decision to pump financial markets with liquidity risks devaluing the U.S. dollar by 20 percent, Bill Gross, co-founder of PIMCO, which manages the world's largest mutual fund, told Reuters.

In an Oct. 17 "Money and Markets" column titled "Gutting the Dollar is Now Official!" Dr. Martin D. Weiss wrote that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's plan to crank up money printing presses to solve U.S. economic woes, risks pushing the dollar down to "very near a fatal tipping point – its lowest level in history."

Weiss warned: "It's the same trick we've seen in countries like Brazil, Argentina and Russia. It's the age-old tactic of **GUTTING THE CURRENCY** — this time targeting the most important one on earth, the U.S. dollar. ... Trashing paper currency is an insidious tactic that governments the world over have repeatedly used when skyrocketing deficits and debt threatened the collapse of their economies. It never works. It always ends in disaster."



Bernanke has sworn to not only print more paper money, but do it fast, striking the U.S. dollar directly and relentlessly, Weiss said. "I had hoped I'd never live to see this day. Now, here it is in aces and spades. ... Doesn't he realize that every time a government plays these games, the majority of its people suffer? Doesn't he know that our wealth is hopelessly eroded by the falling value of our currency? Doesn't he remember the lessons of history?" he asked.



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whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land (Zephaniah 1:14, 18).”

The Bible also shows “Riches do not profit in the day of wrath ... He who trusts in his riches will fall (Proverbs 11:4, 28).” The Prophet Jeremiah warns: “Your wealth and your treasures I will give as plunder without price, because of all your sins, throughout your territories (Jeremiah 15:13).”

In August 2010, China held \$868.4 billion in U.S. Treasuries, followed by Japan with \$836.6 billion, or an astounding \$1.7 trillion! The United States is beholden to those two extremely powerful Asian nations to fi-

nance its burgeoning debt through purchases of U.S. bonds, putting the U.S. in an extremely vulnerable position. The Bible warns in Proverbs 22:7: “The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant (or slave) to the lender.”

On Oct. 16, the Obama administration backed off releasing a Treasury report that many expected would brand China a currency manipulator for the first time in 16 years. A Chinese commerce official warned: “The Chinese yuan should not be a scapegoat for the United States’ domestic economic problems,” Reuters reported.

### BIBLICAL WARNINGS

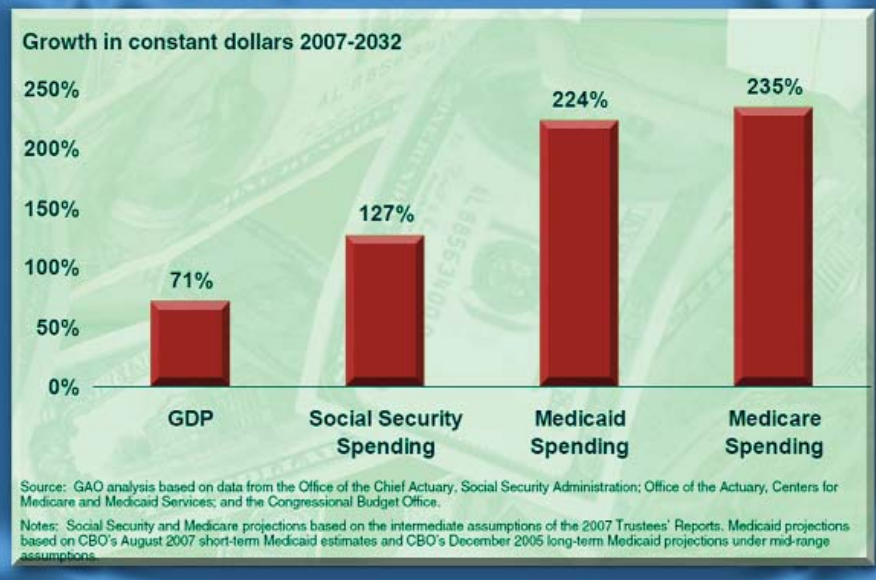
The Holy Bible strongly indicates that at the end time – before the Great Tribulation and prior to Jesus Christ’s Second Coming to establish the Kingdom of God on earth – the value of the U.S. dollar and British pound, the world’s once mighty reserve currencies, will be worthless, and investors will rush to precious metals such as gold and silver to protect their wealth.

Yet, that will prove to be an exercise in futility when massive food shortages coincide with a soon-coming economic catastrophe. It’s a frightening yet realistic scenario coming much sooner than we dare believe! Numerous Bible prophecies warn of this most terrifying time.

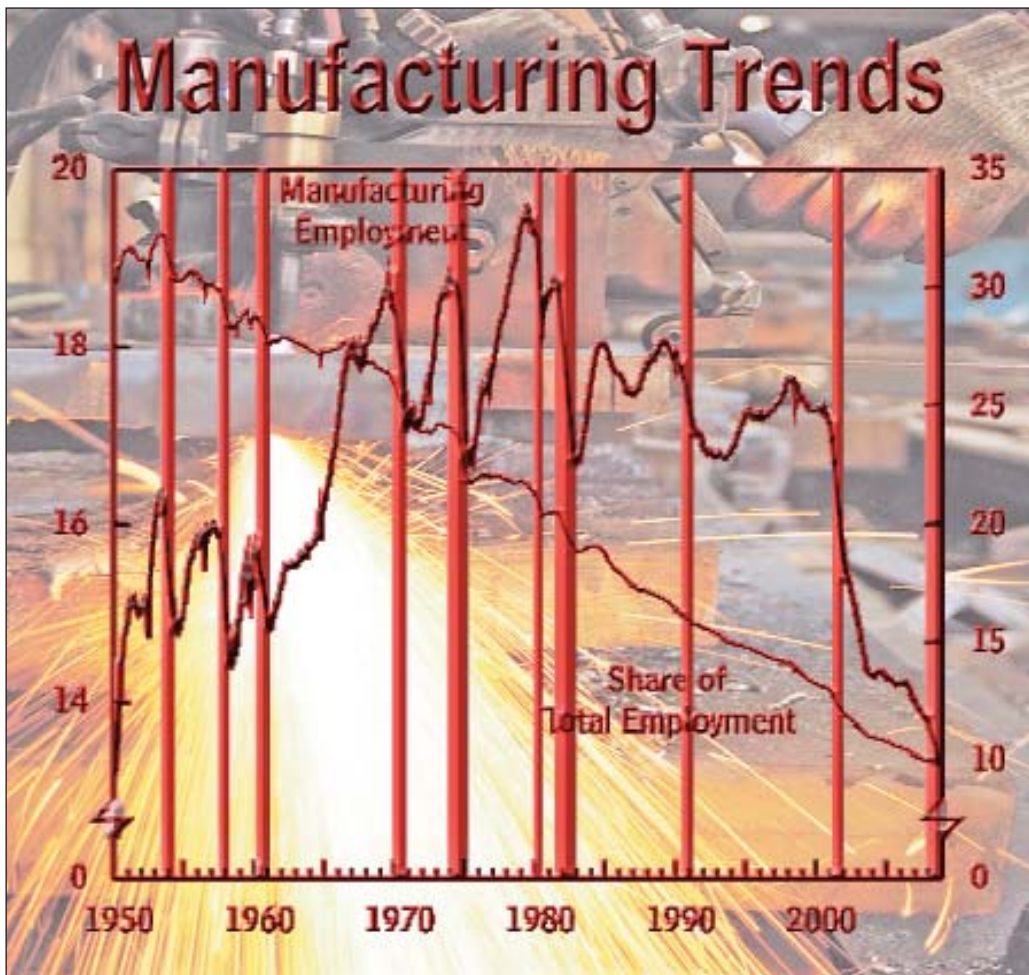
The Old Testament Prophet Ezekiel foresaw when “They will throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be like refuse; Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD; They will not satisfy their souls, nor fill their stomachs, because it became their stumbling block of iniquity (Ezekiel 7:19).”

The Prophet Zephaniah said this would be at the time of “the great day of the LORD” when “neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD’s wrath; But the

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“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you (Deuteronomy 28:15).”

Included among the national curses listed in this chapter are massive trade and budget deficits: “Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. ... The alien (foreigner) who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. ... (v. 19, 43-44).”

Ultimately, trade war *will* lead to military war. “They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-NY, responded: “Democrats and Republicans alike in Congress are prepared to move legislation confronting China's currency manipulation this year. We hope to have the administration's support but will go forward without it if necessary. ... The Obama administration is treating the symptom but not the disease.”

which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you (v.52).”

For decades, the *Plain Truth* magazine founded by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong warned that trade war would precede the outbreak of the Great Tribulation that would engulf the entire world, starting with North America, the British Isles, Scandinavia, Australia and New Zealand. A Personal column he wrote in the March 1971 issue was titled: “Trade War Looming to Trigger World War III?” As Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato told Mr. Armstrong, economic trade war was one of the factors leading to World War II.

From the 1930s to the 1980s, Mr. Armstrong resolutely thundered warnings about the decline and fall of the United States and Great Britain, citing prophecies in the Old and New Testaments. Those warnings are unfolding before our eyes with a vengeance! The curses outlined in Deuteronomy 28 and Leviticus 26 are befalling the American and British nations in explicit detail. Check it out for yourself. Prove it!







Many foreign nations blame Washington's irresponsible deficit spending and Wall Street's greed and corruption for bringing the entire world economy to the brink of absolute collapse in the autumn of 2008. Reeling international markets have not fully recovered from that financial meltdown.

As Deuteronomy also foretold, the United States has “become troublesome (*a terror*) to all the kingdoms of the earth. ... You shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you. ... And you shall become an astonishment (*a thing of horror*), a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you (v. 25, 29, 37).”

The Bible also shows the collapse of the once supreme American economy will come “like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant (Isaiah 30:13). It also asks: “Will not your creditors rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And you shall become their booty. ***Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you*** (Habakkuk 2:7-8).”

