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OUR COVER

An English newspaper headlined: "Prince fears fourth-rate future for Britain." Prince Charles was addressing a Business in the Community meeting in Edinburgh. He warned: "We do need a sense of urgency in our outlook... otherwise we are going to end up as a fourth-rate country."

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PERSONAL FROM



Giving Sin Public Acceptance

Very early in 1927, when I was in my first biblical studies, leading to my conversion, my wife and I often visited various churches. I was searching for the truth.

One Sunday morning we attended a church service at a leading downtown Baptist church in Portland, Oregon. They were announcing the conclusion of a contest at which a very handsome new Bible was awarded to the winner. The contest question had been, "What is the most universal sin?"

The winning answer was "Ingratitude."

Assuredly that is a very prevalent sin. Another very prevalent sin, and one of the oldest, is the misuse of sexuality. Indeed, prostitution is often spoken of as "the world's oldest profession."

Satan has seized on this sin to make it far more universal than is generally realized. Satan sways humanity into making sexual sins one of the most universal and destructive.

During most of the so-called "church age" in Roman Catholic teaching, and in England and the United States since the Victorian age, sex was a virtually forbidden topic of conversation, seldom mentioned. Satan made sure sex was considered as "shameful" and so evil it was not talked about.

About the turn of the century, Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis, changed all of that. Up until World War I it was illegal in the U.S. to publish, sell, or even loan a book containing sex knowledge. After World War I the legal barriers

on the imparting of sex information toppled. An avalanche of books, pamphlets, and newspaper articles descended on the public. Yet in all this the most vitally needed dimension of knowledge was missing.

My book *The Missing Dimension in Sex* provides this missing dimension of knowledge. It is offered, gratis, upon request.

Beginning the middle of the twentieth century, the catch phrase "the new morality" was completely changing public attitudes. Today sexuality is openly discussed in the public media, especially in television, turning promiscuous sex into public acceptance. Today it may be questioned whether as many as 2 percent of young brides go to the altar as virgins. Marriage for much of society is on the way out. In some areas divorces virtually equal marriages. Family life is being broken down though the family is a basic building block of any stable civilization.

More and more, children are not wanted. Abortion is fast gaining public acceptance.

God created sex, not only to keep humanity alive, but to bring delectable, joyfully pleasurable happiness in pure and wholesome love between husband and wife, and as a means of binding tightly together a happily married couple. But under modern attitudes, the cord supposedly tying a husband and wife tightly together is proving to be the cord that cuts the marriage in two.

It's time you knew the truth about the missing dimension in sex. It is set forth frankly, fearlessly, rationally and spiritually, as well as physically, in my book mentioned above.

We commit individual and national sins and give such sinning wide public acceptance.

God condemns homosexuality. He destroyed the whole populations of Sodom and Gomorrah for this sin. It is condemned in the first chapter of Romans, saying no such person can enter the kingdom of God. Then we try to change the ugly, reproachful name *homosexual*, and call those who practice it "gays." The public media and the public in general are coming to make this perversion acceptable by calling it "sexual preference." We are becoming nations of drunkards, and thousands are being killed on our

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BRITAIN Trouble Within and Without!

by Gene H. Hogberg

Riots in the inner cities, the threat of civil war in Northern Ireland, growing isolation within the Commonwealth— seldom have so many grave crises confronted the British people.

LOOK at what is happening to Britain—at home and abroad. Something has definitely gone wrong in the “sceptered isle.”

Hardly anyone, however, seems to know the reasons why! But there are causes for the obvious effects.

The treasured civility of the British way of life is under assault as never before.

Urban Crisis

The picture of the unarmed bobby is giving way to platoons of police officers dressed out in riot-control gear.

Crime and a rising drug traffic plague large British cities. And too often now violence erupts in Britain's increasingly racially mixed urban centers. In one outbreak in late 1985, rioters used firearms on police for the first time in British history.

Liberal sociologists blame the turmoil on unemployment and police “insensitivity.” Yet there was far greater economic hardship in the Depression days of the 1930s without such violent consequences.

Government spokesmen attribute the violent outbursts to “plain, unadulterated lawlessness and criminality.” Adds a British

newsletter: “A growing section of British youth—black and white—is becoming disillusioned with authority of all kinds.”

British authorities are most concerned that professional agitators and outright revolutionaries are beginning to make headway in the urban areas. Some militant organizations openly profess as their goal the overthrow of capitalism and “imperialism.” They preach that the police are the “enemies of the people” and tools of the state in enforcing an “oppressive and racist society.”

Ulster's Cauldron

Troublesome as trends are in Britain's inner cities, they pale into insignificance compared with what could happen in Northern Ireland.

The latest round in the search for peace in a millennium of troubles in Ireland—troubles which alone since 1969 have claimed nearly 2,500 lives—took a dramatic turn last November 15. But will the latest attempt be any more successful than the dashed hopes of the past?

Meeting unexpectedly, near Belfast, Northern Ireland, Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher of the United Kingdom and Garret FitzGerald of the Republic of Ireland signed a pact incorporating a historic compromise. For the first

time, the Irish government, sovereign over Ireland's 26 southern counties, will be granted an advisory role in the affairs of Ulster's minority Roman Catholic population.

In return for this concession, the Irish government agreed to explicitly recognize British sovereignty over Northern Ireland and to put off indefinitely its demands for unification of both parts of Ireland under the tricolor flag of the Republic.

A primary aim of both London and Dublin is to cut the ground out from under extremists, especially the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The IRA's political arm, the Sinn Fein, has been growing at the expense of a more moderate Catholic political party in the North.

The threat of terrorism from IRA extremists on both sides of the Irish Sea is real. An IRA bomb blast in 1984 killed several British Conservative Party members, narrowly missing Mrs. Thatcher. The Irish government fears that with an IRA beachhead in the North, the extremists, some of them radical Marxists, could undermine society in the South.

The IRA “will not like this agreement,” admitted Mr. FitzGerald shortly after signing the accord. The IRA showed its

displeasure by initiating new terrorist activity.

Charges of Treachery

The pragmatic Mr. FitzGerald has been willing to gamble for peace. Some members of his main political opposition, the Fianna Fail Party, accuse him of compromising the Republic's constitutional claims to unity.

But it is Mrs. Thatcher who has had to bear the brunt of the most outspoken reaction. From the majority of Ulster's Protestants came charges of betrayal and treason, even treachery.

Militant Protestant politician and minister Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, pledged to destroy the agreement, which he labeled a conspiracy. Addressing the biggest gathering in Ulster's history, the fiery leader boomed that "Mrs. Thatcher says the Republic must have some say in the running of this province. We say never, never, never!"

So what looked so reasonable and logical on paper to Mr. FitzGerald and Mrs. Thatcher is in danger of being overwhelmed by the forces of conflicting nationalisms.

Even moderate Protestants express doubts that the agreement can stick, despite Mrs. Thatcher's resolve. Despite assurances from London and Dublin that Ulster will remain a part of the United Kingdom as long as the majority wishes, Protestant citizens, said one observer, "feel a little less British today." Another drew analogy to citizens of the United States being asked to accept direct Canadian or Mexican consultative input into how the United States is ruled.

A British "Lebanon"?

The Protestants in Northern Ireland are not recent newcomers. They trace their roots to Scottish Presbyterians who settled in Ulster in 1609—only two years after the English established their first permanent American colony at Jamestown.

The Protestants express fierce loyalty to the British crown. But this loyalty is conditional, wrote noted British political commentator Conor Cruise O'Brien, a former

high-ranking Irish diplomat. He warned, not long ago, that the Ulster Protestants would turn violently against the British government should they perceive the government was in the process of handing them over to their "hereditary Catholic enemies."

The Ulster Protestants, wrote Mr. O'Brien, "mean to stay in Ulster." And their refusal to be incorporated in a Catholic-majority Irish state, Mr. O'Brien continued, "is as stubborn as the refusal of the Israelis to be incorporated in an

The meeting, according to *Plain Truth* regional correspondent Stan Bass, had been hailed for months as a confrontation with Britain over the issue of apartheid, South Africa's policy of racial separation.

Before her arrival in the Bahamas, Mrs. Thatcher had written letters to several African states outlining the British government's opposition to the threat of Commonwealth trade sanctions against South Africa, a Commonwealth member until May 31, 1961.

Mrs. Thatcher has repeatedly



Prime Ministers Garret FitzGerald of Republic of Ireland and Margaret Thatcher of the U.K. exchange documents after signing agreement on Northern Ireland.

Arab-majority Palestine."

Ulster Protestants would never turn toward a united Ireland, emphasized Mr. O'Brien. Instead "they would turn against Britain" and declare, if necessary, "an independent Northern Ireland."

Then, concluded this Irish statesman, the real trouble would begin: "We shall have our Lebanon." In other words, a civil war within the very confines of the United Kingdom!

Commonwealth Isolation

But all this is not the end of the story. For Britain, mounting troubles at home are matched by growing challenges without.

One month before the signing of the Anglo-Irish accord, Mrs. Thatcher endured virtual solitary confinement at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference held in the Bahamas.

voiced her opinion that the principle of sanctions is wrong. In the case of South Africa, she has said, sanctions would devastate the very peoples they supposedly are geared to help, and only play into the hands of extremists as well as make the Pretoria government more resistant than ever to change.

Then too is the fact that Britain is South Africa's largest foreign investor and trade partner. Government officials estimate a total boycott would cost as many as 200,000 British jobs. With arrow-sharp logic, Mrs. Thatcher told her Commonwealth peers: "There is no earthly use in creating unemployment at home in order to create unemployment there."

British officials also took exception to the irony of some African governments calling for sanctions—while privately admitting they may have to circumvent the

sanctions themselves, being so dependent on South African trade.

In the end, the Commonwealth meeting ended with a patched-together accord. It was arrived at by great political gymnastics. The accord announced agreement on limited economic restrictions (generally already in effect) and added that "some of us would" consider stronger steps in six months time. Mrs. Thatcher told reporters that she very definitely was "not one of the some."

Thus, Britain finds herself *isolated* in her own house, the Commonwealth. That's because the shape of that house has changed radically since the Second World War.

The Commonwealth in its beginnings was a club limited to a few nations composed of people primarily of British stock. In 1867 the Parliament in London passed the British North America Act, which granted Canada dominion status. It was a concept that implied equality with Britain. Shortly after the turn of the century, dominion status was conferred on Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

At the Imperial Conference of 1926, Britain and the Dominions were defined as "autonomous communities, equal in status, united by a common allegiance to the Crown and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

But British worldwide obligations covered a wide number of peoples and cultures, other than just the commonly referred to "white dominions." Scores of British possessions and protectorates in Africa, Asia and the New World were eventually to demand independence—and their own seats in the freely associated Commonwealth.

Beginning with an independent India in 1947, the British Commonwealth became a multiethnic group of nations, sharing the commonality not of race but of the English language and the various traditions received from its former colonial ruler.

The word *British* was dropped from the Commonwealth in 1951. The group came to be known as the Commonwealth or The Commonwealth of Nations. It now totals 49

members, representing nearly a quarter of the earth's population—a virtual "mini-United Nations."

As the ranks of the new Commonwealth members swelled, it was the new Third World nations that increasingly set the agenda of Commonwealth meetings.

Today even the original dominion states—Australia, New Zealand and Canada—often side with the newer members, as they did at the Bahamas conference.

Mark this well! Do not be surprised if, at some future Commonwealth meeting, demands are made to enact sanctions against Britain, complete with threats to expel her from the very organization she founded.

