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Our Good Neighbor Policy *isn't paying off!*

**Americans are being lulled to sleep!
Here is an on-the-scenes report of underlying
intrigue—rapidly growing into open hatred—against
democracy!**

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Bogotá, Colombia

WITH THE Western World engaged in desperate, disorganized pact-signing and alliance-forming against the advance of Communist infiltration, there is *another* enemy of democracy rising to a position of power soon to SHOCK this world!

I am traveling in Central and South America with Mr. Benjamin Rea, head of the Spanish Department at Ambassador College. Mr. Rea and I are seeing *startling* conditions of impending WORLD CHAOS and the growth of a nightmarish FRANKENSTEIN which is going to strike AWE and TERROR into the heart of this world.

It has long been a major fault with the United States to be able to see only *one enemy at a time*. We couldn't see that Russia was our enemy during World War II, because we were too busy watching Germany and Japan. Now we've got our eyes focused *only* on Russia and China—watching Communism. True, *Communism is an enemy* of the free world—but it is not the *only* enemy!

In Central America the attempt to gain a Communist foothold has been temporarily squelched. All is peaceful and harmonious once more in the Western Hemisphere. John Foster Dulles

assured the public that the grave danger had been *averted*.

But there is another danger in the Western Hemisphere!

What Is It?

Let's stop blindly assuming, and face the situation squarely! We cannot continue to be concerned only with the problems of our *personal* lives! This modern age of terrifying scientific inventions has rendered any personal isolationism mere stupidity!

In Western Germany, the defeated Nazis quickly realized that our post-war fear of Communism could be used to very good advantage. *Germany has used that fear.*

The Western Powers did not learn their lesson from the aftermath of World War I, when the vast reparations demanded of the defeated Germany were postponed, lowered, stalled and then forgotten—or when the militarists cleverly side-stepped nearly all the military restrictions imposed upon Imperial Germany by the Allies. We were the victors. We could afford to be "generous." If ever a gullible world was swayed by a gigantic hypocritical plan, it was the rearmament of Nazi Germany be-

hind a general, blinding fear of Communism in the early 1930's.

Lessons from History

We couldn't see any danger when Nazi Germany rebuilt her factories in such a way that within the shortest possible time the plants could turn to mass production of the most modern arms and munitions. We were busy being "sympathetic." While victory made the victors sleepy, defeat had only sharpened the wits and deepened the hatred of the defeated. We didn't see any danger in German businessmen regaining entry for their goods on foreign markets and, making use of inflation, accumulating *foreign cash abroad*, spending it to buy businesses, to place key men picked by the secret general staff in companies placed strategically throughout the world.

That historical tragedy is now written in the blood-soaked fields of France and Belgium, and in the streets of London and Berlin. It's written in the added lines on the foreheads of thousands of parents who lost sons in World War II.

And now—once more the factories of the Rhineland belch forth smoke

while innocently producing the "Volkswagen" and other harmless machinery. Today we see a highly industrialized Germany surpassing pre-war peaks in foreign and domestic products and startling the world with her quick comeback from what seemed to be total destruction. *Life* magazine devoted an entire special issue in May to this awakening industrial colossus. Appearing not long ago was a headline in a leading London newspaper: "THEY'LL BEAT US YET, THESE GERMANS." Yes—in believing Germany would never again figure prominently as a world power, someone forgot something—

The German people!

They broke up their furniture to start the blast furnaces of their factories—they made personal sacrifices to build Germany! The slogan: "Others work to live—we Germans live to work" is much more than a lapel-button quip to boost the morale of a beaten people. It's a fact!

We have regarded Germany as our strongest bulwark against Communism in Europe. A united Europe is impossible without Germany, we say—and Germany is inclined to agree. But from past experience—*dare we risk it?*

Konrad Adenauer led his country from the dazed, leaderless people scraping broken bricks into buildings, progressively forward into what is today a commercially and economically stable country, making demands and receiving the results from her former conquerors. During the recent visit of Mendès-France to England, he was reminded: "It is no longer a question of what new restrictions should be imposed on Germany, but *what restrictions the Germans will accept.*"

South and Central America—Nazi-infiltrated before World War II—have not escaped the economic revival of Western Germany's soon-to-be-independent Republic.

Latin America is fertile ground for breeding unrest and jealousy against the United States.

What If YOU Were a Latin American?

Wear for a moment the shoes of the Nicaraguan. Lake Nicaragua, just a few miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, is also a source of the St. John River. The St. John River runs all the way to the Caribbean. It was an ideal location for a canal. During the years prior to the constructing of the Panama Canal, Nicaragua was the proposed location for the all-important link between the two great oceans. A Frenchman, interested in the promotion of a French canal in Panama, was lobbying in Washington, D.C. He sent to each senator concerned with

the project certain information on the active volcanoes near Lake Nicaragua. The country was too dangerous, according to the Frenchman, to risk such a project. The possibility of volcanic explosions was evident. The United States senate turned its eyes toward Panama.

Nicaragua has been jealous of Panama for quite some time. Nicaragua isn't friendly toward the United States!

Next, put on the hat of the Panamanian for a moment. The canal is in Panama—the Panamanian lives in Panama. Thus, the Panamanians should own the Panama Canal! Why not? The British are giving the Suez back to Egypt! Jealousy—or "Good Neighbor Policy"?

Now, stand in Colombia, and look north over the Panama Canal, up to the powerful United States. The United States incited a revolution in 1903 on the isthmus of Panama (then a part of "New Granada," or Colombia), stepped in and became the first nation to recognize the seceding insurrectionists as a separate independent country—and waved the "Big Stick" at Colombia, saying: "Take it easy."

The French canal projects in Panama soon failed. Some "conscience" money was paid by the United States to Colombia so that American engineers could begin work on the Panama Canal.

Weigh carefully these little-understood historical facts. Throw in a lot of Fascist and Communist propaganda to some bare-footed natives, living in straw shacks and hovels—add the actions of the haughty, overbearing, lavish-spending American tourists and their remarks about the "quaint peons" down South. Does this paint a picture of "friendly relations" in the Western Hemisphere?

Behind the Scenes

While in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Mr. Rea and I talked to the head representative for the Ford Motor Company in Central America. He travels through all the Central American countries in execution of his job. He is Brazilian, and speaks several languages fluently. He was quite concerned about the number of Germans coming into Central America and the subsequent impact it is having on the peoples there. He told us how the German businessmen extend much longer credit periods—can speak and understand the Spanish language, and practise all the customary pleasant-ries of the Latin peoples.

He contrasted these facts to the typical American businessman there, who is interested in quick profits and short credit arrangements, usually cannot speak Spanish, but philosophizes: "If they don't understand English—just speak it a little louder!"

Remember too that the Germans are

the "underdogs" and the Americans are regarded as being a race of millionaires!

To this man, the rapid increase in German businesses throughout Central and South America is cause for *real concern*. In his own words, speaking of this increase—"They're coming in from all directions!"

While in Guatemala City, Guatemala—the site of the recent revolution between the Communist-led forces of Sr. Jacobo Arbenz Guzmán and the "liberation army" under Sr. Castillo Armas—Mr. Rea and I talked to Sr. Alfredo Valesquez, the vice-president of Guatemala's National Bank. Sr. Valesquez expressed the confidence he felt toward the future of his country, and told us of the many Germans living in Guatemala. Bear in mind this fact: Nazism is only the *German form of absolute nationalism*. What kind of Government exists now in Guatemala under Castillo Armas? *Nationalistic*!—not democratic.

Just as John Foster Dulles said: "It was not the power of the Arbenz Government that concerned us but the *power behind it*" SO IT IS WITH THE GOVERNMENT UNDER ARMAS!

Consider carefully that the shipment of arms sent to Puerto Barrios, on Guatemala's eastern coast, was over one-half anti-tank mines. *There were no tanks used in the revolution!* Notice that the guns received by Guatemala—which threw this country and Guatemala's neighbors into immediate counter-armament—were in the main part worn out, old barrels, and practically useless! The United States Government had no way of knowing immediately of this shipment of obsolete arms, and neither did the Governments of Mexico and Honduras. The ship carrying the notorious cargo arrived in Puerto Barrios after a journey shrouded in mystery by repeated change in course.

Remember how the *fear of Communism* has consistently been seized upon by Nazis to use the gullible United States in gaining further economic and militaristic advantage for Germany! A question: Was the shipment of arms to Guatemala really *Communist* inspired?

Tourists Provoke Resentment

The one most striking thing during our trip through the Central American countries and into Colombia, was the *evident, easily visible* manifestations of a fervent HATRED toward Americans! And it's no wonder they hate us!

For example: While near a large Catholic Shrine dedicated to "The Virgin of Guadalupe" (so-called "patron saint" of the Indian races) we noticed a small, bedraggled waif of a boy running

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CATASTROPHIC EVENTS

soon to bring END OF THIS AGE!

We continue, with this issue, the startling, eye-opening series explaining to you the long-sealed prophecies of the BOOK OF REVELATION, coupled with sensational pictures, masterfully sketched by nationally famous artist Basil Wolverton. Vividly pictured before your startled eyes are the actual catastrophic world events soon to bring about the END OF THIS CIVILIZATION!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

What Has Gone Before

JUST where are we, NOW, in the panorama of prophesied events? What's GOING to happen, NEXT?

It is ONLY from the Book of *Revelation* that we can know. For it is ONLY in this *one Book*, that has been the enigma of all professed Bible authorities, that the events of the OTHER prophecies are co-related in order of time sequence. This is the second in this series of monthly articles, bringing to you the KEYS that unlock and open up PLAINLY this Book of weird symbols and baffling mysteries.

We come, now, to the opening of the FIFTH seal. It's recorded in chapter 6, verses 10 and 11.

