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WE SAW PROPHECY being fulfilled in Europe!

Here is Mr. Armstrong's first report to the nation of the astounding fulfillment of prophecy he saw on his tour of Europe this summer—along with Rod Meredith, Dick Armstrong, and Mrs. Armstrong—as broadcast coast to coast over the ABC Radio Network and other powerful stations. Here we continue "Prophesied to Happen."

**by Herbert W. Armstrong
with Richard D. Armstrong and Roderick Carl Meredith**

I HAVE just returned from Europe. I have seen *prophecy* in rapid, moving, but totally unrealized fulfillment!

The identical events prophesied are *happening* in Europe. The stage is being set—much faster than America realizes—for catastrophic events that will bring about the END of the WORLD!

AMERICA IS ASLEEP! The message to you, burned into my consciousness by what I have seen these past three months, is WAKE UP, AMERICA! *It's later than you think!*

Another Imminent Danger

In America you've been concerned about Russia—as you should—but utterly oblivious to all *other* dangers!

Bible prophecy says Russia *will march*—into EUROPE! But at a time, and under conditions that no one seems to understand. But Bible prophecy also says that the United States today faces an *imminent* danger, *other* than Russia—of which our people seem totally oblivious! It's time we know the TRUTH!

I went to Europe again to see and report to you what has actually happened since my last trip in 1947. What I saw was ASTOUNDING—totally unrealized by the American people—NOT reported to you by the commercial news correspondents and commentators. No news correspondent can really UNDERSTAND the true significance of events, *unless* he has knowledge and right UNDERSTANDING of Biblical PROPHECY revealing trends and the UNFOLDING of the over-all PURPOSE being worked out here below!

For this reason, when I have been unable to go myself, these past three years, I have sent our own trained observers and writers to Europe to report to us those SUPER-significant developments abroad. These shifts and trends are rapidly setting the stage for catastrophic world events. Their *meaning* is revealed *only* by GOD ALMIGHTY, the Creator and the RULER of the universe, IN YOUR BIBLE!

This past summer two of our men, our son Richard D. Armstrong, and

Roderick Carl Meredith, were already in Europe six weeks before Mrs. Armstrong and I arrived. They accompanied us home. They are here in the studio with me now.

And we want to tell you what no news commentator has revealed—the true SIGNIFICANCE and MEANING behind the rapidly changing scene in Europe.

I'm going to tell you, now, and in the next few broadcasts, what prophecy says RUSSIA will and will not do—and what IS going to come out of this British-American effort toward a UNITED EUROPE.

How Europeans Think

We saw, of course, as all observers see who travel over Europe, a war-devastated heterogeneous mass of densely populated nations now almost wholly recovered—thanks to the generosity of United States DOLLARS. But the extent of that recovery in various European nations, and where it is leading, is totally unrealized by the American people. We saw an unstable France, still somewhat

listless and discouraged as a result of two invasions by the Germans, most of its people gripped by FEAR—wanting PEACE, but AFRAID of any movement or plan to bring it about. We saw an Italy, sufficiently recovered to be somewhat gay, carrying on in their industrial and commercial life about “as usual”—but in talking to many of the plain people themselves, we found them longing for a new LEADER—another DICTATOR, like Mussolini. Of course Mussolini became very unpopular in defeat. Mussolini came to a violent and very undignified and disgraceful END at the hands of his own people. But today we find the Italian people longing NOT for democracy, as so many Americans gullibly believe—but pointing out that “Mussolini gave us this largest and finest indoor swimming plunge in the world for our children”—“Mussolini gave us this wonderful modern housing district”—Mussolini gave us this—Mussolini gave us that. Americans, schooled in the ideas and ideals of the REPUBLICAN form of government which we call DEMOCRACY, do not realize the altogether different concept and attitude of Europeans and peoples of other parts of the world, who DO NOT WANT DEMOCRACY. In their mind, and their schooling, dictators are regarded as BENEFACTORS OF THE PEOPLE. They do not see in Dictatorships what WE see—that they are AGGRESSORS, plotting and fomenting wars, building to ATTACK and to CONQUER the free nations.

In Spain the people *have* a Dictatorship. Some of them don't like it, of course, but EVERYONE goes along with it—there is no other possibility open. And right now, with the United States opening up new money-bags of billions of American dollars for Europe, and Spain now for the first time coming in for her share, the word has been passed along to the Spanish people to be very nice to American tourists.

We found many *little* nations in Europe riding on a wave of prosperity—Switzerland, Belgium, Holland. But these nations are not large enough to dominate in European affairs.

Germany—a GIANT Revived

The SIGNIFICANT and eye-opening revelation came in GERMANY. The Germans have believed themselves to be the MASTER RACE. Are they now CHANGED, beaten down, discouraged, after a SECOND World War defeat? Have they been reduced to a humbled, impotent third-rate people who will never again rise as a major power or a threat to the world?

In February, 1945—just a few months before the end of the war—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill announced the joint American-Brit-

ish policy on Germany. This was the solemn policy and warning for the future. Listen.

Quote: “It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism and to insure Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world. We are determined to disarm and disband all German armed forces; break up for all time the German General Staff that *has repeatedly* contrived the resurgence of German militarism; remove or destroy all German military equipment; eliminate or control all German industry that could be used for military production . . . It is not our purpose to destroy the *people* of Germany, but only when Nazism and *militarism* have been extirpated will there be hope for a decent life for Germans, and a place for them in the community of nations.”

And now, a short nine years later, behold the spectacle of Washington and London making every possible diplomatic effort, backed by AMERICAN DOLLARS, to do TWO THINGS: Create a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, and to REARM GERMANY.

Where is it leading us? WHAT DOES PROPHECY REVEAL—for it's true that God Almighty, IN THE BIBLE, reveals exactly what is COMING of all this.

Yes—What DOES It Mean?

If there be a United States of EUROPE, are we to suppose that such an ARMED United Europe—a NEW UNITED EMPIRE of two hundred seventy-five millions of people—can be entirely controlled by Washington and London? WHO WOULD dominate and really RULE? There is only ONE NATION that possesses the INDUSTRY, the energy, the PURPOSE, and the POWER to provide the leadership *within* the new European Empire, and that is GERMANY. And once they rise to leadership *within* a new united European Empire—once its great, preponderant MILITARY FORCE is created and united under GERMAN MILITARISM, as it inevitably would be, it would be the height of folly to suppose that they would accept any further dominance from Britain or America.

My son, Richard, has been in Europe and in Germany each of the last three years—he has seen the RAPID rise back to POWER of the Germans. And now I want you to hear from him, and Rod Meredith. They have just returned from a three and a half month tour of investigation throughout Europe. Dick, will you tell the Radio audience what you were saying about this situation before we went on the air:

Dick Armstrong Answers

Dick Armstrong: “In the months that I have spent in Germany during the

past three years I have seen a *breath-taking* growth of the industrial power of a nation that refuses to stay put down, that will not accept defeat as a permanent status. Germany is again one of the *leading* industrial nations of the world. She is producing roughly twice as much *now* as she was at the prewar *peak*! We are faced with the dilemma of trying to unify Europe and relying on Germany in order to protect ourselves against Russia. But the Germans are not too sure that they need our protection against Russia and the foreign offices of the United States and Great Britain are now beginning to fear that Germany just might try to make her own pact with Russia.

“The Germans will not remain a nation of soldiers paid by our billions of dollars to protect U.S. from Russia. They have at the present time the nucleus of the coming army—in the police force.

“Have you ever seen a police force that marches in steel helmets and high topped black boots carrying rifles with bayonets fixed? Marching in military fashion? The officer corps that will be the nucleus of the new German army is already a *fact* and a dreadful one to behold when you see the feelings stirred in the hearts of the German people by the sight of Germans marching *under arms once again*!

“Konrad Adenauer has warned our governments of the risk involved in arming Germany again. It is a ‘*calculated risk*’ and what a risk! We could not keep Germany from rearming now if we wanted to!

“It is already a fact that Germany is the dominant force in Europe! It is *not* a dream, rather, a reality!

“We did not take the idea of supremacy out of the German minds by conquering them! We beat them. We made their land desolate physically—yes, we even beat them psychologically, for a while. But we must remember that this is a thing that cannot be permanent and nationalism is something we did *not* take out of their minds. While we are trying to buy friends with dollars—diplomacy—thinking that they should surely “love” us because of all the money we've sent them, they are hating us more every day.

“They are going to unite. But why should we be gullible enough to think that the millions of people in Europe are going to do this just to satisfy the United States? Most people in this country have no idea of the hatred felt for the U.S. in *most* European countries.

“Yes, Europe is *scared* of Russia; and Germany is propagandizing this scare for all it's worth—so are *other* powers in Europe that are working even more feverishly for European unity. But—the
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Now REVEALED—the Book of REVELATION

Catastrophic events are now in the making, soon to bring about the END OF THE WORLD! Here is the third installment of the startling series explaining the long-sealed BOOK OF REVELATION, vividly illustrated by nationally famous artist Basil Wolverton.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SYNOPSIS:

MEN HAVE never UNDERSTOOD Bible prophecies — especially the mysterious Book of REVELATION—with its weird symbols *veiling* the true meaning of staggering LITERAL EVENTS now actually *beginning* to come to pass. Yet this exciting Book of Revelation holds the key to YOUR entire future, and the future of the world—because it's *only* in the Book of Revelation that all the OTHER prophecies of the Bible are co-related in time and order of occurrence!

NOTHING is as important, right now, as to draw back the curtain, and to see the staggering TURN in world events that will rock this world in the immediate future! The world does not expect it! It isn't apparent on the surface. Most world capitals are in total ignorance of it, and wholly UNPREPARED! But *you* CAN know!

The entire PROPHECY of the world events of OUR time in this Book of Revelation is contained in a long rolled scroll, sealed with 7 seals. The Apostle John, who wrote the Book of Revelation, saw it all in a VISION. It seemed to him, in his vision, that he was taken up to heaven, where he saw the Almighty GOD sitting on His throne. In his right hand, John saw this rolled scroll. It was written on both sides, and SEALED with the 7 seals. But NO MAN was found worthy or able to OPEN the seals—that is, to REVEAL the meaning—to be THE REVELATOR, or in plain language to INTERPRET this greatest of all prophecies!