A Shadow of Former Greatness

Britain in 1986 is but a shadow of her former greatness. With the empire gone and the Commonwealth often in opposition, Britain is in the process of relinquishing two significant pieces of overseas territory—Hong Kong and Gibraltar.

Hong Kong, Britain's prosperous Asian crown colony—the world's third largest financial center—becomes a "special administrative region" of the People's Republic of China in 1997.

And Britain has at last agreed to discuss with Spain the sticky issue of sovereignty in negotiations over the future status of Gibraltar—the impregnable western sea gate to the Mediterranean, Britain's very symbol of past imperial power and perseverance.

The British public, still enjoying a fair amount of prosperity, seem not to be particularly perturbed by their nation's condition—by the loss of power and prestige abroad, and the looming crises at home.

The nation has been on, as journalist Peter Jenkins described it, a slow but steady "dignified demise." This drift has been temporarily slowed by the firmness of Prime Minister Thatcher—but the trend is still downward. In 1985 Italy bypassed Britain in its standard of living.

None other than Prince Charles warns that Britain is doomed to the status of, as he says, "a fourth-rate country" unless there is a dramatic change in the public attitude to-

ward work and enterprise. He is disturbed over a deep-seated cultural refusal to face the reality of the nation's relative economic decline.

Applicable is the prophet's warning: "...gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it" (Hos. 7:9, Revised Authorized Version).

Not that some of today's secular prophets can't see direct cause-and-effect relationships.

"Britain's economic decline runs roughly parallel with the creation of the welfare state," wrote columnist Peregrine Worsthorne in the June 16, 1985, *Sunday Telegraph*. And moral decline has kept pace.

In an earlier column (February 10, 1985), Mr. Worsthorne castigated British clergymen for not speaking out against homosexuality and for not giving the moral dimension to the AIDS epidemic. "Is it not time that the bishops brought God into the act?" he demanded.

Another journalist, Paul Johnson, writing in the May 11, 1985, *Daily Telegraph*, lashed out at clerics who pontificate on political and economic matters, but not moral ones, such as the epidemic of children born out of wedlock—"probably the biggest and most intractable social evil we face today," he said, adding that the one-parent family is a major cause of poverty.

"Yet oddly enough," said Mr. Johnson, "it is a long time since I have heard any clergyman, let alone a bishop, preach a sermon on the evils of fornication."

Yes, there are definite, discernible causes for the many problems that Britain is confronted with at home and abroad. The "Lord of our far-flung battleline, beneath whose... Hand we hold dominion over palm and pine," of whom Kipling wrote in his 1897 *Recessional*, is no longer blessing the British people.

You'll find even more answers to the reasons for Britain's current state of affairs in our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It's free for the asking. It will open your eyes to the *biblical identity* of the British and American peoples, and what is prophesied to occur to them in the tumultuous years ahead. □

Are We in the LAST DAYS?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

How can you know whether we are
near "the end of the world"? Can we prove it?

ARE we now in the biblically prophesied "time of the end"? President Reagan, of the United States, spoke of world conditions seemingly indicating we may be nearing "Armageddon."

The atomic scientists some time ago set the doomsday clock one more minute forward from four to only three minutes till "midnight." An editorial in a major American news magazine referred to this seemingly imminent time, saying it would seem that the world's only hope now lies in the sudden appearance of "a strong hand from some place."

Time was, when only a wild-eyed freak shouting a "doomsday" warning was ridiculed as "off his rocker." But today serious world leaders and scientists are saying grave things about the current drift in world conditions. Some prominent scientists have said the world's only hope now rests in a single world government, with only one military force, yet in the same breath they admit the utter impossibility of mankind being able to form such a one-world super government.

Strikingly, biblical prophecy says just such a super one-world

government is to appear. But do these prophecies imply that our present living generation is the one to live into that time?

Even the original first century apostles expected this end of the world as we know it to occur in their lifetime. Individuals in every century since have believed the world was at "the time of the end"—that "Armageddon" was near.

But how may we know? How may we be SURE? Or can we know?

Jesus said in Luke 21:28: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." These things he was talking about include many prophesied events now occurring for the first time in history.

One cannot look at one or two superficial signs or events and jump to any sure conclusion. We must comprehend God's overall PURPOSE and how he is working out that purpose. Many prophecies must be considered. We must not guess or surmise, or jump hastily to conclusions.

The Modern World

The modern world really began only about 150 years ago. If we have the chronology of human exis-

tence about correct, the first human, Adam, was created nearly 6,000 years ago. The Bible shows that God's Master Plan for working out his purpose here below is a 7,000-year plan—with some 6,000 years allotted to this world of Satan, followed by 1,000 years of Christ's reign over all nations of the earth. Somewhere around 1,600 years from Adam's creation came the earthwide Flood. How civilization developed prior to the Flood we do not fully know. But we may assume the material civilization progressed no further than in a similar span after the Flood. So far as we know, therefore, the development of human civilization continued on a comparatively even keel until about 150 years ago.

There was little major advancement in human knowledge and material progress until after the invention of the printing press about 1450. Printing made possible the spread and diffusion of knowledge. This diffusion expanded slightly until the middle of the 19th century. Most modern inventions and facilities have appeared since 1850. Knowledge and invention of mechanical facilities have since multiplied with constantly increasing momentum. It is almost as if mankind first appeared on earth about 150 years ago and has been

learning and progressing more and more rapidly since.

End-time Prophecies

Now consider some end-time biblical prophecies.

The longest prophecy in the Bible is Daniel 11. The 10th chapter is the prelude and the 12th the completion. In Daniel 11:40, the prophecy comes to the "time of the end" and continues in chapter 12. The prophet Daniel did not understand what he was being told to write. The angel said the words of the prophecy were closed up and sealed until the time of the end, when knowledge would be increased, and people would be traveling "to and fro."

That time has come.

Knowledge has been increased at a breathtaking rate in the last 150 years. Indeed, it was claimed, for example, that the world's fund of knowledge had doubled during the 1960s—although this increase was largely in the areas of medicine, science and technology. Also, people are traveling "to and fro" on the earth. The mode of travel from the beginning of civilization until 150 years ago was indeed very slow. Few people traveled more than 50 or 100 miles away from their homes. Travel for millennia was by foot, horseback, camelback, ox cart, rowboat or sailboat.

Construction on the steamboat was not begun by Robert Fulton until 1806. Then came the railroad. Travel by automobile has all come within my lifetime. I well remember that when I was eleven years old automobiles were called horseless carriages. "Horseless carriages" were quite a sight. I remember, at the time, when I was eleven, my father calling out, "Oh, come to the front window quick, there goes a horseless carriage." We all rushed to the front window to see the sight. Sure enough it was a "horseless carriage." It was a carriage being pulled by a mule!

When I was twenty-three years old, as assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of South Bend, Indiana, I was given the assignment of persuading the farmers in a township south of the city to sign a petition agreement allowing a new cross-country highway,

called the "Dixie Highway," from the Gulf to Canada, to go through their township. It was not a paved highway. It was gravel and dirt. Paved highways had not yet come. Today people are traveling to and fro by automobile, railroad and airplanes. Modern airports are jammed with people "going to and fro."

World-ruling Kingdoms

In the second chapter of Daniel is a prophecy reaching till the Second Coming of Christ. King Nebuchadnezzar had formed and ruled the first empire of nations in world history. He saw in a dream a most astonishing statue of a man, incredibly high. God revealed the meaning to Daniel. The image's head

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was of fine gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet and toes of iron and clay mixed. The head represented Nebuchadnezzar's Chaldean Empire. The silver represented the succeeding world kingdom, which proved to be the Persian Empire. The brass represented a third world kingdom, which proved to be the Greco-Macedonian or Grecian Empire; the fourth, represented by the legs of iron, proved to be the Roman Empire with capitals in Constantinople and Rome.

The feet and toes represented succeeding smaller empires to follow, leading to the toes representing ten kingdoms in Eastern and Western Europe. The prophecy dates the time in which we are living now. We await the appearance of those ten-toe nations. In

the days of these toes, now just ahead of us, a stone supernaturally is to come from heaven, smite the ten-toe nations, replace them, and rule the whole earth forever after (Dan. 2:34, 44). This stone represents Christ's Second Coming to set up the kingdom of God and destroy all this world's governments—setting up the government of God over all nations. That will be the end of this world—the end of this man-made civilization as we know it.

Full understanding must include Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and 17. These show the Roman Empire, falling in A.D. 476, replaced by three kingdoms that disappeared, the Vandals, the Ostrogoths, and the Heruli. They were the first three horns of Daniel 7 that were "plucked up by the roots" (verse 8). In other words, these three peoples disappeared from history and we have no historic record of what became of them. There were seven more of the ten horns on this beast yet to follow. The first of that seven was the restoration of the Empire in the West. This happened when, at the behest of the Pope at Rome, Emperor Justinian at Constantinople reestablished Imperial authority throughout Italy in A.D. 554. Historians record this as the restoration of the Roman Empire. There followed a series of political valleys and peaks in Europe. It reached its next peak in A.D. 800 under Charlemagne, the Frankish head. It reached another peak about the tenth century with Otto the Great of Saxon Germany at the helm. At this time it was known as the Holy Roman Empire. The Holy Roman Empire reached another peak with the Habsburg dynasty in Austria. This was followed by another peak under Napoleon, who fled into exile in 1814.

In 1929 Mussolini arranged a Concordat with the Papacy. Then about 1935 Mussolini, having united Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Italian Somaliland to Italy, proclaimed it to be the reestablishment of the Roman Empire. I announced the news of this ninth restoration myself on radio at the time.

We are now looking for the tenth and last resurrection of the

Roman Empire—the seventh head of this Beast of the 17th chapter of Revelation (Rev. 17:12), which is also pictured by the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image of Daniel 2:40-44. Since these toes were on the two feet that represented Eastern and Western Europe, there is strong likelihood that this final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire will include Iron Curtain nations of Eastern Europe as well as nations in Western Europe. (Write for our two booklets *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last* and *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?*) They will form a third gigantic world power probably as great or even greater than the U.S.S.R. or United States of America.

These ten toes of Daniel 2:40-44 will be destroyed by Christ at his Second Coming and will be replaced by the world-ruling government of the kingdom of God, with Christ at its head and all the resurrected saints also ruling under Christ.

Jesus' Principal Prophecy

Now consider the principal prophecy of Jesus Christ himself. It is found in Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13.

But we quote from Matthew's account. Jesus with his disciples had just come out from the Temple (verse 1). He and his disciples were looking at the buildings of the Temple.

"See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." That event happened in A.D. 70 in the lifetime of those disciples.

Then, a little later, as Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives with some of his disciples, they asked him, "When shall these things be?" They referred to the destruction of the Temple, which, I repeat, actually did occur in their lifetime in A.D. 70. But then the disciples added another question: "And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" The disciples expected the end of the world in their own lifetime, so they connected this question with the destruction of the Temple. Je-

sus knew, of course, the end of the world would not occur for more than another 1,950 years. So he answered only their first question first, for the Temple was destroyed in A.D. 70.

Jesus then said, "Take heed that no man deceive you." He was speaking to his own disciples about being deceived in their lifetime. He continued, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I [Jesus] am Christ; and shall deceive many." How could they be deceived by the teaching that Jesus was the Christ? Many did come in his name claiming to represent him, saying that Jesus was the Christ, and they deceived the many even in that very first century. Let me explain a very important fact here. Soon after

**Individuals in every
century since
the first have believed the
world was at "the time
of the end."
But how may we know?
How may we be sure?**

Christ's ascension to heaven and the founding of the church in A.D. 31, a violent controversy arose, according to church history, as to whether the gospel to be proclaimed was the gospel OF Christ, or a gospel ABOUT Christ. The latter won out. False prophets did arise in the first century, saying Jesus was the Christ, but omitting altogether Jesus' gospel, which was the message of the coming world-ruling kingdom of God to rule all nations after Christ's Second Coming.

