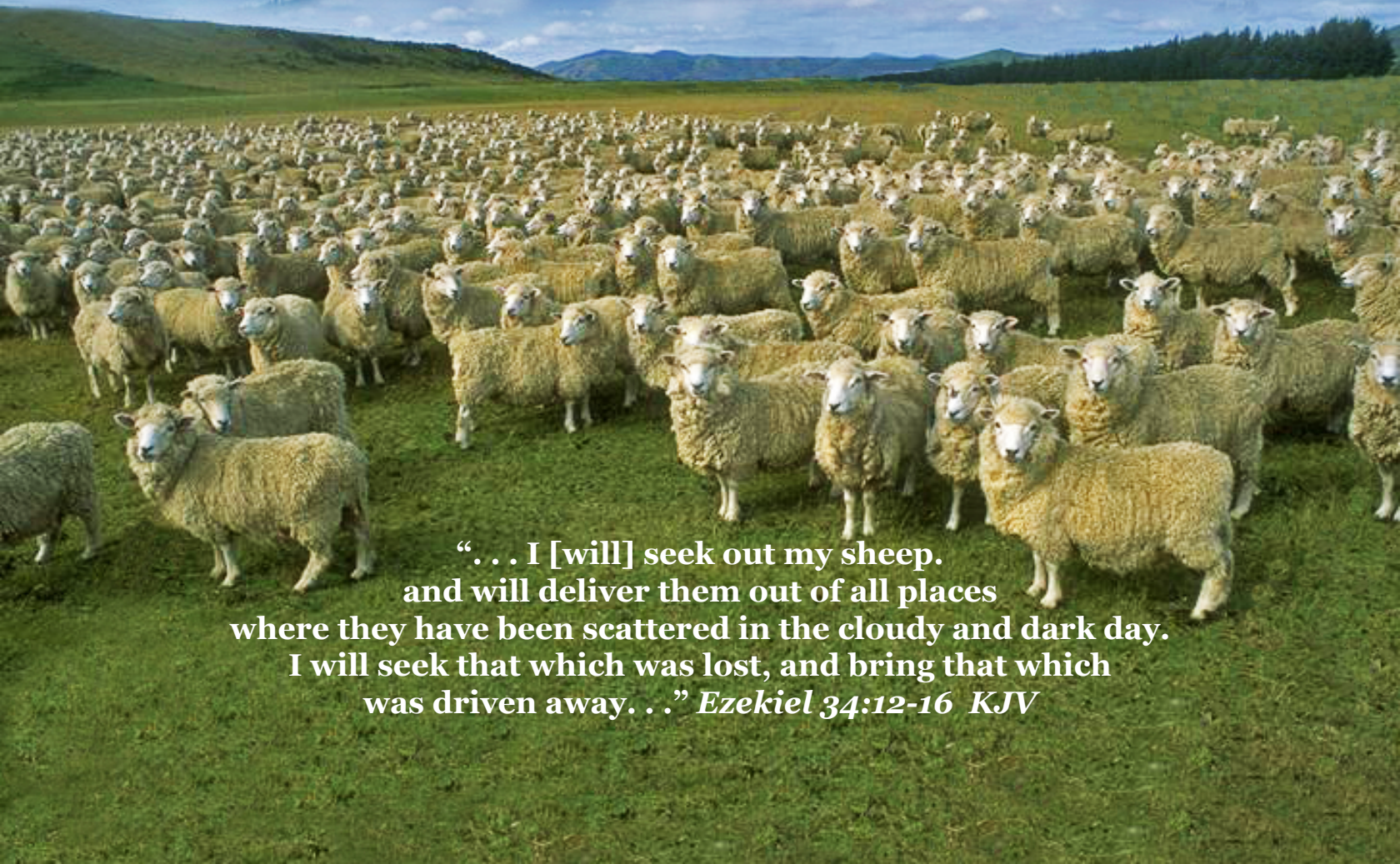


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“... I [will] seek out my sheep.  
and will deliver them out of all places  
where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.  
I will seek that which was lost, and bring that which  
was driven away...” *Ezekiel 34:12-16 KJV*



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# Personal

## From the Editor,

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

LAST MONTH, I found inspiration for my talk with you in an article appearing in the preceding number. This month I am going to repeat the procedure.

This time it is David Jon Hill's shocking article written in Hiroshima, Japan. Mr. Hill was on the scene twenty years after the dropping of the first atomic bomb. He was shaken, *deeply moved*, by the frightening realization of the unbelievable brain-chilling disaster that *ended* World War II.

Mr. Hill realized that the next nuclear war, with the smallest hydrogen bomb a thousand times more devastating, will wreak a thousand times more havoc. He did not pull his punches. He wrote a blood-curdling description. He wanted our readers to BE WARNED – and TO HEED!

The world has sunk into a complacent, indifferent slumber. The world is getting used to violence and war and threats of war. The world has been *drugged* by a new and unprecedented prosperity—especially in the United States, Britain, Europe, and Japan. The world is too busy enjoying this newfound prosperity, basking in the comfortable sunshine of luxury, to be much concerned about the on-coming NUCLEAR World War III *that WILL*, unless prevented by Almighty God, simply erase human life from this planet in less than ten more years.' [as of 2023, only three more years]

Soft words and pretty speeches do not arouse people out of this pleasant dream. It takes a lot! Mr. Hill's article was intended to jar people out of lethargy. And then, when we do attempt to warn our readers with words strong enough to arouse, I anticipate letters saying: "Cancel my subscription! That article frightened me."

Yes, IF YOU ARE TO CONTINUE TO LIVE, you need to be frightened—enough to take the action that will SAVE YOUR LIFE!

But, you say, what can I do? Well, there is something you must do IF you are to escape the agonies and probable terrifying death of the coming prophesied Great Tribulation!

Your Bible says our cities are to be destroyed (**Ezekiel 6:6; 12:20**). 'We know now that destruction will come from hydrogen bombs and other new means of mass destruction—a thousand times more devastating than the atom bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. This alone, says your GOD, will kill a third of our people. But famine and disease epidemics will already have taken a preceding third (**Ezekiel 5:12**)!'

YET YOU CAN ESCAPE ALL THIS!

*That is what we are trying to make our readers understand!*

God Almighty *will* intervene. He will prevent entire cosmocide! But He will not intervene to stop the carnage until man has come to the very end of his rope! So long as man thinks he can save himself, without God, the Eternal will let him go on trying. God will not intervene until man's last hope is gone.

God will never allow man to ACCUSE Him, saying: "Your intervention was unnecessary and tyrannical! We could have saved ourselves if You had not used Your arbitrary God-power to intervene."

God's final last-minute intervention will FOLLOW—not prevent—this Great Tribulation that will be World War III.

But, I repeat, YOU CAN ESCAPE ALL THIS!

It is only those who will not heed who must go through its agony. And remember—God is not going to CAUSE it! MAN, HIMSELF, will



bring it on. But God will protect His own from it!

Jesus' young students—His disciples—came to Him privately and asked when the end of the world would come and what would be the sign of His return IN POWER to rule all the earth in peace.

These things, Jesus replied, must come first: a false "Christian" religion, whose ministers would falsely claim to be Christ's ministers, coming in His name, deceiving the MANY. Then wars, climaxing finally into world wars; then famines and disease epidemics and increasing earthquakes. Just before the end, He said, His true Gospel of God's Kingdom would be preached in all the world—not to convert the world, but "for a witness" AND THEN, He said, shall the END of this world come.

All these things already have occurred—except that we are now in a recess during the world wars—between World Wars II and III; and that we have so far had only the first forerunners of the famine and disease epidemics and earthquakes. These shall—in the next five to seven years—increase greatly [*from the years 2023-2026*].

And, although Christ's own Gospel of the Kingdom of God has been going out since 1934, through this very magazine and The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, it is just now fast approaching the climactic world-shaking POWER that evidently is implied by the prophecy.

*Then what?*

"Then," continued Jesus, "shall be GREAT TRIBULATION," a time of violence, destruction, and death greater than anything that ever was, or ever shall be! Jeremiah foretold it (Jeremiah 30). He identified the nations primarily affected. It will be those whom God caused to be named after Jacob or Israel—the nations descended from the two sons of Joseph.

Commonwealth peoples of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. (*See the free booklet, U. S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.*)

Ezekiel foretells it (chapter 5:12 and 6:6). Moses described it (**Deut. 28- especially verses 20-24, 32-34, and 49-50; also, Leviticus 26, especially verses 16-20**). Already these prophecies are beginning to be carried out. Already the "pride of BRITAIN'S power" (**Lev. 26:19**) has been broken. The former world's number one greatest world power has been reduced to a second-rate power. And the "PRIDE" in America's power is already broken. Even little Castro does not fear when America speaks [*present: North Korea, Iran, Afghanistan, plus*].

The "Great Tribulation" is to be primarily on the United States and the British people! Events leading to it are smoldering under cover now, gradually gaining momentum. Perhaps another five or six years – perhaps seven (*we do not set dates*), and then, suddenly, the WORLD WILL EXPLODE into nuclear World War III. [*the year 2026. Having reached the very end-time and seeing the signs, Jesus Christ has revealed the dates, John 16:13 "... will tell you things to come"*].

But let me tell you, I do not expect to be here in its path when it strikes! And YOU need not be one of its multiple millions of victims!

Jesus Christ gave the warning (**Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21**). And when He said, in Luke's version of His warning: "**WATCH YOU, therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man**" (*at His coming—Luke 21:36*), He was giving you and me a PROMISE of divine protection from these very things He had been describing—*IF* we do watch world events AS PROPHESED, and



remain obedient and continually in contact with God through prayer.

There is another promise of miraculous protection from this Great Tribulation. It is in the third chapter of Revelation. Beginning verse 7 is a description of how the living Christ would OPEN A DOOR by which His Gospel may go out to all the world as a witness and a warning. That is the very Work being carried on through The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and The PLAIN TRUTH and related literature. In verse 10 is Christ's PROMISE that because we have been faithful WITH HIS WORD, He will also keep us from **"the hour of temptation."** But the marginal reading—the correct translation from the original Greek—is *"trial"* or *"Great Tribulation."*

These events are REAL!

This world is hurling itself rapidly to the grand-smash CLIMAX of world trouble. Crime, violence, lawlessness, and disrespect for authority are increasing at a RAPID RATE!

God help us not to treat this warning lightly.

Take heed and read the further promise of PROTECTION not only through the Great Tribulation but also the PLAGUES of the "Day of the LORD" to follow in the **91st Psalm**.

### ***The 91st Psalm***

**vs. 1-2** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My GOD in Him I will trust."

**vs. 3-4** Surely, He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence, He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings, you shall take refuge. His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

**vs. 5-6** You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

**vs. 7-8** A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look and see the reward of the wicked.

**vs. 9-11** Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your habitation; no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling (*in Petra*). For He shall give you His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

**vs. 12-13** They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion, and the serpent you shall trample under your foot.

**vs. 14-16** Because He has set His love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life, I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.





