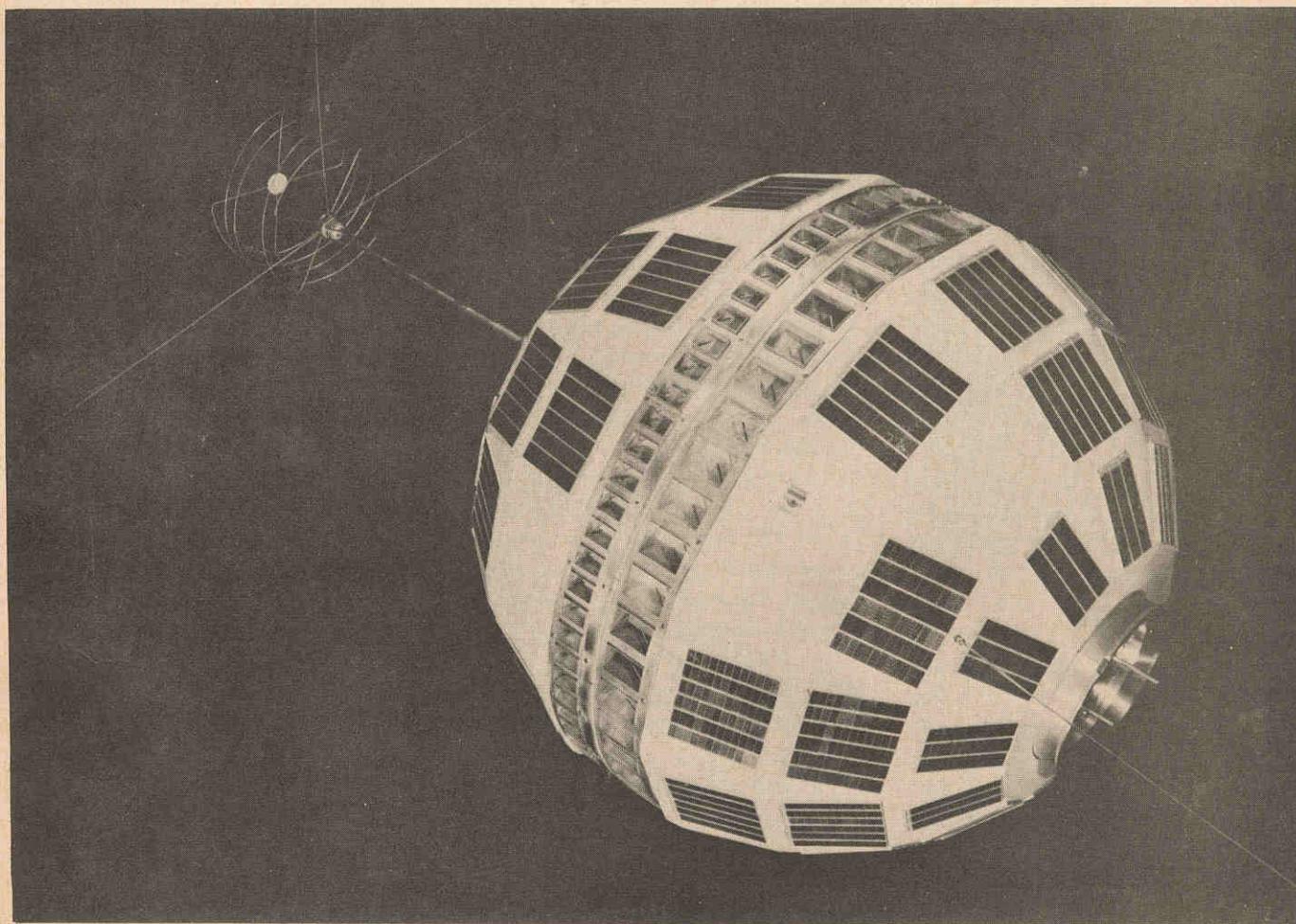


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What Will It Be Like?**



Wide World Photo

This is Telstar, a satellite designed by Bell Telephone Laboratories for relaying telephone calls, data messages and television signals. With this and many other technical inventions Science envisions a whole new world of idleness and ease. But what will the 21st Century really be like? This issue tells what Science does not know about the future!

What our READERS SAY

Now Heard on Guam

"I have had the pleasure of listening to you over Radio KUAM at Guam, Mariana Islands, this evening, and I sincerely wish to compliment you for the enlightening and interesting lecture."

Man from Guam.

- This short comment typifies our many Guam listeners.

French Broadcast Response

"Last Monday, I listened to your radio broadcast for the first time, but I assure you that I will continue to seriously listen to it every week from now on. I am a young man, age 18, who has been wallowing in the most utter confusion, as far as the meaning of life is concerned. I believe that I have now found the broadcast which will enable me to know the truth!"

Man from Dijon, France.

- This letter was received in response to French language broadcast of "The WORLD TOMORROW," "Le Monde a Venir," and was translated by the French Department.

WORLD TOMORROW Not "Eyewash"

"The truth I hear on The WORLD TOMORROW is a sharp contrast to the eyewash I hear over the radio the rest of the time, and I want it to stay on the air. In view of this, you'll find ten per cent of today's pay check with this letter. I was just a little suspicious about letting 10% of the pay check go to the gospel ministry. Quite a few people told me I'd go broke trying it. Well, I've ended up with all the physical and spiritual blessings, and these same people are wondering why!"

Man from Washington.

Intelligence Not Insulted

"I listen to your 10:30 program over KIRO (Seattle) and enjoy it very much. If you will excuse me for saying it, it is the first radio ministry I've ever listened to that does not insult my intelligence with excess emotionalism. Each sermon

shows the great amount of study and preparation behind it."

Woman from Anacortes,
Washington.

Hoax in Educational System

"Last night on CFRN, you touched on a special protest and interest of mine as an old school teacher, namely 'progressive education.' We commenced that big hoax here in Canada in 1935 and are just now beginning to see the mistake. One generation was spoiled by it and still we have not finished getting it out of the curriculum. Please bring that topic up again and do enlarge on its poor values and evils for the pupils in our schools."

Woman from Edmonton,
Alberta, Canada.

Theory, Not Fact

"My wife and I have requested that our membership in a local church be dropped because the minister said you probably preach the second coming of Christ. When questioned on his views on German Rationalism, he said he agreed with the rationalistic approach. His entire philosophy of 'religious belief' seemed to me, at least, to be based on a theory that the Biblical truths are merely of historical interest, and that modern psychology and rationalistic beliefs are the answer to the present day unmoral and amoral outlook."

Man from Cincinnati, Ohio.

- We most certainly believe in and preach the second coming of Christ and why He must return to save this world from itself! Why shouldn't we? The Bible teaches it!

Well-Educated Confounded

"I am considered to be a well-educated, well-informed and normally intelligent man. Now, suddenly, thru your messages I am aware of how colossal is my ignorance of the Divine Truth which I have so long sought. I am additionally confounded by the new-found fact that

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Personal from the Editor

WHAT would you do in my predicament? I am, for the moment, frustrated. Over in Germany, last week, I found that the makers of my German camera have now produced a *magazine cartridge* in which the film is loaded. This cartridge makes it possible to change in the middle of a film, from black-and-white film to color.

To do this requires two cartridges. Into one of them the color film is loaded, and into the other black-and-white. After any shot the one cartridge may be removed, and the other inserted, without exposing the film. Then later, the one that was removed may be replaced, and the user snaps the next picture.

After shooting some six "shots" with black-and-white film, I wanted to take some color pictures today. But I had forgotten how the salesman showed me to remove the magazine. I tried, and tried, but could not remove it.

The salesman had given me two instruction books with these two cartridges. But the instruction books had been misplaced. Mrs. Armstrong and I have spent *hours* searching everywhere they could possibly be. We haven't found them.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO—pull the cartridge out by force, and chance breaking the camera? Without that instruction book, I simply can't use the camera to do the job it was made to do. If I try to use it without the book of instructions, I'll probably break it—it won't perform as the maker intended, nor give me the pictures for which I bought it.

Yet, if I am to treat this fine camera like most people use the marvelous mechanism of body and mind that the Great Maker designed and produced for them, I should just have refused to take the instruction book from the camera salesman in the first place—or else, having taken it, neglect altogether to follow its instructions.

Or, I might get out that instruction book occasionally—or even every day—and read it "for inspiration," but without a thought of ever following its instructions.

I would, if I treated it as people do their very own *selves*, just use my own ideas or reason about how to disconnect this cartridge, yank it out and break the camera. In fact I would *refuse* to operate the camera, or any part of it, as the manufacturer instructs. I would *insist* on doing everything the very *opposite way!*

What would happen? Just this: the camera I have was made to take pictures—good, sharp, distinct pictures. But if I use it contrary to the manufacturer's instructions, it will either take poor, unsatisfactory pictures, or it will be broken—so that it will take no pictures at all.

I am reminded of a conversation I had some years ago with a very devout "Christian." This woman followed one of the respected but sentimental fundamentalist protestant denominations. Something had been mentioned about understanding a certain passage in the Bible.

"Why," she exclaimed in astonishment, "you surely don't try to *understand* the Bible, do you?"

"Of course!" I replied, equally astonished at *her* question. "Don't you?"

"O, my no," she said emphatically. "I would never be able to understand the Bible. Our CHURCH interprets it for us."

"Well don't you ever read the Bible?" I asked.

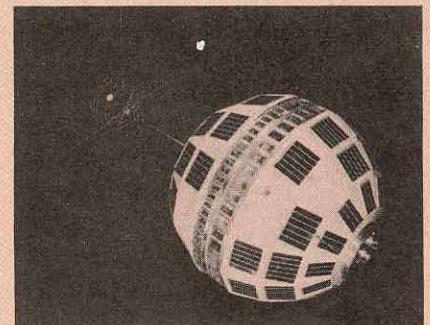
"Of course! I read it every day. I have read it clear through two or three times."

I was a little bewildered. "But if you don't even try to understand it—if you get no meaning out of it—if you do not follow its instructions and obey its

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OUR COVER

In New York, on June 21, the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) and the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) and the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) announced jointly that the first live trans-Atlantic television programs were to be transmitted in July by the Telstar Communications Satellite of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The adventure was a great success. Viewers all over North America and much of Western Europe saw programs originating in the U.S., England and France. Science and technology can produce these wonders of the 20th Century, but both are unable to change the hearts and the minds of the politicians and military leaders who dictate the use of scientific achievements. Too many young people have become infatuated with what Science has achieved, but have overlooked the tragic limitations of Science, which cannot change human nature or exercise control over its own inventions! Only the God of the whole universe can do that!

teachings, then WHY do you read it?"

"Oh," came the astonishing answer, "I read it for INSPIRATION."

Few people seem to know that the Bible is actually the Maker's *instruction Book* to the mankind He designed, created, and made. It's the Guide-Book instructing us *how to live*—how to use this most wonderful mechanism ever produced, to secure the intended RESULTS of happiness, joy, peace, security, freedom from fears and worries, good vibrant energetic health, perfection of righteous spiritual CHARACTER, and finally, ETERNAL LIFE in the Kingdom of GOD!

Yet almost no one uses this very Word of God for its intended purpose.

What do they do? Most people, ignoring or disregarding the Maker's instruction Book, follow like blind and dumb sheep going to the slaughter the *wrong* ways and customs of other people. They absorb and gullibly accept without question the *false* beliefs of *other people*, all of whom are going by their various roads to the SAME DESTINATION—the final HUMAN slaughter—the LAKE OF FIRE!

One little fellow, reared in the teachings and directions of God's Instruction Book, was being asked by another 8-year-old neighbor boy why he didn't observe Christmas.

"Besides," said the playmate, "the Bible tells us to celebrate Christmas."

"Huh-uh!" came the answer. "If the Bible told us to observe Christmas and have Christmas trees, *then nobody would!*"

Just in case you think this boy was wrong, I suggest—if you have not already done so—you write for our free booklet, *The Plain Truth About Christmas*. It is an eye-opener!

God says, "REMEMBER," and people promptly forget.

Jesus Christ said, "THINK NOT that I am come to destroy the Law." So professing Christians think He *did* destroy it.

One radio listener wrote that she was shocked on hearing The WORLD TOMORROW program. It was the first time she ever heard that Jesus Christ came with a Message!

Incredible though it be, here is the world's biggest selling Book, and yet

almost nobody knows that the Bible is THE MAKER'S INSTRUCTION BOOK—that its purpose is to instruct us in the KNOWLEDGE of what we are, the PURPOSE of human life, HOW to live—HOW to live happily and abundantly and inherit the very GLORY of Almighty God for eternity.

This world has *lost its way!*

It will never have world peace—it will never be rid of the scourges of sickness and disease, insanity, frustrations, discontent, insecurity, fears and worries, and all the troubles it suffers until it begins to follow the directions in God's INSTRUCTION BOOK. And the world will never do that, until God uses *force*, to *compel* people and nations to follow God's right ways.

Thank God, His KINGDOM is now soon to come! Jesus Christ is soon to return to earth in supreme POWER and GLORY, to put down all rebellion, to RULE all nations with divine power and force, to institute a totally new and different system of education already being started in God's Ambassador Colleges!

Right now God is giving this world, on all inhabited continents, His final warning! Right now, through The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, The *Plain Truth* magazine, the Ambassador College *Bible Correspondence Course*, and other means, He is showing the contemptuous, cynical world what is to come—and calling a precious *few* of all who hear and read His Message to true salvation, and preparation to be priests and kings *with* Christ in His Kingdom.

Perhaps *you* might be one of those thus called!

What our READERS SAY

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it has never been farther away than my own library table."

Man from Fort Myers, Florida.

History Book to be Announced

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"On a recent broadcast you mentioned a new and unique history book that is about to be published—unique in the fact that it considers the fact that God

intervenes in the making of history! I wonder if you would inform me of the title so that when it comes out, I can acquire a copy."

• Only the Compendium has been written. When the entire book is published, it will be announced.

From Germany

"The three magazines [German edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*] I have received from you have really amazed me. I see there still are people who have their eyes open, through whom others can also have theirs opened, thanks to your magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit.' It is like having scales fall from your eyes. It is like coming out into the light after being lost in a primeval forest.

"Your article 'Israel—the Enigma of our Time,' about which you also spoke on the radio, was what motivated me to write you. It was like a ray of light penetrating into my subconscious. I had always wondered about the totally unique behavior of people in the U.S.A. I was in America for two and one-half years and could tell without a doubt that God's blessings flowed out in torrents to this country. . . . Even the dogs and cats behave differently than in Europe. This bespeaks the great blessings that this country enjoys. It is only sad that the inhabitants take these things for granted. The blessings could remain and grow greater if it were not for so much sin and so much contact with sin. Sin is like an avalanche, and a few preachers can no longer put a stop to it. God has to intervene. Your article has really enlightened me. I find it very dangerous when Americans learn the ways of the sinful nations of Europe and then bring the disease back across, so that their own country is infected. . . . Only the blessing of God could have led America to such wealth. . . . Therefore all Americans should keep the commandments of God, so that they are not driven into captivity and forsaken, for this is a thankless world, and where a blessing has been given, it can also be taken away. All nations blessed through the United States of America! But yet all humanity is crying, 'Away with him, away with him.'"

Man from Otterndorf/Niederelbe

NEW Europe to Smash Soviet-U.S. Grand Strategies

Khrushchev has a Grand Strategy for defeating the free world. Today President Kennedy's new Grand Strategy for countering the Soviet is taking shape. But Common Market strategy will upset both—and then still another World Power will rule all three! Here is the shocking state of the world of NOW—and of TOMORROW!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Written from Brussels, Capital of the European Common Market:

I HAVE just visited the Headquarters of the coming *new* World Power—the "UNITED STATES OF EUROPE"—actually emerging visibly from the European *Common Market*.

Few in the world have realized, but I find that officials of this sensational new European Economic Community are *fully aware* of the real Grand Strategy of Nikita Khrushchev. They are alarmed by it! It is speeding them to faster action!

This, in turn, is Khrushchev's greatest worry today.

These European leaders know, too, about President Kennedy's new Grand Strategy for countering Soviet plans. And they are not much impressed. *They do not intend to rely on it* to protect them from the Communist surge.

Here's the Inside Story

Today leaders of "The Six" nations of Europe are pressuring through a rapid-action *crash* program destined, says Biblical prophecy, to block both the Grand Strategies of Moscow and of Washington. But what they *don't* know—and neither does the Kremlin nor the United States government—is that still another World Power will appear suddenly, utterly crushing, demolishing, all three giant world powers, and ruling over all!

Few know the real inside TRUTH of world conditions today. Few realize what actually took place late in July when the German Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, and French President De Gaulle were at Rheims Cathedral, or at the

more recent visit of De Gaulle to Bonn. The former was reported to readers of *The Plain Truth* by our own correspondent, who covered this significant meeting on the spot.

Few realize the *super* grand strategy taking shape in the headquarters building I have just visited here in Brussels. This, say the very prophecies of God, will defeat the programs of both Russia and the United States. And what *then* will happen to this fast-rising *third* World Power is also reported, in advance, in Prophecy.

The real truth is unrealized by either Mr. Khrushchev or President Kennedy, let alone the general public. But it's high time you realize these shocking facts.

Nikita Khrushchev prepares to discuss the Communist Program with newsmen. Latest Communist fear is rise of Western Europe on Russia's doorstep.

Wide World Photo



Very *first* emphasis was placed by Mr. Khrushchev on the intention to *avoid* nuclear war. World domination, he said, is *not* to be achieved by this means.

Can we believe this? For the present, and next several years to come, YES! I have said, for many years—even many years *before* there were any nuclear bombs—that Russia will not start any all-out war with the United States *now*, or *until* several other goals have been reached—all still years from now.

Actually, I have repeated, the Russians would back down, or give in on almost any point that has arisen, *rather than* go to war with America! If United States leaders *knew* and really *believed* this, they might have been dealing with the Kremlin from STRENGTH, instead of from weakness!

How did I know this? Two reasons. First, any conceivable all-out war with Russia since the atom bomb, would probably have meant the end of one nation or the other—and no such war or outcome is foretold in Biblical prophecies.

Second, I have known for nearly thirty-five years the real aims, purposes, and strategies of Communism. And it doesn't change. That strategy always has been to keep the Red Army at strength equal to the most powerful in the world, if possible, for actual defense, *until* they have first brought China, India—all Asia—and the rest of the world, *except* the United States and British Commonwealth, under Communism. And then, finally, the Communists have taught from the beginning, they expected *never* to be able to subjugate, overthrow, or bring our countries under their yoke by any means *except* one final all-out war of violence.

Purpose of Red Army

Meanwhile, the Red armies have been maintained for protection, for aggression to take over smaller countries, to be able to deal with other major powers from *strength*, and to be prepared when the day for the last, final, all-out military struggle arrives. Also, as a means of holding the Russian peoples, themselves, under subjection.

Lenin taught that the road toward conquering America and Britain was by way of China, first, then southeast Asia,

then India, and then Europe. Stalin "jumped the gun" slightly on that program by grabbing the eastern Europe satellite nations when all he had to do was simply to *take them*, at the close of World War II, with the consent and blessing of Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

Then there is still a third very convincing REASON for this policy *now*, under Khrushchev's reign—United States nuclear power is stronger and greater than Russia's, and he has been convinced that the United States *would, actually*, blast the Soviet Union out of existence if Russia ever provoked a major war.

In fact, the one reason Khrushchev keeps threatening, and going *as far as possible* at BERLIN—but *always short of WAR*—is that President Eisenhower, and now President Kennedy, both have convinced him that if he goes too far at Berlin, it will mean NUCLEAR WAR! So he goes right up to that point of danger—then, at that point, he backs down or postpones settling the Berlin crisis.

BUT—lest we be deceived—Khrushchev's present Grand Strategy is to threaten, and to push just as far as he dares, *short of* nuclear war! He knows that we, too, are not anxious for such a war, and we can be pushed a long way before we would precipitate it.

SO—the present Kremlin strategy is to keep pushing toward their goal by every means short of all-out nuclear

war. These means include "national uprisings" of which Castro's grab of Cuba is an example; also what they call, in their double talk, "national liberation wars," which, in plain language means, to "liberate" people *from* FREEDOM, and enslave them under Communism; also the use of guerrilla warfare, sabotage, and every means short of provoking nuclear war with the U.S.A. in biting off more and more countries.

Of course, the Communists have counted heavily on PROPAGANDA to win all nations possible to Communism—and to prejudice other nations against us, thus weakening the United States, and strengthening Communism in world opinion.

A large part of this Kremlin program is economic. The plan is to gobble up undeveloped countries which are sources of raw materials for production, then develop them, extracting the raw materials for shipment to Russia.

This is a slow-progressing program—but Communism is in no hurry. The Russians, as I have mentioned repeatedly, are characterized by the bear. The bear is slow, ponderous, yet powerful. But Communist teaching is that this process, in time, will give the Soviet the sources of raw materials for production that will dominate the world economically.

This *economic* victory, plus bringing the majority of the world's populations under Communism, they say, will lead to world domination *without* nuclear war. But of course, secretly, they still probably believe a final nuclear war will be necessary—after they have gained such preponderant power, and the United States has been weakened in sources of raw material supplies, and economic resources.

Mr. Kennedy's Grand Strategy

Now what about the *new* Kennedy Grand Strategy, presently getting under way?

On becoming President, Mr. Kennedy inherited two basic government policies: 1) Almost all United States military eggs were in one basket—superior NUCLEAR power. This had come about from the decision that in event of Russia precipitating any major war, which today means nuclear war, the United States



Wide World Photo
General Ivan Yakubovskiy heads Soviet Army in East Germany. Communist program calls for Red Army to suppress satellites, crush rebellions.

would immediately use nuclear weapons. This policy had cut the United States Army in half. This, in turn, led to the Soviet strategy of guerrilla fighting coupled with political intrigue and revolution—a method that fell short of provoking U.S. nuclear retaliation.

Under these conditions, the Communists took over Cuba, and were making consistent headway in Laos and Vietnam, and even threatening India.

Then, 2), the Kennedy Administration inherited the avowed policy that the United States would never strike the first nuclear blow. This simply said to Khrushchev: "Go as far as you like, short of striking first with a surprise all-out nuclear attack." As long as Khrushchev didn't push the button for a full-scale nuclear attack on the United States, he was as secure as if the United States had no hydrogen bombs, guided missiles, or nuclear weapons of any kind, and only half a conventional army. Naturally, Mr. K. made the most of it.

