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



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# GOD IS REPRODUCING HIMSELF

**Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong**  
**Sermon, Nov. 1, 1975**

Now I'd like to go on from here and give you again a background of the real causes of this troubled world today and why it is in the trouble it is. And why we are here. I want to get into that once again.

## The Creation of Angels

So I repeat that the world originally was populated by angels. I don't know of any church that understands or teaches that. And that may be new to some of you today who have haven't been here before, but we seem to always have some visitors. When this world was first created the angels shouted for joy **[Job 38:4-7]**. And it was populated with angels. But you'll read in Second Peter 2 and also in Jude of the angels that sinned, and they sinned before the sin of Adam, so it was before man was created on the earth.

## Lucifer was given Rulership by God

They were ruled over by a super arch angel, a cherub, whose name was Lucifer. Lucifer means shining star of the dawn, which means the light bringer, the bringer of life, of truth and not of darkness and error. He was the supreme type of being it is possible even for the Eternal God to create.

Now there are some things that I want to add to things that I've said before about this Lucifer. He's the supreme being that it's possible with all of God's power

to create directly **[Ezekiel 28:12-17]**, now the holy righteous character that is possessed by God cannot be instantaneously created in a being. It just cannot be, it must be developed through experience and that takes time.

The angels all were created as holy beings. And they were created and given very great knowledge. But also they would not have had personality and then be actual beings unless they had the power of mind, the power of reasoning, of thinking, the power of choice of having ideas, coming to conclusions, making decisions. So they did not have perfect character originally built within them.



Lucifer and his angels, which are said to be a third of all of the angels, made the wrong choice [*Isaiah 14:12-15; Revelation 12:3-4*].

## **The Government of God**

Lucifer was set over the other angels as king over this earth to administer the government of God on this earth. Now he had been trained at the headquarters of the universe which is God's throne in God's heaven [*Ezekiel 28:14*].

Just as we train ministers here, we send them out finally into the field and there we have a congregation which we turn over to them to feed the flock. And we have had some that have went the wrong way and have fed the flock on the wrong kind of food. And that's precisely what this Lucifer did. Instead of administering the government of God, and as long as he did there was perfect peace on this earth.

In other words I want you to realize that once the government of God ruled this earth, and as long as it did there was happiness, there was peace, there was joy, there was singing and shouting and everyone was happy and there was order and not confusion, and error, and ugliness, darkness, but they did sin.

The government of God they rebelled against, and though the government of God was no longer here, it was no longer administered. Now I want you

to get this in mind, brethren, because I know that you don't quite get this!

And sometimes some that we have had in training here cost us perhaps ten to 20 times

## **The Restoration of God's Government**

That is that the one great objective in the mind of the Eternal God is to restore His government, the government of God on this earth. You cannot have a government without law. All government is based on a basic law. There is no such government even with the governments of men on the earth that does not have a basic law. God's basic law is summed up for us in the Ten Commandments. The law is based on the principle of love and love is the outgoing concern for the good and the welfare of others.



## **A Spirit of Rebellion**

And Satan didn't want that. Well, he was then Lucifer. He wanted a self-centered attitude. He wanted everything coming into self, not going out and giving and serving and helping others. As a result he instilled within his angels a spirit of rebellion, a spirit of resentment, thinking that God was not fair, God had stepped on their toes, now they wanted to get even. They wanted to retaliate. They weren't going to have some God that they decided they didn't like or love ruling over them.

more money to educate them in four years in Ambassador College than they ever contributed or paid and even the money that they paid, in nearly every case, came from their work or we employed them and paid them. They didn't appreciate it, they wanted to get out from under it. They didn't regard it as the government of God, they regarded it as the government of man.

They had exactly the same spirit that those angels had. It was done in the same way that Lucifer did it in the first place on the whole earth exactly. They decided that the gospel, which is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of God is the restoration of the



Government of God on this earth and that is God's great purpose.

That's why you were born is to get that message to the world and it has to be in your hearts or you're never going to be back of it, and let it slip out of our hearts, it isn't as thoroughly and as steadfastly in our hearts, brethren, now as it was seven years ago and we're going to have to face it. I'm going to have more to say about that before I get through. But that is God's purpose. Now some of us may not like God's purpose. We may be like those angels. They became resentful against God

so they wanted to fight God.

## The Departure of Members

And we have people who have that same attitude and that same spirit. But they went off from among us about a year and a half ago but they were not of us ever or they would not have gone out from among us as John writes in first and second John **[I John 2:19; 4:6]**. Anyway, the government of God was removed from the earth and that brought chaos to the face of the earth. It brought darkness instead of light.

## God's Purpose for His Creation of Angels

Then as you read in the **104th Psalm [verse 30]**, God renewed the face of the earth.



Now God had a problem, He had a purpose in having put the angels here. They were only here to gain experience in a far greater project than the entire universe than all the planets of the universe which are without number. So vast you can never number them in the billions, trillions or any number that you want to concoct in your mind, it's greater than your mind could even think of.

But, they could not be relied on, they could not be depended upon. And God had to realize there is only one being or type of being in the universe that can be 100 percent always relied on never to turn against the government of God, which of course is the law of God and it is based on that law, and that is God Himself. God has set Himself in such a way that He Himself has made it impossible for Him ever to turn against His law of love. God is love **[I John 4:8, 16]** and He can never be anything else. He has no desire to ever be anything else. No one could make Him become anything else.



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## God's Supreme Purpose for the Creation of Mankind

God had to realize the only type of being that cannot sin is a God-being. So God had one great purpose and that was to reproduce Himself, until there were millions of beings like Him, in His own family, reproduced by Him with His same character, who had come to a place where it had become impossible for them ever to go wrong or to sin. And that is our great heritage—that is our great potential.

And it means we're going to do the job over the entire universe that the angels were put here to do but they turned in the wrong direction and they could never be used. Now that's God's purpose, that's what you were born for. And if we neglect that purpose, if we neglect the reason God put us here, there's going to be a lake of fire **[Revelation 20:14-15; Luke 19:27]**. And we just won't go on suffering any longer, you'll be burned up. And you'll be as though you had never been. God will still give us the most merciful end that could come to any people.

That's one reason He made us out of matter that can be changed, it can be annihilated and all the life in us can go out. If we are bound we are going to bring suffering on ourselves.

### The Kingdom of God

Now, as I said, God recreated the earth, He renewed the face of the earth because it was all in chaos and darkness and confusion. We read that in the second verse of the first chapter in the Bible. God's purpose now is to first to restore the government of God to this earth. But He's going to do it by reproducing Himself and so it will not only be the government of God this time it will also be the family of God. So it becomes the Kingdom of God.

Now the Kingdom of God was not on this earth before. Only the government of God, it was a kingdom of angels. This time it's going to be the Kingdom of God. In other words, God's own family here on this earth administering the government of God. Now brethren do you grasp it? Is that in your heart? Do you want to get that message to the people of India? Do you want to get that message to the people of Japan? To the people of Indonesia where there are

125 million people. To the people of Bangladesh? The most impoverished people of any nation on the face of the earth. And one of them was a man fighting valiantly there to try to keep them alive. And as I advised him when I was there, the thing that I thought was, because he asked me for any suggestions or ideas.

He just felt he was up against such a terrible problem he wanted help from any source. I said you must try to give your people encouragement right now at the time, about two or three years ago when I was there, they had just come out and gotten their new country by winning the war. And so they were a little happy about that in all of their supreme poverty.

And I said, "You've got to give them some hope, get them to working and let them know it's going to be tough but they can get back on their feet if they'll stay with it and if they'll work and they'll have to put up with it." And he was struggling to do that, his name was Rahman. And here just a few weeks ago he was shot, assassinated and killed. And actually I won't put this in the Plain Truth or publish it, but the man who was taking his place was sitting right there in the room with us right while I talked with him. It's a terrible world we're living in now and you need to know why.

Now, let's go on to where I was. The angels, as I said, were created as holy angels but they did *not* have God's righteous





character instilled within them. They had the knowledge and apparently two-thirds of the angels still had not sinned. They've had that knowledge and I think one reason that God has put us through the 7,000-year type of program that is now in operation is simply because He wants the two-thirds of the angels to get the lesson, as well as us. I'm sure He has them in mind just as well as us.

That kind of character, as I said, cannot be created by fiat, or instantaneously it must be developed and that takes experience and experience requires time. Now, as I've said again, God is the only One who will not and cannot sin or transgress the law of His government or turn against His government. So God set out to reproduce Himself. That's why human beings were put on this earth. He created cattle after the cattle kind,



dogs after the dog kind and so on.



### **Man Created in the Image and Likeness of God**

And then He said, "Let Us [because God is more than one person, God is a family]. "Let Us make man after Our likeness, after Our. . .well character He means, He used the word image - an image often is translated properly as character in the English language. So man was made after the God-kind and to become God.



Then Lucifer, who was king over the angels, had his name changed to Satan because Lucifer meant bringer of light and truth and everything good. But Satan means enemy or adversary or competitor.

Well now, here was Adam and Eve and Satan got to Adam through Eve and they sinned. By sinning they rejected the government of God. There were the two symbolic trees in the Garden of Eden. The one was the Tree of Life. If they had taken of the fruit of that tree they would have received the Holy Spirit of God. That would have given them the love of God which would fulfill the law of God, because as I said, God's law is, the principal of all God's government, is love. And love is outgoing toward others. But they rejected that. That would have been the means of them getting eternal life, that would have given them the love to have obeyed the law of God and it would have meant that they were choosing the government of God.





The other tree was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Very few people get any meaning out of that, it's all a lot of just flah, flah, flah, flah, it doesn't mean a thing. But actually what it means is that when they took of that tree they took to themselves the knowledge, the production of the knowledge of what is good and what is evil, what is right and what is wrong.

## Sin as Defined by the Worldly Churches

Now the church that I was brought up in as a boy, I was never any more converted than a jack rabbit or anything else, of course. And I don't think anybody else in that church was, because they believe things exactly contrary and opposite to the Bible. But, they believe, for example, that going to a theatre is a sin. And especially if it was on Sunday, so what did we boys do when we were eleven or twelve years old, or maybe thirteen or fourteen? We'd sneak down on a Sunday afternoon and went to the matinee. And like boys do about that age.

A deck of cards was sin. Now I think maybe you can use a deck of cards in a sinful manner and maybe you can use them in a manner that wasn't sinful. But sin is not a thing, it's the wrong use of the thing. Now they would say that doing things that we all would do on Sunday, or working on Sunday was a sin, now we don't believe that, neither does God say that. But they did not believe in keeping

the Sabbath. In other words, they themselves decided what they thought was sin and what they thought was alright and that's what human beings have been doing ever since Adam, as a matter of fact.

So, when Adam and Eve took to themselves the knowledge of what is right and wrong, that is, you might say they took to themselves the basic law of life instead of following the law that is the law of the government of God. They rejected the Kingdom of God which is rejecting also the law of God at the same time.

Now, if you'll notice the third chapter of Genesis, finally and the Eternal God said, **"Behold the man has become as one of Us to know good and evil. And now lest he put forth his hand and take also of the Tree of Life and he live forever** [it would have given them eternal life.] **"Therefore, the Eternal God sent him [Adam] forth from the Garden of Eden to till the ground from whence he was taken. And so He drove out the man and He placed in the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the Tree of Life. [Genesis 3:22-24].**

## Pagan Teaching of the Immortal Soul

Adam was not given immortal life. And yet nearly all, well the church that I was brought up in believed that Adam was given eternal life and I was born with eternal life. When I read in **Romans 6:23** that the wages of sin is death, that is what you get paid for sin is death that really amazed me. I had been taught always that the wages of sin was eternal life - but in hell fire, of course. Where you never burn up you just keep burning, burning, burning. You know if you could discover something that would burn and burn and burn and never burn up, just keep burning indefinitely, immortally, eternally you'd become a billionaire overnight. Did you ever think of that? We don't know anything that will burn except something that will soon burn out and then it's through burning, it burns up!





Christ came with His gospel message which is the message, which is the message of the Kingdom of God. He wants us to believe, that we also believe that message in order to live forever and gain eternal life. But not very many believe it do they? They didn't believe what Christ said when He came with His message. Even though they believed on Him as the Messenger and that's exactly as today they believe on Him, they believe on the Messenger but they reject the message, the message is the gospel. And so they've been rejecting that for a long time.

Now, man rejected that right off the bat, they rejected the government of God. And Adam and his children, therefore, could not be given the Kingdom of God and have it turned over to them. Adam could have ruled the world but he rejected it.