## ***Time is Fleeting Before DOOM***



**Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “And you son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel, Ephraim and Manasseh, Britain and America:**



**‘An end has come upon the four corners of the land. Now the end has come upon you, and I will send My anger against you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your abominations.**

**‘My eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity, but I will repay you your ways, and your abominations shall be in your midst; then you shall know that I am the LORD.”**

***Ezekiel 7:1-4***

By

***Alton B. Don Billingsley***

## ***The Clock is Ticking***

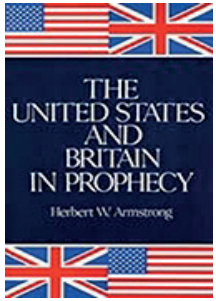
**How close to the midnight hour is indicated by the Atomic Scientists:**

**At doom’s doorstep:  
It is 100 seconds to midnight  
2022 Doomsday Clock Statement**

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Editor, John Mecklin



To further show how rapidly time is fleeting while giving an overview of all that is to take place between now and 2026, selected writings by Mr. Armstrong, verbatim; will be taken from his book:

### ***U.S. and Britain in Prophecy: Introduction:***

“A STAGGERING TURN IN WORLD events is due to erupt in the next few years. It will involve the United States, Britain, Western Europe, and the Middle East violently. It’s already rather late for the free world to come awake to the real meaning behind current world events!

Why do not the world’s leaders see what is coming? Why are the world’s best minds unseeing—the heads of state, scientists, educators, editors, news analysts, bankers, industrialists, and leaders in business and commerce? They are totally unaware! Why?

And now we are fast approaching the final grand smash explosion that is going to stagger the mind of man beyond the bounds of sanity; forces are at work today on plans, programs, conspiracies, and movements that will soon erupt into a world of violence and chaos such as has never happened before and will never again.

Men today are tampering with forces of nature. They lack the prudence, knowledge, ability, and wisdom to control. ...

Yet the best minds in the world are in total ignorance of the unprecedented cataclysm that is about to strike!”

End of Selected Quotes

This country and England are in desperate straits and know it not! Progressives and Gentiles virtually have the reins of government to guide these two nations to fit their agenda, even defying the command from God not to place Gentiles in the highest offices—therefore disobeying GOD. ***Deuteronomy 17:15.***

***vs. 15 “You shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you shall not set a foreigner over you who is not your brother.”***

INTERNET: *Barak Obama served as president of America for eight years, from 2009 to 2017. A member of the Democratic Party, he was the first African-American president of the United States. He promised to reform America—and he did by seducing it to the lowest of evils. They were legalized by the majority of Congress and the majority of the Supreme Court.*

INTERNET: *The new Prime Minister in England, Rishi Sunak, is of Indian descent and the Hindu Religion; he was appointed Prime Minister of the United Kingdom by King Charles III on 25 October 2022, making him the first British Asian prime minister and the first Hindu to hold the office. As per media reports, Sunak always keeps a statue of Shri Ganesh on his table.*

Due to the millions of immigrants that have flooded both countries, they either have the needed votes or influence to affect the leadership choice.





## ***End-Time Prophecy is Rapidly Being Fulfilled***

GOD and Jesus Christ blessed Mr. Armstrong with the wisdom and understanding of prophecy to foresee what will occur in this end time.

But having died 37 years ago, on January 16, 1986, he could not see the details of it.

However, he did understand the overall of it as the quotes from these writings make known in his other writings.

Chapter 14 from the same book, *United States and Britain in Prophecy*, pages 208-210.

### ***What's Prophesied To Happen, Now—To America And Britain***

“Just As GOD Had Bestowed ON US such material blessings as never before came to any nations, now to correct us so that we may enjoy those blessings, He is going to bring upon our people such national disaster as has never happened before struck any nation.”

### ***Sudden Destruction***

***Micah 5:10***

**And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY, says the LORD, that I will cut off your horses (WAR HORSES, Moffatt Translation)—tanks, ships, rockets—out of your midst, and destroy your chariots.**



**And I will cut off the cities (by hydrogen bombs?) and throw down all your strongholds (verses 10-11).**

God says He will do this! God determines the outcome of wars (***Psalms 33:10-19***).

God will use a Nazi-Fascist Europe to punish Britain-America.

We are entering a time of world trouble—utter world chaos. Our Great Tribulation

### ***Our Great Tribulation***

Pages 213-214 Notice Jeremiah's prophecy.

**For thus says the ETERNAL: “We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear and not of peace. Ask you now, and see whether a man does travail with child? Wherefore, do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness! Alas, for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's trouble”. *Jeremiah 30:5-7.***

### ***Jesus Foretold it!***

Other prophecies speak of the same time of national calamity greater than any before. The pivotal New Testament prophecy is that of Jesus on the Mount of Olives—recorded in ***Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.***

The apostles had asked Jesus privately WHEN His second coming would occur—and the END of this world and the beginning of the happy world tomorrow.

Jesus said the SIGN by which we might know when this is very NEAR would be that His original gospel of the Kingdom of God would be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations (Matthew 24:14). But what else—just before His coming?

Jesus continued: **“For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should be no flesh saved (*alive*): but for the elect’s sake, those days shall be shortened”.** *Matthew 24:21-22.*

Here is described the greatest time of TROUBLE—TRIBULATION—in all history, or ever to be. Jeremiah described it as **“Jacob’s trouble,”** so great **“that none is like it.”**

Daniel described the same most severe trouble of all history. Speaking of a time now in our immediate future, Daniel foretold: **And at that time, Michael shall stand up, the great prince (*archangel*) which stands for the children of your people: and there shall be a time of TROUBLE, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time. *Daniel 12:1.***

The exact most intense punishment in Britain and America. And when? Continue, same verse, **“... and at that time your people shall be delivered (*from this enslaved trouble*), every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep (*are dead*) in the dust of the earth shall awake (*resurrection*), some to everlasting life ...”** (*verses 1-2*).

The time is just before the RESURRECTION of the just, at Christ’s coming.

Pages 216-217

Many ancient Assyrians migrated NORTHWEST from their ancient land south of the Caspian Sea—and settled in central Europe, just as the House of Israel migrated from the



land of their captivity to the coastlands of Northwest Europe. So, when you read about Assyria in prophecies pertaining to NOW, they refer to Central Europe.

So, history is to repeat itself! Ancient Assyria invaded the House of Israel and carried them out of Samaria into the Assyrian land (*II Kings 17*).

And where, today, are the ancient BABYLONIANS—the Chaldeans? They migrated West and settled in ITALY. Their religion was the Assyrian - Babylonian MYSTERY.

It is going to come as a breathtaking, awesome, shocking surprise when the world learns that one Simon, the sorcerer of Samaria in the time of the original Apostles (*Acts 8:9-13*), leader of the BABYLONIAN MYSTERY religion having the title of Pater or Peter meaning papa, actually appropriated the NAME of Christ and the Christian principle of GRACE, which he turned into LICENSE, doing away with God’s law (*Jude 4*) and started which is today called “Christianity.”

The world will be astonished to discover that it is NOT, and never was, the outgrowth of the CHURCH OF GOD, founded by Jesus Christ and His apostles!

This knowledge will soon burst into an incredulous world as a BOMBSHELL! People will be SHOCKED to learn how they have been DECEIVED! When God’s time comes, the “NEWS BOMB” will be exploded!

### ***What is the Great Tribulation?***

Now it becomes painfully clear! The Great Tribulation is this sevenfold intensity of corrective punishment that God will soon lay on Britain-America.



**(Leviticus 26:14-35; vs. 18-19, 31 “... and after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins, I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron, and your earth like bronze ... I will lay your cities waste ...!)**

Notice a few brief excerpts from Ezekiel’s description of it!

“A third part of you shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of you: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about you; and I will scatter a third part (*the remainder*) into all the winds (*slavery*), and I will draw out a sword after them.

**Thus, shall MINE ANGER be accomplished, and I will cause MY FURY (*last PLAGUES*) to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the ETERNAL have spoken it in My zeal, when I have accomplished My fury upon them. *Ezekiel 5:12-13.***

Further, “**In all your dwelling places the CITIES shall be laid waste, *Ezekiel 6:6.*** This could never have happened until the hydrogen bomb! Cities are laid completely waste. All of them— “**in all your dwelling places.**”

### ***Drought—Famine, First***



Now let the prophet Joel add more. Joel’s prophecy was for the far, far future—**verses 1-3 of chapter 1.**



Then he shows a plague of different kinds of locusts, devouring the fruits and food crops—stripping off bark from fruit trees.



**“He has laid my vine waste and barked my fig tree: He has made it clean bare and cast it away; the branches thereof white”. *Joel 1:7.***

Continue—now devastating DROUGHT: “**The food is wasted, the land mourns; for the corn is wasted; the new wine is dried up, the oil languishes ... because the harvest of the field is perished ... All the trees in the field are withered away from the sons of men.” *Verses 10 to 12.***

This is to happen just prior to the plagues of THE DAY OF THE LORD. ***Verses 14 and 15.***

Continue the prophecy: “**The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners (*Meaning: to gather into storage*) are laid desolate—the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.**

**How do the beasts groan? The herds of cattle are perplexed because they have no pasture; yes, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O LORD to You I will cry for fire (hot sun) has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto you, for the rivers of water are dried up.” (Verses 17 to 20, like the Mississippi River).**

### ***Next—Military Invasion—and Defeat***

Next in time order, beginning chapter 2, the alarm of WAR, **“Blow you the trumpet in Zion (alarm of war), and sound an alarm in My Holy Mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble for THE DAY OF THE LORD comes, for it is nigh at hand. Verse 1.**

**“Therefore, also now, says the ETERNAL, turn you even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and tear your heart and not your garments, and turn unto the ETERNAL your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repents Him of the evil.” Verses 12-13.**

Page 228, Those in the true Body of Christ shall be taken to a place of SAFETY, until this Tribulation be over (**Revelation 3:1-11**), applying to those faithful in GOD’S WORK now going to the world **Revelation 12:14; Isaiah 28:30**. End of Quotes.

### ***Graced by GOD and Jesus Christ***

Now living in the very closing years of this age,

as far as it is now known, it is only the bare few of the Church of God-faithful flock, whom Jesus Christ has further graced to understand the timing and details of those prophecies as made known to Mr. Armstrong.



To illustrate, one minister of recent date was asked the following question:

Don’t you emphasize the end times too much when there still seems to be plenty of time left?

(Part 2) In his very lengthy response, the minister wrote: No one knows the time of Jesus Christ’s return, except the Father, who is the One who will decide as to when He will send Christ back, and those who take it easy, not expecting His return anytime soon, could be caught out as we read in **Matthew 24:36-44**, and that would be a very unfortunate position to be in. Jesus was “about His Father’s business” at the age of 12, as we read in **Luke 2:41-49**. Can we, as followers of Jesus, do any less?

The signs are there in the world today that man simply does not have the answers to the many and varied problems that exist, and only the intervention of God to save mankind will resolve this matter. But we must be close as we understand prophecy and how it is being fulfilled on the world scene now. It surely cannot be that long, but it is for the Father only to decide such timing. End of Quotes

### ***The Great Day of the LORD is Near and Hastens Quickly***

Time is hastening quickly—in only a little more than three years, America and Britain will be nuclear-bombed and no longer as nations in this age.



And except for the true elect people of GOD, approximately 7,000 of the Philadelphia Church of God Era (**cf. Romans 11:2-7**), *Congregations presently scattered, (Revelation 7:2-8)*, the completion of the sealing of the 144,000; (**Jeremiah 6:1-6**), all others will be caught unawares as Jesus Christ said. **Matthew 24:32-36, 42, 44.**

**vs. 32** “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So, you also, when you see all these things (*foregoing things in this chapter 24*), know that it is near—at the doors!

**vs. 36** “But of that day and hour (*notice: He did not say the year, only the day and hour*) no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”

**vs. 42** “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.”

**vs. 44** “Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

### ***First in Time order, Drought—Famine, First.***

While keeping the calculating of years in mind, also considering the history of Tisha B’Av always falling on exceptionally disastrous times with the children of Israel, and seeing the beginning fall of the greatest nation on earth, Manasseh-America, the famine could also begin on the Day of Tisha B’Av. Tisha B’Av starts in the evening of 2023, Wednesday, July 26, and ends in the evening Thursday, July 27, 2023.