Jesus the ONLY Revelator

JOHN was not the revelator. No man, no church leader, no church GROUP, is able to INTERPRET this prophecy. But then, in this majestic heavenly vision, John saw JESUS CHRIST, standing BE-

FORE the throne. HE, and HE ALONE, was found worthy and able to REVEAL this mystic meaning—to INTERPRET the prophecy. JESUS CHRIST is the Revelator. Yes, THIS is the REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, as the very first 5 words of the Book of Revelation plainly say. WHY haven't men ever ACCEPTED that fact? WHY have human beings been attempting to interpret this all-important prophecy of the world-happenings of OUR TIME? No wonder, then, they have only led us into a maze of contradictions, and great confusion!

John, in His vision, saw Jesus Christ step forward, take the Book out of the right hand of God the Father, and one by one He stripped off the seals. John, remember, recorded to writing the THINGS THAT HE SAW! And even now, as Christ OPENED the seals, he saw only weird SYMBOLS, by which God has HIDDEN the true meaning from the religious leaders of THIS world! But we've seen that the one MASTER-KEY to this tremendous prophecy is the fact that JESUS CHRIST IS THE SOLE REVELATOR—the SOLE INTERPRETER! And so we found that Jesus Christ DID reveal the meaning of these symbols, in PLAIN LANGUAGE, in His Olivet prophecy of Mat. 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.

What the SEALS Mean

Jesus Christ revealed to us that the 1st seal represented FALSE religious leaders, going out in the *name* of Jesus Christ, using the prestige of His NAME, preaching that He is The CHRIST, exalting Him, but DECEIVING THE WORLD, by denying HIS MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

This deceiving the world about the GOVERNMENT and LAW of God, which is THE WAY to world peace, prosperity, happiness and ABUNDANT living, led inevitably to the occurrence of the 2nd seal, WARS, climaxing at this age-end in

WORLD WARS! And THAT's where we are NOW—in the recess between the 2nd and 3rd world wars! Next is to come universal FAMINE, followed immediately by unprecedented epidemics of disease. And the 5th seal revealed a wholesale MARTYRDOM OF TRUE CHRISTIANS, of which the previous martyrdom of centuries ago was merely a type and forerunner. But GOD ALMIGHTY SHALL CUT THOSE DAYS SHORT!

At precisely this juncture, THE ALL-POWERFUL CREATOR SHALL INTERVENE IN WORLD AFFAIRS! The leaders of MEN in this earth, with minds of wild animals, *would soon* use the frightful powers of destruction now being invented and produced—such as the atomic and hydrogen bombs—to ANNIHILATE HUMAN LIFE FROM OFF THIS PLANET, if Almighty GOD did not step in with DIVINE power, and TAKE THE RULE OVER THE PEOPLE AWAY FROM BESTIAL TYRANTS who lust for world conquest!

And so we saw that the opening of the 6th seal revealed the awe inspiring INTERVENTION OF GOD ALMIGHTY! First, God will cause terrifying signs to occur in the SUN, and in the MOON, and in the STARS!

Human tyrants, aggressors and unjust leaders, and ALL men who have been defiant of God and His ways of PEACE and of LOVE, will be thrown into stark TERROR! God Almighty has pleaded with humanity for 6,000 years with LOVE, with kind and patient ADMONITION. But MEN have REJECTED God's warnings—they KILLED the prophets He sent, they CRUCIFIED His own Son, rejected His MESSAGE that would have led to world PEACE, they MARTYRED His apostles! And now, once again in this age-END, the forces of EVIL in this world will perpetrate the most colossal MARTYRDOM of saints of all time! So now, finally, after 6,000 years of preach-

ing that fell on deaf ears, GOD ALMIGHTY WILL SPEAK TO THIS WORLD IN A LANGUAGE IT WILL UNDERSTAND! He will PUNISH this world for its evil, as ANY loving and UNDERSTANDING parent will punish his rebellious children who refuse to listen to kind and loving admonition! The prophet Jeremiah foretold this day: "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord" (Jer. 25:31). GOD HELP US to see and understand the true MEANING of world events today!

Men CANNOT Interpret

We were very plainly told that NO MAN can understand, or REVEAL the meaning of this prophecy. JESUS CHRIST was seen standing BEFORE the Father on the throne, and He ALONE was found worthy and able to strip off the seals that closed the prophecy, and to REVEAL it to men.

But as Jesus stripped off the first few seals, and as John recorded what he SAW, in the vision, the whole thing was SYMBOLIC! But NO MAN can interpret this Book of Revelation. JESUS CHRIST is the Revelator. The Apostle John was not the Revelator. No modern religious leader is the revelator. This is the Revelation of JESUS CHRIST, and we must accept HIS revelation—HIS interpretation—or fail to understand! THAT'S the master key of this mysterious PROPHECY.

So we found that Jesus Christ DID reveal the meaning, in PLAIN LANGUAGE, to His own disciples, in His Olivet prophecy of Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.

Under the 6th seal, we saw that God will cause such signs to occur in the heavens—in the SUN, the MOON, and the stars—that men will be filled with consternation, and they will start to flee in frantic TERROR! NOW, at last, they shall know that God has NOT gone away off! NOW, at last, men shall know that the day of supernatural acts and miracles is NOT past. "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. 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 mountains; 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. 6:12-17).

You Need NOT Fear!

Oh, if men knew GOD, they would not be afraid! If you will seek GOD, and find Him and HIS WAY, thru Jesus Christ our Saviour, no harm nor plague shall come near YOU! But mankind must now be brought to acknowledge GOD, and the REIGN of God, before humanity blasts itself out of existence with the terrifying atomic and hydrogen bombs and other forces of destruction produced by God-defying MAN.

Now, remember, as we read before: "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" (Mat. 24:29). And then, as the inspired Apostle Peter quoted from Joel's prophecy, in his Pentecost-day sermon, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come" (Acts 2:20).

And so here we have three successive events to come—in a definite one-two-three order. 1) The great Tribulation—or, as the fifth seal pictures it, the great martyrdom of saints by the organized enemies of GOD'S RULE; 2) AFTER the Tribulation, the awe-striking signs in the heavens, when God FIRST begins His supernatural intervention; then 3), the DAY OF THE LORD. I showed you, in a previous installment that The DAY OF THE LORD is the time of God's VENGEANCE on the powers of evil on this earth—His JUDGMENTS, which means His absolute JUSTICE—the PLAGUES He shall send to PUNISH this world for its evil.

WHY These Plagues?

Notice! For 6,000 years God has sent His LOVING Messages to mankind. In LOVE God revealed His law—His WAY of life that would lead to everything GOOD and desirable—to our first parents, Adam and Eve. God has sent all His prophets with HIS Message of PEACE, revealing to mankind the WAY to peace and happiness—but men have REJECTED the message, and KILLED the prophets. They CRUCIFIED God's SON, who brought the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD—which is The WORLD TOMORROW—they martyred Jesus' APOSTLES who went out into the world with the Message of GOD'S WAY OF LIFE, and GOD'S RULE over our lives. And I tell you, that as God Almighty now once again sends this SAME MESSAGE to all the

world by my voice over the world's most powerful radio stations, that if history repeats, and unless God supernaturally prevents, that same fate will come to me!

All these men of God have pleaded with this rebellious world in LOVE. They have brought a Message of PEACE, of LOVE, of MERCY and compassion. Thru them God has pleaded with this stiff-necked and self-willed world for 6,000 years. God has WARNED the world of where its own ways and devices will finally lead—to the total ANNIHILATION of human life from off this planet!

In LOVE, and in TENDER MERCY, God has given this stubborn misguided human race EVERY CHANCE, for 6,000 long years, to SAVE ITSELF from a self-imposed destruction. But men would not heed. THEY WILL NOT HEED TODAY. They continue, even now, to devise forces of destruction that will result in the suicide of the human race, UNLESS God does intervene.