A SEALED Prophecy

But first, let's take quick inventory to see where we stand. The beginning of the prophecy proper, in the Book of Revelation, is the pivotal 6th chapter. We saw in the opening salutation, in the first chapter, that it is NOT the revelation of St. John the Divine, as uninspired MEN have written the TITLE over the Book—for the apostle John was neither divine, nor was he the revelator. He merely RECORDED it in WRITING. Neither is *any man* or church GROUP of *men* able to REVEAL the true MEANING of these mystic visions and symbols. *This* is "the Revelation of JESUS CHRIST"! That fact is plainly stated in the very first five *inspired* words of the Book—in verse 1 of chapter 1! WHY have men and religious leaders never noticed those first five inspired words? "The Revelation of Jesus Christ."

There, in the very first five words of the Book, we find revealed in plain language the one MASTER key to the whole Book!

The THEME—the SUBJECT of this great prophetic Book—is the time-period known as THE DAY OF THE LORD.

That is revealed in the 10th verse of the first chapter. It's the time just now ahead of us leading into, and climaxing in the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, and the ushering in of WORLD PEACE!

The stage-setting is found in the 4th and 5th chapters. The PROPHECIES of this Book are contained in the things John SAW, in VISION. In spirit—in VISION, John appears to be taken up to heaven, to the very throne of God. There, projected some 1900 years into the future—into OUR PRESENT LIVING GENERATION—he sees, in VISION, the events already occurring, and those SOON TO TAKE PLACE, on the earth.

The PROPHECY is seen in the right hand of God the Father, sitting on the throne. It is written on both sides of a long rolled SCROLL, sealed with SEVEN SEALS—utterly CLOSED to human understanding. And, HERE'S the MASTER-KEY!—no MAN anywhere is worthy or able to REVEAL THE MEANING. Only *Jesus Christ*, standing in front of the heavenly throne in John's vision, is worthy and able to REVEAL this mighty prophecy. JESUS CHRIST is the REVEALATOR! In the vision, Christ stepped forward and TOOK the book out of the right hand of the Father. And one by one he stripped OPEN the seals, which covered the ENTIRE PROPHECY!

We have already looked into the first four of these seals—the famous FOUR HORSEMEN — just SYMBOLS — symbols JOHN could neither understand nor reveal—symbols the religious leaders and accepted authorities of THIS world have NEVER been able, rightly, to explain. Symbols are susceptible of many erroneous *interpretations*. And that's exactly what this world has HAD! The true *meaning* has been HIDDEN these 1850 years in these SYMBOLS.

And so HERE is the KEY to the Book of Revelation. JESUS CHRIST is the divine REVEALATOR. But Jesus Christ does

NOT reveal the MEANING of these seals in this 6th chapter. He merely exposes the SYMBOLS.

And so we must look elsewhere in Scripture to find WHERE Jesus Christ, the REVEALER, does open up to us in PLAIN language, the MEANING of these symbols.

We found it in His Olivet prophecy, recorded in Mat. 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. Here His disciples had come to Him *privately*, just as they had come on another occasion to ask Him to EXPLAIN the meaning of His parables.

Here, in PLAIN language, He REVEALED the 7 great world-changing developments to lead to and climax in the DAY OF THE LORD, and THE END OF THIS WORLD!

What the SEALS Mean

The first FOUR world-important occurrences were these:

First, FALSE religious leaders, deceiving, *not* the few, but the popular MANY—men SAYING that Jesus is the Christ, but preaching their OWN gospels ABOUT His Person, *deifying and exalting* HIM, while at the same time they nullify HIS MESSAGE—HIS GOSPEL about the KINGDOM—the Government—the RULE—the LAW of God.

And thus, because they exalted and extolled JESUS, they were to DECEIVE all but the very few elect.

Now turn over to Revelation 6, and it becomes plain that this first horseman on the WHITE horse is NOT the true Christ, as He is pictured in the 19th chapter of Revelation, nor the true Church of God—but these very DECEIVERS, preaching a FALSE Christ. That, I well know, is NOT the way religious MEN and religious GROUPS of men interpret this first seal. But I am giving you, now, the *plain-language* REVEALING of Jesus Christ!

As surely as this very FALSE preaching DECEIVED the world regarding the LAW and the RULE of GOD, which is the very WAY to PEACE, the inevitable RESULT of that great deception was the SECOND natural sequence of world developments, WARS, and RUMORS of wars.

THIS all began from the very days of Christ, and continued progressively in multiplied momentum up to the very present. But THIS was not, yet, the END of this age and the time of Christ's coming—so Jesus revealed.

For, coming down to the very time of the END—this final CRISIS in world affairs at the CLOSE of this age—there was to be WORLD WAR—nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. We reached THAT stage of final world-crisis in 1914 with the beginning of World War I.

And just as FAMINE follows inevitably in the wake of WAR, so Jesus named FAMINE as the THIRD great world happening. Famines have grown continuously more general and more severe in many parts of the world.

The FOURTH great sequence in world happenings, Jesus said, is that which inevitably follows widespread famine—EPIDEMICS OF DISEASE—or, in Bible language, PESTILENCE.

And there Jesus REVEALED, plainly, the MEANING of the first four seals—the mysterious four horsemen. Look, once again, at Rev. 6.

The Amazing Comparison

The SECOND horseman, following in the wake of false preaching, was RED—the color of BLOOD. Power was given to this horseman to take PEACE from the earth. Yes, this seal pictures WARS! This horseman wielded the SWORD—the Biblical symbol of WAR!

And the third seal, opened in verse 5, revealed a BLACK horse. This horseman carried a pair of balances, measuring out a tiny measure of wheat, and three tiny measures of barley—showing scarcity—FAMINE.

The rider of the FOURTH horse, the PALE horse, was named DEATH, and the GRAVE followed with him. THIS horseman was PESTILENCE—uncontrollable, incurable DISEASE EPIDEMICS, taking multiple thousands of lives.

And THIS brings us to our jittery, cold-war, chaotic PRESENT. We are now in the SECOND recess in between rounds of WORLD WAR! We are in a time of armed truce, a time of peace-in-chaos, in a world divided against itself!

Now what's GOING to happen, next? Remember, *whatever* it is, it will bring us just ONE STEP NEARER to the super-

natural intervention of GOD, and the final DAWN OF WORLD PEACE. Of course, as I said, men have not yet learned THE WAY to peace—men have been deceived into trampling under-foot the RULE and the LAW of GOD—that law of LOVE, which is THE WAY, and THE ONLY WAY to world peace. Men are not yet willing to repent, and turn from their OWN devices and ways. Men are not YET willing to forsake the ways of GREED and of human PRIDE—and the spirit of aggression and conquest still burns hotly in human breasts that know NOT the Eternal Creator GOD, nor His ways of LOVE, and PEACE, and GOOD WILL toward men!

Even now, world leaders COULD bring the masses of humanity *immediately* into world peace and undreamed-of prosperity—IF they would heed the LOVING and COMPASSIONATE appeal of the Supreme Creator-RULER of the whole universe!

For The ETERNAL GOD still RULES over all the universe—whether MEN acknowledge Him, or deny Him. The time is not quite yet *here* when God will forcefully step in and INTERVENE in human affairs on this earth. You're hearing, these days, that atomic and hydrogen-bomb developments make it possible, in the very near future, to wipe HUMAN LIFE from off this earth! Yes, that TERRIFYING possibility is being developed—BUT GOD ALMIGHTY WILL NEVER LET IT OCCUR! Put your mind to rest on THAT. GOD ALMIGHTY WILL TAKE ALL POWER AND RULE AWAY from men, and take it UNTO HIMSELF, *before* humanity commits suicide!

Part II

AND NOW, let's come immediately to the very NEXT prophesied event that will ROCK this world TO IT'S FOUNDATIONS!

Literally DOZENS of prophecies in both Old and New Testaments describe this colossal world event. To explain ALL that is written about it, in the Bible prophecies, would require the full length of MANY articles.

It's mighty important to KNOW—and to be prepared—for you NEED have NO FEAR, if you HEED, and seek the protection of God!

Back quickly, to Matthew 24. Remember, we are NOW in the time of the *second* intermission of WORLD WAR. Famines and Disease epidemics have increased in magnitude in recent years, but the final GREAT world-wide famine and disease epidemic has not YET struck. These events brought us to verse 8. We

are already INTO these events, but we haven't reached the final FURY of them. So notice, now, what is said of THESE things: "All these things are the beginning of sorrows" (Mat. 24:8).

Yes, THESE things, even, are only the BEGINNING sorrows—or, more properly translated, of TRAVAIL, or TRIBULATION!

The GREAT Tribulation

Yes, when we come to the full FURY of the famine and disease epidemics, and what undoubtedly will be the continuance of world war, THAT will be the very BEGINNING of the MUCH-prophesied GREAT TRIBULATION! And THAT is now the NEXT event that God Almighty WARNS this world is *coming*!

So let's notice exactly how Jesus explained this FIFTH world-shaking event in PLAIN language. "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Mat. 24:9).