No one will think much about it until they see

there continues to be no rain, dew, or snow in the forecast (**cf. I Kings 17:1**). It will come to be severe, as made known by Moses. **Deuteronomy 28:23-24.**

**vs. 23-24** “And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze. And the earth which is under you shall be iron.

The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven, it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.” **Deuteronomy 28:23-24.**



Reminiscent of the dustbowl in the mid-west in the 1930s in America. A movie depicting those hard times was called: “Grapes of Wrath.”

### ***Next—Military Invasion—and Defeat***

**Deuteronomy 28:49-50, 52.**

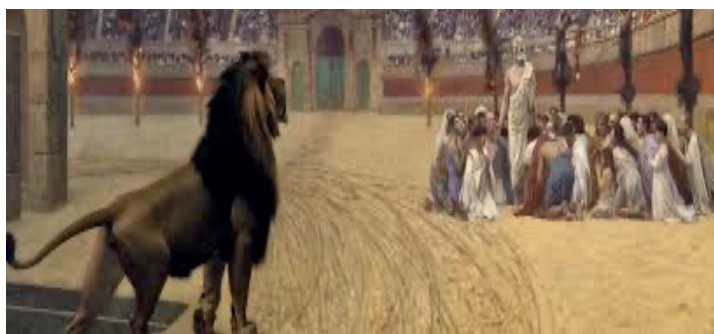
**vs. 49** “The LORD will bring a nation from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand.

**vs. 50** “A nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young.

**vs. 52** “They shall besiege you in all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD YOUR God gave you.”

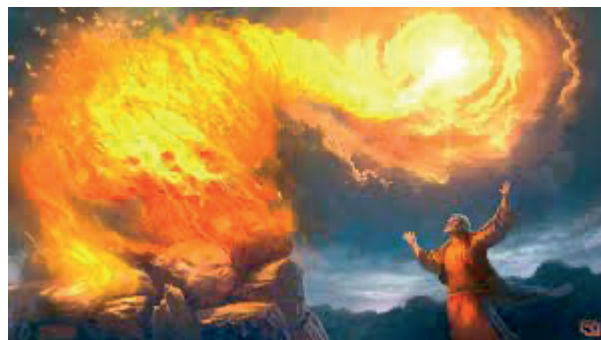
*This will be a repeat of the history of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., when Titus and his enormous Roman armies began their attack on Jerusalem on the night of the Passover, besieged the city, brought about famine and cannibalism, and destroyed the Temple.*

*Those who were not slaughtered among the*



*Jews were taken captive and removed from Jerusalem, with many facing terrible deaths in the coliseum, with lions tearing their bodies apart and in other ways.*

## ***Germany Rising from the Bottomless Pit***



The Beast and the Holy Roman Empire will come into existence due to the Pope being given the power of miracles, such as bringing fire down from heaven. **Revelation 13:13.**

**vs. 13** He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men (*ref. II Thessalonians 2:9-11*).

The Holy Roman Empire, with Germany at the forefront, as the battle-axe nation, will materialize during the early part of 2024 and will bring about the siege by Germany.

Thus, the beginning of the super-power Holy Roman Empire was formed after having brought together 10 nations in Europe—a colossal super-military power. **Revelation 17:12-13.**

To be continued

(part 2)

## ***The Final Heavenly Warning Sign***

will be continued in our next copy of  
The Philadelphia Remnant Magazine



## ***Assurance of Salvation***

*Taking a Reflective Look Back in Time—*



“Why, O why did I do ever this? Why did I say this? The pain and hurt I brought on others. How could GOD and Jesus Christ ever forgive me? I feel so utterly terrible for my sins against others and before God.

“Woe is me. I deserve beatings and death—not forgiveness and life.”



### ***Deuteronomy 16:12***

**vs. 12** “And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt ....”



During such times, the question often comes to mind, “Am I really converted? Do I have GOD’s Holy Spirit?”

Mr. Armstrong has said, “Every true Christian has asked this of themselves at one time or another.”

Others never! —as illustrated by the following example: Many years ago, I asked a woman about her husband who was a member: “Does he ever express remorse about himself—feeling discouraged because of not feeling close to God—and concerned about himself? She replied, “No.” I then said he was not converted.

### ***Remembrance and Reflection***

God makes known, given that wherever each one of His truly Spirit-begotten people might be, there are times when it is needful to look back over each one’s life when enslaved by our past evil deeds.

This brings back painful and sorrowful memories, remembering with reflective thoughts the kind of life each had formerly lived. With humility, think about the grace each one undeservedly received from Jesus Christ while remembering the evil deeds that should have never happened. Sometimes so moved by what was done, the cry is made aloud—

### ***Personal Example***

Over the many years, I have, at times, been very discouraged. Then I asked myself the same question, “Am I really converted?” I then asked: “Did I really pour out my heart to God with sorrowful, remorseful repentance after Jesus Christ had revealed Himself to me? At the same time, saying to God, “Why do You want me? I am no good?”

Reflecting further, I then remembered that I did repent with my whole heart. And I also remember He heard me. So, I am converted, having been graced with His mercy, love, and forgiveness. Therefore, at such times, with God's ever-loving mercy and help, I have had to work my way out of those memories and the doldrums.

To aid me, I have often turned to the Book of Psalms, reading King David's ups and downs while reading his tears and seeking forgiveness from the LORD. And it was always given by God upon seeing David's repentant heart. This has always been helpful and encouraging to me.

### **Example of Mr. Armstrong**

Mr. Armstrong said of himself. "I considered that I was only a worthless piece of human junk not worthy of being cast on the junk pile," MYSTERY OF THE AGES, Page 27.

### ***The Great GOD of Mercy and Love***

Having all this in mind, read what the Apostle Paul wrote about himself as formerly the chief sinner, and realizing his forgiveness and used by Jesus Christ, gives one added hope and encouragement—*I Timothy 1:12-17*.

**vs. 12** "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful putting me in His ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent (*margin: violently, arrogant*); but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

**vs. 14** "And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

**vs. 15** "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

**vs. 16** "However, for this reason I might show all longsuffering, AS A PATTERN, to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

**vs. 11** "Now to the King Eternal, immortal, invisible, to GOD who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." *I Timothy 1:12-17*.

### ***The Apostle Paul as Church Pastor***

The Apostle Paul further wrote in the same vein where each of the actual members he pastored was before, as slaves in Egypt—in bondage to sin—without realizing it—until GOD, through His beloved Son Jesus Christ, revealed Himself to each one. *Ephesians 2:1-10*.

**vs. 1-2** "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.

**vs. 3** "Among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

**vs. 4-6** "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (*by grace you have been saved*), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**vs.**

**vs. 7-8** "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been

**saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.**

**vs. 9-10 “Not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which GOD prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” *Ephesians 2:1-10.***

### ***Assurance of Eternal Life***

Considering the ups and downs in everyday life, while thinking about the really tough times that will begin taking place, not only during this year of 2023 but coming to be harder and very difficult after that, the thought comes to mind: “Am I going to make it—will I be in the first resurrection?”

For the truly begotten people of GOD, there is positive assurance—***Jude 24.***

**vs. 24 “Now to Him who is able to save you from stumbling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory. To God, our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.**

### ***The Lack of Assurance***

Unlike all others of the many churches, they are not assured—and only hope they will be accepted as one long-time former member said after experiencing a critical health attack and near death, “I hope I will be in the first resurrection.”

To further illustrate, a former top evangelist of the Worldwide Church of God in earlier years said he had a dream. In it, he saw it was the time of the resurrection and saw people flying up to heaven. He said he began flapping his arms up and down, trying to fly—but he could not get his feet off the ground. Later, he left the Church of God.

### ***Continued Effort Required***

Though Christ Jesus will fulfill every need and provide the help needed, it is expected of each one to ever press forward in faith and trust in Him, never stopping nor looking back but continue reaching out for the promised hand of Jesus Christ to uphold them.

To illustrate, toward the close of the letter to the begotten Laodiceans, typifying all others, it says Christ is knocking on the door to them, seeking entrance to repentant hearts. ***Revelation 3:20.***

**vs. 20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.” *Revelation 3:20.***

But the door has to be opened by them from the inside with repentant hearts. So, it is with all those reaching out for the hand of God.

### ***Human Wonderment?***

It is also realized that the many health problems, some very serious, and challenges with which each member now is encumbered, are met with great concern whether they can make the total distance.

Scripture reveals the answer. ***Isaiah 40:29-31.***

**vs. 29-31 “He gives power to the weak and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength ...” *Isaiah 40:29-31.***

Further, the promise of holding on to God’s extended hand—***Isaiah 41:10.***

**vs. 10 “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you; I**



**will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10.**

So, it is with all those reaching out for the hand of Christ. And to have that blessing can only be had through heart prayer continually.

And though those promises applied directly to Israel, they also apply to His Church as Spiritual Israel. **Romans 11:1-7.**

Mr. Armstrong said he relied on those Scriptures for the strength needed in his older age; I do as well.

### ***Troubling and Trying Times Ahead***

It should be realized that these are difficult and trying times. Further, prophecy makes known that they are to become far worse before the coming of Jesus Christ.

Though the prophesied famine will not begin until sometime during this year, 2023, a critical water problem with the reservoirs, lakes, and rivers has already been in evidence in some areas.

Farmers and some southern cities in California have been rationed with their water usage in recent months. Now that rainfall has begun, the wanted belief is that the worst is over. They could not be more wrong.

Society is also coping with the high cost of living in almost all areas due to inflation. Soon recession will follow. Shortly thereafter, depression will take center stage. Its effects will be similar to the early 1930s—banks closing, no employment, no money for groceries, and

souplines, as it was during that time.

Then there is the energy crisis. Society is already feeling its effects in Europe and here in America! Presently the forecast of the increasingly high cost of gas, and diesel fuel that is in very short supply, is due to many causes. And they are projected to worsen significantly this year, 2023—all this and more before society.

Consider the projection for this coming winter, 2023-2024:

### **Think the Energy Crisis is bad? Wait Until Next Winter**

Opinion by Suriya Jayanti – 5h ago [November 3, 2022].

“For policymakers grappling with global shortages and households scrambling to pay record high utility bills, some unwelcome news: This year’s energy crisis is going to look mild once next year’s kicks in. It is winter 2023-2024 that is going to be the real crisis. Any current energy planning that fails to account for next year is jumping out of the frying pan into the fire—where this winter is a problem, 2023 may be a catastrophe.

The immediate problem is simple. There is not enough fuel, and therefore not enough electricity, so prices have skyrocketed for both. To a large extent, this is a result of decreased Russian exports of oil, natural gas, and coal, which have been hit by western sanctions and other policy efforts to curb Russian revenues from funding atrocities in Ukraine.



However, most Russian fuel supplies are still reaching international markets because countries like China and India are happy to buy discounted products from a not quite thoroughly marginalized Kremlin. But Russian exports are down, too, by approximately 18% in August compared to February.