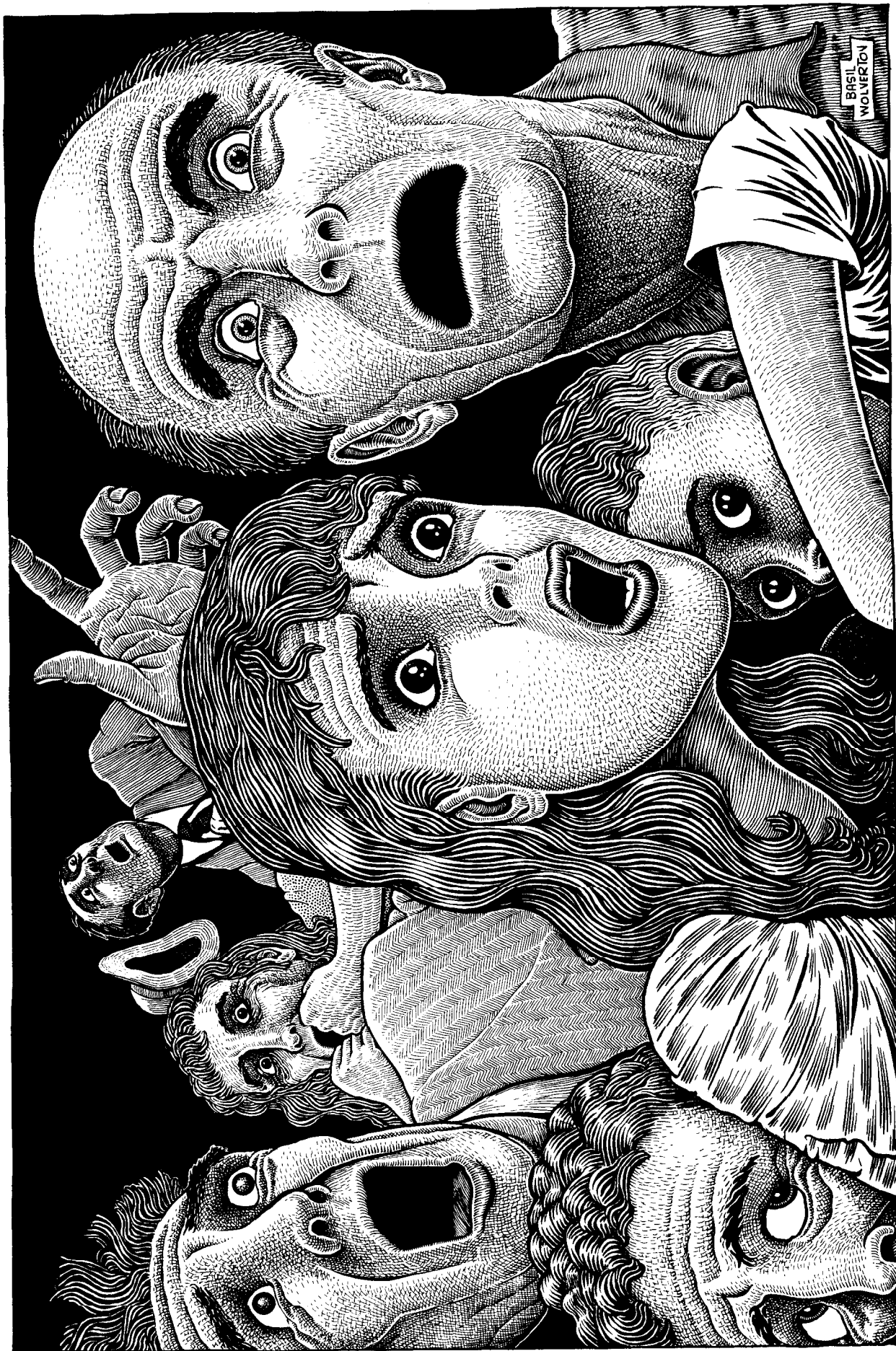
I tell you on the authority of Jesus Christ, that God is about to step in and SPEAK to this rebellious and hell-bent world in the ONLY LANGUAGE THE WORLD WILL HEED—God will now PUNISH this world for its evil! As any loving parent PUNISHES his child who will not listen to kind and loving admonition, so now God is going to PUNISH this world with just JUDGMENTS—with PLAGUES so terrible that the world will at last be FORCED to turn from its wicked ways, and to seek God and HIS WAYS that lead to peace and everything GOOD. God will PREVENT the suicide of humanity—He will SAVE this evil world FROM ITSELF! And THAT is the period coming, described in more than 30 different prophecies scattered thru both Old and New Testaments, as The DAY OF THE LORD, which shall lead directly into the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, to bring us, at last, WORLD PEACE!

God's Wrath Restrained

But, as we begin the 7th chapter of The Book of Revelation, we find that the DAY OF THE ETERNAL—the time of these terrible PLAGUES God shall send—is to be held up temporarily, until a certain OTHER event of GOD'S doing takes place.

And now to chapter 7 of this greatest prophecy ever written: "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four

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Terrifying sights and signs in the skies will mark the beginning of the supernatural intervention of God Almighty in world affairs—to save humanity from self-extinction. This is the sixth seal. It is also described in Luke 21:25-26: "Signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars, . . . men's hearts failing them for fear."

For 6,000 years God has allowed free moral agency—and man has rejected God's rule and cut himself off from God. Today mankind has almost lost true knowledge of God. God does not seem real. When God begins to reveal His Almighty POWER by these heavenly signs to save man from self-destruction and extinction, men who know not God nor His divine

protection will be filled with fright and consternation—and flee in frantic terror.

Will YOU be one of these?—or will you be one who has come to KNOW God and His love, and has come under His DIVINE PROTECTION thru this soon-coming world-catastrophe?

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angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea. Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel" (Rev. 7:1-4).

Now I want you to notice carefully a few important points. First, the preceding words show that The judgments of The DAY OF THE LORD has come at this exact junction. But God HOLDS IT BACK. Notice, that just as the DAY OF THE LORD is about to strike, John sees in his vision four angels, holding back the four WINDS which are about to BLOW on the earth. You'll see, a little later, that these winds blow the 7 TRUMPETS which are to follow. These, of course, are SYMBOLS, but they represent things this world will find are VERY REAL. But they are restrained UNTIL the SERVANTS OF GOD are sealed in their foreheads. First to be sealed are the 144,000.

WHO Are the 144,000?

You've probably heard MANY INTERPRETATIONS. I have, and they are ALL IN ERROR. MEN are unable to INTERPRET this prophecy. The first thing to notice is that the TIME of the sealing of this 144,000 is YET IN THE FUTURE—it is AFTER the great Tribulation and the heavenly SIGNS, and just BEFORE the plagues of God's Judgments! It HAS NOT HAPPENED YET! Second, it's plain,

and means just what it says—144,000 of the 12 tribes of Israel—12,000 of each tribe. WHERE ARE THEY TODAY? Where are the LOST TEN tribes?

But these 144,000 are not ALL! "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and

before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands . . . And one of the elders answered saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9, 13-14).

And WHAT IS SEALED in the foreheads? They are sealed BY the Holy Spirit, IN their foreheads, and if you'll turn to chapter 14:1, you'll see that it is THE FATHER'S NAME that is written there. Jesus' very last PRAYER for His Church was that they would be KEPT in the FATHER'S name. Today we find the churches of this world under every possible man-made NAME, many named AFTER men. But 12 times in the New Testament, you'll find the NAME God gave His own Church is the Church of GOD—yes, GOD'S Church.

Who Constitutes the Innumerable Multitude

Now how about this innumerable multitude? They have come thru THE Great Tribulation. God will not send His frightful PLAGUES to punish the world, until He has first sent a great supernatural warning. God has warned the world thru all His prophets—thru His Son Jesus Christ—He is warning the world right now thru this very work. But God is a God of mercy and compassion. He will yet warn this world once again—by SUPERNATURAL SIGNS, in the sun, the moon, and the stars. God will leave men NO EXCUSE.

And after The Great Tribulation, when men are seized with stark TERROR at these supernatural heavenly signs, multiplied THOUSANDS will at last recognize that it is really GOD warning them! Yes, multiplied THOUSANDS who now HEAR this warning from God will not heed it now. They are DECEIVED. They still believe and follow their various human leaders, or groups. Their minds are not fully opened to RECOGNIZE this as GOD'S LAST WARNING TO THIS WORLD! They are not repenting or turning to God, NOW! Oh, how well I know that! But, WHEN they see these things actually occur which they heard from no others—WHEN they have seen how the world was deceived and misled about the Great Tribulation, and they have gone thru it—WHEN they see these terrifying supernatural SIGNS in the heavens, THEN, at last, hundreds of thousands of them—perhaps even some of YOU—will at last recognize the TRUTH, and at last turn to God in complete submission, FULLY repenting, and coming thru Jesus Christ the Saviour of

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"The WORLD TOMORROW"

Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's news, with the prophecies of The WORLD TOMORROW!

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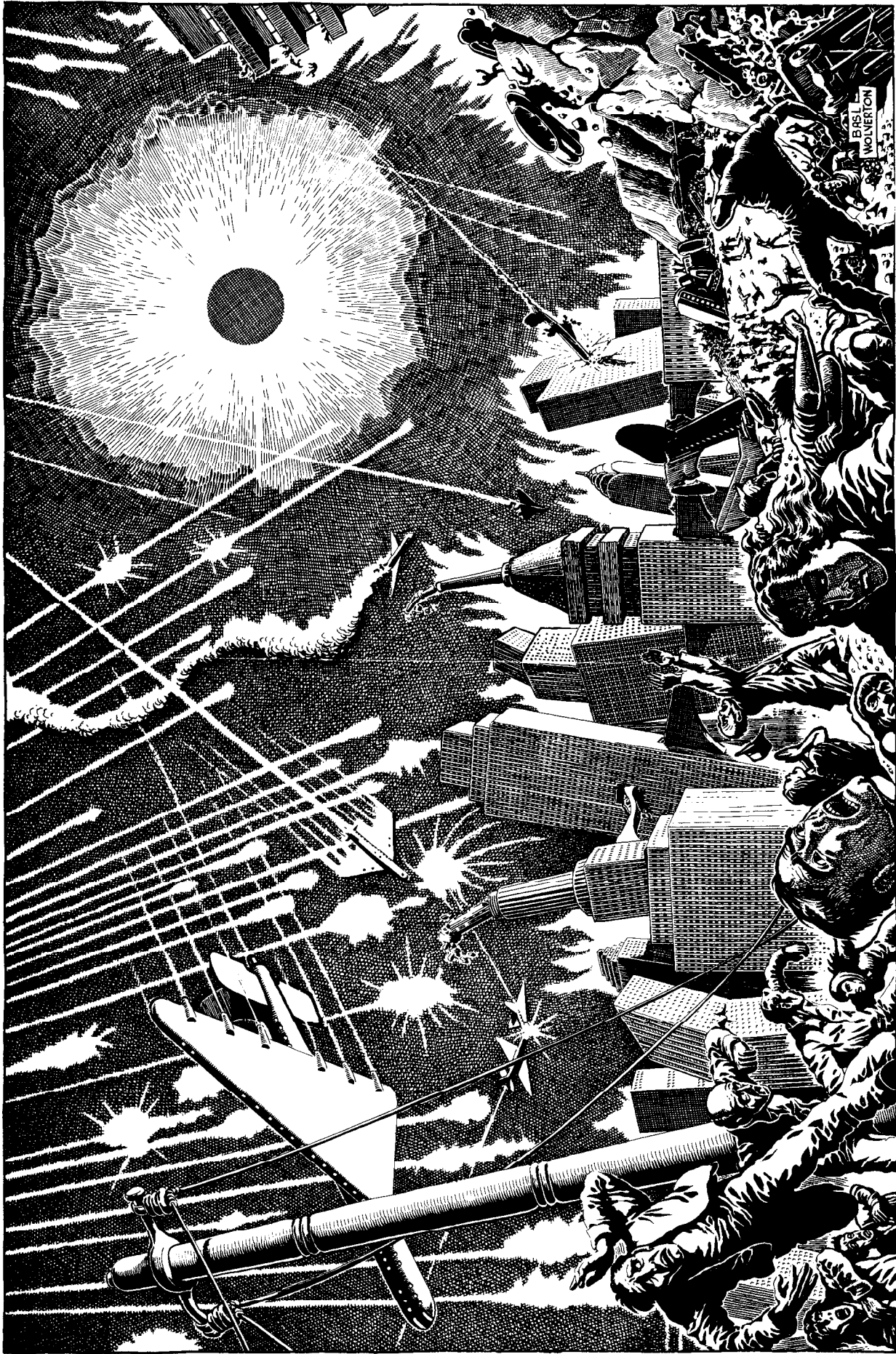
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Here you see realistically pictured one of the catastrophic events soon to jolt this world to its END. Along with the coming World War III, Jesus said, in plainly explaining the symbols of Revelation: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in different places. All these are the BEGINNING of sorrows." Look at this picture again—earth tremors

of such magnitude as never before rocked this earth—whole cities flattened—destruction beyond man's imagination. Terrified people will see flaming meteors showering to earth, the sun eclipsed, the sky looking as though it were being swept away. "And I beheld . . . the sixth seal, and lo, there was a GREAT EARTHQUAKE . . . and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth." This comes on the heels of World War III—as God "shortens"

those days to prevent the annihilation of human life by the mass-destruction of man by man.