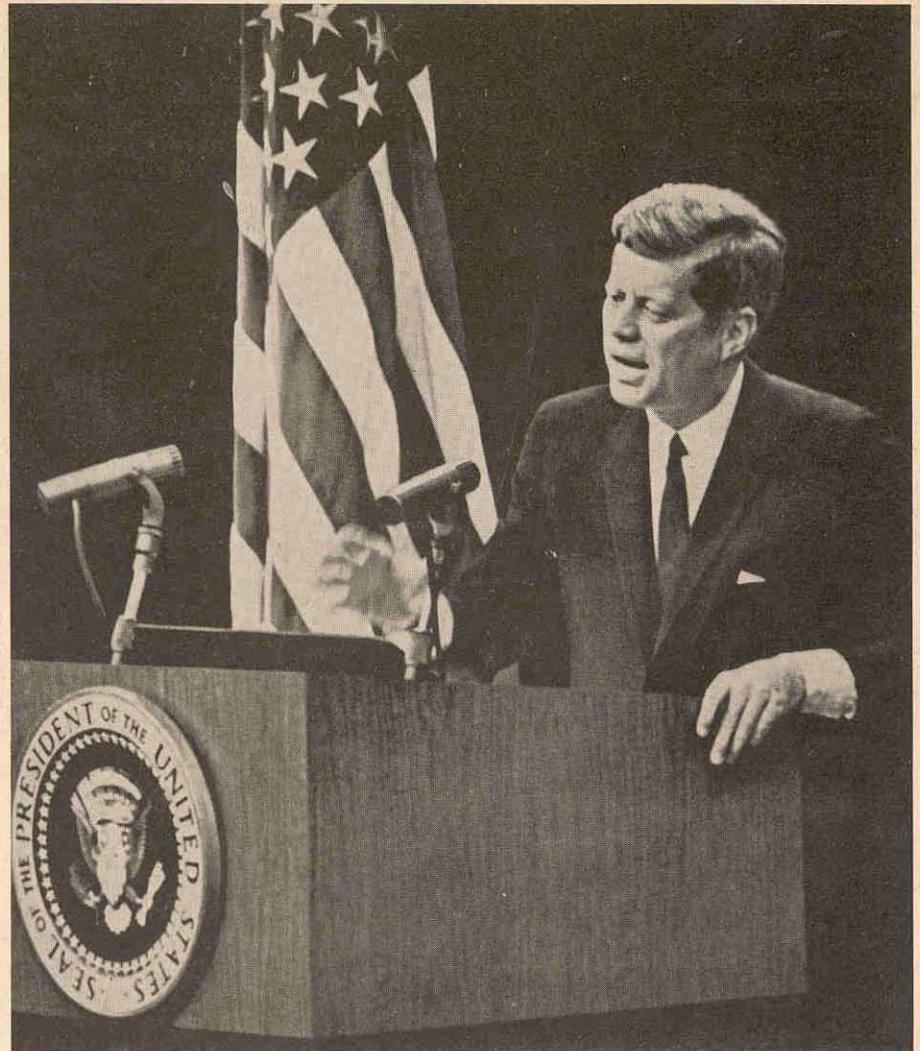
The Cuban debacle, plus Soviet spectaculars in space flight, spurred Mr. Kennedy on to a *new* Grand Strategy to counter Kremlin tactics.

Nobody so much as suggested that nuclear weapons be used on Castro. So the Russians, by Khrushchev's Grand Strategy, moved in and established a base only 90 miles from the United States mainland.

It became painfully apparent that thermo-nuclear power *alone*, combined with an avowed and well-known policy that this power would never be used *until*, or *unless*, Russia struck first with H-bombs, was no defense against Communist aggression at all.

So Mr. Kennedy's new Grand Strategy is simply that, 1) the United States must be able to block further Communist advance by means *other than* nuclear warfare; and 2) that a new policy must be made plainly known to Khrushchev, namely, that there no longer is any guarantee that the United States will not strike the first devastating nuclear blow. So, Mr. Kennedy made plain, "in some circumstances, we might have to take the initiative."

For example, if Khrushchev goes *too far* at Berlin, or in Cuba, or at Laos—or if in any manner the Red Army should start an invasion or clear attack on



Wide World Photo

President Kennedy stresses new strategy by which he hopes to contain Communism without hot war—if possible.

Western Europe, then the United States *might* strike the knock-out nuclear blow on Russia to *end* the aggression *before* they could destroy American cities with H-bombs.

And, at the same time, the present Administration has made it loudly known over the world that, in event the Russians should strike first with the surprise nuclear blow that would destroy even most United States cities without warning, in one night, the United States would survive, and has the power instantly to utterly destroy the entire Soviet Union.

Mr. Kennedy's strategy, therefore, is to make Khrushchev fear, more than ever, to launch a nuclear war—and to be in position to *have a choice* of MORE THAN ONE WAY of stopping Communist advances in their tracks—and to leave Khrushchev guessing as to *which* choice

the United States will make.

On paper, this strategy sounds good—IF IT WORKS.

One thing, especially, is wrong with it! The Germans, French and other nations of western Europe don't have enough faith in it to trust Mr. Kennedy's new program to protect their countries and their lives!

And NOW! Common Market Strategy

And so—WHAT IS THE GRAND STRATEGY BEING WORKED OUT IN THIS BUILDING I HAVE JUST VISITED, HERE IN BRUSSELS?

What is the thinking—and *planning*—in the minds of Konrad Adenauer, Charles de Gaulle, and leaders in Rome, The Hague, Luxembourg, and here in Brussels? What are Franco and other European leaders planning?

I was here, and in Paris, Luxembourg,



Wide World Photo
French President Charles de Gaulle, left center, and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, right center, wave as they walk along street near Bonn's city hall. Signs in background call for long life of France and European Union.

Bonn, Amsterdam, The Hague and Rome a year ago and two years ago. I knew, then, that these European leaders were thinking and planning a UNITED POLITICAL AND MILITARY EUROPE. But almost nothing was said then about this, for publication. Nearly all the talk, heard by the public, was about the ECONOMIC upsurge—the Common MARKET! What little was heard about *political* union was an occasional whisper.

But I told you then, as I have consistently proclaimed for 28 years, that a *politically, and militarily* UNITED EUROPE is coming! And today, the *economic* phase of this EEC is hardly mentioned. Today most of the newspaper talk is about *political* union—a UNITED POLITICAL EUROPE!

The coming united *military* Europe is still hush-hush and little heard of. BUT THAT IS THE REAL GOAL!

Already people here in Europe are exhilarated, *inspired* with sense of PURPOSE! One hears people exclaim: "We will soon be the *strongest Power in the world!* Just think! Our own country, alone, has not been as big or powerful as the United States, or Russia. But now *we unite!* In union there is STRENGTH! *We shall be STRONG! We shall make our voice HEARD!*"

Already some of the fanatical zeal that seemed to literally possess Italians under Mussolini, and later, to even greater degree, the Germans under Hit-

ler, is seizing the peoples of western Europe!

But this is definitely *not* NAZISM! Nazism was *nationalism!* The Nazi slogan was "Deutschland über Alles!" (*Germany over ALL!*) It was the fallacious conception that the Germans were the MASTER people, who should be the RULERS over all other and inferior people.

Not that this concept is altogether dead. Once the political union of Europe is achieved, the Germans will try to mount on top of the others—to dominate—to take over the rule, even over other European nations! That is one reason the new United Europe will not last long!

But right now, UNION—COOPERATION is in the air. The intense nationalism of the Germans is pretty well under cover. They see what is to be gained by UNITING all Europe.

But there is stronger impetus driving Europeans to this union than merely the urge to become STRONG through uniting.

On the one hand, the giant RED menace is *right at their borders!* West Germans keep looking at that ugly WALL! The only reason the Communist hordes have not rolled over and gobbled up all western Europe is the deterrent of the nuclear power of the United States. But the leaders of western Europe do not feel SURE that America would really *act* to protect them! They are

suspicious of America.

They would feel a lot safer if *they, themselves*, by uniting, can become the STRONGEST POWER—stronger than Russia—with their *own* nuclear deterrent!

Fear of Russia, plus distrust of the United States, is driving them to this political-military union! *And today it is coming fast!*

A recent main article in Reader's Digest states that it is expected that the fully functioning United States of Europe will become a reality within the remaining years of this decade—before 1970!

The PROPHECY of United Europe

The writer of this article, reprinted in Reader's Digest, sees a new World Power rising in Western Europe greater than Russia—with a gross national product probably greater even than that of the United States. He sees it rising as a World Power that will change the whole face of the cold war. But he does not see the full *shape* of things to come, as yet, in full focus. What man could?

And yet, GOD ALMIGHTY CAN, AND DOES, and reveals the *shape of things to come, in Biblical prophecy!*

In Revelation 17 is a prophecy, using the symbol of a wild animal. This symbolic "beast" (verse 3), has seven heads and ten horns. There is a companion prophecy describing another phase of the same "beast" in the 13th chapter. That wild "beast" symbol is interpreted in the 7th chapter of Daniel. Daniel saw

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French President Charles de Gaulle, back to camera, addresses German youths gathering at Ludwigsburg Castle in Stuttgart, Germany. De Gaulle praised the German people, even in war, in the most conciliatory speech of his visit to the homeland of France's historic enemy. He called for mutual trust, respect and friendship.

Wide World Photo



IS JESUS DEAD?

Is Christ REALLY ALIVE today? DID Jesus of Nazareth really walk out of His tomb? COULD it be possible? Today, vast percentages of professing "Christians" REJECT the resurrection and second coming of Christ! What about it? Can it be PROVED Christ is risen?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

IS IT INCREDIBLE that Christ was raised from the dead? Is the resurrection a FACT, or merely a kind of "divinized MYTH" used to "convey a profound truth" as some modernists claim? Is the resurrection merely a "fundamental belief" or an actual historical FACT? *What about it?* Have you ever really PROVED it one way or the other?

If Christ is NOT Risen . . .

Let's really understand the importance of the answers to these vital questions!

Today, the professing "Christian" world is growing by leaps and bounds. Church attendance is at an all-time high. People are interested in religion and church-going as never before. Every eighteen minutes, another Protestant church building is completed in the United States.

Yet *great percentages* of these "faithful" church-goers DO NOT BELIEVE IN A RESURRECTED CHRIST!

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write, ". . . if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching VAIN, and *your faith* is also VAIN!" (I Cor. 15:14).

Notice it! The BIBLE, the book on which all this religious fervor is supposedly BASED, sternly says, "IF CHRIST BE NOT RISEN . . . YOUR FAITH IS . . . VAIN!"

Then, *according to the Bible*, the RESURRECTION is such a basic truth that denial of it *renders the whole of Christianity* EMPTY, VAIN and USELESS!

Notice further: Paul, inspired of the Spirit of God, said, "And if Christ be not raised, *your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins!*"

Can you see clearly *what this means?*

It means—UNLESS YOU ACCEPT THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST, and the resurrection of the dead *at His coming*—your Bible says your WHOLE CHRISTIAN "FAITH" IS VAIN, EMPTY, VOID

AND USELESS! It means, unless you accept the *fact* of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, your *sins* have *not* been forgiven, and the penalty of eternal *death* is still hanging over you (Rom. 6:23).

And yet, how *shocking* today, to see vast segments of "Christianity" *openly* denying the RISEN Christ, *openly* proclaiming they believe His second coming to be sheer "myth" and yet still claiming His name, still calling themselves "Christian."

The DOUBTING Clergy

NO WONDER so many "laymen" are mixed up. *No wonder* people are so confused, uncertain, *unsure*. Their PASTORS aren't sure, either!

Jude foretold these times when he wrote, "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the *grace* [unmerited pardon] of our God into lasciviousness [PERMISSION to break God's TEN COMMANDMENTS] and DENYING THE ONLY LORD GOD, AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!" (Jude 4).

Today's theological students—*tomorrow's ministers*—are DIVIDED in their beliefs!

Poll-takers were *shocked* to find only 44 per cent of them believe in the *virgin birth of Christ*. ONLY 46 PER CENT BELIEVE THAT JESUS ASCENDED PHYSICALLY WHOLE INTO HEAVEN AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION!

But the most *SHOCKING* of all is that only ONE OUT OF ONE HUNDRED of the "divinity" students in today's leading theological institutions believe there will be a second coming of Christ!!

Notice it! The BIBLE says anyone who denies the resurrection of Christ *with all that it means* has a VAIN "faith," and, if a preacher, is preaching VAIN, USELESS, EMPTY things!

But are the pastors or the laity really *worried* about all this DOUBT of the most BASIC of true Bible doctrines? Not at all! The whole problem was summarily dismissed. The explanation was glibly given that the average age of this new breed of minister is about 25, and that "the students' [theological seminary students] liberal attitude toward doctrine . . . may be attributed in part simply to the *rebelliousness of youth*. The young minister . . . is always likely to be *impatient* with tradition and skeptical of authority, they say." (Redbook Magazine, August, 1961, page 107, emphasis mine).

Notice! Tomorrow's ministers are admittedly "SKEPTICAL OF AUTHORITY, REBELLIOUS, and *impatient!*"

But the BIBLE *is authority!*

Christ spoke with AUTHORITY (Matt. 7:29). The Apostle Paul spoke and wrote about the *resurrection* of Christ, and the coming resurrection of the dead with AUTHORITY! (II Cor. 10:8). He told Titus to *rebuke, exhort, correct* people with real power and AUTHORITY! (Titus 2:15).

Yes, NO WONDER people *doubt* the resurrection of Christ! Even the MINISTERS of today and tomorrow DOUBT it!

But what about YOU? Do YOU believe it? Do you REALLY believe it? Can you really conceive of a RISEN Christ? *Really?*

Was the Resurrection a Hoax?

No single miracle of the Bible has escaped the caustic sarcasm of the supposed "higher critics" who, having *denied* the actual AUTHORITY of God and the Bible, have been given over to REPROBATE MINDS! (Rom. 1:28).

The Resurrection has come in for the greatest share of criticism!

Some say the JEWS stole Jesus' body away! Others believe the Roman soldiers

HID His body secretly, to bury it elsewhere, at a later time. Still others actually believe HIS OWN DISCIPLES spirited His body away, and reburied it. Orthodox Jewry firmly believes this. Some claim the disciples were victims of hallucinations, or self-hypnotism because of their fervent belief Christ would rise again, and their great *desire* to see Him resurrected!

Some professing Christians of today believe He *stayed buried*, or IF HE "came to life" again, that He disappeared—departed into obscurity—living out His natural life elsewhere, to finally die of old age.

Mostly—professing "Christianity" of today simply ISN'T SURE! They simply DON'T KNOW!

Remember, only FORTY-SIX PER CENT of tomorrow's ministers BELIEVE Christ was resurrected, and of *these ONLY ONE PORTION OF ONE PER CENT BELIEVE HE'S COMING AGAIN!*

What about it? Are these widely accepted opinions about Christ's resurrection really TRUE?

Did the Jews Steal His Body?

Some people reason His Pharisaical enemies, the Jewish religionists of His day, *stole* His body, spiriting it away to a different location, where they secretly buried it again!

But *could* this be true? Does this make any sense?

Think for a moment! On MANY different occasions, the Pharisaical leaders had attempted to have Jesus Christ *killed!* They would have done *anything* to have discredited Jesus as the true Messiah. After the death and reported resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Jewish leaders themselves ". . . gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, 'Say ye His disciples came by night, and stole Him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.' So they took the money, and did as they were taught, and this saying is *commonly reported among the Jews until this day!*" (Matt. 28:12-15).

Notice it! The *Jews themselves* paid a large sum of money to the soldiers to spread the lie that Jesus' DISCIPLES had stolen His body away! If the JEWS had stolen His body, why would they bribe

the soldiers to say the *disciples* had done it?

Think again! What would have been one of the greatest PROOFS to the Jews that Jesus was NOT the Messiah? Surely the finding of His own *body* would have!

Let's face the plain facts—and be in doubt no longer! Had the Jewish leaders, or any of the Jews of Jesus' day been able to find Jesus' body they would have PRODUCED that body! Just as the fickle Italian people dragged the body of Mussolini through the streets of Milan, to hang it ignominiously in a public square, upside down beside the body of his mistress, so would the Jews of Jesus' day have paraded Christ's broken body through the streets of Jerusalem and all the other towns and villages around, and displayed it publicly for all the world to see!

Such an eventuality would have been the most important talking point for the Jews from that day to this! Yet today, orthodox Jewry does not believe it! Rather, *they* believe that His disciples DID steal away His body!

Just as the Bible said, "This saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day!" (Matt. 28:15).

Think again! If the *Jews* had stolen His body, and KNEW where that body was, why would the New Testament be absolutely *filled* with accounts of how *these same Jews* finally persecuted and even MURDERED at the jeopardy of *their own* lives, those who went about teaching that Jesus HAD risen from the dead? Would it make any sense to take vows to eat no food or drink no water until they had killed the Apostle Paul, to kill James the brother of John, to martyr and butcher numerous other disciples and true apostles of God for teaching Jesus *had risen from the dead*, if the Jews absolutely KNEW He had NOT risen from the dead?

Of course not!

A person would have to be a literal FOOL in the face of such absolutely conclusive evidence, to believe *the Jews* stole Jesus' body!

Did the DISCIPLES Steal His Body?

As you have already read, it is commonly told today that His DISCIPLES stole His body! Many Jews claim to

believe this even today.

But does this make any sense? Remember, His disciples were very *reluctant* to believe He HAD risen again! Peter had said, "I go fishing!" Others had scattered to different areas.

To them, the whole thing was over—finished. They thought it had been "nice" while it lasted, but now their leader had been martyred, and they were about to *go their own way*, back to their respective jobs and positions of before, and give up the whole thing!

Remember, they had not as yet been *converted*, had not received God's Holy Spirit!

KNOWING these facts, is it then even *remotely possible* to believe that these same disciples could have been so *filled* with power and the deep down CONVICTION of the *truth* of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that they went out fervently preaching against *all opposition*, even at the expense of their own LIVES, that Jesus truly *had risen*?

Would dozens of men be torn limb from limb, thrown in to wild beasts, drawn and quartered, sawn asunder, hung upside down, *burnt at the stake* in horrible martyrdom FOR SOMETHING THEY KNEW TO BE A DELIBERATE HOAX?

Certainly not!

No, not by the wildest stretch of a fool's imagination could the happenings as recorded in the book of Acts have taken place, if these dedicated men were suffering such terrible tortures for a cause which *they knew* to be a *lie*, a Leader *they knew* to be a *hoax*, a hope *they knew* to be *false!*

The mere suggestion that His disciples stole His body so defies all logic, reason and true facts so as to appear ludicrous.

Remember another ironclad fact! The early New Testament apostles who first preached and published the story that Jesus Christ had risen from the tomb BELIEVED it to be a fact! They were not resting their faith on an empty tomb, but upon supernatural, miraculous APPEARANCES of Jesus Christ on MANY different occasions!

Thomas had actually investigated His wounds and scars, Christ had appeared to over 500 brethren at the same time! He had appeared in a room where they were meeting, but with the doors locked!

Yes, Jesus was SEEN ALIVE after His resurrection, not once or twice, but at least *ten times*, as recorded in the New Testament. He was seen, not by just one individual whose word could be doubted, but by groups of two, seven, ten, eleven, and even 500! More of these vital proofs later.

Could It Have Been Mass Hypnotism?

Could the resurrection of Christ merely have been an hallucination, as a result of such a fervent desire in the hearts of the apostles? Could it have been an ecstasy? Could it have been merely a dream or a vision? Was it, perhaps, an apparition?

But this would be utterly impossible!

Remember, His disciples DID NOT BELIEVE He had risen!

Notice it! "And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him, but SOME DOUBTED!" (Matt. 28:17). "It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which *told these things* unto the apostles. *And their words seemed to them as idle tales*, and they BELIEVED THEM NOT!" (Luke 24:10-11).

How plain. When the women had returned from the empty sepulchre, breathlessly telling their excitable story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the apostles and others thought they were relating a mere "idle tale!"

Later, reading the account from Luke 24 verse 13 to verse 31, the inescapable evidence is given that the disciples *did not want* to believe He had risen! Jesus had drawn near to them as they were nearing a small village outside of Jerusalem. Their eyes were closed that they did not recognize Him (verse 16) and He began speaking to them. But Cleopas (verse 18) began to relate what had occurred, in a doubtful, hesitating manner. "Then he said unto them, O fools, and SLOW OF HEART TO BELIEVE ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN . . ." (verse 25).

Even after this stern admonition and His expounding of all of the scriptures concerning Himself (verse 27) it wasn't until after the meal that they *finally recognized* with Whom they were speaking!

All the way through the Gospel ac-

counts, the Gospel writers themselves attest to a very great *reluctancy* on the part of His closest apostles and servants to BELIEVE in His resurrection!

COULD it then have been an hallucination? Do men "conjure up" a vague or nebulous dream in something they are "hoping for" if they really *are not even hoping for it*? Would they have an ecstatic "vision" of something they *didn't believe would occur* in the first place?

No, there is no logic under the sun which would even remotely support such a foolish belief. Further, different groups of people kept on seeing Jesus Christ in different places at different times! It was neither "mass hypnotism" nor was it a dream. The same dream *does not keep on occurring* to totally *different* people in widely *separated* areas at totally *different* times!

Remember, then, that the disciples of Jesus Christ THEMSELVES *did not believe* the resurrection of Christ *until they simply HAD to believe it!*

Was Jesus Not Really Dead?

Some have advanced a theory that perhaps Jesus was only in a "swoon."

Perhaps He wasn't really dead, but revived after He had been in the tomb, and somehow escaped it, to journey off to a far place and there live out His natural life and die of old age.

Could that have been true? Remember, His *own mother* and others with her had actually *seen Him DIE!* When a person has been BEATEN and WHIPPED until He is so exhausted He literally *collapses* on the public streets, when He has been up all one day and all one night and part of another being buffeted about, kicked and spit upon—when He has been without food or water, and lashed within an inch of His life, finally to have *spikes* driven through His hands and feet, to hang in the blazing sun for hours, *then* to have a huge spear *plunged into His side*, with great spurts of gushing blood and fluids from His stomach come pouring out of His body—when His lifeless, limp body was taken *down* from the stake, carefully wrapped in grave clothes by Joseph of Arimathaea, and laid away in a tomb—*was there any question but that He was DEAD?*

What if there could possibly have been the *remote* chance that He wasn't dead? Could He have been, in such a horribly wounded condition, weak and exhausted, able to move a great huge stone that required several Roman soldiers, in all of their youth and strength, to move?

Remember further that the Jews were carefully *guarding* against this possibility!

The chief priests and Pharisees had said to Pilate, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was yet alive (showing they firmly believed Him to be now DEAD, and were satisfied He really *was* dead), 'After three days I will rise again.' Command therefore that the sepulchre be *made sure* until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say unto the people, 'He is risen from the dead,' so the last error shall be worse than the first" (Matt. 27:63, 64).

Pilate cooperated. He said, "Ye have a watch, go your way, *make it as sure as ye can!*" (verse 65).

Notice carefully! Anyone advancing the foolish notion Jesus had only "swooned" is denying logic, reason, historical fact, the inspired Word of God and SANITY ITSELF!

The Jews were CONVINCED He WAS DEAD! Not only were they thoroughly SATISFIED of this fact, but they were making sure the stone could not even be opened FROM THE OUTSIDE—*let alone* from the *inside* by a mortally wounded man!

"So they went, and made the sepulchre SURE, *sealing the stone*, and setting a WATCH!" (Matt. 27:66).

Further, when the stone WAS rolled back, it was NOT done by secretive disciples at night, but by A POWERFUL ANGEL! The WATCHERS the Jews had set FAINTED DEAD AWAY at the sight of him! This was NOT some "secretive" thing, of Jesus' inert body being whisked away at *night*, but a TREMENDOUS, AWESOME, GLORIOUS MIRACLE! (See Matt. 28:2-8.)

If He were merely *physically* alive after His so-called "resurrection" and had *not really died* but been in a "swoon," and subsequently *escaped* from the tomb, how is it He was able to manifest Himself *right through* locked

doors! Jesus Himself said, "I am He that liveth, and WAS DEAD!" (Rev. 1:18). He said, "These things saith the first and the last, which *was dead*, and is alive!" (Rev. 2:8).

And what a ridiculous, foolish and blasphemous assumption on the part of God-rejecting men, to even remotely assume that Jesus had only "swooned!"

Jesus Christ was completely, totally DEAD!

Could the Resurrection Have Been a Spurious Addition to the Texts?

Could it be that the resurrection was a story which was inserted *into* the original writings at a *later time*?

Could the *records* have been tampered with? Could scribes at a later date have inserted the stories of His death, burial and resurrection in order to invent some fake glorification of an actual dead hero?