Notwithstanding a current drop in natural gas prices now that European storages are primarily full, prices have been so high as a consequence of tighter supplies that Russian Vladimir Putin is enjoying record energy revenues—over €200 billion since the start of the war on February 24. Markets are tight globally, and countries compete for limited supplies in a zero-sum energy game.” End of Quotes

### ***Disasters striking America and Britain***

America is replete with disasters having taken place over the past years. And they are prophesied to become far worse with little respite in between within the few remaining years before its demise as a nation and that of Britain. ***Ezekiel 7:26.***

***vs .26 “Disaster will come upon disaster.” Ezekiel 7:26.***

### ***Forewarned From Scripture***

Toward the close of the ministry of Jesus Christ, He forewarned His disciples of terrible times ahead so as to be prepared for them, mentally and spiritually (*ref. Luke 21:29-26 ... watch and pray always ...*). ***John 16:1.***

***vs. 1 “These things I have spoken to you that you should not be made to stumble.” John 16:1.***

Through them all, Christ assures His faithful people—***John 14:1-4.***

***vs. 1-2 “Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in GOD, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many offices; if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you.***

***vs. 3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go, you know, and the way you know.” John 14:1-4.***





## ***Positive Assurance from God***

Numerous Scriptures speak of the encouraging assurance each one can have of God's faithfulness to His faithful people: ***Hebrews 10:19-23***.

***vs. 19-21*** "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of GOD,

***vs. 22*** "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

***vs. 23*** "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." ***Hebrews 10:19-23***.

## ***Remembrance With Reflection***

Therefore, when sometimes remembering, as we are commanded to do, that we were once enslaved people in Egypt, then reflecting on all of the sins before and since—often has led to questionable doubts of who we now are at times.

Those doubts should immediately be removed from our minds, for we have positive assurance from the writings of the Apostle Paul and others used by Jesus Christ that He is there for us every step of the way to eternal life.

But as God made known, there is a need to remember and reflect on the past to aid each one to have needed humility. This is necessary, lest one begin to think too highly of self—and become self-righteous.

We must realize we are nothing of ourselves and can never be otherwise apart from GOD



and Jesus Christ while realizing our little, if any, worth of ourselves.

I remember many years ago, during one of God's festivals in Big Sandy, Texas, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong came on stage to

give a sermon.

His first words, with heartfelt remorse, said, "Brethren, I feel unworthy to even speak to you—to be your pastor." He then gave a heartfelt sermon.

## ***Moving Forward with Faith and Trust in God***

The imperative need is always to be moving forward in our journey to life, having assurance from GOD and Jesus Christ. They will always be there for us to fulfill all of our needs along the way.

Therefore, whatever our future needs may be, they will be supplied through the riches of Jesus Christ our Lord (***Philippians 4:19***). ***Ephesians 3:20***.

***vs. 20*** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." ***Ephesians 3:20***.

To offer further positive encouragement comes from the Apostle Paul. ***Philippians 1:6***.

***vs. 6*** "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the Day of Jesus Christ." ***Philippians 1:6***.

We are always trying hard to keep a healthy



spiritual balance in our journey toward everlasting life.

And Jesus Christ is there eagerly waiting for each one, as the Apostle Paul made known.  
**Hebrews 12:1-2.**

**vs. 1** “Therefore, we also (in view of the previous chapter of those who are now sleeping in Christ Jesus), **since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that set before us.**

**vs. 2** “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the JOY that was set before Him, endured the cross (tree, *1 Peter 2:24*), despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of GOD.” **Hebrews 12:1-2.**

### ***Positive Assurance of Salvation for the Elect***

Though each one has been blessed with positive assurance of salvation when Jesus Christ returns to earth, there is the need to look back, now and then, to enable each of us to see where we once were with regretful sorrow.

Then to move forward with humility, trust, and faith in GOD in our journey toward everlasting life—always looking unto Jesus, the author, and finisher of our faith—with the expectancy of experiencing the same JOY of salvation as did Christ.

For that joy also awaits each one—including all others who are now sleeping—having won their crown of life—as GOD also assures us and Jesus Christ will have won our crown of life at the finish line.

**Thy Kingdom Come.**



## *Preview Of*

# ***THE TRIBULATION!***

Dachau! Auschwitz! Starvation! Slave labor! Death! The Concentration Camps of Hitler's Reich were but the forerunners of yet more horrible times to come. Read this dramatic personal story from the lone surviving member of a German-Jewish family whom God has now called into His Church. This experience may make the difference for you in the next few years, whether you are spurred to grow and overcome, qualifying TO escape, or whether you relive this man's horror multiplied and capped by death!

by Hans Bieglizer



Some of you know Hans Bieglizer - thousands of you heard me refer to him at Squaw Valley. I asked him to write up his experiences, hoping it would be of help to many of you in making you REALIZE the terror to come. TEENAGERS - ATTENTION! Hans was thirteen when he was sent to the first "resort" (slave labor camp)! Five of the best of his TEEN-AGE years were spent in abject fear, total want, and cruel punishment. This will be your story - maybe ending in DEATH - unless you take advantage of the opportunities God has made available to you now! Please read this thoughtfully; it helped me; I know it will also help you!

Editor [Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong]



## Part 1



BONN was a small peaceful city during the early 1930s. As I remember, we played in the streets, in parks, and on the Rhine River. We got along with the kids in the neighborhood. Went to the Catholic Volks-Schule (public school). My father had a custom tailor shop adjoining the home, which seems to have been the custom of that time with all the little tradespeople. The parents were always there. Our family consisted of my parents and older sister, my brother, and me. The only thing different to us kids seemed to have been that we didn't go to church on Sundays like all the other kids. We went to the Synagogue Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, and we had certain holidays when all the other kids did not have any.

### *Things Begin to Change*

But soon, things were changing in school and the neighborhood. The kids started to pick fights with us. The man that lived above us tore my father's sign down, and he began to wear a brown uniform. Our parents soon started advising us kids to stay away from fights and avoid trouble.

Soon we were not permitted to go to school with the other kids, and the Jewish Community got together and formed a school for the kids of Jewish families. There were only two teachers for eight grades of elementary classes and about 40 kids. Here we were taught the required subjects plus Hebrew. We started a half hour earlier and stayed a half hour later than all the other schools in the town to not clash with the others.

Things started to get worse from year to year. Our windows were broken, and some customers were warned not to deal with Jews. More and more uniforms appeared in the street parades on weekends. Signs in store windows stated, "Off Limits to Jews." Many Jewish families left Germany for faraway places I had never even heard about.

Then we were ordered to get off the sidewalk when somebody in uniform came along. At that time, almost everybody was wearing a uniform of some sort: mailmen, streetcar conductors, and all the different Nazi uniforms and services. The result must not have been too good, so they ordered us to wear a yellow armband to make sure we were obeying, and by that time, we were practically walking in the gutter all the time. Then



somebody changed the yellow armband to a yellow 6-pointed star with the word Jew on it to be worn front and back.

Then one day, they burned our Synagogue down and went on a rampage of all Jewish stores and businesses, smashed windows, stole all they could grab, and topped it off with a torchlight parade that night while we were cowering in our home, not daring to put our lights on in fear of what might happen next.

None of us went to bed that night, and we were to have many nights like it. This was 1935, and in the next little town of Codesberg, Hitler, together with Chamberlain of England, Doladier of France, and Mussolini, had a get-together to discuss the Sudetenland and peaceful coexistence. I can remember this very well since they all came by our house the next day to get to the airport.



## ***Father Deported***



We were never to be a family again after that. Like all other heads of Jewish families, my father was rounded up and placed in a detention center. They released all those that had the means and permits to emigrate immediately. Since my father was not a citizen of Germany, he was deported to Poland, where he was born.

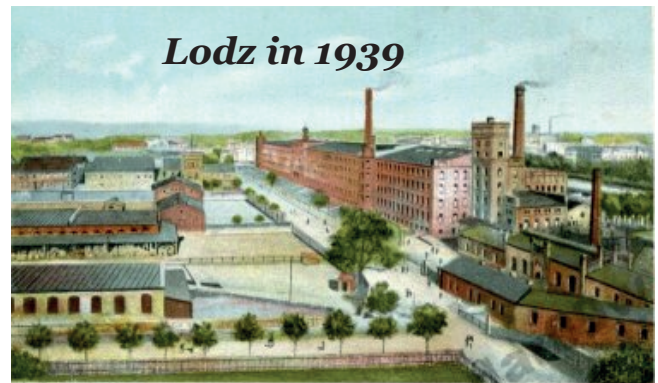
He came to Germany during the First World War as a war prisoner of the Russian Army and stayed to marry my mother and start a business. He and many others of Polish origin were put on trains and sent to the Polish border, where the Polish government refused them entry. So, they camped in no-man's-land between the two.

Jewish relief committees were formed to take care of them. My father managed to get away and go to his parents in the interior of Poland. My sister received permission to go to England because someone gave her employment there. The German government soon informed my mother, brother, and me to leave within two weeks.

## ***Back in German Hands***

This was now May 1939. We sold our furniture and my father's shop for the fare and took what we could carry. We left to join my father, who, with the help of his father, managed to get another tailor shop going. We lived in a city called Lodz, the second largest in Poland, and 3 months later, on Sept. 1939, after a 2 weeks war, we were again in the hands of the Germans.

It started all over again. Lodz had 160,000 Jews, and it was a textile city. The Germans



damaged the city just enough to scare everybody and took most of its industry intact. The Jews were ordered to remove themselves into the old part of the city, which they had designated and fenced in.

We had no idea of what was in store for us. They jumped the date they had given us. Everybody had packed his most valuable belongings. One night with loudspeakers on trucks, they came telling all Jews, get going and take only what you have on. This way, they had it all neatly packed, ready to take it all for booty. We were herded faster and faster toward our enclosure. People fell and cried; faster they came with their trucks and motorcycles, machine guns mounted on the sidecar and firing.

They once more accomplished their goals with typical German organizations. Here I was to spend from September 1939 to August 1944 and watch more than half die of famine and disease. Here each family was assigned one room. These houses had no plumbing; water was pumped in the back by hand pumps, and the toilets were close by. For this reason, I think, we had each summer epidemics of typhus, typhoid fever, cholera, and dysentery—people dying everywhere. The Nazis even hung signs on the gates “Senchengefahr” Danger - Epidemics. They called it the “Litzmannstadt Ghetto,” having

removed the city and included it in the Third Reich and having only Jews exclusively here.

### ***Slave Labor Camp***

This was to become a slave labor camp on a starvation diet. Each individual got a number and a job assigned to him. Work seven days a week for 10 hours each day. During the day, they brought into each work complex a portable soup kitchen. They had built prefabricated barracks to work in. Here we made equipment for the German Army: uniforms, machine guns, etc. I was assigned to "Lider und Sattler Resort." Leather and Saddlery. They called each complex a "resort." Why? I'll never understand.

Each day our supervisor decided whether we produced our quota of work and gave us a meal ticket for a bowl of soup and a thick slice of bread. As we left the "resort," we were bodily frisked to see whether we had stolen some of the Germans' materials. People had their little children with them here in this "Ghetto" camp. We were all worried about what was going to happen to them. The mothers took them to work with them and shared their meager meals with them.

But soon, they took care of this too. They had something called "Einsatz Gruppen" special troops that came to take away the children and those that started to weaken on the production line. We were lined in the streets and sorted out, never to see any of them again. We had no idea where these people went; they were all loaded on trucks. Whenever they came, again and again, we would pinch and slap our cheeks to make us look anything but pale in order to be left here. We had a feeling of what kind of end these people were to meet by the way they were handled.

### ***Reduced to Animals***

We ate the weeds that popped out of the ground

and the leaves off the trees that were growing here and there. The winters were always so cold, and eventually, we cut down all the trees and burned floorboards and anything that would give us some heat. The unbelievable thing is that some couples still managed to have babies, not planned, I am sure, but here they came now and then anyway. Despite the meager rations and the surrounding conditions, some of us refused to abstain, I guess.