Mr. Armstrong often would recall hearing famed economist Roger Babson give a 1919 speech in Chicago, where he as-

tonished bank officials and industrial leaders by predicting the United States would experience a drastic depression within a year. Babson was ridiculed, but a year later was proven correct. He later told them he went to the boiler room not the thermometer on the wall to predict the temperature. He later accurately predicted the Great Depression.

“Mr. Babson said he had learned that when 51 percent or more of the people were righteous in their dealings with one another, prosperity was just ahead. But when 51 percent or more of the people were unrighteous in their dealings, economic depression was coming. Was Roger Babson right?” Mr. Armstrong asked.

The United States is on the verge of repeating the mistakes that led to and worsened the Great Depression of the 1930s. The beleaguered nation is in no position to wage a successful trade war or call the shots against China. “America is practically owned by China,” Tom Winnifrith, chief executive officer at Rivington Street Holdings, told CNBC.com on Sept. 27, predicting U.S. supremacy as the top world economy will end sooner than many people believe.

The British pound sterling was the world's reserve currency in 1900 but by 1948 that ended as the British Empire collapsed, he noted. “America is doing what Britain did,” Winnifrith said. “The decline of empires has happened much faster than folks think.”

Regretfully, unless there is a nationwide return to Almighty God and His righteous laws, Americans, Canadians, the British, Jews, Scandinavians, Dutch, Belgians, Australians and New Zealanders are doomed to experience extreme hardships worse than those of the Great Depression – even before the rest of the world.



We have been warned. The western world must reverse its suicidal course and dramatically repent of its national sins to avoid plunging into the Great Tribulation – but

there's no hint trade war or military war on a global scale will be averted.

Our only hope beyond this impending “hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth (Revelation 3:10),” is the Good News of the Coming Kingdom of God, which is the heart and core of Jesus Christ's True Gospel Message – as this Work has proclaimed for decades!





# Overview of Prophecy

and it was completely suppressed by the year of 70 A.D. when the temple there was destroyed in Jerusalem, completely suppressed. Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, that's the government of God ruled by the family of God.

Now, the Kingdom of God is the Family of God, people born into that Family. The world doesn't know what it is to be born again, born of God. When you're born of God you'll be God. **"That which is born of the flesh,"** Jesus said to Nicodemus, **"IS FLESH."** That's what you are. That's what I am. That's what we all are, but when you are born of the SPIRIT, you WILL BE SPIRIT, not flesh and blood at all.

You will be composed of Spirit. God is not made of flesh and blood. God is composed of Spirit, and we'll be His children. We'll be born of Spirit. In other words, we'll be God beings, God persons, never as great as our Father God. He'll always be our Father. Jesus Christ will always be not only our elder brother as He is now, but the Church is to marry Christ. He'll be the husband and the wife has always got to be in God's way, obedient to her husband. Not many wives like that today in this world, but that's the way it is with Christ.

So, you will notice that they were coming DECEIVING THE MANY! Doing away with the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, just proclaiming about the MESSENGER that was to bring the message that JESUS, who brought the message of the Kingdom of God, He was the Christ and that's all. They say, *"Receive Christ and you go to heaven when you die."*

The Bible says no such thing. The Bible says, Jesus Christ Himself said, **"No man has ascended up to heaven,"** and you read on the Day of Pentecost, Peter's inspired sermon

said that, David was dead and buried and his sepulcher was with them to this day, that David HAD NOT ascended to heaven. Yet, he's a man after God's own heart and in the resurrection he's going to rule over the nations that have come from the various tribes of Israel.

So, now, that part is what Jesus answered that was to happen in their lifetime. He knew that PART of the question they asked about the end of the world and His Second Coming would happen a lot later, so He didn't come to that until you get down to verse 14.

## THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Verse 14: **"And this Gospel of the KINGDOM,"** that's the Gospel He was preaching! **"This Gospel of the Kingdom,"** which was DONE AWAY between 53 A.D. and 70 A.D. and the world has not heard about the Kingdom of

God, the government of God, the Family of God, being born into, BECOME God, in the God Family.

The world doesn't hear that. That's the Gospel. That's the Gospel in your Bible. Why don't they agree this is God speaking in the Bible? This is not ME speaking. This is not Herbert Armstrong's words. This is the WORD OF THE ETERNAL GOD! And I agree with God. I believe what He says. Do you? I hope you do.



So, finally He says, **"This Gospel of the Kingdom,"** that He was preaching, **"shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, AND THEN SHALL THE END COME!"** My brethren, that Gospel was *not* preached after 70 A.D. to the world until God raised me up to begin preaching it! And it was precisely 1,900 years, one century of time cycles from the time that it was stopped in 53 A.D. to 1953 A.D. that it went on the world's most powerful radio station in Europe the first Sunday in 1953 A.D., exactly 1,900 years later.

You know these things, God works these things out perfectly on time. God's timing is something very perfect. Now, that Gospel of the Kingdom was to be preached in all the world. That brings us up to where we are now.

## THE PROMISED ELIJAH TO BE PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Now, in this train of prophecy, I began back before the birth of Christ. We came through the birth of Christ, through His ministry, His crucifixion, His resurrection, His ascending to heaven and then in the Middle Ages the Church had to flee, and now it comes down to the time when FINALLY, before the Second Coming of Christ, the Gospel of the Kingdom would be preached.

In the meantime, they would simply say that Jesus is the Christ, but deceiving the world. JESUS Himself said, **“IN VAIN do they worship Me! Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, and making the law of God of no effect by your tradition.”** Preaching human traditions. That's what they were doing and merely preaching human traditions.

## THE SARDIS ERA OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH

Now, I think that we should go back to Revelation the third chapter and throw a little something in, the Gospel of the Kingdom being preached around to the world. Revelation 3, you'll begin in verse one, it says, **“Unto the angel of the Church in Sardis write; these things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars,”** and I might go back and show you what they are. **“I know thy works, that thou hast a name, that thou livest but are dead.”**

That is the state of the Church when I first came among it and began to wonder, “Where is the true Church of God?” I began studying the Bible with Romans 6:23, **“the wages of sin is death.”**

I said, “Well, I can't agree with that. No, the Bible's all wrong. The wages of sin is eternal life. It's not eternal death!” That's what I'd been taught ever since I was a boy in church. I was raised up in Sunday school; a very respected denomination.

I said, “Well, the Bible has got to be wrong. The wages of sin is eternal life, only it's a place, it's hell fire.” Then I read the next part of that same sentence, **“but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** I said, “That can't be. I can't agree with that, either, because I've already got eternal life. I don't have to get it as a gift from Christ.” Then I began to see where Jesus said, no one goes to heaven.

I began to see that the Bible says as in Adam all die, even so all will be made alive in a resurrection and the only way you'll ever be made alive after death is through a resurrection.



I began to see that the Word of God was right, and I was wrong. That led to my conversion. I had to find out how WRONG I WAS! Not only that I was wrong in what I believed, I was wrong in what I was, how I was, how I was living, what I believed, what was in my mind, what was my intent in life, what was my goal in life!

And I had to completely change my whole life direction. I had to not appropriate and GET Christ. I didn't try to just RECEIVE Christ, I GAVE MYSELF to Christ! How about you?

How about you? Are you on the giving side or on the getting side? This world is on the GETTING side. God's law is GIVING. **“Thou shalt LOVE the Lord thy God and loving your neighbor as yourself.”** That is outflowing love. The world is getting, incoming lust and greed and vanity and all that sort of thing.



## THE PHILADELPHIA ERA OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH

Now then, that's the Church when I first came about it and came to know something about it. But there is another Church that came a little later and that begins here in the seventh verse of Revelation 3, **"and (to) the angel of the Church of Philadelphia."** Now, let me tell you, angel can have one of two meanings here. Either it can mean there is a spirit angel assigned to the Church or it can mean the human leader that God raises up for that Church. It can mean either one.

Write these things, **"these things saith He that is Holy and (He) that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth, and He that shutteth and no man can open."** In other words, that's talking about Jesus Christ.

And He said, **"I know thy works."** Now, He's either talking to a human leader or He's talking to the whole Church