Hardly! It is an actual, firmly established historical *fact* that the so-called "sect" known as CHRISTIANS came into being *during the reign of Tiberius!* The thing which was attested to by even pagan writers and scholars that *brought* these Christians *into existence* was the belief that Jesus had *risen from the dead!*

The resurrection of the dead did not become a *later belief* of "Christians"! Rather, it was the *very beginning* of their belief, the *very strength* and *impetus* of their faith, the *very reason* for their fervent hope!

The cause and the *beginning* of real and true Christian faith was the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ! It did *not* gradually come to be accepted, to be "inserted" into the Bible later!

These people during that early first century *had* no written records of Christ's resurrection! Rather, they had *personal attestation*, *living eye witnesses*, *personal experiences of their own* upon which to base their faith!

They rested their sound and fervent faith, *not* on some "records" but on what they had seen *with their own eyes!*

Remember again, that any subsequent records of a *later date* were the *result* of their faith, not that which brought their faith into existence!

If Jesus Christ had not risen from

the dead, there would have been no Church of God, and no New Testament writings at all!

Even Tacitus, a pagan writer of the day, wrote of the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a well-known fact.

Remember, the Apostle Paul said before King Agrippa, "For the king KNOWETH of these things [of the resurrection of the dead], before whom also I speak freely, for I am persuaded that *none* of these things are *hidden* from him, for this THING WAS NOT DONE IN A CORNER!" (Acts 26:26).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was a talked-of, discussed, *well-known* event that swept the entirety of the Roman Empire in short time.

Christ Is Alive Today!

Men have tried EVERY means to discredit your LORD, your BOSS, your RULER, your SAVIOR! But they have failed miserably. So-called "higher critics" have shown themselves to be simpering, unreasonable, illogical UNBALANCED men of REPROBATE MINDS! (Rom. 1:28.) Jesus Christ of Nazareth is ALIVE today!

Your Bible PROVES it! HISTORY PROVES IT! Sound logic and plain admission of concrete evidence PROVES it!

Do you realize HOW MUCH depends on the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Without it, there would have been no

Holy Spirit from Heaven. No New Testament of the Bible, ALL HISTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN DIFFERENTLY!

Without it, *you* could NOT BE SAVED, because Christians are saved by HIS LIFE, not by His death! (Rom. 5:10). Without the resurrection of Christ, there would have BEEN NO CHURCH, and there would NEVER *have been* a SINGLE CHRISTIAN!

It's time to face facts!

It's time to *realize* what this means!

Without the RISEN Christ, YOU would not be reading these words NOW!

God's word says, "If in this life *only* we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN from the dead, and become the FIRSTFRUITS of them that slept!" (I Cor. 15:19, 20.)

Jesus Christ is soon going to STAND ON THIS EARTH!

He will RULE it with a rod of iron! THINK of it! The HEAVENS splitting with a rock-breaking, earth-quaking ROAR! Streaming, blinding, BRILLIANT flashes of light revealing the descending King of Kings, on a *huge white stallion*, followed by BILLIONS of angels, *as far as the eye can see!* THINK of it!

THINK of what YOU will say—how YOU will feel, when those blazing eyes of that conquering King focus squarely into YOUR eyes, searching the depths of YOUR heart! *What will He say to you?*

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

"Recently I read a quote where a minister said he would like to go through the Bible with a blue pencil and cut out a lot of bloody massacres and a lot of smutty pieces that choir boys read up on the quiet. He said the boys read the rapes and the massacres which are supposed to have been ordered by God. What is the point in reading them? As a Sunday School teacher of intermediate boys, I too have experienced the very situation this minister describes. I cannot help but be disturbed by

some of these Biblical stories and doubt their purpose and value. What is your comment on this problem?"

This question is often *secretly thought*, but seldom *asked*—and almost *never understood!*

The answer is that any person who is so shamefully *ignorant* of the Bible as that minister has no business trying

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

We enter atomic age, as World War II ends. World Tomorrow goes daily, heard Coast to Coast.

INSTALLMENT 48

WHAT a year 1945 was! It saw not only the end of World War II, the historic San Francisco Conference planning the United Nations, the deaths of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Benito Mussolini and supposed suicide of Adolf Hitler, and the dawn of the ATOMIC AGE, but also the start of *daily* broadcasting of The WORLD TOMORROW, heard nation-wide!

Speaking at San Francisco

While attending the San Francisco Conference, I spoke on Wednesday night, May 9th, at the auditorium in Native Sons' Building, to an audience of listeners to The WORLD TOMORROW.

What I said that night might be of some interest, in the light of subsequent events. I still have my notes on file. Here is a brief summary:

"This San Francisco Conference is the greatest, most important Conference of heads of nations ever held in world history. Here the top statesmen of the whole world are gathered. And WHY? To build a HIGH TOWER—a super WORLD ORGANIZATION—man's nearest approach toward WORLD GOVERNMENT—an *armed* Organization, with the power of armed force to guarantee world Peace. But since world leaders do not know the WAY to Peace, it cannot succeed.

"The war is over, in Europe—or is it? We need to wake up and realize that right now is the most dangerous moment in United States national history, instead of assuming we now have peace!

"Men plan, here, to preserve the PEACE of the world. What most do not know is that the Germans have *their* plans for winning the BATTLE of the Peace. Yes, I said BATTLE of the Peace.

That's a kind of battle we Americans don't know. We know only *one kind* of war. We have never lost a war—that is, a military war; but we have never WON a Conference, where leaders of other nations always out-fox us in the BATTLE for the Peace.

"We don't understand German *thoroughness*. From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically *planned*, in such eventuality, the *third* round—World War III! Hitler has lost. This round of war, in Europe, is over. And the Nazis have now gone UNDERGROUND. In France and Norway they learned how effectively an organized UNDERGROUND can hamper occupation and control of a country. Paris was liberated by the French UNDERGROUND—and allied armies. Now a Nazi underground is methodically planned. They plan to COME BACK, and to win on the third try.

"The Bible foretells that third round—and it spells DOOM for us, as God's punishment because we, as a nation, have forsaken Him and His ways! The third round is termed, in prophecy, an invasion by "BABYLON"—a resurrected Roman Empire—a United States of Europe. I have been proclaiming that since 1927. For a while I thought Hitler might organize it—especially when he tied up with the Roman Mussolini. It wasn't done in this *second* World War. It *will* be done and provoke the *third*!

"I doubt seriously that Hitler committed suicide. He may have escaped, alive. And now, underground, Hitler *may* pull a fake *resurrection*, claiming to have been dead, and resurrected from the dead by a European religious leader who will then claim power to perform

miracles, resurrecting also the ancient Roman Empire, by uniting TEN nations in Europe.

"This Nazi underground will be organized in the United States. Its apparent purpose will be to fight Communism. It will *be* a far rightist movement. Any not *for* it will be branded 'Communist.' It will *pretend* to be 100% American—but it will introduce a new kind of internal warfare and sabotage, *to divide, and conquer!* It will stir race hatred, class prejudice, strife among ourselves, religious bigotry while professing to champion religious tolerance—especially toward the religion of the coming United States of Europe.

"Even at this Conference, classes and races are demanding their 'rights.' This Conference, and the United Nations Organization it is forming must solve three problems to succeed. First, Big Three unity; second, the serious problem of what to do with Germany to prevent World War III; and third, solve the world's injustices against smaller nations, and the growth and tactics of Communism toward world domination. Can it succeed?

"These world leaders here in San Francisco are trying to build a HIGH TOWER of World Organization to produce and preserve PEACE. Can it succeed? Listen to God's Word: 'Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it' (Psalm 127:1). Again, Christ said (Mat. 15:13); 'Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.'" (This first quoted *before* Bishop Hunt used it, at the Pontifical High Mass.)

"The Eternal God is *not* building this House. These men have not sought His guidance. Their deliberations were not opened by prayer, but by a moment of

SILENCE! The heavenly Father in heaven is not planting it. It shall, therefore, be rooted up!

"Once before, men started to build a high TOWER to reach to the heaven of world domination. And God Almighty intervened and broke up their building. (Genesis 10:8-11, and 11:1-9). In the end, God Almighty will have to intervene with force, to break up what will grow out of this effort of nations to assemble themselves together—without GOD!"

Today, 17 Years Later

How prophetic those words were! Today, 17 years later, they are proving true—because they were based on the prophecies of God! This United Nations organization *started* the IDEA—planted it in men's minds—of *uniting nations* together. It paved the way for the prophesied resurrection of the Roman Empire—by a United States of EUROPE. Today there is talk of a South American "Common Market," and even a North American "Common Market." Uniting nations together is in the air.

Before concluding events of the San Francisco Conference, one additional little incident comes to mind. Mrs. Armstrong and I were having lunch one day in the Mark Hopkins Hotel. I noticed Walter Winchell, the New York newsman and broadcaster, rise from a table with two or three other men. At the hat rack, just inside the entrance of the dining room, I saw him pick up my hat and put it on. But it didn't fit apparently, for he removed it, looked at it, then put it back and found his own.

Deep-Sea Fishing—War's END!

After the UNO (as it then was called) Conference at San Francisco, we returned to the office in Eugene, Oregon. But by August the need of another period of fasting and rejuvenation physically was again imperative. In August we went, once again, to the Oregon coast, for a two weeks' rest and opportunity to catch up with writing, while fasting in a cottage on the beach.

We started on Monday, August 6th. Passing through Corvallis, seat of Oregon State College, we picked up a newspaper EXTRA. It was *filled* with sensational news. The first ATOMIC

BOMB had been dropped that day on Hiroshima, Japan!

The newspaper was literally *filled* with sensational news and facts about nuclear fission. It was the first news to be given to the public about the perfection of ATOMIC ENERGY.

WE HAD ENTERED A NEW AGE!—the ATOMIC Age!

We were somewhat filled with awe! We knew this heralded the speeding up of events to bring this world to its END—and usher in the better WORLD TOMORROW!

On Thursday of that week, August 9th, news came over radio of the wiping out of Japan's second city, Nagasaki, by the second atom bomb. The crescendo of events was becoming terrific!

The following Tuesday, August 14th, I took our two sons, Richard David and Garner Ted, then ages 16 and 15 (Dick was almost 17), deep-sea fishing for salmon, off the coast of Depoe Bay. It was the first experience of the kind for all three of us. In fact it was my *only* such experience. Mrs. Armstrong, who has a tendency to become seasick easily, remained ashore at Depoe Bay.

At this point, as well as at Newport and other points, regular deep-sea fishing boats make regular excursion trips, lasting perhaps a couple of hours, taking a number of paying passengers on each trip. Proper equipment for salmon fishing is provided, with attendants to instruct and help the passenger "fishermen."

As we reached a good distance from land, lines were thrown out, and sev-

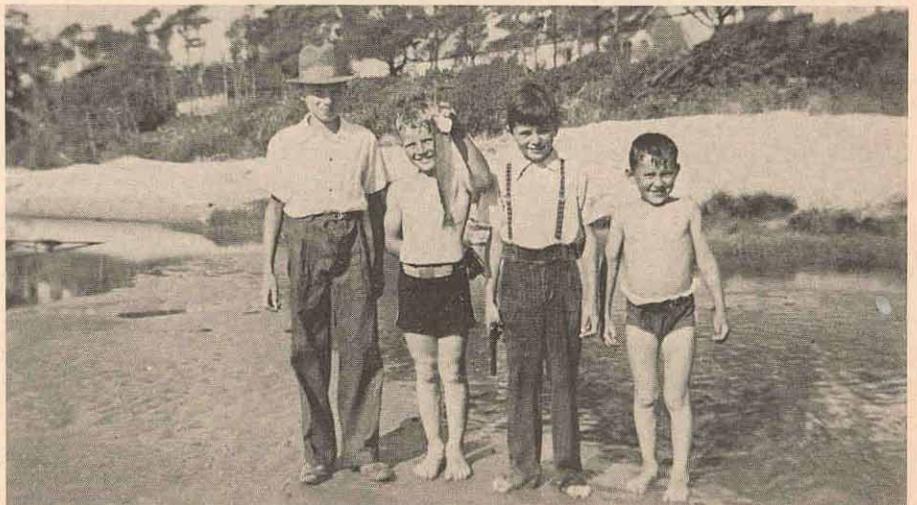
eral if not all passengers began to bring in salmon, caught on the hook. These small fishing boats rock and roll (but not like Elvis Presley) considerably. Soon both Dick and Ted were *feeding* the fishes instead of pulling them in. I never told them, but I almost did. I did feel a little woozie, but managed by strenuous mental concentration to avoid contributing to the food supply of the hungry fishes.

In spite of their seasickness, the boys each got a nice large salmon, as did I—I believe one was the limit for each passenger. In any event, the fish were easily worth the small fare for the trip.

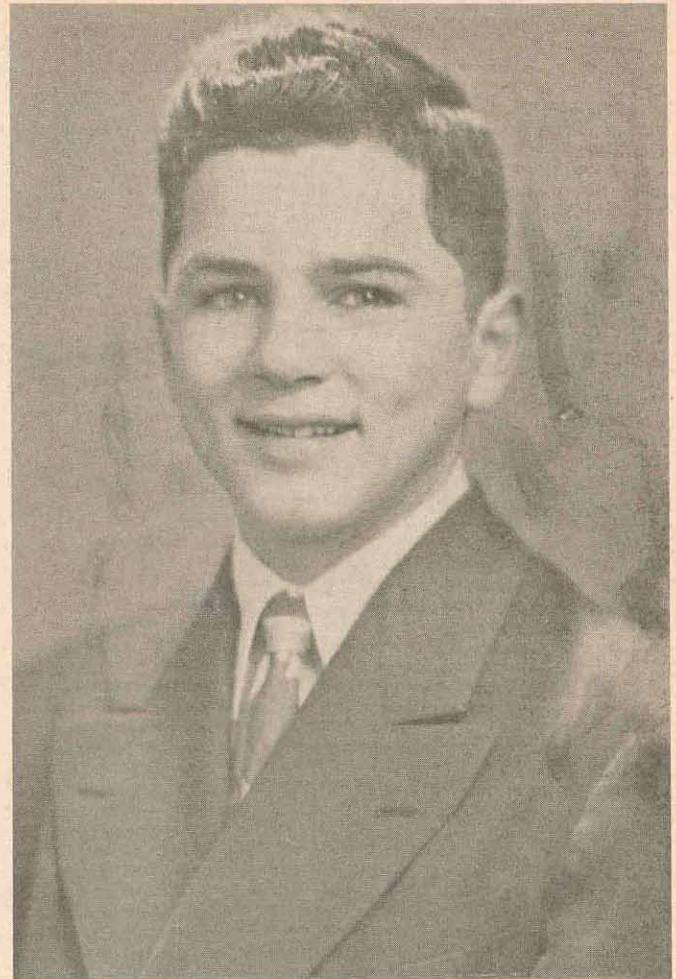
As we drew close to land, the boats sailing under a bridge on the Coast Highway, into a lagoon harbor, we saw Mrs. Armstrong standing on the bridge, waving her arms vigorously and trying to shout something to us. We could not hear until we approached closer to the bridge, but we knew well what she was trying to say—word had just been flashed over radio of *Japan's surrender*—the FINAL END of WORLD WAR II!

I had received the news of the *start* of the war—that is, of United States participation—on December 7, 1941, while up in the air on my *first* airplane flight. And now that war finally ended while I was on my first sailing on an ocean—the war in the PACIFIC sector ending while I was *on* the Pacific!

We took our fine fresh salmon to our cabin at Yakone beach. Mrs. Armstrong canned two of them, and one of them provided meals for us and guests. Mrs.



Richard David Armstrong, left, and Garner Ted Armstrong, second from right, together with two unidentified boys in swimming trunks.



Richard David Armstrong, above left, and Garner Ted Armstrong, right, as they appeared in 1945.

Armstrong's girlhood high school chum and family were visiting us. Mrs. Armstrong served us baked fresh salmon in hot poured butter. It was delicious!

A New AGE Dawns!

Returning refreshed, with recharged energy, to the office in Eugene, I issued a special *Bulletin* for our Co-Workers. It summarized the momentous stage of history through which we were passing. It gave something of the "feel" of world events, as they appeared at that time.

I think it will be interesting, and pertinent, to quote here a few excerpts from that *Bulletin*:

"Since I last wrote you, May 28th from San Francisco, we have lived thru the most momentous events of world history. At that time, we had entered the period which has been the most vital PIVOT in American and world history. President Roosevelt had died. The military war had ended in Europe.

Mussolini had been ignominiously put to death and buried. Hitler had either died or fled to a secret hiding place—more probably, I still believe, the latter—but in any event, the world for the time being was rid of Hitler.

"But even greater news has followed. World War II has come to its final end, and as I write, General MacArthur is preparing to go into and occupy Japan at the head of the most impressive display of military might ever beheld by mortal man—on land, on the sea, in the air. This is planned in order dramatically to convince the Japanese they have been completely whipped.

"But the most important news of all is the announcement, with the actual horrifying demonstration, of the atomic bomb and the age of atomic power. This, say scientists, will at once completely revolutionize both peace-time life and warfare upon earth.

"Within the past 400 years the world has passed thru the age of exploration,

and then the machine age. Now we suddenly find ourselves plunged headlong, without warning, into a new, totally unexplored AGE OF ATOMIC POWER. Adjectives have been exhausted in an attempt to describe the staggering magnitude of this thing. It's a NEW AGE—but one destined to be of extremely SHORT DURATION. It's an age fraught with horrifying, imagination-defying possibilities. Yet it's an age which at once opens to us marvelous new opportunities—and a most STUNNING challenge and RESPONSIBILITY in the work of Almighty GOD!

"Thousands of years ago men started the terrible scourge of WAR with elementary weapons—knives, swords, sling-shots, bows and arrows. As a prominent military analyst expressed it, the most effective military weapons are those which can be caused to strike at the enemy in the quickest time, at the longest distance, and with the most

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The Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, following the atomic bombings in 1945. Today, atomic explosions can be millions of times greater.

destructive power.

"And now, as World War II came to an end, the WEAPONS OF THE FUTURE put in an appearance—jet-propulsion and rocket weapons, carrying missiles still faster and farther.

"And then, the tremendous CLIMAX! The best-kept secret of the war—the ATOMIC BOMB, suddenly *perfected*, and just TWO of these indescribable weapons of destruction and death dropped upon Japan bringing the war to a sudden END!"

At Last—DAILY Broadcasting

Also it was announced, in this *Bul-*

letin of August 27, 1945, that beginning October 1st *The World Tomorrow* program was to be broadcasted *six nights a week*, at the prime listening time of 8 P.M., at 800 on the radio dial, over the super-power 100,000-watt station XELO, Juarez, Mexico.

That station, then having an exclusive channel over the North American continent, could then be heard in virtually every state.

This was by far the biggest leap ahead of God's Work, so far!

We had first been heard nationally over 50,000-watt clear-channel WHO, Des Moines. But it was only three times

a month, except when there were five Sundays in a month—then we had four programs a month. And the time allotted us was so late most who might have listened were asleep in bed—11 P.M. Then we had gone on 50,000-watt cleared channel WOAI, also heard in almost every state—but Sundays only, and at the same late hour of 11 P.M.

In 1944 we broke into an earlier time, 8 P.M. on XELO, with 100,000 watts of power—but still Sunday nights *only*. However, this prime listening time had greatly increased the number of listeners and the mail response.

But now, at last, the Eternal God had opened the mighty door of super-power XELO at this prime 8 P.M. time, *six nights a week!*

After this tremendous impact of *nightly* broadcasting got under way, the number of listeners to God's Truth increased faster than ever.

Then, on the heels of this, GOD OPENED ANOTHER STILL BIGGER DOOR! Station XEG, with 150,000 watts, making it the most powerful voice reaching over the United States, opened its mighty doors—and at the prime listening time of 8 P.M., Central Standard Time, *and also six nights a week!* I do not, at the moment, seem to find records in the old files showing the exact date, but I believe we started on this station, also on October 1, 1945.

Apparently the additional expense of this tremendously powerful broadcasting, suddenly multiplying broadcasting effectiveness many times over, had prevented the publishing of an edition of *The Plain Truth* for three or four months. I do not find a copy in the files until March-April, 1946, after starting this powerful program. And that issue is Volume XI, Number 1—the first issue printed that year.

But circulation of *The Plain Truth* had taken a big flight upward. It is printed on the front cover, "*Circulation, 75,000 this issue.*"

In the following installment: I fly to New York to cover in person the first meeting of the Security Council of the United Nations; we take the first coast-to-coast baptizing tour—including California, Florida, Maine, Oregon, and most states in between, and begin first planning of Ambassador College.

The 21st CENTURY— What It Will Be Like

Many Scientists fear human extinction in ten years or less. Others prophesy and plan for a "Century 21" of idleness, ease and luxury—a fantastic push-button world of magic gadgetry, with ingenious shapes, sounds and color. But now read the TRUTH about the real Century 21 which God will produce

by Herbert W. Armstrong

PART II

WHY HAVE these exciting, awe-inspiring prophecies describing the world of "Century 21" been ignored?

Right now both Russia and the United States possess the nuclear weapons to blast all human life from the earth—and several other nations will have nuclear power in five years. Several famous scientists think we have *less than ten years to survive!*

But Humanity WILL Survive!

Now it has been demonstrated—space-craft can rendezvous in outer space. SPACE-WAR is in prospect. A whole continent—or the entire earth—can be depopulated, left in stark and lifeless ruins, by MAN from outer space!

And THE WAY TO PEACE is not known by the world leaders who have in their hands the power to erase all life from the earth!

Yet humanity will survive!

The things scientists are planning are not going to happen.

World leaders, while looking for a glittering, materialistic 21st century of technological and scientific achievement, at the same time envision a world toppling on the very brink of utter destruction.

What's WRONG with their thinking? They no longer see GOD in their picture of Century 21. They have allowed themselves to drift into the foolish ignorance of assuming the non-existence of the very Creator God.

But someday very soon they are going to be rudely awakened to the living reality of the Universe-ruling GOD. They are fools without excuse. But they are not going to have long to wait. For

very soon—*before* the extinction they now fear occurs—the living God is going to reveal Himself by forcibly intervening in world affairs, to save mankind from self-destruction!

Then the leaders of men will be stunned to *know* that The Eternal is GOD—and to realize they could have *proved* the fact of His existence all along, had they not been willingly ignorant!

WHY Is God Concerned?

It is high time that the world learned that Almighty God is *concerned* with humanity's threat of self-annihilation.

Stop and think!

It is GOD who placed humanity on this earth! He had a REASON. The Ever-living God is working out a PURPOSE here below! Would it seem reasonable that the great God would allow humanity to defeat His grand PURPOSE by committing cosmocide?

The question is asked, in Hebrews 2:6, "What is man, that Thou (God) art mindful of him?" Why should the Creator of the Universe be *concerned* about *man*? And it is answered, by authority, that God purposes to crown man with divine GLORY, even as Jesus Christ now is, setting all things—the ENTIRE UNIVERSE!—in his power and control. However, we do not, *YET*, see all things under man's feet, but we do see Jesus Christ, the pioneer, already crowned with this supreme divine GLORY, and (Heb. 1:2-3, Moffatt translation) sustaining, controlling, ruling the entire Universe!

Not many have the faintest conception of that stupendous PURPOSE. Yet it is revealed all through Scripture! And God says: "I am GOD, and there is none

like me, declaring the end from the beginning, . . . saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.' . . . 'yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have **PURPOSED IT**, I will also do it.'" (Isa. 46:9-11.) Again: "For the LORD of hosts hath **PURPOSED**, and who shall disannul it?" (Isa. 14:27.)

The accomplishment of that PURPOSE demanded that man be formed of matter, in the physical image of God, given MIND, made with free moral agency—the "clay model" which God, upon the free choice, right decision, and yielding of man, may remold and fashion and shape into His own spiritual image of CHARACTER. It demands the conversion of man—being begotten as SONS of God—being transformed by God's power into His character-image, finally BORN of Spirit into the Kingdom of God, as was CHRIST by His resurrection (Romans 1:4).