The work burden became heavier all the time as people died and were liquidated. Still, they expected us to produce the same amount assigned to the camp, and we felt it. In fear of our dear lives which by now were not worth living, we pushed ourselves. My father's feet and legs were swollen, and he could hardly walk to work. My brother was sent away, and soon my mother. I came down with pleurisy but still managed to keep putting out my quota of work in order to eat.

Soon my father died, and we buried him in the camp cemetery. I had prayed for his death because he could not make it to work, and I did not want him to go the way my mother and brother went - to be thrown on a truck because he would have been unable to climb on.

There was nothing to look forward to when you laid down at night, but nobody that I knew killed himself. Yet, in this country (United States), where abundance overflows, there is a high suicide rate.

People, by now, had given up on religion. All said, "There can't be a God in heaven who permits all this."

We heard no news of what was going on in the world or how the war was going. The Nazis never let on, and we never saw a newspaper. We lost even track of what day or month it was. You went to work, and when you were through with your quota, you could

go. The days became longer and longer. You had to be there at a certain time in the morning. Some just keeled over on the bench, never to wake up. Nobody knew hardly anybody's name and did not care. At first, when somebody got sick, others would help to make up his work, but as time went on, we became like animals—everybody for himself.

### ***Transfer to Auschwitz***

Then one day in August 1944, we were told the Russians were coming, and it was good news to us. We did not care who liberated us.

But we were never to see the Russians. We were to pack up all the machinery and ship it to Germany. The 30,000 of us that were left were loaded into boxcars and sent off too. This was a new experience. We had just enough room to squat, and there was a little opening in the wall.

It was hot in August, and here were men and women packed together with not even a bucket. We lived in the stench of urine and other matter and dead bodies. We heard nothing but moaning and groaning day and night for two days and nights and the creaking and clanking of the boxcars on the railroad ties.

When the doors finally opened, we found ourselves in Auschwitz.

I had never heard of it before but thought it could not be worse than the place we just left. But my mind soon changed. Here we were sorted out; men separate from women, then another separation in each group. Some were hauled away in trucks.

We never saw them again. We were given showers here and disinfected with some stuff that just about took the skin off—then shaved everywhere a hair grew, and I mean everywhere. These barbers were also inmates, and they received men and women. This was humiliation at its worst, and the Nazis just watched with amusement.

After shaving, we were sent out into a field naked, and it was very cold that night. We stayed huddled all night, and in the morning, we got our new striped suits with a pair of canvas shoes with wooden soles and under-shorts made of paper.

But a strange atmosphere prevailed here. We were counted and recounted several times. Every time somebody got bawled out because they did not want anybody to sit down on the ground, and some of us just could not stand up anymore after all night on our feet. They pointed towards several brick chimneys and yelled to watch ourselves and behave; otherwise, we'd go up in smoke. We could not believe it at first, but after hearing it enough, it got to us. There was a very little conversation among us. We were scared.

Finally, we were moved to a compound and fed the daily soup ration and then herded into a large barracks and told not to talk. Here I stayed for two weeks.

### ***The Hated CAPOs***

We weren't assigned to work or given a new number. Each camp usually had its own numbering system. We thought our end had come. Hauling the dead bodies out on carts became a daily ritual of horror. Nobody would talk to us, not even the hated CAPOs.

Capo is short for "camp polizer." These were inmates also, but assigned to police the compounds from within. They carried sticks and reported all infractions of the rules, such as talking one to another. They received special favors from Nazis, such as their own bed and all the food they wanted. We could spot them from a distance by their well-nourished bodies. They reported many infractions that did not even exist just to show that they weren't asleep on the job.

These fellows usually met a terrible end.



Whenever manpower was transferred from one camp to another, some of the Capos were among them because the Nazis got tired of seeing the fat guys running around and getting too big for their own good. The Capos of the new camp pounced on them immediately and selected the heaviest work details for them. Usually, they lasted only a short time.



### ***The Move to Dachau***

After two weeks at Auschwitz, we were suddenly marched off, and we found ourselves again on the loading ramp looking at box cars. The last trip was still in my memory and nostrils, but this time I was glad to leave this place. The rumors and threats were making us not even want to eat that one-a-day soup.

Here we got, as we entered the boxcar, half of a loaf of “Komissbrat,” that is, German soldier bread and a hunk of sausage. The doors were closed and not opened again until three days and two nights later. No buckets again, but this time it was worse because of the food that we did not have on the last trip. The sausage was very salty, and we had all the food in our stomachs almost before they slammed the door shut on the box car.

The reason for that was that we were hungry, but the main reason was that we did not trust the guy next to us, and he did likewise. If you had food on you and it was known, you did not keep it very long. We looked and acted like vultures.

Soon there was the stench again. We all contributed to it. By now, the plaintive cries for water were increasing, and we looked forward

### **Guards to supervise forced labor or carry out administrative tasks.**

to the nighttime when the air would cool a little. We never knew in what direction we were traveling. This time we arrived at Dachau. Here we were again, assembled on the “Appel Platz.” Each camp had one such place void of anything, and each morning and evening, we were assembled and counted. Here at Dachau, we were registered and given a new number. Mine was 95684, and this was September 1944.

We were given a talking to here by one of the SS big ranking officers and told what our job would be. He told us that we are to go to

Dachau Work Camp for construction work and that, besides the main Dachau camp, there were over 30 little camps in this vicinity.

### ***“Himmelsfart Commando”***

The main camp at this time was reserved for German deserters from its services and ministers and priests that were not in agreement with the government. He also said that the army deserters had a special task, and any of us who did not do his work properly would join them. They were in the “Himmelsfahrt Commando.” That is the name of a religious holiday in Germany celebrated for Ascension Day. The reason for this nickname is that most blew up on the job of demolition of time bombs or unexploded ones that lay in many places after an air raid.

We walked day and night to get to our new number II camp to find the enclosure of wire and guard towers with guards. The prefabricated barracks were awaiting our arrival. It was in the midst of a pine forest, and we set about getting the barracks up. These little Dachaus were designed to hold 3,000 men each. As soon as some barracks were up, we thought some of us could use them, but they would not let us until all were up.

Here we were awakened at 4 in the morning,

assembled and counted, and marched to work. We were at the construction site at 7. This was the biggest undertaking I ever saw. Here some of the German civilians talked with some of us, and we found out they were building an underground airplane factory. It was partly finished, and they were moving in machines and Russian war prisoners as workers.

At night as we arrived at camp, we received our reward. Food - bowl of soup and a slice of bread. Two hundred metal bowls for 3,000 men took quite a while until each had his. There was no washing of bowls - they were all licked clean. I remember one time one of the guards by the soup line said laughingly to one tired soul that if he found any meat in his soup that he was to return it since meat was not meant for us. The tired and hungry fellow talked back to him, to which the guard spit in his bowl, and the man threw the whole bowl in his face and was promptly shot in front of everybody.

### ***We Lived With Death***

Death was now our constant companion, except it did not come quickly enough for some. Wounds did not heal. We were too tired to wash; there were only about 5-6 hours of sleep. We woke up with dead ones lying on each side sometimes. Some couldn't get up and were placed into a special barrack called; "Lazzrette" or field hospital. Here they found no care, but it made no difference to them: they knew they came here to die. There was no one to talk to them. Some died quickly; others lay a few more days. Maggots were eating on some of the bedsores they had from lying on hard boards with just skin covering the bones. They had only a small blanket to cover. We all had the same bedding.

On a cold day, a stinking steam came out of these barracks from the little moist heat these fading bodies emanated.

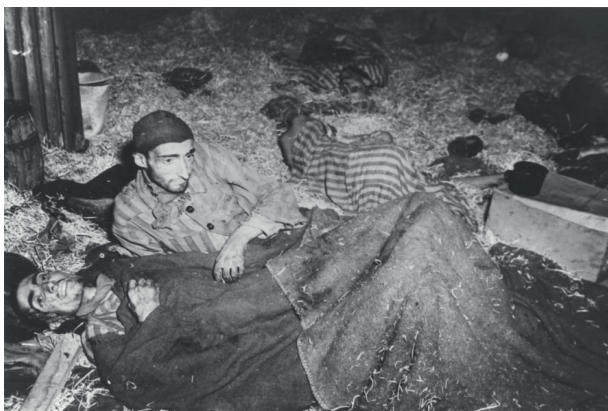
We were surrounded by many people of our own kind, but not friendly - they had been turned into animals. All were trying to live another day on you; if they could get your portion of food.



Sometimes, a truck came to collect the dead to take them to Dachau main camp for cremation. Other times we had a special "Totenwagen" (*hearse*). It was an old horse wagon with 20 ropes to pull and some had to push. We buried the corpses in a mass grave in the woods someplace selected by the Nazis. I know that some

were not yet dead.

The Germans wanted the gold fillings and capped teeth so we had to get them for them with a pick and quietly handed them over to the guards. Nights, if you had to eliminate, you would go to the latrine, one per camp, only in undergarments with a hand over your head.



It was always cold, especially in Bavaria. Clothes and underwear did not last very long, and we supplemented with rags and what the dead yielded.

The dirt and lice became another killer. These little pests would not let you sleep at night. They drank the little blood left in you.

Towards the end of 1944, the bombing increased, and we were called on to mend the highways and railroads. Sometimes it yielded food, especially when the damage was near farmland. There was always something to fill up on—if the guards permitted it. Some of the Nazis had enough of war by 1944. Some of the members of the family had been killed or hurt by bombings. Some of these became lax in their duty, others more antagonistic.

Germans eat a lot of cabbage, and that was usually a treat also. Most farmers brought food to us though sometimes there was a guard who would not permit us to have it. Each one had his personal peculiarity in what he thought was his duty to the Fuhrer.

### ***How We Kept Warm***

In order to keep warm, we would take the paper cement bags and use the outer one under our jacket, which was light cotton and not warm enough for the Bavarian fall and winter. We cut the sides open and a hole in the middle and used it like a poncho, and it would keep us wind out and was not bad at all for warmth. But most of the guards would take a stick and tap us in the back as we lined up to march to camp after work, and when he heard the noise paper makes he would order it removed.

Then we always had a lecture on trying to sabotage the Third Reich because they needed the old cement bags for reuse. Some of them were really nasty and ordered that we not get food at all that night.

We had seen examples earlier in Poland at the leather equipment compound where I had worked. Some men had nailed leather strips under their shoes to make them last longer. As I mentioned earlier, we were bodily frisked, but one day they decided to look under the shoes. There were immediate hangings at the compound. It started off with one and increased until they had 17 once in a single day for one infraction or another. Each had sabotaged the

Third Reich. We Jews were responsible for the war in the first place, and now we were helping the enemy, and so it went each time with a lecture. All had to attend the executions.

At first, I wanted to close my eyes. Then I decided not to, in order to remember, if I ever survived this, to take revenge. Yes, I watched those people dangling for a few minutes choking to death. The method they used was like the pictures of the Old West, where they disappear under the stand as the trap door opens. Here it was done in the open. They stood on a bench and one of the Nazis kicked it aside, and there they hung, wrestling for life that was worth nothing at that time on the gallows or not.

As the bombing increased and became a daily and nightly occurrence, and sometimes the air raid warning lasted for hours, construction at the big site slowed down to a trickle. We all got somewhat of a rest as far as physical labor was concerned.

### ***Our “Typhoid Shots”***

Toward the end of December 1944, we all had to line up for shots. It was announced that the neighboring camp was down with typhoid fever, and to prevent the further spreading of the disease, we had to take preventive measures. I took note, not quite a week after the shots, that our Dachau Camp #4 at Kauferingen had almost 100% typhoid fever. It was the greatest disaster I had witnessed. Of nearly 3,000 men at camp #4, over half died within ten days.