This event is SURE. It is REAL—certain to come—AND SOON. Will YOU be one of these terrified people who have defied God and neglected His so great salvation, or will YOU be watching and PRAYING always, and accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things, under God's supernatural PROTECTION?

Trouble Ahead in Europe

**Prophecy is now being fulfilled in powder-keg Europe.
It spells TROUBLE for our nation and YOU!**

by Roderick C. Meredith

Burgos, Spain

IS WORLD peace *just around the corner*? Are our diplomats having success in their efforts to prevent WORLD WAR III?

Here in Europe, the real answer is a decided *no*! There are at this moment events underfoot which will one day *shock* the English-speaking peoples of this world.

Dick Armstrong and I are just completing a tour which has taken us into eight of the European nations. We have been talking to people day and night, watching, listening and learning. We are seeing with our own eyes the initial stages of the *fulfillment* of Bible prophecies which Mr. Armstrong has told you about for *over twenty years* in The PLAIN TRUTH and on the "World Tomorrow" broadcast.

You need to be *awake* to these prophecies and to the present events preceding their climactic fulfillment. God's Word says that these prophesied events are destined to vitally affect *your very life*! *It is later than you think!*

England and France

It is easy for an American to feel at home in England. Racially, we are basically one people. Our common ties are deep-rooted and although many of our customs differ to a degree, our philosophy and way of life are the same. Among the English and American peoples as a whole, the feeling of Anglo-Saxon "brotherhood" remains the same—despite open or hidden disagreements among our political leaders. And, after all, who ever heard of two brothers who never quarrelled?

The English people, by pluck and hard work, have recovered remarkably from the effects of the war. The appearance of many of the larger cities has changed considerably even in the past two years, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to discover any of the devastation caused by the German bombs.

The sturdy Briton is on his way back to "normal." But the British Empire has suffered severely since the war, and is by no means the great world power it once was. Also, the British businessman is having a hard time currently in the world trade markets. In South America, the Near East, the Far East—even in Communist China, British firms are being outbid and undersold by none

other than—the *West Germans*! Of course this will not stop Britain's post-war recovery. In the present situation, hard-working Britain is certain to keep its place among the great nations of the world.

The French post-war recovery has lagged behind that of England, West Germany, and other countries. Although the sidewalk cafes are running full swing again, and everyone appears happy, France's economic situation is *perilous*. She is *through* as a first class colonial power. The recent Indo-China debacle was a crushing blow to the tottering structure of the French Colonial Empire.

In production, the plain fact is that the French workman hasn't even compared with his more industrious neighbors in Britain, and in West Germany. Communist-inspired strife, union walk-outs, and other factors enter in, but the average Frenchman just doesn't overwork himself—and lacks the initiative and burning desire to achieve which is so conspicuous in the Germans.

Germany: The Key Nation

West Germany's economic comeback since the war is *amazing*. From the ruins of the Nazi empire, a new Germany has emerged which is now beginning to take its place among the great world powers.

Germany has always been the economic and industrial heart of Europe. The Allies were quick to realize this after the war, and began taking steps to aid in a limited recovery of German industry. The center of German heavy industry is the Ruhr—a rolling, grassy, river-ent area of less than 2000 square miles. In 1945, the Ruhr was history's greatest junk heap. Hungry, hollow-eyed workmen watched while their machines were masked for removal as war booty and reparations. Apparently, the Allies planned to make the Ruhr a goat pasture.

But all has changed now. The Ruhr is again Europe's workshop. In 1954, it produced 8.41 per cent of the world's coal, 6.96 per cent of the world's pig iron, 6.52 per cent of the world's crude steel, \$1.4 billion worth of textiles, \$1.1 billion of chemicals, and \$2 billion of machine tools!

This tremendous productive capacity of the Ruhr—and of *all Germany*—makes it an important factor to be reck-

oned with in European economy and politics.

It is almost inevitable that Germany will once again produce *weapons of destruction*. It is significant that this production will be directed, principally, by the very industrialists who led Hitler's war machine and worshipped at the Nazi shrine!

Remember Alfred Krupp, the man whose factories furnished Hitler's legions with munitions and military equipment with which to conquer the world? Recent reports reveal that the huge Krupp factories in Essen have been completely rebuilt and now operate in two shifts around the clock. About eighty per cent of the *military equipment* now being turned out is being sold to the neutrals who, in turn, sell them to the highest bidder.

Krupp also has contracts for a steel mill in India, another in Pakistan, and a nickel works in Greece. He has even offered to build bridges between Italy and Sicily, and across the Bosphorus.

Such former Nazi industrial barons as Alfred Krupp were closely watched by the Allies immediately after the war and were greatly restricted in their activities. But now they are beginning to rebuild their former industrial empires and renew production of military items.

But for *what war*? World War III? And for *which side* will they work?

The answers to these questions are VITAL! But now let us consider for a moment the German psychology and their present attitudes.

German Hopes

Most of the German people are sick and tired of war—for the time being at least. They have lived through two terrible defeats within a generation, and they are fearful lest they become a battleground for World War III.

But the Germans are by nature a very aggressive people. They will work day and night to be, as they phrase it, "on top." They are a people of great industry, initiative, and determination. To really understand their almost fanatic desire to be "on top," you have to *experience* it. It is not an elusive "feeling," but a concrete FACT which even the casual observer cannot help but notice.

Dick Armstrong and I passed factory after factory going full blast late at night. In the fields we saw principally women working—so that the men might

be free to work in *heavy industry*, the kind of industry which can be quickly converted to *military production*.

While we were there, the German team won the world's soccer championship in Switzerland. It was an upset victory over a heavily favored Hungarian team, and was Germany's first major sports triumph since the war. *You should have seen the reaction!* Thousands of people celebrated until late at night—in the cafes, the beer gardens—*everywhere*. The large department stores quickly put up pictures of the German team, and the people thronged around the store windows to see the team that had become national heroes. The average German was *thrilled* to be "top man" again, and many of them verbally expressed this feeling. It was not just the joy of winning the championship. It was the feeling that Germany was *superior—above other nations*.

This is only a small example of the type of race pride and national feeling the Germans have. *It can be used for much good*—if it is directed into the right channels. Too often this has *not* been the case.

A New German Army

According to present Allied plans, the *Germans will soon be marching again*. Britain and America have wanted to ratify the proposal to integrate Germany into the *European Defense Community*. But France has procrastinated almost to the breaking point, and at this writing has still failed to act on E.D.C.

Now, Britain and the U.S. are threatening to rearm Germany *outside* of E.D.C.—unless France acts on it quickly. In other words, the alternative to E.D.C. is a new *German national army*.

Knowing the militaristic tendency in Germany, our diplomats speak of the rearming of Germany as a *CALCULATED RISK*. It is the risky matter of rearming the very legions that twice set out to *conquer the world—and almost succeeded!*

The present plan is to start by putting 500,000 Germans back into uniform. Most of them will be used as ground troops. The new soldiers will, in the main, be too young to have fought in Hitler's legions. But they nevertheless received training during their formative years in *Nazi-controlled schools teaching Nazi ideologies*.

It is necessary that the commissioned and non-commissioned officers have *previous military experience*. This means that they will have been the former leaders in *Hitler's Nazi war machine*.

Already, reports from Germany indicate that many of Hitler's former top-flight generals will help direct the new German army. It is affirmed that these

former Nazi chiefs have now turned to democracy and want to co-operate with the West. An example of this is the news that Goering's Luftwaffe deputy, the former Field-Marshal Erhard Milch, has been *secretly freed* on parole from the American War Crimes jail at Landsberg. He was sentenced to 15 years for the crimes against prisoners of war and deporting slave labor. Because of "good conduct" he has been released *very early* and is now reportedly slated for a *big job in West Germany's coming air force!* Does this make SENSE?

Few people seem to realize it, but the spirit of *Nazism* is still *very strong* in millions of German minds and hearts. Many of our own leaders have affirmed this truth. But not knowing or trusting in the power of God, they *fear Russia*, and believe that the power of *revived German militarism* can be employed to protect the democracies of Western Europe.

But if history teaches any lesson clearly, it shows that a *strong* Germany always becomes a *militant* Germany. It spells DANGER for the peace-loving democracies of the world! In the light of Bible prophecies, which will be revealed month by month in these pages, the revival of German military might is a *frightful omen* for our peoples.

Inside Spain

Here in Spain, a new sense of destiny has arisen. It is because America is now beginning to pump millions of dollars of military and economic assistance into this nation. Here, too, the U.S. hopes to build a "friendly" military power, and a new era is dawning for Generalissimo Francisco Franco's armed services.

Let us realize that Franco's regime in Spain is as militaristic and totalitarian as were those of Hitler and Mussolini. Wherever Dick Armstrong and I went in Spain, we found "civil guards" carrying rifles and sometimes with *fixed bay onets*. These are in addition to the police and the regular army. They are stationed in public buildings, in parks, on the highways outside of each town. They look quite prepared to preserve "order" in case anyone tried to buck the regime.