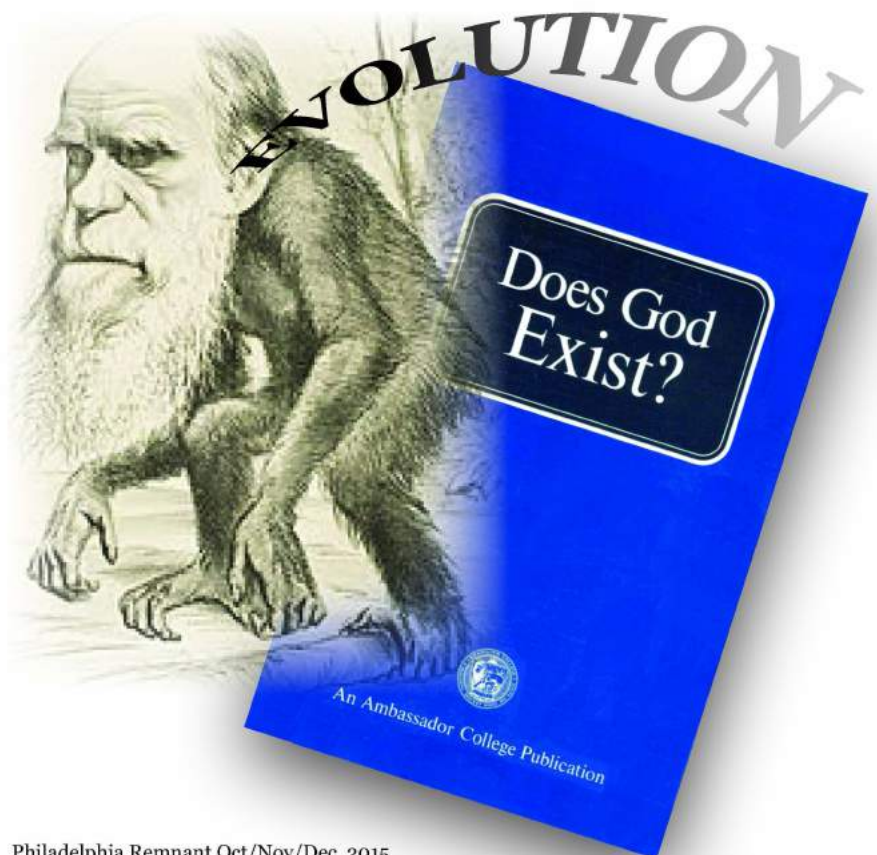
### **Man's Governments Based on Human Reason**

So God adopted a hands-off policy. He said, "Alright, if you don't want My government, arrange your own governments. Do it yourselves, make your own ideas on what is right and wrong, how to rule your children in your home and in your family, your own ideas about marriage and divorce. Your own ideas about a family relationship." And that's what man's been doing. And there's where we got in trouble. When you go back to the incident of the forbidden fruit and you have

the beginning of all our sorrows and all of the troubles in this world. It's just that simple.

I don't know why, well, why don't you find evangelists of the world like Billy Graham proclaiming that? They don't see it, they don't understand it. Without the Spirit of God it is impossible to understand the things that God has prepared for those that love Him **[Romans 8:5-9; Acts 5:32]**. It is absolutely impossible, it's just a lot of foolishness to them. They don't believe it. Some people you come across can prove, for example, that some of the things that Protestantism believes are absolutely untrue. Well it is true, they can't get around the truth. He says, "I'm going to take it on faith."

But God doesn't say to take something that is erroneous on faith. He says, "Prove all things. Prove Me now, herewith," says the Eternal. And the Thessalonians were told to prove all things **[I Thessalonians 5:21]**. I had to prove to myself 49 years ago that there was a God. Because I saw enough in studying evolution that my head was swimming and I was just about to give up the idea there is a God. They've got a lot of arguments and they can sound pretty plausible up to a certain point, depending on whether you can see through them or not. Now, God has adopted a hands-off policy. That's why we have the kind of governments that we do in this world. That's why we have the troubles that we do.





Khrushchev, they got rid of him [deposed, Oct. 1964]. And the president who is just about to go now [President Nixon], and that's the way it has been. Take these governments of men, men swayed by Satan which we call human nature **[I John 5:19]**. Satan is broadcasting **[Ephesians 2:2]**. He is working in the people of this world, I'll read you that in a minute.

But between nations there's a difference of ideas about what kind of government and they fight and give their lives in defense of their idea of their kind of government against another a man-made-developed government. Now look at the struggle going on in Portugal. The communists practically got a foothold and had taken over and then they got another government of the communist more or less on the outside but they haven't given up and you're still going to have civil war there, or soon I mean.

And now in Spain, the young prince has now had the reigns of government turned over to him, but the enemy and the opposition are going to come up fast, just as soon as Franco dies, you watch it coming. Franco is the one who fought a long battle for some years and finally came out victorious against the leftists, the communists. He had been ruling with an iron hand an iron fist all these years ever since. Now he's 82 and he's dying. Maybe he died already since morning, when I got some radio news he was still alive apparently at that time. Maybe you'll read it in the

paper tomorrow morning he's dead. If not tomorrow morning a few days later. But there's going to be nothing but revolution there.

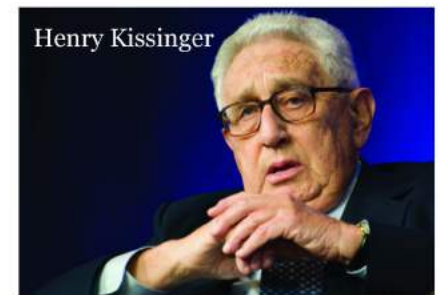
Now they are having nothing but revolution over in Beirut. I know Beirut very well, I've been there a number of times. I have visited with the president, I've visited the Prime Minister. And in Beirut the president had to be Roman Catholic and the Prime Minister had to be Moslem. That's the way the two major religions got on side-by-side there. Now that's not working anymore and now there is real civil war. And the Catholics got on near the lake shore in one section of the city now and the others on the other section of the city, so now they'll try to kill one another just because they're not of the same kind of man-devised government or the same of man-devised religion.

Now this is going to start something in the Vatican. You wait and see and watch. I haven't time to go into that further this afternoon. But in Washington D.C. if you were watching the news in the last two or three days they'll take you into rooms where there is a committee of the House, or a committee of the Senate. So they're calling in Kissinger. I have said many times that Kissinger and I are the only two that shuttle with the airplanes back and forth between Cairo and Tel Aviv.

But, anyway the difference is I'm working for permanency to the last and Kissinger is working for a temporary one.



And he's been quite successful. He came to his temporary peace, finally. It seemed like in March that he'd completely lost it and he's lost a lot of face but he finally went back and got that over. Well, even a temporary peace is better than none, isn't it?



But all we have within the government, between governments in this world is confusion, antagonism, a spirit of warfare, a spirit of wanting to kill the other side and get rid of 'em. There are many Arabs that want to see every Israeli dead. I think that Sadat [President of Egypt—until assassinated in 1981] has come to have a little bit of change of heart lately.



I've met him but I didn't discuss these problems with him, I never do. I can discuss the cause going clear back and what's caused all of it and hope that he gets the message.

## The World Deceived and Swayed by Satan the Devil

But it's the spirit of opposition, competition, disagreement.



That is the spirit, the attitude of the former Lucifer, who is now Satan, and he is very active but he is an invisible being, you don't see him so the world doesn't believe he's here, but he is here. Now, God has turned the world over and its governments to men and look at what a mess of they've made of it. Well right here I want to turn to in Ephesians, the second chapter of Ephesians, the first two verses:

**Ephesians 2:1-2** “And you [Paul is writing to the church members, the church at Ephesus], **you have become quickened who were dead in trespasses and sin** [he's just speaking spiritually here, spiritually quickened and in your mind and in your understanding] **wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air** [who is Satan], **the spirit that now works, now worketh** [which means does now work,] **is working now in the children of disobedience.”**



Because the world is disobeying God and God's laws. Satan is working there causing it. How does he do it? I could not have understood that until I learned something about radio and then later television. Because we didn't know much about television, I don't think I'd even heard of it when I first began to hear about radio and began to listen to it many, many years ago.

Now when I had a business in Chicago for seven years I heard

a little something about radio but you...there was a wire and you had to get something in your ear to listen. It wasn't like radio finally developed and never heard of it. See these are new things and most of you don't realize that. You've been born into a world that had radio and television and all these things and we take them from granted.

Well, I've been around a little longer than that and I used to sell advertising space. Well that's the way advertising was - newspapers and magazines. But we didn't have radio. We didn't have television and that almost killed off the magazines and cut down and killed off many of the newspapers. Because now they are going into television advertising and commercials.

Now, that is showing you that Satan works. He is the prince of the power of the air. He broadcasts through the air **[Ephesians 2:2]**. And the spirit that is in every man and every spirit in man that empowers the human brain with the power of intellect. An animal does not have that. That spirit is not the man, it's just something that God puts there to have a certain effect on work on the physical brain to give us the power of intellect and mind power. The animal has a brain just like we do. And you could never tell the difference if you'd see an animal brain and a human brain and cut 'em open and look at them, they look exactly alike, you could never tell the difference. Now, there's



a slight difference the scientists can see but there is nothing that in any way accounts for the vast superiority of the human mind to the animal brain.

Now, Satan is on the wavelength of that spirit in every one of us. When he broadcasts he doesn't broadcast in words or languages. It's not English or German or Spanish or anything like that. You don't get to see any picture like you do on television. He just broadcasts an attitude and some way that attitude gets into your mind and you don't know how it got there but it's there and it fills you with the attitude of rebellion, resentment, disagreement, self-centeredness, lust and greed, vanity, you want to put yourself way up above everything and everybody else, jealousy, envy **[Galatians 5:19-21]**.



Oh, and how I have seen that even in women who profess Christ and they're so self-righteous within themselves and yet they have jealousy and envy, no end and against other women. Did you ever know a woman that had anything like that? Well I've known a good many. It's sort of a common thing if you don't watch yourself. Of course I don't mean you, I mean

someone else you understand. But it's a spirit of resentment, a spirit of rebellion, a spirit that doesn't want someone over it, the spirit of competition, the spirit of strife, of being willing to hurt others. I'd like to have you turn to Ezra, the first chapter in the first verse:

**Ezra 1:1** Now in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia [that's way back in BC, 536 B.C.], that the word of The ETERNAL by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the ETERNAL stirred up the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia, [now he was a Gentile, he was not a prophet, God didn't talk to him direct like He did to Moses, like He did to Jeremiah, Isaiah, others. But what He did, the way he got a message to this man He stirred up his spirit, the spirit that is in him that is in him that is in connection with his brain. Stirred up the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia] that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also into writing, [to send a bunch of Jews back to build a second Temple.]

Because it had been prophesized by Jeremiah that after 70 years this would be done. Now God just put that in the mind of King Cyrus, he didn't know how it got there. I guess he thought maybe it was his own idea. But he did send the proclamation that God had told him to do this. So that is the way Satan

can get to us through the air. And I think he just fills the air constantly with the attitude of self-centeredness, of rebellion, of resentment. For instance, you're driving your car and maybe you weren't watching and you were going about five or eight, seven to eight miles too fast above the speed limit. So a cop comes up and pulls his siren on you. How do you feel? Don't you just naturally resent it right off the bat? Do you say, "Well, thank you for stopping me, I didn't realize I was going so fast, I'm very sorry I'll slow down after this." Is that the way you talk? Well I've had it happen to me and I know at first how I feel, maybe I get over it once I realize what's going on, in my mind.

So the governments of man are a clumsy attempt of man to organize how to rule his fellows. Let me give you an example. Very often Franz Joseph Strauss has been called the strong man of Europe and yet he has never been chancellor of Germany which he wanted to be. And Franz Joseph Strauss spent one day here on the Ambassador College campus. After dinner that night he said, "This had been the happiest day he'd ever had in his life."

He said it really was happy, he saw nothing but happiness all over the campus. He saw peace, he saw harmony. Now this was just a matter of a month or two after Mr. Nixon had been sworn in for the first time as President of the United States, right after that election. So, before he left that night, one man who was



also a dinner guest in my home said to Heir Strauss, "Heir Strauss, what do you think, as a politician, what do you think was the thing uppermost in the mind of Mr. Nixon immediately after he had taken the oath of office of President of the United States?" He said, "Well, how to win the next election and stay in office, of course." He knew that would be in his mind as well as any politician - how to win the next election.



Now pretty soon, just in order for a man-made government to get a man in charge there, we're going to have a great convention. Let's see, I think one of them is going to be in New York, I believe it's the Democratic one. Anyway, the delegates will come from states all over. There'll be hundreds and hundreds of them. And they're there to cut up and have a time. Now believe me, and if I tell you what is going to go on under cover you would be shocked, maybe you'd believe me or maybe you wouldn't. But I don't even know all of it so I'm not going to try and tell you. But they are there jockeying for position, and there's a spirit of competition and strife even within their parties. And they go to all that expense and

finally they may come out choosing a man. And then the other side chooses a man. And then they go into a great election.

### **In Essence a Prophetic Scenario that came to Pass**

I've often thought, what if within the Church we did that? And, we'll say that one of our ministers, no, let's say Garner Ted wants to try to upset his dad, and he thinks he ought to have my position. And I think he ought not to be in it at all. Of course I don't because I recently made him President of

the college. But, nevertheless, if we did things like they do in this world, the first thing we would do is set a date for an election and then we would, each of us, have big fund raising dinners. A dollar-a-plate to raise funds.

And Garner Ted would take his money and he'd have to go all around all over the world and instead of preaching the gospel he'd preach everything he could against me! He'd be saying, "Look, I know my dad. I know things about him that you don't know. I'm going to give you all the dirt, see?" And I'd say, "Now I've known my son ever since he was born. He hasn't known me since I was born. Let me tell you some of the dirty things about my son! And wouldn't you people like rumors and tale bearing? Wouldn't you just eat it up? Wouldn't you love it? And, anyway we'd say all the dirty things about each other we



could. And we'd spend the money and we'd spend our time going out against one another instead of getting together and getting the message of Christ to the world.