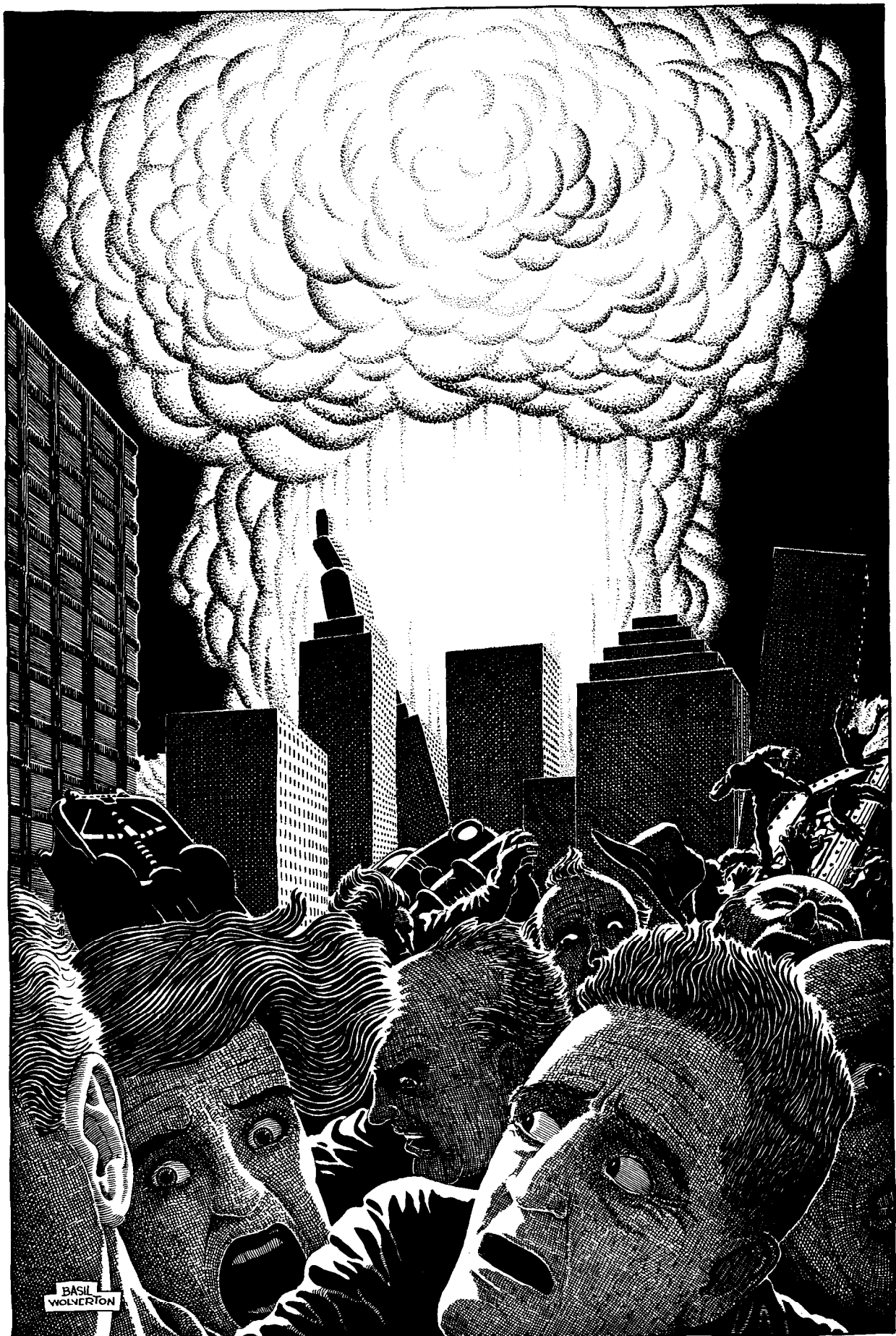
Notice, Jesus used two pronouns—"THEY," and "YOU." "Then THEY shall deliver YOU up to be afflicted, and shall KILL you." Remember this: In New Testament Bible language the pronoun "YOU," unless otherwise clearly defined, refers either to truly converted CHRISTIANS, or to NATIONAL Israel or Judah or to both Christians and Judah or Israel. If it is speaking spiritually and individually, the pronoun "YOU" refers to those who are truly begotten children of God. If the context is speaking nationally, it refers to Israel, or Judah, or both.

In this particular case, comparison with the account in Mark 13 and Luke 21 makes it very evident that Jesus used this pronoun in the DUAL sense, including BOTH Spirit-begotten CHRISTIANS, and flesh-born Israelites as *nations*!

Now right here I have to explain another KEY to nearly ALL prophecies. There is a DUALITY in nearly everything in God's PLAN in working out His PURPOSE here below! There was the first Adam, and Christ the second Adam. There was the Old Covenant, and there is the NEW. This duality runs thru the entire plan of God. It runs also thru the PROPHECIES. There is usually a former, typical, and then a final anti-typical fulfillment of many prophecies. Not understanding *this* vital KEY, many are in total error in their attempts to understand or explain prophecies.

Now this tribulation DID actually occur, in the typical forerunner sense, to the nation Judah, in 70 A.D. But that was merely the early type, and forerunner
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The only warning of the hydrogen and cobalt bombs will be a blinding flash. Buildings, cars, people—everything—will be abruptly vaporized! Atomic warfare will climax the present round of wars and rumors of wars (Rev. 6:3-4) and suddenly bring about the prophesied "Great Tribulation" (Rev. 6:9-11).



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of the great NATIONAL invasion and captivity YET to occur.

This is described more plainly in the modern English of the Moffatt translation of LUKE's account of this same prophecy. Luke 21:23-24: "For sore anguish will come upon the land and wrath on this people; they will fall by the edge of the sword, they will be carried prisoners to all nations, and Jerusalem will be under the heel of the Gentiles TILL the Times of the Gentiles expire."

That is speaking of WAR—of NATIONAL invasion and captivity. That actually did happen to JUDAH in 70 A.D. But that was merely the typical FORERUNNER. The CLIMACTIC MAJOR event of this prophecy is YET to occur, just shortly BEFORE the coming of Christ!

ALSO a Religious Persecution

Now, back to Mat. 24: "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved . . . For them shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be . . . For there shall rise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs, and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Mat. 24: 10-13, 21, 24).

Now this is also speaking INDIVIDUALLY of truly Spirit-begotten CHRISTIANS who have become so lukewarm, so *out* of PRAYERFUL-contact with God, that they will not be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things. And THAT phase of this Great Tribulation is very clearly brought out in the opening of the 5th Seal of Rev. 6: "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under

the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (Rev. 6:9-11).

I want you to NOTICE that! Here is the GREAT TRIBULATION! And this 5th Seal pictures it as a time of MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS—of truly converted begotten children of GOD!

Notice, verse 9, those that WERE SLAIN, in a FORMER and a TYPICAL Tribulation—as, actually MILLIONS were slain many centuries ago—are CRYING OUT, "HOW LONG, O God, before you shall AVENGE our blood on the powers that martyred us?" They KNEW that GOD said, "Vengeance is MINE." They *knew* that in the terrible DAY OF THE LORD, God is going to take VENGEANCE by sending His PLAGUES on the persecuting powers! And THOSE PLAGUES of the DAY OF THE LORD—the time of GOD'S VENGEANCE upon this great PERSECUTING power—will occur AT THE PRECISE TIME OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!

So, NOTE IT. NOTE IT CAREFULLY! These martyrs that WERE killed, centuries ago, allegorically are asking HOW LONG before the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, and the END OF THIS AGE? And HERE's the tremendous answer! It shall not occur until ANOTHER great TRIBULATION—another martyrdom of saints—until their fellow-servants and their Spirit-begotten BRETHREN in the Lord shall be killed, AS THEY WERE!

And THAT is speaking of the final GREAT Tribulation. It will be a time of WAR and national INVASION and CAPTIVITY of God's nation, ISRAEL! *Not Judah!* These prophecies refer to the so-called LOST TEN TRIBES of ISRAEL. WHERE are they?—WHO are they, today?

Notice, this Tribulation—this MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS—must occur and be completed BEFORE God pours out the vials of His Wrath—HIS PLAGUES—at the second coming of Christ. Now this leads to MANY things. I cannot clear them all up for you in THIS article—but KEEP READING, and you'll see the TRUTH of God's prophecies, CLEAR AS CRYSTAL, and be straightened OUT from the erroneous INTERPRETATIONS men have been putting on the Bible and its prophecies! Some of these Scriptures do violence to some THEORIES you've

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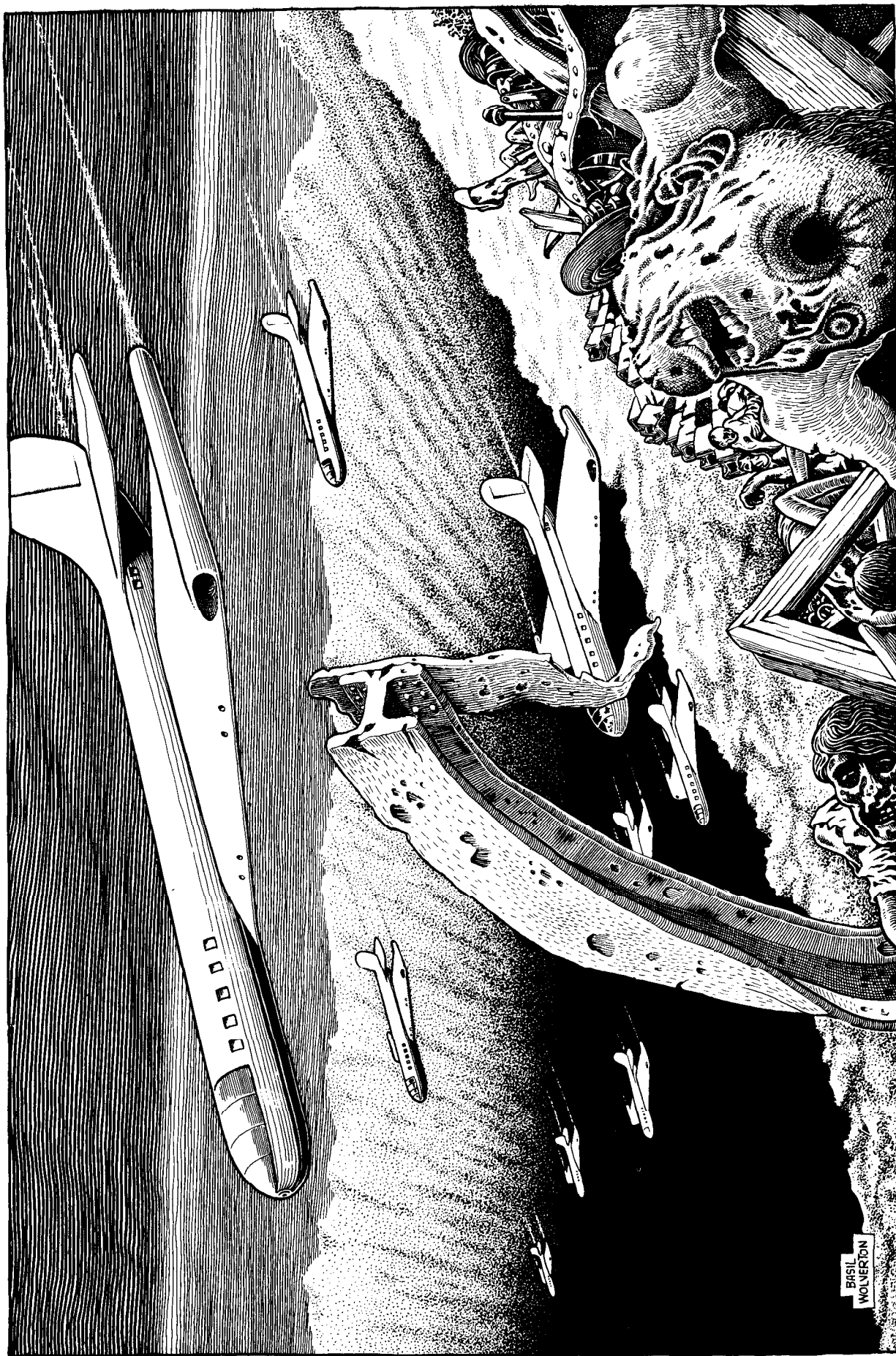
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PROPHESED TO HAPPEN to the United States and Britain!