Remember that Franco's regime was definitely pro-Nazi before and during the last war. Spain was even used as a testing ground for Hitler's Stuka dive bombers and other military implements. In fact, the present Spanish air force is still composed principally of outdated German planes—Spanish-built Messerschmitt 109 fighters, trimotored Junkers transports and Heinkel bombers.

A little realized fact is that just before the end of World War II hundreds of Nazi agents infiltrated into Spain and

set up the headquarters of a *Nazi Underground*. Here in a sympathetic country, many die-hard Nazis are planning a *return to power*. They are the headquarters of a world-wide Nazi underground. To Nazis the world over, they send out what is known as the Madrid Circular Letter—a blueprint for a Nazi comeback.

I asked a number of our government officials about this problem, but most of them were afraid to talk although they knew of its existence. One of them admitted he knew a lot about the subject, but said it was "too hot" an issue for him to discuss in his official capacity.

I did learn some interesting things from some of our newspaper correspondents in Madrid. One of the most significant facts is that former S.S. Colonel Otto Skorzeny, long known for his activities in the Nazi underground in Spain, had even gone so far as to try to form a German Legion here of Nazi sympathizers. His plan was discouraged because of American pressure.

At the present time, the official policy of the Spanish government is to encourage friendliness to America and Americans. And Dick Armstrong and I found the average Spaniard very cordial—and with a friendly interest and curiosity about everything American. But people follow their leaders—and Spain is *rigidly controlled* by a church-state dictatorship which is by its very nature anti-democratic. This factor is destined to control Spain's future course of action.

Watch for United Europe

Even as early as last fall, the ministers of six European countries—including Germany—pledged to work "unerringly and without hesitation" to weld their nations into *one powerful state*. They called for the quick formation of a *United States of Europe*.

It is a well-known fact that *Germany* is almost *certain* to dominate any union of European nations. She is the industrial and economic heart of Europe, and, potentially, is the *strongest* militarily. And these German people still feel a sense of destiny in world affairs. One way or the other, they are *determined* to be "on top."

The prophesied "Beast" of Revelation 17 is destined to rise once more out of the bottomless pit. The facts disclosed herein point toward this revival *in the very near future!*

As the servants of the Living God, it is our job to *warn* people the world over what the future holds, and teach them *God's true way of life* so that they might be found worthy to escape the terrible events which lie ahead in the closing days of this age.

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We *must* preach this truth to the peoples of France, Germany, Italy, Spain—and Russia too, before it is *too late*. All of these peoples have their good points and their faults—just as we do. But God, who "hath made of one blood

all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the *times* before appointed, and the *bounds* of their habitation"—He has determined the role that each nation will play in these times. However, all peoples

must be warned of what lies ahead—and those whom God is calling will come *out* of this world and its ways, and receive His protection.

In future articles, we will show you
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ABC NETWORK SCHEDULE

Over 100 radio stations of this major network are now carrying "The WORLD TO-MORROW" program. Here is latest revised schedule. Keep this handy for reference.

EASTERN				KFOR			
WFBR	Baltimore, Md.	1300 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	Lincoln, Neb.	1240 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm	
WKBW	Buffalo, N.Y.	1520 kcs.	8:00- 8:30 pm	KOIL	Omaha, Neb.	1290 kcs.	10:30-11:00 am
WABC	New York, N.Y.	770 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am	KSID	Sidney, Neb.	1340 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WVET	Rochester, N.Y.	1280 kcs.	1:30- 2:00 pm	KFGO	Fargo, N.D.	790 kcs.	6:30- 7:00 pm
WERL	Erie, Penn.	1260 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KLPM	Minot, N.D.	1390 kcs.	4:00- 4:30 pm
WHGB	Harrisburg, Penn.	1400 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KSDN	Aberdeen, S.D.	930 kcs.	1:00- 1:30 pm
WLAN	Lancaster, Penn.	1390 kcs.	7:00- 7:30 pm	KSOO	Sioux Falls, S.D.	1140 kcs.	12:00-12:30 pm
WCAE	Pittsburgh, Penn.	1250 kcs.	4:00- 4:30 pm	WKTY	LaCrosse, Wis.	580 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon
WRNL	Richmond, Va.	910 kcs.	7:30- 8:00 pm	WCAN	Milwaukee, Wis.	1250 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon
WMEV	Marion, Va.	1010 kcs.	4:30- 5:00 pm				
WKNA	Charleston, W. Va.	950 kcs.	3:00- 3:30 pm				
NEW ENGLAND				SOUTH			
WELI	New Haven, Conn.	960 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	WSGN	Birmingham, Ala.	610 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm
WGAW	Gardner, Mass.	1340 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KLRA	Little Rock, Ark.	1250 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm
WORC	Worcester, Mass.	1310 kcs.	3:00- 3:30 pm	WKLO	Louisville, Ky.	1080 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm
WABI	Bangor, Me.	910 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KRMG	Tulsa, Okla.	740 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
WTSV	Claremont, N.H.	1230 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	WMPS	Memphis, Tenn.	680 kcs.	6:30- 7:00 pm
WLNH	Laconia, N.H.	1350 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm				
WTSL	Lebanon, N.H.	1400 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	MOUNTAIN			
WMUR	Manchester, N.H.	610 kcs.	10:30-11:00 pm	KCNA	Tucson, Ariz.	580 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
WTSA	Brattleboro, Vt.	1450 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KVOD	Denver, Colo.	630 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
SOUTH ATLANTIC				KGHF	Pueblo, Colo.	1350 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WMJF	Daytona Beach, Fla.	1450 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KGEM	Boise, Idaho	1140 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WGGG	Gainesville, Fla.	1230 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KBAR	Burley, Idaho	1230 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WPDQ	Jacksonville, Fla.	600 kcs.	7:00- 7:30 pm	KOPR	Butte, Mont.	550 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WQAM	Miami, Fla.	560 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KTRC	Santa Fe, N.M.	1400 kcs.	10:30-11:00 am
WWPG	Palm Beach, Fla.	1340 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KVOC	Casper, Wyo.	1230 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WTNT	Tallahassee, Fla.	1450 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KFBC	Cheyenne, Wyo.	710 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WSUN	Tampa, Fla.	620 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KODI	Cody, Wyo.	1400 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WGST	Atlanta, Ga.	920 kcs.	7:30- 8:00 pm	KOWB	Laramie, Wyo.	1340 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WGAC	Augusta, Ga.	580 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KASL	Newcastle, Wyo.	1240 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WGIG	Brunswick, Ga.	1440 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KRAL	Rawlins, Wyo.	1240 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WAYS	Charlotte, N.C.	610 kcs.	7:00- 7:30 pm	KSOS	Torrington, Wyo.	1490 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WNAO	Raleigh, N.C.	850 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm				
MIDDLE WEST				PACIFIC COAST			
WJBC	Bloomington, Ill.	1230 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KPMC	Bakersfield, Calif.	1560 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WLS	Chicago, Ill.	890 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KROP	Brawley, Calif.	1300 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
WIRL	Peoria, Ill.	1290 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KARM	Fresno, Calif.	1430 kcs.	4:00- 4:30 pm
WJPS	Evansville, Ind.	1330 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KREO	Indio, Calif.	1400 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
WGL	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	1250 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KABC	Los Angeles, Calif.	790 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
KSO	Des Moines, Ia.	1460 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KTIP	Porterville, Calif.	1450 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
KLIL	Estherville, Ia.	1340 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KITO	San Bernardino, Calif.	1290 kcs.	12:00-12:30 pm
KSCJ	Sioux City, Ia.	1360 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KCBQ	San Diego, Calif.	1170 kcs.	12:00-12:30 pm
KXEL	Waterloo, Ia.	1540 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KGO	San Francisco, Calif.	810 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WREN	Topeka, Kans.	1250 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm	KASH	Eugene, Ore.	1600 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WBCM	Bay City, Mich.	1440 kcs.	3:00- 3:30 pm	KFLW	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1450 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WXYZ	Detroit, Mich.	1270 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KWRC	Pendleton, Ore.	1240 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
KATE	Albert Lea, Minn.	1450 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm	KJUN	Redmond, Ore.	1240 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
KDMA	Montevideo, Minn.	1450 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KVOS	Bellingham, Wash.	1230 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
KCMO	Kansas City, Mo.	810 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KPKW	Pasco, Wash.	1340 kcs.	4:00- 4:30 pm
WIL	St. Louis, Mo.	1430 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am	KGA	Spokane, Wash.	1510 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
KWTO	Springfield, Mo.	560 kcs.	9:30-10:00 pm				
				ALASKA AND HAWAII			
				KENI	Anchorage	550 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
				KFAR	Fairbanks	660 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
				KJNO	Juneau	630 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
				KABI	Ketchikan	580 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
				KULA	Honolulu	690 kcs.	2:30- 3:00 pm

Has God *Eternally* Existed?

Here is PROOF that nothing in the universe except God has been existing forever. He alone is without beginning of days or end of years.

by Kenneth Herrmann

CONSIDER for a moment. Could God be anything but eternal? He reveals Himself as the Creator of all there is: the material universe, angelic beings, light, life.

Now if God created all these, then He certainly existed before they did. His time goes back before all of them.

God continues to exist today. He promises to give us eternal life in the world tomorrow. Could He give us something He does not have? Could God give man eternal life if He were not eternal Himself? Would men exist forever in the future and God cease to exist?

Of course not. God will exist forever into the future—an eternal existence.

But has God always existed? He was *first* in existence. No one could be His Creator. *The One who was before all else must necessarily be Eternal.*

Consider again a moment. Can something come from nothing of itself? Could an empty room suddenly become filled with furniture without a cause? Could an empty "universe" suddenly be filled with stars, planets like our earth, plant and animal life, a planned orderly universe where a moment before there had been nothing? No. Then a Creator God was before them.

Such an event as creation could not take place without a cause. No sound mind could entertain such an idea for long.

The Universe an Illusion?