Different Gospel Preached

In Galatians 1:6-7, we see they were already preaching a different gospel than Jesus' gospel of the kingdom of God.

The apostle Paul also spoke of these false prophets preaching a different gospel, in II Corinthians,

the 11th chapter. To the church in the very first century, he wrote: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him" (verses 3-4).

Of those false prophets claiming to speak in Jesus' name, Paul added: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his [Satan's] ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness: whose end shall be according to their works" (verses 13-15).

These were actually the ministers of Satan the devil, but came in Jesus' name, saying that Jesus was the Christ. However, they misrepresented Jesus, so that in fact they were preaching about "another Jesus"—a different Jesus (verse 4).

Just What Was Jesus' Gospel?

Jesus came as a messenger from God bearing a message about the coming kingdom of God to take over and rule all nations. That was Jesus' gospel. Notice the gospel that Jesus proclaimed.

Mark 1:1 begins to relate the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It mentions how John the Baptist prepared the way, and how Jesus was baptized by John. Then in verse 14: "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God"—what gospel did Jesus preach?—"the gospel of the kingdom of God." That is the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the gospel proclaimed by the apostle Paul to gentiles (Acts 20:25; 28:23, 31).

Mark this well. *That* gospel was not proclaimed to the world for 1,900 years. In the very first century, they turned to a different gospel—a gospel about Christ, but

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Words That Hurt

Careless words do enormous damage. But you can root them out of your vocabulary!

by Donald D. Schroeder

“WHAT’S the matter with you?” “How many times do I have to tell you . . . ?” “The trouble with you is . . . !” “How dumb can you be?!” “Can’t you ever do anything right?” “You *always* do that!” “You *never* . . . !”

How often do we hear persons demeaned—belit-

tled—by such careless and harmful statements?

Or by these:

“If you’re so smart . . .” “All you ever do is . . . !” “Why can’t you be like . . . ?” “You look like a . . .” “You’d forget your . . . if it wasn’t . . . !”

These and many similar put-downs seem automatically to pop out of many mouths—perhaps yours—in some frustrating moment or difficulty with others.

Sarcasm, name-calling, put-downs, accusations, sweeping negative overstatements are all too common. Others do it. Perhaps we learned to do it too. Maybe they are such a habit, we don’t even realize their harmful impact.

What we’re really saying is: “I don’t respect you. I don’t care for your feelings as a person. You’re below me!” The attitude behind put-down, belittling words is pride. It’s human self-exaltation!

Cutting, belittling words and phrases need to be rooted out of our lives.

Repeated often enough, demeaning put-downs get through the toughest skin and cause anything from a

distorted sense of shame to blind rage. Or mental

depression, mental illness or suicide. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue,” warns Scripture (Prov. 18:21).

Parents to Children

Children too frequently bear the brunt of put-down statements or demeaning words from parents or others. Such words turn some youths into totally crushed, inward-looking persons. They feel worthless.

Other youths try to protect their tender egos from the hurts of such statements by hardening attitudes of disrespect to adults or shouting more demeaning insults to other children. The vicious cycle proliferates.

The habit of saying, “You *always* do something wrong!” or “You’ll *never* learn!” can turn an able, talented child into a youth or adult of stunted intelligence and achievement; an individual with little confidence.

Dr. Selma Fraiber in her book *The Magic Years* says, “A child needs to feel our disapproval at times, but if our reaction is of such strength that the child feels worthless and despised for his offense, we have abused our powers as parents and have created the possibility that exaggerated guilt feelings and self-hatred will play a part in this child’s personality development.”

Words That Help

In your next aggravating situation, instead of spurring out a harsh, cutting or demeaning response to someone, put a governor on your mouth. Instead say: “Please . . .” “Please hold the door wider . . .” “Please be neater . . .” Please be more careful . . .” Please let me show you.”

Please is a word that helps us show respect. It puts our minds in a more constructive frame. We

The PLAIN TRUTH



Words That Help

deal with others in a more positive and beneficial way.

Maybe a child accidentally knocks over a glass of some drink (and who hasn't?). An uncaring person might respond: "You careless kid. Watch what you're doing!" What's so damaging about such a statement is that we are *branding* a child with a characteristic (carelessness) that may not be true at all. Maybe the parents have failed to set the table properly for children, or have failed to train the child to be more careful.

How much more helpful to quietly say in such a situation, "Now go get a sponge and clean it up. And please do be more careful." The child isn't branded as totally inept; instead we express faith in the child's ability to solve the problem and be more careful.

We're more apt to spout out some curt or hurting words when we're tired or emotionally upset. The children run up and shout, "Read us a story!" Or a wife says, "I need your help." Instead of a harsh "No!" or "Don't bother me!" say, "I am exhausted and upset. Please wait awhile first, OK?"

You've explained your feelings without putting someone down in the process. And you have not closed the door to positive help later.

Rather than responding to someone's mistake with a demeaning put-down, we can show disapproval but still be respectful by saying, "I don't like what you did." Be specific about the situation. Don't label the person with damaging names or shoot out a clever put-down. You only create or compound bad feelings, or another problem.

The key to saying helpful rather than harmful words to others is always to show *respect*.

Break the Cycle

If you've been guilty of expressing demeaning, put-down statements to

others, stop and ask yourself if you would like them said to you. Of course you wouldn't.

But if you now stop expressing hurtful words to others there may be some delay in favorable replies to you. People you've offended want to know if you've really changed. It may take time to heal old wounds. If others respond with cutting words, resist the temptation to retort.

Break the vicious cycle of careless put-downs. Show respect and care for the feelings of others. In time others will show more respect and care for you.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Prov. 15:1). And, "Heavenness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad" (Prov. 12:25). "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life..." (Prov. 13:3).

What about you? Do your words wound and hurt others? Or do they help and edify?

The uncontrolled tongue, said the apostle James, "is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God... and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (Jas. 3:8-10).

Jesus Christ said: "... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things [including good words]; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things [including evil words]. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12:34-36).

Strive to make your words, words that help—not words that hurt! □



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Mystery of Israel

We continue, with this seventh installment, the serial publication of Herbert W. Armstrong's latest book *Mystery of the Ages*.

DID IT EVER STRIKE you as most unusual that the Great God should have raised up the ancient nation Israel to be his *chosen* people?

Consider these seemingly paradoxical facts:

God says he is not a respecter of persons. Is he, then, a respecter of nations? Does he have a *favorite*?

Did you ever realize that God denied his chosen people salvation—save only their prophets? That the chosen nation was given only material and national promises—that God's Holy Spirit was inaccessible to them?

Did it ever occur to you that the Holy Bible is the book of and concerning only that one people Israel? And that other nations are mentioned only if and as they came into contact with Israel?

And here's another shocker!—almost totally unrealized today by Christianity—even by Judaism and not recorded or understood by historians! The northern kingdom of Israel *was not Jewish!* The first place in the Bible where the word *Jews* occurs is in II Kings chapter 16 and verse 6, where the nation Israel was at war, in an alliance with Syria, against the Jews!

The truly amazing truth about

Israel is a mystery totally unknown by any religion—by Christianity—by even Judaism!

It is indeed true that the nation Israel was God's chosen people. But understand: They were not chosen as "teacher's pet" nor for special favors. They were chosen for a special PURPOSE *preparatory to the ultimate establishment of the kingdom of God!*

It is an intriguing story! The answer to this chapter title, "Mystery of Israel," has great significance in God's PURPOSE for all peoples! One cannot understand the real purpose and incredible potential of man without this vital knowledge.

Supreme Master Plan

The Creator God is *reproducing himself* in and through man! God's ultimate transcendent PURPOSE is breathtaking beyond words. The establishment of the ancient nation Israel is an integral part of the supreme master plan.

Seven generations after the Flood, the Eternal found a man who would obey him. His name was Abram. He lived in Haran, in Mesopotamia. This man was to become a type of God the Father. It was from him that the nation Israel descended. Through this nation God raised up his prophets, and in due time God's own Son, Jesus Christ.

Man of Destiny

Abram, as he was originally named, was not seeking God. But God chose to call and test Abram. This ancient patriarch, later in Scripture, is called the father of the faithful. God was calling him for a very special purpose. That purpose was not to "give him salvation" or "get him into heaven." God was calling him because he had seen in this man the potentialities of obedience to God and of leadership. God was calling him to be prepared for special service and ultimately high position in the kingdom of God—the coming world tomorrow. I quote now from a book I wrote more than 50 years ago, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, 1980 edition, commencing with page 16:

To this man, Abram, God commanded: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation" (Gen. 12:1-2).

Here was a command, which was a *condition* and a *PROMISE*, provided the condition of obedience was met.

And so now, as God had started the whole world with one man, he started his own peculiar nation in the world from one single man—Abraham. As the world, which has strayed far from

God and the blessings of God's worship and rule, was started with one man who rebelled against God and rejected his rule, so God's own flesh-born nation, from which is to be reborn the kingdom of God, was started with one man who obeyed God without question, and accepted his divine rule.

Did Abram stop to argue and reason? Did he say: "Let's reason this out a bit first; here I am in Babylon, in the very center of all this world's commerce, society and gaiety. Why can't you just as well give me this promise right here, where everything is pleasant and alluring? Why must I leave all this and go over to that uncivilized land?"

Did Abram quibble, resist, argue, rebel?

He certainly did not!

The inspired Scripture account states simply: "So Abram departed." There was no arguing with God. There was no human reasoning that God was all wrong. There were no foolish questions: "Why must I leave here?" "Can't I do as I please?" There was no stopping to say, "Well, here's the way I look at it."

"Abram departed." Just plain, unquestioned obedience!

Here again we see the principle of duality. Abram was in the very center of this world's developing civilization. Remember, it was a world held captive—a world developing on Satan's pattern. God had chosen Abram to become the patriarch of his nation Israel, the congregation or Church of the Old Testament. The principle of duality is interwoven all through the workings of God in fulfilling this great purpose through humanity on earth. There was the physical congregation of Israel under the Old Testament and the spiritual Church of God under the New Testament. The word *church* as originally written in the Greek of the New Testament was *ekklesia*, which means (an assembly of) called-out-ones.

As Israel of the Old Testament was the physical forerunner and type of the Church of the New Testament so God now called out the progenitor of the nation Israel from Satan's world. Abraham later regarded himself as a stranger, a sojourner and a pilgrim in the

earth. This was not his world: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country [a different civilization]. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city" (Heb. 11:13-16). Seeking a better country, a heavenly country, which will be the kingdom of God filling the earth.

And God established this man [Abram], whose name he later changed to Abraham, as the father of his nation, *Israel!* To Abraham and his descendants were all the promises of God made. And we must become like Abraham, and through Christ, one of his children, if we are to inherit the promise of eternal life in God's kingdom.

Of his peculiar flesh-born nation, Israel, the Eternal said: "This people have I formed for myself; *they shall shew forth my praise*" (Isa. 43:21). That prophecy shall yet—and soon—be fulfilled!

Dual Promises to Abraham

Few have realized it, but a duality runs all the way through the plan of God in working out his purpose here below.

There was the first Adam, material and carnal; and there is Christ, the second Adam, spiritual and divine. There was the Old Covenant, purely material and temporal; and there is the New Covenant, spiritual and eternal. God made man mortal, physical, of the dust of the ground and of the human kingdom; but through Christ he may be begotten of God to become immortal, spiritual, and of the kingdom of God.