Does that make you see for a moment just how ridiculous is this world's way and its government? And yet there are some that don't want the kind of government we have in this Church, and they want democracy. They want to have the world's kind of government in the Church! Well they're not in the Church any longer. I'd hate to have that. I think we're all together now. I think also they're all gone. They're not of us and they never were. I wish they would be of us and come back. So let's pray for them and not against them. Anyway, that's the way all of these governments have resulted in this world. Man has cut himself off from God. Notice here in Isaiah, the 59th chapter:

**Isaiah 59:1-2 "Behold the Eternal's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God; and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear."**

## **The Sacrifice of Jesus Christ**

You see we're all cut off from God. The blood of Jesus Christ when we accept it reconciles us to God and restores our contact with God who has eternal life to give. But the blood of Christ doesn't save us, now did you think it did? No, what it does is puts you in contact with God. And you are to be saved finally by resurrection and by Christ's resurrection and not by His death. Death cannot give life.

A lot of little points like that you need to really understand if you want the truth. Well do you know that God called almost no one to salvation after He first created Adam and Eve? Well there was, as Christ said, righteous Abel and if Christ called him righteous then he must have been. You read of it back in Genesis. And there was Enoch, and there was Noah and that's about all. God had a hands-off policy - He was not trying to save every human being!

I have preached that, and I've preached it and I've preached it! And I still think many of you don't believe it. Or if you believe it then you say, yes, you believe it now and then the first thing you know in your mind you take it for granted God's always been trying to save everybody. Oh no, He hasn't. No, He's letting the world write the lesson in human experience. That's up until Noah and since then God called Abraham and dealt with

him and gave him the promises and then Isaac and Jacob and Joseph. But only the prophets of the Old Testament did God deal with. Now they talked to the people, but the people wouldn't follow.

And only a few from the time of Christ even have been called to salvation. Now Jesus said that no one could come to Him for spiritual salvation unless the Father, God the Father draws him **[John 6:44]**, that is through His Holy Spirit, they can't! How many of you, when you were first converted, wanted to get all of your family and your relatives converted? So you tried to explain it to them and they just looked at you in amazement and said you were crazy. I know a great many of you have had that happen, and if you didn't maybe it's because you just weren't quite as zealous yourself. Otherwise, I'm sure it would have happened. They couldn't understand it.

You cannot understand spiritual things unless you have God's Holy Spirit and you can't do that unless God Himself chooses you and calls you **[John 14:15-17; 16:13]**. You notice that thousands upon thousands of people that you see in the world, say in the streets of downtown Los Angeles or even downtown Pasadena. They don't know what we do, they don't believe what we do and they can't believe it and God isn't trying to save them. Now I say it again, and again and again and I'm going to have to keep saying



it again and again hoping that someday we'll begin to believe it.

## The Work of the Church of God

Now why are we called now when they're not? Isn't God fair? Of course He is. But He's calling us for a job and to get that job done and that's to get the message to the world about the Kingdom Of God, the family of God and the government of God to be restored on this earth. That's what God wants done! What God is interested in, and if it isn't in your heart then God isn't in your heart or you don't understand yet, one or the other.

## The Remnant of God's Church Today

The eleventh chapter of Romans. Paul says here to the people at Rome:

**Romans 11:1-5, 7-8** "I say then, Has God cast away His people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, and the tribe of Benjamin.

**2)** God has not cast away His people that he foreknew. Wot ye not what the Scripture said of Eli'jah? how he made intercession to God against Israel, saying: **3)** Lord, they [the Israelites] have killed Your prophets, they have digged down Your altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. **4)** But what says the answer of God to

him? [God said,] **"I have reserved to Myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image Ba'al."** [It doesn't say they were saved or converted, they just hadn't bowed a knee to Ba'al.]

**5)** Even so then at the present time also there is a **REMNANT** according to the **Election of Grace**. [7,000 out of the nation that then must have been well at least eight or ten million people - it's a very small percent and I tell you I think there's even a smaller percent than that today that God has called to salvation. Coming on a little later.]

**7)** What then? Israel has not obtained that which he seeks for; but the election have obtained it, and the rest were blinded: [They were so blinded they couldn't understand. They couldn't see it. And that's the way it is today. Most of the people that are not in God's own Church just don't understand, they can't see it - they're blinded. How did they get blinded?]

according as it is written, **God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they see not, and ears that they should not hear; unto this day.**" [It's only a small number being called to spiritual salvation even today, verse 25:

**Romans 11:25-26** "For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part has happened to Israel, [or to the big part, the majority are spiritually blind] until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. **26)** And so [ultimately now] all Israel shall be saved: as it is written: There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, [that is the Second Coming of Christ. That's when they're going to be saved] and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

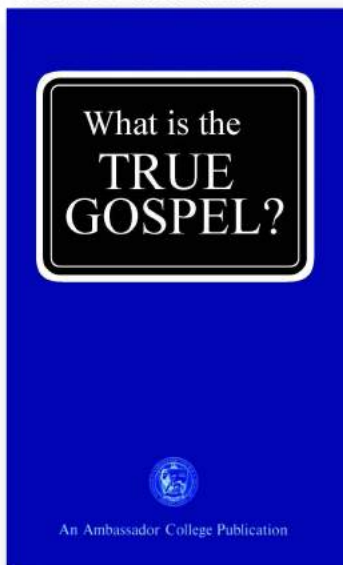
## The Second Coming



## The Chosen Few of God's Church

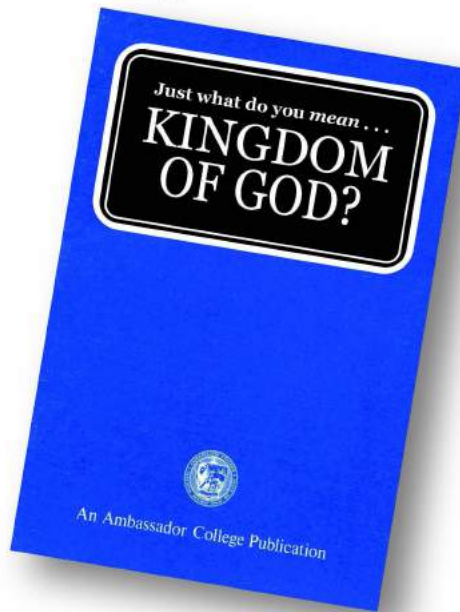
God is not trying to save the world until then. Now I said, is He unfair calling us now **[Luke 12:32]**? Oh no. If anything maybe He is more unfair to us but not to the others. We have the devil to contend with. We have this job to get done of getting this message to the world! That's why you're called, that's God's program. That's what God wants done.

Now you want to look at me and say, "I don't agree with you Mr. Armstrong." Well that's just too bad for you then you don't agree with God. But all I can do is to tell you repeatedly to tell you again and again and again and plead with you to please get over on God's side and believe it and get your heart full of it. If you want to check up in prophecy you'll find that from the time [53 A. D.] when they turned away from the true gospel to another one, you read in **Galatians 1:5-6** which I've intended to read and I won't now take time:



**[Gal. 1:5-6 "...to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. 6) I marvel that you are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ to another gospel."]**

## The Preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God



The next thing to happen is right now just at the end of time when this message of the Kingdom of God is to go to all the world for a witness to all nations. I get criticized because I go out into the world to other nations. I've been trying to do it for years for over for 42 years and I've found the doors were closed in Japan, the doors were closed in India, the doors were closed in Indonesia, the doors were closed even in Europe.

We did manage to get the message to a certain number in Britain and in Western Europe.

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But, by no means like we did here. We started getting the gospel out to the grass roots, the common people here, you can't do that in other countries because the common people are comparable there to the people that have come to accept the message and come into God's church in this country. The people there are completely illiterate. Some of these countries of people are 85%-87% illiterate. They can't read or write. How are you going to get the gospel to [them]? And you don't believe it, do you? Well, yes, you say you do, sure, and yet in a way you forget it. And you don't consider it. I can't forget it. I have to realize it.

## God's Work Centered In Manasseh

Now why were the doors closed in the other countries what was open here? Because government here allowed private people to own radio stations and they sell time and I was able to buy it. Even then it was difficult. You don't know how difficult it was to find the time I needed and even then I had to take poor time on the radio. All these years when we reached the common people and here they're educated and the gospel could only have started in a country where the common poor people like we are could contribute enough money to really take the gospel into the other countries of the world. And where we were educated enough.



But in those countries the government controls the radio, the television. And there is no freedom of speech and press like there is in this country. For example in Franco Spain I've heard of shipments of Bibles going in because people wanted them, and the government stopped them, confiscated them, burned them up. They weren't going to have their people reading Bibles. Now in the last few years God has begun to open the doors. It was the people at the top of government that closed the doors and wouldn't let people hear the message that God wants to get to them.

## Compassion for the People of this World

So God is now giving me personal favors in the eyes of heads of government in many nations all over this world. And the number is increasing all the time. That is what we're here for, that's what you are here for. Does it trouble you? Is it deeply embedded in your heart, the message about the government of God and having it restored to this earth instead of these governments? Of getting the people that are educated enough to understand it and taking this message to them in Bangladesh, in Korea if we can get in there before North Korea comes down and shuts us out?

Is your heart really in it? Does it trouble you in your heart? Are you really emotionally moved about it, brethren? Now I want to tell you what's happened.

God revealed this to me 49 years ago. Finally, God made it possible for me to start getting this message to people in the grass roots, in the smallest possible way. I have worked hard. I have put my whole heart and soul into it.

And frankly, let me tell you, I don't think most of you people have put your whole heart and soul into it. Aren't you more concerned with the pleasures and the things of this world, some of us? Or are you? I know you're not all. But I know some of you are. And let me tell you, brethren, unless this sinks in, you are being judged now by God Almighty **[I Peter 4:17]!**

You're being judged with whether your hearts are in the thing that His heart is in. And the decision is going to come up in the end. Please let that sink in. The purpose you were called ahead of time, God isn't calling the world to salvation now, only a few, and for a purpose. And that purpose is to proclaim the message in other countries, **"in all the world."** **[John 3:16-17]**

He says. Secondly, to develop the kind of character in us, God's kind of holy, righteous character. The kind of character that needs to stop judging others that we stop criticizing, that we stop gossiping, that we stop judging and tale-bearing and to rumors. And brethren we are doing those things.



You don't know how many people tell me, "Mr. Armstrong, the people that are not in the Church are more righteous than the people in the Church. You'd be surprised how many people see it!"

## Members Sleeping

Here was a man, he was eccentric, that's true. He had some peculiarities and all of that, nevertheless, he still had some sound sense and he noticed some things. He was the world champion in chess, Bobby Fischer. You all know who he is, and he had tithed faithfully to this work but he's not a member of the Church. But he came and attended a number of meetings because I invited him. And he said, "Mr. Armstrong, look I've studied your booklets, I've studied these things and I find that most of your members don't. Now, maybe he was wrong, but that was his observation. I could tell you things that ought to hurt you. But we don't like to admit it, we don't like to admit that those things are true.



## A Real Revival Needed

Brethren, if ever I knew of a Church that needs what a lot of the Protestants have in among them, what is it they call it? . . . revival - where they're not trying to get the outside members, they're trying to revive the spiritual condition of the members of the church. We need it, we need it. God is the judge and God is looking at us and He's noticing what we do and we're being judged now.

We're being judged with whether our hearts are helping to get this message to other people merely as an announcement. We are not required to convert them, we're not required to cram it down their throats. We're not required to make them believe it. But God wants it announced!

I started this work, God started it through me, 42 years ago. He opened my mind to begin to see it 49 years ago. But beginning 42 years ago the work itself got started and year-by-year-by-year for 35 years the work was growing and the income was growing at the rate of 30 percent a year! I'd never heard of anything like that. That means that after about 2 2/3 years the work and the income for the work doubled. And the results of the work doubled. In eight years it had multiplied itself eight times over. It was growing by multiplication, not by addition. 16 years the work had multiplied itself 64 times! 32 years developed into...or 64 times 64 over 3,000 4,000 times. Phenomenal growth, I've

never heard of anything like it.

## Top Ministers in Disagreement

And then, I didn't realize it, but about seven years ago some of our top ministers that are not with us now began to think we don't have to get the gospel to the world, the two witnesses will do that. God called me to get His gospel to the world! And I'll go on as long as there's breath in me, whether you're with me or not! But as long as we did, and as long as those that have associated with me did, this work and this income increases 30 percent every year over the year before.

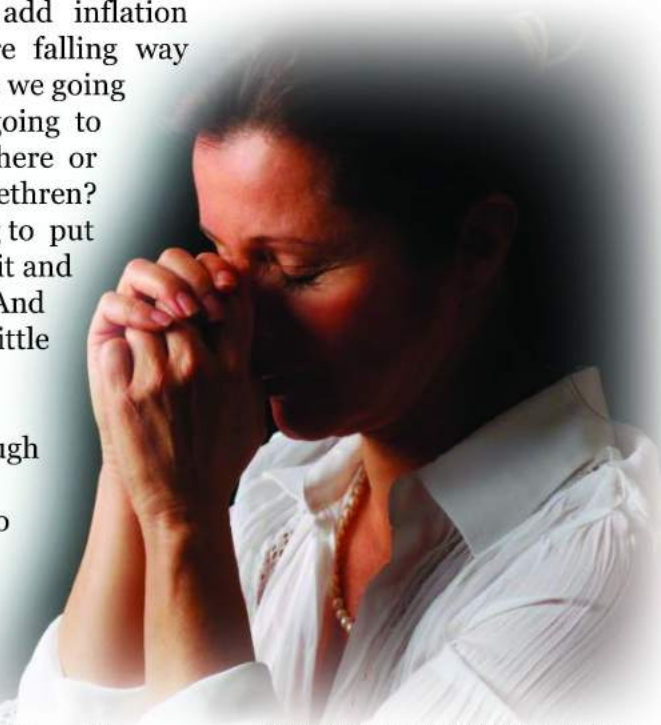
But others and myself began to believe we didn't need to do that anymore, seven years ago. And for seven years this work has not increased. This year we're even falling a little behind and when you add inflation that means we're falling way behind. What are we going to do? Are we going to just simply sit there or go on like that brethren? Or are we going to put our hearts into it and get back of it? And will we pray a little more for it?