I remember the high fever, ringing in my ears, and yelling for water. A skeleton crew was not affected by this. The reason is that they had this particular disease sometime in their lives and were immune now. They brought water as much as they could and carried out the dead.



After surviving the fever, I could not stand on my feet, having had nothing to eat for about two weeks. There is no desire for food at the time of the fever but it lets up after two weeks. We hobbled around step by step until we reached the building where the food was stored. Some bread had become moldy. The Nazis did not set foot into the camp for several weeks so we helped ourselves to it. Slowly the survivors regained some of their strength, and things slowly began returning to the normal routine. The stinking bodies had to be buried since some had died three weeks earlier. This time we left the rags they had left for clothing on the bodies; otherwise, they would probably have rotted apart as we were loading them on the “hearse.” By now, it took about 6 of us to carry a skin and bone body.

### ***The Matter of Shoes***

Our canvas and wood shoes were to last a year. But to wear them daily they would hold out only about three months. We nailed tin from cans under the wood to make them wear longer and carried them in good weather over our shoulders so as not to wear them out on the long treks to and from camp to the construction site.

I had bad luck with my last pair, and the winter of 1944-45 was one of the cold ones. They gave out on me, but I managed to get hold of some gunny sacks and wrapped them around my feet with wire. It snowed heavily that winter and froze often, and one of my feet got terrible frostbite on three toes. They all got watery and started to stink. I got scared that I would not be able to report for work any more soon.

I kept moving around as best as I could with a stick for a brace and soaked my foot often in the

water we had. It was ice cold and suddenly, I could not hold back my tears anymore.

### ***Too Hardened for Emotions***

I thought that I would never be able to cry again—that I was too hardened for any emotional feelings. I was 14 years old then. I watched my father wither away from lack of food, and he died. The hangings and the shootings and the personal little cruelties the guards thought up – how can I have any more feelings left? Here I was, not crying on anybody’s shoulder, for there was nobody that did not have his own troubles and who would listen and could help me.

We did not even know one another’s names and did not care to know them. We just mumbled to each other at work or nodded if somebody said something. I planned and thought of throwing myself under the train that brought cement the next day, but I saw the train coming and let it go by because I was too scared, thinking it might hurt me.

The water faucet at the latrine was a long pipe with little holes spaced about 20 inches apart on two sides so two dozen men could use it for washing as it was turned on twice a day for about an hour. It ran into a wooden trough and collected there, and I soaked my foot in it every day after I got back from work.

Nights I lay awake worrying that I would slowly rot away. I thought of the prayers my mother taught me at home and tried to whisper them to myself between sobs of crying. The fellow next to me must have heard some of it and got mad, telling me to be quiet and, besides, what good would it do? If there was a God in heaven, He would not let these things go on, and he said that he knew because he was at one time a Rabbi.



I remembered now the day in March 1939. My day of Bar-Mitzvah, a day a Jewish boy becomes a full-fledged member of his congregation. I stood in front of the Torah in my fringed garment with the blue thread in it to read a part well-rehearsed in Hebrew, a part of a chapter in Leviticus, knowing what it meant. I wondered if God would hear me.

### ***Spring, 1945***

The sun started to become warmer now every day as spring approached, and my toes became well. I thought now that I had it made. I recall now that I actually never uttered a word of thanks. It was coming to me, was it not? After all the trouble that befell me.

For nearly 20 years afterward I never fasted on the Day of Atonement, the most solemn holiday on the Jewish calendar; when asked by other Jews why I always told them that I had already built up a large account of fast days in advance and was now collecting my due.

We heard rumors about German losses and how the front was getting closer. We saw an increase in air raids night and day. During the day, we actually saw lighter planes with the American insignia almost unchallenged, strafing railroad cars with machine guns. We had to run for cover many times, but we were happy to hear and see them coming, for there was nothing more cheerful to us than to watch our oppressors getting their licking.

### ***An Abortive Escape***

One day on a work detail, another fellow and I decided it was very easy to slip away during an air raid. Just start pushing a wheelbarrow, and the other, carrying a shovel over the shoulder, and start walking away from the place we were working. We took off and walked for about 2 hours. Nobody seemed to come after us. We got scared and decided to return at once. It would have been impossible to cross the main street

anywhere in Germany without identification, and if they had started to miss us and caught up with us, it would have been instant execution. When we returned, we found they had not missed us at the work detail, and we stewed over whether we should have gone on and made an escape. As I see it now, it was pure cowardice. We valued our lives above everything – even though they weren't worth anything here.

We were transferred. The whole camp #4 was being moved on foot to Dachau camp #2. It was a two-day walk, and we were all glad that it wasn't in a box car again, even though two-day marches always killed many that were too weak to make it that far. As soon as they sat down to rest, we all knew what their fate was because it happened every day on the marches to and from the construction site. There was the pistol shot at the rear of the column and dead silence except for the clatter the wooden soles made.

Dachau camp #2 was near a town called Landsberg on the Lech River. A famous state prison was there that all of Germany had heard of in the last 12 years. Here Adolf Hitler served a term and wrote his book MEIN KAMPF. This camp was a little larger than the one we had just left. It held about 5,000 men.

As the remainder of camp #4 arrived and got settled in, we were showered with questions by those that were there. "Have you seen my father? or my brother or other members of what had been a family once?" We asked them also the same thing.

### ***The Bi-Weekly "Holiday"***

Soon silence set in again and the same routine, except here seemed a larger contingent of Nazis, and they gave us every second Sunday off from regular work at the construction site.

But we wished those second Sundays would never arrive. On those days, they played games with us, such as crawling from one end of the camp to the other on our stomachs. They would bet on us with money, and the winner usually got an extra bowl of soup and, many times, the losers a whipping from the sore Nazis who lost bets. Others formed a small circle of inmates and had us go around and around to see who could go the longest without dropping to the ground because we were getting dizzy. We were now the only amusement they had available.

### ***The Nazi I Knew***

Here I saw a man who had been a journeyman tailor at my father's shop when I was 10 or 11 years old – a man who had stayed in our home as was the custom since he lived in another town. But he was now one of the SS men. I reminded him who I was since he did not recognize me. At last, he remembered me. He picked me up on the second Sunday and made me clean his boots and gear and his quarters and did not release me until late in the evening when the soup kitchen, my only meal, was closed.

He was drunk most of the time and kept telling me that the war was not yet lost for Germany and that the Jews who were nothing but the scum of the earth, were all to be wiped out. When I told him that he had eaten our food at home and now he kept me from getting mine, he told me to go to the garbage pile, which I did, and fill my pants legs full of potato peelings and coffee grounds.

I took this into the barracks and cooked it in a pail on a stove we had here at camp #2. It seemed like it tasted better than the soup they had here. But I wasn't to have too much of that either. The Nazis employed one of our Jews as their cook, and whenever he spotted me on the garbage pile, he would dump hot water over me and cause a big fuss until one of the Nazis came and chased me off the garbage pile. This fellow thought that now as a Nazi cook, he also had

authority over the garbage, and I was not to step into his domain.

### ***The Return to Dachau***

It was now April 1943. We received an announcement one day that no more work details were to leave the camp. We thought again that this was now our end. Then we were told that all the labor camps in this area were to be marched to the main camp, Dachau itself. We left on foot and merged with others on the way.

After two days and nights on the road and again the ranks became thinner each day, we arrived at Dachau through the wrought iron gate with the famous "Arbeit Macht Frei" - "Work brings Freedom" - slogan on it.

Here we waited about a week until all the labor camps had arrived out in the open field. I had a large blister on my foot and was worried that we had to march some more.

There was a large shoe repair shop for the army, and one day the door was pushed in by some men who wanted some shoes. Soon there were hundreds of us trying to get shoes. I got in and grabbed two pairs that seemed my size. On the way out of the building, someone grabbed one of the pairs. That left me with one pair of good army shoes, but they fitted well. Nobody seemed to care what was going on. The Nazis were hurrying back and forth. They fed us, but nothing else happened.

### ***The Horrible Exodus***

Then on the 23rd of April, we were lined up into columns and started to march out of Dachau. We walked during the day. Only at night, we rested on the side of the road. It seemed that every day there were fewer Nazis around us. They had started to desert for fear of what might happen to them if, all of a sudden, they were overtaken by the Allied Forces.



We could hear artillery action not too distant and much military traffic on the road at night. All day we heard the shots from the rear, and we all now tried our best to go on because we could sense that this was the end of the Third Reich. But we were faced again without any food and became desperate in having the end almost in sight after all these years, only to fall now by the roadside, too weak to go on, then be shot.

But we found another source. American Fighter Planes came during the day and shot at anything that moved in the fields and killed a horse here and there on a farmer's pasture. Some of them were dead for quite a while because the carcass was swollen to almost twice its normal size and so stiff that the legs stuck almost straight into the air. They let us cut those dead animals up, and we ate the raw meat. I also saw human bodies lying—those that had dropped way ahead of us in the column— whose ears and tongues had been cut out by those desperate to survive, for food, I am very certain. We all would have done this if there had not been dead animals lying in the field.

### ***The Nazis “Change Their Spots”***

The remaining guards made exceptions here to let us at these carcasses, and sometimes they would even let us rob the farmers' store of cow beets. Here in Bavaria, the farmers pile these beets, about the size of a human head, like small pyramids, and cover them first with a layer of straw and then cover that with about a foot of soil to keep them from freezing in winter. This being spring, most were open on one side and were being used daily, and because of this, we had no trouble getting them.

The guards that were left started to take a personal interest in our welfare by asking questions such as what we would do after the war. They started to make small talk, and we could sense their anxiety. They had all reason to be worried, for we kept on the lookout for any sign of Allied troops.

On the night of the 1st of May 1945, we lay on the side of a road in a pine forest near the prewar resort town of Bad Tölz in Bavaria. As we awoke, there were several inches of wet snow on the ground, and on us, and all was very quiet. There was no military activity on the road, and only a few artillery shots rang out in the distance. We stood by the road and waited, shivering, wondering what was going to happen next.

A small German car approached with the emblem of the German Red Cross. A tall man stepped out and announced to a Nazi officer that the Americans would soon arrive and that the nearest town to us was ordering its people to hang out white flags of surrender. He announced to us to stay where we were and that they were organizing the local farmers in the area to slaughter beef for us so that we could have some food, and that we could use the barns to get out of the weather as soon as the Americans reached us here.

The news spread like wildfire, and in a matter of minutes, the remaining guards were disarmed and shot by those who could no longer hold back anymore. Most of us sat by the side of the road and cried tears that could not be held back anymore either. We thought of how senseless all this killing had been and what it had accomplished. We started to think of our family members that were no longer living and how we would ever find those that were. They even shot the Red Cross man.

Soon we saw the American tanks, and it was a good thing because the whole town closest to us would have been wiped out if they had not restored some kind of order.

Many here who had survived were soon to face another hazard. Death was still awaiting many of us. We could not digest decent food. We were reduced to the animal stage, and many just kept stuffing anything that became

available into their mouths. The cries of stomachaches at night and the corpses the next day became the very evidence of what we are and that we must learn how to control ourselves.

### *The Aftermath*

As I look back on time between May 1939 to May 2nd, 1945, from age 13 to 18, it is clear to me that man, be he friend or foe, turns into a ferocious animal. That is what we say, but in truth, animals don't become like that at all.

There is no loyalty to anybody, not even the closest relatives; there are no friends, no fellowship to commiserate with, no honor or humiliation, nobody to cry to release some of the strain, not a kind word is heard. Everybody is looking out only for himself. Animals still have loyalty. Food is swallowed just like dogs do, only gulped down faster than you can receive it.