Accomplishment of that tremendous PURPOSE required that man must make his own free CHOICE—that he be allowed to choose to rebel in hostility against his Maker. And that is what MAN has done!

Adam rebelled—rejected God's revealed KNOWLEDGE—disobeyed God's commands. All mankind has rebelled, and built a false Society hostile to the laws and government of GOD—contrary to the ways of peace, happiness, security and joy. As stated in Part I, Science and the world's God-defying human governments have now brought this world to *the very brink* of total destruction.

As long as man has at least one last ray of HOPE of saving his own civilization by his own efforts in rebellion

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RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS— Heard over wide areas

East

- WHN—New York—1050 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
 WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
 WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon., thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)
 CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

- KRLD—Dallas—1080 on dial, 8:10 p.m. Sun., 6:45 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 WGBS—Miami—710 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 KTHS—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

Mountain States

- CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

- KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 9 p.m. daily.
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily; 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

- WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 WWIN—Baltimore—1400 on dial, 12 noon, Sun., 9:30 a.m., Mon. thru Sat.
 *WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 9:05 p.m. daily.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
 WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. daily.
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (105.1 FM, 9:00 p.m. Sun.), 7 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 WFBM—Indianapolis—1260 on dial, 7:15 p.m. daily.
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

*KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily.

KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m., Sun.; 6:30 p.m. daily.

KEVE—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. Sat.

WOOD—Grand Rapids, Mich.—1300 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.

KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

South

KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.

KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.

KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 12 noon daily.

KTLU—Rusk, Texas—1580 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Sun.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.

KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

West Coast

*CJOR—Vancouver, B.C.—600 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.

KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.

KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.

KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily except 7:30 p.m. Monday.

RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.

KHJ—Los Angeles—930 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun.

KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.

KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 on dial, 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KNEZ—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

In Spanish—

KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial, 4:45 p.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

Canada (in French)

CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

TO EUROPE

In English—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG — 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave and 49 metres (6090 kc.) short wave—Mondays and Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m. B.S.T.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., M6n.

EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany — 182 kc. (1647 m.)—5:45 a.m. Wed.

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) shortwave and 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave—Sun., 6:05 a.m.; Wed., 7:00 a.m., M.E.T

TO AFRICA

*RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE — 3301 kc. and 4925 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., and Fri.

RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE — OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.) — 10 p.m. Sun., Mon. and Wed.; 9:30 p.m. Tue., Thur. and Fri.

WNBS — Lagos — 602 kc. — 8:30 p.m. daily.

WNBS — Ibadan — 656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc. and 9500 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs., 10:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

*2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2MW—Murwillumbah, NSW—1440 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3CV—Maryborough, Vic.—1440 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3HA—Hamilton, Vic.—1000 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.

3SH—Swanhill, Vic.—1330 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3SR—Shepparton, Vic.—1260 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3UL—Warragul, Vic.—880 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3YB—Warrnambool, Vic.—1210 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1290 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—10 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6GE—Geraldton, WA—1010 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur. and Fri.; 10:35 p.m. Tues.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

2XM—Gisborne, New Zealand—1180 kc.—8:30 p.m. Wed.; 9:15 p.m. Thurs.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

TO ASIA

RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)

"The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—

BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;

BED55 Taipei 960 kc.;

BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;

BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;

BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.—

18:00 T.S.T., Wed. and Fri.

RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880 kc. Sundays: 12:06 noon.

ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM

—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

DZAAQ, Manila—620 kc.;

DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;

DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;

DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—

9:00 p.m. Sunday.

DYCB, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30

p.m. Friday.

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6 p.m. daily.

TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—

RADIO AMERICAS—Swan Island—1160 kc.—6:30 p.m., E.S.T. Sun.

RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.

HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In Spanish—

RADIO AMERICAS—Swan Island—1160 kc.—9:00 p.m., Sun., 9:30 p.m. Sat. E.S.T.

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

The 21st CENTURY— What It Will Be Like

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against God, the Eternal will not *forcibly* intervene to enforce His rule over mankind. But in less than 20 years—probably less than 15—this false human civilization is going to reach its END. Cataclysmic VIOLENCE will be unleashed by man against man. The awesome power of nuclear devastation will be used!

At the precise instant when further delay by God would mean the total eradication of humanity, the Ruler of the UNIVERSE will step in with supreme divine force and power! He will STOP the mass slaughter!

Jesus Christ will return to earth—this time in the total POWER of the UNIVERSE RULER—as the Prince of Peace—to save mankind from himself, and to usher in a NEW WORLD of PEACE, universal prosperity, abundant living in happiness and joy!

At first, the nations and their leaders will *fight* the divine Deliverer. But their rebellion will be put down with FORCE—*supernatural* force! The KINGDOM OF GOD will rule the world, with one central WORLD GOVERNMENT!

When the 21st century arrives, it will dawn on a WORLD AT PEACE—a world bursting in happiness, in song, in joyous laughter, in *enjoying* right ways of living, with vigorous health and abundance for all. YOUR BIBLE contains many whole pages and chapters of absolutely CERTAIN prophecies giving you the fabulous word-picture of that glorious CENTURY 21!

WHY have not these inspiring PROPHECIES of the WORLD TOMORROW filled the pages of popular magazines and newspapers? WHY have they not been proclaimed by broadcasters? WHY have they not been preached from pulpits? WHY not accepted by scientists and educators? WHY not taught all children in schools?

WHY? Because the editors, broadcasters, scientists and educators don't know such prophecies are in the Bible—and would only scoff if they knew! Because the preachers and priests have

rejected them, and, being deceived, are deceiving the people with false gospels—the blind leading the blind! And GOD says He is going to require the blood of this whole deceived world at the hands of the MINISTERS OF RELIGION!

Before Century 21 dawns, the scientists, educators, statesmen, editors—and even the preachers—shall have come to KNOW that the ETERNAL is GOD! Christ will be ruling the world in Person. The *kind* of world government was covered in Part I. Also several prophecies describing the world at the dawn of the coming Century.

Communism Attacks

At the close of Part I, the attack by Communist RUSSIA and CHINA on our peoples was mentioned.

After invasion, captivity, those remaining alive being taken as captive slaves to Europe and possibly South America, our peoples, at Christ's coming, will be taken back to Palestine. It will be an Exodus so great, the one out of Egypt will never be remembered (Jer. 23:7-8).

There, under the divine Government of CHRIST, the two nations Israel and Judah will be reunited under the resurrected immortal David as their King. The twelve original Apostles of Jesus, resurrected immortal, will be Kings over the twelve distinct Tribes. This emancipated ISRAEL will quickly sprout forth and blossom to enormous material wealth and prosperity, far in excess even of United States prosperity today.

It is said that there is more wealth lying unproduced today in the Dead Sea than any other area on earth.

Communist Dictators will fix greedy eyes on that unprecedented upsurge of prosperity. What will happen? God revealed it through the Prophet Ezekiel.

Khrushchev has boasted threateningly to America and Britain: "We will BURY you!"

Let Ekeziel's prophecy reveal WHO will bury WHOM!

It is in the 38th and 39th chapters

of the Book of Ezekiel:

"And the word of the Eternal came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him.'" (Ezek. 38:1-2.)

The marginal correction, as in the Moffatt and other translations, has it, "the prince of ROSH and Meshek and Tubal." This is identified as RUSSIA. The "Rosh" is, under modern English spelling, simply Russia. "Meshek" in modern English spelling, is MOSCOW. "Tubal," in modern English spelling, is TOBOLSK, the Asian capital of Russia.

Verse 3, God says He is *against* Russia. Russia certainly is against GOD today. Their cosmonauts blasphemously boast they were not able to find GOD up in space!

Verse 4: God says He will bring them forth, with all their army, horses and horsemen—a traditional symbol of the Red Army—a mighty host in FULL ARMOR.

Verses 5-6: They will attack with many allies with them—Persia, Cush and Put (descended from Ham); Gomer and Togarmah (descended from Japeth, father of the oriental races)—and many other nations allied with them.

Other prophecies show that the European nations who are now forming the new UNITED EUROPE shall have been utterly destroyed in war *before*, and *at* the Second Coming of Christ.

This prophecy of Ezekiel 38 may involve most of the civilized and organized nations of Asia and Africa—leaving virtually only the Arab peoples, beside South Americans. So almost the whole remainder of the organized world will come up in this war against Christ and His restored ISRAEL. In a later prophecy we shall see Egypt and the Arab nations separately dealt with.

Verse 8: The prophecy is for the "latter years"—that is, from our time now on into the future—the latter years of the 20th century. Russia and allies are going to attack the land "restored from desolation . . . the uplands of Israel, once a perpetual waste" (Moffatt translation). They are to attack "the mountains of Israel." In Ezekiel's language, "the mountains of Israel" refers to the literal mountainous country of Palestine

—it is not speaking in symbolic language of the NATIONS of Israel. Moffatt translation has it that they shall attack "the land that has been restored from desolation, the nation that has been gathered home from the peoples, and living all undisturbed."

Verse 9: (Moffatt) "You shall sweep up like a storm, covering the country like a storm-cloud, you and all your hordes and all the nations in your train." This never could have happened before the days of aircraft and space flight.

Verse 10: The Russians will concoct an evil plan, saying,

Verse 11: "I will go up to the land of unwalled villages"—that is, unfortified, unarmed. "I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely. . . ."

Verse 12: ". . . to take a spoil, and to take a prey" (A.V.)—" . . . to assail re-peopled wastes, where a people re-gathered from the nations are living with their cattle and property at the center of the earth" (Moffatt). Palestine is at the exact LAND-CENTER of the earth. The King James version has: ". . . the people . . . which have gotten cattle and goods." In other words, Israel shall have gained so much prosperity these Communist hordes will attack to take their wealth.

Verse 13: The Israelites (British, Americans, Jews), will ask, "Is it for booty you have come? Have you mustered for plunder, to carry off silver and gold, to seize cattle and property, to win rich booty?" (Moffatt.) A.V. has, "to take a GREAT spoil." It indicates GREAT wealth.

Verse 16: (Moffatt)—God says, "Yes, I will indeed bring you against *my land* (Palestine), to let the nations learn what I am, when I show them my DREAD DIVINITY in handling you, O Gog." So says the Ruler of the Universe to Russia!

Verses 18-20: Almighty God's FURY will be roused. In His indignation He decrees there shall be a mighty earthquake in the land of Palestine, until all people TREMBLE at His Presence.

Verses 21-23: God will cause utter panic to seize the invading Communist hordes, "till every man in his host shall draw the sword against his fellow: I will punish him with pestilence and bloodshed, I will rain on him and his

hordes and all the nations in his train an overpowering flood, with hail-stones, fire, and brimstone. I will let the nations see my might and dread divinity—to teach them that I am the ETERNAL" (Moffatt).

The Red Army Hordes BURIED!

Now we come to chapter 39—and the outcome of Russia's invasion.

Verses 1-2: "Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel.'"

Revised Standard Version has: "from the uttermost parts of the north." Russia is north of Palestine, and extends almost to the North Pole.

Only one-sixth of these invading hordes will be left alive!

Verses 3-6: (Moffatt) ". . . on the uplands of Israel you shall fall, you and all your hordes and allies; I will leave you as food for all sorts of ravenous birds and wild beasts to devour; in the open country you shall fall—I have said it, says the Lord the Eternal. I will send fire to burn up Magog and the coast-lands where men live securely—to teach them that I am the Eternal."

Verses 7-9: "So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

"Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken. And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons . . ." (Moffatt: ". . . shall go out and make firewood of the weapons . . . it will serve them as firewood for some years").

Verse 10: (Moffatt) ". . . they shall not require to cut wood from the fields or the forests but shall use weapons as firewood; they shall plunder those that plundered them and prey on those who preyed on them (so the Lord the Eternal decrees)."

Verse 11: "And it shall come to pass

in that day, that I will give unto Gog . . ."—the Communist armies and their allies— ". . . a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea. . . ." That is, to the east of the Dead Sea. I have traversed this land in a car, the entire length of the Dead Sea—and flown over it. I have witnessed the area where *our people* will BURY KHRUSHCHEV'S COMMUNIST HORDES!

Notice, now, *WHO will bury whom!* The ETERNAL GOD has spoken!

". . . and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they BURY GOG and all his multitude: and they shall call it the Valley of Hamon-gog." That is (Moffatt), "Gog-mob," or "Multitude of Gog."

Here is the prophecy of the END of COMMUNISM!

Yes, when Jesus Christ returns to the earth, *Communism will be BURIED once and for all time!* And, GOOD RID-DANCE!

Now notice what a horde of Chinese, Russian and other Communist soldiers, fighting CHRIST and His people Israel, shall be buried!

Verses 12-16: "And *seven months* shall the House of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land." Yes, cleanse it of foul, rotten, nose-stopping, dead COMMUNISM!

"Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them A RENOWN the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD. And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it. . . ." Or, as Moffatt renders it: "They must select men to be constantly occupied in traversing the land and collecting the corpses that lie on the surface. . . ."

Verses 17-18: (Moffatt): "Son of man, give this message from the Lord the Eternal to all sorts of birds and to every wild beast: 'Come, gather and collect from all quarters to the feast of a sacrifice that I am preparing for you, a rich feast on the uplands of Israel, where you can eat flesh and drink blood; you shall eat the flesh of heroes and drink the blood of the world's princes . . .'"

TAKE NOTICE, Mr. Khrushchev, and

Mao Tse Tung, and strutting Castro! Shall *you* escape assassins from within your own lands and live to this day? If you do, *this is your obituary!* SO SAYS THE MIGHTY GOD!

The Mighty Christ GLORIFIED!

Then, when the rebellion against the returned Conquering CHRIST shall have been put down, and all humanity yields to His right ways of PEACE, the world at last shall find HAPPINESS!

Here is the final climax of this tremendous prophecy:

Verses 21-22, 29: "And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the House of Israel shall KNOW that I am the Lord their GOD from that day forward. . . . Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my Spirit upon the House of Israel, saith the Lord GOD."

Arab Nations Forced to PEACE

WHY is it? All people really *want* peace. They *want* prosperity, happiness, good health, deep-down *enjoyment* of life! But they stubbornly *rebel* against going THE WAY of God's laws which He put in motion to produce these blessings.

Jesus Christ is going to return to *save* mankind from MAN! He is coming to give us PEACE, prosperity, happiness, good health, and deep-down *enjoyment* of life. But, in order to *give* us these blessings He is going to have to put down man's rebellion against these very things they want. He is going to have to *forcibly* whip them into line!

One of the truly *great* joyous occasions God has provided for His people is the annual Festival of Tabernacles.

"Oh," men rebel, "we don't want anything to do with *that!* Why, *that's JEWISH!*" Or, have you even heard of it?

Well, if you are still living, after Christ arrives as KING over the new WORLD GOVERNMENT, you will be forced to hear about it not only, but also to ATTEND IT, and PARTICIPATE in it! This is an annual festival God planned to give His people overflowing JOY and REJOICING—something He has

commanded us to save a portion of our incomes all through the year so we can afford to travel and attend and enjoy it to the full.

But people who appropriated the NAME of Christ, and called themselves Christian, looked at the pagan Saturnalia and decided they would rather participate in this heathen festival, and make *it* the one annual festival for which they save money throughout the year!

To see whether *you* are innocently doing this very thing today, go to your public library, open an encyclopedia, and see what it says about this pagan festive occasion. You may be surprised! And if you want *further* facts you might write in for our free booklet on this festival.

In the soon-coming happy and peaceful WORLD TOMORROW, *everyone* is going to come rejoicing to God's Festival of Tabernacles. But, the Arabs in Egypt probably will refuse to come *at first!*

Now see how the RULING Christ will whip them into line—literally *force* them to find HAPPINESS and DEEP-DOWN ENJOYMENT AND JOY!

You'll find this in Zachariah's prophecy—chapter 14.

"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem . . ." —to fight against Christ when He comes— ". . . shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families (nations) of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain" (Verses 16-17).

Whatever nation *refuses*, will have drouth, famine, and disease epidemics, which break out in the wake of famine. It is GOD who gives the rain, or withholds it! He controls the forces of NATURE! Yes, He RULES over all nature!

But, even after a year of drouth and famine, perhaps the Arabs in Egypt will still be stubborn. What happens, *then?*

Continue, verses 18-19: "And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite . . ." or, more plainly in the Moffatt

translation, ". . . then shall they be struck by the plague that the Eternal sends on all the nations. Such shall be the punishment for Egypt, and for all the nations . . ." —or, "the heathen," as it is in the King James Version, "that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of *all nations*" (not merely "Jews") "that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles."

PEACE, and UTOPIA at Last!

Does the idea of "UTOPIA" sound ridiculous or impossible? Stop and think! *Why should it be?* WE ARE GOING TO HAVE IT! It will be, not an impossible and imaginary fantasy, but REALITY in the World Tomorrow! God set laws in motion to produce it! The reason we *don't* have UTOPIA—a state of absolute PERFECTION in government, in life, in society, in every home—is BROKEN LAW, rebellion against GOD! It's just that simple!

If all men *loved* their neighbors *as* they love themselves, there would be no wars! If all men were HONEST, no one coveted what is not lawfully his, or tried to take it by force or by stealing, most wars never would start; there would be no thefts.

The human body would function *perfectly* if we never broke nature's laws, and if our forefathers had not broken them and passed hereditary weaknesses and tendencies toward diseases on to us.

You may find this hard to believe. BUT JESUS CHRIST IS COMING TO DEMONSTRATE IT! By supernatural *force* He is going to bring the people of the world to obedience to GOD'S LAWS!

It may, even then, take two or three generations to overcome the curse of evil heredity at birth—but astoundingly soon, peace, happiness, joy, good health will burst forth!

At Seattle World's Fair the emphasis is on materialistic gadgets and devices to cater to the urge of laziness, the desire for idleness, and to provide gratification of sensual thrills and temporary material pleasures. Some of these things may be good if put to a right use. But materialism is not the *source* of happiness.

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NEW Europe

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four wild beasts in a prophetic dream. They are there interpreted (Daniel 7:16-17, 23) as four world-ruling empires. They are literally *identified* in the prophecy of the second chapter of Daniel, under a different symbolism, as the four universal kingdoms—the Chaldean Empire (Babylon), the Persian Empire, the Greco-Macedonian Empire, and the Roman Empire.

This whole grouping of prophecies is fully described and *made plain*, even to those unfamiliar with Biblical language or prophecies, in the free booklet, *WHO is the Beast?* All readers of *The Plain Truth* who are unfamiliar with this chain of prophecies should immediately—before turning this page—write for their free copy of this important booklet. It is a vital KEY to understanding of present world conditions, and of the immediate future.

This sensational prophecy of Revelation 17 reveals the presently emerging "United States of EUROPE." The "Beast" here described is the United Europe now forming, that will resurrect the "Holy Roman Empire" that began 554 A.D., under Justinian. The TIME of the prophecy—the time revealed to the Apostle John, in his vision—was the *very* time, shortly after God first began the proclamation of this BIG News of the coming Europe to the modern world. It was the time when Mussolini had proclaimed King Victor Emmanuel EMPEROR OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

At that time five of the "heads"—or dynasties, or successive phases of this so-called "Holy Roman Empire," had come and gone. These five were, in order, Justinian, Charlemagne, Otto the Great, Charles the Great, and Napoleon. These had restored the original Roman Empire of 31 B.C. to 476 A.D.

In 1935 Mussolini invaded Ethiopia, ending his war with victory in 1936. In 1937 he proclaimed Victor Emmanuel Emperor of Ethiopia. Haile Selassie had escaped. Meantime, the Lateran accord with the Vatican had taken place, healing the breach between papacy and Italian government. After adding Ethi-



Wide World Photo
West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, right, greets President de Gaulle on steps of the chancellery in Bonn. During meeting the two discussed secret plans for putting Europe in the Atomic Club, and for the development of a gigantic missile project.

opia to Italy's other possessions—Italian Somaliland, Eritrea, and Libya, Mussolini officially renamed this grouping THE ROMAN EMPIRE. I can remember a few newspaper stories about it—generally not given prominent space. World War II ended it.

The world never really recognized that THE ROMAN EMPIRE was again in existence. It is difficult even to find mention of it in listings, by years, of outstanding world events in such sources as world almanacs.

But the Apostle John, for the writing of the Book of Revelation, was, "in Spirit," or IN VISION, carried forward to our time, now, and on into the soon-coming "Day of the Lord." This latter is the time of God's direct supernatural *forceful* intervention in the affairs of this world.

Actually, John himself was on the Isle of Patmos. But, as the prophet Ezekiel, actually with the Jewish captives in Babylon, was taken "in the visions of God" to Jerusalem (Ezek. 8:3), so John was taken, in vision, some 1900 years forward to the events of our time, *now!*

This is the time described in Revelation 17:8: "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit" (condition of restraint amounting to virtual non-exist-

ence). Again, latter part of this verse, it is spoken of as "the beast that was, and is not *and yet is.*" That describes Mussolini's insignificant, little recognized *sixth* "head" of the "Holy ROMAN EMPIRE."

Notice! This "beast"—the "Holy Roman Empire," is once again to come to life! This same verse 8 says the people of the world will be aghast in WONDER, when they actually do behold this ancient European EMPIRE, resurrected to political and military life!

Verse 9: "The seven heads are seven mountains, . . ." The term "mountain" is used in Biblical symbolism to represent a NATION or large Kingdom. This "Holy Roman Empire" was to have seven successive stages, each a revival of the original Roman Empire. Also, the term "mountain," taken literally, represents the seven hills on which the capital city of Rome is built. *It identifies ROME!*

Verse 10: "And there are seven kings." King and Kingdom are used interchangeably in prophecy (as in Daniel 7:17, 23). That is, seven successive KINGDOMS, or, seven successive KINGS, each an outstanding King of a Kingdom. "Five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come." The five already fallen were the five named above. The one that "is" at the TIME of the prophecy, was Mussolini—or the Hitler-Mussolini

"Axis." World War II ended that. But ONE MORE resurrection of the ROMAN EMPIRE is yet to come!

WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE? How may we recognize it? How will it differ from Mussolini's *sixth* revival?

Notice one factor in the latter part of verse 10: ". . . and when he comes, he must continue a *short space*." It will not last long!

The "ten horns" on this wild animal are on this seventh and last "head." The context and following verses make that *certain*. These ten "horns" are ten kings (verse 12), which, at the time of Mussolini, had "received no kingdom as yet, . . ."—therefore they were *not* ruling in the years between 1937 and 1945—"but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

The "Beast," then, is the Leader, or Ruler, over all—and ten other dictator-kings, or lesser rulers over ten European nations or nation-groups (the "Benelux" nations, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg, for example, might constitute ONE of the ten), are to be associated in this UNION of European nations. The "one hour" of their reign indicates, as in verse 10, a very "short space" of time.

These ten (verse 13) "have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." They will COMBINE their economic and military power under the ONE UNITED LEADERSHIP.

This never happened in the Mussolini "head," or any that preceded! So the ten "horns" are ten UNITED kingdoms, contemporaneous, not successive.

NOW notice how they will END! Here comes the CLIMAX!

The Power That Will Destroy All Three!

Verse 14: "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them." NOTICE! Their "power and strength" they unitedly shall give to the universal RULER is MILITARY power. With it *they make WAR!* And against whom? "With the Lamb." And they shall *lose* this war, for the Lamb shall overcome them!

But *who is the Lamb?* READ IT! ". . . for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: . . ." That is none other than JESUS CHRIST, returning to earth in all

the supernatural *POWER, and GLORY* of Almighty God! (Compare Revelation 19:11-16.) When He comes, He will RULE ALL NATIONS with a "rod of iron" (Rev. 19:15).