Ideas have been suggested in an effort to do away with the need of a Creator. Suppose that the universe doesn't really exist—that it is but an imaginary thing, just an illusion, something that seems to exist but really doesn't. Observe where this idea comes from. Modern physical science describes the universe in mathematical terms. From the tiniest particles of matter, to the motions of the stars—all can be described by mathematical equations. So perfectly and orderly has our universe been constructed that it can be represented by numerical relationships.

But does this lack of confusion in nature prove that the material world does not exist? Not at all. The mathematical equations of the scientists are based upon the existence of a material universe which the equations describe.

The mathematics is based upon matter which exists just as a house is based

upon its foundation. How can any clear thinking person claim that only the mathematics exists—that its basis does not? A house built upon sand may stand a short time, but a house that does away with its own foundation has already fallen.

The universe, the material world is no illusion! Mathematics may be used to describe it because of the orderly arrangement, but the lack of confusion does not make the world any less real.

An Eternal Universe?

A universe that had always existed would require no Creator. That is obvious. Is it possible that the universe has eternally existed? Scripture and Science cry out a united, NO! *Scripture insists that all was created* and describes the events of such a creation. *Science is anxiously assigning dates* either to events associated with creation or to creation itself.

Our moon, they say, has slowly moved away from the earth at the rate of a few feet per year. The moon is now 239,000 miles away. If time were turned back a thousand million years the moon would be very close to the earth or even joined with it. This suggests the possibility that creation may have taken place less than a thousand million years ago with the moon being created already some distance from the earth.

Other methods of dating give equally enormous figures. Uranium and other radioactive elements disintegrate at a constant rate. By measuring the quantity of disintegrated material against the original quantity of the element which existed, a date for its creation is assigned. The age of the earth according to this method is estimated to be several thousand million years—not eternal!

Notice that radioactivity points to creation, and hence to a Creator. There must have been a time when radioactive matter began to disintegrate.

Meteorites reaching us from outer space contain small portions of radioactive elements. The same method of dating is applied to them. With the aid of these radioactive elements, the meteorites show about the same age as that calculated for the earth.

These measurements prove creation could not have been earlier than several thousand million years ago. It could have been later. This is important to remember. There was a beginning!

On the other hand, the Scripture does not set a definite date for the creation of matter either. *Adam and the world of plants and animals we are acquainted with were created approximately 4000 B.C., but the heavens and earth were brought into existence at an earlier time.* They were created first of all—"In the beginning" as stated in Gen. 1:1.

Earth NOT Created in Chaos

When first created, the world was in harmony and order for "God is not the author of confusion" (1 Cor. 14:33). The condition described in Gen. 1:2 where the earth "was (or became) without form (*tohu*), and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep" refers to a later time following a destruction of that original creation. "He (God) created it *not* in vain (*tohu*)."
The identical Hebrew word is used here in Isaiah 45:18 as we found in Gen. 1:2. Since God Himself says the earth was not created in vain or chaotic—*tohu*, in Hebrew—then it BECAME that way afterward.

Thus creation of the original heavens and earth may have been millions of years before Adam; *while the creation he looked upon was fashioned only a few days before him.*

The heavens and earth referred to in Gen. 1:3-28 are the atmosphere of this earth and the continents. They were brought from darkness and waste to a state of order in *six literal days* as was explained in a previous article. The fourth commandment "*for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth*", refers to this same "earthly" heavens and earth (continent).

The creation of the heavens containing the sun, moon, stars, and planets (which includes the earth) took place at a time prior to this *second fashioning* of the earth. No word is found in Scripture giving a definite date for that original creation.

It is not a matter of great importance to the Christian way of life just when the material heavens and earth were created. *God's existence goes back eternally; forever into the past.* A billion years would not be even a fraction of God's life!

Should a study of the heavens definitely prove creation to be two or three thousand million years ago, it would only add to the glory of God. It would
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Key to Revelation

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the world! We of THIS ministry, my friends, well know that our REAL reward in the harvest of precious lives will MOSTLY come after our labors are finished!

The Seventh Seal Opened

But now we come to chapter 8. Here is the opening of this 7th seal. And WHAT IS THIS SEVENTH SEAL? Remember, as each seal was opened, John recorded what he SAW, in his vision. In every case, the things he SAW were *symbols*—but these SYMBOLS represent ACTUAL WORLD EVENTS occurring in a definite time-order. So notice what John SAW, when this seventh seal was opened: "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets." (Rev. 8:1-2). John SEES the SEVEN TRUMPETS! Here is the third *vital key* to this Book of Revelation. The seven TRUMPETS are, of course, SYMBOLS. They represent real WORLD EVENTS to come. These "trumpets" are not, as so many have believed, CONTEMPORANEOUS with the seven SEALS. Neither do they *follow* the closing of the 7th SEAL. They ARE—they CONSTITUTE, the 7th Seal. This seventh seal occurs, then, in seven successive stages. Each of these seven stages, or PARTS of the seventh seal is called a TRUMPET. These TRUMPETS are PLAGUES which God shall send in physical PUNISHMENT of the forces of evil in this world. Notice, at the end of the 6th of these TRUMPETS, how they are plainly called PLAGUES: "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:" (Rev. 9:20).

What Do the Trumpets Symbolize?

A trumpet is an instrument into which one BLOWS. A trumpet SOUNDS by blowing WIND thru it. These seven TRUMPETS, which COMPOSE the seventh seal, follow immediately after the 6th seal. Now notice carefully. At the time of the 6th seal, described in the last of the 6th chapter of Revelation, it was announced that "the GREAT DAY of GOD'S WRATH!" was come. These symbolic TRUMPETS portray, then, THE DAY OF THE LORD—the time, as I've mentioned before, which is foretold in more than 30 different prophecies scattered thru both Old and New Testaments in the Bible! I quoted some of them to you in

preceding articles—"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 day of clouds and thick darkness. A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. 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. 1:14-17).

There it is! The day of GOD'S WRATH! The day God intervenes in world affairs to PUNISH this world for its EVIL—the day God pleads with all flesh in the physical language it can UNDERSTAND!—and, as verse 16 says, which I just read from Zephaniah, "A day of THE TRUMPET and alarm against the FENCED—that is, FORTIFIED or defended, cities, and against the "high towers"—that is, military fortifications. The TRUMPET was always blown as a warning of WAR, or approaching ARMIES. It signifies WAR and destruction. When ISRAEL turned a deaf ear to all God's prophets—rejected God's LOVING pleading thru preaching, God PUNISHED ancient Israel by sending the armies of ASSYRIA to conquer them. When Judah disobeyed worse than Israel, God Almighty sent the armies of the CHALDEANS to conquer them. So now we see that as God steps in to punish THE WHOLE WORLD—yes, ALL NATIONS, for their evil, which is destroying them and bringing such suffering and unhappiness on all their peoples, the TRUMPETS, or alarms of WAR, are sounded. Trumpets are BLOWN, by wind. Now again notice: "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree" (Rev. 7:1).

God's Children Protected

These WINDS were held back from BLOWING these seven Trumpets UNTIL the sealing of the 144,000, which I described previously and the great innumerable multitude that came out of The GREAT TRIBULATION from ALL nationalities of people. They who repent and turn to GOD for protection are first brought under the DIVINE PROTECTION, so that just as God protected the children of ISRAEL when He poured out the plagues on ancient Egypt, so shall He protect ALL His children who rely on Him from THESE plagues now about to come on the modern BABYLON! And, incidentally, the plagues

God sent on Egypt in the days of Moses were a direct TYPE of these plagues that shall now be poured out on BABYLON. Those protected from those ancient plagues were taken under Moses to the promised land, Palestine. Those saved from THESE plagues will be taken by CHRIST into the KINGDOM OF GOD—to be set up on earth with headquarters in PALESTINE.

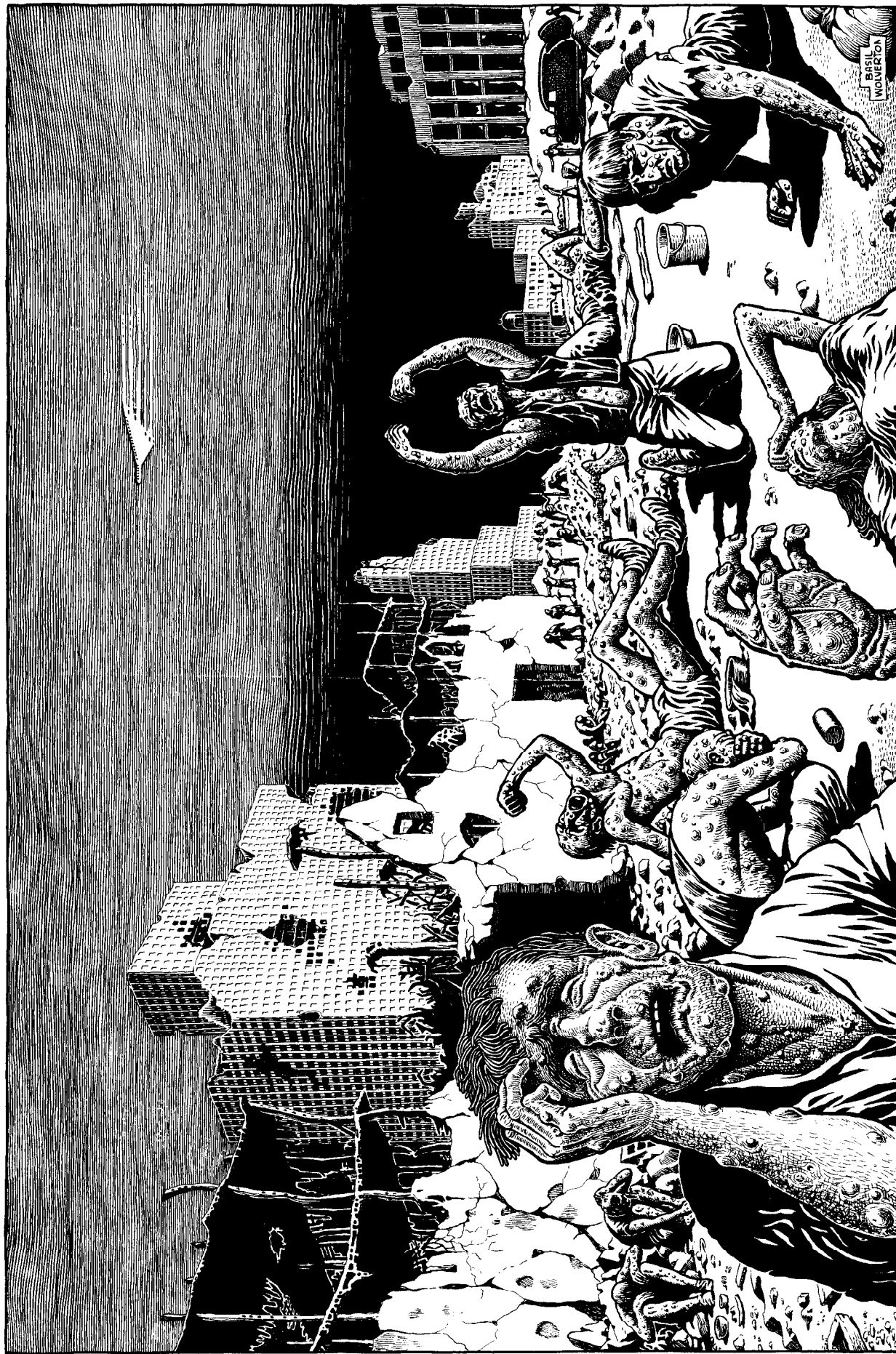
The first FOUR of these TRUMPET plagues are described in chapter 8 as winds that blow on the earth, trees, rivers, and seas. You'll read that in verses 6 thru 12, chapter 8 of the Book of Revelation. The last 3 Trumpets are called WOES, because of the terrible WOE that shall befall the forces of evil on earth. This is stated in the 13th and last verse of chapter 8.