And in like manner there were two phases to the promises God made to Abraham—the one purely material and national; the other spiritual and individual. The spiritual promise of the Messiah, and of salvation through him, is well

known by the most superficial Bible students. They know that God gave the spiritual promise to Abraham of Christ to be born as Abraham's descendant—and that salvation comes to us through Christ. But—and this will sound unbelievable, yet it is true—almost no one knows what that salvation is; what are the promises of salvation we may receive through Christ; how we may receive them, or when—incredible though that sounds! But that truth belongs in another chapter.

What is essential to the theme of this chapter is the fact that God also made another entirely different, most amazing national and material promise to Abraham which has been almost entirely overlooked.

Notice now again how God first called Abram, and the *two-fold* nature of his promises: "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a GREAT NATION... and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:1-3).

Notice the two-fold promise: 1) "I will make of thee a GREAT NATION"—the national, material promise that his flesh-born children should become a great nation—a promise of RACE; 2) "... and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"—the spiritual promise of GRACE. This same promise is repeated in Genesis 22:18: "And in *thy seed* shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." This particular "one seed" refers to Christ, as plainly affirmed in Galatians 3:8, 16.

Right here is where those who profess to be "Christians"—and their teachers—have fallen into error and scriptural blindness. They have failed to notice the two-fold promise God made to Abraham. They recognize the messianic promise of spiritual salvation through the "one seed"—Christ. They sing the hymn "Standing on the Promises"—falsely supposing the promises to be going to heaven at death.

This is a pivotal point. This is the point where professing "Christians" and their teachers jump the track of truth. This is the point where they switch off the track that would lead them to the missing master key to the

prophecies. They miss the fact that God gave Abraham promises of physical RACE as well as spiritual GRACE.

But the plain fact that the "great nation" promise refers alone to race—not the "one seed" of Galatians 3:16, who was Jesus Christ the son of Abraham and the Son of God, but to the plural, multiple seed of natural fleshly birth—is made certain by God's

God says he is not a respecter of persons. Is he, then, a respecter of nations?

repetition of his promise in greater detail later.

Israel to Become Many Nations

Notice carefully! Understand these promises!

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. . . . thou shalt be a father of MANY NATIONS. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of MANY NATIONS have I made thee" (Gen. 17:1-5).

Notice, the promise is now conditional upon Abraham's obedience and perfect living. Notice, the "great nation" now becomes many nations—more than one nation. This cannot refer to the "one seed," Christ. The following verses prove that.

"And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings [more than one] shall come out of thee" (verse 6). Notice, these nations and kings shall come out of Abraham—physical generation—multiple seed, in addition to the one descendant through whom scattered individuals may become Abraham's children by spiritual begetting through Christ (Gal. 3:29). The scattered, individual Christians do not form NATIONS.

The Church, it is true, is spoken of as "a royal priesthood, an holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9), but Christ's Church is not divided into "many nations." This is speaking of race, not grace.

"And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations . . ." (Gen. 17:7). The "seed" is plural—"in their generations."

"And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan [Palestine], for an everlasting possession; and I will be THEIR God" (verse 8).

Notice, the land—material possession—is promised to the plural seed, of whom he is "their," not "his," God. The plural pronoun "their" is used again in verse 9: "and thy seed after thee in their generations."

But now examine this PROMISE carefully!

The future of great nations rests on the promises the eternal Creator made to Abraham. The only hope of life after death for anyone—regardless of race, color or creed—is dependent on the spiritual phase of these promises to Abraham—the promise of grace through the "one seed"—Christ the Messiah!

How Much Land—What Size Nations?

These are not casual, incidental, unimportant promises. These are basic—the foundation for the establishment of the greatest world powers; the basis for any personal salvation spiritually; for any hope of eternal life for humans. These are stupendous promises. The future of mankind is based, by the Creator God, on them.

Jesus Christ came "to confirm the promises made unto the fathers" (Rom. 15:8)—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. These same promises were repromised to Isaac, Abraham's son, and to Jacob, the son of Isaac.

After 430 years, God raised up his nation Israel—descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, whose name God changed to Israel.

To lead these people out of Egyptian slavery and to the Promised Land, God called Moses.

Moses was not seeking God. But God had caused Moses to be trained specifically for this commission by having him reared as a prince in the palace of the Egyptian pharaoh. So now again, after Moses had been specially trained for leadership, God called him out of the world to lead the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob out of Egyptian slavery.

Why a Chosen Nation?

So now again we come to the question, WHY did God raise up this special Hebrew nation as "the chosen people"? WHY, when God never made accessible to them his Holy Spirit?

One point to notice here. The probability is that these people were all—or nearly all—of the white racial strain, unchanged since creation.

After Jacob and his sons and families had come into Egypt at Joseph's behest, they were kept in the locale of Goshen—geographically separated from the major population centers of Egypt.

In this connection, go back momentarily to Abraham. He prevented his son Isaac, born of Sarah, from intermarrying among the Canaanites then in the land. He sent his chief servant to his own family in Mesopotamia to find a wife for Isaac. Abraham said, ". . . thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell" (Gen. 24:3).

The next generation, Jacob married Leah and Rachel, daughters of Laban, nephew of Abraham, who lived in the land of Haran, brother of Abraham. The whole community of Haran, where Laban lived, was of the same family ancestry as Abraham.

Jacob had six sons by Leah, two from Rachel—all of the same original racial stock, and two each from the maids of Rachel and Leah—12 in all. Even the maids of Leah and Rachel undoubtedly were of pure Hebrew stock. These 12 became the progenitors of the 12 tribes of the nation Israel.

But God specially prepared from birth and called Moses, with Aaron his brother to assist as his spokesman. (Moses stuttered.)

In the plagues God caused against Egypt, God was turning the Egyptian gods and objects of worship against them to show them that these were *not* gods. Even the plagues were sent in LOVE for the Egyptians.

The final plague followed the sacrifice of the Passover on the 14th day of the first month of God's sacred calendar—starting in the spring. The Israelites went out of Egypt during the night part of the 15th. They reached the Red Sea. But pharaoh had meanwhile changed his mind and, with his army, pursued them.

The children of Israel had reached the Red Sea, and they were stopped as if dead. There was no bridge. It was too far to swim, with their women and children. Behind them the pharaoh's army was in hot pursuit. There was nothing they could do. They were stopped—HELPLESS! At that point they had to rely on GOD!

In Egypt God had caused their release from slavery by a series of supernatural plagues. Now God caused the waters of the Red Sea to roll back to form a watery WALL on either side, with a wide path on the dry seafloor between.

The Israelites walked on through. On the opposite side they looked back and saw the Egyptians entering the seafloor path. When the Egyptians were all within the seawall passage, God allowed the waters to flow back, drowning the Egyptian army.

Broken Promises

In due time the Israelites pitched tents at the foot of Mount Sinai.

God did not make them his nation, under his theocratic rule, without their consent.

Through Moses, God put to them his proposition. If they would obey his laws of HIS GOVERNMENT, he would prosper them, and make them the wealthiest and most powerful of nations.

Yet God's birthright PROMISES were of a national and material nature—no spiritual salvation.

The people agreed. Thus they became God's chosen nation. BUT WHY?

This we know: God's purpose for them had a definite relation to pre-

paring for the ultimate KINGDOM OF GOD—when the GOVERNMENT OF GOD would be re-established over all the earth, and spiritual salvation would be offered to ALL!

Undoubtedly, one reason was to preserve the original physical strain of Shem's line. But there was much more.

Nations had developed knowledge. Mankind was limited, after Adam's rebellion, to the acquisition of physical and material knowledge.

But, like educated men and scien-

tists today, they were saying, "Give us sufficient knowledge, and we will solve all problems and eradicate all evils—we will create utopia!"

Up to that time, mankind had been denied spiritual knowledge and fulfillment from God. God now decided to give them knowledge of his law—his kind of government—*his way of life!* He was going to prove to the world that without his Holy Spirit their minds were incapable of receiving and utilizing such knowledge of the TRUE WAYS OF

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Foretold in Prophecy

This world is nearing the brink of World War! Despite disarmament talks—despite warnings from statesmen and scientists—the world situation continues to worsen. Bible prophecy identifies both the United States and British Commonwealth and reveals cataclysmic events about to envelop our nations.

This master key of prophecy—our national identities—has been lost until this time, but is now explained in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. For your copy, write to our address nearest you.



How America Brought Europeans Hope

by John Ross Schroeder

1492

It was a benchmark year for many Europeans.

The Continent was in a state of discouragement and despair.

Men lamented decaying institutions and the incursion of an alien Turkish empire. Much of southeastern Europe had passed to Ottoman rule.

Christendom was in bad shape. The Papacy hit bottom in 1492 when the notorious Rodrigo Borgia became Pope Alexander VI.

The Nuremberg Chronicle talked about "the calamity of our time . . . in which iniquity and evil have increased to the highest pitch." This respected newspaper gave its readers six blank pages to

record happenings between 1493 and the Day of Judgment.

This particular edition gloomily forecast the end of the world soon! Such was the state of Europe in the early 1490s.

Four Voyages West

Things always are darkest just before a new light dawns. Enter Christopher Columbus—a man imbued with a unique vision. A Spanish-speaking Catholic from Italy, having Hebrew ancestry, he didn't exactly find what he was looking for. But it turned out all the better for the flagging European spirits. His vision was to find a shorter route to the Indies in Asia. What Columbus found was a large body of land that came to be

called America (the name courtesy of a German geographer in honor of Amerigo Vespucci, another explorer and a contemporary of Columbus).

Financing the first voyage did not come easily. Columbus and his brother Bartholomew spent eight long years trying to sell his vision to the royal courts of Europe. His persistence paid off. Queen Isabella of Spain got a glimpse of Columbus' vision. She and joint ruler, King Ferdinand, agreed to underwrite the enterprise.

Armed with a letter of introduction to the Emperor of China, Columbus set sail in command of *The Niña*, *The Pinta* and *The*



Santa Maria. The date was August 3, 1492.

But do not think this voyage was without its problems. In spite of good sailing weather almost all the way, a crisis occurred on October 10. Only Columbus' powers of persuasion saved the day and his sailors agreed to travel west for three more days.

Near midnight the very next day Columbus spotted a dim light ahead. Just what the light was (this was before electricity) has never been fully explained. Possibly it was a brushfire. Nonetheless, on October 12, 1492, the island of San Salvador in what is now the Bahamas was discovered.

Columbus made three more voyages to the shores of America. To sum up in his own words: "Over there I have placed under their highnesses' sovereignty more land than there is in Africa and Europe, and more than 1700 islands. . . . In seven years I, by the Divine Will, made that conquest."

With nearly 500 years of retrospect, who can doubt that his magnificent discovery was by the Divine Will. More about that later.

Bought with a Price

Of course, Columbus was not the only discoverer of the New

World. There was the much-earlier Leif Ericsson of Norway, and many later adventurers.

The sailing hazards were many. There was no modern navigation equipment. No steam power. No auxiliary engines. No easy-to-handle crews. They possessed no modern yachts.

Brave men were charting new territories and new harbors—never before occupied by European ships. Some paid with their lives. As one eminent historian expressed it: "North America became a graveyard for European ships and sailors."

Both those who discovered and those who emigrated had to pay a high price; and not to be forgotten is the high price the native Americans paid. But the discovery, despite human tragedies, was worth it. All of Europe was to benefit—immensely!

Many Make Good

1607. 1620. These are dates every North American schoolboy and schoolgirl is asked to commit to memory. Other less-well-known dates are equally significant in American, Canadian and Latin American history.