The United States, the British Commonwealth and the democracies of Northwestern Europe are plainly identified in Bible prophecy! YOU can thus know in advance the shocking turn of world events which soon will STAGGER our peoples! This is the eighth installment of Mr. Armstrong's forthcoming book.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INSTALLMENTS

THE VAST wealth and resources of the United States and the British Commonwealth—and our control of the gateways of world commerce—were promised to the patriarch Abraham *and to his descendants!*

This astounding promise, called the Birthright, has never been fulfilled in the Jews!

In previous installments we traced the little-understood history of Abraham's descendants—how they were finally divided into *two* nations after the days of Solomon, how the northern division—the House of Israel—was taken captive in 721 B.C. and became known as the “lost ten tribes,” and how the southern division—the House of Judah—was finally destroyed and its descendants, known as Jews, scattered over the world.

It was to the northern kingdom—the House of Israel—that the Birthright promises belonged. The Birthright was *never* given to the Jews, the descendants of Abraham's great-grandson Judah. It was transmitted to the descendants of JOSEPH (I Chron. 5:2). *And the descendants of Joseph were among the “lost ten tribes” of the House of Israel.*

In the last installment we LOCATED THE NEW LAND to which the ten-tribed House of Israel migrated after their captivity.

After being taken captive in Assyria, the House of Israel migrated northwestward. God said to the prophet Jeremiah concerning the House of Israel (*not* Judah): “Go and proclaim these words *toward the NORTH*” (Jer. 3:11-12).

In speaking of Ephraim, the leading tribe of the House of Israel, Hosea said: “Then the children (of Ephraim) shall tremble *from the WEST*” (Hos 11:8, 10). They must, then, have gone northwestward.

In the latter days Israel would be found on “the coasts of the earth”—a

colonizing people—(Jer. 31:8). In addressing Israel, the prophet Isaiah said: “Listen, O Isles”! (Isa. 49:1, 3).

Take a map of Europe. Place a line northwest of Palestine across Europe, until you come to the sea and then complete your line to the Isles!

This line takes you directly to the BRITISH ISLES!

Chapter VIII

THE MOST overwhelming modern fulfillment of Bible prophecy, in proof of its Divine origin and inspiration, is the sudden sprouting forth of two nations—or, more properly, of a “nation,” and “company of nations”—from comparative obscurity to positions of world dominance, unprecedented wealth and power, during the past 150 years.

Withheld 2520 Years

In the 26th chapter of Leviticus, Israel (then one nation of 12 tribes) was given the promise from the Eternal that if they followed His civil statutes, obeyed His Commandments and ordinances, they should immediately INHERIT the vast national promises of the Birthright. God promised to bless their land—give them rain—make them wealthy and prosperous. They were to become so powerful they could defeat every enemy—five of them chase a hundred; a hundred of them put ten thousand to flight.

But, beginning verse 14, if they disobeyed, God warned them they would become the slaves of other nations and go into national punishment—the Birthright blessings being withheld for a duration of 2520 long years! (verses 18, 21, 24, 28).

For a while the Israelites went God's way—but not long. Soon they were adopting the customs and ways of the gentile nations around them. After Solomon's death Israel rejected her king, and Judah split off from Israel in loyalty to King Rehoboam, thus splitting the twelve tribes into two nations.

The House of Israel sinned first. And

after nine dynasties beginning with Jeroboam, and the reigns of 19 kings (not David's dynasty, which was now in Judah), Israel was uprooted from its homeland of Samaria, and taken captive to Assyria. Then, in the year 721 B.C., began the 2520 long years of national banishment from the Birthright inheritance.

It must be emphasized that the Birthright promises, to be fulfilled only in Ephraim and Manasseh, could not be inherited until the end of their 2520-years' national punishment. By this 2520-year punishment, God punished the people for their sins, yet kept His promises to Abraham. The promises, then, must be fulfilled only AFTER the duration of this punishment. The House of Israel went into Assyrian captivity in 721 B.C. Therefore it *could not* come into the vast national wealth and resources of the Birthright until the period beginning 2520 years later, or 1800 A.D.

The “NATION,” and “COMPANY of NATIONS”

Notice again the original promise: “A *nation*, and a *company of nations* shall be of thee.” (Gen. 35: 9-12.)

Remember, in passing on the Birthright the dying Jacob (Israel) said of Ephraim and Manasseh, sons of Joseph, “Let *my name* be named on *them*.” (Gen. 48:16). Hence it is *THEY*, not the Jews, who rightfully own the name “House of ISRAEL.” Continuing, Jacob added, “and let *them* grow into a multitude.”

Then, speaking of Manasseh and his descendants *alone*, Jacob said prophetically: “He also shall become a people (nation), and he also shall be GREAT but truly his younger brother (Ephraim) shall be greater than he, and *his* seed shall become a MULTITUDE (a company, or COMMONWEALTH) of NATIONS” (Gen. 48:19).

In 1800 A.D. the United Kingdom and the United States were small and insignificant among the earth's nations.

The United Kingdom consisted only of the British Isles, a very small part of India and of Canada and a few little islands. The United States consisted only of the original 13 colonies and three added states. Neither possessed any great wealth or power.

But beginning in 1800 these two little nations began to sprout and to grow into vast national riches and power such as no people ever grew. Soon the United States grew into the GREATEST single nation on earth. Britain's empire spread around the world, until the sun never set upon her possessions. Canada, Australia, South Africa, were given dominion status—made free and independent nations ruling themselves independent of England—a *company*, or commonwealth of nations joined together, not by legal government, *but solely by the throne of David!*

And the British Commonwealth of Nations is the *only* COMPANY OF NATIONS in all earth's history. Could we so *exactly* fulfill the specifications of the Birthright, and not be the birthright people?

The United States Is Manasseh

Some will say, "I can believe that the British are Ephraim, but how can the United States be Manasseh?"

From the prophetic blessings passed on by the dying Jacob, it is apparent that Ephraim and Manasseh were in a large measure, to inherit the Birthright jointly; to remain together for a long time, finally separating. In Genesis 48 Jacob first passed the Birthright on to the two sons of Joseph jointly, speaking of them both together. Then, finally, he spoke of them separately—Manasseh was to become the single GREAT nation, Ephraim the COMPANY of nations.

And in his prophecy for these latter days Jacob said, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose *branches run over the wall*" (Gen. 49:22). In other words, Joseph—Ephraim and Manasseh jointly and together—was to be a *colonizing* people in this latter day, their colonies branching out from the British Isles around the earth. Our people have fulfilled this prophecy.

Now turn again to the 49th chapter of Isaiah. It is addressed (v. 1), "O Isles," and (v. 3), "O Israel." Begin now with the 19th verse: "Thy waste and thy desolate places and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow (crowded) by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up (Assyria) shall be far away." This is the time when they were to colonize and branch out—long after they had left, and now far away from Assyria.

"The children thou shalt have (colonies) *after thou hast lost the other* (13

colonies which became the U. S. A.), shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell." (20th verse.)

Notice Israel in the Isles, far from Assyria, *loses her first colony*, and then her other children expand and colonize AFTER she has lost her first people. The first colony which she "lost"—which separated from her—as Manasseh was finally to separate from Ephraim—was called "NEW England," and now the United States. Together Ephraim and Manasseh grew into a multitude, then separated, according to Jacob's prophetic blessing of Genesis 48.

But, so many ask, how can we be Manasseh when a large part of our people have come from many nations besides England? The answer is this: A large part of Manasseh remained with Ephraim until the separation of NEW England. But our forefathers were to be sifted thru many nations, as corn thru a sieve, yet not a grain to fall to the earth, or be lost. (Amos 9:9). Our people did filter thru many nations. Ephraim and much of Manasseh finally immigrated to England together, but many others of Manasseh who had filtered into and thru other nations did not leave them until they came, as immigrants, to the United States AFTER the New England colony had become the separate nation. This does not mean that *all* foreigners who have immigrated into this country are of the stock of Manasseh, but undoubtedly many are. Israel, however, always did absorb Gentiles, who became Israelites thru living in Israel's land and intermarrying.

Thus we have become known as the "melting pot" of the world. Instead of refuting our Manasseh ancestry, this fact actually confirms it.