The Germans have a special word for it and use it on us very justly; they call it fressen instead of essen. The first one is used when animals eat. The other is only in connection with people.

Then their pretense of not knowing what went on in these camps or of such existence when these transports and marches went on right under their noses, through their streets and towns; the disappearance of the Jewish neighbors or landlords and business people; the sadistic and masochistic desires of the “honorable” and “intelligent” German officers—it makes me ill when I hear even today that it was only the Nazis and the SS members and the party hacks that were responsible and that the regular service branches of the German Army had nothing to do with it except fight for the fatherland and for what it stood.

The army did a good job together with all the German population as long as the “Führer” was winning on all fronts.

For instance, in Poland, the Katyn Forest massacre of thousands of Polish army officers as long as the USSR was the ally of the United States, the whole thing was blamed on the Germans, and when Germany came into the good graces of the United States, it became a Russian massacre when all along the whole world knew of the alliance of Germany and Russia, and it was a joint venture of both.

The same with General Rommel that who was not a card-carrying Nazi. But he fought well for Hitler and accepted all the laurels bestowed on him until he had a slight change of heart when he saw that Germany now was faced with the giants of the world. But his heart was for the “Führer” as long as he supplied his demands.

There is no honor among men as long as each has only his own desires in mind, be they medals or a bowl of soup, or a garbage pile. Selfish, grasping, greedy men have brought the world to what it is today - and what it was in 1944. Apart from the true God, men have not and cannot bring happiness. My prayer has become, “Thy Kingdom come!”

(Part II next month)





# ***“The Last Great Day” in God’s Master Plan***

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The Rest of the Dead did not live again UNTIL the thousand years were finished Then I saw a Great White Throne and Him who sat on it, and I saw the dead, small and great, standing before GOD, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

***Revelation 20:5, 11-12.***





## ***The Resurrection from the Dead***

Jesus Christ spoke of this great resurrection that would encompass all who have ever lived not having an opportunity for salvation during their lifetimes. **John 5:28-29**.

**vs. 28-29** “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which ALL who are in the graves will HEAR His voice (*cf. John 11:43-44 ... He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” ...*) and COME FORTH those ... who have done evil (*throughout their normal lives ... “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23 ...*), to the resurrection of judgment.

All humanity will see Jesus Christ in heaven above when they are resurrected. They will then come to know He restored them back to their human lives—**Revelation 1:7**.

**vs. 7** “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, and they also who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.” **Revelation 1:7**.

Possibly one hundred billion people, more or less, will be resurrected in that resurrection. A time period of one hundred years has been allotted for them to make life-and-death choices. **Isaiah 65:20**.

**vs. 20** (*from that day forward*) **no more shall an infant from there live but a few days** (*won't die as a baby, also, no more cycle of reproduction*), **nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days** (*with purpose*). **For the child shall die one hundred years old** (**Hebrews 9:27** “... it is appointed for men to die once, after this the judgment ...”). **Isaiah 65:20**.

Note. **vs. 23**: All the babies and children who have died—also resurrected will be restored to their parents, *including those murdered by*

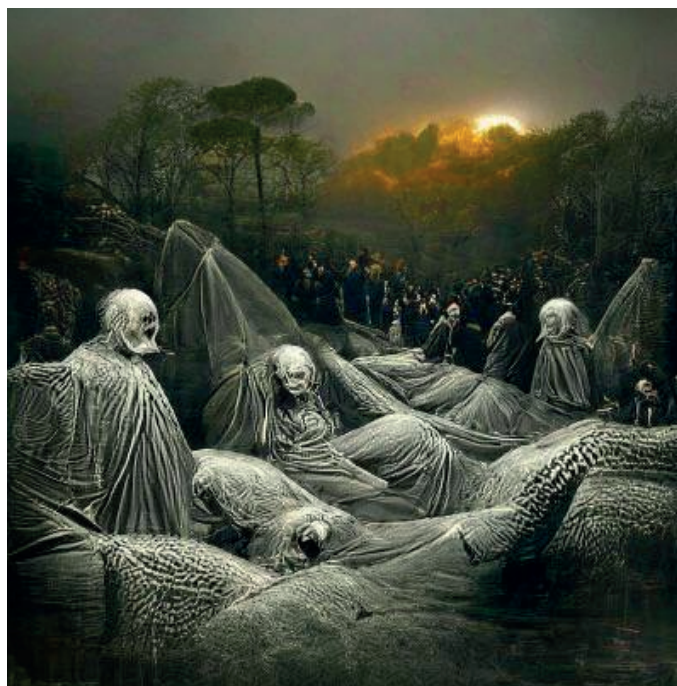
*abortions*. Billions upon billions are to be restored to life and health— *at the same age they died*—in that resurrection to come at the end of the millennium (*a thousand years*).

Note. **vs. 20**: “The child is in contrast to the sinner. **Luke 18:17** means that one has to receive the kingdom AS a little child—child-like in humility, openness, and sincerity—one who is righteous.

“Meaning of ‘child shall die’ is that the righteous will not continue to live in the human flesh, but be given immortality (**I Corinthians 15:51-52**), from a mandatory death.” GN Sept-Oct. 1988, page 20.

## ***Arising from the Graves***

All will arise from their graves, whether cremated, buried at sea (**Revelation 20:13** “... *The sea gave up the dead who were in it ...*”), or from wherever the place they had died. **Isaiah 26:9**.



**vs. 9** “Your dead shall live; together with their dead bodies, those in the tombs, they shall arise.

**“Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall CAST OUT the dead.”**

Having been dead for such a long time there will be nothing left of them except their bones (**cf. Ezekiel 37:1-10**), and only ashes from those cremated.

But this resurrection to life will find them restored fully intact with no health problems of any kind—no missing limbs. Sufficient health for 100 years of life.

Visualize, if you will, the dirt covering the billions of graves around the world being cast away from the remains of their dead bodies.



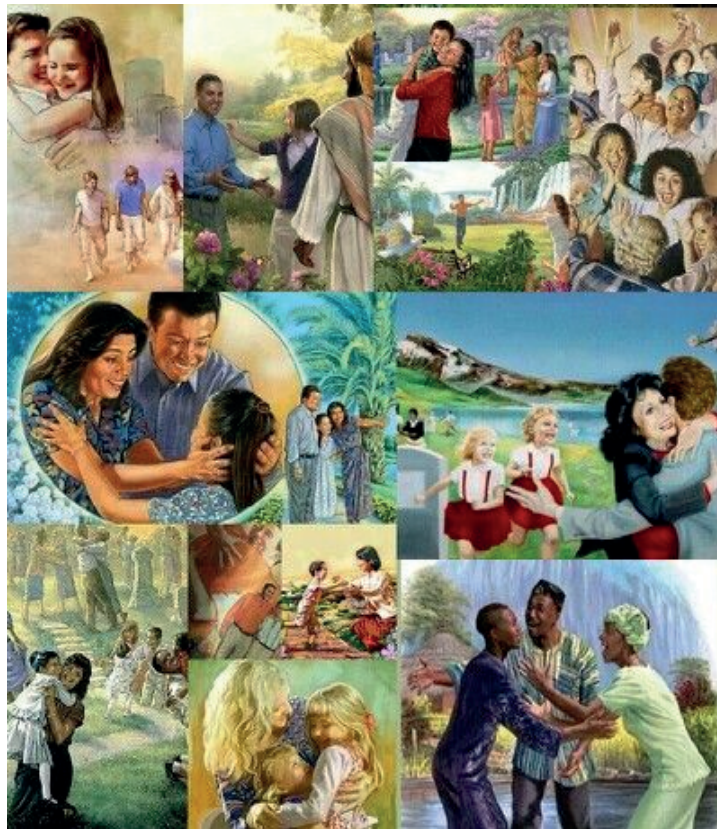
They will then stand up, look at themselves, then look down where they were buried--then look around them. They will see people of all ages doing the same thing, and they will marvel!

Looking at themselves with great happiness finding healthy minds, no Dementia, Alzheimer's, no more wasted and crippled bodies from diseases, legs, arms, hands, and fingers all intact, old people finding strength in their aged bodies. No artificial limbs, knees, etc. Stunned!—not knowing what to think!

Yet, not knowing the answers, why? But soon they will.

At the same time, happy to be alive again—to be back together with their families and former friends. A lot to talk about, and for some time to

come. Those who had been buried in family plots will immediately embrace one another with hugs and kisses.



### ***Jesus Christ will be Recognized as the Former Messiah***

Upon being resurrected back to life, Jesus Christ will come to be recognized by the Jewish people as the One they had known in their former life and rejected as the Messiah. Now knowing He was truly God (**Luke 23:34; Acts 3:17; I Corinthians 2:8**), they will weep bitterly knowing they had been responsible for His crucifixion and death (**cf. Zechariah 12:10-11**).

Jesus Christ had made His identity known to the High Priest, Caiaphas, and other chief priests and scribes when He was asked if He were the Son of God. **Matthew 26:62-64.**

**vs. 62-63 And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” But Jesus kept silent. And the**



**high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Son of God!”**

**v. 64 Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will SEE the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and COMING on the clouds of heaven.” *Matthew 26:62-64.***

The “hereafter”, meaning the second resurrection! Upon rising from their graves, they will then see the Son of Man, just as Jesus said.

Then the hypocritical Jewish leadership, after having seen Jesus Christ descending on the clouds of heaven back to this earth, duplicating the way He will soon come back to earth will be stunned! Then they will have to acknowledge, as He had told them, He was truly the Son of God.

They will be panic-stricken! —convicted in their minds for what they had wrongly done to Him! Crying out for His crucifixion that led to His horrible beating, unbearable intense pains while hanging on the tree, iron nails having been driven in His hands and feet by the Romans to hold His body in place! All this before death mercifully ended it all by a Roman soldier thrusting his spear into the side of Jesus Christ (***John 19:34; Luke 23:46.***)

The memory of that time will flash up in their minds to haunt and convict them! Cringing with fear knowing what they did in bringing about the death of the Son of GOD—wondering what will He do to them?

### ***Spiritual Blindness Upon All Mankind***

With very few exceptions, this whole world is fully blinded by Satan the devil (***Revelation 12:9***), as were the Jews, and the Romans, who brought about His tragic death (***cf. Luke 23:34; Acts 3:13-17; I Corinthians 2:8.***)

Jesus Christ had to die to fulfill prophecy (***Hebrews 10:5-10***). Otherwise, mankind would have no means of forgiveness, nor an opportunity for a future with everlasting life in His coming Spirit World.

With the blindness now removed from their minds (***Isaiah 25:7-8; 11:9***), the Jews will come to know the loving merciful God that He is upon heartfelt godly repentance. God will then replace their hearts of stone with a new heart and spirit of all those who choose to repent and live His way of life (***Ezekiel 36:26-27.***)

Jesus Christ will also execute judgment upon all those who willfully refuse to repent. For those in that coming time who refuse to repent will be sad knowing they could have chosen life by repentance—but due to their refusal—they will then perish in the lake of fire—never to live again (***Psalms 98:9; 101:6-7; Luke 19:27; Isaiah 66:24; Malachi 4:1, 3.***)

All those who will become repentant will find that He is a loving, gracious, and merciful God, always ready to forgive the truly heart-broken repentant, whoever he or she might be, and for whatever sins they may have committed, except speaking against the Holy Spirit (***Matthew 12:31.***)

Further, God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone (***Ezekiel 33:11***). His desire is for all mankind to live, to come to know Him, and experience His love and way of life—for it is the only way that will work for true happiness, with love, joy, and peace (***Galatians 5:22.***)

### ***Immediate Needs for Those Resurrected***

Upon arising from their graves, there will be immediate needs to be supplied for everyone.