Wave after wave of northwest European pioneers set sail for American shores. They left their homelands for various reasons—

mainly religious and economic. In the 13 colonies they built together what has come to be known as the American Dream. The losers of Europe would make good in America.

The Irish came in the wake of the potato famine. Many Germans came in the 1890s. My own paternal grandparents emigrated from Oldenburg, northern Germany, in 1892. The U.S.A. came to be called a "melting pot."

The Great Purpose

Four hundred years after Columbus made his epochal voyage to America, *Plain Truth* editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong was born. In the late 1920s of our present century Herbert Armstrong came to understand the true significance of this Euro-American story. We know those who discovered America. But the question remains: *What was the real reason* a land of promise—now the U.S.A. and Canada—was pioneered and developed by courageous northwest Europeans? Was there a great purpose behind the whole episode?

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Evidence that Jesus Lived

SOME atheists say: "Jesus never lived!" Others think he was an historical figure.

Have *you* ever proved whether the Christ of the Bible *really* lived? If he performed those astonishing miracles of raising men from the dead, healing the blind and lame, and walking on water?

Did Jesus really walk the dusty roads of Palestine during the time of the Roman occupation more than 1,900 years ago?

The New Testament, of course, bears record of a man named Jesus Christ. But is there evidence *outside* the Bible that he really lived? That he performed miracles? That he was condemned to death by the Roman governor Pilate as recorded in the New Testament?

That Jesus did live and was crucified is described in detail within the pages of the Bible itself. But can it be proven from the words of Roman historians and others who wrote about him?

The Biblical Evidence

This brief study presents only a fragment of the evidence from both secular and biblical sources. But before examining the secular historical evidence, let's first notice some of the details the Bible itself has to offer. So before we go any further, be sure you get your Bible. *Read* the verses that answer the questions asked in this revealing study. (This is the same method of study used by the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, which you can study, free, in your own home, upon request.)

1. Does the Bible record Christ's existence as a

human being during the early days of the Roman Empire? Matthew 1:16, 18, 21; 2:1-6; Luke 20:20-25; John 11:47-48.

COMMENT: The New Testament is a record of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. The written accounts—or gospels—of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (Jesus' disciples and apostles) clearly show that Christ was born during the closing days of the reign of Herod, king of Judea, and that he lived during the time of the earlier Roman Caesars and the Roman occupation of Palestine.

2. Was Christ's birth in the town of Bethlehem of Judea predicted hundreds of years earlier? Matthew 1:22-23; Matthew 2:4-6; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14.

COMMENT: These latter scriptures are merely two of the dozens of prophecies and references to a Messiah in the Hebrew Bible that are mentioned in the New Testament as having been fulfilled by Jesus Christ. These Hebrew prophecies, as historians and linguists admit, were all written *hundreds of years before Jesus was born!*

3. Did Jesus point out that the Scriptures of his day (now called the Old Testament by Christians) spoke about him? John 5:39; Luke 24:25-27, 44. Also read Matthew 26:55-56 and Luke 4:17-21.

4. Let's notice several more Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah and see how Jesus fulfilled them. Was the Messiah or the Christ to be betrayed by a friend for 30 pieces of silver? Psalm 41:9 and Zechariah 11:12-13 compared with Matthew 26:14-16.

5. Would the Messiah suffer a painful and agonizing death, with his hands and feet pierced? Isaiah 53:7-9; Psalm 22:14-17; Zechariah 12:10 compared with Matthew 27:31; John 19:1, 34 and 20:24-29.

6. And, yet, would the bones in his body not be broken? Psalm 34:20 compared with John 19:33, 36.

7. Would lots be cast for his robe? Psalm 22:18 compared with Matthew 27:35.

Jewish Historical Evidence

1. While on earth, what miracles did Jesus perform? Matthew 11:4-5; 15:30-31; 14:25-27; Luke 17:12-16; John 11:11-14, 38-44.

2. Did the religious leaders in Judea, who were envious of Christ's miracles and fame, claim that his power was from a source other than God? Matthew 12:24.

COMMENT: Although religious leaders were jealous of Jesus and cast doubts as to whether he was the prophesied Messiah, they were forced by the very fact of his miracles and influence among the people to give recognition to him in their records.

Jesus is referred to in the *Talmud*. The *Talmud* is a Jewish record of debates, doctrines, stories and traditions covering a period from before the birth of Jesus to the centuries immediately following. In the *Talmud* Jesus is referred to as "that man," "dead dog," "the hanged one" and "the sorcerer." (The *Jewish Encyclopedia* lists the places where Jesus is referred to in the *Talmud*.)

The *Talmud* records Jesus' healing of the blind, the lame and the leprous. It also mentions his walking on the sea! But the *Talmud* also speaks of Jesus as having learned sorcery in Egypt (recall Matthew 12:24), in an attempt to discredit his miracles and his claim to being the very Son of God. The *Talmud* also records a list of references to Jesus' mother, Mary, but in a noncomplimentary sense.

Non-Christian Historical Evidence

The envious religious leaders finally succeeded in having Jesus arrested by the Roman authorities under charges of treason and other false accusations.

1. Did Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, find Jesus not guilty of the charges after examining him? Luke 23:13-23. Nevertheless, did Pilate give in to those who demanded his crucifixion? Verses 24-25.

COMMENT: The crucifixion was recorded by the Roman historian Tacitus, who wrote less than a hundred years after Christ. Writing about the Roman Emperors from Nero to Trajan, Tacitus mentions the Great Fire of Rome in A.D. 64 and Nero's attempt to place the blame for it on the Christians.

Tacitus then wrote that "Christus [the Latin spelling of Christ], from whom the name [Christians] had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty [crucifixion] during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition [referring to Christianity], thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome . . ." (*Annals*, XV, 44).

Here is historical evidence Jesus lived! This was not a Christian writing, but a Roman historian who abhorred things Christian! Tacitus had access to the government records. He had the *proof* Jesus was crucified!

Suetonius, another Roman historian and a contemporary of Tacitus, tells us that about A.D. 49 the Emperor Claudius banished all Jews from the city of Rome (an incident also mentioned in Acts 18:2): "He expelled the Jews from Rome, on account of the riots in which they were constantly indulging, at the instigation of Chrestus [generally understood as a misspelling of the name of Christ]" (*The Lives of the Caesars*, Book V, 25).

Reference to Jesus is also made by the Jewish

historian, priest and general Flavius Josephus, who was born about A.D. 37. Writing about the death, in Jerusalem, of James, Josephus casually speaks of him as "the brother of Jesus who was called Christ" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, XX: 9, 1).

The Roman historians Tacitus and Suetonius, as well as the Jewish historian Josephus, were not Christians. Therefore their writings can be considered *neutral* historical evidence of Jesus' life and of his crucifixion by the Romans.

2. Before his crucifixion, did Christ predict that his followers would suffer severe persecution and martyrdom for their belief in him? Matthew 5:11-12; 24:9.

COMMENT: During the later first century and in the second century A.D., persecution of the Christians was common in the Roman Empire. An early reference to Christ was made by Pliny the Younger, who was governor of Bithynia in Asia Minor. He wrote letters to Emperor Trajan inquiring about how Christians should be dealt with. One such letter, written about A.D. 111-113, shows both Caesar and governor accepted that Jesus Christ lived and that his followers, when publicly accused, were to be put to death if they did not renounce their belief in Christ and curse him.

In this letter, Pliny describes Christians as coming together at fixed seasons and singing a hymn to "Christ, as to a god." This phrase clearly indicates that Pliny, in writing to Caesar, considered Christ to have been a historical figure. Both leaders knew that Jesus was a *real person* who lived and taught in the Roman Empire less than a hundred years earlier!

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LAST DAYS?

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not the gospel OF Christ. Read that again. To this very day, nearly all churches and evangelists preach their own gospel ABOUT Christ, but not the gospel OF Christ about the coming kingdom of God to rule the world.

For 1,900 years traditional Christianity has failed to preach about Jesus as coming KING and world ruler in the coming kingdom of God to replace Satan on the throne of the whole earth. A FALSE GOSPEL has been universally proclaimed.

Now with all this in mind, return to Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 24. He was warning his own disciples about false prophets coming in his name saying he, Jesus, was the Christ, and deceiving the MANY—not the few, but the MANY. That started in the very first century soon after the church was founded and has continued to this very day. It is true almost universally in a professed Christianity to this minute.

True Gospel Withheld 1,900 Years

But in January 1934, Jesus Christ began proclaiming through me for the first time in 1,900 years the true gospel of the kingdom of God. It spread coast to coast across the United States and Canada. Nineteen years later, January 1953, that gospel went out on the world's most powerful radio station, Radio Luxembourg, to all Europe and Britain, and almost immediately after that on other radio stations in Taiwan, on Radio Ceylon, on Radio Monte Carlo, and on stations in South America and elsewhere. Soon it was going to Australia, New Zealand and many other parts of the world.

And now, at last, we can say that gospel has gone into every nation on earth.

Now proceed with Jesus' prophecy, Matthew 24:5. Jesus had said many would come in his name pretending to be his ministers, yet deceiving the many. That did happen in their lifetime in the first century and has continued even since our program went on the air in 1934, and the same

gospel Jesus and the apostles preached began going out in the *Plain Truth* magazine, which now has reached into every nation on earth with a circulation of more than eight million households every issue. Notice, now, what Jesus said in verse 6: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." In other words, the end of the world was not yet in their lifetime. Continuing, in verse 7, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Verse 8, "All these are the beginning of sorrows."

All these things have continued from the first century. Verse 9, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you. . . ." These things did happen to those very disciples. Most or all of the apostles were martyred except the apostle John.

The Sign of the "End of the World"

Then in verse 14 Jesus comes to answer his disciples' second question: "...and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (verse 3). In verse 14 he answered that question, Jesus himself knowing it would not happen until some 1,900 years later. Here is Jesus' own answer to when the end of the world would come.

"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." That gospel was not preached to the world from about the middle of the first century until near the middle of the twentieth century.

Jesus was speaking, not of the end of the earth's existence, but of the end of this world—this age—this present civilization in a world ruled by Satan, who still sits on the throne of the whole earth. However, remember Satan sits on that throne only because God allows it. But God shows us in Bible prophecies, not the date or the year, but the approximate time when he will send Jesus Christ to end this world.

Basic Law of Coming World Government

At that time, Jesus Christ will come in all the supreme power and glory of God to sit on earth's throne and rule over all nations. He will then set up the kingdom of God, which will be the government of God (not of Satan) in the hands of the born family of God under Christ, ruling all nations with the government of God.

All governments are based on foundational laws. The foundational law of the government of God over the whole world will be the law of God. That law may be expressed in the one word "LOVE." Jesus magnified that law to mean love toward God and love toward neighbor. This, in turn, was magnified by the Ten Commandments—the first four giving four broad principles defining love toward God, the last six commandments defining in broad principles love toward neighbors.

This very work of God is one of the evidences that the end of this world of Satan and civilization as we know it is very near its end.

The Great Tribulation

In these days, after the proclaiming of the gospel of the kingdom of God, "...shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. 24:21-22).

Many other scriptures show that conditions will become more frightful than ever before or ever shall be again on earth. Such conditions are rapidly escalating at this moment. Person is against person, even within a large proportion of families. Group is against group. Nation is against nation. Violence is escalating as never before in history. Terrorism is throwing fear and consternation into people all over the world.

Apostle Paul's Warning

Truly we have come to the time warned of by the apostle Paul, in II Timothy 3: "This know also, that

in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof . . . ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (verses 1-5, 7).