The proof that we are Manasseh is overwhelming. Manasseh was to separate from Ephraim and become the greatest, wealthiest single nation of earth's history. We alone have fulfilled this prophecy. Manasseh was, in fact a *thirteenth* tribe. There were twelve original tribes. Joseph was one of these twelve. But when Joseph divided into TWO tribes and Manasseh separated into an independent nation, it became a *thirteenth* tribe. It started with *thirteen* colonies.

But what about the *other* tribes of the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes"?

While the *Birthright* was *Joseph's*, and its blessings have come to the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America, yet the other eight tribes of the House of Israel were also God's chosen people, and to a considerable extent to *share* in the material blessings.

We lack space for a detailed explanation of the specific identity of all

these other tribes in the nations of our twentieth century.

Suffice it to say here, that there is ample evidence that these other eight tribes have descended into such north-western European nations as Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Northern France, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and at least portions of western Germany. The people of Iceland are also of Viking stock.

The political boundaries of Europe, as they exist today, do not necessarily show lines of division between descendants of these original tribes of Israel.

The Birthright WEALTH

Read again the prophetic promises of Genesis 22:17. and 24:60. Since the Birthright pertains to NATIONS, the "GATE" of our enemies would be such passes as Gibraltar, Suez, Singapore, Panama Canal, etc. Britain and America came into possession of every such major "gate" in this world! So we MUST be modern Israel. World War II hinged on these "gates." They have become not only strategic passes, but the world's greatest fortifications.

Notice Genesis 39:3-23: "The Eternal was with Joseph, and he was a PROSPEROUS man . . . The Eternal was with him, and that which he did the Eternal made to PROSPER." And God has continued to be with, and to PROSPER Joseph through us, his descendants.

Consider Moses' dying, prophetic blessing, foretelling what would happen to each of the tribes in these latter days.

"And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that croucheth beneath, and for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, and for the precious things of the earth and the fullness thereof . . . let the blessings come upon the head of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh both) . . . His glory is like the firstling (first-born—birthright holder) of *the bullock*, and his horns are like *the horns of unicorns* (Great Britain's national seal today): with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." (Deut. 33:13-17.)

Whoever is Ephraim and Manasseh today must be in possession of the earth's choicest agricultural, mineral, and other wealth—the great gold and silver mines; iron, oil, and coal, timber and other resources.

What nations fulfill these prophecies? Why, *only* Great Britain and America! (Please continue on next page)

More than half of all tillable, cultivable temperate-zone lands of this earth are in the possession of our two great powers alone! The rich agricultural lands of the Mississippi Valley; the vast wheat and grain fields of the Northwest, of Canada and Australia; the great forest lands of the Pacific Northwest and many other parts of the world; the gold fields of South Africa, Australia, Alaska and the United States; the great coal mines of the United States and British Isles; the natural waterfalls and means of power and motivation, and consequent prosperous industrial and manufacturing districts of England and eastern United States; the choicest fruit lands of our Pacific Coast and Florida. What other nations *combined* ever possessed such material wealth?

And nearly all this wealth has come to us since 1800 A.D.!

The Actual Statistics

Just to what extent has Almighty God fulfilled His promises *in us* to the descendants of Joseph in these latter years since 1800 A.D.—promises of “the precious fruits brought forth by the sun . . . the chief things of the ancient mountains . . . and the precious things of the earth”?

Said Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate, before the Massachusetts Bankers Association, January 5, 1921: “Our United States has been endowed by God with everything to make it and keep it the foremost industrial and commercial nation of the world.”

Total world petroleum output in 1950 was almost 3,800 million barrels. Of this total the United States *alone* produced more than one half—nearly 52%. Together, the British Commonwealth and the United States produce 60% of the crude petroleum, not including our vast foreign investments. Britain and America mine $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as much coal as all other nations combined.

Together, the British Commonwealth and America produce $\frac{3}{4}$ of the world's steel—the United States alone producing almost 60% or 105,200,000 short tons in 1951. We produce $1\frac{1}{3}$ times as much pig iron as all other nations combined.

We possess nearly 95% of the world's nickel (chiefly from Canada); 80% of the world's aluminum; 75% of the zinc. The British Commonwealth completely dominates the production of chromite (from South Africa); and together Britain and America produce $\frac{2}{3}$ of the world's rubber, and dominate the world's copper, lead, tin, bauxite and other precious metal outputs.

The British Commonwealth produces $\frac{2}{3}$ of the world's gold—about £266,000,000 (\$642 million) in 1950—while the United States has three times as much

gold reserve as the total for the rest of the world.

We produce and utilize $\frac{2}{3}$ of the world output of electricity—the United States producing 283 thousand million kilowatt-hours in 1948, and the United Kingdom and Canada outstripping Russia, Germany and France combined.

Great Britain and the United States possess well over half of the world merchant fleet tonnage. The British Isles construct more vessels than any other place on earth. We also possess about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the world's railroad mileage.

Israelites always were sheep-raising people. Today Joseph-Israelites still lead the world with more than 220,000,000 sheep, while all Gentile nations combined have only about 182,000,000. Australia produces nearly as much wool as all Gentile nations combined—over one thousand million pounds! In agricultural products, America is first and the British Commonwealth second in the production of milk, butter and meat.

In the number of automobiles the United States leads the world with 52 million out of a world total of about 71 million in 1951. Britain is second in number of cars. The United States leads the world with over 43 million telephones in 1950. The British Commonwealth is second with more than half of the remaining world total. The British Isles alone have more telephones than the combined number in France and Germany. Americans own over half the world's radio sets—110 million—and 95% of the television sets. In each case Britain is second. Together, we lead the world by just as wide a margin in number of families owning refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and other electrical appliances.

Although the Birthright has come to the British Commonwealth and the United States, yet the other tribes *share* in the blessings. Next in order in per capita income are Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Most Gentile nations have from $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{50}$ of our income!

How Did We Get It?

Now how did we come into possession of all this vast wealth of the earth? Did we acquire it thru our own human wisdom, foresight, energy, ability and power?

Let Abraham Lincoln answer:

“We *find ourselves*,” he said, “in the peaceful possession of the fairest portion of the earth, as regards fertility of soil, extent of territory, and salubrity of climate . . . We . . . *find ourselves* the legal inheritors of these fundamental blessings. *We toiled not in the acquirement or the establishment of them.*”

Again, in his proclamation of April 30, 1863, for a nation-wide day of fast-

ing and prayer, this great president said: “It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God . . . and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations *only* are blessed whose God is the Lord: . . . We have been the recipients of the choicest blessings of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as *no other nation ever has grown*; BUT WE HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD! We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and *we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.*”

And because Lincoln saw a nation who had forgotten God—a nation drunk with a success not due to its own efforts—a nation taking all the credit and glory to itself, this great president called upon the nation for a day of FASTING and PRAYER to confess this national sin before God. The fate of the nation hung in the balance when he issued that proclamation. But God heard and answered that great national PRAYER OFFENSIVE—and the nation was preserved!

Abraham Lincoln KNEW these great material blessings had not been earned, but had been GIVEN to our people by the GOD of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel.

And we should face the facts today and KNOW that we have been given all this vast unprecedented material wealth because God PROMISED it, unconditionally, to ABRAHAM. And He promised it to Abraham BECAUSE ABRAHAM OBEYED GOD, KEPT GOD'S LAWS AND COMMANDMENTS.

The Birthright blessing was *denied* our forefathers after Moses' day because they REFUSED to live by God's laws.

And today God warns us, through many prophecies in Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Micah, and many others, that unless we of this generation REPENT of our sins, and turn to Him with fastings, and with weeping, and earnest PRAYER, He will destroy our cities, all our fortresses, by the hand of the foreign sword; that He will punish us at the hand of a CRUEL ONE; that we shall be invaded, defeated, reduced to SLAVES! GOD HELP OUR NATIONS TO HEED THAT WARNING!

In conclusion, we ask: If *we* are not national Israel—so called “lost” Ten Tribes — prosperous Joseph-Israel — Birthright Israel—actual inheritors of the Birthright blessings which were to be bestowed beginning 1800 A.D., then WHO ELSE CAN BE?

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Is Today's Week God's Week?

Why does a Christian-professing civilization use a week named after pagan deities? What is its origin? When did the Church adopt it?

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SYNOPSIS: We take "time" for granted—yet we measure it with days named after pagan deities. Why?

Our civilization is filled with pagan customs and superstitions which we never question. The preceding articles in this series have revealed many startling facts which should make us question the basis of our "Christian" civilization!

Shortly after the flood Satan used the king and queen of the first organized civilization—Babylon—to establish a diabolical *counterfeit* of the PLAN of God. Through Nimrod, the king (Genesis 10:10; 11:1-5), and his wife Semiramis, known as the "Queen of Heaven" (Jer. 7:18), and Ashtaroah (Judges 2:13), the arch-deceiver Satan was able to counterfeit the teachings of Christ, the apostles and the Church over 2000 years in advance.

Was God's week also counterfeited—for a purpose?

Part IX Origin of God's Week

When did God's week originate? What was this week like, which He has given to this world to *use forever*? Notice!

When God re-made our earth, he said of the first evening and morning, "The evening and morning were the FIRST day" (Gen. 1:5). Then followed the SECOND day (verse 8), the THIRD day (verse 13), the FOURTH day (verse 19), and so on *until* the day *following* the sixth. He *not* only gave that day a number—He gave it a *name*—the Sabbath!

This, then, is when God's week originated. Note that it was *composed* of seven days, SIX OF THEM BEARING NUMBERS, and ONE OF THEM—the last, THE SEVENTH, BEARING A NAME.

GOD'S Week Corrupted Early

In the library of Asshur-bani-pal of Assyria (a country which lay just north of ancient Babylonia), many clay tablets have been found relating the *epic* of creation. One of these tablets reads:

"On the seventh day He appointed a holy day, and to cease from all business He commanded" (Henry H. Halley, *Pocket Bible Handbook*, p. 64).

Here is *absolute* PROOF from the ancient records collected by this Assyrian King that long before the time of Moses Babylonia knew of God's 7-day week.