What a speechless, dumbfounding SHAKING UP the high-ranking future pastors and preachers of the churches are going to get! Only 46% of these outstanding ministers of the future—now studying in the theological seminaries, according to survey, even believe Jesus Christ actually rose from the dead! And *only 1%* of these post-graduate seminary students believe Christ is actually coming again!

To all such young men reading this, I say to you on authority of *the living* Jesus Christ and of the Word of GOD, *you won't have long to wait!*

For we see this UNITED EUROPE rising *right now!* As the writer quoted in Reader's Digest "ventured to say," we shall witness a fully functioning United States of Europe *within* these present 1960s! And when this resurrected Roman Empire becomes a reality, it will endure but a *very short time!*—probably not over three or four short years! And it will be PUT AN END TO *by* the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST!

A lot of "smart" young future preachers, who scoff at these words now, are going to feel mighty FOOLISH in a very few years—that is, they *would*, if

they were not so *terrified*, as they will be!

Let Daniel's momentous prophecy conclude the story!

In the second chapter of Daniel, these same *four* general world-ruling empires—Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome—are pictured under the symbol of a vast and stupendous metallic statue. To King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Daniel said: "But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days"—that is, in *our* day, NOW! (Dan. 2:28.)

After describing the dream about this enormous symbolic image, Daniel said: "This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, . . . THOU art this head of gold"—that is, the *first* of the four successive world kingdoms. (Verses 36-37.)

Next, in time order, came the breast and arms of the image—of silver—and, after that, his belly and thighs of brass. The *interpretation* which God gave Daniel continues: "And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee"—the Persian Empire—"and another third kingdom of brass which shall bear rule over all the earth." (Verse 39.)

West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt warns populace not to demonstrate against American spinelessness in handling the Berlin affair!

Wide World Photo



That was Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire, and its later four divisions.

Next, extending downward on this image, were the two legs of iron, and feet, with ten toes, part of iron and part of clay. Continue the Bible interpretation: "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron . . ." (Verse 40). That was the Roman Empire, the two legs representing its two divisions, East and West—one capital originally Constantinople, the other Rome.

Now continue: "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided." (Verse 41.)

The ten toes extend to "the latter day,"—OUR TIME, NOW!

The ancient Roman Empire, in our time, now, is divided into a crazy-quilt of many European nations speaking many languages.

Verse 42: "And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken." That is, in our time, now! Germany, France, and Italy have been STRONG—but Spain, Belgium, other nations have been weak. Then, verse 43, "they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

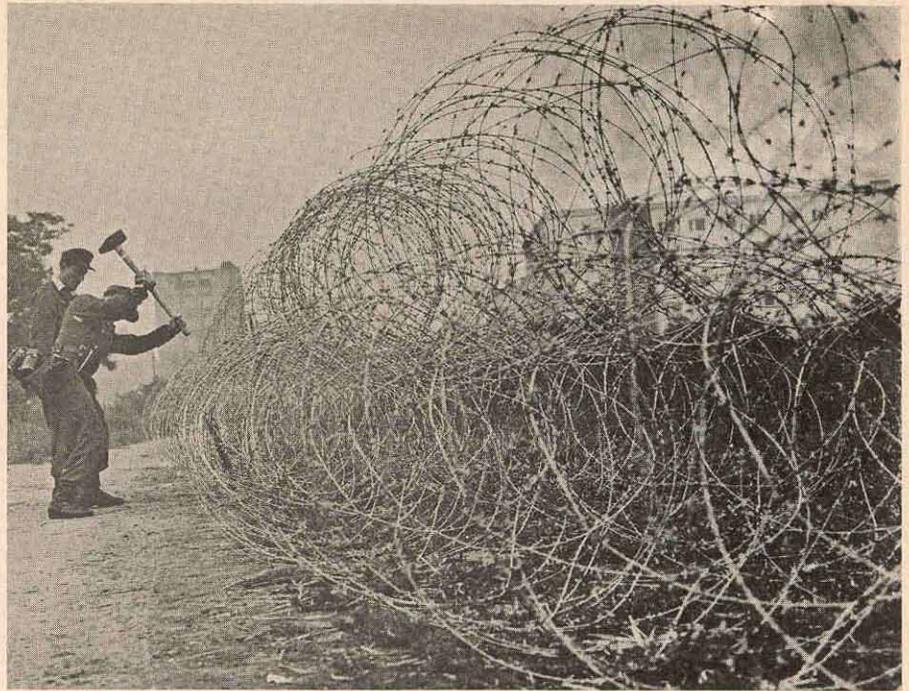
These nations of Europe have always *wanted* to have UNION—but language barriers, currency barriers, tariff barriers, national aspiration barriers, have divided them. But today, they are doing away, first, with tariff barriers. The cashier in our hotel here in Brussels just said to me, "I will be glad when we get a common currency here in Europe. The only people who will be sorry are the bankers. They will lose the fees they charge for changing currency from one country to another." Today, nearly all educated people are speaking two to five languages—so the language barriers are being bridged.

They will be brought together—for a *very short while*—by the dominating religion—the ROMAN Catholic, through the offices of the papacy!

New WORLD GOVERNMENT!

Next, what will happen?

The NEW united Europe will be smashed by the coming WORLD GOVERNMENT—the very government of



Wide World Photo
West Berlin officials erect barbed wire barricade to keep down incidents along the Berlin Wall. West Berliners recently became angry when Americans took no action to save lives of wounded East Germans who attempted to cross wall. For the first time Germans dared to tell U.S. soldiers in Berlin to "go home"!

Almighty GOD—the KINGDOM OF GOD, of which Jesus Christ shall be KING of kings, and LORD of lords!

Notice, first, the dream—back in verses 34-35: "Thou sawest *until* . . ."—(notice the time element—these world Powers continue *until*)—" . . . that a stone was cut out without hands, . . ."—(CHRIST, at His coming back to earth in supreme supernatural POWER and GLORY is that "STONE")—" . . . which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. . . ."

The whole image is to be BROKEN TO PIECES—that is, this whole succession of Gentile pagan world empires—this entire Babylonian system as it has continued thru the Chaldean, Persian, Grecian and Roman EMPIRES. But there is a TIME element. The *duration* of these successive Empires continues to NOW—the time of the TOES at the very *bottom*—at the time when, morally and spiritually, it has degenerated to the BOTTOM! The ten toes are the TEN NATIONS now in the process of uniting. *There will be ten, not six!* And, very recently, Adenauer and De Gaulle are saying they do not want Britain in!

It is at the stage of these TOES—as soon as these TEN unite—that CHRIST WILL COME! The whole Babylonish SYSTEM that has set the civilization of the western world *will be SMASHED for all time*—when CHRIST smashes this TEN-NATION United Europe now forming!

Verse 35: ". . . and the STONE that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." Christ is that "STONE." Again, "mountain" is the symbol of a great nation or kingdom. This is the KINGDOM OF GOD! Now notice GOD'S OWN interpretation:

Verse 44: "In the days of these kings . . ." (these TEN symbolized by the toes) ". . . shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and shall stand forever!"

The KINGDOM OF GOD, at Christ's coming, will DESTROY this United Europe. It will consume—that is, absorb, take over, rule over, all these kingdoms, after their paganized system of government, of economics, of education, of religion, of society, has been SMASHED

and DESTROYED. It is to be a real, literal, world-ruling GOVERNMENT—not an unreal *sentiment* in men's hearts!

WORLD PEACE AT LAST!

These European kingdoms will *fight against CHRIST* when He comes! They will not be glad to see Him coming! But the KINGDOM OF GOD is a real, literal, world-ruling GOVERNMENT! It is neither a *Church* nor an ethereal *sentiment*! It will RESTORE the laws and government of GOD. It will bring a NEW CIVILIZATION.

War shall be abolished!

There will be WORLD PEACE! People will find security, happiness. Fears and worries will disappear! Sickness and disease will be banished. Idleness and laziness will be punished and there will be NO unemployment!

In this joyous WORLD TOMORROW, the whole earth will break forth in singing, dancing, and rejoicing! People will learn what real ABUNDANT living is!

And then, at last, God will set His hand to SAVE THE WORLD—and the millions will find the way to inheriting ETERNAL LIFE!

The very FACT that this United Europe is beginning to emerge where reporters, editors, broadcasters, commentators all SEE IT COMING, means that the coming of CHRIST, and this happy WORLD TOMORROW is fast approaching. Let us pray, as Jesus taught: "THY KINGDOM COME—*THY* WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

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Jesus Christ is going to bring us that which will make us *happy* through and through—deep-down, *lasting happiness!*

But He will not do it *for* us by some magic formula while we break His laws, or while we do nothing ourselves to produce it. He is going to force men to OBEY those laws that automatically will produce it. WE COULD HAVE HAD IT ALL ALONG!

It is only when individuals, and the NATIONS, say, as Micah foretells—stripped of symbolic language, and trans-

lated into modern language:

"But in the last days—in THE WORLD TOMORROW—it shall come to pass that the divine KINGDOM OF GOD shall rule over the great nations of the earth, and be exalted above the small nations. Nations shall stream to it, and people shall exclaim: 'Come, let us go to the Kingdom of God, that we may be instructed in GOD'S WAYS, and we will walk in HIS PATHS, living by God's Law'; for the teaching of HIS LAWS shall emanate from God's Church, and the WORD OF GOD from Jerusalem. CHRIST the Eternal shall rule, and judge between nations; He shall rebuke and forcibly RULE strong nations, *until* they beat their warmaking weapons into implements of peace and production, and no nation shall provoke or fight a war, neither shall they teach men to fight—to hate and to kill; but they shall learn to LOVE their neighbors *as* they love themselves."

You'll find that, in King James English, in Micah 4:1-3, and also in Isaiah 2:2-4.

Why don't we learn to pray, fervently, "THY Kingdom come, THY will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

Short Questions

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to teach the Word of God to anyone! A minister who teaches something of which he himself is not convinced—and does not know the truth about—condemns himself each time he gets up in front of his class or congregation. "Whatsoever is not of faith is SIN" (Rom. 14:23). The way to keep from *sinning* in this instance is to STOP PREACHING or TEACHING! Of course, since these scriptures apply to him, that minister would probably get out his "blue pencil" and cut *them* out of the Bible as well!

Now what about the wars and other immoral acts we read of in the Bible? Did God really INTEND that these stories should be part of the Bible—or do they have *no purpose* as the minister assumes?

When Jesus Christ said that man is to "live by every word of God" (Luke 4:4), what did He *really* MEAN? In other words, IS the Bible *really* the

authoritative Word of God—ALL of it? (II Tim. 3:16.) Unless and until one has really PROVED that point *beyond all doubt* he has no starting point—no foundation.

Once we understand that ALL the Bible is the inspired Word of God, we can go on from there and see the *purpose* for which God intended some of the events that are not pleasant or nice to be recorded as part of His Sacred Word. The Bible is a very *practical* book that gives many examples of *real-life* situations from which we can all study and learn (I Cor. 10:6). It is NOT a book of "nicely-nice" religious phraseology and "fluff-fluff," full of lofty thoughts about a sentimentality. It is a practical, down-to-earth book that tells man both HOW TO LIVE and HOW NOT TO LIVE!

It shows that disobedience to the laws of God ALWAYS exacts a penalty unless repented of, and it *pulls no punches* in showing the weaknesses and shortcomings of all men. It speaks very plainly of the sins of even the most godly men in a very truthful and straightforward manner. It doesn't portray a *false image*—as is so often the case with our national heroes who are glamorized as being perfect for all practical purposes. It shows that *all men* are subject to human passions, and ALL make mistakes—NONE is perfect (Rom. 3:23). It shows that it is a *right attitude* of heart and mind that God desires, and a willingness to *repent* as David did (Ps. 51), when a mistake is made. That is *why* the Bible DOES contain stories which DO sometimes describe acts of immorality—although the Bible NEVER *dwells* on these points.

God does not try to hide the FACTS—the *truth*—as we do today. We like to "kid ourselves" that immoral acts of the kind described in the Bible are virtually unknown today. Religious leaders throw up their hands in horror at some of the stories contained in the Bible, but all the while by their teaching against God's law they are spawning acts of immorality that make the accounts in the Bible seem tame by comparison. It's time to get a new perspective—GOD'S perspective—on some of the false ideas and concepts we have been taught from childhood.

Which DAY Is the Christian Sabbath?

Does the Bible establish SUNDAY as the LORD'S DAY? Was the Sabbath abolished? Does it make any difference which day?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

INSTALLMENT II

NO QUESTION has caused more conflict for almost 1900 years than the controversy over whether the Christian Lord's Day, or Sabbath, is Saturday or Sunday.

As stated in the previous installment, it is obvious all do not recognize the same authority. It can be settled only by the one supreme AUTHORITY.

Since Jesus Christ is the FOUNDER of the true Christian Church—its *living* HEAD today—He is the Supreme AUTHORITY. Since Christ is the *living* Word of God, and the Bible is the *written* Word of God, the BIBLE becomes our SOLE AUTHORITY.

The Sabbath MADE

Jesus Christ taught, as part of His Gospel, both *which* is His—The LORD'S—day, and how to keep it. As explained in the first installment, He said "The Sabbath was made for man, . . . therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27-28). The Sabbath is one of those things that was MADE. It therefore had a MAKER. We saw, last month, how God created all things *by* Jesus Christ—how, John 1:1-3, all things were MADE by HIM. No wonder He is, then, LORD of the Sabbath.

It was made *for* man—not Jew—but MANKIND. We saw that it was made *when* man was made—the seventh day of Creation week.

Those readers who did not receive the September issue, containing the first installment, should write immediately for the free booklet of the same title as the article. The two installments are being reprinted in special booklet form.

Next we saw, in the first installment, that Christ *hallowed* the space of time recurring every seventh day which He created as His Sabbath, and made it HOLY TIME, commanding man to *keep* it holy. God has never made any other

weekly day holy, or commanded man to *keep* any other holy.

We saw that Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, all kept the Sabbath. Time was not lost. Then, weeks before the Israelites under Moses reached Mt. Sinai—weeks before the giving of the Ten Commandments by the voice of God—before the Old Covenant, or the Mosaic law, God revealed by four great miracles that time has not been lost—revealed definitely *which* day was His Sabbath—gave the Israelites a TEST as to "whether they would keep HIS LAW OR NO." He sternly rebuked those who wanted to work that day and rest on Sunday!

Then, coming to Mt. Sinai, the people heard the words of the Ten Commandments. But did the people receive the Ten Commandments from Moses? Most professing Christians apparently think so. As the first installment closed, I was explaining how, one Sunday morning in 1933, I attended, as a total stranger, a men's Sunday School class in a church in Southern Oregon.

I noticed, in the quarterly handed me, that the lesson was on how Moses gave the children of Israel the Ten Commandments. Suddenly the teacher, before getting started in the lesson, halted, unable to continue, saying he could not teach the class, and asking me, a perfect stranger, to teach. I had replied that I could not teach what the quarterly said, because it was not true, but, if they desired, I could teach them *from the Bible* how the Israelites really did receive the Ten Commandments. They asked me to teach. Now we continue, from last month.

CHRIST Gave the Ten Commandments!

This, then, is what I taught that class:

In the third month (of God's sacred calendar) the children of Israel came to

Mt. Sinai. On the Sabbath God spoke to Moses on the mountain, proposing the Covenant He was going to make with them. Moses was told to sanctify the people on that day, and the day following, and on the third day. Then the Eternal (who became Christ) said: "And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down *in the sight of all the people* upon Mount Sinai." (Ex. 19:11).

And, verse 16, in the morning of the third day, amid a great supernatural display of thunder and lightning—Moses "brought forth the people . . . to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: . . . and the whole mount quaked greatly." (Verses 17-18.)

"And GOD spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, . . ." continuing to speak the words of the TEN COMMANDMENTS (Ex. 20:1-17).

WHO spoke the words of the Ten Commandments?

Notice it carefully! NOT Moses! "GOD spake all these words." And He spoke them to ALL THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED.

Next notice Deuteronomy 5:4-22: Moses here is later talking to the people of Israel. And to the people of that nation Moses says: "The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, . . . saying, . . ."—then follow the words of the Ten Commandments, verses 6-21.

READ IT AGAIN! Moses says "the LORD talked with YOU face to face"—He talked to ALL THE PEOPLE, delivering, with His own voice, the words of the Ten Commandments.

Moses explains, verse 5, that because the people were frightened, to reassure them, he stood in front of them, between them and the Eternal. But God spoke to

ALL THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED, not only to Moses!

Notice further—after completing, in verse 21, the rewriting of the words of the Ten Commandments which GOD spoke, Moses continues, verse 22, to say to the people of Israel: "These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me."

Read that again carefully! That is not what you probably have been told. Read it in your own Bible!

These words of the Ten Commandments the LORD spoke. To whom? "Unto ALL YOUR ASSEMBLY." The people did NOT receive the Ten Commandments from Moses, but direct from the very voice of GOD, which they all heard!

"And He added no more." That was a COMPLETE LAW! It is a SPIRITUAL LAW. It is COMPLETE. He added no more—to THAT LAW! Any other laws are different, separate laws—NO PART OF THAT SPIRITUAL LAW! It is complete in itself!

The Sabbath Command

Observe more closely, now, the Sabbath command.

"REMEMBER the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20: God said REMEMBER this day! So men have insisted on forgetting—or trying to change it to a different day!

Christ said, in the sermon on the mount: "THINK NOT that I am come to destroy the law," so professing Christians think He *did* come to destroy it!

Christ said, in the same sermon on the mount: "Swear not," so professing Christians universally hold up their right hands and swear.

Christ said: "LOVE your enemies," so professing Christians—pretending to follow Him, HATE their enemies and go to war to kill them.

Christ said: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," so, professing Christians say "it's impossible to keep God's Law, let alone to be perfect. Christ kept it in our stead, and then abolished it."

Christ commands "DO!"—and His professed followers DON'T!

Christ commands "DON'T!" and His professed followers DO!

Christ commanded: "REMEMBER the Sabbath day!" So pretending followers FORGET it!

But notice the rest of that same sentence—"to KEEP it HOLY." The word "keep" means to preserve in the same condition. You can't KEEP ice-water hot—you can only keep HOT water hot. You can't keep an unholy day holy. The only weekly day God ever made holy is His Sabbath. It is utterly impossible to keep Sunday or Friday HOLY—because God never made them holy, and man has no power to make anything holy. These are not arguments—they are FACTS that will judge you in God's JUDGMENT!

Now notice verses 9 and 10 (Exodus 20): "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work. . . ."

Not just any seventh day! Not "one day in seven"—Christ said "the seventh day!" In Matthew 28:1—after the crucifixion and resurrection—after whatever was "nailed to the cross" had been nailed—you will find it is the seventh day of the week—the day before the first day of the week!

Notice further! Christ did *not* say to

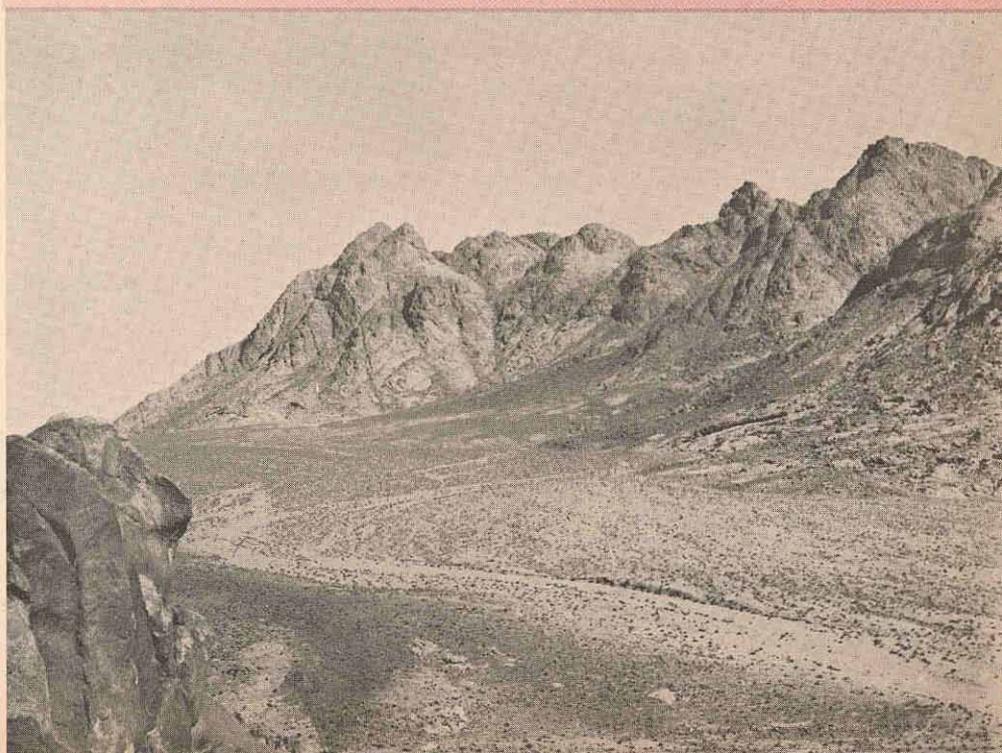
those Israelites, "the Sabbath of the JEW." He said, distinctly, "the Sabbath of THE LORD THY GOD!" If it is the LORD'S Sabbath—the Sabbath OF THE LORD—then the SABBATH is, truly, "the LORD'S DAY."

Right here, let's put an end to the rebellious ARGUMENTS about Sunday being the "Lord's Day." I will make to any reader this challenge: Produce any passage in the Bible identifying Sunday—or the first day of the week—as "the Lord's Day," and I will proclaim the truth of that passage to the millions of people who hear *The World Tomorrow* program on the air in every inhabited continent on earth, and publish it prominently in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, which now has a reading audience of over a million people around the world.

God has placed before me one of the most vast audiences in the world today. If you believe Sunday is "the Lord's Day" and can prove it by the Scripture, here is your opportunity to get it before many millions of people! But before anyone sends in Revelation 1:10, let me call to your attention the fact that, 1) this verse is not referring to any day of the week, but to the general period of prophecy mentioned in more than 30 prophecies, as "the day of the Lord." In this present time we are in the day of

Wady Er-Raba, the Plain of the Law. In this setting the Children of Israel encamped to hear the Voice of God deliver the Ten Commandments.

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man. The "day of the Lord" is the era of time when God is going to intervene directly and supernaturally in world affairs, and begin the take-over of the governments of all nations; and, 2) this verse and its context *make no reference to any day of the week*, nor do they in any manner mention Sunday or "the first day of the week." There is absolutely nothing in this verse or context associating it with a weekly day of worship, or *changing* the day to Sunday. Those who have associated it with Sunday have done so *without Scriptural authority*, and have thus deceived millions of people.

The "Lord's Day" is the day the LORD is *lord of*—the day that is *HIS* day—and in Mark 2:28 Jesus Christ said He is Lord of *the Sabbath*—not of Sunday.

In this present verse—Exodus 20:10, He said to all the people assembled, "But *the seventh day* is the Sabbath of *the LORD thy God*."

Sabbath Not MY Day

Let me illustrate this verse further. Some 20 years ago, when I was holding Sunday night services in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, in downtown Seattle, a woman shaking hands with me at the entrance after the service paused to say:

"Mr. Armstrong, I have been told that Saturday is your day. I do hope that is not true!"