This is a prophecy, as it plainly states, for the last days. When I was a little boy, ninety years ago, those conditions were not true or escalating as they have been within the last twenty or thirty years.

Now notice again, Jesus said in Matthew 24:22, that except these terrifying days should be cut short, no flesh would be saved alive. Not a human being would survive.

A prophecy in Ezekiel 6:6 states, "In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate. . . ." That prophecy is speaking of this same time. The weapons have never existed in all history that could have laid all cities waste until the hydrogen bomb of some thirty years ago. How significant that this became possible only during the time while this gospel of the kingdom has been going from nation to nation into all the world for a witness to all nations.

Great Tribulation Cut Short

But, here comes the world's one and only great and supreme hope. Jesus said in Matthew 24:22 that "... for the elect's sake [his one true church] those days shall be shortened." In other words, God will not move to cut short the continuation of this present civilization as we know it, until humanity has come to the very brink of its last gasp. If God delayed longer, human science, technology, engineering and government would be the Frankenstein monster that would blast every living person out of existence.

God is not going to intervene or send Jesus Christ to set up a better civilization and the wonderful, happy, peace-loving world tomorrow, until humanity and its leaders

have had to admit their utter failure in providing peaceful, happy and useful lives on this earth. Even today, most people in the Western world do not want to hear much about God. They want God to "keep himself out of their lives."

The very first man God created, Adam, rejected the tree of life, which meant reliance on God and the gift of eternal life from God. Instead he chose to rely on himself and his own mind to guide his life and solve all his problems. To this very day, the nations and the leaders of this world still try to rely on themselves and human attempts at solution of their escalating problems. The world still refuses to rely on God.

It is only when the world and its leaders have come to the place

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where they have to realize their utter helplessness before their own problems and that their only hope from there on is reliance on and obedience to God, that God will intervene and bring about the end of this world by sending Jesus Christ.

When Jesus does come in all the dazzling splendor and the power and the glory of the great Creator God, as the King of kings and the Lord of lords, humanity is going to be forced to realize that only reliance on God by an obedient few saved humans alive and brought in peace with happiness, joy, and invigorating productivity.

Also Foretold by Daniel

Now once again back to the 12th chapter of Daniel. Just after he spoke of the time of the end (Daniel 11:40), Daniel spoke also

of the same great tribulation—a time of trouble greater than ever before or ever to come. "And at that time shall Michael [a great archangel standing against Satan] stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life . . ." (Daniel 12:1-2).

This is speaking of the Second Coming of Christ when the dead in Christ shall rise first. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we [the saved of God's true church] which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16-17).

Meeting Christ in the Air— Where Then?

And where do we go from there? In that same day Jesus' feet will descend on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem on the east (Zech. 14:4). (Write for our free book *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, which explains in detail the world to come.)

We read in Revelation 20:1-2 that at the time of Christ's coming, Satan shall be removed from the throne of world rulership. Jesus Christ will then sit on that throne over the whole earth. In Revelation 3:21, Jesus said to those in his own true church that if we overcome Satan and the evils of this world, he—Jesus—will grant that we will sit with him on that throne.

Jesus also said in Revelation 2:26-27 that if we, his own people, overcome, we will be given power over the nations and we shall rule them under Christ. In Revelation 5:10, he says that we who are true believers in his own church shall be priests and kings, and we shall reign on the earth. □

Israel

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LIFE. He was going to demonstrate to them that the mind of MAN, with its one spirit, and without the addition of God's Holy Spirit, could not have spiritual discernment—could not solve human problems, could not cure the evils that were besetting humanity. The nation Israel would be his guinea pig to demonstrate that fact. God had chosen a nation of almost perfect original strain in its generations—its ancestry. Also they had the quality heredity of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel).

So God entered into a covenant with them, making them HIS NATION. It also represented a MARRIAGE covenant, with Israel the wife, promising obedience to her husband—GOD. It was the physical type of the yet-to-come spiritual NEW COVENANT.

And what did it prove?

Israel's Heredity and Environment

Here was a people of almost clear racial strain, and the God-believing heredity of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. Two requisites make a human whatever he becomes in life: heredity and environment. Heredity involves what has been inherited by birth in such areas as health, intelligence and character tendencies. Environment includes all external influences and self-determined motivations—whether good or evil.

Heredity—if of good and high quality—may start one off at an advantage. An inspiring environment, uplifting influences and right self-motivation may further improvement. Such environment may turn one of inferior heredity into a real success in life.

But a discouraging environment, evil influences and misguided self-motivation may turn one of excellent heredity into failure and an evil nature.

God started his chosen nation off—even though brought out of slavery—with all the natural advantages of a superior heredity. God pulled them out of slavery and gave them a new and fresh start. One might say they had everything God-given going for them.

But now WHY? Why did God so

prepare and raise up this nation Israel?

Consider WHY God created mankind in the first place! GOD IS REPRODUCING HIMSELF THROUGH MAN! He is creating in MAN God's own perfect, holy and righteous spiritual CHARACTER! And that, in turn, is purposed to *restore* the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over all the earth. And, further, to create BILLIONS OF GOD BEINGS TO FINISH THE CREATION OF THE VAST UNFINISHED UNIVERSE! And, *beyond that?*

Ah! God has not as yet revealed what he purposes beyond that!

Everything God has done, since the creation of the first humans, has been another progressive step in God's overall supreme PURPOSE!

Type of the Kingdom of God

The immediate purpose, so far in the history of mankind, is to prepare for THE KINGDOM OF GOD, which will RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD EARTH WIDE!

The kingdom of God is the actual begotten and born FAMILY OF GOD, which will first actually appear by a resurrection and instantaneous translation at Christ's Second Coming! And by begotten and BORN sons of God, emphatically I do NOT mean those deceived into the current "BORN-AGAIN" teaching—that anyone who "professes to receive Christ" is already, in this present human life, "born again." THAT IS A PARAMOUNT DECEPTION by which Satan the devil has DECEIVED those (the many in a so-called "Christianity") who have "accepted" a false conversion. They may be well meaning—but nevertheless DECEIVED! And of course a deceived person does not know he is deceived—he may be wholly sincere!

But now THINK! *HOW* does the Old Testament nation Israel play a part in progressively preparing for the KINGDOM OF GOD?

Government in the Kingdom of God

First, Abraham was a man of very outstanding qualifying abilities. Un-

doubtedly he, with his sons Isaac and Israel, shall, in the resurrection and kingdom of God, occupy a position next under Christ himself. The kingdom of God will be a spiritual kingdom including both church and state—earth wide. These, as a team, probably will be next in line of authority under CHRIST—and over both church and state.

Of the nation ISRAEL, Moses, whom God raised up as their leader and lawgiver (though God the Father is the original real Lawgiver), in all probability will be under the Abraham-Isaac-Jacob team, but head over the national governments of the world during the coming millennium. And probably Joshua, who succeeded Moses, will be Moses' assistant in that office of worldwide national governments.

What of the nation Israel as a whole?

They, despite their favorable heredity, *failed utterly to qualify*. When God put the proposal of their formation as his nation before them, they replied, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do" (Ex. 19:8). But they utterly broke their word and rebelled.

They were in a "husband-and-wife" relation with the Lord God. But the Lord said later of them: "Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so

The future of great nations rests on the promises the eternal Creator made to Abraham.

have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel..." (Jer. 3:20).

The nation Israel under Moses was one people divided into 12 tribes.

The Promised Land was then called Canaan. Canaanites had settled in the land. But God had given this land to the descendants of Abraham BY PROMISE! It did not belong to the Canaanites or other national groups settled there.

When God moved his two million-plus Israelites in there, he commanded them through Moses:

"When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images... and ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it... But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell" (Num. 33:51-53, 55).

Nationally—Religiously Separate

It's time we UNDERSTAND THIS!

This nation Israel was GOD'S NATION. But they were a *physical*, not a *spiritual* nation. Yet God gave them HIS Church, as well as national government and religion. GOD INTENDED TO KEEP THEM PHYSICALLY SEPARATE from other nations—both nationally and religiously.

For them to intermarry with other neighboring people would result in two things: It would lead them into other idolatrous religions and alter their cultural and national heritage!

The Israelites DID NOT OBEY GOD!

Much later, after the captivities of both Israel and Judah, God sent a colony of Jews from the Judahite slave population in Babylon back to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel as governor of the colony, to build the second Temple.

Among this colony were the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah. Against God's command, the people of the colony began to intermarry with Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites and other races, "so that the holy seed [of pure strain, for they had not the Holy Spirit] have mingled themselves with the people of those lands..." (Ezra 9:2).

The prophet Ezra was ANGRY! He stood up before the congregation and said: "Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange

wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore... separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives" (Ezra 10:10-11).

Jesus was born of the tribe of Judah, and it was necessary that HE be of the original genetic strain, even as Noah was.

BUT—nevertheless, the Old Covenant with Israel at Sinai was a type and forerunner of the New COVENANT. It will be made with the New Testament CHURCH, which is the *spiritual* Israel and Judah (Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:6, 10).

Meanwhile, an individual few in Old Testament Israel did obey God and by becoming God's prophets, they became part of the *very foundation* of the New Testament CHURCH OF GOD. The Church is built on the solid FOUNDATION of the prophets (Old Testament) and apostles (New Testament), Jesus Christ himself being "the chief corner stone" (Eph. 2:20).

Among them, Elijah probably will be head, under Christ and Abraham-Isaac-Israel, over the Church, worldwide. John the Baptist may be under Elijah. There are indications that the prophet Daniel will be head over all gentile nations, and under Moses and Christ.

Fulfilling Their Role Despite Themselves

But in what manner did the ancient nation Israel play a part in preparation for the KINGDOM OF GOD?

I have already mentioned how the intellectuals and scholarly of this world feel that, given sufficient KNOWLEDGE, human carnal MAN could solve all problems.

God let many generations of ancient Israel and Judah PROVE by hundreds of years of human experience, that the *best* of humanity, without God's Holy Spirit, CANNOT SOLVE HUMAN PROBLEMS AND EVILS!

I have spoken, during the past 20 years, to many heads of governments over Europe, Asia, Africa, South America. In China, I believe the Communist heads of government believe that communism,

once it gains control of the earth, will solve all problems and evils. But many kings, emperors, presidents and prime ministers I have conferred privately with now realize the problems are *beyond* human ability to solve. And this I said plainly to many leaders of the People's Republic of China.

This nation Israel was God's nation. But they were a physical, not a spiritual nation.

The problems and evils are of a *spiritual* nature. And a carnal mind without God's Spirit cannot come to grips with spiritual problems.

The many decades and centuries of ancient Israel PROVED THAT! Until Israel, God withheld knowledge of the *right ways* of human living from mankind. To Israel God gave his statutes and judgments, as well as his spiritual law. But these perfect laws did not, without God's Holy Spirit, solve the nation's problems!

God could say: "I am GOD. Take my word for it." But God gave PROOF, through Israel, that WITHOUT the Holy Spirit, MAN IS HELPLESS! They even had GOD to appeal to. But they did not have his Spirit within them.

Let this point be emphasized. When the first man, Adam, rejected the tree of life, and took to himself the knowledge of good and evil, he limited his power and ability to do good to the level of his human spirit. There is good as well as evil in human nature. Good is a spiritual attribute, not a physical or material action. Had Adam taken of the tree of life, the Holy Spirit of God would have entered him and joined with his spirit, uniting him with God as a son of God. The Holy Spirit meant more than spiritual knowledge of good. Not the hearers of the law (good) but the doers of the law are justified (Rom. 2:13). Love is the fulfilling of the law—but not human love. It

requires the "love OF GOD . . . shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy [Spirit]" (Rom. 5:5).