The first WOE, which is also the 5th Trumpet, is described in chapter 9, verses 1-11. The power that causes the destruction, this time to MEN, comes out of the symbolic "bottomless pit." This is INTERPRETED in Revelation 17:8-14. There we learn that the rebirth of the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE is the power which emerges out of "the bottomless pit." Verse 7 shows this FUTURE power will be a WAR-making power. It is described in prophecy as a power to the NORTH—to the NORTH of Palestine, because the prophecies always speak from the focal point of PALESTINE—to the north, and west. The second WOE, with its symbols of horses and horsemen, is interpreted by Ezekiel 38:4, 15, and is also referred to as an event in the DAY OF THE ETERNAL in Joel 2:4. This refers to a tremendous military power—also to the NORTH—*due* north! They come with an army of TWO HUNDRED MILLION! Think of it—an army of TWO HUNDRED MILLION! World events are now *moving rapidly* to make POSSIBLE the creation of an army of that unbelievable manpower! Yes, it's time to WAKE UP to what's taking place today—the true SIGNIFICANCE of the time in which we live, and WHERE IT IS LEADING!

The Two Witnesses

And, now, before the THIRD WOE—the LAST Trumpet—we find the TWO WITNESSES described. Men have come forth with every possible interpretation of these witnesses. Notice the TIME element. They END their mission (described in chapter 11) at the time of the END of the second WOE. (Verses 12-14). Their mission LASTS only 3½ years. So, contrary to erroneous HUMAN interpretations, their mission has not as yet even BEGUN. They are endowed with SUPERNATURAL PROTECTION, and they give out God's LAST WARNING to the evil powers of earth delivered thru HUMANITY.

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Here is vividly portrayed the END to which man is bringing his world. After the awesome SIGNS by which God shall announce the beginning of divine intervention in world affairs, all who are willing shall have their one last opportunity to repent of their rebellion against a beneficent God and to receive divine immunity from the PLAGUES to follow. It is recorded in Rev. 7:9 that an innumerable multitude of all nations will then repent and turn to God. After this God will

"plead with all flesh" in the only language they will heed or respect—physical punishment—PLAGUES!

Following the first six plagues symbolized as "trumpets," come, finally, in the very PRESENCE of Christ and the holy angels at His second coming, the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES.

In this picture you SEE, in advance—in time to take warning and escape it yourself—the horrible AGONY suffered in the first of these seven last plagues—those who bear the "mark of

the beast" breaking out with most painful boils and ulcers, covering their bodies. Did you ever suffer the agony of just one painful boil? By the time of this plague many people will be living in the ruins of cities previously devastated by bombs, earthquakes, floods. THIS NEED NOT HAPPEN TO YOU! There are divine conditions under which God promises "NO PLAGUE SHALL COME NIGH YOU." Do you know what those conditions are? THIS is certain to happen to you, unless you do!

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MAN instrumentalities, before this FINAL Trumpet sounds. They are to be killed by "the BEAST," symbol of a power described in Revelation 13 and 17, and identified by Daniel 2 and 7 as the resurrection of the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE.

Now comes the third woe—the 7th and last TRUMPET. WHAT IS THIS 7th TRUMPET?

Trouble in Europe

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in your own Bibles what is prophesied, step by step, for this momentous age. Be sure to regularly study Mr. Armstrong's current series of articles on *What Is Prophesied to Happen to the United States and Britain*.

God has raised up this work to preach the message of His coming kingdom—His government—as a final witness to this world (Mat. 24:14). Here in Europe, Dick Armstrong and I can see the final prophesied events of this age beginning to occur. God help you to grasp the true importance of this message, and begin to seek the true God with all your heart and surrender to His rule—that you and your family may be spared in the terrible days ahead, and inherit eternal life in His soon-coming kingdom.

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Is God Eternal?

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also bring us to the sober realization that our three score years and ten are but a moment in the life of our Creator. We may well wonder as David did in the eighth Psalm: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" A study of the stars can teach us to be humble; it can bring us closer to the Creator of the universe.

David was not prejudiced against the study of the heavens. He looked up and saw that "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament (the expanse of the heavens) sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, (Each day the heavens will teach us), and night unto night sheweth knowledge (Each night the starry skies tell us of our Creator)."

A Limited Universe?

Let's look again into the height of the heavens to see the glory of God. A

thousand stars perhaps are visible to our eyes. A small telescope brings ten thousand fainter ones into view. With each increase in power the telescope makes it possible to see farther into space. Distant stars invisible to the unaided eye come into view.

Uncountable billions of them lie within the reach of the 200 inch telescope atop Mt. Palomar in southern California. 200,000 billion, billion (the number 2 followed by 23 zeros) are estimated to be within range of this huge machine. *How many times more lie beyond its range, no one would dare estimate.*

We have been looking at the heavens from man's viewpoint. Suppose we were to see this through the eyes of God. Man struggles to estimate the stars in but a section of the universe. David was inspired to write that God "tellethe the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite." (Psalms 147:4, 5).

God's understanding is infinite, without limit. Our understanding, our ability, can not be compared with it. The number of stars God has created is a finite or countable thing. Numbers go on forever; the stars do not. Yet we can not count them. All the two thousand million people of the earth together could count but a small fraction of the stars in their entire lifetime. By contrast *He who made these stars knows both them and us by name.* Yes, even the hairs of our head He has numbered (Matt. 10:30).

The estimate given for the number of stars is not the total number in the entire creation but only the nearer ones. How far out God's creation extends no man knows. *God has set it in the human heart to search out all things*, but the height of the heavens and the depth of the earth will forever remain mysteries to the mind of man. "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable" (Proverbs 25:2, 3).

Retreating Stars

Astronomers have discovered that all the stars appear to be moving away from our vicinity in the universe. Those farthest away appear to be retreating fastest. Careful calculations as to their distance and speed of retreat make it possible to conclude that they all left our approximate position an estimated two thousand million years ago.

Did creation take place at that time? *All the stars of the universe must have been gathered closely together and sent speeding out toward their present positions.* Thus another measurement of

the heavens appears to point to a remote but yet definite time in the past—a moment when the universe was born.

The immense distances of stars point out the age of the universe in another manner. These distances are measured in terms of the length of time it requires the light from them to reach the earth. For instance, light from our sun requires about *eight and a third minutes* to make the trip of 93 million miles to the earth. Light from the nearest stars requires *three and four years* to reach us. But light from the farthest stars photographed so far is estimated to have left them over a *thousand million* years ago and has only reached us today. Thus we can conclude that these stars were then in existence.

Creation Proves God Eternal

All these figures may be somewhat unfamiliar and confusing. But the conclusions from them are important. Three definite conclusions may be drawn which in no way conflict with Scripture but rather support it and add to God's glory.

One, that the science of the heavens proves the need of a Creator.

Two, that creation could not have been over 4 thousand million years ago.

Three, that creation appears to have been at least 1 thousand million years ago. (Figures will vary on this and will change as more accurate means are available for man's search into the heavens.)

Thus it stands proven that the heavens are not eternal. No one method of calculation of its age is safe to depend on. Still taken together they do point out an ancient universe—ancient in years, yet created at a definite time in that remote age. At a definite date in the past—perhaps between one and four thousand million years ago our earth, moon, sun and stars were created.

Compare this with the Inspired Record, "In the beginning (or first of all) God created the heavens and the earth." No time is stated for this creation but it was a definite event and did take place at a definite time. The date is not revealed but rather hidden for man to search out to the glory of his Creator.

How does all of this prove the eternity of God? It becomes very simple when we realize that *something or someone has to be eternal.* Since the universe is not eternal, a Being apart from it must be. The universe includes everything there is except the God who reveals Himself as the Creator of it. He then must have been existing forever in the past. No other conclusion is possible.

Who Created God?

We have shown beyond doubt from Scripture and from God's Creation that

this universe of ours is not eternal. *It has not always been.* It had to have a date of creation and a Creator. *God existed before it.*

But who created God? Someone is certain to ask. Well, who did create God? The question is often heard. It does enter our minds. The answer is simple. *Those things which have not always been require a Creator.* But God is eternal. GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN. Do you need a creator for a Being that has always been, has always existed? Of course not!

The difficulty in understanding eternity lies in our human minds. We deal in *finite* things, dollars and cents, years, miles, acres, gallons, pounds. We measure, count, and estimate in units always arriving at a *definite* quantity. Eternity is *without* beginning. It is *without* end. Eternity can not be limited to a definite number of years. Even as numbers can go on forever so does God's life into both the past and the future.