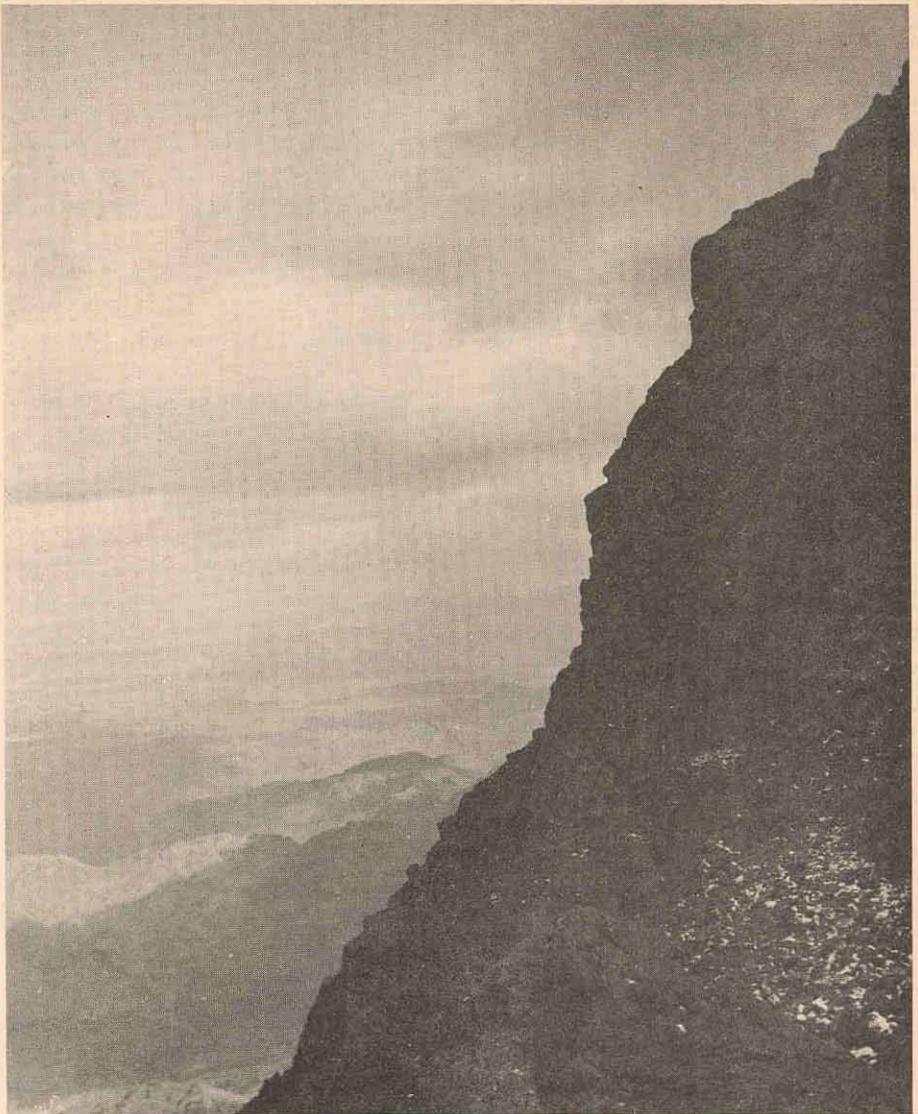
"It certainly is not true," I replied. "Sunday is my day."

"Oh, I'm *so glad!*" she exclaimed.

"But wait a minute," I said quickly. "I see you don't understand. Sunday is *my* day—and Monday, and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—those are all *my* days—but Friday sunset until Saturday sunset is *not* MY day—THAT IS GOD'S DAY—that is *THE LORD'S* day!"

Read the wording of Christ in the Commandment again: "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work,"—those are *OUR* days, for *OUR* work—"but the seventh day is the Sabbath of *the Lord, thy God*"—the *SEVENTH DAY* is *the LORD'S DAY*. This very Commandment, in the law which defines *sin*, plainly says so!

In I John 3:4 you read the BIBLE definition of what constitutes SIN. "Sin is the transgression of the Law." In Ro-



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Looking down onto the wilderness below from the heights of the Sinai range. Notice the snow in the lower right foreground.

mans 7:7 you read *which* Law it is SIN to disobey—the Law that says "Thou shalt not covet"—quoted from this very Law—Exodus 20:17. In James 2:9-11 you will read *which* Law defines sin. It is a Law subdivided into "points" (verse 10), and one of its "points" is "Do not commit adultery," quoted from this very Law (Exodus 20:14), and another of its ten "points" is "Do not kill" also quoted from this same Law (Ex. 20:13).

In James 2:10 you read that if you break any one of these 10 points you are GUILTY of SIN. The same Law also says: "REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy . . . the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy GOD." *Whoever disobeys that Command commits SIN!*

This is probably far from what you have believed or been taught. But if any

wish to argue, I should suggest you save your arguments for the Judgment, and then try to argue face to face with your Saviour and your Maker, Jesus Christ!

Called Sabbath from Creation

Before leaving Exodus 20, notice one more important fact.

In verse 11 you will read, ". . . for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, . . . and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed *the Sabbath day*, and hallowed it."

Now *when* did the LORD bless and hallow this seventh day? You will read, as explained before, in Genesis 2:3, that He did this blessing and hallowing on that seventh day of original CREATION WEEK. And this Sabbath Command says

plainly, "the LORD blessed *the Sabbath day*." He did this blessing and hallowing the very day after the creation of Adam and Eve. And *what He then* blessed and hallowed, says Exodus 20:11, was *THE SABBATH DAY*. It was God's Sabbath day from that very original creation week. THAT is *when* the LORD made the Sabbath.

Many have used the deceptive argument that God never MADE the Sabbath until He gave the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. But this says plainly that the seventh day of creation week, which the LORD *then* blessed and hallowed was, *then*, the SABBATH DAY. Further, as emphatically proved above, the Sabbath existed, and was God's holy day *before* the children of Israel arrived at Mount Sinai—as shown in Exodus 16.

So, the LORD Jesus Christ, as the "Logos" (John 1:1—Greek), or the "Yahweh" (Hebrew) of Genesis 2, who MADE everything that was made, did make the Sabbath, as Jesus plainly stated in Mark 2:28. It is one of the things He MADE—and it was MADE on the seventh day of the very first week—Creation week. The Sabbath has existed FROM CREATION, and, more than two millenniums later, this same LORD, the Person of the Godhead who *became* Jesus Christ, COMMANDED His people to *keep it holy!* And, about another two thousand years after that, He said He is LORD of that day!

A Special Eternal Covenant

What God commanded to REMEMBER, rebellious men will resort to every argument of human reason to *justify forgetting!* Consequently, many have used the argument, without any Scriptural authority of course, that the Ten Commandments were abolished at the Cross. Of course they never stop to realize that, *if* there is no law, there is no transgression—as Paul plainly states in Rom. 4:15—and no one has sinned since the Cross—and therefore we should not *need* a Saviour!

Yet even if this perverted and deceptive argument were true—if God had abolished all *ten* of His Commandments at the Cross, and then brought back nine of them in the New Testament, in order to get rid of the Sabbath—as many do teach—*still* THEY ARE WITHOUT EX-

CUSE! For God made of the Sabbath a special and separate COVENANT, *binding FOREVER!*

You will remember that *to the Ten Commandment Law, God added no more* (Deut. 5:22). Any other Law, or Covenant, coming later, is NO PART OF IT, but a separate Law or Covenant. Paul makes this plain: "Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto." (Gal. 3:15.)

The Ten Commandment Law is complete—God added *no more*. Also, the *Old Covenant* was confirmed, as described in Exodus 24:4-8. *It cannot be added to.*

Later, after both the Ten Commandments and the Old Covenant had been made *complete*, ratified, put in force and effect God made ANOTHER TOTALLY SEPARATE and eternally-binding covenant with HIS PEOPLE.

WHY the Sabbath?

God never does anything *in vain*—that is, to no good and useful purpose. When God does anything, or makes anything, there is a reason—an important PURPOSE.

God created MAN and put him on earth. But mankind has lost knowledge of His PURPOSE. God had an important reason. YOU were put here for a very important PURPOSE.

God, through "The Word" (John 1:1-3) who became Jesus Christ, *made* the Sabbath. He made it *for* man.

But WHY?

What PURPOSE does it serve? Mankind has lost knowledge of *that* important purpose, too! Jesus Christ (Mark 2:27-28) said it was made *for* man, rather than man *for* the Sabbath. But at that time He merely told *for whom* He had made it—not WHY—not for what PURPOSE, except to serve and benefit man.

That is why this special, separate SABBATH COVENANT is important. For it reveals THE REASON—the basic *purpose*. Therefore it becomes important to study it carefully.

It is found in Exodus 31:12-17:

The Special Sabbath COVENANT

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, speak thou also unto the chil-

dren of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep. . . ." Notice, once again, *which* day is "the LORD's day." The Eternal calls the Sabbaths "*My Sabbaths*." The Sabbaths are HIS—they do not belong to us—they are not *our* days, but the LORD'S. The Sabbath is a space of TIME. That time, whenever it arrives, is *not ours*, but GOD'S. If we appropriate it for ourselves—for our own use, whether work, pleasure, or what, we are STEALING FROM GOD!

Notice again! He said: "My Sabbaths ye *shall keep*." In Exodus 20:8 we saw that He commanded to "keep it HOLY"—God *made* it HOLY TIME, and commanded us to *keep* it holy—NOT TO PROFANE WHAT IS HOLY TO GOD.

Now study this special covenant a little further:

". . . for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."

What *tremendous* meaning is packed in that portion of this sentence! Yet most people read right past it, failing to get the vital TRUTH it contains!

Notice! ". . . for it is a SIGN . . ." What is a *sign*?

You walk down a main street in the business section of a city. Everywhere you see *signs* identifying stores, offices, factories. If you want to know what a *sign* is, just turn to the word in the "yellow pages"—the classified business listings—of your telephone directory. You will find such names as "Jones Neon Sign Company," or "Smith Brothers Signs." If you call one of them on the telephone and ask, "What do you make, or sell?" they will tell you that they make signs for business firms, institutions, or professional individuals to hang out in front of their place of business. The sign *identifies* whose establishment, institution, or office is inside.

A *sign* is a badge, symbol, or token of IDENTITY. You see the sign, "*A. B. Brown, Furniture and Furnishings*." The sign identifies the *owner*. It tells you what kind of business he owns.

Webster's dictionary defines a *sign* thus: "A publicly displayed notice on a building, office, etc., to advertise the business there transacted, or the name of the person or firm conducting it. Something indicating the existence of a

thing; a token." And, of course, there are the special technical meanings in mathematics, medicine, astronomy.

The word which Moses wrote, in the Hebrew language, which is translated "sign" is *'outh*, and the Hebrew-English dictionary defines it as "a signal (lt. or fig.), as a flag, beacon, monument, evidence, etc.,—mark, miracle, sign, token." A flag identifies a nation. A beacon is a signal to announce the existence of something warned about. A token is a visible sign; something that serves as an identifying signal to make something known, as, a white flag is a token of surrender.

God commanded His people to keep His Sabbath as a *sign*. It is a sign between God's people and God—" . . . a sign between you and me" the Commandment says. It is a badge or token of IDENTITY. It advertises, or announces, or proclaims certain identifying knowledge. But WHAT KNOWLEDGE? God answers: ". . . that ye may KNOW that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."

NOTE THOSE WORDS CAREFULLY!! It is the *sign* that IDENTIFIES to them who is their GOD! It is the sign by which we may KNOW that He is the LORD!! It IDENTIFIES GOD!

WHO Is God?

But doesn't everybody know who God is?

ABSOLUTELY NO! This whole world is deceived—so says your Bible.

This world has a god—a false god—Satan the devil! He pretends to be "an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14). He has his religious organizations. Not all are Buddhists, Shintoists, Taoists, Confucianists. Many have appropriated the very name "Christian," whose ministers, says your Bible, actually are Satan's ministers: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness" (II Cor. 11:14-15). But do they actually call themselves the ministers of CHRIST? Read the verse just before the two just quoted—verse 13: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." Yes, Satan is the great counterfeiter.

He palms himself off as GOD. He is

called, in your Bible, the *god of this world* (II Cor. 4:4). He palms off his ministers as the ministers of CHRIST—accusing the *true* ministers of Christ as "false apostles" to divert suspicion from themselves!

Does this world's "Christianity" really know the TRUE GOD? It is *deceived* into believing it does, and a deceived world may be sincere in that false belief. But the true GOD is the one whom we *obey*.

This world is not taught to OBEY GOD! Its false "Christianity" teaches that God's Law is "done away." It actually puts human conscience, actuated by Satan's false teaching, in place of God's Law! It does not teach, as did Christ, that we must actually *live* by every Word of GOD—of the BIBLE!

The PURPOSE of the Sabbath

God gave man His Sabbath, for THE PURPOSE of keeping mankind in the true knowledge and true worship of the true GOD.

But *how* does the Sabbath IDENTIFY God—how does it point to the *true* God, rather than the false? Does not Sunday do just as well? POSITIVELY NO!!

Notice verse 17 of this special Sabbath covenant: "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed." (Ex. 31:17.)

It was on *the seventh* day of that creation week that He rested from the work of MAKING heaven and earth. Not Sunday, the first day of the week. Only *the seventh* day of the week points back to CREATION.

How does *that* identify who GOD is?

If you believe any one else or any thing else is God, I will *prove* that my God is the true God, because whatever else you may think is God *was made or created* by the true GOD. He who created and made *everything else* is GREATER than whatever He made—superior to anything else that could be called God.

CREATION is the *PROOF* of God—of His existence. It—the act of creating—*identifies* Him!

So God took the most enduring, lasting, imperishable thing man can know—a recurring space of TIME—the *only*

day that is a memorial of THE ACT OF CREATING. He took the *only day* which points, constantly, every *seventh* day of the week, to the existence of the Almighty, ALL-POWERFUL, ALL-RULING GOD—the *CREATOR*! And God set that particular day apart from others as His day—God made that particular day sacred and holy to HIM—designating it as the *very* day on which HE commands His people to assemble for WORSHIP—the day man is commanded to REST from his own work and physical pleasure—and to be refreshed by assembling with other obedient worshippers in spiritual fellowship!

NO OTHER DAY is a memorial and reminder of CREATION. True, Satan has deceived a deluded world into supposing Christ's resurrection occurred on Sunday morning at sunrise—the very time which has always been the time of pagan SUN-worship. BUT THIS IS NOT TRUE! Write for our free booklet about the *Resurrection*. You will be amazed! Also write for our special free booklet on *Easter*. It is a shocking eye-opener—and it is the TRUTH you can verify and prove at your public library.

The resurrection of Christ actually occurred on *the Sabbath*, not on Sunday! And, further, *nowhere* in the Bible does God tell us to celebrate the day of Christ's resurrection! That is a pagan custom of MEN, on apostate MAN'S authority alone—contrary to the commands of GOD!

Surprising TRUTH About Fellowship!

Now notice another eye-opening reason why *only the true Sabbath day* can be the day for assembled Christian fellowship. Jesus Christ said, in John 15, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches" (verse 5). We are told to abide in Him (verse 4), or, spiritually, we can do nothing. A grape branch cannot produce grapes unless joined to the vine.

Next notice the basis of Christian fellowship, in I John 1:

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, *that ye also may have fellowship with us*: and truly *our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ*. . . . If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness (that is, disobey His com-

mands), we lie, and do not the truth. But *if* we walk in the light (LIVE by every word of the BIBLE as our WAY OF LIFE, being DOERS of His Law, not hearers only—being OBEDIENT) as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:3, 6-7.)

We can have true Christian fellowship *only* when each individual Christian is joined to Christ, and to the Father—as a branch of a grape vine joined to the vine. Now what joins the many branches of that vine to one another? When *people* meet on *their own human-appointed day*, trying to JOIN THEMSELVES together in a church group, Christ is *not* present with them in that fellowship, because He never put HIS PRESENCE in that day. They are like a lot of grape branches, cut off from the vine, trying to join themselves together!

Now, HOW did we find that Jesus Christ put *His presence* in His Sabbath? On that day HE RESTED, and was refreshed. On that day, while resting, He blessed that day—He set it apart for holy use and purpose as HIS day—He hallowed it and made it HOLY TIME.

But HOW did He make it HOLY? Remember, I showed you plainly before, that just as *the very ground* where Moses stood, near the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-5) was HOLY GROUND—*because Christ's presence was there*, and Christ's presence makes HOLY whatever or wherever He is—just as WE can be HOLY if, and *only if*, *Christ's presence*, by the Holy Spirit, is within us—SO *Christ's presence* in the Sabbath makes that space of time holy.

When the LORD of the Old Testament, the (Greek, *logos*) WORD (John 1:1-3) was made human flesh (Verse 14), and was named Jesus Christ, some 4,000 years after He rested originally on the Sabbath, putting His presence in it (Gen. 2:1-3), He still kept the Sabbath, and put His presence in it (Luke 4:16) "*as His custom was.*" He had not changed. Jesus Christ is the SAME STILL TODAY (Heb. 13:8).

So *His very presence* is in HIS DAY, the same today as then. When God's own obedient children, each joined to Christ—each walking with Christ in harmony, obedient—assemble on His holy day, then CHRIST joins them to-

gether in FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM AND THE FATHER!

When people assemble on Sunday, Christ's presence is not in that day! You may argue to have your own way, rather than surrender to this truth, but this *is truth* which will judge you when you face Christ in the Judgment!

False and Vain Worship

Then what about public or church-group worship in a weekly service on any other day?

LISTEN and HEED! Your Bible says: "God is a spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him *in spirit and in TRUTH.*" (John 4:24.)

What do the churches of this world say? "Worship God according to the dictates of your own conscience." THAT IS CONTRARY TO WHAT GOD SAYS!

HOW do you worship God *in spirit and in truth*? What *is TRUTH*? Jesus said plainly: "THY WORD is TRUTH." God's Word is the BIBLE!

The BIBLE sets apart *only the Sabbath* as God's holy day for joint assembly and worship. I will pay any one who can show any passage in the Bible which sets apart Sunday as a Sabbath, or as "The Lord's Day" or as a HOLY day, or which commands its observance, \$1,000 for the information. For ANY BIBLE AUTHORITY WHATSOEVER which commands the regular observance of Sunday, I will pay \$1,000. Why don't you try to find it? The Bible is the AUTHORITY OF GOD! What authority do people have for Sunday?

To worship God *in spirit and in TRUTH* is to worship Him how, and when (so far as congregational assembly is concerned) He says in HIS WORD, which is TRUTH!

God Himself set apart the one and only day that IDENTIFIES HIM as the CREATOR! He set it apart for a BLESSING! For our physical rest! For spiritual refreshing!

And the day on which we cease from our business or labors, HE set apart as "an holy CONVOCATION" (Lev. 23:2-3), which means a COMMANDED ASSEMBLY, at which our presence is *commanded*. It is the very day when His divine spiritual *presence* is there, also. He set apart as the day *for* that joint worship together the one day which identifies the God

WHOM we are to worship!

NO OTHER DAY CAN FULFIL THAT GREAT AND GLORIOUS PURPOSE!

Yes, GOD had a *reason* for the Sabbath—a PURPOSE in it!

Those who assemble to worship God and the Lord Jesus Christ in any way contrary to the way, or the time, GOD'S WORD commands are not worshipping Him *in spirit and in TRUTH*. God will not accept their worship.

Did you realize that Christ Himself said you can not only profess His name and call yourself a Christian, but you may actually WORSHIP HIM—and *do it in vain*? Still totally "unsaved"?

Listen to the very words of Christ: "Howbeit *in vain* do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men . . . ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." (Mark 7:7-9.)

Assembling for worship on Sunday is *nothing but the tradition of MEN*—and a pagan tradition at that! Those who do so *reject the commandment of GOD*, disobey God's commandment to *keep* His Sabbath day holy, are guilty of COMMITTING SIN, and SUCH WORSHIP IS UTTERLY IN VAIN! *Jesus Christ said so!*

NOT "Jewish" Sabbath

Yet, in spite of all the Scriptures in the whole Bible—in spite of direct commands from GOD—many have heard or read of the Sabbath being called "The Jewish Sabbath" so many times that their minds will argue immediately: "Yes, but all this about the Sabbath being holy—about the Sabbath covenant, doesn't apply to ME; all that was for Jews—and I'm a Gentile."

O yes, this DOES apply to YOU!

Jesus Christ says "The Sabbath was made for MAN"—for all mankind! Remember? It was made WHEN man was made—at the time of Adam! There were no Jews then! God Almighty does not have one standard for Jews and another for Gentiles. No Gentile can become a Christian *until* he becomes an ISRAELITE—read Ephesians 2:11-22. God says, through the apostle Paul to GENTILES: "There is neither Jew nor Greek . . . for ye are all ONE in Christ Jesus.

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FORTY-EIGHT

PROMISED LAND IN SIGHT

GOD was angry because so many Israelite men were mixing with Moabite and Midianite women. The men were allowing themselves to be drawn by these foreign women into taking part in worshipping pagan gods. (Numbers 25:1-3.)

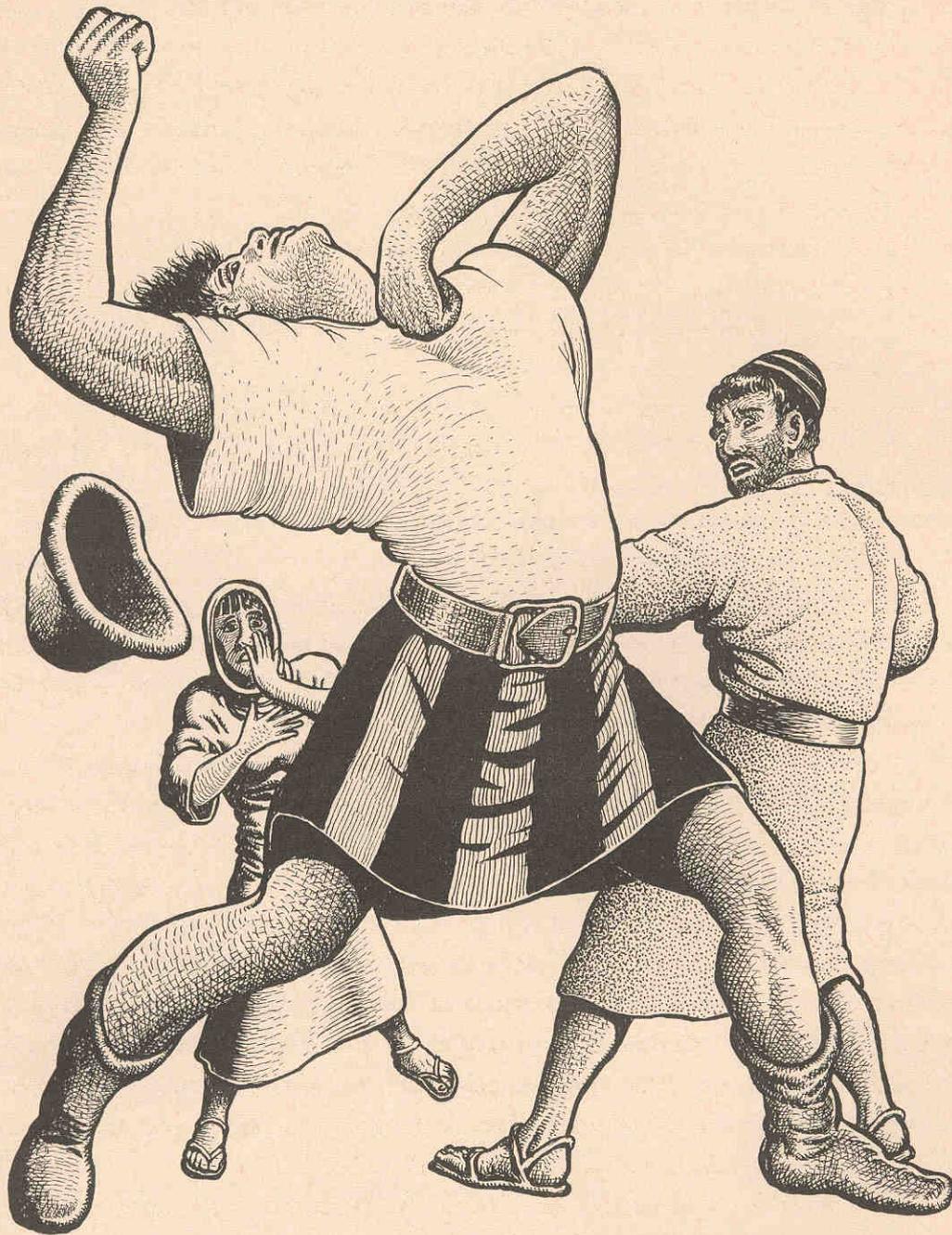
"This is the kind of sin that can destroy a whole nation if allowed to continue. Tell the heads of the twelve tribes to seize the tribal leaders and better-known men who have so heedlessly gone against my warnings not to mingle with strange nations," God told Moses. "The tribal chiefs must themselves stone the lawbreakers and have them hung on poles for a whole day to show what can happen to those who follow evil leaders and ignore My rules! This matter, however, isn't going to end with merely a warning. I am going to bring a plague on all the other offenders," said the Eternal to Moses, "and unless this taking of foreign women stops at once, the plague will spread to all of Israel!" (Verses 4-5.)