I've learned through these years that when we take it to heart and we're serious about it and we really pray about it the income just goes way up all of a sudden.

I've tried everything and every scheme and thing that I can think of and that other people could think of but it doesn't do any good.

But when we get it in our hearts and then we pray then it does. We've come to the cross-roads and this work is either going to go down and out or it's going to go back like it did.

Now, I've been trying to analyze what is was, it's partly the way we're living brethren, and it's partly because our hearts are no longer in it like they were. It's not our life, it's the only thing I live for. How about you? Maybe you're living for about everything else, are you? Now I know many of you are going to come to me now and tell me you're back of me 100 percent. But I want you to think, "what do you mean back of it 100 percent?"





## True Christians Must Grow in Grace and Knowledge

Now I think there's one thing I want to call to your attention instead of my writing a new personal for this last issue of the Plain Truth. We put it in that Christianity is a growing process. This is one that's a reprint from one I wrote some years ago. It was more needed now more than anything I could think of to write. I want you all to read that. It doesn't mean we're perfect, we're not, we have to grow in grace and in knowledge and spiritually.

But I have noticed, listen let me tell you again as I've said it many, many times. In these 42 years, longer than any of you have had this experience. I have noticed that those whose hearts are in the message getting out are the ones who are growing spiritually themselves. And the ones who think we don't have to get the message out are stagnating, they are not growing spiritually. God gave us this job to get done as the means of developing our own spiritual progress and overcoming.



## Overcoming Human Nature

Let's overcome gossip, let's overcome criticizing and judging, brethren. Let's overcome these things. You get the preaching from the pulpit. But let's take it to heart and go to work on it more than we have been.

Now I'm out there on the firing line, I'm going down to see some other people that never heard of this truth before. I'm going to try and explain it to them in a way that they can understand it. And God has shown me just how to do that.



I want to know if you're back of it, if your heart is completely in it like mine is. So that's my message to you, I hope your hearts are in it like mine is.

I'll see you again soon, I hope.

Due to the length of this sermon a very small amount was edited out of it. However the continuity of the subject has not been affected. For those who would like to receive the complete sermon are encouraged to write and request it from us.

Edited by Alton (Don) Billingsley.



# Personal

From the Editor

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## ***“TOMORROW-What It Will Be Like”***

*“In the days to come, the Mount of the LORD’S House shall stand firm above the mountains and tower above the hills; and all the nations shall gaze on it with joy.”*

**Isaiah 2:1-2 NJPS**

Dear Brethren,  
While looking at world news in view of the end-time prophecies it is evident we are very close to the end of this age. Immediately thereafter will begin the millennial age of 1,000 years with Jesus Christ having returned and beginning His reign over all the nations of this earth.

This should be a vision with hope in the hearts and minds of all of God’s true and faithful people. A time when He will establish His world-wide ruling KINGDOM on this earth, and the teaching of His laws to go forth to Israel and mankind (***Isaiah 2:3-4***).

In this present writing I intend to touch on a few Scriptures, from among many other Scriptures, what it will be like just before and after Jesus Christ returns to this earth. In this

writing you will see forthcoming prophetic events that Jesus Christ has OPENED my mind to understand in this end-time (***John 16:13***)—Scriptures put together—heretofore little understood in detail (***Daniel 12:4, 8-10***).

This will begin as Jesus Christ prepares to return to this earth as pictured by the Feast of Trumpets (***Revelation, chapters 8; 9; 11:15***).

### **The Feast of Trumpets Leviticus 23:23-24**

**Then the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘On the 7th day of the month you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial**

**Sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.”**

### **The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age**

Jesus Christ introduces this momentous coming time in His Olivet prophecy at the close of this age as found in Matthew, Mark and Luke.

***“But in those days, AFTER that (Great) TRIBULATION ... (This will also be during the time of the Two Witnesses – 3 and 1/2 years 11:3-6.) the SUN will be darkened (Zephaniah 1:14-18), and the moon will not give its light, the stars of heaven will fall (meteors-very large rock-like substances-each one striking the earth with the force of an atom bomb), and the POWERS of the heavens***



will be shaken” (*Mark 13:24*).

Consider and picture this coming time when the impact of just one meteor will strike the earth as one did striking *Russia in 2013*:

**Chelyabinsk meteor**

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The **Chelyabinsk meteor** was a superbolide caused by a near-Earth asteroid that entered Earth's atmosphere over Russia on 15 February 2013 at about 09:20 YEKT (03:20 UTC), with a speed of  $19.16 \pm 0.15$  kilometres per second (60,000[5]–69,000 km/h or 40,000[5]–42,900 mph).[6][7] It quickly became a brilliant superbolide meteor over the southern Ural region. The light from the meteor was brighter than the Sun, even at 100 km distance. It was observed over a wide area of the region and in neighbouring

republics. Some eyewitnesses also felt intense heat from the fireball.

On account of its high velocity and shallow angle of atmospheric entry, the object exploded in an air burst over Chelyabinsk Oblast, at a height

of around 29.7 km (18.4 miles, 97,400 feet).[7][8] The explosion generated a bright flash, producing a hot cloud of dust and gas that penetrated to 26.2 km, and many surviving small fragmentary meteorites, as well as a large shock wave. The bulk of the object's energy was absorbed by the atmosphere, with a total kinetic energy before atmospheric impact equivalent to approximately 500 kilotons of TNT (about 1.8 PJ), 20–30 times more energy

than was released from the atomic bomb detonated at Hiroshima.”

## Preparing the Way for the Return of Jesus Christ

These falling meteors give a minuscule indication of the greater devastation that will befall the earth by far more terrible things to take place (*Revelation 6:12-17, 6th Seal*)—preparing the way for the return of Jesus Christ who will bring to an end this evil age.

**“Then the ‘SIGN’ of the Son of Man will APPEAR in heaven (*Revelation 11:15-19, 3rd woe, Revelation 19:1-21*), and THEN all the tribes (*nations*) of the earth will MOURN, and (*afterwards*) they will SEE the Son of Man COMING on the clouds of heaven (*Revelation 1:7; 19:11-16*) with POWER AND GREAT GLORY” (*Matthew 24:30*).**





## Consider the 'AWESOME SIGN' in view of the Scriptures:

Then the 7th angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ (in type, *Joshua 6:1-21*), and He shall reign forever and ever!" . . . Then the Temple of God was OPENED in heaven (*Hebrews 8:1-2*), and the ARK of His Covenant (containing the 10 Commandments, *Exodus 25:10, 12*) was 'SEEN' IN HIS TEMPLE . . . (*Revelation 11:15-19*).

*High up in the atmosphere of this earth, the Temple of God with the Ark will be seen small at first. But as it draws closer to earth this magnificent and awesome heavenly sight will increase with such greatness in size all of mankind will behold its splendor! Mankind will be terrified and seek death SEEING this sight! (Isaiah 2:17-21).*

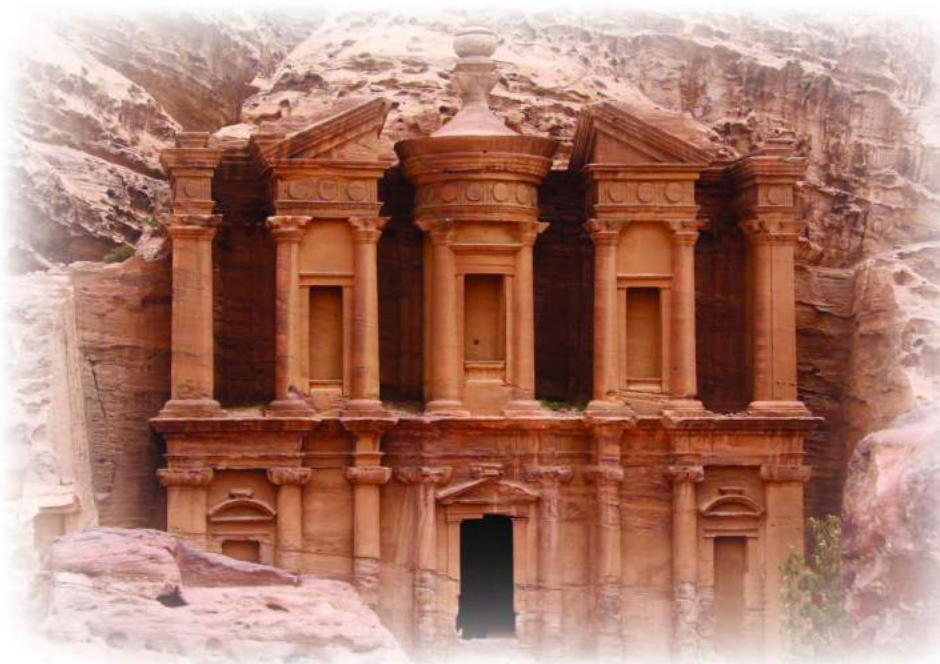
**"And He will send His angels with a SOUND OF A GREAT TRUMPET (as at Mount Sinai, *Exodus 19:19; I Corinthians 15:23; I Thessalonians 4:13-18*), and they will GATHER TOGETHER His Elect (Church in Petra, along with the Israelites in captivity who are also the chosen people of God, now liberated)" (*Matthew 24:31*).**



### The Sounding of the Trumpet

Consider the very loud earth shaking sound of the blowing of the Seventh TRUMPET that will begin to sound and grow louder and louder enough to attract and focus the terror-stricken attention of all of mankind on what will shortly follow. Following this SIGN, Jesus Christ will then be seen by mankind seated on His Throne inside the Temple (*Revelation 6:12-17*), wearing His CROWN AS KING of Kings and LORD of Lords (*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 19:11-16*); His holy angels will be grouped around Him (*Revelation 4:1-11*). Truly, an awesome and spectacular heavenly sight to behold!

They will ORBIT this earth (*Revelation 1:7; Zechariah 9:14*), altogether, perhaps Seven Times as did Israel encircling Jericho—a preliminary type of this world's civilizations—before conquering it (*Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-16*).





Then Jesus Christ, followed by His holy angels, will be seen emerging from the Temple mounted on white horses to do battle with the military forces gathered in the Valley of Jehoshaphat just outside Jerusalem (*Revelation 19:11-16; Zechariah 14:12-13*).

### A Miniature Picture of this Coming Time

Scripture reveals a miniature picture of the return of Jesus Christ just before He spoke the Ten Commandments to the terrified children of Israel from the top of Mount Sinai while making a marriage covenant with them—occurring on the Day of Pentecost.

#### The LORD God Appearing before Israel Exodus 19:16-20

**16. Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings (as it will be), and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the SOUND OF THE TRUMPET WAS VERY LOUD, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. . . .**

**18. Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in FIRE. . . and the whole mountain quaked greatly.**

**19. And when the BLAST OF THE TRUMPET SOUNDED LONG AND BECAME LOUDER AND LOUDER . . .**

**20. Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain . . . (as He will on the Mount of Olives in the day of the LORD, *Zechariah 14:3-4*).**

**“. . . and so *terrifying* was the SIGHT that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling” (*Hebrews 12:18-21*).**



This will be duplicated—only far, far, greater than then—for in this coming time it will be necessary for all of mankind to behold what will be taking place at Christ’s coming! The ear-splitting SOUNDING OF THE TRUMPET will fill the whole earth capturing the attention of everyone including the armies gathered in the Valley of Jehoshaphat just outside Jerusalem to fight the battle of Armageddon—then all of mankind will SEE HIM descending to this earth (*Revelation 1:7*), as did the children of Israel at that time.

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Think about this in context with all of the other things taking place in this Day of the LORD when Jesus Christ returns to this earth. It is no wonder mankind will cry out for “the mountains and rocks to fall on them and hide them from the FACE of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!” (*Revelation 6:12-17*, 6th Seal).

#### The Gathering of the People of Israel from Slavery Isaiah 2:1-4

This will be a coming time when the peoples of Israel will seek God with tears, godly sorrow, and forgiveness while desiring



His righteous teachings based on His Ten Commandments after having barely survived their enslavement—

**3. NJPS** “And the many peoples shall go and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the Mount of the LORD (Mount Zion), to the House of the God of Jacob; that He may INSTRUCT us in His ways, and that we may WALK in His paths” NJPS, *Jeremiah 50:4-5*).