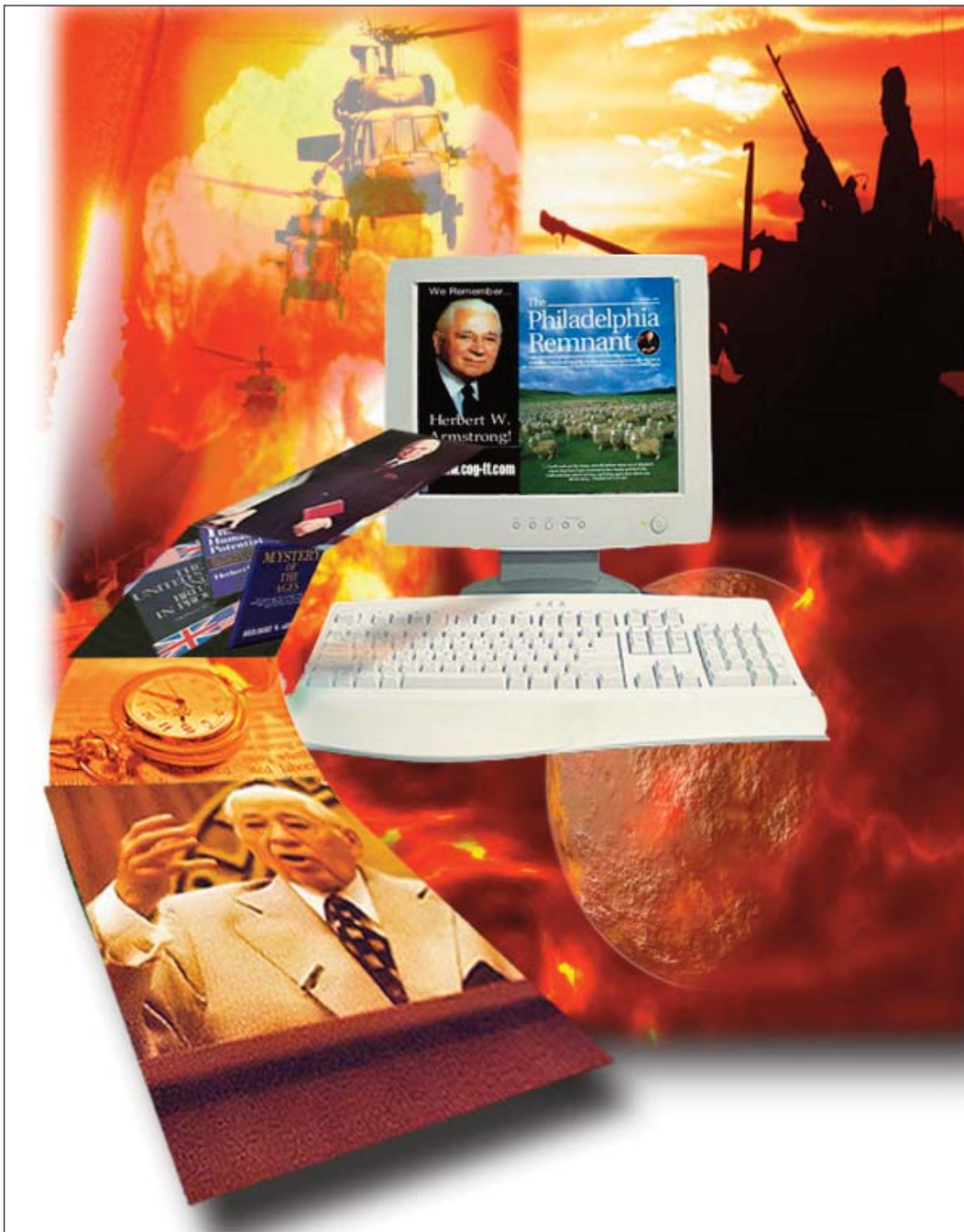
called the Philadelphia era of the Church. It is speaking of the different conditions in the Church at all times. I know all seven conditions, but also it is speaking of the dominant condition of seven different, successive eras. And that is what it is speaking about and whenever anyone says that is not true, they don't understand the Bible, and they don't have the Spirit of God to understand it.



**"I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength."** And that's better worded, would be better translated, **"you have ONLY a little strength."** You don't have much strength physically, mentally, humanly, but what else?

Thou hast but **"little strength, and hast kept My Word."** How many people have BELIEVED, let alone KEPT God's Word? You can't keep it if you don't believe it! Adam and Eve didn't believe what God said. God talked to them in person just like I'd sit and talk to someone right beside me. But Adam and Eve didn't believe God.





after other men or some after, like congregational, where the congregation rules the church, and others like the Presbyterians, where the presbyters, or the ministers rule it and always in a democratic manner, by vote, of course. But keeping this Word and keeping His name, God's Church was to be in His name.

**“Behold, I have made them of the synagogue of Satan,”** meaning other churches that claim to be of God. **“Which say that they are Jews.”** He is a Jew which is one inwardly, Paul said in the New Testament, spiritually speaking as this is spiritually speaking. But they **“are not and do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet and to know that I have loved thee.”**

I don't know whether this could fulfill this prophecy or not, but do you know that the great churches of this nation came to our aid in our recent struggle against the state of

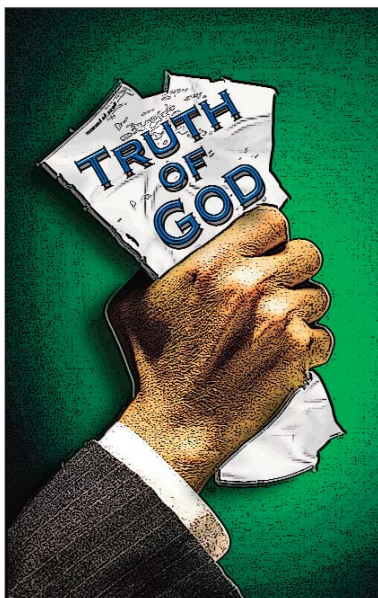
Jesus Christ came. He preached to multiple thousands of people. Twice He preached to five thousand men not counting women and children and He preached to numerous audiences, small audiences and great audiences. How many do you think believed what He said? Acts the first chapter—very few ever believed – 120 it was, believed what He said.

**Now, I know *your* works and that thou hast but little strength, but that you have KEPT MY WORD, you have kept My Word, that means everything to God. “And hast not denied My name.”** You see some churches have to be named after Luther, some after Wesley, some

California trying to take over the Church and all of its assets and properties? The Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Jewish congregations, the Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian, the Congregational, the Baptist, they all came to our aid. I don't know whether that fulfilled this prophecy or whether God will do it in another way.

**“Because thou hast kept My Word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation,”** or that's the great time of the **Great Tribulation**, which shall





come upon all the world to try them on all the earth. Now, we're going to come to the **Great Tribulation** just a little later. Let me just say, this can mean the whole Church or this can mean the human leader of the Church. I don't know which.

I've always supposed it meant the whole Church, but it's going to be pretty hard for the whole

Church which is in South America to go, and Central America, which is in North America, which is in Europe and Britain, and which is in Canada and which is in Australia and which is in Asia and which is in Africa and South Africa, and all over the world. I don't know how we're all going to go to some place of safety, but maybe we are. Anyhow, that is something for God to show us when the time comes, definitely.

**"Because thou hast kept the Word of My patience ... behold I come quickly."** Well, that practically ends this to the Church of Philadelphia.

**"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God."** I'm going to show you what that temple is just a little later. **"A pillar in the temple of God,"** what about that temple that Christ is coming to?



## GOD'S APOSTLE OF THE END TIME

Well, now, I think we need to get back to that. I've covered that. Now, that brings us up to the time of proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and Jesus Christ raised up His apostle and the leader of your Church to proclaim that Gospel for the first time in 100 time cycles or 1,900 years worldwide.



*And it has gone to all the world, and no one else has done it. So what are you going to do about that? No one else has done it. It has been done. It has been done.*

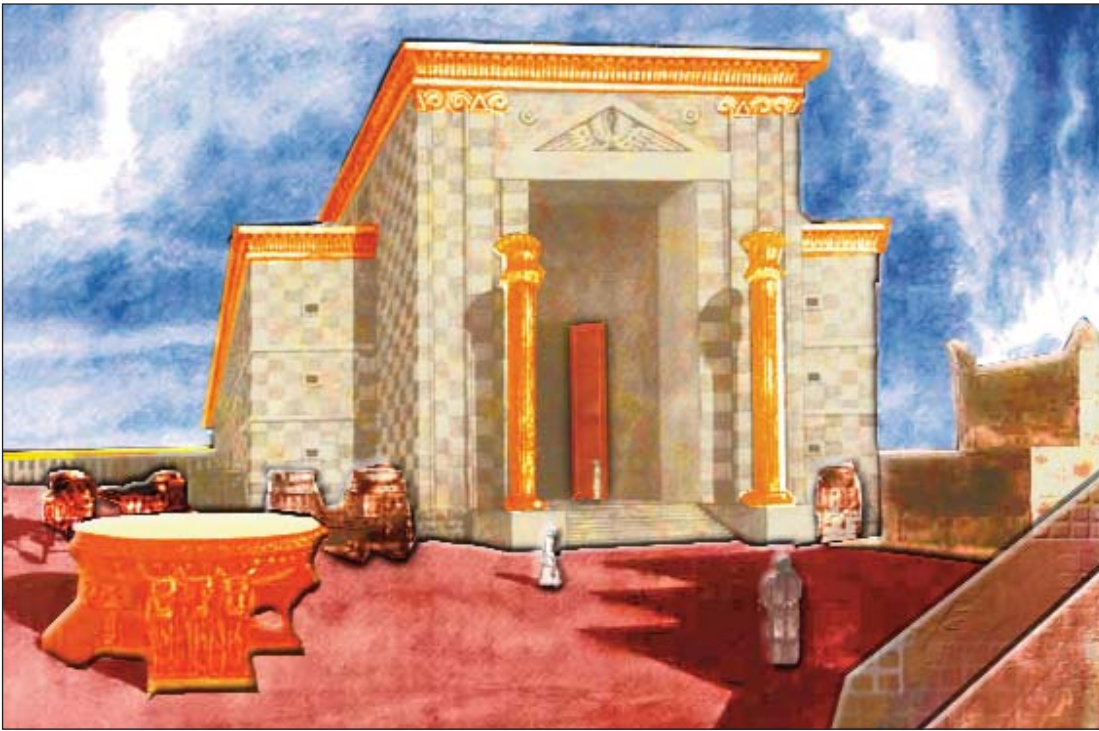
Now, how did God prepare someone for that kind of a job? I want you to go now back to Malachi. I'm going to fill in other prophecies right here, and we're going right along this story flow now. How was he prepared to do that thing at this time? We're coming right down to our present time in what is going on.

All right, the third chapter of Malachi, Malachi 3, the first five verses, **"Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me."** That's a human messenger, and, now could that be an "angelis" or an angel? Maybe it could mean the same kind of angel that was spoken of back there in the third chapter of Revelation. Anyway, this is speaking of a human messenger. We know that because in a preliminary manner it did refer to John the Baptist, **"prepare the way before Me: and the Lord whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple."**

Now, I wonder what temple it's speaking of? This is speaking in a duality. Jesus came the first time to a physical temple built of stone and wood with a lot of embellishment of gold and silver and precious stones and things like that. What kind of a temple is He coming to the second time?