The order was carried out, and within only a few hours the corpses were hanging on poles erected close to the center of the Israelite camps. These gruesome reminders and Moses' stern rebuke shocked the people. There was much loud wailing and moaning, a habit acquired from the Egyptians. Most of the Israelites truly regretted what had happened, and from them there were genuine groans and weeping of shame and repentance. (Verse 6.)

Last Wilderness Plague

At the same time an amazingly dreadful thing began to happen to thousands of Israelite men who were guilty of being involved with Moabite and Midianite women

and their pagan sacrifices. In all the camps offenders were abruptly overcome by terrible pains in their chests. They thudded to the ground as though they had been stoned



Thousands of Israelite men fell dead from a mysterious, painful condition in their chests!

with invisible stones. It was as though angels had stoned the offenders that the tribal chiefs of Israel had failed to stone. The victims were able to gasp only a few tormented breaths before dying.

When news of this reached the mourners near the tabernacle, the groaning and shrieking reached higher peaks, and there was growing sorrow and shame in the homes of the men who were stricken, because everyone knew they died for their shameful conduct. Some of these men were sons of respectable parents and tribal leaders. Others were fathers whose wives and children had no idea—until their sudden deaths—that foreign women had drawn these men into trouble.

All this heartache and grief came because Balak was jealous of Israel and because Balaam lusted so much after the wages promised by Balak that he taught the pagans how to lead rebellious Israelite men into sin. (II Peter 2:15; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14.)

Even in the face of these abrupt and terrible developments there were those who were so scornful of God that they refused to put aside the women of these pagan nations.

A Rebel Prince

Such a one was Zimri, a prince of the tribe of Simeon. Even at the height of the time of mourning and repentance, Zimri came into the tabernacle area with a Midianite princess named Cozbi. The couple brazenly passed through the mourning Israelites and on to a private tent in the camp of Simeon.

Zimri was plainly recognized by many, including Moses, who assumed that officers would quickly go to Zimri and find out from him the identity of the strange woman. Because of Zimri's high rank, however, officers who should have detained him allowed him and his Midianite princess to go their way without bothering them. (Numbers 25:6.)

Phinehas, one of Aaron's grandsons, took particular notice of where Zimri and Cozbi went and noticed the officers' hesitancy in punishing them. Acting according to God's special order that offenders in this matter should be slain, Phinehas seized a spear that had been put down by an Israelite soldier, and followed the couple to the tent they had entered. Phinehas jerked the tent flap open, then hurled the spear with such force that it pierced the bodies of both Zimri and Cozbi.

From that moment on no one else died of the mysterious lung-crushing plague that had come on Israel. Till that time, however, twenty-four thousand Israelite men lost their lives—twenty-three thousand in one day—including about a thousand who were stoned as examples to warn Israel of the heavy penalty of mixing with foreign

nations. (Verses 7-9, 14-15.) God had this shameful and tragic episode recorded to teach us that we should not lust after dishonest money and should not marry or follow the practices of evil women, and that we should worship only God. (I Corinthians 10:6-11.)

"Phinehas, by his loyal action, has proved that there are those who stand for justice," God told Moses. "Because of his zeal to punish offenders and atone for the sins of his people, others will now fear to disobey. Therefore, My wrath against Israel has been stopped. Furthermore, I extend to this man an agreement of peace. I assure him that I shall spare him from any Midianites who would try to avenge the Midianite princess, and that those after him shall remain in the priesthood forever!" (Numbers 25:10-13.)

The next few days were ones of misery, shame and sorrow in Israel. At the same time, though most people weren't aware of it to the full extent, they had reason to rejoice and be thankful because of God's anger having been turned from them.

This didn't mean that God was satisfied with the way matters turned out. He was well aware that the Midianites and Moabites—especially the Midianites—had plotted to use their women to wrongly influence men of Israel. He planned to punish Midian, but not until He had accomplished some other things. (Verses 16-18.)

One of those things was the taking of a census. It had been over thirty-eight years since the people had been numbered. During that time there had been changes in the tribes. Now that Israel was obviously about to take over Canaan, it was necessary to know the number of people in every tribe so that the leaders would know the size of the army and so the land could be divided in a manner that would be fair to all. (Numbers 26:52-54.)

Only the males from twenty years of age and up were numbered. The men of the tribe of Levi were counted separately and in a different way because they were not in the army and they had no inheritance as did the men of the other tribes. (Numbers 1:47-49; Numbers 2:33.)

At the time of this second census, not one man remained to enter the Promised Land who was numbered in the first numbering, except Caleb and Joshua, who were faithful to God. (Numbers 14:29-30; Deuteronomy 1:34-35.) However, Moses, Eleazar and Ithamar (Aaron's sons) and some other Levites who were alive at the time of the first census remained alive because the Levites were not condemned to die in the wilderness with the over 600,000 soldiers who complained when God told them to go in and occupy the Promised Land. The Levites had remained faithful to God even when all the rest of Israel worshipped the golden calf. (Exodus 32:25-29.) Because of their faithfulness, the Levites were given special blessings. (Deuteronomy 33:8-11.)

This miracle of destroying the older generation of murmurers was one of the many great wonders and miracles by which God proved His power to Israel while they wandered forty years in the wilderness. (Acts 7:35-36.) But God had been faithful to the other half of His promise and had saved alive those who had been under twenty years of age when Israel murmured against Him. (Numbers 14:31; Numbers 26:11.)

The Promised Land was now in sight when God finished wiping out the older generation of condemned rebels, leaving a new generation of men who were under sixty years old. Now there would be no more plagues on Israel until God had fulfilled His promise to take the new generation across the Jordan river into Canaan. God was now bound by His promise to perform miracles when necessary in order to take all these people into the Promised Land.

When the figures of the second census had been totalled, they showed that some of the tribes had increased and some had decreased. Not including the Levites, who had increased by only a thousand, there were 1,820 less men (over twenty years of age) than the first census showed. If Israel had been obedient in the past, the census would have shown an increase of thousands and thousands in all the tribes. Besides, they would have been dwelling safely and in good health in Canaan.

Inheritance Law Explained

Right after the census was taken, five sisters brought a problem to Moses and Eleazar. They explained that because their father was dead and because they had no brothers, their father's inheritance and name would be lost if they were not permitted to inherit in the place of sons. (Numbers 27:1-5.) This was due to the fact that property that was passed on to following generations could be claimed only by those registered in the census. Those didn't include women.

Moses and Eleazar realized that there could be many such cases among the millions of Israelites. They felt that the matter was important enough to bring to God, especially at this time when Canaan was obviously about to be divided up as an inheritance among the tribes of Israel.

When Moses brought the cause before God, the Creator told him that the five daughters had done well in speaking out, and that His law concerning this situation should be made known to the people.

"Let it be recorded," God informed Moses, "that if a man dies who has no sons, his property shall pass on to his daughters. If he has no daughters, what he owns shall go to his brothers. If he has no brothers, his estate shall go to his father's brothers. If his father has no brothers, his property shall go to those who are of the closest relationship." (Verses 6-11.)

Shortly after this new law was established, God told Moses that he should climb to the top of one of the nearby Abarim mountains so that he could view the land the Israelites were to possess.

"After you have seen Canaan from afar, your life shall end on that mountain," God said. "You are not to enter into the Promised Land because of your disobedient attitude in getting water out of the rock at Kadesh." (Verses 12-14.) This decree was no surprise to Moses, since God had refused his request to enter Canaan just after conquering Gilead and Bashan. (Deuteronomy 3:4, 10, 23-27.)

Although Moses had expected this, it shocked him to learn that he would die so soon. He realized that God meant what He said, and that it would be futile to beg to have his life spared. What mattered most was how Moses would be replaced. When Moses finally spoke, that was foremost in his mind.

Joshua To Take Moses' Place

"Your will be done," Moses said. "But before I come to the end of my days, I should like to know that you have set a man in my place so that your people will not be as sheep without a shepherd." (Numbers 27:15-17.)

By this request Moses didn't mean that he felt that God couldn't get along without him or someone to take his place. But Moses understood that God had always worked to a great extent through human beings. It was only natural that he would want to know through whom God would next lead Israel, and to have that man established in office.

"Joshua shall succeed you," God told Moses. "Call the congregation together to witness the transferring of some of your honor on Joshua before Eleazar the priest. From the time that Joshua takes your place, he must consult Eleazar, who will come to me in the tabernacle. I have spoken to you directly, but this is the way in which Joshua shall receive instruction on how to lead Israel." (Verses 18-21.)

Later, before Eleazar and a huge crowd of Israelites, Moses put his hands on



Moses had realized that he would soon die, but he was filled with sudden sorrow when God told him where his death would happen.

Joshua's head and lifted his voice to God.

"As a chosen servant of You, the God of Israel," Moses prayed, "I am willing to give up the power and honor of my office whenever I am taken from this life. I pray that even greater power and honor will go to Joshua, the man You have chosen to follow me. Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to be of service. Now I ask your very special blessing on this man, that he would be inspired with the strength and character and wisdom to rightly lead your people. By your authority I now charge him with the responsibility of the office that has been mine." (Numbers 27:22-23; Deuteronomy 3:21-22, 28; Deuteronomy 31:14-15, 23.)

Although Moses' office had in a sense been transferred to Joshua, full authority was not to go to Joshua as long as Moses lived. Moses was busy for some time afterward receiving instruction from God having to do with offerings, holy days and civil laws. All these things were recorded and passed on to the people. (Numbers 28, 29, 30.)

About this time Moses was called to the tabernacle to receive special instruction of a different nature.

"Do The Impossible!"

"The time has come for my people to strike against the Midianites," the Creator said to Moses. "They must be punished because of their evil plan to influence Israelite men to go over to pagan ways through the wiles of the Midianite women. The Midianite leaders hoped that if enough Israelites fell in with worshipping their gods, I would be displeased and withdraw my protection from Israel. Then they intended to attack. I was indeed displeased, but I did not abandon Israel. Now follow my orders and avenge your God as well as yourselves because of the harm idolatrous Midian has brought to the people. Although the Midianites hoped to destroy all Israel, I will use one-fiftieth of the Israelite army to destroy the army of Midian. I will prove that mortal men cannot hinder my plans or destroy the nation I protect." (Numbers 25:16-18; Numbers 31:1-2.)

Moses spoke at once to his officers, instructing them to choose a thousand fighting men from each tribe. (Verses 3-5.) This total of twelve thousand trained and armed men was only a small part of the total Israelite army. Moses felt certain that the Midianites had many more soldiers than twelve thousand, but he knew better than to add to the number God had chosen.

The Israelites would have feared to go against the Midianite army with such a small force if God had not promised this new generation that they would live to cross over Jordan into the Promised Land. They had at last learned to trust God and they

knew that through His power this task would be possible.

Led by Joshua, the twelve thousand set out bravely across the plains to the south-east to do what they knew was humanly impossible. The high priest's son, Phinehas, was in charge of the few Levites who accompanied the army. These men were to preside at sacred services and to carry the two silver trumpets that were to be blown by the priests, at God's command, as battle alarms. (Numbers 10: 1-3, 8-9; Numbers 31:6.)

The movement of Israelite troops didn't go unnoticed. When Midianite spies noted what direction was taken by the twelve thousand troops, swift-riding Midianite messengers carried the news to all five rulers of Midian. The five kings preferred to meet their attackers in the desert, what with the Midianites having specialized in desert fighting for centuries. They agreed that their full forces should go against the Israelite army, which, from the reports, was only a fraction as large as it was imagined to be.

The Midianites realized that more Israelite troops could follow, but their spies reported seeing no further preparation in the camps of the Israelites. This convinced the Midianites that their women had probably succeeded in demoralizing the Israelite men to such an extent that they were no longer a strongly united fighting force. They believed they could easily defeat Israel.

Almost two days after he had started out with the soldiers, Joshua received a discouraging report from a scout who had hurriedly returned from observation duty far ahead.

Numbers Meant Nothing to Joshua!

"The desert is dark with approaching thousands of soldiers!" the scout panted. "If we hold our present course, we will meet that army head-on! From what I could see, it's much larger than our army, and could surround us!"

Joshua had no intention of trying to evade the enemy, which then might march right on to the camps of the Israelites. He knew that since God had sent the Israelites on this mission as His executioners, He would supply them with enough skill and power to wipe out these idolaters. The troops continued their rather slow tramping across the sands and rocks, and it wasn't long before they were able to make out the Midianites in the distance.

When the miles between the two armies had shrunk to only a few hundred yards, it was plain to the Midianites that their numbers were indeed much superior to those of the Israelites.

Suddenly the Midianites split into three sections! The middle portion came directly at the Israelites!



An excited scout rushed up to Joshua to blurt out news of the approaching Midianites.

The other two parts swung out to right and left to surround the Israelite troops in a gigantic vise-like movement!

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Which DAY Is the Christian Sabbath?

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And if ye (Gentiles) be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed (children), and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:28-29.)

You cannot find any such term as "the Jewish Sabbath" anywhere in the Bible! That is a derisive, scornful, contemptuous epithet which came from non-Christian "wolves in sheep's clothing" as Christ labeled them, intended to deceive by creating prejudice against the truth of God. It is the slurring, discrediting, misleading language and terminology employed by DECEIVERS, false prophets, and upholders of pagan doctrines and customs contrary to God's Word. IT IS NOT BIBLE LANGUAGE!

Yet, perhaps even most of you who read this have been so prejudiced by that contemptuous term that it is very

difficult for your mind to comprehend, and to accept, the PLAIN TRUTH of your own BIBLE!

But, one may still argue, doesn't this very SABBATH COVENANT say—or did not the LORD say: "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, . . ." etc. in the very giving of this special covenant?

Of course—but read again Ephesians 2:11-22. YOU HAVE TO BECOME AN ISRAELITE TO BE SAVED! You have heard a lot of *false* and *anti-Scriptural* teaching leading you to suppose salvation is for Gentiles. IT IS NOT!

All the PROMISES were given to ISRAEL. Why?

Listen! Read carefully, and UNDERSTAND! All nations had gone into anti-God, false, pagan religions. In such a

God-rejecting world, God raised up, from the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the days of Moses, a special nation to be HIS nation—to be a *light* to the non-believing Gentiles. Incidentally, the very name *Gentile* MEANS unbeliever.

God gave this special called-out nation HIS right ways of life—and *to them* were given the PROMISES which include salvation. (Romans 9:4.) But, when a Gentile-born person repents, accepts Christ and receives God's Holy Spirit, then he becomes, spiritually, an Israelite, a child of Abraham, and an heir of the promises (Gal. 2:28-29).

Salvation is of the Jews (John 4:24). Salvation, however, is for EVERYONE that believes (in *living* faith, not dead faith)—to the Jew first, and, through Christ, also to the Gentile (Romans 1:16).

YOU can have no salvation *unless* you become, spiritually, a JEW! (Romans 2:28-29.) Of course, through dis-

obedience, all natural-born Israelites have been *cut off* from the Promises and God's Salvation—but they may receive it, like all others, *through Christ!* (Romans 11:17-18, 23-26.)

So the true Christian will put out of his heart that prejudice and hatred against Jews.

WHY Ten Tribes Became Lost

The very first place in all the Bible where the name "Jews" occurs is II Kings 16:6—where the Jews and Israel were at war against each other!

Few people today seem to realize that the original 12 tribes of the nation Israel divided, after the death of Solomon, into *two nations*. The nation Israel rejected their king, Rehoboam, son of Solomon, and made Jeroboam their king. But the tribe of JUDAH dissented. They wanted to keep their king, Rehoboam. In order to do so, *they seceded from the Kingdom of Israel*, and formed a new and separate nation, the Kingdom of JUDAH.

The Books of Kings and Chronicles—four whole historic Books of the Bible—are devoted primarily to the rival affairs of these *two nations*. The tribe of Benjamin went along with the Kingdom of Judah, and many of the Levites, after King Jeroboam deposed them from the Priesthood in Israel.

Thus, the Kingdom of Israel became known as the TEN TRIBES. The *other* nation, the Kingdom of JUDAH, soon became known as *the Jews*.

NEVER, in the Bible, were those of the Kingdom of Israel called Jews! The nation ISRAEL established its capital at the northern city of Samaria. The Jews, *because they lived in Judea*, retained the city of Jerusalem as their capital.

In 721-718 B.C. the Kingdom of Assyria invaded Israel, defeated them, and removed the Israelites from their cities and farms, taking them as slaves to the land of Assyria, on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea. About a hundred years later, however, the Assyrians began migrating northwest—and the people of the Ten-Tribed ISRAEL also migrated northwest. The Assyrians finally settled in the land we call Germany today.

The people of the nation ISRAEL became known as "THE LOST TEN TRIBES."

They picked up, and came to speak,

different languages. *They lost their identity*. They came to suppose they were Gentiles.

WHY? Why did they lose their identity?

Because, immediately on becoming king, Jeroboam changed the Priesthood, set up idols, changed the Festivals of the seventh month to the *eighth month* (I Kings 12:28-32), and also the Sabbath from the seventh day of God to the "eighth day"—or the first day of the week of the pagan religions, on which they worshipped the SUN!

The Kingdom of Israel, *because of this sin*—idolatry and Sabbath breaking—LOST THEIR IDENTITY after their migration from Assyria! They lost the SIGN between them and God, by which they could KNOW who is the true GOD. They ceased to worship God, and worshipped idols. They lost knowledge of the identity of GOD.

But *more*—in this Sabbath Covenant God had made with them, the Sabbath became not only the identifying sign by which they were to know that the Eternal is GOD, but also the sign by which *they* should be known as HIS PEOPLE!

Read it, again, in Exodus 31:13: ". . . Varily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."

Notice that again! ". . . that ye may know that I am the LORD *that doth sanctify YOU*." Notice those last four words! What does *sanctify* mean? It means to SET APART. The Sabbath was made the sign that identified GOD'S PEOPLE AS HIS PEOPLE. And all who keep it know that it certainly does *set them apart* from other people.

WHY? Because *you belong to whomever you obey* (Romans 6:16). If you OBEY God, you become His servants, yielded to and submissive to HIS commands and orders. If you reject God's commands, you automatically OBEY SATAN whether you realize it or not—and become children of Satan. So teaches your Bible!

NO OTHER NATION EVER KEPT THE SABBATH! It was the one particular commandment above all which no other people ever kept! It seemed peculiar,

strange, fanatical to *others*—just as it did to me 35 years ago—just as it does now, to most of our readers! It made them peculiar—different! IT IDENTIFIED THEM as the people of GOD!

The Ten-Tribed HOUSE OF ISRAEL *lost God's Sabbath*—turned to the pagan day now called Sunday! They lost their identifying SIGN, by which they were *sanctified*—that is, SET APART from other people, as GOD'S PEOPLE! SO THEY LOST THEIR IDENTITY! Nobody recognized them any more as Israelites.

WHY Jews Are Recognized

But JUDAH kept the Sabbath! They did not continue long to keep it HOLY, or keep it *God's way*—but they did maintain it, to this day, as the day of rest they acknowledge and observe.

RESULT? All the world looks on them as THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF GOD! The world thinks they are ISRAEL—not merely Judah!

The Jews' identity *has NOT been lost!* And, since their identity as racial descendants from the ancient Israel is KNOWN—and that of the far more numerous "LOST TEN TRIBES" is *not known*—the world supposes that the Jews are ISRAEL, instead of JUDAH as they really are! The Jewish people believe it themselves!

And so, here again, the WHOLE WORLD IS DECEIVED, even as to the true identity of who really *are* the chosen Birthright people of GOD!

The reader, if it has not already been carefully read, should write immediately for our free booklet, *United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. It explains the dumbfounding, astonishing TRUTH that the people of the United States, the British, the peoples of north-western Europe, are, in actual fact, those very "Lost" Ten Tribes of the nation ISRAEL—and not by birth Gentiles at all!

Yes, the Sabbath, GOD'S day—the true LORD'S DAY—is, after all, the day FOR OUR PEOPLE doubly—first, because it is for ALL people of GOD, even Gentile-born people who are now Christ's; secondly, because racially, even by flesh birth, it is God's Day which He gave our own forefathers, and commanded to keep holy FOREVER!

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The Inside Story of the "World Tomorrow" Broadcast

Here is the second part of last month's article giving personal details about Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and their associates in this great Work of God.

by Roderick C. Meredith

"WHAT kind of organization is behind your WORLD TOMORROW broadcast?" ask thousands of our listeners.

"Who sponsors you? To what denomination do you belong? Where do you get all the unusual, startling information about world news as it fulfills prophecy?" ask thousands of others.

For those of you who are beginning to grasp the prophetic *significance* of this Work and are really INTERESTED—here are the ANSWERS to these and other important questions about this Work.

A Campus Tour

One of the best ways to acquaint you with the key personnel and the *inner functioning* of this Work would be to take you on a campus tour of Ambassador College in Pasadena—where our World Headquarters are located—and introduce you to the men and women who really make this Work "tick." So, although you will not personally *see* these men on this written "tour," you will learn *much more about them* than if you merely said "hello" in person.

And that is about all the time many of our men can devote to greeting our listeners on tour anyway. For God's servants are BUSY men! They work long, hard hours—and they have a DRIVING purpose. They have to reach this world with a VITAL warning message *before it is too late!*

The Executive Offices

Entering the Ambassador College Library building—the original classroom building of which you will be reading a great deal in Mr. Armstrong's "*Autobiography*"—a newly reactivated elevator takes you to the third floor where you enter the reception area to the fine, modern executive offices for Mr. Herbert

W. Armstrong and Garner Ted Armstrong.

For *fifteen years*—since the founding of Ambassador College—Mr. Armstrong has limited himself to a very small office which only had room for a small desk, actually a woman's dressing table, and in which no large conferences could be held. Now, at last, new executive offices have been completed for Mr. Armstrong and his son. They are very beautiful and ultramodern—and afford a stunning view of the city of Pasadena with the Sierra Madre Mountains in the background which is probably unrivaled in this area.

In this office, Mr. Armstrong has already held many conferences with the top ministers in God's work, the editors and writers for *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and important outside executives and businessmen with whom he must deal and carry on this world-wide Work of preaching and publishing Christ's Message.