### The Oppression Experienced by the Enslaved Israelites

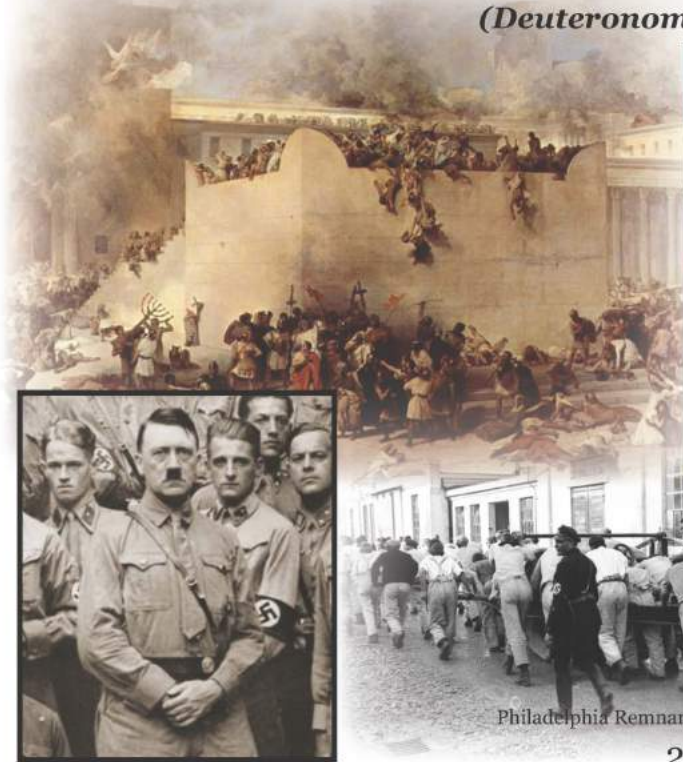
Thus says the LORD God of hosts: “The children of Israel were OPPRESSED, along with the children of Judah; all who took them captive have held them fast, they have refused to let them go” (*Jeremiah 50:33*).

Their refusal comes after the Two Witnesses having asked the Beast and the Pope to let God’s people go from their captivity, as did Moses and Aaron, who asked the same of the Pharaoh of Egypt (*Exodus, chapters 5 through 12*). After their refusal, God will use the Two Witnesses to bring one kind or another plague on Europe, as did Moses and Aaron on Egypt, until Europe will be completely devastated, as was Egypt (*Exodus 10:7*).

### Freedom from Slavery

The survivors of the House of Jacob will be then liberated from their slave owners after having served hard and laborious labor with the threat of whips and of being turned over to the merciless Gestapo of Assyria, and similar military police in other nations, to be tortured unto death (*Deuteronomy 28:64-68*).

They will have served as slaves in many nations for a very long three and one-half years—all during that time their lives will hang in doubt with FEAR terrifying their hearts (***Deuteronomy 28:64-68***). The House of Jacob will have been chastised severely for their abominable sins and rejection of God and Jesus Christ along with Their Ten Commandments!





**“For it shall come to pass in that day,” says the LORD of hosts, “That I will break his YOKE (*of slavery, verse 4*) from your neck, and will BURST your bonds; foreigners shall no more enslave them (*Jeremiah 16:19*). But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will RAISE UP for them” (*Jeremiah 30:8-9*).**

**“So it shall come in that day: The great trumpet (*7th Trumpet*) will be blown (*Exodus 19:19; I Corinthians 15:23; I Thessalonians 4:13-18*), they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, and they who are OUTCASTS in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem” (*Isaiah 27:13*).**

## **The Survivors of Israel and Judah** Jeremiah 31:1-16

2. “. . . The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness—Israel, when I went to give him rest (*from the harshness of the forced labor while enslaved by their captors*).

8. Behold I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the ends of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and the one who labors with child, together; a great throng shall return there (*Slave owners carrying many of them, Isaiah 49:22-23*).

9. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications (*prayers - beseeching God for forgiveness*) I will lead them . . .

13. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; for I will turn their mourning to joy,

I will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow.

16. Thus says the LORD: “Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded (as was Israel when liberated from their slavery in Egypt, *Exodus 3:20-22; 12:35-36*), says the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

17. There is HOPE in your future, says the LORD, that your children shall come back to their own border (*Ezekiel 36:23-28*).”







## Returning to their Ancient Borders

In order for the Israelites to return to their own border, meaning their ancient heritage as allotted to the individual tribes of Israel by Joshua and the Priest, it will become necessary to determine which tribe each person belongs via processing centers set up for that purpose in Jerusalem.



There are many things that must begin taking place with the return of the peoples of Israel, homes to build, places for church services, cities to be rebuilt, etc.

## A Synopsis of these Prophetic Events

Hopefully this brief writing will be enough to give a miniature picture of what will be soon taking place – the coming time when God’s Temple will be rebuilt and established on Mount Zion in Jerusalem and all people beginning to flow to it **(Micah 4:1-8)**.

In the interim, Jesus Christ urges His people to remain faithful and endure while supporting His work, the Gospel Message with the Ezekiel Warning Message. And by doing so He promises His supernatural protection from the **GREAT WRATH** He will be bringing on this earth for their deplorable sins **(Revelation 3:7-13)!**

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During this time of transition, Jesus Christ cautions His true and faithful people to—**“WATCH therefore (in view of the foregoing), and PRAY ALWAYS that you may be counted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that will come to pass, and to STAND before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).**



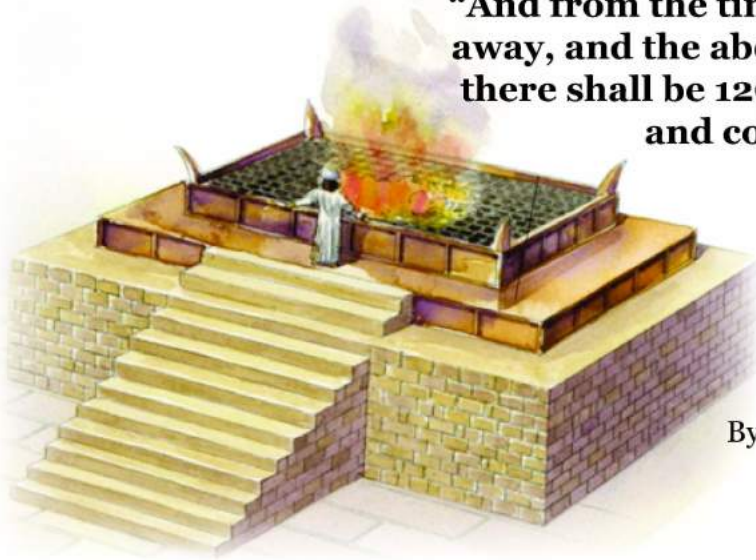


# The Daily Sacrifices

**“And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be 1290 days. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the 1335 days.”**

**Daniel 12:11-12**

By Alton B. (Don) Billingsley



The GN (*Good News Magazine* August 8, 1987): “Both the 1290 and 1335 day periods end with the return of Jesus Christ. And each period begins with a significant event.”

In this article the effort will be made to discover the meaning of each significant event along with related prophetic numbers.

## **Keys for Needed Understanding of Holy Scripture**

The major **KEY** to open the understanding of this prophecy is given by Jesus Christ:



**Matthew 24:15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy Place” (whoever reads let him understand).**



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God reveals the timing of this Scripture by placing it in between the Gospel that is to be preached in all the world as a witness before the end of the age (**Matthew 24:3, 14**); and the Elect people of God fleeing to the place of safety (**Matthew 24:16**). This will be explained in detail later on in this present writing.

Having in mind what Jesus Christ said, the search must begin in Daniel's writings to find the original fulfillment of the abomination of desolation that will have its dual fulfillment with the future sacrificial offerings (**Daniel 12:11**).

## Keys Needed for Understanding Scripture

There are also other KEYS that are needed for understanding of this and other related prophecies, such as: dualities, anti-types, and the repeating of history. God has also led His prophets to write His precepts in Scripture, line upon line, here a little, there a little (**Isaiah 28:9-13**). In addition, one must also keep a subject in context with all the Scriptures relating to it—*letting Scripture interpret Scripture*.

Jesus Christ explains the reason why: To keep all but His own Elect people from understanding His Holy Bible in this age (**Matthew 13:10-15**). All these KEYS are necessary for a true understanding of those prophecies of long ago that were to be unsealed and made known in the end-time (**Daniel 12:4, 8-10**).

## The Unsealing of the End-Time Prophecies

During the ministry of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Jesus Christ opened his mind to the understanding of the prophecies that were closed to understanding until this past century. These were prophecies that God's angel told the Prophet Daniel his request for the understanding of them would remain closed until the time of the end (**Daniel 12:4, 8-10**).

The timing of WWII coincided with Jesus Christ raising up Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the promised Elijah to come in the end-time, (**Malachi 4:1-6; Matthew 17:10-11**), he began preaching both the Gospel to Israel in 1934 (**Matthew 24:14**), and crying out the end-time warning message (**Ezekiel 33:1-7**)—preparing the way for the return of Jesus Christ back to this earth (**Malachi 3:1, duality**).



He was then given an understanding of the overview of the meaning of the yet unfilled

end-time prophecies affecting adversely Judah, Israel, and the Gentile nations; and this will be seen in his writing that follows.

The unbiased reader should clearly understand from his writing the meaning of the OVERVIEW of those prophecies. At the same time, it can easily be seen his writing is far more relevant today than it was at the time of his writing in 1979. It is indeed a now article.

The included updates will be based on what is now being revealed due to the changing times since his death 29 years ago. Even so, they fit within the overview of what God revealed to Mr. Armstrong at that time.

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## The Time We Are In, Now

By

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

"Just where are we, now, in the prophesied panorama of events leading to the END of this age? Both world events and occurrences in the Church indicate we are in the time mentioned in Daniel 12.

**In verse 2, Daniel speaks of the resurrection of saints at the time of Christ's coming. Then he speaks of events leading up to that crowning event of history:**

**"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and SEAL the Book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge**



shall be increased" (*Daniel 12:4*).

We have come to that time—the TIME OF THE END! Rapid travel, to and fro, at high speed! We are definitely in the END TIME! Knowledge has been increased on earth amazingly in the secular area, and also within the true and faithful Church of God.

We have been going with increasing momentum through the age of invention, the age of science and technology, the air age, the space age, and now the NUCLEAR age. Now, for the first time in human history, the weapons of mass destruction have been produced that can erase all humanity from the earth!

In the one decade of the 60s, the fund of human knowledge DOUBLED. Also the world's troubles and evils DOUBLED!

## The Scattering of God's True Church

It seems indefinite as to the antecedent of the pronoun "he," above [verse 7]. Other translations use the word "they." But surely Satan is now endeavoring to scatter and even totally nullify the power God has given to His Church.

There has been a falling away, though compared to the total number, it has been minimal [*This first occurred in 1974-5*]. And the attack of the State of California was an action calculated to DESTROY the Church of the living GOD! [*This occurred in 1979*]

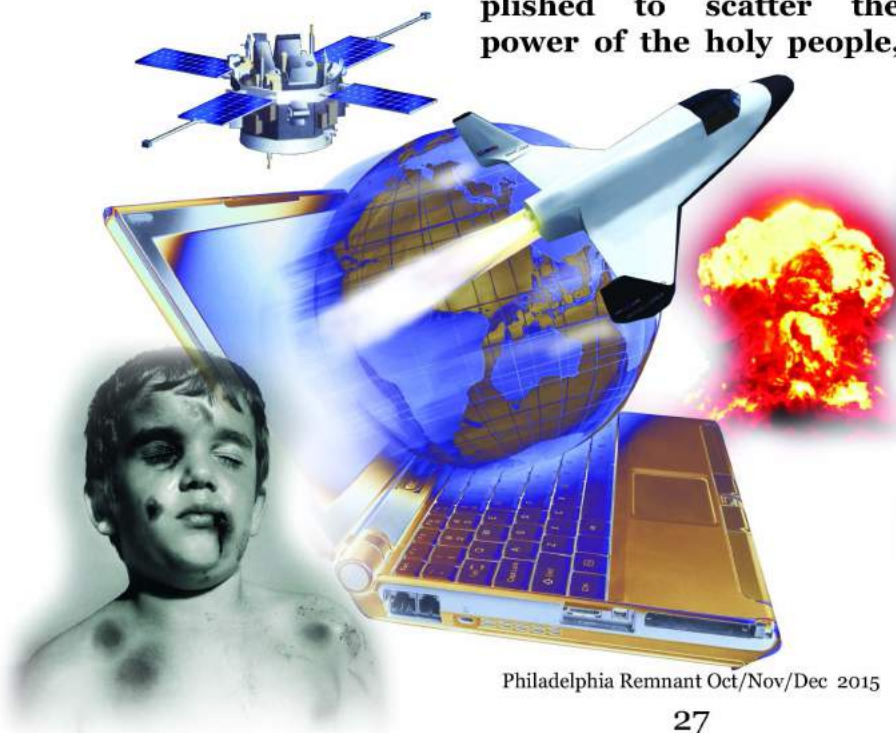
[The true members were scattered in 1994-1995. However Scripture also reveals another and final scattering is to take place:

***Daniel 12:7 " . . . and when they shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people,***

**all these things shall be finished."** KJV]

Yet Jesus Christ our living HEAD has used it to draw us much closer to HIM and to one another. Our Work in the hands of Christ is NOT YET FINISHED, and He will not allow the Work to stop until it is finished! [***Revelation 3:8***]. And when will that be? It surely can't be much longer. We are certainly on the final lap, if not the home stretch—but no definite date can, of course, be set.