But let's read on right here in this prophecy right now, **"He shall come, says the LORD of Hosts. But who may abide**





ant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.” That didn’t happen then. It will now.

“And I will come near to you of judgment and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in the wages,” and “the widow and the fatherless,” and so on.

**the day of His coming?”** Now, we’re talking about the coming of Christ and someone preparing the way as a messenger before Him. What are they talking about? What coming is it talking about?

That’s talking about what Christ will do when He comes to rule with a ROD OF IRON! That’s talking about the Second Coming of Christ. It says that there will be a human messenger to prepare a way before His coming!

**“Who may abide the day of His coming? ... Who shall stand when He appeareth,”** at this coming? **“For He is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi.”** Did Jesus do that when He came the first time? He never did anything like that at all.

Now, John the Baptist was a forerunner. John the Baptist was a type. You read of that in the first chapter of Mark. You read of it in Matthew. Jesus talks about it. John the Baptist was a messenger before the First Coming.

That’s what He’s going to do when He comes again in your time and mine right now in this generation.

And He will **“purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.”** That didn’t happen when Christ came the first time. It will when He comes again now.

**“Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleas-**







But listen, as John the Baptist was a voice in the wilderness of the Jordan River, the physical wilderness of the Jordan River, crying out to prepare the way for a physical, human Jesus to be born of a physical, human woman, and coming to a physical temple, built of stone and wood and gold and other metals, and coming to a physical, human Judah, His own who received Him not, and coming just to announce that there would be a Kingdom of God, 1,900 and some years later.

*So, in the same way, for His Second Coming, this is saying that there would be someone preparing the way, who would be a voice crying out in the spiritual wilderness of religious confusion in the 20th Century. Preparing the way before the glorified Christ, coming in power and great glory, His face shining like the very sun, and coming to His SPIRITUAL Temple, a GLORIFIED Temple, and coming not to just announce He's going to set up a Kingdom of God, but coming to SET IT UP and coming to a spiri-*

tual people and not a human people. Now, I've got to go a little further to explain some of that, but at least you see that much.

Now in the fourth chapter of Malachi and you'll read in the fifth and sixth verses, **"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."**

That word "**curse**," did you ever look it up? It's the same Hebrew word as you will find in the 14th chapter of Zechariah where it is translated, "**complete, utter**

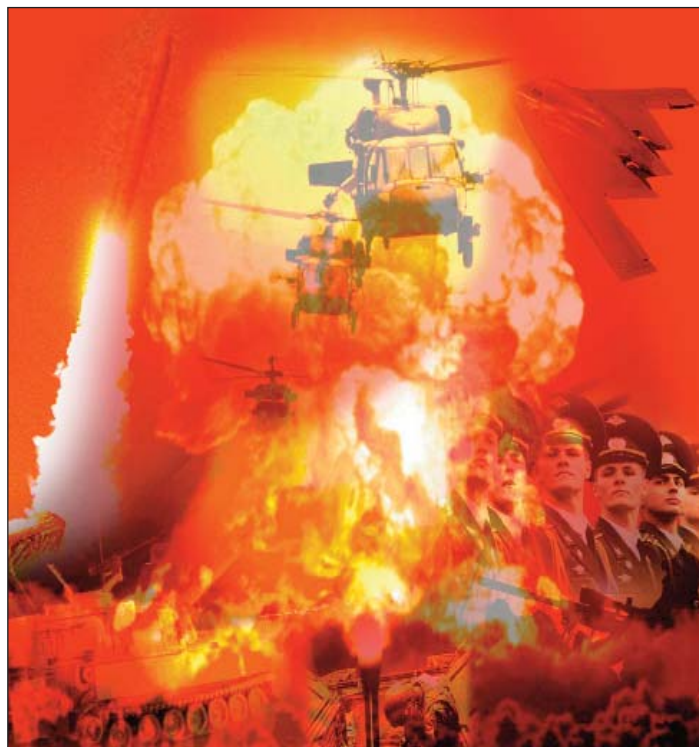
**destruction!**" Unless I come and smite the earth with **UTTER, TOTAL DESTRUCTION!** It will be at a time when men can annihilate and erase all human life from the earth.

Brethren, for the first time in all the history of mankind the weapons of mass destruction now exist that can erase all human life from this earth, can **BLAST** all human life out of existence, and it will happen if God does not intervene

and stop it! Otherwise, it will happen, and I'll show you that in just a few minutes as we shall see now in this story flow of this thing.

### THE TEMPLE OF GOD

Now, what about the temple He's coming to? The first time He came to a physical temple made of stone. That temple was built by Zerubabel. Now, the original temple built at Jerusalem, Solomon built, and it was a very glorious temple, a very glorious temple, but it had been destroyed. And 70 years after it was destroyed a



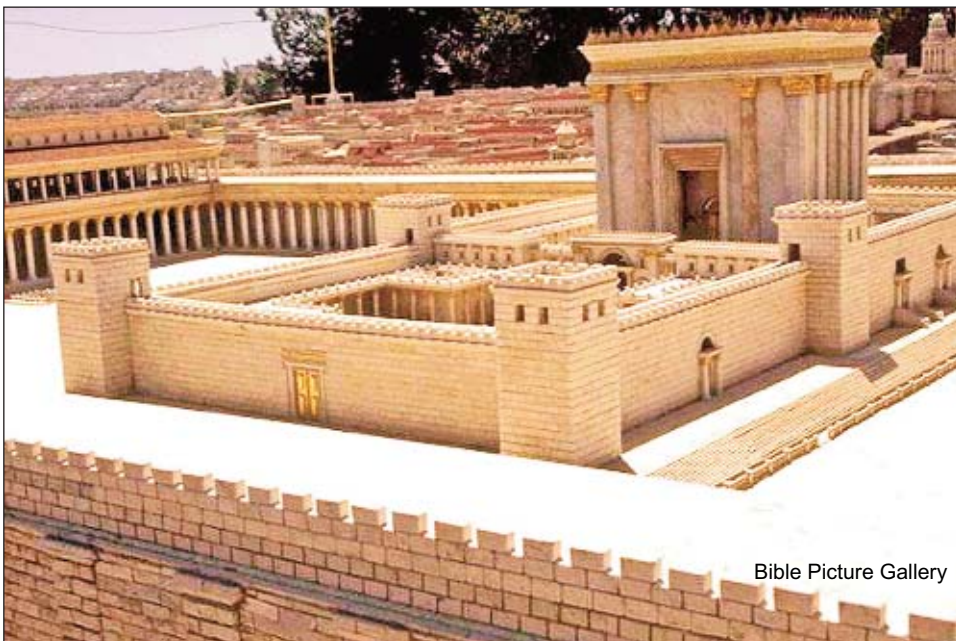


Jewish colony was sent back from captivity. The Jews were all in captivity by that time, but a Jewish colony was sent back to Jerusalem to build another temple.

And Ezra and Nehemiah were prophets along with them, but the leader and the governor and the one to build that temple was a man called Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the governor of the whole colony, and so we pick up Zerubbabel here in the book of Haggai, the second chapter and beginning with verse three, where God says, **“Who is left among you?”** He’s saying that now to the colony that was there to start building this second temple. This would be the temple that Jesus did come to the first time.

**“Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do you see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison... as nothing?”** Why it was totally destroyed. Solomon’s temple was gone.

Now, He says, **“Yet now be strong O Zerubbabel ... and work, for I am with you.”** He says, **“Be strong and**



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**work.”** That is a type of us, and God says to us today, **“Be strong and work!”** *WE’VE STILL GOT WORK TO DO!*

And I’m working harder right now than I ever did in all my life. Are you working harder with me in the Work of God? In backing me up? That is a challenge. I know I’m taking it very seriously. I have to work harder now than I did when I was 20, 40, 60 years of age, and I’m quite a little more than that right now, although I don’t feel like it.

**“Be strong, O Zerubbabel ... and work for I am with you, says the LORD of Hosts: according to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt,”** that is with the Israelites, of course. Zerubbabel himself hadn’t been there, but his people had.

**“So, My Spirit remaineth among you: Fear you not. For thus saith the LORD of Hosts, ‘Yet once in a little while, and I will shake the heavens,’”** now that’s in the future. He’s going to shake the heavens. That is talking about something that is going to happen in our time, very soon now. It hasn’t happened yet. No, this is a prophecy, not a history. It’s a prophecy.

God says, **“I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come and I will fill this house with glory,”** says the Eternal of Hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine saith the Eternal of Hosts. **‘The GLORY of this LATTER HOUSE shall be greater than of the former, saith the Eternal of Hosts, and in**





this place shall I give PEACE,' says the Eternal of Hosts."