Although these offices are certainly personal and private, Mrs. Armstrong is ALWAYS welcome to come into Mr. Armstrong's office at any time. There is a small kitchenette and dining area between the offices of Mr. Armstrong and Garner Ted, which they may both use for lunches and light snacks in order to save their time between broadcasts, classes and conferences. On the south end of the roof—just outside the main offices—is a patio and sun-deck arrangement for sunning, visiting in the fresh air and table tennis. Many of you readers will be interested to learn that Mr. Armstrong is an avid athletic fan of *many* sports, but has found that *table tennis*—combined with much walking—suits his schedule and requirements to help keep him in good physical condition in doing God's Work.

Meet Garner Ted Armstrong

Mr. Ted Armstrong's office—although smaller than his father's—commands the most spectacular view of all. There is a perfect view of Mt. Wilson and the city of Pasadena through the large glass windows of his office, and he also has an admirable view of most of the Ambassador College campus down below. In both his office area and his father's are private lavatories and showers for showering and changing clothes after preaching or making broadcasts.

Many of you may not have realized it, but a *tremendous* amount of effort has to be put into each thirty-minute WORLD TOMORROW broadcast that you hear over the air. Often, Mr. Armstrong's shirt is literally saturated with perspiration at the end of putting himself and all his energies completely into making a broadcast.

Into Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's office come many of God's other ministers, businessmen, architects, radio executives and people from all walks of life with whom he must deal as Executive Vice President of the Radio Church of God and Vice Chairman of Ambassador College. Certain decorative features of his office reflect a definitely *masculine* personality.

Mr. Ted Armstrong—as many of you may know—has an unusually wide range of interests and abilities in various sports and outdoor activities. When time permits, he is an excellent hunter, fisherman, and plays a fair amount of basketball, handball, golf and other sports. With radio executives and businessmen, he is able to talk avidly and intelligently about *many* activities of mutual interest.

Our Modern Radio Studio

On the second floor of the college

building—just below the executive offices—is our modern, up-to-date radio studio. From this studio emanates the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast—heard around the world with more watts of power than any other commercial broadcast on earth today!

Here, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong spend *many hours* of labor in a *grueling responsibility*. Everything they say into the mike has to be "*just right*"—acceptable to high-caliber radio stations, audiences of all backgrounds and able to pass the scrutiny of government officials in many lands. At the same time, their words must convey with vigor and clarity the dynamic, shocking and sometimes controversial MESSAGE about the soon-coming, world-ruling *Government of God*.

Our studio is equipped with the very latest and most modern equipment. It has a German Telefunken Mike and Ampex Tape Recorders of highest quality.

One of the most important men in God's Work today, the "man behind the scenes," is Mr. Norman A. Smith. He is Director of the Ambassador Radio Studio and edits the broadcasts, makes suggestions about them constantly, and correlates many activities behind the scenes relating to the world-wide distribution of the WORLD TOMORROW broadcasts.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Ambassador College, a married man and father of three children. He is six feet three inches tall, in his middle thirties, and is a man of unusual intelligence and dedication. When we go on television again, Mr. Smith will probably be Mr. Armstrong's "right arm" in helping to decide many technical aspects about how to direct and distribute our telecasts of the WORLD TOMORROW.

How Is the Broadcast Made?

Many listeners have written to ask if the broadcast is read from a script, or ad-libbed, and *why* such a dynamic style of speaking is used rather than the more conventional, sentimental or preaching style.

First of all, let me say that there are *many hours* of preparation put into each broadcast! BUT—these hours are not necessarily put in just before or

right at the time of making the broadcast. Rather, these are hours spent in earnest, personal *prayer—fervent Bible study and meditation*—the constant *study* of world news and conditions, and alert *thinking* about how God's Word and the prophetic revelation of the Bible really *affect* and apply to the lives of all of us in this twentieth century.

Shocking as it may seem to some men in the radio field who have to put in *hours* of preparation and script-writing for each broadcast, Mr. Armstrong and Garner Ted Armstrong usually ad-lib ninety-five per cent or more of *every broadcast—seven days a week!* How can they possibly come up with so much information so quickly? Where do they get so much material to talk about?

The *answer* is that they are *close to God*—truly, *literally* INSPIRED by God in preaching His Word and applying it to EVERY phase of human life!

Instead of merely trying to "work up" a sentimental talk about the person of Christ each week—and desperately trying to find a "new angle" to get across this same sentiment—they are preaching the *tremendous, all-inclusive message of the Bible!* There are literally *hundreds* of chapters in this book we call the Bible that they KNOW that most professing Christians *have never been taught* and DO NOT UNDERSTAND! Therefore, they *preach, explain, and expound* these chapters, verses and principles *by the hour* on the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast—and they NEVER run out of material!

As to their dynamic style of speaking, this is simply an additional proof that they ARE, indeed, God's TRUE MINISTERS through whom He is speaking in this age!

Most of the ministers of this world's sects or denominations go to one of two extremes. Either they are overly formal and sentimental and oratorical in their smooth, suave preaching, or they are highly emotional and volatile with a shouting, screaming, wild-eyed approach that drives most thinking people away from what they are trying to get across.

Either extreme is NOT inspired of God's Holy Spirit—the Spirit of *power, of love* and of a *sound mind* (II Tim. 1:7).

God does instruct His true ministers: "Preach the WORD [not a pitiful mixture of politics and sentimental poetry]; be instant in season, out of season, *reprove, rebuke, exhort* with all long-suffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2). And in Isaiah 58:1, in a prophecy directed to God's true ministers preaching to the modern House of Israel—America and Britain today—God instructs: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a TRUMPET and show my people their *transgressions*, and the House of Jacob their *sins*."

This is WHY you hear the *kind of preaching* you do on the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast!

The Voice of the "World Tomorrow" in French

Taking the elevator down to the first floor of the Library Building, we enter the office of Mr. Dibar Apartian. Mr. Apartian is Professor of French in Ambassador College, and he is also speaker on the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast in the French language to all of France and Europe.

A charming and cultured man in his early forties, Mr. Apartian was formerly on the staff of the United States Embassy in Bern, Switzerland, during World War II. He has had unusual experiences and travels in the diplomatic corps in Europe.

After the war, he immigrated to America and became a naturalized citizen—becoming a private French tutor to many Hollywood stars, directors and personalities in the film colony. However, since he did not like the uncertain hours, jobs and personalities obviously associated with this occupation, he turned in his references to a teachers' bureau in Los Angeles and was eventually contacted by Ambassador College to teach here on the faculty.

As a sophisticated individual—a former student of philosophy and psychology—Mr. Apartian was completely new to the truth of God. But, in this new atmosphere, he proved receptive to God's Word and was completely converted and baptized into Jesus Christ.

Since that time, his whole life and being have been wrapped up in God's Work—and he puts in many long hours in translating all of our literature into



Mr. Dibar Apartian, voice of The World Tomorrow in the French language. Staff photos of the other men mentioned in this article appeared in the June 1961 Plain Truth.

the French language for the tremendous work which is now beginning to develop there. Although his preaching is mainly in the French language, he has won the respect and admiration of all of us here at Ambassador College. Many of you readers will have the opportunity to meet him personally if you ever take a *personal* campus tour.

Our Dean of Students

Rounding the corner of the Library Building, we enter the office of Mr. Jack R. Elliott—Dean of Students and Director of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Elliott is a former graduate of the University of Texas, and has since obtained his Master's degree from the University of Southern California. Before coming to Ambassador, he was employed as an engineer by the Gulf Oil Corporation.

Since coming to Ambassador, Mr. Elliott has become tremendously absorbed in the fascinating and rewarding job of helping to guide and train the students of Ambassador College toward direct service in God's Work. He has become the Dean of Students—and spends countless hours counseling with students on their personal problems and helping direct their activities and plans for the future.

He is also the Co-ordinator of our Ambassador Clubs in the college here and in England. These are after-dinner speech clubs patterned after the Toastmasters' Clubs so well known around the world. This, too, is an important

adjunct in training personnel for service in God's Work. With his engineering training and background, he has been placed in charge of the construction and maintenance crews of Ambassador College in Pasadena—and is the employer, so to speak, and director, of scores of men in maintaining and beautifying the Ambassador College campus.

The Administration Building

Across from the Library, is the Administration Building. As we enter the front door, the first office we enter is that of Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong. For she is not only Mr. Armstrong's constant help and companion, but she is the Guidance Counselor of Women in *both* of the Ambassador Colleges.

Because of her special interest, concern and wisdom, she is a great help as a counselor and spiritual "mother" to scores of girls in Ambassador College. They come to her with many of their problems, and she always makes a *special* effort to take time to counsel with each girl personally and give the needed advice and help in every way that she can.

Countless numbers of girls—in years to come—will look back on Mrs. Armstrong as the one who was there to give them help when they really needed it most. Many of you who have daughters, granddaughters, nieces or friends in Ambassador College will appreciate the opportunity that all young women here have to gain direct access to Mrs. Armstrong's counsel and help. Very few colleges on earth have the type of personal counseling available which Ambassador College makes possible to everyone.

Further down the hall, we enter the office of Dr. Herman L. Hoeh—Dean of Instruction at Ambassador College and Managing Editor of The PLAIN TRUTH and of its German edition Die REINE WAHRHEIT. Dr. Hoeh is in his middle thirties, but is already losing some hair because of his countless early morning hours of study and research!

He is completely a product of Ambassador College—graduating with honors in 1951. Dr. Hoeh is an unusual scholar in every sense of the word. He undoubtedly has accumulated more *true* knowledge of history as it relates to

God's purpose in human affairs than any other man alive today! This is a big statement—but you will understand what I mean when we later publish sections of Dr. Hoeh's world history text on which he has been working for years!

Of German parentage, Dr. Hoeh speaks German and is Director of the German work now broadcasting The WORLD TOMORROW to all of Europe. Dr. Hoeh has traveled in Europe three times, and has also traveled extensively through Africa, the Middle East and the Orient.

The firsthand knowledge gained through this travel—plus much research and study—has given *depth* to his writing, his understanding of world events, and his teaching of history and related courses in Ambassador College.

Next door to Dr. Hoeh's office we find the office of Mr. Kenneth C. Herrmann—Registrar of Ambassador College. Mr. Herrmann is also a product of Ambassador College—having come here as an older-than-average student with an inquiring and scientific mind. Having graduated back in 1953—married and the father of four children—Mr. Herrmann now teaches courses in German and science at Ambassador, and is the extremely competent Registrar of Ambassador College.

Through his office flow many *hundreds* of applications for Ambassador College, and it is he who must write letters of acceptance, rejection or deferral to eager prospective students around the earth who want to come here to God's own college. Also, he makes up the schedule of courses for the entire college and has to arrange the schedule of classes for the entire college and take into consideration literally *hundreds* of *details* in so doing!

Mr. Ted Armstrong's Assistants

Further back on the first floor, we find the offices of two of Mr. Ted Armstrong's personal assistants who help him handle a tremendous number of responsibilities for his father in directing the world-wide activities of God's Work and colleges.

One of these men is Mr. Albert J. Portune—Executive Assistant to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong. Mr. Portune

came to us as a married man in his thirties with three children. He was co-partner of a thriving air conditioning-heating business, and had a promising future before him as an executive in the business world.

But God had other plans for Mr. Portune! When he came to see and understand the *meaning* of God's truth, he began to *act on it*. He made the decision to apply for Ambassador College, give up his business if accepted, and hoped to have a direct part in this Work of God. Although we don't normally accept married men with children unless they are completely self-sufficient and self-supporting in every way, Mr. Portune's engaging personality, alert mind and driving zeal made him an outstanding prospect for the ministry of Jesus Christ.

So he was accepted without delay, soon became a leader in his class, and was later installed as Student Body President of Ambassador College. He began helping Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong handle many details of his responsibilities involving channeling correspondence, personally answering certain business and administrative letters, keeping in touch for Mr. Armstrong with our foreign offices around the world, and a multitude of other responsibilities.

His executive experience and unusual dedication served him well, and he is now one of the top men in God's work and you are beginning to read his articles in The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. In addition to his ministerial and executive responsibilities, Mr. Portune is an instructor in Ambassador College in theology and speech—where he has opportunity to help inspire hundreds of students in the way of life he has found to be truly full, abundant and "right."

Next door to Mr. Portune is the office of Mr. Les McCullough—Administrative Assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong. Mr. McCullough also came to Ambassador College as an older married man and is now the father of three children. He had a business background also—and was formerly Assistant Manager of a Kress Five and Ten Cent Store in the Northwest. His wife came into God's truth before he did, *angered* him into really STUDYING God's Word, and now he is not only in God's Church but is a

direct part of the very Work of God! Mr. McCullough recently graduated from Ambassador College, and is now assisting Mr. Portune and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in handling the hundreds of administrative details that come their way in helping Mr. Herbert Armstrong direct God's Work around this earth.

The Men Upstairs

As you reach the top of the stairs in the Administration Building, directly to your right is Mr. Vern R. Mattson's office. Mr. Mattson is Controller or Business Manager of God's Work and Controller of Ambassador College in Pasadena. He is a genial, smiling man, six feet three inches in height, who saw rugged combat duty during World War II in the South Pacific. He plays a rugged game of golf, and has an equally rugged job in trying to pay all the bills that come in to God's Headquarters for the broadcasting, printing, publishing and a thousand and one other activities carried on by this world-wide Work of God!

Coming from the University of Oregon, Mr. Mattson has been with God's Work even *before* Ambassador College in Pasadena was founded. His dedication and ability have made him a valuable instrument in God's Work today.

Overseas Business and Office Managers

At this point, I would like to pause and introduce you to men in our other offices who are holding similar posts to that of Mr. Mattson. First is Mr. Charles F. Hunting—Manager of our offices at Ambassador College in England. Mr. Hunting was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II, later the Business Manager for a successful power equipment company here in the Los Angeles area, and subsequently heard the broadcast and came into God's Church. As an outstanding prospect for leadership, he was accepted in Ambassador College even though married and the father of three children.

In due time, Mr. Hunting became Student Body President in Ambassador College, and has since become a leader and minister in God's Work. He has a sparkling personality, quick mind and a driving zeal *to get things done*.

In Sydney, Australia, the over-all Office Manager and Directing Minister

is Mr. C. Wayne Cole. Mr. Cole came to Ambassador College in his early twenties as a student—later becoming Student Body President. He then spent some seven years in the ministerial field here in the United States, and has been at his post in Australia for about one year now.

New business and mailing offices in the Philippines are now being opened by Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse. He is a graduate of Ambassador College—having come to us as an older man following World War II service and three years at a large college in Texas. Mr. Waterhouse has conducted evangelistic campaigns, directed nation-wide baptizing and visiting tours, pioneered in organizing and building up our offices in England, and completely pioneered and established our offices in Sydney, Australia.

These are the kind of men who directly serve YOU—the readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine! They are men of *prayer, dedication* and *service*. All were successful in their former business, service or college careers. Now they are doing a truly *outstanding* job in God's Work today!

About Your Author

Now, back to the second floor of the Administration Building in Pasadena! Directly back from Mr. Mattson's office is the door to my office. As I told you last month, I came to Ambassador College in the fall of 1949 after having had one year of college in Missouri first. Later becoming Student Body President, I graduated from Ambassador College in 1952 and soon found myself immersed in conducting baptizing tours from coast to coast and up into Canada, preaching, teaching, writing and editing.

I have had the privilege of taking three trips to Europe, and one through Central and South Africa. And I have conducted *six evangelistic campaigns*—two here in America, and four in Great Britain. I have been blessed with a wonderful wife and three children—and have found that serving in this great Work of God is the most *interesting, challenging* and *rewarding* career on earth today!

For unlike the ordinary preachers or college professors, those of us directly in

God's Work have the realization that we are in a tremendous CRUSADE. Although countless overtime hours are taken out of the night, sacrifices are made in many ways, nevertheless there is tremendous JOY experienced in seeing human lives really CHANGED from wretchedness and sin, to lives filled with *peace, overflowing love and happiness.*

Overseas Headquarters in England

Outside of Pasadena, the other real "nerve center" in the direction of God's Work is located at our college and headquarters at Bricket Wood, near London, England. In addition to Mr. Charles Hunting, our Business Manager there, about whom I have already written, the primary men in charge are Mr. Raymond F. McNair and Dr. Benjamin L. Rea.

Mr. McNair was one of the *pioneer* students of Ambassador College in Pasadena—having come to the college in its second year of existence. An unusual Bible student even in his teens, Mr. McNair rapidly became one of the outstanding spiritual leaders in college even before his graduation. He was in charge of three or four full-summer baptizing tours throughout the United States and Canada. He has undoubtedly visited and counseled with literally *hundreds* of you who are now reading this article. From time to time, in addition to his ministerial duties in the field, Mr. McNair writes articles for *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. He is a man of unusual *depth, balance and dedication* to the work of Jesus Christ. His spirit of *warmth, humility and unselfish service to others* is known and respected by all who come in contact with him.

Mr. McNair is in charge of God's Work in England in Mr. Armstrong's absence and is Deputy Chancellor of Ambassador College there. Married and now the father of three children, Mr. Raymond F. McNair has now served as director of God's Work in England for more than four years without interruption.

The Principal—or as we in America would say, Dean of Instruction—of Ambassador College in England is Dr. Benjamin L. Rea. Dr. Rea is also Professor of Spanish and International Relations, and is the voice of *The WORLD TOMORROW* in Spanish.

As this is now being written, Dr. Rea and his wife are probably somewhere in Argentina on a baptizing and visiting tour covering much of Central and South America. Although a Louisianian by birth, Dr. Rea has met the challenge of mastering the Spanish language and has devoted countless hours to directing the activities of the Spanish Department in translating our literature into Spanish and answering letters from our Spanish-speaking listeners.

Almost forty, and another former successful businessman, Dr. Rea holds degrees from Louisiana State University, La Universidad Interamericana in Saltillo, Mexico, and our own Ambassador College in Pasadena. He is an energetic scholar, professor and minister—and is playing a tremendously important part in helping to develop the unique spiritual, educational and cultural atmosphere at Ambassador College in England.

What's BEHIND All This?

There are literally *dozens* of other executives, ministers and department heads in God's Work around the world to whom I will not be able to introduce you in this one article. But now you know most of the key men who are directing God's Work around this earth reaching many *millions* of people in several major languages.

"Who sponsors us?" you ask.

The real *factual* answer is that the true GOD who *RULES* this universe *sponsors, directs and empowers* us in fulfilling *His purpose!*

Just as Noah, a "preacher of righteousness" (II Pet. 2:5), stood ALONE in warning the world of his day of its impending destruction; just as Abraham, with his family, stood ALONE in obeying God in his day; just as Moses, "whom they refused" (Acts 7:35), stood ALONE when God first began dealing with ancient Israel and bringing them out of slavery in Egypt; just as Elijah warned ancient Israel and cried out: "I am left ALONE, and they seek my life" (Rom. 11:3); just as John the Baptist stood ALONE, not affiliated with the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes or any of the other religious groups of his day—warning Israel of his day "like a voice in the wilderness";

so Mr. Armstrong and this prophetic Work stand ALONE as *God's instrument* in warning the modern descendants of ancient Israel—America and the British Commonwealth of Nations—of their coming *national punishment*, and heralding the *second coming of Jesus Christ IN PERSON* as King of kings and Lord of lords!

Just as Elijah trained the "sons of the prophets" to aid him in ancient Israel (II Kings 2:3-5); just as John the Baptist had his disciples and assistants; just as Jesus Christ Himself trained young men as disciples to assist Him in the ministry as He stood ALONE against religionists of His day; so Mr. Armstrong has founded the Ambassador Colleges to train *dedicated servants* of God who bring forth the "fruits" that GOD has called them to aid in this ministry of preaching the true message of God's soon-coming, world-ruling *government*, and standing ALONE—as God's "watchman" (Ezek. 33:2)—to warn modern Israel of *exact* and SPECIFIC punishments from God! These prophesied punishments on our people are *right NOW beginning to have a great effect on the lives of every one of you who are reading this article!*

As I have already shown you, the men in this work of God are alert, intelligent, successful and *balanced* men. But we DARE to preach a message that is definitely DIFFERENT from the hackneyed, sentimental ideas going about today under the name of "religion."

What "Authority" Do We Have?

"By what authority do you do these things? and who gave you this authority?" the religious denominationalists of Jesus' day asked Him (Matt. 21:23).

Our "authority" is being DEMONSTRATED in the headlines of your newspapers every day of the year! It is not some far-off intangible that "might be proved some day." It is *being demonstrated NOW.*

The fact is that we in this Work of God stand ALONE in proclaiming a soon-coming revival of the ancient Holy Roman Empire dominated by the great false church system described in Revelation 17. It is THAT enemy which is going to *conquer* and DESTROY America and Britain unless we as an entire people

REPENT of our national sins and turn to God fervently in *prayer, fasting,* and OBEDIENCE to His living laws!

For over a quarter of a century, The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast has stood ALONE in proclaiming a coming United States of Europe—actually a revival of the Holy Roman Empire—which will be composed of EXACTLY ten nations or groups of nations all giving their power unto one super-dictator prophetically called the "Beast" in the book of Revelation. We have warned that America and Britain were going to LOSE our national greatness—that God Almighty was going to break the "pride of our power"—which we have certainly had as nations for well over one hundred years.

ALL THIS IS NOW BEGINNING TO HAPPEN!

It is affecting the *major nations* in Europe—and as alternating droughts, floods, and disease epidemics sweep up and down America and Britain—as divorce, juvenile delinquency, crime and murder skyrocket—as labor unions press for ever higher wages *without producing more*, as foreign competitors increasingly beat out America and Britain in the world trade markets, as the American GOLD SUPPLY continues to diminish and ebb away—it is AFFECTING YOUR LIFE!

You can "reason" in your own mind that you agree or disagree, but you *cannot escape* the profound RESULTS of the prophesied happenings which we ALONE are proclaiming as the prophesied Work of God's Church on earth today (Matt. 24:14).

Where True UNDERSTANDING Really Comes From

"How are The WORLD TOMORROW broadcasts and *The PLAIN TRUTH* articles always on top of the news?" many ask.

It is primarily because we UNDERSTAND the purpose that Almighty God is working out here below among the nations of the world *at this time*. David was inspired to write: "A *good understanding* have all they *that DO His commandments*" (Ps. 111:10). God has made us willing to quit arguing and reasoning and to truly OBEY His commandments and instructions in the

Bible *literally*. Then He has *literally given us* a "good understanding" so we can KNOW the meaning of present-day world events and what WILL HAPPEN in the near future.

Other groups may talk in vague generalities about the coming world cataclysm or tribulation or "the Lord's return some day," but no other religious work on earth understands SPECIFICALLY what is happening! All you have to do is to begin really *studying The PLAIN TRUTH* magazines—comparing with your Bibles and with the daily newspapers—and you will soon SEE this fact clearly demonstrated!

Secondly, God has led Mr. Armstrong to establish a full-fledged News Bureau as an integral part of this Work of God. Directed by Mr. Gene Hogberg, whose articles you read in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, it is staffed with some of our graduates and advanced students of Ambassador College.

Leading newspapers, magazines and periodicals from *all over the earth* are subscribed to—even *foreign language publications* which are translated by our foreign language departments and turned in to the News Bureau. In addition, our bureau has its own United Press wire service which brings to God's Headquarters the same news releases available to the major newspapers and radio and T.V. stations across the country.

But the UNDERSTANDING of this news and its application to *your life* comes only from God. And God has said: "Surely the Lord God will do NOTHING but He *revealeth His secret* unto His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

You have just been introduced to most of the leading *prophets, ministers* and *servants* of the Most High God on earth today! You can easily DEMONSTRATE that this is so any time you wish to do so with an *open mind* and an *open heart*.

This is the prophesied *Work* of the *Church of God* for these end times. It is the last generation of the Church to whom Jesus said: "Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come" (Matt. 10:23).

This, truly, is the "inside story"—the *real* story—of The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast!

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