But when Daniel writes, in verse 7, "***all these things shall be finished,***" he refers back to the subject of this 12th chapter mentioned at the beginning—when the archangel Michael shall stand up (verse 1, as also mentioned in ***Revelation 12:7***) and Satan shall be cast down--and the ***GREAT TRIBULATION*** (Verse 1 and Matthew 24:21-22, Mark 13:19-20, Luke 21:22) from the beginning will be 3½ years.





Daniel did not understand, but the angel said, **"Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end" (Daniel 12:9).**

And then what — in the TIME OF THE END, into which we have entered? **"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried . . . but the wise shall understand" (Verse 10). WE ARE IN THAT TIME OF TRYING AND TESTING, TO BRING US CLOSER TO GOD — TO PREPARE US FOR CHRIST'S COMING — NOW!**

**Many of us are being tried and tested as NEVER BEFORE--and for our own good! [Think of this in regard to this little flock which is a continuation of the work Jesus Christ used him in doing via of his recorded works on our websites-www.cog-ff.com]**

But, *verse 11*, **"from the time the daily sacrifice shall be taken away. . . ."** Consider this a moment. This does NOT imply a material temple to be built in our time in Jerusalem [*before he died he said he did not know whether a temple would be built*]. It does seem to imply the Israelis may restore the daily (*twice daily*) sacrifice — possibly at the Wailing Wall. The indication is the armies of the "beast" of Revelation 17, entering Jerusalem (**Daniel 11:41, Zechariah 14:2**), will stop this daily sacrifice. **". . . And the abomination that maketh desolate set up."** What is this abomination?

This refers to **Daniel 11:31 and Matthew 24:15. In Daniel 11:31**, the armies of Antiochus Epiphanes were at Jerusalem, and some commentators have interpreted it as Antiochus placing a statue of Jupiter in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. Not only does **Matthew 24:15** also refer to this, but in a parallel New Testament Scripture, **Luke 21:20** speaks of the same thing as "Jerusalem compassed with armies." This is the correct meaning of this "abomination." It is the armies—not a statue—that make Jerusalem desolate.

*[This was true in 70 A. D., and will be again when the Jewish people go into captivity. The Roman armies and the False Prophet will solely occupy Jerusalem. However, the future abomination will also include the seating of the pope in the Holy of Holies in the new Temple to be constructed and his placing the statue of Jupiter, now called Peter, in it, II Thessalonians 2:1-4.]*

From this time (**Daniel 12:11**) to Christ's coming will be 1290 days [*three and one/half years—plus 30 days*].

Now, verse 12, **"Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the 1335 days."** [*a difference of 45 days from the 1290 days*]

Never before have we understood these periods of 1260, 1290, and 1335 days. But it seems evident, now, a blessing is pronounced on us - GOD'S CHURCH — who wait and endure until the 1335 days—approximately 1335 days prior to Christ's coming.

But since no one can know the day or the hour of His coming, we probably shall not be able to know the exact day that this 1335 days begins. But apparently that is the time when OUR WORK SHALL END.



## The Emergence of the Holy Roman Empire

That will be a time when the UNITED EUROPE shall appear – the revival of the medieval "Holy Roman Empire." We shall then be warned, and readied to be taken to a place of refuge and safety from the **Great Tribulation**.

Forty-five days later [between 1335 and 1290] "the beast's" armies will surround Jerusalem. Thirty days later [1290 to 1260] the **Great Tribulation** will probably start with a nuclear attack on London and Britain—and possibly the same day or immediately after, on the United States and Canadian cities.

The **GREAT TRIBULATION**, we shall then fully realize, is the time of "Jacob's Trouble," spoken of in **Jeremiah 30:7**. And Jacob's name was named on Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh (**Genesis 48:16**). At that time a third of the people in our nations will die, or shall have died, by famine and disease epidemics (**Ezekiel 6:11-12; 7:14-15**); another third will die of the war – our cities being destroyed (**Ezekiel 6:6; Nahum 3:12-13**), and the remaining third will be carried to the land of our enemies as slaves (**Ezekiel 5:12**).

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But while this most terrible **TRIBULATION** is happening to our people, shall we of God's Church be protected? My son Garner Ted is now scoffing in derision at our being taken to a place of safety during the **Great Tribulation**.

Does **Revelation 3:10** mean what it says? The Unger's Bible Dictionary under article on the **Great Tribulation**, refers to Revelation 3:10, showing the Great Tribulation covers the whole earth. No other such time of worldwide trial and trouble is prophesied. A Bible I formerly used had in the marginal reference of Revelation 3:10 "or, the **Great Tribulation**."

Also **Revelation 12:14** shows the Church being FLOWN into a place of safety in the wilderness [to fly first to Jerusalem, **Jeremiah 51:50**, and later flee to the mountains of Petra, Matthew 24:15-16]. After this, **Revelation 12:17**, Satan will make war with the remnant, or Laodicean Church [**5th seal-martyrdom-Revelation 6:9-11**]. That leads up to Christ's coming[*In the interim—God will use the Two Witnesses to witness to the leaders of the Gentile nations for three and one/half years—as did Moses and Aaron to the Pharaoh of Egypt. God's Church will be in the place of Safety during this same time.*]

So, where are we NOW, in the panorama of prophecy?

We have reached the time just before a "U.S. of Europe" restores the "Holy Roman Empire," under the Papacy, in a union of Church and State. [*Very close now –possibly within two to three years*]

The present Pope, John Paul II [*29 years later, 2015, Pope Francis*], could very well be the Pope that will trigger this and bring it into reality [**Revelation 13:11-18**]. . . . Once that third great world power is formed, our work will soon be over. That could happen in a year, two years, or five years. It could happen SUDDENLY, leaving the whole world aghast in WONDER. [*We are now in that time frame, 2015*] . . .

The WHOLE WORLD is now ON FIRE! [**Matthew 24:6-8** "wars and rumors of war, etc."] This is not the **GREAT TRIBULATION**, but is certainly preliminary to it.

It's time for intensive FASTING AND PRAYER!

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## History Repeating Itself

With the foregoing in mind, the following historical writing will soon repeat itself while filling in the blanks with the dualities of the end-time in mind:

**Daniel 8:9-10** “And out of one of them came a little horn (*Antiochus Epiphanes —the antitype of the Beast of the future revived Roman Empire*) which grew exceedingly great toward the south (*Egypt, Daniel 11:40-43*), toward the east (*To the east from the Holy Land beyond the Euphrates River lies the Communist Realm*), and toward the Glorious Land (*Land of Israel*).

*And it grew up (in overwhelming power, Revelation 13:4; NRSV “as high up as”) to the host of heaven (the Jewish Hierarchy\*); and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars (symbolic of Israel and Judah, Genesis 37:9-10; hosts, Priests and Levites\*) to the ground.”* \*Adam Clarke Commentary, Volume 4, Page 597

### The Antitype of Antiochus Epiphanes

The following Scriptures speak further of the antitype — the Man who will head the soon-coming Revived Roman Empire:

**Daniel 8:23-24** “A king shall arise having fierce features (*Isaiah 19:4*), who understands sinister (KJV dark= the occult) schemes (*Daniel 8:23*). His power shall be [become] mighty, but not by his own power (*Revelation 13:11-18; 17:12-13*), he shall destroy fearfully (margin: *extra-ordinarily*), and shall prosper and thrive (*Revelation 13:4*); he shall destroy the mighty (*House of Joseph, Jeremiah 30:4-7; Nuclear Warfare, Ezekiel 6:6; 12:20; Nahum 3:13+*); and also the holy people (*Daniel 11:35; 5th seal— the martyrdom of the saints, Revelation 6:9-11*).”

**Daniel 8:25** “Through his cunning he shall cause DECEIT to prosper under his rule (*Daniel 11:21-24*); and he shall exalt himself in his heart (*Isaiah 10:12*). He shall destroy many in their prosperity (*the House of Israel, Jeremiah 30:4-7; Isaiah 10:5-8*). He shall even rise against the Prince of princes (*Jesus Christ, Armageddon, Psalm 2:1-12*); but he shall be broken without human hands (*II Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 19:20*).”

**Daniel 8:11** “He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host (put himself in the place of God); and by him THE DAILY SACRIFICES were taken away (for 1150 days,

**Daniel 8:11-14**), and the place of his Sanctuary was cast down (*Soncino Commentary: Temple desecrated by the Pope, not destroyed*).”



**Note verse 11:** “No direct indication of how long Sacrifices will be offered, but they are to be abolished 1150 days by the Pope (*Good News, June 1960*).

**Daniel 8:12** “Because of transgression (*abominable sins of Judah, called Israel*), an army was given over to the horn (*the Beast at the behest of the Pope, Revelation 13:11*) to oppose the DAILY SACRIFICES (*by overwhelming the Jewish armies*); and to cast TRUTH down to the ground (*by the use of DECEIT this beast-king will promise security to the leadership of the nation of Judah to protect them from the Arab nations; he will place a small elite military contingent inside Jerusalem, but will later stop this daily sacrifice by bringing the full*



force of his armies into Jerusalem, **Daniel 8:25, 11:41; Zechariah 14:2**, also the pope claiming he is God, **II Thessalonians 2:4**). He did all this and prospered (was successful)."

### **"Blessed is he who Waits, and Comes to the 1335 days."**

The following Prophecies with NUMBERS are to be activated each in their particular time, and for understanding they must be subtracted from the 1335 days, as indicated by Mr. Armstrong (**Daniel 12:12**):

**Daniel 8:13** Then I heard a holy one speaking (an angel); and another holy one (an angel) said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the VISION be, CONCERNING THE DAILY SACRIFICES (**Leviticus 6:9, 12**), and the transgression of desolation, (which is) the giving of both the Sanctuary (Temple) and the host (Leadership of the Jews and Priests) to be trampled underfoot?"

**Daniel 8:14** And he (Gabriel) said to me, "For 2300 days (margin: Lit, evenings and mornings, giving a total of 1150 days); THEN the Sanctuary shall be cleansed" (1335-1150=185 days, 6 months and 5 days; in type: **John 2:13-17**).

### **"Then the Sanctuary shall be cleansed"**

This Scripture is dual in its meaning: It connects with the parable of the tares (symbolic of unconverted members) that are to grow with the wheat (symbolic of the Elect Members of God's true Church) UNTIL the time of the harvest (**Matthew 13:24-30**). The angels of God will bind them in bundles to burn them (during the **Great Tribulation**, verse 30, 40-42). A complete separation from the tares will have taken place (**Daniel 12:5-7**).



**Wheat**



**Tares**

Mr. Armstrong stated—"The Kingdom of God is the Church of God in Embryo." This would therefore be a type of the Sanctuary that will be cleansed from the tares leaving only the chosen people of God to go to the place of safety.

### **The Church of God Flees to the Place of Safety**

At this time of the beginning of the 1150 days, the Jewish people in Jerusalem will have been conquered. This will also be the time the faithful Elect will have fled shortly before from Jerusalem to Petra (**Matthew 24:15**). These numbers, and other prophecies, indicate they will have lived in the Jerusalem area for 6 months and 5 days prior to the return of Jesus Christ. As to why—this will be explained later.



**Petra**

**Daniel 12:11** "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up there shall be 1290 days."



A time period of 45 days is implied in between the Sacrifices being taken away, and abomination of desolation being set up ( $1335-1290=45$  days).

## How Long Before the Beginning Fulfillment?

**Daniel 12:6** And one (angel) said to the man (angel) clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall the (be the beginning) fulfillment of these wonders be?" Extraordinary terrible times, Daniel 12:1.

**Daniel 12:7** Then I heard the man (angel) clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river (Tigris,) 10:4, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time and times, and a half of a time (3 and ½ years = 1260 days;  $1335-1260=75$  days—2 months and 15 days).

The latter part of this numbered Scripture of the 1260 days, occurs much earlier as revealed in other Scriptures:

## Numbers Connected with Prophetic Events

How long will the Elect be in Jerusalem?  $1335-1150=$  6 months and 5 days appear to be the answer. Considering the beginning number of the 1335 days and then subtracting the 1150 days

when the sacrifices will be stopped is 185 days (approximately 6 months). Shortly before this time, the Elect people of God will flee from Jerusalem in-route to Petra.

This implies Judah will be conquered 3 months and 10 days after the beginning of the 1260 days which will also be the time of the nuclear attack on the House of Israel.

## The Beginning of the Indignation that causes Desolation

**Daniel 12:6-7** ". . . and WHEN the POWER of the holy people has been completely shattered all these things shall be finished."

The implication is that this prophecy at that time will begin its fulfillment possibly just prior to the beginning of the 1335 day count, meaning the Door of the Gospel will be closed by Jesus Christ due to the economy fully crashing and no more tithes and offerings to make possible its continuance (**Revelation 3:7**). Jesus Christ will have closed the door to the Gospel sometime before the 1335 day count.

This is the only way the true faithful Church of God will know when the 1335 day count will begin, and then not by number, but by the significant events at that time.

## The Final Scattering of the Holy People

The scattering of the membership from the devastated Worldwide Church of God in 1995 was also a type of the final scattering when the false shepherds will flee leaving their flocks to look out for themselves prior to the 1260 day count (**John 10:12-13**).

The difference between the two times helps explain why the Laodiceans will remain behind. The implication from Scripture is that since they are to be vomited out of the mouth of Jesus Christ into the Great Tribulation (**Revelation 3:15-19**), the word to flee will only be given to the Philadelphian Era (**Revelation 3:10-11; Jeremiah 51:50**).