Things which are temporal, which have been brought into being, require a creator. But things which have always existed need no creator. The material universe was created and at a definite time in the past. Both Science and Scripture are firm on this point. Therefore the creation is temporal and had a creator. *Since all in existence except this Creator is temporal, HE MUST BE ETERNAL.* He could not have had a beginning of days! *He ALONE is eternal.*

We Saw Prophecy

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thing this nation must realize—not a unity for our purposes, but a unity for *themselves*. The United States and England have not been able to offer the inspiration needed to unite these nations—the basic force, that something which will stir the hearts and minds of men to action is lacking. What could better be used as the spark to set this great fire than a revival of religion under which all men would be willing to squelch personal differences for love of something greater than self? Something that they feel will really bring peace to the earth? Not just the political antics of men but a superhuman force—something for which a man could be willing to make great sacrifices, personally and nationally? Yes, it's coming and it's time this nation was awake to what is going on in Europe!"

Well now, Rod, I know your visit in Europe—especially in Germany and in Spain—opened your eyes—

Rod Meredith Answers

Rod Meredith: "Yes, Germany is certainly coming back to power fast! My being there certainly opened my eyes

to conditions that most Americans *just don't realize!* Many of Hitler's former top-flight generals will help direct the new German army. They say that these former *Nazi* chiefs have now turned to democracy and want to co-operate with the West. An example of this is the news that Goering's Luftwaffe deputy, the former Field-Marshal Erhard Milch, has been secretly freed on parole from the American War Crimes jail at Landsberg. He was sentenced to 15 years for crimes against prisoners of war and deporting slave labor. Because of 'good conduct' he has been released very early, and is now reportedly slated for a big job in West Germany's coming air force! *Does this make SENSE?*

"Few people seem to realize it, but the spirit of Nazism is still very strong in millions of German minds and hearts.

"We found in Spain that a new sense of destiny has arisen. It's because America is now beginning to pump millions of dollars of military and economic assistance into Spain. Here, too, the U.S. hopes to build a 'friendly' military power. American aid is pouring in for Generalissimo Francisco Franco's military forces.

"Let's realize that Franco's regime in Spain is totalitarian. Wherever Dick Armstrong and I went in Spain, we found so-called 'civil guards' carrying rifles and sometimes with fixed bayonets. These are in addition to the police and the regular army. They are stationed in public buildings, in parks, and on the highways of each town. They look quite prepared to preserve 'order' in case anyone tries to buck Franco's regime.

"At the present time, the official policy of the Spanish government is to encourage friendliness to America and Americans. And Dick Armstrong and I found the average Spaniard very cordial and with a friendly interest and curiosity about everything American. But people do follow their leaders—and Spain is rigidly controlled by a dictatorship which is by its very nature anti-democratic! This factor is destined to control Spain's future course of action. After being there, I can report that Spain, also, will undoubtedly be in the coming European Empire."

Well, thank you, Rod and Dick.

Why Germany Dominates Europe

And now, just a few more quick facts about Europe: Europe as a whole is almost *re-built*. Now, its *floundering* nations are distrusting one another. They are all fearing Russia. They all *want* union. They are only deterred by fear of each other. They are awaiting some *Supreme Authority* in which they can place *confidence* against aggression from one of their own members—as for in-

stance, the French fear of rearmed Germany—and so that has deterred a United States of Europe.

The United States and the British are striving to bring about a *United Europe*. But some European nations—especially *France*—do not look on America or Britain as the Central stabilizing *Supreme Authority* that would reassure them against German aggression.

Germany inevitably would emerge as the *leader* of a United Europe.

It will require some *Spiritual* binding force to inspire this *confidence*—to remove these *fears*—and that *Spiritual Binding Force* *must* arise from inside Europe!

All Europe is actually *ready*—just waiting for the *confidence-inspiring Leader*—an International all-European *Hitler*, and it is on the way. That man is there somewhere.

Now a few very quick facts about Germany—that is, West Germany! The *industrial output* is now 77% greater than the pre-war peak. *Exports* are 6 times pre-war. Can you imagine that? Now Germany is the second largest ship-building nation in the world. Germany builds ships *faster* than any other nation—724 thousand tons last year. In the *oil industry* Germany has reached an all-time record output—automobiles—4th largest manufacturers in the world. They are soon to be 3rd. In chemicals, in textiles, in synthetic rubber, in coal, in machine tools, is a breath-taking story of *BOOM* and swift expansion.

Nothing can prevent Germany from becoming a great world power again in 1 to 3 years—and *dominating Europe*. Germany is now strong enough to *demand* complete sovereignty—to dictate what she wants. Now London, Washington, and Paris face a *horrible dilemma*: the risk of Communist invasion or the risk of a Nazi resurrection, and the latter they are accepting hoping that they will be able to control a United States of Europe and the leadership of a Nazi resurrection or a German leadership.

What does prophecy say? What is really going to happen?

What's Prophesied to Happen

And now, *listen carefully!* Here's the MEANING of all this! The very Gospel of Jesus was His Message about world government, this present-day world-crisis, and the coming *WORLD TOMORROW!* His Message was that of the *KINGDOM*—that is, the *GOVERNMENT*, of *GOD*. God Almighty is working out His purpose here below. That purpose *required* that the Eternal God make man a free moral agent, and for 6,000 years allow him free rein to accept or reject the divine Government of God. We are now in the very *WORLD-CRISIS* at the *CLOSE* of the allotted duration of *man's* rule over his

fellows. The prophecies reveal that MORE WAR is coming. I tell you, my friends, I have SEEN it, these past weeks in Europe, in RAPID-FIRE PREPARATION. Jesus Christ said that unless God stepped in to intervene supernaturally, NO FLESH SHOULD REMAIN ALIVE—and today world-famous scientists warn us that the annihilation of humanity from the face of this earth is COMING, unless we have WORLD government!

There's a MEANING to all this—a meaning that is not understood in Washington—GOD HELP US!—a meaning the news reporters and foreign correspondents do not get—for they comprehend neither God's PURPOSE, nor His prophecies.

So listen carefully to what THEY DO NOT KNOW—the most startling TRUTH of our time—but it's STERN REALITY! Jesus Christ, in His great Oliver prophecy, said that OUR PEOPLE—yes, AMERICA today—is to be invaded, and unless we WAKE UP, REPENT of our ways, TURN to our God, WATCH and UNDERSTAND this world condition of the present, and PRAY constantly, in real repentance and earnestness, *we are to be CONQUERED, and DESTROYED as a nation—our greatest cities TOTALLY DESTROYED!*

Other prophecies in the Bible—too numerous to explain or expound in detail in this broadcast—warn us that the power which will invade us, and CONQUER us, unless we repent and return to GOD, is NOT the power we seem to fear most, but the one we least suspect—a UNITED EUROPE, which our OWN LEADERS are struggling desperately to bring about—yes, a United European EMPIRE which automatically must eventually be headed by a revived GERMANY!

A Prophecy for Today!

Let me give you just a quick condensed outline of the prophecies.

In Revelation 17 is a very crucial prophecy for OUR TIME. It's couched in SYMBOLS, which God used to HIDE the true meaning until NOW—until this TIME OF THE END, when knowledge was to increase. But now momentous, tremendously important mysteries of God, never before known by man, ARE BEING REVEALED! And here's what this amazing prophecy exposes, to those who have ears to HEAR!

It reveals a system of human GOVERNMENT—under the symbol of a great wild BEAST. John reveals what he SEES, in vision. A woman—the symbol of a false church—guides this beast which John sees in Revelation 17:3.

This "beast" is referred to also in the 13th chapter of Revelation, and EXPLAINED in the 7th chapter of Daniel as a civil GOVERNMENT—and IDENTIFIED in Daniel 2. And the "beast" of this 17th chapter of Revelation refers to the ROMAN EMPIRE, which was resurrected in 554, after its fall in 476—which had another revival in 800 A.D. under Charlemagne—which later rose up AGAIN, as the HOLY Roman Empire under Otto the Great, and still two additional resurrections under Charles the Great, and under Napoleon. The TIME-setting of this prophecy of Revelation 17 is the time of WORLD WAR II, when Mussolini brought about the weak, insignificant SIXTH restoration of the Roman Empire—officially naming his Empire just that—the ROMAN EMPIRE—and the TIME of the very present, TODAY! Now notice quickly the 8th verse:

"And the beast that thou sawest was and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder . . . when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is" (Rev. 17:8).

This prophecy reveals plainly to those whose eyes are open to SEE, that *this*

same Roman Empire—a MEDITERRANEAN, and a EUROPEAN Empire, *not* a Russian power, is in OUR TIME to be once more RESURRECTED—depicted symbolically as emerging out of the "bottomless pit"—a resurrection from a grave, so to speak. This last resurrection—the TENTH—*has*, of necessity, to be in OUR TIME, and YET IN THE FUTURE, because the military forces of this last revival are to FIGHT AGAINST JESUS CHRIST AT HIS SECOND COMING! It is to be a UNITED EUROPE—a union of TEN NATIONS—ten DICTATORSHIPS—within the approximate territory—the EUROPEAN territory of the previous revivals of this ancient Roman Empire. Notice, now, verses 9-14:

It "must continue a short space" of time. "And the ten horns . . . are ten kings, which have received no kingdoms as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast"—dictatorships existing only a short time. "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb (Christ) shall overcome them."

There you have it! The TEN Dictatorships forming the UNITED EUROPEAN EMPIRE—a resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE—which the United States and the British governments are now bending every effort to bring about! But this United Europe will not cleave together long—IT COULDN'T! The prophecy reveals its very SHORT duration—"must continue a SHORT SPACE,"—"receive power as kings ONE HOUR with the Beast." WHEN it, therefore, arises, THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND THE END OF THIS WORLD will be very NEAR. And today we SEE this very thing BEING FORMED. It may take a very few more years. But it is ON ITS WAY—conditions are shaping to this end far more rapidly than anyone seems to realize—yes, IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

These things are already BEGINNING to come to pass!

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