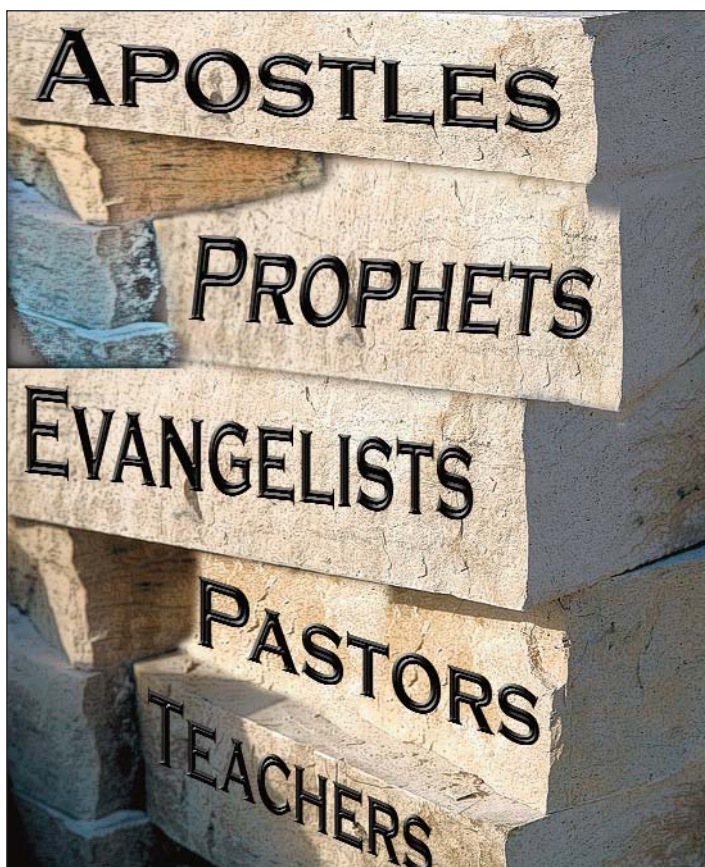
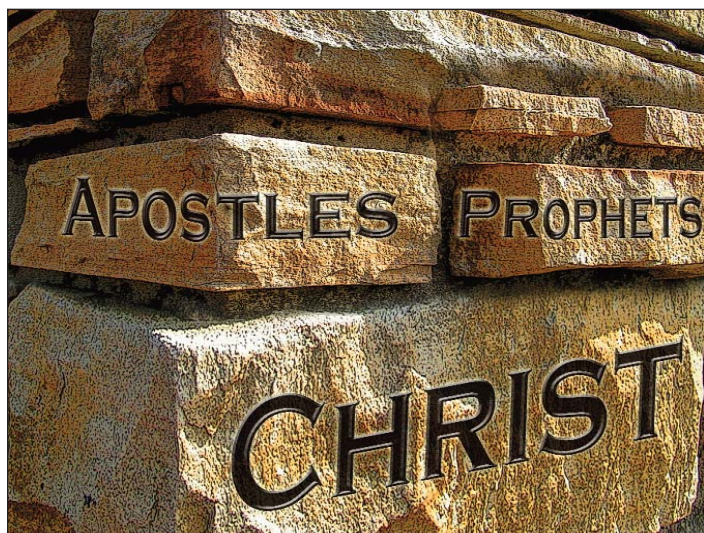
Why, it's a time when the world is going to have peace! That wasn't talking about Zerubbabel's time. He's talking about the time when He is going to shake the throne of nations, when He's going to shake the whole world! That is the time just ahead of us in the Day of the Lord. And that has to hit in a very few years at the most, very, very few in our time and our generation now, and I hope that God will spare my life on into that time.

### A TYPE AND FORERUNNER OF ZERUBBABEL

Now, there is someone of whom Zerubbabel was a type, a forerunner, who was to repair the temple to which Christ will come the second time. Now, let's just see for a moment what was that temple?

I have to go back to the second chapter of Ephesians, speaking of the Church and beginning with verse 18. This is speaking of the Church up at Ephesus, and they had been born as Gentiles, but now they're all in the Church of God, it says, **"Now therefore, you are no more strangers and foreigners."** They had been foreigners of a different nationality. **"You are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints."** Now it's talking about national citizenship, and the saints have a citizenship with God.

And you are **"fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."** Now it's a FAMILY RELATIONSHIP. Now, the Church is a nation, the Church is a family and a family relationship in the household of God.



### THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD IS THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE

Now, notice what else the Church is, **"and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets."** You build a building of stone, of wood and of materials like that on a foundation. Now notice, he's talking about a building now **"on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief cornerstone, in whom all the BUILDING,"** now the Church is a BUILDING! **"All the building, fitly framed together, groweth into a HOLY TEMPLE."** Now the building becomes a HOLY, SPIRITUAL TEMPLE; THAT MY BRETHREN IS THE TEMPLE TO WHICH CHRIST IS COMING!

Did you think maybe the Jews were going to tear down the Dome of the Rock just to the west of the Mount of Olives on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem and build a temple for Jesus? OH

NO! He's not coming to a physical temple! He's coming to a temple that will excel Solomon's temple by far in glory!





Well, the temple that Zerubbabel built didn't excel Solomon's temple in glory. But Christ the SECOND time is coming to a temple that will!

Now, what temple is He coming to? He's coming to the Church! And when He comes the dead in Christ, that have died in the Church will rise first in a resurrection and we which are alive and remain at the time will be changed, in the moment, in the twinkling of an eye this mortal will put on immortality, and we will become God beings! No longer physical beings; our faces will shine like the very sun. That is the glorious temple to which Christ is coming! We will rise and meet Him in the air as He's coming and His feet will stand in that same day on the Mount of Olives. It's talking about this Church.

Now, Zerubbabel built a temple to which Christ came the first time. He was a type, a forerunner of someone to build the SPIRITUAL temple, the CHURCH to which Christ is coming the second time.

**BRETHREN YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE!** That ought to thrill you clear from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet! **YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE TO WHICH HE IS COMING**, to whom He is coming. **A GLORIFIED TEMPLE**, Glorified and raised up to meet Him in the air in a glorified form, no longer human flesh and blood, now composed of Spirit and absolutely God as Christ is God and just as the Father is God. That's what God has in store for you and for me, if we will overcome, if we will walk with Him, if we will agree with Him and if we will do as He said to Zerubbabel, get in there and work, which is what we will have to do.

Now, I'd like to go farther here in Zechariah, where it still continues about Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was a type of someone God was going to use to raise up the CHURCH

that will be the TEMPLE to which Christ is COMING NOW!

### THE HUMANITY OF ZERUBBABEL

Now, Zerubbabel wasn't the greatest man in the world. God had to stir him up. He wanted to lounge around and take it easy for a while, if you read the whole history back there. You'll have to read a lot more than I read to you. God had to get after them to make them want to get busy and work. I wonder if He doesn't need to get after us a little bit so we'll work a little harder.

But notice over here in Zechariah the fourth chapter, "Then He answered and said unto me, saying, '**This is the Word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel,**'" now this is Zerubbabel still here in the picture, saying, "**Not by might, nor by**

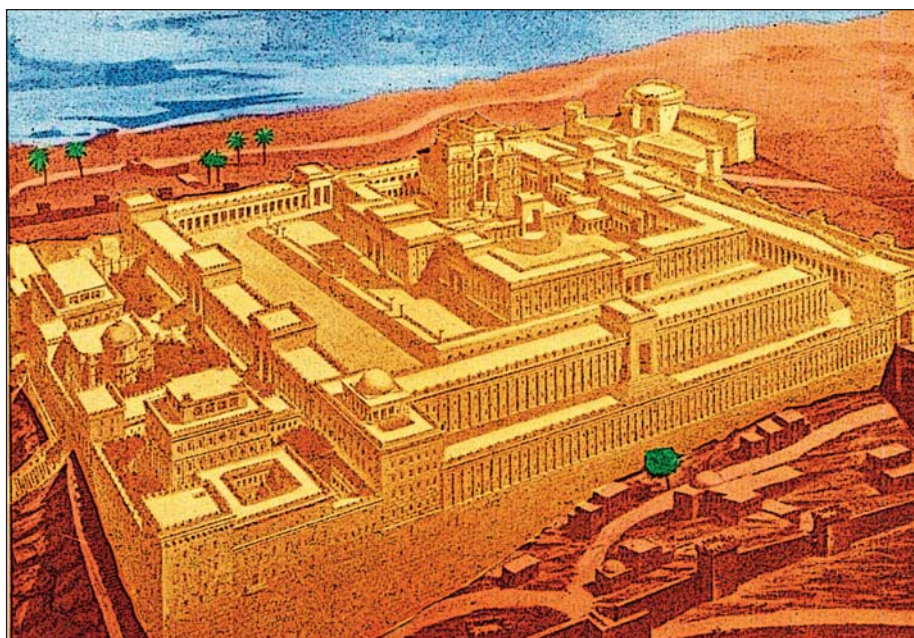
**power, but by My Spirit says the LORD of Hosts."**

Zerubbabel didn't have a lot of physical, human power, either, but he was a type of someone God was going to choose that would not have much physical, mental, human power, but whom God would use through the power of God's

Holy Spirit. Notice, not by your physical power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts.

Now, here's another thing if this means this, if God's Church is being built to which He's coming and if I have had something to do with it and if I haven't I don't know who did. Notice verse nine, "**the hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house,**" meaning in the antitype, or prototype, whatever you call it today, this CHURCH, as he did of that temple that Christ came to the first time. "**His hand shall also finish it.**"

Maybe God will keep me alive until it's finished. How near finished is it now? I don't know. Maybe it's more nearly





finished than we think, but He says his hands shall FINISH it, and God will keep him alive until he does and someone of little power and little strength of himself. It's going by the power of the Spirit of God. And let me tell you, that's the power that created the whole earth and everything in it. That's what it is. So there is the temple to which Christ is coming.

Now, let's get back to Revelation 12 again. I've been filling in a lot of things as we've gone along, and now we're ready to come up to verse seven. We're getting down to our time. We've gone through the 1,260 years in the Middle Ages. Here is the Church. God has raised up someone to do it. You are that Church. *The Sardis Era had gone to sleep spiritually; they were virtually dead.* God has raised us up, and we've come alive. I hope we have.

So now, coming back to the 12th chapter of Revelation, beginning with verse seven, now we get down to our time now, when this Church is either already raised up or still being raised up, "and the woman," meaning the Church.

### **SATAN CAST BACK TO EARTH TWICE**

**"And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven."** And that old dragon **"was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth and his angels"** who were now demons, **"were cast out with him."**

Now, there again there is duality, back in the 14th chapter of Isaiah, the 28th chapter of Ezekiel, you read of this Lucifer which was on the throne of the earth who became the devil and he ascended up to heaven to try to knock God off the throne, but he was knocked back down to earth. Now, that was before even Adam was created. That's before mankind was ever created on the earth.