## The Unsealing of these Prophecies

The following Scriptures add further meaning to the foregoing Scriptures while making known they are to be unsealed for understanding in the end-time to God's Elect:

**Daniel 8:16-17** . . . And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai (**Daniel 12:5**), who called and said, "Gabriel, make this man to understand the VISION." So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face;



but he said to me, “Understand, son of man, that THE VISION refers to the Time of the End. . . .

**Daniel 8:19** And he said, “Look I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation (leading to the Great Tribulation; **Isaiah 46:10-11**), for at the APPOINTED TIME the End shall be (the completion of the 6,000 years, Armageddon).”

### The Importance of the 1335 Days

In view of all of these numbered times, the ONE the Elect is to watch for is the beginning of the events that will connect to the following number and be prepared for what it will entail.

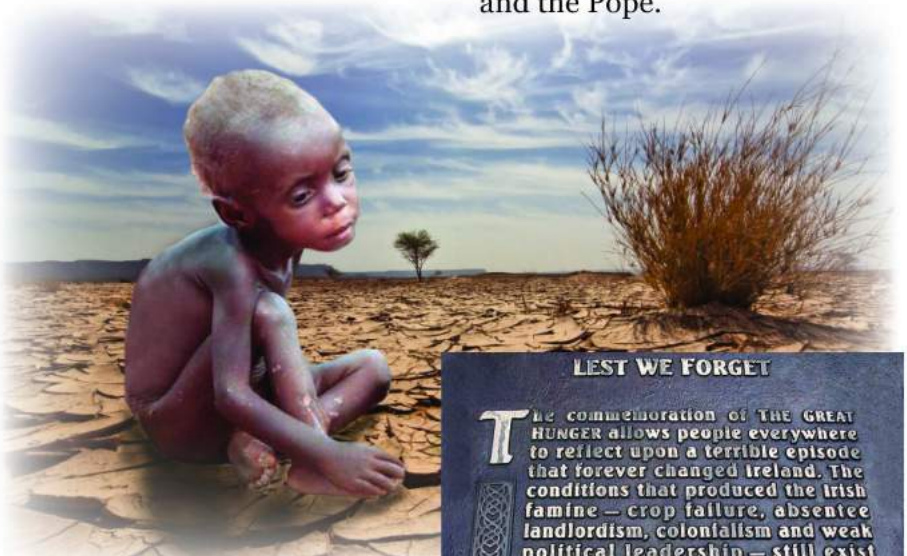
**Daniel 12:12** “Blessed is he who waits (dual in meaning: beginning and completion—waiting and enduring patiently), and comes to the 1335 days (watching for its beginning, and enduring until its completion – the coming of Jesus Christ).”

The beginning fulfillment of these 1335 days is timed to the departure of God’s faithful Elect with a delay of six months in-route in Jerusalem then onward to the Place of Safety in Petra.



### Famine and Disease Epidemics

What will the conditions be like in the House of Joseph at that time? Consider the horrible Famine prophesied by the Prophet Joel (pictured by the Black Horse, **Revelation 6:3-4**) to be followed by the Disease Epidemics as prophesied by the Prophet Ezekiel (pictured by the Pale Horse, **Revelation 6:7-8**).



The famine will have the duality of the time of the prophesied famine that fell on Israel as made known to King Ahab by the Prophet Elijah – to last for three and one-half years (**II kings 17:1**; and verified by Jesus Christ, **Luke 4:25**).

Both the famine and the disease epidemics will begin taking place at that time and build in intensity to reach its worst

in the last 6 months when multiple millions of people will be dying of untreatable diseases and for lack of food and water (**Ezekiel 5:12; 7:1-3; 8:17; 9:9-10**).

Just prior to this time God’s true and faithful Elect people will leave for Jerusalem (**Revelation 18:4-5; Jeremiah 51:45, 50**); and will live there until word is given to flee to the mountains for their protection from the Beast-King and the Pope.

#### LEST WE FORGET

**T**he commemoration of THE GREAT HUNGER allows people everywhere to reflect upon a terrible episode that forever changed Ireland. The conditions that produced the Irish famine – crop failure, absentee landlordism, colonialism and weak political leadership – still exist around the world today. Famines continue to decimate suffering populations. The lessons of the Irish famine need to be constantly learned and applied until history finally ceases to repeat itself.

Together with the **Great Tribulation** this will be a most horrible time, none like it, just as Jesus Christ and Daniel said:

**Matthew 24:21-22** “For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor shall be, but for the Elect’s sake those days will be shortened (**Daniel 12:1**)”.



NOTE: Dr. Herman L. Hoeh said in very early years that God's people will have been removed before the worst of the famine and the disease epidemics will have taken place with millions dying and resorting to cannibalism (*a duality of the Jews in Jerusalem in 70 A. D.*).

When putting all these Scriptures together this proves to be an accurate statement. These horrible events and the timing connect with God's Elect fleeing at the beginning of the 1335 days; therefore missing the worst to befall America and Britain.

**Bible Notes:** "*Daniel 12:7* implies 3 and 1/2 years until the end of wonders. 1260 days go from the time he [*II Thessalonians 2:3—the false prophet*] accomplishes to scatter the power of the holy people. The daily sacrifices are taken away 30 days earlier. This gives the faithful elect 30 days to flee from Jerusalem to Petra after Jupiter Olympus is set up in the Temple." *Luke 21:20-21* a type of Jerusalem in 70 A. D.

## Horrible Times Ahead

God led His Prophet Daniel to also write of the horrors of the end-time, unequalled.

*Daniel 12:1* "And there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; even to that time. And AT THAT TIME your people shall be DELIVERED, everyone

who is found written in the *Book of Life* (delivered at the beginning of the 1335 days – six months and 5 days before the 1260 and the 1150 days begin).

*Daniel 12:8-9* although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?" And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end" (*Revelation 5:9*).

Gabriel made known the VISION was only to be unsealed and understood in the end-time (*Daniel 12:13*). This is where we now are. Though understanding is now being given in part after prayerfully searching the Scriptures in Daniel, the fullness will only be understood upon the approach of the beginning of the 1335 days (*Daniel 12:12*).

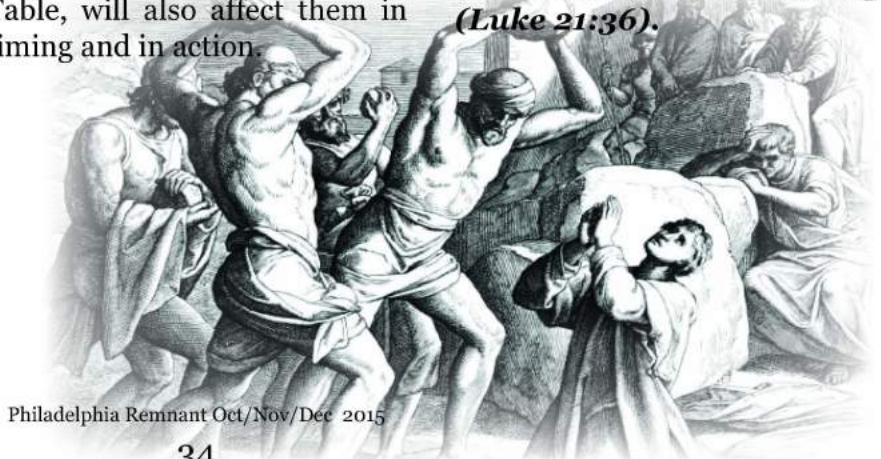
For it will be at that time needed action will have to begin taking place for the Elect people of God as these numbered prophecies having begun their fulfillment at their specific time, according to God's Time Table, will also affect them in timing and in action.

## Martyrdom of the Saints

Speaking further of the sufferings and agonizing deaths of God's true people that will once again take place in the near future (1260 day period – demise of Israel and the **Great Tribulation**), Gabriel said to Daniel:

*Daniel 12:10* "Many shall be purified made white, and refined (*Laodiceans, Sardis, Revelation 3:1-6; 3:14-22*), but the wicked shall do wickedly; and NONE of the wicked shall understand (*Isaiah 32:6; Matthew 13:10-16*). BUT the Wise (skillful) shall understand (*Psalms 111:10; Revelation 3:7-13*).

Based on the need of understanding these prophecies at the needed time, Jesus Christ will bless the Wise to know what to watch for and when to take immediate action (*John 16:13*). And He is now opening up the needed understanding of these prophecies for the needed Spiritual preparation and also to serve as a Witness and Warning (*Luke 21:36*).



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# Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, God's Apostle, and the Elijah



1934-1986

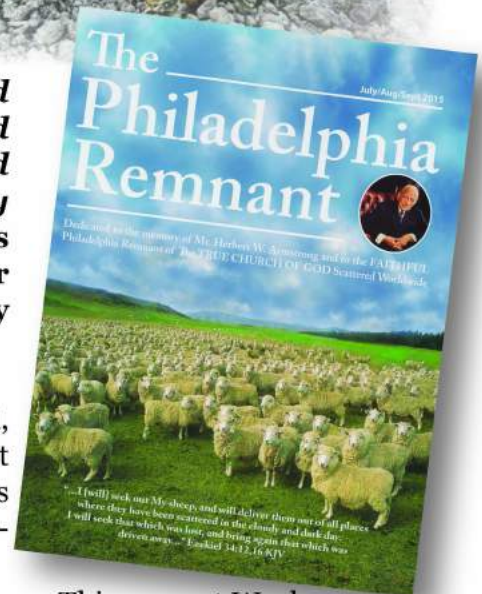


In due season, Jesus Christ opened the mind of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong for the needed understanding of these prophecies during his mission (*John 16:13*). He faithfully preached them to Israel and God's Church, 1934-1986, as made known by the Prophet Habakkuk:

**Habakkuk 2:3** "For the VISION is yet for an APPOINTED TIME (the vision given to Daniel by Gabriel to be understood by Mr. Armstrong); but at the end it will speak

(by Radio, Television, and the Press, 1934-1986; and at the very end-time), and it will not lie (faithfully taught). Though it tarries (the fulfillment), wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

Though Mr. Armstrong is dead, the Work of Jesus Christ continues today via his recorded works on our 14 web-sites ([www.cog-ff.com](http://www.cog-ff.com)).



This present Work was prophesied for this end-time and it is now taking place (**Habakkuk 3:2; 1:5; Isaiah 29:14; Revelation 3:7-13**).



## Antiochus Epiphanes vs. the Beast of the End-time

The following Scripture was initially fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes with the aid of the apostate Jews. However it reaches beyond that time to the antitype, the Beast (*the brutal leader of the Revived Roman Empire*) and the False Prophet of the End-time: **Daniel 11:21**



**“... [There] shall arise A VILE PERSON, to whom they (10 nations of the Revived Roman Empire) will NOT give the honor of royalty (not of a lineage of royalty as will have the other leaders), but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom (leadership of the 10 nations) by intrigue (smoothness, flattery at the behest of the False Prophet, Revelation 13:11-18).**

**Daniel 11:22-23 NRSV Trans.>** “Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and be broken (*an enormous army at his command*), they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and the prince of the covenant, also (*the High Priest and Prime Minister with whom the Beast had made a covenant*). And from the time an ALLIANCE is made with him he shall act DECEITFULLY (*as did Hitler with Chamberlain*); and he shall become strong with a small people (*a small army to occupy Jerusalem with the deceitful intent of protecting the Jewish people*).”

**Daniel 11:24 >** “He shall enter peaceably,



even into the richest parts of the province (*Jerusalem*), even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done (*Kaiser Wilhelm, Adolph Hitler*), NOR his forefathers (*former kings of Assyria*): he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall DEVISE his plans; but only for a time.”

At the time determined by him, he will then move his armies in and take complete control of Jerusalem and the Jewish people:

**Daniel 11:31** “And forces shall be mustered by him (*Beast-leader, as was Titus*), and they (*Beast and the False Prophet*) shall defile the Sanctuary fortress (*overpower the heavily fortified defense system protecting the Temple*); then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.”





History will repeat itself once again but in a different form. After taking away the sacrifices the Pope will seat himself in the Holy Place within the Temple with the seated statue of Jupiter next to himself (*Meaning of Jupiter: dies pater, which means "shining father"*). He proclaims Jupiter to be the Apostle Peter to give him needed stature. The Pope will then proclaim himself as God (***II Thessalonians 2:1-4***).

The abomination of desolation brought into the Temple by Antiochus Epiphanes was sprinkling the broth from a boiled swine's flesh in the Temple and on the Altar with it. This has not been repeated since that time – not even in 70 A. D. At that time the Temple was burned and completely destroyed by the Roman armies (*fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus Christ, Matthew 24:1-2*).

Approximately 123 years later, as if in derision, a statue of Jupiter was enthroned above the ruins of the Jewish Temple by Emperor Hadrian (*The Bible as History, Werner Keller, Page 408*).