But recall that *Babylon* was the place which Nimrod and his Assyrian wife Semiramis—called the "queen of heaven" in the Bible—ruled. It was the country in which Satan started his perversions.

Would Satan leave God's simple calendar intact? Or would he pervert it and thus try to "change times and laws?" (Daniel 7:25.)

Here is what happened: In ancient Babylon "evil days" were gradually set apart which were observed on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th days of the month (Webster's *Rest Days*, p. 230). The seventh day of each Babylonian week was called a SHABATTUM—the pagan corruption of the SABBATH. Thus, the sabbaths of God, times when man might enjoy himself, were soon changed into periods of "ill omens" or "Evil Days" (Webster's *Rest Days*, p. 230).

On these "Evil Days" the pagans had to afflict themselves—they had to do penance. They could not eat flesh cooked upon coals, nor change garments, nor could the physician lay hand upon the patient. At night, the king was to bring his gift before the images Marduk (Nimrod) and Ishtar (the "Queen of Heaven," Semiramis) and offer sacrifice (*Rest Days*, page 232).

The point is that even then, Satan was having *other gods*—Nimrod and his wife—*worshipped* on this crude imitation of God's Sabbath day. SATAN HAD CORRUPTED THE SABBATH AND THEREBY THE TRUE WEEK OF GOD. Did he establish a COUNTERFEIT WEEK OF HIS OWN? Yes!

Satan Produces His Own Week— TODAY'S WEEK!

How did the pagans, under Satan's influence, formulate the week—the *planetary or astrological week* WHICH THE WORLD STILL RETAINS TODAY?

Here is the answer: "The planetary week presents itself as a curious amalgam (mixture) of ideas derived from different sources. BABYLONIA, THE MOTHERLAND OF DIVINATION, PROVIDED THE DOCTRINE of the influence of the stars on human destinies; Greece furnished the mathematical astronomy which grouped the planets according to their distance from the earth . . . upon these foundations astrologers of the Hellenistic (Greek) era, familiar with the cult of seven and with the division of

days into twenty-four hours, built up what was, at the outset, an entirely PAGAN INSTITUTION."

Notice the origin of our week—a *pagan* institution!

Continuing, "This seven day week, in its astrological form . . . probably first appeared in . . . Syria, certainly not before the 2nd century B.C. had passed . . . thence to Alexandria (Egypt) . . . and about the age of Augustus (31 B.C.—14 A.D.) . . . into the Occidental (Roman) lands" (Webster's *Rest Days*, pp. 218, 219). *Today's week was born from mother Babylon!*

Names of the Days

How did the pagans, under the guidance of Satan, *name the days* of this week—our week? As we have seen, old Babylonia provided the doctrine of the influence of the stars on human destinies. Remember the "Queen of Heaven," Semiramis, had identified herself with the *moon*. Also, we have seen, she identified her dead husband, Nimrod, with the SUN, ultimately making him the SUN-god. SATURN, as we learned, was Nimrod as the hidden god.

Guided by these old Babylonian influences, the pagans of a later time named three days of this new planetary week for these three gods: Sunday was set apart for the SUN-god (Nimrod); Monday was set apart for the *moon* (Semiramis, the "Queen of Heaven"); and SATURday for Saturn (Nimrod associated with the planet Saturn as the *hidden* god).

The other days of the week received their names in similar fashion. Each received its name from a heavenly body which had been associated with some old Babylonian god or goddess which the "Queen of Heaven"—Semiramis—had formed to commemorate some event, actual or imagined, that had happened in the life of herself or her husband.

Is this the week that God gave us—a week with its seventh day only bearing a name—the Sabbath, and its other days bearing only numbers? No!

HERE IS A STRANGE WEEK. Here is a week whose days bear the NAMES of pagan gods. The Sabbath day nowhere appears in this week. BUT Sunday, the Day of the SUN—the SUN AROUND WHICH THE PAGANS SYMBOLICALLY ENTWINED THE SERPENT—the DEVIL—does appear! It is *the one day which is*

most observed by all the earth TODAY!

This new planetary week which the world uses today is a part of our present *Roman calendar*.

God's weekly cycle with its sabbath on the *seventh* day has, of course, never been altered. (Write for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet "Has Time Been Lost?") But SUNDAY was made to come on the first day of God's true week. SUNDAY WAS PLACED NEXT TO GOD'S SABBATH! This proximity causes confusion!

WHY Was SUNDAY Created?

The world after the flood knew and understood that a Savior was to come (Gen. 3:15). So did Satan! What did he do about it?

Satan, as we have seen, inspired Nimrod to become the *priest of the SUN*, whose worship he initiated and furthered after the flood. At Nimrod's death, his wife Semiramis, for purposes of prestige, contrived to convince the people that one of her illegitimate sons was miraculously conceived of her by the SUN—the god up in the sky. She claimed this son was her dead husband Nimrod reborn—the son of the SUN-god. Notice that this event was actually patterned after the *future* birth of Christ.

What connection have these events which occurred 4000 years ago to do with the day of the SUN—SUNDAY of our time? A great deal! Let us examine!

In Egypt about 2000 B.C. (the very time when the "Queen of Heaven"—Semiramis—was most active in having her dead husband Nimrod worshipped as the SUN-god) worship of the *sun* became completely dominant. Sun worship became associated with almost every god which had not received a clear cosmic function at an earlier time (Gray's *Mythology of All Races*, vol. XII, p. 28).

Now it can be understood why the PAGANS, *about three hundred years before Christ's coming*, came forward with the *week* that is used by the world today—a week which CONTAINS THE DAY OF THE SUN—SUNDAY—A DAY ON WHICH THEY WORSHIPPED THEIR GOD THE SUN!

Satan was again inspiring his agents. He was inspiring them to set apart a day—SUNDAY—on which *he*, through Nimrod his SUN-god, could be worshipped instead of God. The serpent, Satan, was (symbolically) entwined around the SUN!

SUNDAY—the "Lord's Day"—Enters Early Church

When did the early Church adopt the practice of keeping SUNDAY, which the pagans who joined their Church brought with them?

When was the planetary week—the week the world uses today—adopted by the early church in place of the week

which God commanded at creation?

"The early Christians had *at first* adopted the seven-day week (God's) with its *numbered* weekdays, but by the close of the 3rd century A.D. this began to give way to the *planetary* week (Satan's). The use of *planetary* names (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, etc.) attests the GROWING influence of astrological speculations introduced by the converts from paganism" (Webster's *Rest Days*, p. 252).

THE USE OF THE PLANETARY WEEK BY THE EARLY CHRISTIANS WAS A YARDSTICK WHICH MEASURED HOW MUCH THEY WERE BEING AFFECTED BY PAGANISM.

But what about the "LORD'S DAY" which we hear so much of today? It is said to be Sunday by many. And right they are!

St. Augustine, one of the early "church fathers" (the "fathers" being a group of men who formulated the teachings of the church *after* the days of the apostles) said that the "Lord's Day" was DECLARED NOT TO THE JEWS (*which it should have been* if it had been declared to Christ or the apostles, as they were Jews) but to the "Christians" (the *newly converted* PAGANS) by the *resurrection of "the Lord"* (*Dictionary of Christian Antiquities*, Vol. 2, under "Lord's Day").

St. Augustine here declares the "Lord's Day" is the day of the week on which the "Lord" was *resurrected*. Could this "Lord" be Christ? No!

Christ was cut off "in the midst of the week" (Dan. 9:24-27)—Wednesday—and, after being three days and nights in the tomb (Mat. 12:38-40), was RESURRECTED—on SATURDAY! (Send for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet "Does Easter really commemorate the Resurrection?" You will be astounded!)

THE LORD REFERRED TO HERE WAS NOT CHRIST! SUNDAY CAN'T BE OBSERVED AS THE DAY OF HIS RESURRECTION!

"Lord's Day" Among Pagans

The "LORD'S DAY" EXISTED BEFORE CHRIST CAME!

Who then is "The Lord" that the people worship *today* when they keep Sunday—the "Lord's day"? The world today has been deceived by this counterfeit!

THE PAGANS WHO FLOCKED INTO CHRISTIANITY WERE CARRYING IN MIND THEIR "LORD" NIMROD, THE FIRST GREAT LORD OF BAAL OF THIS EARTH. The word "*baal*" means a LORD or master. You probably never understood this before!

It was Nimrod's wife, Semiramis (counterfeit of Mary), who, after her husband's death, was said, according to the Mysteries, to have been *impregnated* with a beam (counterfeit of God's Holy

Spirit) from the Sun (counterfeit of God). She brought forth Ninus—Tammuz or *Nimrod reborn* (counterfeit of Jesus Christ begotten of God). Tammuz, who was believed to be Nimrod reborn (COUNTERFEIT OF CHRIST RESURRECTED to immortality), was worshipped as the sun-god (or son of God). (Hislop's *Two Babylons*, p. 305.)

THE "LORD" NIMROD HAD BEEN RESURRECTED! It was *he* who was "resurrected" on SUNDAY! Nimrod, according to this, was the first of Satan's (the Sun's) created beings, just as Christ is the first-fruits of God's spirit-created beings. What does this mean? *It means that if we observe Sunday, we worship Satan as the Creator and Giver of Eternal Life instead of God, and show our obedience to Satan and not to God!*

Why Sunday Worship Is Widespread Today

But what was responsible for the later *widespread rise of SUNDAY* or "Day of the Lord" worship today?

Constantine, a *civil*—not *ecclesiastical*—ruler of the Roman Empire had the most to do with the ascendancy of Sunday as the day of worship. "Constantine's famous edict (321 A.D.) definitely enrolled Sunday among the holidays of the Roman state religion. The *change from Saturn's day to Sunday* must have further commended the *planetary* week in Christian circles, where the Lord's Day . . . beginning the week, had long been observed as the day on which Christ, the "Sun of Righteousness" rose from the dead. *Thus a pagan institution was engrafted on Christianity*" (Webster's *Rest Days*, p. 222.)