But here it shows a time now in our time when he has gone up a second time to try to conquer God and this time just God simply delegated it to Michael and his angels to contend with him, and Michael and his angels were given the power to cast Satan and his demons back down to the earth. I think that happened just before the state of California tried to attack this Church.

My brethren, I have been persecuted ever since I gave myself to Christ. I was never persecuted in all my life before that. I had troubles before that, but our troubles were financial sometimes, and they were just little things, but there was no persecution. No one ever persecuted me. The minute I became a minister of Christ, the persecution set in and it's been coming ever since. That was on me, but the Church as a whole was never persecuted until the state of California attacked us with all of the power of the greatest state in the United States. California now is the number one state in the country. It's bigger than the state of Illinois as wonderful as this state is.

So I think we've probably just passed this time when that war in heaven has taken place, and Satan is back down and now, notice what he's doing, he's been attacking us. **"The great dragon was cast out ... called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world ..."** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **"Now is come salvation."** You see we're getting right to the time when Christ comes and salvation comes with Him. Salvation doesn't come when you accept Christ. It comes at the Second Coming of Christ. He brings that salvation with Him.

And **"saying in heaven, 'Now is come salvation and strength and the Kingdom of our God.'"** You see, the time when He comes to set up the Kingdom of God. **"And the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."** Satan was up there accusing the brethren and has been for about 19... oh, I don't know how long he's been up there, but when he was up there that's what he was doing.

**"And they,"** the brethren, **"overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death."** That doesn't mean that they all died, but at least they put the Word of God ahead of their own life, and they loved it more.

**"Therefore, rejoice you heavens and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath."** The devil is now just full of WRATH. He's so full of anger. He knows he has but a short time. Notice here, **"because he knoweth he hath but a short time."**

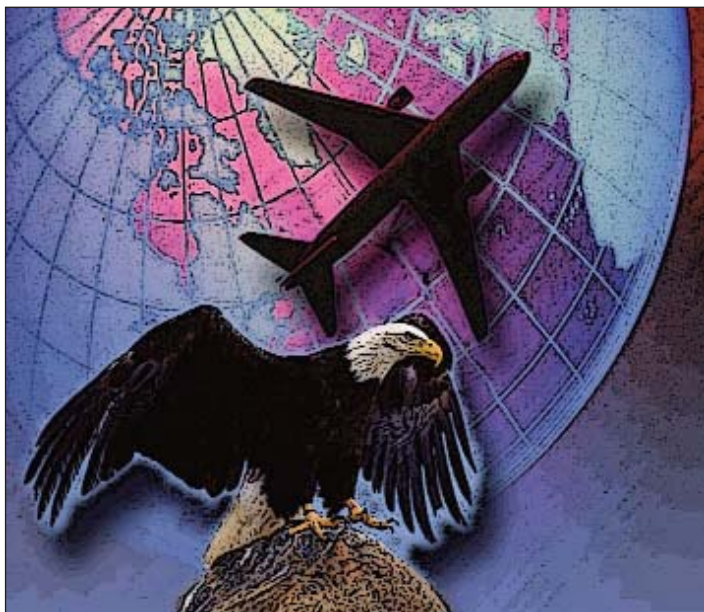
How does he know? **Because this Gospel of the Kingdom is now being preached for the first time in 1,900 years around the world.** And when you know that— you KNOW that the coming of Christ and the end of this world is near!

### THE ELECT OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH FLIES TO SAFETY

Now notice it, **“and when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man child, and to the woman,”** now this is the Church, this is not just the leader of the Church. This is the whole Church. **“To the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time.”**

Now, this is 3½ years, not a day for a year, but a day is a day and a year is a year here. This is only 3½ short years in the end time. Before the end time, back in the Middle Ages a day was a year being fulfilled. Now it isn't. That's the duality plan of the prophecies of God.

Well, she'll be protected for 3½ years. ***That's the duration of the Great Tribulation.*** The Church is to be taken to a place of safety, and I've been preaching that for the last,



how long? Thirty, 35, 40 years, I've been proclaiming that. Now, I want you to notice, ***this time she is to fly on the two wings of a great eagle.***

The first time, in the Middle Ages, the Church had to go on her own power. She had to flee on her own feet, but now she is to be taken to a Place of Safety. It's a different time all together. I don't know how God's going to do that. I think He'll reveal it in time, and if He reveals it to me first, I'll get it to all the rest of you.

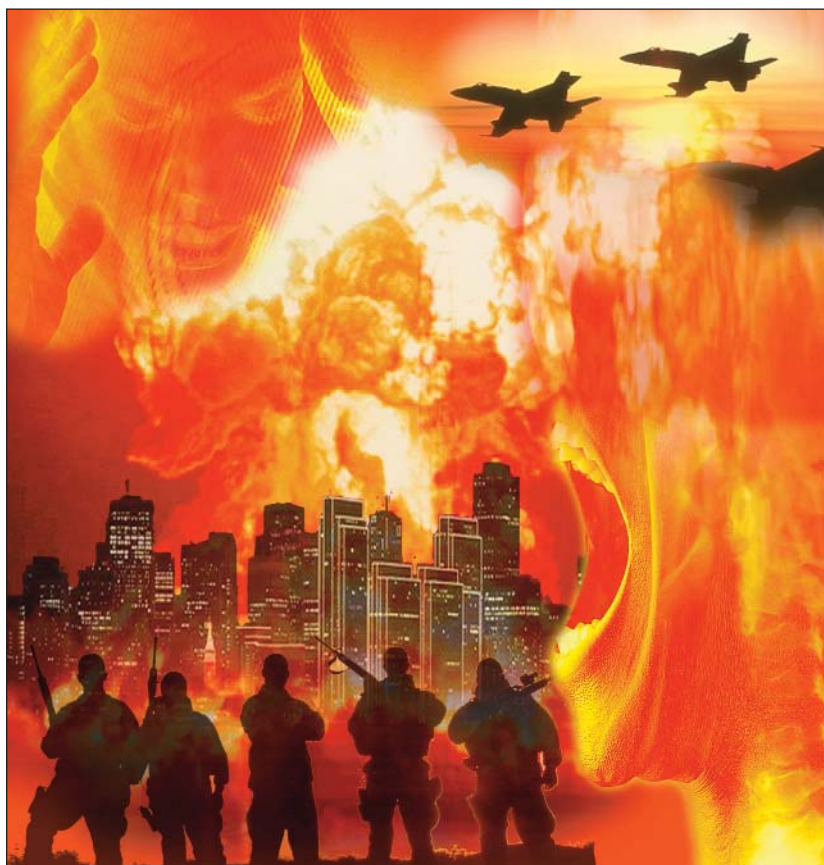
Now let's see. I want to carry on now to verse (15), **“and the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman.”** So, the earth is going to help us. I think that has something to do with the Place of Safety where we're to go.

**“And swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”** And, now that's all I want to read now.

### THE GREAT TRIBULATION

[Mathew 24:21] Now will come the Great Tribulation, **“For then will be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should NO FLESH BE SAVED” ALIVE!** That word **“alive”** ought to be there, and it is in some of the other translations.





**In other words, it's a time when HUMANITY would be DESTROYED, like it said about Elijah, unless God comes and smites the earth with TOTAL DESTRUCTION! The WHOLE EARTH, NO ONE would be saved alive!**

**“But,”** verse 22, **“but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”** For the elect’s sake, those days shall be shortened. Now then, I want you to get the time. What will happen right after the Great Tribulation? There is something else that will happen at that time, and I’ll have to come to that a little later, and that’s the two witnesses and what they are going to do.

So now, come right on to verse 29, which is the next event in this same 24th chapter of Matthew. **“Immediately after the tribulation of those days.”** Now, this is immediately after the Tribulation, **“shall the sun be darkened, the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven.”** But, **“all the tribes of the earth will mourn”** and just consternation is going to fill the people on the earth because God is going to start to intervene with great, supernatural signs up in the sky for the first time.

Now then, that’s immediately after the **Tribulation**. Now, then I would like to have you turn back to Joel 2:28, where he’s speaking of the same thing and says, **“and it shall come to pass afterward,”** Oh no, it’s verse 31.

**“The sun shall be turned into darkness ... the moon into blood,”** same thing that I just read. **“Before the great and terrible Day of the LORD come.”** The Day of the Lord is God’s intervention, and when He intervenes on the earth to stop the hellish **Great Tribulation**, which is the wrath of Satan the devil. That’s what it will be, and we’re getting very close to that time.

Now, there’s one thing else to happen just before that. Maybe I’ll have time to cover that pretty soon, but now back to Revelation the sixth chapter, and the fifth of the seals that is opened in this is the **Great Tribulation**, and now right after the **Great Tribulation** when the sun and the moon are to be dark and those things, notice here it is in another Scripture, Revelation 6, verse 12. **“And I**

**beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as the sackcloth of hair, the moon became as blood ... the stars of heaven fell to the earth.”**

That’s right after the **Great Tribulation**, now. And, “even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs,” that can’t mean stars that are bigger planets than the earth or bigger than our sun. That has to mean a sort of meteor shower, I would think.

**“When she is shaken by a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together.”** That’s when they see the sign of the Son of Man up in heaven. **“And every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man,”** getting down to all kinds of people from slaves up to the greatest.

**“Hid themselves in the dens and the rocks of the mountains”** and cried out to the mountains and to the rocks and said, **“Fall on us ... Hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.”**



They see the wrath of Christ now. They can see it coming up in the sky. These things are going to frighten people out of their WITS! They won't know what to do. They're going to try to seek death even.