God revealed his law to the nation Israel. One of the purposes of this nation was to prove by human experience that man without the Spirit of God within him cannot be righteous.

So, at this point, let us cover a brief synopsis of the actual history of the nation, and of the gentile nations of the world.

A most important declaration and promise was given to the people of Israel, as recorded in Leviticus 26. Again I quote from my book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, starting page 110:

The Pivotal Prophecy

In this central prophecy, God reaffirmed the birthright promise—but with conditions—for those of Moses' day! The birthright tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh were then *with* the other tribes—as one nation. Obedience to God's laws would bring the vast national wealth and blessings of the birthright not only to Ephraim and Manasseh, but the whole NATION would automatically have shared them at that time.

Notice carefully that two of the Ten Commandments are mentioned for emphasis. These were the main *test commandments*! They were the test of obedience, and of faith in and loyalty to God. God said: "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image . . . to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God. Ye shall keep MY sabbaths . . ." (verses 1-2).

There was a *condition*—a great big "if"—to their receiving actual fulfillment of this stupendous birthright promise *in their time*! God said: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; *then* I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase . . ." (verses 3-4). All wealth comes out of the ground. They would enjoy bumper crops the year round, one harvest on the heels of another. Verse 6: "And I will give PEACE in the land . . . and none shall make you afraid . . . neither shall the sword [of war] go through your land." What a blessing! What nation enjoys continuous peace, without fear of invasion?

Of course, in this world, every nation has enemies. What if enemy nations attacked? Verses 7-8: "And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight. . . ."

Since many nations in this world always have been aggressors, Israel would have been attacked. A nation with the military superiority to defeat all attackers would soon become the dominant, most powerful nation on earth—especially with resources and great wealth from the ground. Verse 9: "For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you."

The Great Big If

But here comes the alternative—*IF* the conditions are not met: "... if ye will *not* hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments . . . I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague [fever], that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart [RSV: waste the eyes and cause life to pine away]; and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you . . ." (verses 14-17). They would be invaded, conquered, become once again slaves—as they had been in Egypt before God freed them.

The Seven Prophetic Times

Now continue in Leviticus 26: "And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you *seven times* more for your sins" (verse 18). . . .

Now when we come to the expression "then I will punish you *seven times* more for your sins" in Leviticus 26, it is evident both by its manner of wording in the sentence and by the fact of actual fulfillment that it was speaking of a DURATION of seven prophetic "*times*," or YEARS. And on this "year-for-a-day principle," it becomes seven 360-day years—a total of 2,520 days. And when each *day* is a *year* of punishment . . . the punishment becomes the withdrawing of and

withholding the promised blessings for 2,520 years! For that is precisely what did happen!

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At the end of the 40 years Moses died. The Israelites were led across the Jordan River into the Promised Land under Joshua. During Joshua's life they obeyed God more or less but not fully.

After Joshua died, every man did what seemed right in his own mind. These people through disobedience to God would fall captive to surrounding kings. Then they would cry out to the Eternal and he would send a leader to free them. Again and again this process was repeated.

Israel Demanded Human King

After some generations God gave them a prophet to lead and rule them, the prophet Samuel. But in due time the people demanded a human king to rule them, as other nations were ruled. God said to Samuel it was not him that they rejected, but God. Samuel had ruled only as God's servant, and actually it had been God's divine rule.

God gave them what they wanted, King Saul, a tall and towering leader. But Saul disobeyed God and the Eternal replaced him with King David. (The surprising conclusion of this chapter will appear next issue.) □

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WOWL, Florence — 15, 10:30 am, Sun
WHNT, Huntsville — 19, 7:30 am, Sun
WCOV, Montgomery — 20, 9:30 am, Sun

ALASKA

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KTVK, Phoenix — 3, 7:00 am, Sun
KUSK, Prescott — 7, 10:30 am, Sun
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KYEL, Yuma — 13, 8:30 am, Sun

ARKANSAS

KTYE, El Dorado — 10, 7:00 am, Sun
KPOM, Ft. Smith — 24, 9:00 am, Sun
KAIT, Jonesboro — 8, 10:00 am, Sun
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CALIFORNIA

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KESQ, Palm Springs — 42, 10:30 am, Sun
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WTOG, Savannah — 11, 10:30 am, Sun
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IDAHO

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ILLINOIS

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WTHR, Indianapolis — 13, 8:30 am, Sun
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IOWA

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KANSAS

KUPK, Garden City — 13, 10:00 am, Sun
KLOE, Goodland — 10, 10:00 am, Sun
KAYS, Hays — 7, 10:00 am, Sun
KCTV, Kansas City — 5, 10:30 am, Sun
KSNT, Topeka — 27, 10:30 am, Sun
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 CKND, Winnipeg — 9, 7:00 am, Sun

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 CJBN, Kenora — 13, 8:00 am, Sat; 5:30 pm, Sun
 CKWS, Kingston — 11, 12:30 pm, Sun
 CHNB, North Bay — 4, 8:00 am, Sun
 CKNY, North Bay (Fr) — 9, 10:30 am, Sun
 CJOH, Ottawa — 13, 10:30 am, Sun
 CHRO, Ottawa — 9, 8:00 am, Sun
 CHEX, Peterborough — 12, 12:30 pm, Sun
 CHBX, Sault Ste. Marie — 2, 10:30 am, Sat

Global, CHH, Southern Ontario — 8:30 am, Sat;
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 CICI, Sudbury (Fr) — 3, 10:30 am, Sun
 CKNC, Sudbury — 9, 8:00 am, Sun
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 Sun
 CJC, Sydney, N.S. — 4, 11:00 am, Sun

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 NBN3, Newcastle — 8:30 am, Sun
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 am, Sun
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 am, Sun

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Italy, Tele-Monte-Carlo (Ital) — 4:30 pm, Sun
Luxembourg, RTL-TV (Fr) — 10:45 pm, Thurs
Monaco, Tele-Monte-Carlo (Fr) — 11:30 pm,
Mon
Norway, Oslo, Janco-TV — 10:30 am, Sun

OTHER AREAS

Belize, Central America, TVTV — 7, 9:00 am, Sun
Guam, KUAM, Agaña — 8, 9:30 am, Sun
Japan, JCTV, Tokyo — 5:00 pm, Sun
Sri Lanka, ITN11, Colombo — 7:30 pm, Sun
Tonga, ASTL, Nuku'alofa — 7:30 pm, Sun

RADIO LOG

Listed by state or province are the station's call letters, location, frequency and time when the *World Tomorrow* program is aired.

UNITED STATES

KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah — 1160, 5:30 am, Sun

CANADA

ALBERTA

CFCW, Camrose — 790, 10:00 pm, Mon-Fri

QUEBEC

CJMS, Montreal (Fr) — 1280, 6:15 am, Sun
CKVL, Montreal (Fr) — 850, 6:00 am, Sun
CJRP, Quebec City (Fr) — 1060, 6:45 am, Sun

CARIBBEAN

ZNS-3, Freeport (Eng), Bahamas — 810, 9:00 am, Sun
FAME-FM, Christiana, Jamaica — 101.3, 5:30 am, Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs, 6:30 am, Sun
SUPREME SOUND, Kingston, Jamaica — 720, 4:00 am, Sun-Wed, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
FAME-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 92.7, 5:30 am, Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs, 6:30 am, Sun
FAME-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 94.7, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
FAME-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 95.7, 5:30 am, Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs, 6:30 am, Sun
FAME-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 104.5, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
SUPREME SOUND, Mandeville, Jamaica — 770, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat, 4:00 am, Sun-Wed
FAME-FM, Montego Bay, Jamaica — 92.9, 5:30 am, Mon, Wed, Fri, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs, 6:30 am, Sun
SUPREME SOUND, Port Maria, Jamaica — 580, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat, 4:00 am, Sun-Wed
FAME-FM, Spur Tree, Jamaica — 90.5, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
MBC Radio (Fr), Port au Prince, Haiti — 1430, 10:30 am, Sun
VOB, Bridgetown, Barbados — 790, 7:30 pm, Sun-Sat

NEW ZEALAND

IXP, Radio Pacific, Auckland — 1593, 6:00 pm, Sun

OTHER AREAS

Fiji, Radio FM96, Suva — 6:30 am, Sun
Honduras, San Pedro Sula, Radio Norte (Sp) — 780, 8:45 am, Sun
Hong Kong Radio, Kowloon — 1044, 6:30 am, 12:00 am, Sat
Radio Luxembourg (Fr) — 5:15 am, Mon; 5:00 am, Tues, Thurs
CZAM, Radio Nauru — 1323, 9:00 am, Sun
AJZ, Tonga Radio (Eng), Nuku'alofa — 1020, 6:30 pm, Sun
Radio SUD (Fr), Toulouse — 1161, 5:45 am, Tues, Fri

Why THE PLAIN TRUTH Has No Subscription Price

For more than half a century *The Plain Truth* has given its readers an understanding of how a world surcharged with incredible progress can be so afflicted with appalling troubles.

Yet this magazine of understanding you are now holding in your hands is made available without a subscription or newsstand price. Why?

When Herbert W. Armstrong first conceived of the idea, in 1927, of publishing a magazine called *The Plain Truth*, he believed it must be a different kind of magazine. It would have no outside advertising, no price. Mr. Armstrong learned that God says that we should "buy the truth, and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23). Indeed, he learned that God's way is simply the way of "give."

Today, *The Plain Truth* is a mass-circulation magazine spanning the globe in seven languages with a circulation in English alone of more than seven million copies monthly.

So many ask: "How can you publish such a high-quality magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Jesus Christ's message of world peace—his gospel—cannot be sold like merchandise. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all inhabited continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's way!

Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached [or published—Mark 13:10, Authorized Version] in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Matt. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this civilization, this age of human governments. A price must be paid for printing the magazine, for postage, for the television and radio broadcasts, for the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course and other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to sell it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to his disciples whom he was sending to proclaim his message, "freely give." "It is more blessed," he said, "to give than to receive."

God's way is the way of love—and that is the way of giving. *The Plain Truth* is provided free of charge through the tithes and offerings of the membership of the Worldwide Church of God and others.

As those of you who have been receiving the 48-page edition know, *The Plain Truth* is temporarily reduced to 32 pages worldwide. We thought you should know why. In several major nations the 1986 postage rates for magazines have risen drastically, by about 25 percent. To keep your *Plain Truth* subscription coming to your home freely each month we have had to cut the weight of the magazine for the present to keep within our postal budget until God provides for these new major costs.

PERSONAL

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highways by drunken drivers. Yet excessive drinking of alcohol is encouraged through millions of dollars of advertising on TV commercials.

We inflict on ourselves through sin such diseases as alcoholism, AIDS, herpes and other venereal diseases, and then try to prevent the penalty of those sins by initiating medical and scientific studies to produce cures that will allow the sins to continue. □

NEWS OVERVIEW



Understanding World Events and Trends

Western Europe's Population Implosion

By the year 2020, West Germany will have a population of 49.9 million, down from its present 61 million. West Germany's shrinking population is part

of an overall Western European pattern.

The reason for the declining fertility rate is economic: Most Western Europeans would rather pursue a career or acquire more material possessions than have more children.

A fertility rate of 2.1 (an average of 2.1 children a family) is needed to replace one generation with another. Western Europe has a

fertility rate of only 1.8 as a whole. Concerns for the future include aging populations, fewer conscripts for the military and a tough choice between greater tax burdens or fewer social services.