## Questions:

How will clothing be provided for them?

2) How will enough food be provided for them?

3) Housing needs for them?

## Conjectural Answers:

1) Clothing. Though Christ is not limited to what He can do, two possible answers appear to be:

a. Possibly through the years of the millennium clothing will have been made and placed at their graves sites by the few billions of people that will have multiplied during those years.

b. There is also the possibility that whatever clothes they had on when buried will be miraculously intact—remember with God all things are possible (**Genesis 18:14** “... *is there anything too hard for the LORD ...*”).

2) Food. Two thoughts to consider:



c. Jesus Christ miraculously multiplied the two fish, and five loaves of bread, to feed the five thou-

sand men, *plus the women*, with food left over (**Luke 9:12-17**). Two times Christ did this.



d. Another thought: the manna supplied to the millions of Israel could take place again.



Keep in mind, GOD IS LOVE – and within His

Master Plan, a desire for all of mankind might come to have salvation, He will show that love with compassion and mercy that all might recognize Him as the source of everything that

is good, with the hope they will repent and come to have salvation.

Therefore, all their needs will be met in one way or another by making known He is God.

3) Housing. Housing for all—possibly many houses will have already been built during the millennium anticipating the need. Also, immediate construction will begin. **Isaiah**



**65:21-22, 25.**

4) **vs. 21** “**They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit, they shall not plant and another eat. ... they shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain.**” **Isaiah 65:21-22, 25.**

## *Needs Having Been Supplied*

With their needs having been provided: Clothing, Food, and Housing, many will come to know after having seen Jesus Christ in the clouds, and their resurrection to life, that He was their source of restored life.

And seeing their needs having been supplied, the loving and caring God that He is will lead many to repent of their former sins and acceptance of Him as their Savior.

Though it may take some years many will be convicted of their sins and will repent of them. Others, perhaps as many as 50 years of their allotted time.

Tragically, there will be those who will be very angry finding they are in the second resurrection and not in the first resurrection.

### ***Many Will Be Infuriated and Gnash Their Teeth While Others Will Weep***

There will be those from various kinds of religions, Christianity, Muslim, Hinduism, Sikh, Buddhism, Islam, Bahá'í, Confucianism, Jainism, Judaism, Shinto, Sikhism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, plus others, to be resurrected.



During that time, those who had been zealous members of them will then realize their forefathers had lied to them (**Jeremiah 16:19** “... **the Gentiles shall come to You and say, ‘Surely, our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable’ ...**”).

Many will weep with great disappointment, while others will gnash their teeth in great anger, finding themselves in their physical bodies—*instead of spirit bodies*—not having been accepted by God to be in the first resurrection.

There will be no excuse for them in that resurrection. For Jesus Christ made known there was an ongoing wake-up call by Him. **Luke 13:23-29.**

**vs. 23-24** Then one said to Him, “Lord, are there few who are saved (*to be in the 1st resurrection*)?” And He said to them,

**“Strive to enter through the narrow gate (*on God’s terms, Matthew 7:13-14*), for many (*billions of people from professing religions*), I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.**

**vs. 25-26** “When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where you are from,’ then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence (*Passover services, observed the annual Holy Days*), and You taught in our streets (*in their churches, not God’s*).’

**vs. 27** “But He will say, ‘I tell you I do not know you, where you are from (*your churches, not God’s Church*). Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity (*rejection of Christ via rejecting His apostle and promised Elijah, and His doctrinal teachings taught through him, Malachi 4:4-6, Matthew 17:10-11, while teaching their own concepts of teachings, and falsely claiming they are God’s Churches*).’

**vs. 28** There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out (*cf. Luke 16:19-31*).

**vs. 29** “They will come from the east and from the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.” **Luke 13:23-29.**

Unless they overcome this anger against God, and repent, they will perish for all eternity—never to live again—the second death (**Revelation 20:13-15; Malachi 4:1, 3**).



## ***Time Needed for Decisions***

Considering it will require two or three decades inside the millennium for mankind to come to the realization they will have to change from their wrong ways to God's way of life—**or perish** (*Deuteronomy 30:19-20* "... I have set before you, life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore, **CHOOSE LIFE**, ..."), so will it be the same during that time period of 100 years.

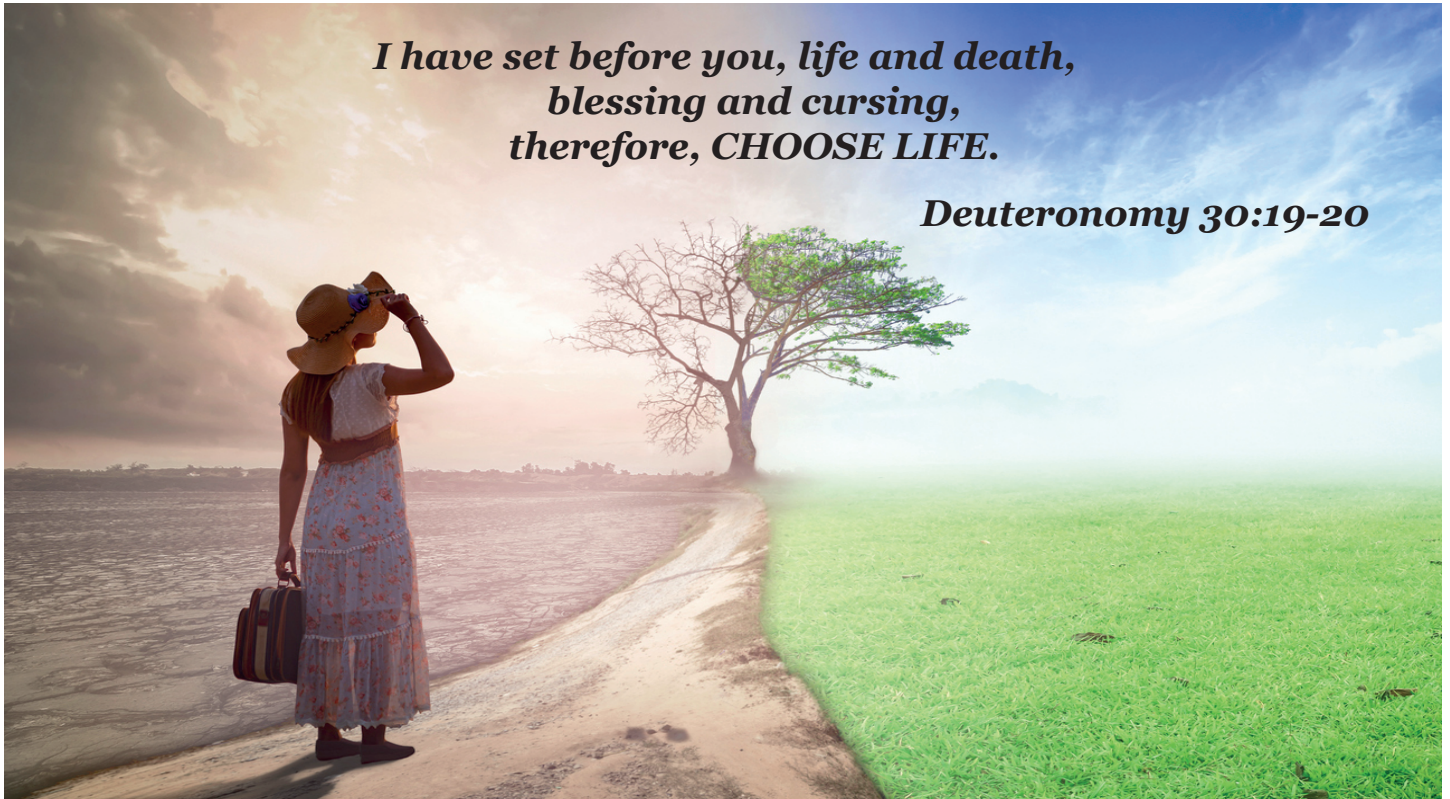
The repentant will find comfort from Jesus Christ in that resurrection (*Isaiah 25:8* "... **the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces ...**"):

Those who refuse to repent will be burned up in **the lake of fire, third resurrection**—never to live again, (*Revelation 20:14-15*).

## ***Governments to be Established in all Nations***

***I have set before you, life and death,  
blessing and cursing,  
therefore, CHOOSE LIFE.***

***Deuteronomy 30:19-20***



When considering the problems of former ruthless dictators, kings, and queens, high-ranking officials in government and religion, all swelled up with pride and ego, will probably require fifty years or longer of the one hundred years allotted to them for them to fall on their knees with humility and worship their Creator God—repenting from their hearts of their former sins, their cruel mistreatment and murder of their own people as well as others (*Ecclesiastes 4:1* "... the tears of the oppressed—they have no comforter ...").

God's government will continue to be established over all the earth, over all nations, with the rule of iron, justice, and mercy, for those who truly repent of their sins. ***Isaiah 9:6-7.***

***vs. 6 "And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***



**vs. 7 “Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end (*ref. Daniel 2:44*), upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward (*beginning with His millennial reign*), even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”**

### ***Repentant Israel to Rule Over All Nations***

All people having been resurrected will have died in their own nations, and former leaders having been restored to life will seek their leadership once again. But will come to know by Jesus Christ, His bride, and their spirit-born children, only those to be in leadership positions will be those of Israel having repented and then guided by divine beings during their tenure of 100 years (***ref. Exodus 19:3-6 “... a kingdom of priests ...”***).

During those years—***Ezekiel 28:25-26***.

**v.25 “Thus says the Lord GOD: “When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob.**

**v.26 “And they will dwell safely there, build houses and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments ...” *Ezekiel 28:25-26*.**



## ***Judgment Upon All Mankind***

Mankind will then be judged over their lifetime of 100 years (***Isaiah 65:20***), as the Church of God is now being judged throughout their lives (***I Peter 4:17***). ***Revelation 20:11-12***.

**Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. and the heaven fled away. And there was no place for them (to occur after the 100 years, *II Peter 3:10-11*). And I saw the dead, small and great standing before GOD, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the book of life (names taken from the book of the living—Adam and Eve’s descendants— as they repent, their names will be removed from that book and added to the Book of Life). And the dead were judged according to their works by the things which are written in it (*I Peter 4:17*).**

## ***How Many will be Saved?***

For understanding, consider the following Scripture. ***Romans 11:26***.

**vs. 26 “And so all Israel will be saved (meaning the majority), as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.’”**

Based on this Scripture, undoubtedly the majority of all the many billions in that resurrection will also be saved.

Altogether, all those during the millennium, and those in this second resurrection, possibly one hundred billion people in all, will be graced with salvation and live over into GOD’S Spirit World with eternal life.

Thank God for His Wonderful Master Plan that includes all of mankind who have ever lived or yet will live—knowing the majority of them will become members of God’s Family to share in His glory with everlasting life.

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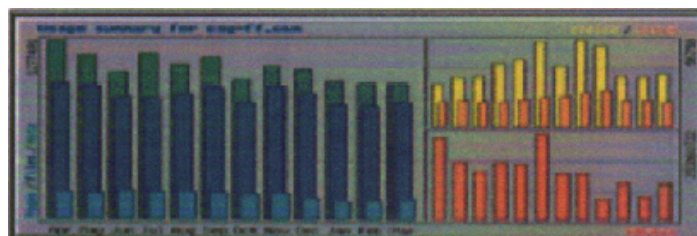
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