**“For the great day of His wrath,”** that's the Day of the Lord, **“is come and who shall be able to stand?”** Now, that is the coming of the Day of the Lord at last. Now, we go right on to the seventh chapter which comes next. **“Now after these things,”** after those signs in the sun and moon. That hasn't happened yet. That's going to happen just a little later now and after the Great Tribulation. **“And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, neither on the sea.”**

Now, these are trumpet plagues. You blow into a trumpet and the trumpet plagues are now about ready to be blown, but here comes an angel. **“I saw another angel ascending from the east having the seal of the Living God,”** which is the Holy Spirit, **“and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, ‘Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees.’”** See, it's not people. It's going to fall on the earth itself, rather than people. **“Till we have sealed the servants of ... God in their foreheads.”** Now, you'll notice a reference on that in Ezekiel (9:4).

**“And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there was sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all of the tribes of the children of Israel, of**

**the tribe of Juda ...”** Well, it goes on to mention them, but you notice the children of Israel are mentioned in a different time order than they are back in Genesis, and other places in the Bible. Here Judah is mentioned first and then Gad and Asher, the tribe of Naphtali, the tribe of Manasseh comes next and then Ephraim comes in as Joseph later on, next to the last. The tribe of Zebulun and finally it gets down to Benjamin, each one 12,000.

**“After this,”** now verse nine, **“I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.”** White robes, the righteousness of saints. Here are people that have come out of the Great Tribulation. This is after the Great Tribulation. This hasn't happened yet. We're getting into the near future right now.



**“And cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.’** And all the angels stood around the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts,” or four living creatures it is sometimes translated, **“and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen: Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.’”** And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, **“What are these which are arrayed in white robes?”** and where did they come from, this great innumerable multitude, beside the 144,000?

Who are these? And I said unto him, **“‘Sir, thou knowest.’** And he said unto me, **‘These are they which came out**



of,” and you’ll notice in the Revised Standard translation it is **“THE Great Tribulation.”** They came out of the Great Tribulation and **“have washed their robes,”** in other words they have repented of their sins is what that means. **“And have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb,”** after the Great Tribulation. **“Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night.”** That will be a Church that will follow this Church and they will come out of the Great Tribulation. We are the Philadelphia Era of the Church.

## THE CHURCH OF THE LAODICEANS

Now, I want to carry you just a little further about that. Now we have to turn back to Revelation 3 once again and carry on right after the Philadelphia Era of the Church. And beginning now with verse, let me see, with verse 14, **“and unto the angel of the Church of Laodicea write; These things says the Amen, the faithful and the true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God,”** which was Christ. **“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot.” So then because that thou art neither, “thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.”**

There is the Laodicean Church. I won’t read any further there right now, but you find a little more about that in Matthew 25, and the parable here that Jesus is speaking at the beginning of Matthew 25.

**“Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven”** and Matthew says the **“Kingdom of Heaven,”** but Mark, Luke and John all call it the **“Kingdom of God.”** It’s not a Kingdom in Heaven or a Kingdom in God, but a Kingdom owned by God and owned by heaven.

**“Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven,”** or the Kingdom of God, **“be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and they went forth to meet the bridegroom.”** Now this is getting right down to the coming of Christ. This is after the **Great Tribulation.** This is not speaking of our Church. This is speaking of a time just ahead of us and the Laodicean Church, which is yet to come.

**“And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.”** You see the lukewarmness. Half of them were all right and half of them were not. But the wise took oil in their lamps. They that were foolish took their lamps, but they took no oil with them. They didn’t have any lamps. Now, the lamp is a Bible. The Bible is a lamp unto our feet. The oil is the Spirit of God that will open the Bible to your understanding. Without the Spirit of God, you can’t understand the Bible. That is the light that lights up the lamp so you can understand it. It makes it light so you can see it and understand it.

**“But the wise took oil”** in their lamps **“in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried,”** now, Christ has been as I say tarrying or not coming quite as soon as some people thought. **“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.”** They just went to sleep on the job.

**“And at midnight there was a cry made, ‘Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ... out to meet Him.’”** Now, the midnight hour was approaching. Here comes the Second Coming of Christ.



**“Then all of those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise,”** well, **“‘Give us of your oil;’ because ‘our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Not so; lest there be not enough for’”** you and us: but you go to those **“‘that sell and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came.’”**

The Second Coming of Christ had happened. **“And they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage,”** and into the Kingdom of God, the marriage when we will become the wife of Christ.

**“Afterward came ... the other virgins, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’** But He answered and said, **‘Verily I say unto you, I KNOW YOU NOT!’”** Therefore Jesus said, we’d better watch and be sure that our lamps are full of oil. In other words the Bible, that we have the oil of the Holy Spirit in our minds so that we can understand the Bible and know the Word of God and be close to God.

Are we getting lukewarm or are we close to God? Well, that's exactly what we need.

Then Matthew 24:30, I read right up to the 29th verse, **“immediately after the Tribulation the sun and moon will be dark,”** now here's the next verse after that. **“And then shall appear the SIGN of the Son of Man in Heaven: and then shall ... the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall SEE the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”** And that comes down to the Second Coming of Christ.

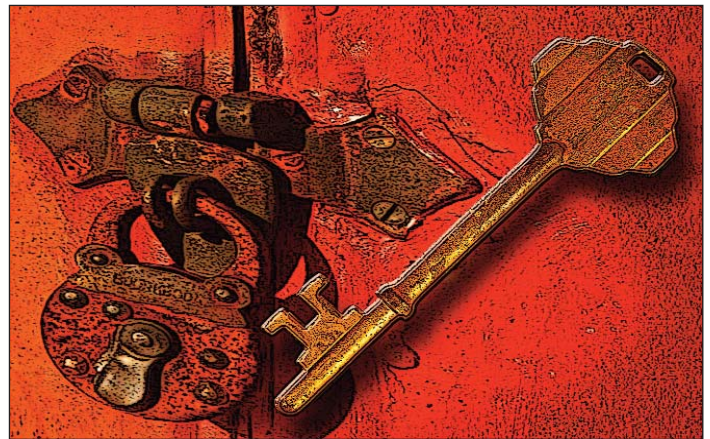
Now, we turn back to Revelation 12 and verse 17, **“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the REMNANT of her seed.”** That is the Laodicean Church. It is them, the remnant, the LAST part of the Church, the LAST one of these seven Churches that are spoken of back in the second and third chapters of Revelation. **“The remnant of her seed which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”** They were in the Church all right. The Laodicean Church is in the Church of God, but they were lukewarm and half of them, they had lost the Holy Spirit, and that's where they were.

Now, we go to the 11th chapter of Revelation and verse 15 where it says, **“and the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, ‘the KINGDOMS of this world are become the KINGDOMS,’”** or the government, **“of our Lord, and of His Christ and He shall reign for ever!”** And then we turn over to the 19th chapter of Revelation, and beginning with verse 11, **“and I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.”**

**“His eyes were as a flame of fire and on His head were MANY crowns.”** The coronation ceremony will have taken place up in heaven before He comes back, but **“He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed in a vesture dipped in blood,”** showing that it was the blood of Christ that was shed for the remission of our sins. **“And His name is called the Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses.”** Matthew 25 says they are all the holy angels, clothed in fine linen, white and clear.

**“And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and rule them with a rod of iron.”** That sword is the Word of God! Because it shows you what you are doing that is wrong and that seems to hurt people to know how wrong they are, but it's only straightening them out so they will do the right way and live the right way and do the right thing.

**“And He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS!”** And that comes down to the SECOND COMING of the GLORIFIED Christ!



### **SATAN THE DEVIL EXILED**

Now we go on into the 20th chapter, **“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.”**

At last! GLORY BE TO GOD! SATAN WILL BE GONE! Oh, how glad I'll be. I want to tell you, brethren. You don't know how Satan has been smiting me lately! And it's a horrible, terrified feeling. I just can't tell. You see the most horrible, terrifying faces coming at you. It's just like you can see them, but Satan is going to be put away.

**“He laid hold on ... that old serpent which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years were fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season,”** and people are going to fall away once again when that happens. I'm not going to go that far today.



**“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given,”** that’s the saints. That’s you and I! Judgment will be given to us. **“And judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus,”** that goes back to the martyrs that were martyred. And there are going to be other martyrs yet ahead of us.

**“And for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”** And that will be the thousand years’ reign of peace, the Kingdom of God will have come at last.

### THE TWO ELIJAHS’ MISSIONS

Brethren, the mission of this Church is this, as John the Baptist was a human messenger, who was a voice crying out in the PHYSICAL wilderness of the Jordan River, there is a human voice crying out today in the SPIRITUAL wilderness of religious confusion, of every confused kind of religion in this 20th century.

That voice was crying out to prepare the way of the physical Jesus coming to be born of a virgin. Today the voice is crying out preparing the way for the Spiritual Christ to come in power and glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

That Jesus came to a physical people. This Jesus is coming to a glorified people that will rise to meet Him in the air and be changed from mortal to immortal and be glorified even as He will be glorified. He came then to a physical people.

He’s coming to a Spirit-begotten, Spirit-born people this time. He came then to proclaim that more than 1,900 years later He would set up the Kingdom of God. This time He’s coming to SET UP the Kingdom of God and bring PEACE to this whole earth for the first time in the history of mankind.

Well, brethren, that is the message of prophecy for our day starting from the time of Christ on down. I’ve just given you a quick, hurried, brief summary. I’ve never put it together that way before myself. I don’t think you’ve ever heard it put together that way before, but I thought it would

make a good message for you and would show you where we stand today.

And as God said to Zerubbabel, **“GET BUSY AND WORK! I AM WITH YOU SAYS THE LORD! IT’S NOT BY YOUR OWN POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT!”** LET’S GET CLOSER TO GOD! LET’S PRAY HARDER THAN WE EVER DID! LET’S GET CLOSER TO HIM UNTIL WE’RE WORKING WITH CHRIST as we never did before! That’s my appeal to you, brethren.