Many Western European nations are hoping financial incentives will encourage parents to have more children. Already France offers couples about US\$200 a month for up to a year to encourage parents to have a third child.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government in West Germany wants to raise the income-tax exemption level for children, and allow either parent to leave work for up to 10 months and receive a monthly subsidy of 400 marks (about US\$190) along with a guarantee of getting one's job back.

So critical is the issue that Horst Waffenschmidt, West German Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Interior, has called upon his nation to again become a society that wants children. ■



THE BETTMANN ARCHIVE

More About Halley

Famous for calculating the orbit of the comet that bears his name, Edmund Halley (1656-1742) was also elected to England's Royal Society at age 23.

Halley strongly supported the publication of Sir Isaac Newton's *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* in 1687. Many consider this the greatest work on physics ever produced.

Named Astronomer Royal, Halley published more than 80 scientific papers. ■

European Population Growth

Country	Population Estimate in Millions (Mid-1985)	Population Estimate in Millions (2020)	Fertility Rate*
Western Europe	341.4	336.8	1.8
Belgium	9.9	9.2	1.6
Denmark	5.1	4.6	1.4
France	55.0	57.5	1.8
Germany (West)	61.0	49.9	1.3
Greece	10.1	11.6	2.1
Iceland	0.2	0.3	2.2
Ireland	3.6	5.8	3.0
Italy	57.4	54.8	1.6
Luxembourg	0.4	0.3	1.6
Netherlands	14.5	14.0	1.5
Norway	4.2	4.1	1.7
Portugal	10.3	12.1	2.0
Spain	38.5	43.4	2.0
Sweden	8.3	7.4	1.6
Switzerland	6.5	5.9	1.6
United Kingdom	56.4	55.9	1.8

*Fertility rate is the average number of children born to each woman between the ages of 15 and 49, if each woman were to live through her child-bearing years.

PT CHART BY L. GREG BATH. SOURCE: THE POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU, INC.

Protecting Infants' Eyes

Intense lights in hospital nurseries may lead to impaired vision in premature infants, according to medical researchers.

Exposure to too much oxygen has long been

considered a cause of retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), which impairs vision, but nursery lights have now been linked with the condition. Nursery lights are at least five times brighter now than they were 20 years ago.

In a study of 228 premature babies, 154 were

protected from direct light with a filter similar to that used in sunglasses. The other 74 were exposed to normal lighting. The incidence of ROP was highest in babies weighing the least. In the unprotected group, 86 percent of babies with the lowest birth weights developed ROP, as opposed

to 54 percent of babies of identical birth weight in the protected group.

The only significant difference in the treatment of the protected and unprotected groups was the light intensity. Adequate lighting is necessary in hospital nurseries, but how intense must lights be? ■



Manfredo: Canal ownership could ruin his nation.

ownership may outweigh the benefits, according to Fernando Manfredo, deputy canal administrator.

The United States now defends the canal; the canal and U.S. military bases employ some 12,000 Panamanians and contribute more than US\$470 million annually to the Panamanian economy.

Mr. Manfredo worries that without U.S. money, Panama may be unable to guarantee its Panamanian employees the benefits to which they have become accustomed. Thus the best may join the exodus of U.S. workers from the canal.

Since October 1, 1979,

being discovered.

"Millions of employees with varying degrees of illiteracy cost their companies daily through low productivity, work-place accidents, absenteeism, poor product quality and lost management and supervisory time," said William Woodside, chief operating officer of the American Can Company.

Why so many illiterates in nations where education is stressed from early childhood? Reasons include poor parent-child and student-teacher relations, dropping out of school, learning disabilities, television dependency, illiterate parents and emotional problems.

In the United States, volunteer organizations have been established to combat the problem. The Coalition for Literacy, a group of such organizations, has launched a nationwide advertising campaign with a national literacy hot line. It is also struggling to raise needed funds.

In Australia, the problem

the number of U.S. citizens in the canal work force dropped from 26.4 percent to 18.6 percent. Many of the remaining U.S. workers are expected to depart by 1990, when Mr. Manfredo takes over as the first Panamanian

administrator of the canal.

Panama can do little to prepare itself for the financial liabilities of ownership. Instead of solving the country's financial problems, the canal could ruin Panama. ■

Prospects for Panama's Canal

At midnight on December 31, 1999, Panama will assume full responsibility for the operation, maintenance and defense of the aging Panama Canal. So said a 1979 treaty with the United States. But the liabilities of

Functional Illiteracy

A man says he forgot his glasses, so his wife fills out the form for him. A young woman bandages her hands and lies about an injury. A father tells his children he is too busy to read them a story. "You get pretty good at faking when your life depends on it," one woman says.

They are functionally illiterate.

In spite of what many believe, illiteracy is not limited to Third World countries. The illiteracy rate in such developed countries as the United States and Australia is probably between 10 and 20 percent, and the number of functional illiterates is even higher.

Functional illiterates have received some schooling, but have not achieved a minimum standard of literacy. In other words, their limited ability to read and write makes it difficult and often painful to function in society. They live in fear of

Designer Drugs: Cheap, Deadly—and Legal

Chemists are now creating powerful, heroin-like drugs by slightly altering the molecular structure of legitimate chemicals. It's inexpensive, deadly—and legal.

"The clandestine labs can always stay beyond the reach of the law with a slightly different compound that is not yet on the schedule of controlled drugs," said U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles.

Officials fear that underground kitchen laboratories in the United States may soon replace the opium and coca fields of Asia and South America.

"Theoretically, a single clandestine lab could produce enough synthetic heroin to meet the worldwide demand for heroin-like drugs without a single opium poppy being harvested," commented Charles Rangel, chairman of the U.S. House narcotics committee.

Designer drugs give drug pushers new incentive. "Why go through the

is similar. Jill Gillespie, who works with a literacy program in Sydney, said Adult Literacy Board representatives were unsuccessful in lobbying the federal government for funds.

According to *The Editorial*

smuggling, the danger, the cops and robbers, when a sharp chemist with a good cookbook can do it all?" said Robert Robertson, chief of California's Division of Drug Programs.

Chemical designers can mimic or even "improve" the effects of existing drugs. One heroin substitute, China White, is up to 5,000 times more potent than morphine and 200 times more toxic.



With greater potency comes greater risks. A contaminant found in one heroin substitute left some users with irreversible brain damage. As use of these drugs spreads, fatalities and disorders snowball.

"I believe that anyone who is taking a street drug these days is playing Russian roulette," said J. William Langston, chairman of the neurology department at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. ■

Eye, published by Editorial Experts, Inc., many companies are being forced to provide in-house training to establish an adequate work force. "AT&T alone spends \$6 million a year to provide basic skills for 14,000 employees." ■

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Television Program

I've been watching Mr. Armstrong's program for the last few weeks now, and I'm very impressed. Some people told me not to watch him because what he says is not true. But I don't believe everything I hear, so I decided to watch and find out for myself.

Anthony E. Mark
Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Nature of God

In October issue of *The Plain Truth* on page 20, it is pointed out that the Holy Spirit is not God. The Bible says the Holy Spirit is God. If you look at Acts 5:3, we find the Holy Spirit lied to! In the next verse, Acts 5:4, we read (KJV) "Thou hast not lied unto men, but UNTO GOD". . . .

If you are honest you will admit your error.

Reuben D. Lane
Phoenix, Arizona

• It would appear that the reader did not clearly understand what the editor wrote. The Holy Spirit emanates from God and Christ and is, therefore, divine in nature. The point being made is that the Holy Spirit is not a separate person in the Godhead as is commonly taught.

You ask how it is possible to lie to the Holy Spirit if the Holy Spirit is not a person (Acts 5:3). Ananias and his wife had been speaking to human beings. Peter was emphasizing to Ananias that, although the lie had been spoken to men, in reality it had been spoken to God because these men represented the government of God, which is directed by God in men through His Holy Spirit. Therefore, in verse 4 Peter says, "... thou

hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

Arabic Translation

This is the first time I have written to you and *The Plain Truth*. I like your subject "Personal from" and I would like to congratulate the editors, who write about child rearing. They are great. From that point, I have started to translate this subject and other subjects into the Arabic language and it will be published in our church (Coptic) magazine free to all people—you have given us the example.

I would like you to write as much as you can in the field of social problems.

M.G. Ishag
Khartoum

New Subscriber

One month ago for the first time I sat down and listened to your message on television. In that short thirty minutes you said more to me than any speaker had said to me in thirty years.

Many things, though not all, that you believe in match many of, though not all, of the things that I believe in.

The very next day I picked up your May issue of *The Plain Truth*. I found it to be one of the most informative magazines that I have ever read.

Robert C. Robinson
Toronto, Ontario

I picked up a copy of *The Plain Truth* two days ago at [a] shop. The magazine was sitting on a rack marked "Free—Take One," so I did.

I greatly enjoyed the articles that were to be found inside. This is the first time I have ever seen the Bible interpreted into the present time. The fact that much of the Bible pertains to events happening today was never

apparent to myself or any of the people I have shared the periodical's information with—they were equally surprised.

I look forward to reading many fascinating facts and ideas found in your magazine in the year to come. By reading these articles, I hope to gain a clearer image of the world around me, as well as the importance God's presence is to mankind.

Jason A. Craybeek
Omeme, Ontario

Correspondence Course

I am a stroke victim slightly housebound but not helpless, living in a country district and enjoying nature at its best. I am a regular subscriber to *The Plain Truth* and have been since my service days in 1950. It has been a great comfort to me all these long years.

I have just received my first lesson on the Bible Correspondence Course you offered. That will give me a bit of spiritual thought in the next few months as I have plenty of time to myself. Do keep on with the good work—this crazy mixed-up world we live in badly needs it.

David T.B. Small
Rochford, Essex

Minerals

The article of particular interest to me in the November-December issue is the article on minerals by Gene Hogberg. I also have been stressing the importance of strategic and critical materials and why we must import so many of them from South Africa.

Harold Carlson
Consulting Engineer
Lakewood, New Jersey

Identity Crisis

Germans are in an identity

crisis, and actually have been in one ever since World War II. And there are only few that really believe in a strong, unified Europe. The national egotisms are simply too big, most people think. And, of course, having the largest economic power, West Germans are not too fond of paying everybody else. There's no quick solution at hand, and there can't be. In the meantime, I'm watching carefully world's politics, and prophecy.

Ronald Fleming
Hamburg,
West Germany

Superstition or Authority?

The article "The Bible: Superstition or Authority?" caught my eye. I looked up the scriptural references in my Bible. Having read *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* I understand the use of Leviticus 26:14-39 to establish that Judah's punishment would be for 2,520 years. But the article goes on to say that the 2,520 years began on the 24th day of the ninth month in 604 B.C. The scripture cited to support this was Haggai 2:20-22. I fail to see the connection.

R. Lucia
Pasadena, California

• One of the keys to understanding biblical prophecy is duality. This day God singled out for the rebuilding of the Second Temple (verse 18). He also singles it out for an event yet future (verses 21-22). Similarly, because Bible prophecy is often dual this same day was chosen of God for the surrender of Jerusalem in 1917, which, through the Balfour Declaration, opened the doors for the formal return of Jews to a homeland.

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ARE WE IN THE LAST DAYS?

How can you know we are near "the end of the world"? Can we prove it?

C. WINSTON TAYLOR

WORDS THAT HURT, WORDS THAT HELP

Careless words do enormous damage.

G.A. BELLUCHE JR.—PT



HOW AMERICA BROUGHT EUROPEANS HOPE!

Those who discovered and those who emigrated to the New World paid a high price—but all Europe benefited.

NORMAN MEYER



MYSTERY OF ISRAEL

Did you know that when Jews are first mentioned in the Bible, they are at war with the nation of Israel?

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