## Two Prophecies Sets the Stage for other Prophecies

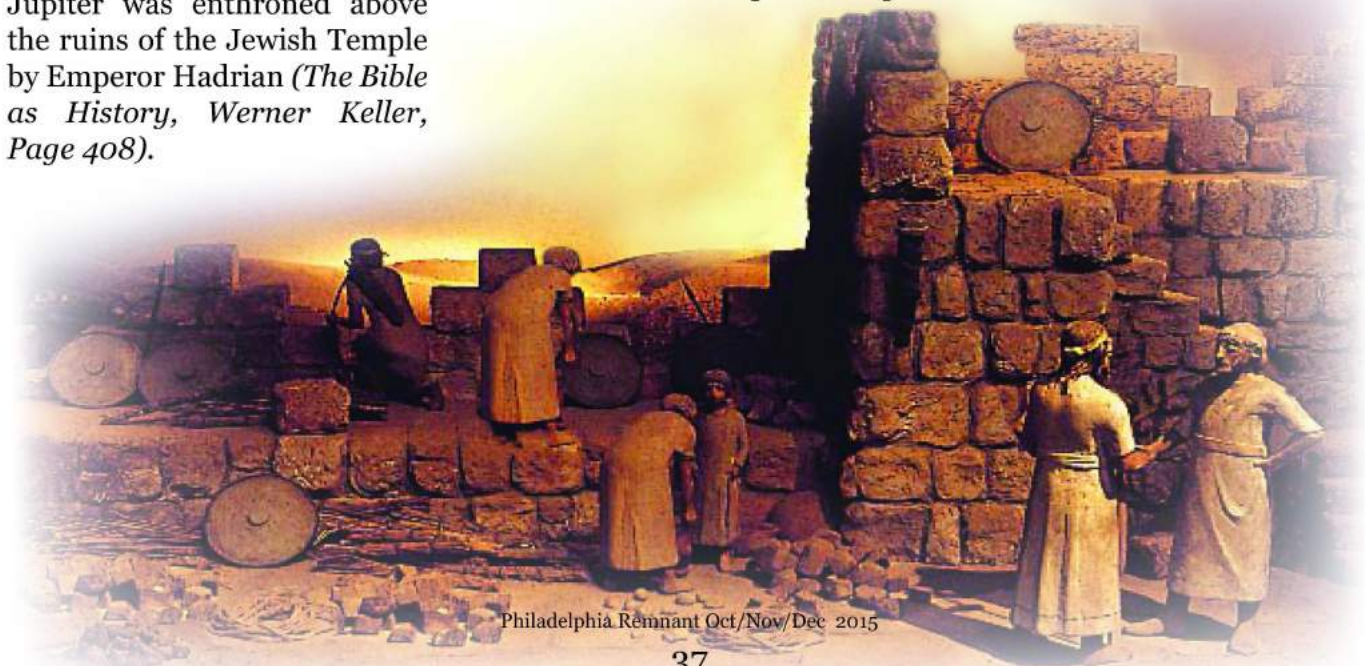
It must be emphasized, in view of the foregoing prophecies two of them must begin first before the others take place. And almost immediately thereafter the others will begin taking place:

- 1) Sacrificial offerings have to begin being offered on the altar in Jerusalem by the Priesthood to fulfill ***Daniel 12:11***. This will possibly be keyed to the beginning of the 1335 days, or some little time before.
- 2) The Temple must be rebuilt to fulfill the prophecy of the false Prophet who is yet to sit in the Temple of God proclaiming that he is God (***II Thessalonians 2:1-4***).

## The Book of Ezra

*Taking a historical duality from the Book of Ezra, the sacrifices undoubtedly will begin BEFORE the foundation of the future Temple is to be laid. This occurred after Cyrus had issued an edict permitting*

*the Jewish exiles in his newly acquired empire to return to their homeland and rebuild the Temple (II Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4):*





**Ezra 1:5** Then the heads of the father's houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all those whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the House of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

**Ezra 3:1-2** When the 7th month arrived—the Israelites being settled in their towns—the entire people assembled as one man in Jerusalem. Then Jeshua (Joshua) . . . and his brother priests, and Zerubbabel . . . and his brothers set to and BUILT THE ALTAR OF GOD to offer burnt offerings upon it as it is written in the Teaching of Moses, the man of God.

**Ezra 3:3-4** They set up THE ALTAR on its (original) site because they were in **FEAR** of the peoples of the land, and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings each morning and evening. Then they celebrated the Festival of Tabernacles . . .

NOTE—from **FEAR** of the peoples of the land—they begin offering the sacrifices – **even before the Temple was built** – as the following Scripture makes known (possibly at this point in the future the leaders of Jerusalem will make an alliance with the Assyrians seeking their protection):

**Ezra 3:6** From the 1st Day of the 7th month (Feast of Trumpets) they **BEGAN** to make burnt offerings to the LORD, **THOUGH** the foundation of the Temple of the LORD had NOT been laid.

Soncino Commentary: **Ezra 6:15**, Sixth Year: “Since the work was restored in the 6th month of Darius’ second year (**Haggai 1:15**), it occupied nearly 4 and 1/2 years [meaning: before the Temple was brought to completion].”

## A Picture of the Near Future for the Nation of Israel (Judah)

Scripture implies this will undoubtedly be repeated in the near future, and for the same reason from **FEAR** of the Arab world and other nations! Prior to this time God will have broken the **UNITY** between the House of Joseph and Israel (**Zechariah 11:14**). As the last resort they will begin to offer the sacrificial offerings in hope of protection and blessings from God (a repeat of history – trust in the Temple, **Jeremiah 7:1-15**).

There will be a window of opportunity to present itself before they begin constructing the Temple as it did with the Christians fleeing Jerusalem in 70 A. D.





And it would appear all the turmoil in the Middle East now taking place will lead to this coming time. And it will undoubtedly be rebuilt on its original site as it was in Ezra's time (**Ezra 5:2, 16**).

The FEAR of the Arab world, along with condemnation from other nations of this world, even now in evidence, will lead to their demise as a nation. Deceitfully, the Beast will offer the Jewish Leadership his protection for them by placing a small army inside Jerusalem and a much larger one outside the City (**Luke 21:20-21**; a type of Jerusalem in 70 A. D., near where the Beast will be headquartered, **Daniel 11:45**).

Scripture implies this will be accepted by the Jewish leadership as indicated in the foregoing prophecies in Daniel (**Daniel 11:21-24**). Shortly thereafter, as already made known (**Daniel 11:31**), this will come to be their undoing as a nation (**Zechariah 14:2**).

## The Reality of Today Will Soon Take Place

Considering the foregoing prophecies in this writing how much time will be needed for the beginning of the fulfillment of the Sacrificial Offerings and the Temple to be constructed? Not long! The altar has already been built. It only has to be moved into its needed place and the foundation of the Temple

**will then be laid and hastily built.**

It will go up in less time than it took in Haggai's time (4 and ½ years) for the Jewish people have been preparing all of the needed materials for years as excerpts from the following articles make known:

### Temple Institute to Build Sacrificial Altar on Tisha B'av

By Yehudah Lev Kay First Publish: 7/29/09. 10:09 AM  
Temple Institute

The Temple Institute will **begin building the sacrificial altar** on Thursday, Tisha B'av, a fast day when Jews mourn the destruction of the Temple some 2,000 years ago.

The sacrificial altar was located in the center of the Temple, and upon it the Kohanim (priests) offered the numerous voluntary and obligatory sacrifices commanded in the Bible.

The Temple Institute, which has already built many of the vessels for the Holy Temple, such as the ark and the menorah, has now embarked on a project to build the altar. Construction begins Thursday in Mitzpe Yericho (east of Jerusalem) at 5:30 p.m.

"Unfortunately, we cannot currently build the altar in its proper place, on the Temple Mount," Temple Institute director Yehudah Glick said. "We are building an altar of the minimum possible size so that we will be able to transport it to the Temple when it is rebuilt." . . .

Glick said that Tisha B'av, a day associated with mourning, is really the ideal time to begin to build the Temple. "People mistakenly think Tisha B'av is only a day to cry," he explained. "It also has to be a day of action. We have the ability in our era to begin the construction of the Temple." . . .





## The Temple Institute In Jerusalem Has Spent Approximately 27 Million Dollars On Preparations For The Rebuilding Of The Jewish Temple

- Written by Admin
- Posted November 27, 2009 at 5:41 pm

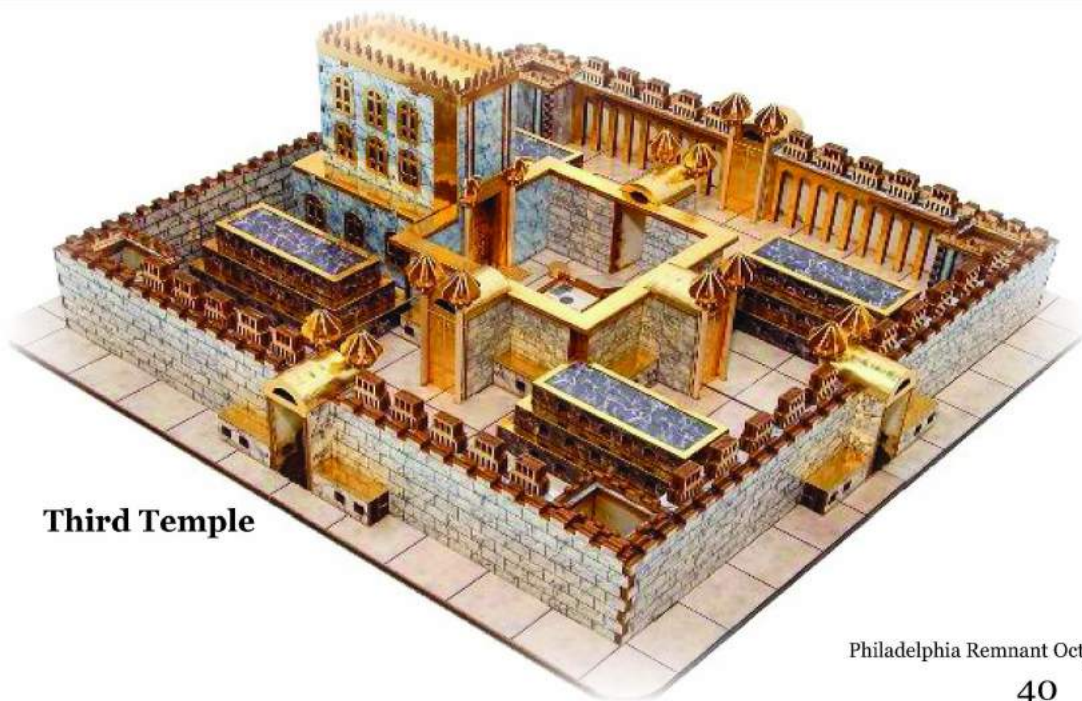
“We live at a time when the signs of the last days are literally being fulfilled right in front of our eyes. One of the most exciting signs that Bible prophecy students love to keep an eye on are preparations for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple. In a previous article, we discussed how the Temple Institute in Jerusalem took a giant step towards the rebuilding of the Temple by beginning to rebuild the sacrificial altar. . . .

But could the Antichrist someday pose as the Jewish Messiah and use such expectations to promote the use of the rebuilt Temple for his one world religion? It is something to think about.”

End of Quotes

Other articles since make known preparations for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple are heating up as never before, and as true and faithful members of God’s true Church, it is very necessary to come to understand these prophecies of the last days for this is something that we need to continually keep our eye focused on these coming prophetic events.

Recent writings from Israel reveal there continues to be a growing movement toward the rebuilding of the Temple. And within God’s perfect Time Table, construction will begin.



**Third Temple**



## Vitally Important Things to Know

*To be counted worthy to be among the faithful people of God to be protected one needs to be among those of the Philadelphia Church Era for the promise is only for them (**Revelation 3:7-13**). And even these members have to be watching world events in light of Bible Prophecy, and praying always—while having a close and ongoing relationship with God our Father and Jesus Christ (**Luke 21:36**).*

The members must also be subject to the true Governmental leadership within His True Church (**Hebrews 13:7; 17; Ephesians 4:1-16**). In this context it is also important to know Jesus Christ has always worked through His one chosen leader at any given time within His Government.

It will be to him an angel will be sent by Jesus Christ (**Luke 1:11, 26-27; Joshua 5:13-15**), or by a dream (**Matthew 2:13**), or through discernment of prophecy at the time (**Matthew 24:15-21**), that he will come to know when the time has come to flee and will make this known to the membership who will have come together in God's true and faithful Church from their present scattered condition, along with: "**when, where, how.**" Otherwise how would the scattered membership know when to flee?

Please know Jesus Christ has promised never to leave His true leadership and His Church (**Matthew 28:20**), nor, as history reveals, will He any more than He did Simeon and the Church who fled from Jerusalem to Pella, Jordan to escape the vengeful enormous Roman armies at the exact time needed in 70 A. D. Though invisible, Jesus Christ was there to lead the way for them. And He will again for those counted worthy.

Think about the foregoing prophecies and where YOU are now! Precious time is fleeting and the end is virtually in sight! Mr. Armstrong: "The WHOLE WORLD is now ON FIRE! [**Matthew 24:6-8** "wars and rumors of war, etc."] This is not the **GREAT TRIBULATION**, but is certainly preliminary to it.

It's time for intensive **FASTING AND PRAYER!"**





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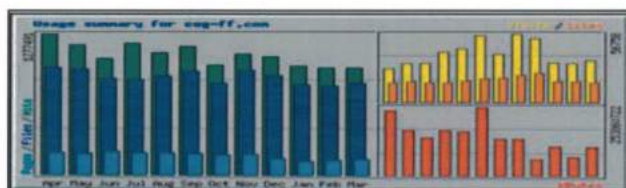
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