Time is going fast and rapidly. I’m working harder than I ever did before. I think God can keep me alive as long as He needs to. I know in less than three months I will be in my 90th year. I don’t know how time has gone by. I suppose I passed middle age, but I never reached middle age. I never knew of it if I did. I don’t know when it was.

I never grew older. I never even believed in it. But all of a sudden I look on the calendar and I see that the calendar says I’m older. I don’t feel it. I don’t believe it. I’m turning out more work than I ever did in my life.

I’m trying to write more for you to read. Some of you have a hard time reading enough to keep up with me. But, I’ll continue. I’ll continue my part. Will you?

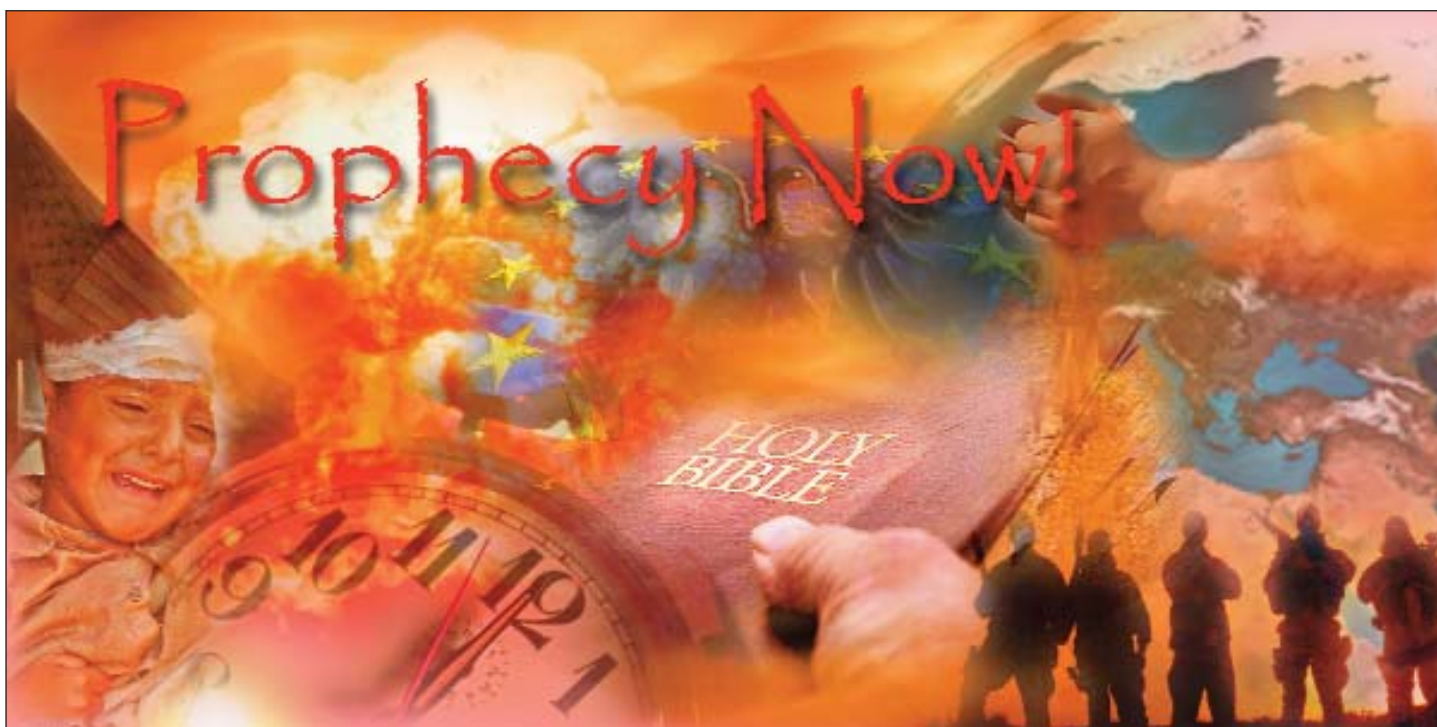
Hundreds and thousands of you write in, many of you all together, that you’re back of me 100 percent. Oh, thank you brethren! **But are you praying as hard as I am? Are you working as hard in this work, as I am? Nothing else counts! Nothing else counts at all! The things of this world are of no good anymore! Let’s look forward to the World Tomorrow!**

It’s coming, and I’ve shown you what will happen between now and then. I’ve shown you right where we are and where the Church is. I didn’t go so much into world conditions this time as I did the condition of the Church, but that is my message for now.



**Editor’s Comment:** To make room for this sermon to fit into an article, it was necessary to edit out a large portion from it. However, what was removed did not take away from the subject matter. For those who would like to have the complete sermon, please write or call and it will be mailed to you on a CD or cassette.

Alton ‘Don’ Billingsley



## Catholic bishops call for Palestinian state, deny Jews are 'chosen people'

With the Vatican's blessing, more than 200 Catholic bishops and patriarchs from the Middle East on Oct. 23 endorsed creation of a Palestinian state and harshly criticized Israel – denying that the Jews are a “chosen people” and accusing them of “occupying” Arab lands in Palestine – in what many viewed as an anti-Semitic attack that could worsen Catholic/Jewish relations.

Most religious Jews believe the land of Israel was given to them by God and often cite Old Testament justification for keeping the West Bank and east Jerusalem, territories seized in the 1967 Six-Day War, which they view as Judea and Samaria.

The Catholic bishops were summoned to a two-week synod in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI, who chaired one of its meetings.

Benedict's election in 2005 as the first German pope in 500 years raised eyebrows because of his reputation as a staunchly conservative, hard-line Catholic and caused concern among Jewish leaders about the direction he would take the Vatican.

Prior to his election as pontiff, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was known as “the enforcer,” “the panzer cardinal” and “God's rottweiler” when he served as grand inquisitor for the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which enforced the Inquisition against “heretics” during the Dark Ages. His membership in the Hitler Youth when he was a teen and service with a German army anti-aircraft unit during World War II has alarmed some observers.

In February 2009, Germany's Central Council of Jews broke off relations with the Roman Catholic Church over Benedict's decision to lift the excommunication of British Bishop Richard Williamson, who denies Nazi Germany exterminated six million European Jews during the Holocaust. Williamson told a Swedish news media source that gas chambers did not exist and no more than 300,000 Jews died in concentration camps.

Responding to Rome's reinstatement of the defrocked bishop, a stunned Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, a Buchenwald death camp survivor, asked: “How can such a liar be granted the protection and pardon of the leader of the Catholic Church?”

Benedict further alienated and angered Jews by seeking in December 2009 to officially recognize Pope Pius XII – the pro-German pontiff referred to as “Hitler's Pope” during World War II – as a saint. His silence and indifference



about the Holocaust have been sharply criticized. Pius refused to denounce the mass deportation of European Jews to death camps and enjoyed a close relationship with Nazi leaders. Israeli Social Affairs Minister Isaac Herzog stated, "Throughout the period of the Holocaust, the Vatican knew very well what was happening in Europe."

At their October synod, the Catholic Middle East leaders officially called for international action to remove Israel from "occupied" Arab land and for Israel to accept United Nations Security Council resolutions to withdraw from land seized in the 1967 war. A spokesman also urged Palestinians to move en masse to Israel, which some Jewish leaders interpreted as denying Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon reacted strongly to the synod's final communique. "We express our disappointment that this important synod has become a forum for political attacks on Israel in the best history of Arab propaganda," Ayalon said. "The synod was hijacked by an anti-Israel majority."

In an Oct. 23 column written in the *Jerusalem Post*, Abraham Foxman warned it would be a monumental mistake for the United States to allow the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state apart from a negotiated settlement between Israelis and Palestinians. Foxman is executive director of the Anti-Defamation League. "Now we read reports that the Palestinian Authority has all but abandoned negotiations with Israel and is seriously considering preemptively and unilaterally declaring statehood, and will seek international recognition of this declaration through the United Nations Security Council," Foxman wrote. "The implications of such a rash step are serious. A unilateral declaration would leave unresolved all core issues in the conflict."

Establishing a Palestinian state unilaterally would force Israel to view it as a hostile entity and not a partner in the

pursuit of reconciliation and peace, Foxman said. The Palestinians have refused to negotiate with Israel since September 26, when Israel ended a temporary settlement freeze in the disputed area.

WorldNetDaily reported Oct. 23 that Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas may ask the U.N. Security Council to unilaterally declare a Palestinian state on lands occupied by Israel since 1967.

The Middle East bishops also indicated they would like to see Jerusalem internationalized as a city holy for Christians, Muslims and Jews. Palestinians want East Jerusalem for their capital. However, Israel has annexed it, a move never recognized internationally.

The Holy Bible shows that worsening relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Jewish state of Israel ultimately will lead to a massive invasion of Jerusalem by foreign troops under the guise of enforcing peace in the Middle East.



POPE BENEDICT XVI

Jesus Christ warned in Luke 21:20, 24: "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. ... And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." That military occupation will last 3½ years (Revelation 11:2).

The Prophet Zechariah also foretold that God would "make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem ... (and) make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples ... though all nations of the earth are gathered against it ... (and) gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2-3, 14:2)."

Look for an antagonistic Vatican to play an increasingly influential role in denying Israel's claim to Jerusalem as its "united and eternal" capital, which ultimately will lead to the Jews once again suffering another unthinkable Holocaust!



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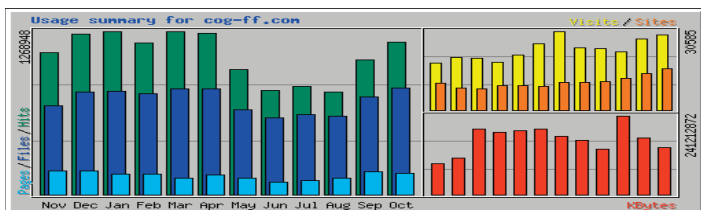
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