Do you grasp this? A human *civil* ruler—not God, established Sunday.

What was Constantine's own religion? Gibbon, the authoritative historian, in his *Decline And Fall of The Roman Empire*, vol. 1, pp. 636-638, tells us "Constantine . . . persevered till he was near forty years of age in the practice of the established religion (paganism) . . . His liberality restored and enriched the temples of the gods . . . But the devotion of Constantine was more peculiarly directed to the genius of the *Sun* . . . *The Sun was universally celebrated as the invincible guide and protector of Constantine.*"

Notice that Constantine became a "Christian" after he was forty years of age. But it was also after he was forty that he brought his Sun-god—the "lord"—and *Sun-day* into the "Christian" Church to stay by his legislation. Today, the vast majority of "Christians" are still following in his footsteps.

What were the words of Constantine's famous edict of 321 A.D.? "Let all magistrates and people . . . rest on the venerable . . . day of the Lord."
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Good Neighbor Policy

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through a group of people, carrying a lunch-kit. A middle-aged American tourist—looking up at the Shrine as he walked, accidentally knocked the lunch-kit from the boy's hand and sent it dashing to the filthy concrete. The little boy tried to save as much of the stew contained in the overturned kit as he could—while looking up at the American tourist. The tall American looked disdainfully at the boy, brushed off his trousers and walked on with his wife and hired guide. Mr. Rea and I caught some of the remarks made by the many Mexican people nearby. They weren't pretty.

While driving from Mexico City to the ancient pyramids of the Aztecs at Teotihuacán, our taxi driver was forced to stop for a group of cattle crossing the narrow road. He honked his horn once, and we waited while the herder began hurrying the cattle across the road. At this juncture, a large, new Cadillac convertible, top down and bearing a United States license plate, driven by a wealthy-appearing man in a Panama hat, accompanied by an American woman, screeched to a stop just short of the cattle, and blasted the silence with two large air horns. The cattle panicked—and scattered in several directions. The Cadillac roared on down the road. Our

driver shook his head and continued in silence.

Learn to face FACTS, America!—WE HAVE FEW FRIENDS SOUTH OF OUR OWN BORDERS! AND NO WONDER!

One Enemy at a Time?

In talking to the wife of a prominent importer and exporter with businesses in Medellín, Colombia, we learned of a recent student uprising there in which her husband (who is British) was mistaken as a North-American. "Thieves!" they shouted, "all North-Americans are thieves!" By calmly pointing to the loot they had carried away from various stores into which they had broken, this man was able to calm them and thereby escape with his life.

In the recent uprisings following the suicide of ex-President Vargas of Brazil, even establishments displaying "Coca-Cola" signs were attacked! Anything labeled "American" is a prime target during a revolution south of our borders! WHY?

Our newspapers and statesmen would have us believe it is *only* Communist agitation which directs wildly shouting mobs toward the U.S. Embassies and Consulate Offices. And so DO THE PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE! Why not? The

Fascists, by falsely labeling *their* actions as "Communist incited," can gain for themselves that political middle ground of safety which they are offered by a weak, indecisive American foreign policy! When will we WAKE UP TO THE FACTS?

The Lesson Not Yet Learned

America is losing her popularity over this entire earth! Foreign Correspondents in all parts of the world KNOW of the enmity toward the United States.

While trying desperately to stem the tide of communist aggression, we are unknowingly setting the stage for *an equally dangerous enemy—FASCISM—* now secretly establishing itself *right in our own back yard!*

The helter-skelter rush for pact-signing peace parleys and international conferences to settle differences HAS NOT BROUGHT US PEACE! *No longer* are the political leaders of our country talking of *WHETHER* we will enter World War III—they now talk of *WHEN!* While insisting on *putting their trust in man*, and looking to the efforts of HUMAN governments to bring peace to this war-torn world, modern Israel—America and Britain—has followed her traditional stiff-necked rebellious pathway in the *OPPOSITE* direction from peace—by refusing to take heed to the Almighty RULER of this universe, who determines the fate of nations and the outcome of wars! (Psa. 33:13-17, Mofatt.)

Prophesied to Happen to UNITED STATES

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No other nation or combination of nations do or can possess these blessings of the Birthright—for we hold more than two thirds—nearly three fourths—of all the raw materials, resources, and wealth of this entire round earth, and all other nations combined share among them only a small part.

Do you know of *stronger proof* of the divine inspiration of the Holy Bible as the revealed Word of the living God? Could mortal men have written, without divine inspiration, those prophecies we have considered in this series—made those PROMISES to Joseph-Israel, and, after a lapse of 2520 years, beginning the exact year of 1800, have had power to bring them about in fulfillment? These are no small or trifling promises. They involve possession of the great wealth and vast natural resources of the whole earth.

Present these facts as a challenge to your atheist and agnostic friends. Ask them to answer, if they can, whether any but the power of the Eternal CREATOR Himself could have made and had committed to writing such promises thousands of years ago, and, at precisely the promised time thousands of years later, brought about their fulfillment!

How any American—any English-speaking inheritor of God's choicest material blessings—can, in face of such stupendous overwhelming fulfillment of prophecy—such awe-inspiring demonstration of the power and might and faithfulness of Almighty God—accept and partake of these blessings, and then carelessly ignore God's WARNING that our sins today are INCREASING, or fail to get to his knees before the great Almighty, and repent, and INTERCEDE in heart-rending PRAYER for all Israelite

nations, and HELP in every way he can to warn our people now of their impending PERIL, seems impossible to conceive.

God warns us thru prophecy that our sins are fast increasing. And now the day of RECKONING is here! The foreign sword already has attacked us. In this fearful awesome atomic age, World War 'III' will *start* with atomic bombs dropped on London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, without warning!

God HELP our nations to wake up before it's too late!

Yes, we are God's chosen people ISRAEL! *Think what that means!* Chosen, not for favors while we defy our God, but chosen for SERVICE we have failed to perform.

We should shout for joy at the discovery of our true identity—and we should be brought to REPENT—and to TURN TO GOD—and to get back of this crusade by radio and by printed word to WARN our people, and to call upon God in REAL HEART-RENDING PRAYER for Divine deliverance.

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heard. But HAVE PATIENCE—study these things IN YOUR OWN BIBLE, and the truth will emerge crystal-clear!

One verse, now, I purposely omitted in Mat. 24.

When Will the END Come?

The disciples had asked Jesus WHEN His Coming would occur, and the *end* of the world—the end of this AGE! The false preaching was not the end. The wars and rumors of wars were not the end. But in verse 14, Jesus interrupted to tell them WHEN the *end* shall come—AFTER THE VERY EVENT NOW TAKING PLACE—YES, ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE THIS MINUTE. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Mat. 24:14).

THERE'S Jesus' ANSWER! He had warned them of false prophets deceiving the MANY—*saying* that Jesus was the Christ—but DOING AWAY WITH HIS MESSAGE—HIS GOSPEL—which was the KINGDOM OF GOD—the GOVERNMENT of God—the RULE of God. God rules by HIS LAWS—and the WHOLE WORLD has been deceived into TRANSGRESSION, which is SIN, by believing that God's LAW and God's RULE over our lives is DONE AWAY! Men have been DECEIVED into believing they could hold to the TRADITIONS of MEN, and by WORSHIPPING CHRIST, still be SAVED. But Jesus Himself said (Mark 7), "IN VAIN do ye worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of MEN—making the Word of God of NONE EFFECT through your TRADITION."

But, just before the END—Jesus said: "THIS gospel OF THE KINGDOM"—of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD—the RULE of God—the COMMANDMENTS of God—this SAME Gospel that JESUS PREACHED—shall go to all the world for a witness UNTO ALL NATIONS—and THEN shall the END of this world COME.

And THAT'S the world event of THIS VERY HOUR!

THIS HOUR is THIS SCRIPTURE FILLED IN YOUR EARS!

He that hath an ear to hear, LET HIM HEAR!

If I am to bring you the REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, I certainly cannot bring you the popular INTERPRETATIONS you have been hearing from MEN—from the great religious leaders of THIS WORLD.

The great MEN of THIS world, my friends, have confused the Great Tribu-

lation that is coming, with that period revealed in more than 30 prophecies in the Bible as The DAY OF THE ETERNAL—or, the Day of the Lord.

Now I hope you have your Bible in your hands. I want you to turn to Matthew 24, and verse 29.

Notice carefully. Read with your own eyes what the great religious leaders of THIS world seem never to have learned: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken" (Matthew 24:29).

Astronomical Signs

There are to be signs in the SUN, MOON, AND STARS. But these heavenly signs occur—WHEN? Did you catch it?—IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GREAT TRIBULATION.

Now we found that The Great Tribulation, which Jesus describes here in Mat. 24, is His PLAIN-LANGUAGE explanation of the 5th SEAL of Rev. 6. I want to give you further details of this, both from Mat. 24, and from Rev. 6, a little later; but right now I want you to notice, in Rev. 6, what IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS the Great Tribulation of the 5th Seal.

Turn quickly, now, to REV. 6. Read it in your own Bible.

We saw in the 9th, 10th, and 11th verses the souls of the martyrs that WERE slain—many centuries ago—crying out and asking HOW LONG before God takes VENGEANCE—thru the last plagues—upon the powers guilty of their martyrdom. And they were told that this could not come UNTIL their fellow-servants also, and THEIR BRETHREN—that is, TRUE CHRISTIANS—should be killed AS THEY WERE—that is, in ANOTHER MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS YET to occur on this earth! And THAT'S the great Tribulation—a MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS YET TO COME!

Now notice what IMMEDIATELY follows this Great Tribulation—this martyrdom of saints! Notice, now, the 6th SEAL!

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind" (Rev. 6:12-13).

... and THEN WHAT?

"For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Verse 17).

Oh, will you NOTICE it! Will you READ it with YOUR OWN EYES, in YOUR OWN BIBLE. Here in this 6th chapter of Rev., as these 6 seals are opened, we have 1ST, FALSE preachers; 2ND, wars climaxing in WORLD WARS; 3RD, FAMINES; 4TH, DISEASE EPIDEMICS; 5TH, GREAT TRIBULATION—martyrdom of saints; 6TH, the heavenly SIGNS, in the sun, moon, and stars. And then WHAT NEXT—what is to follow this 6th seal?

THE GREAT DAY OF GOD'S WRATH—and that, as I shall show you, is the great DAY OF THE LORD!

Now quickly turn to the prophecy of JOEL, in the Old Testament. "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come" (Joel 2:31).

... and THERE IT IS!! In Mat. 24:29 you read IN YOUR OWN BIBLE that the heavenly signs in the sun, moon, and stars would occur *immediately after* the Great Tribulation. In Rev. 6 you saw with your own eyes that the heavenly signs in the sun and moon of the 6th seal follow immediately AFTER the Great Tribulation, or the martyrdom of saints, of the 5th seal. Also you saw there, that FOLLOWING these heavenly signs of the 6th seal was to come the terrible day of GOD'S WRATH.

Now here in Joel 2:31 we see that these heavenly signs in the sun and moon must occur BEFORE the great and terrible DAY OF THE LORD!

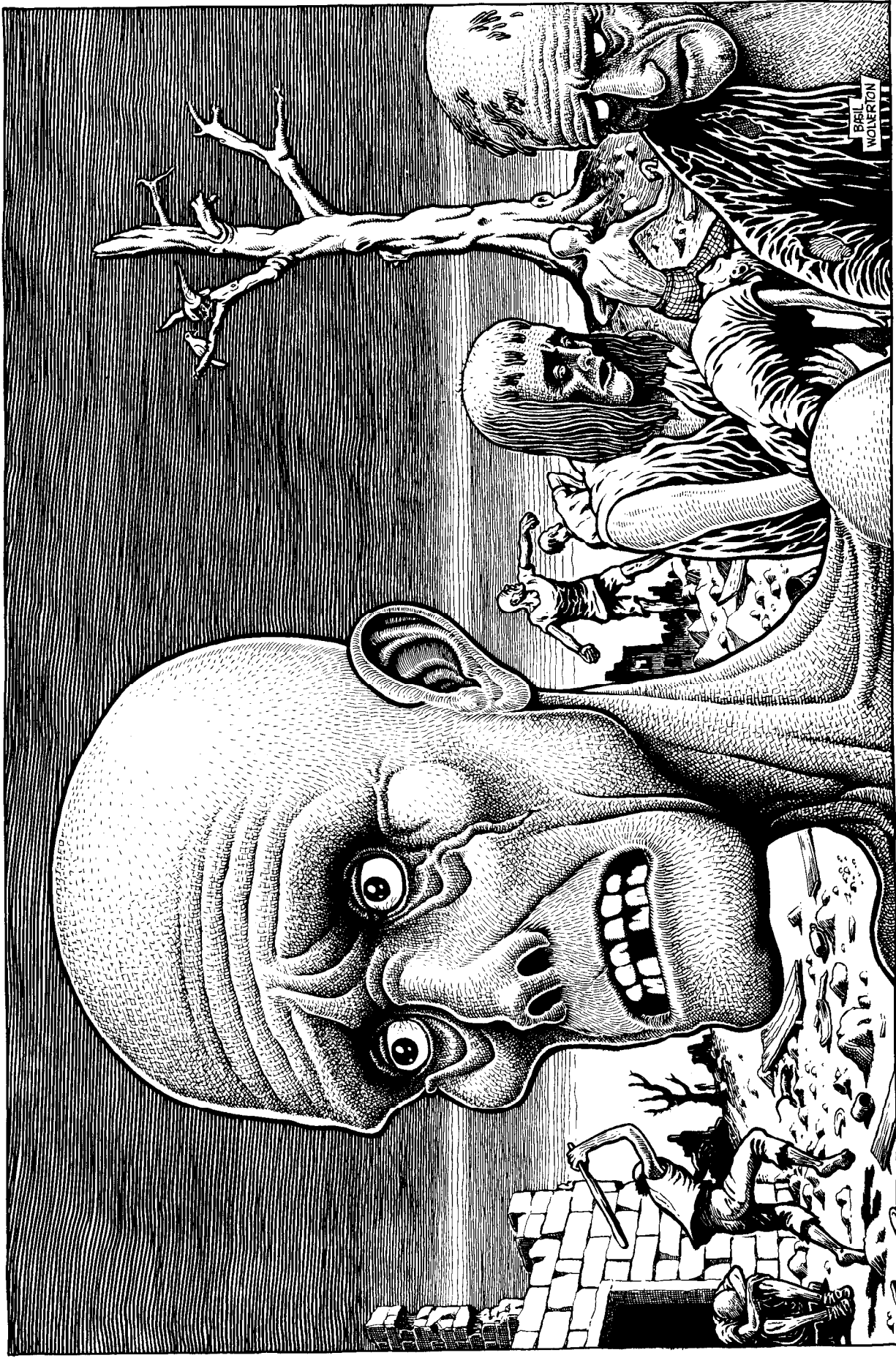
Tribulation Is NOT the Day of the Lord

So here we have THREE successive world-shaking events to come—first, and, now, NEXT to occur in a very few years, THE GREAT TRIBULATION. Second, immediately AFTER the Tribulation, the heavenly signs in the sun and moon and stars. Third, FOLLOWING the supernatural signs in the heavens, the terrible DAY OF THE LORD!

Now what IS that great and terrible DAY OF THE ETERNAL? Before you turn away from Joel's prophecy, notice how Joel was inspired to describe it: "Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come" (Joel 1:15).

Now notice how God inspired the prophet Zephaniah to describe it: "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a

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Look at these pathetic faces! Famines and epidemics, next to sweep the earth (Rev. 6:5-8), will grow rapidly worse following atomic warfare. Bombings will render vast areas incapable of food production. With no transportation systems, hordes of people will have little or nothing to eat. Even rats will be prize catches. Some wretched souls will turn to cannibalism!

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day of clouds and thick darkness . . . And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung" (Zeph. 1:14-15, 17).

THIS is the time of GOD'S wrath. THIS is the time of GOD'S PLAGUES sent upon the sinners of this world. God says HE will bring this distress upon defiant and sinful men who hate truth and peace, and love EVIL. THIS is the time of the PLAGUES GOD SHALL SEND—but THIS is NOT the Great Tribulation, as men have supposed!

No, THIS day of the Eternal's plagues shall not come until AFTER the heavenly signs in the sun and moon. And those startling supernatural heavenly signs shall not come until immediately *after* the Great Tribulation!

If you would know what is *going* to happen NEXT in the world—if you would know what is as SURE as the rising and setting of tomorrow's sun—what is coming in YOUR life-time—what you are *going* to live thru—it is vital to understand the distinction between the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Eternal.

You've probably heard a great deal about the Great Tribulation—if you've heard any preaching about prophecy at all. But you probably have heard very little or nothing about the DAY OF THE ETERNAL—and yet, this DAY OF THE LORD is described in more than 30 different prophecies scattered thru both Old and New Testaments. But The Great Tribulation is spoken of by this term: The Great Tribulation, ONLY in Mat. 24:21, 29!

WHY? Religious leaders have SUPPOSED that all these prophecies about the Day of the Eternal—the time of

GOD'S WRATH—of the PLAGUES—are identical with The Great Tribulation. They have SUPPOSED that the Great Tribulation is GOD'S wrath—GOD'S plagues upon the sinners of the world.

The Great Tribulation is not the wrath of God—just the opposite, *this* is the wrath of SATAN THE DEVIL. He *knows* that he has but a short time. When God intervenes—when GOD'S PLAGUES fall—when CHRIST returns to this earth as the KING of kings and the LORD of lords, to RULE the earth, Satan knows full well HE WILL BE THRU! The Great Tribulation, as I shall show you in future articles—if you will just keep both your mind and your Bible open—is Satan's last persecution and martyrdom against the true begotten sons of GOD whom he CAN'T deceive, as he has deceived the world as a whole!

And now quickly again to Rev. 6. Those of the former great martyrdom of saints are told that the JUDGMENTS OF GOD—the plagues which lead up to, and occur at the time of CHRIST'S return to earth—cannot come until their fellow-servants and their brethren—OTHER Spirit-begotten Christians—*should* be killed *as they were*! Here is The Great Tribulation—another coming martyrdom of GOD'S PEOPLE! And what follows? The 6th seal, we have seen, will mark the beginning of the INTERVENTION OF GOD IN WORLD AFFAIRS—the terrifying signs in the heavens—and then men shall cry out "The terrible day of GOD'S WRATH is come!"

"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman and every free man hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountain; and said to the mountains and rocks,

Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:14-17).

We shall see, as we continue in the Book of Revelation that this is the DAY OF THE ETERNAL, bringing us, at last, the RETURN OF CHRIST to earth in ALL power and glory, to RULE the peoples of earth, and to bring us PEACE!

But now finally, YOU NEED NOT FEAR OR WORRY over the things coming on the earth in the meantime. In this same prophecy of Jesus as reported by LUKE, regarding the world disturbances now ahead—regarding The Great Tribulation and the DAY OF THE LORD—Jesus ended His Olivet prophecy with these assuring words: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

May God help YOU to be one of those studying the prophecies, WATCHING world events as they fulfill them, and PRAYING ALWAYS, that you may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS, and to STAND before Christ at His coming!

ORIGIN OF WEEK

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able day of the sun" (Schaff-Herzog Religious Encyclopaedia, article "Sunday.")

Summary

Satan wants, as always, to be God! He has *substituted* his week and his day—Sunday. He, Satan, wants to be known as the Creator of all things—including time—and Giver of Eternal life. Yes, Satan has been successful in this deception. *The earth today* has adopted his week and worships on Sunday!

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