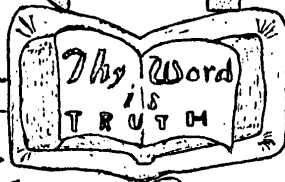


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The Coming World Super-Government

ONE of the most remarkable prophecies in the Bible is the following:

"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." (Luke 21:24-26).

These Conditions are HERE!

A literary genius could scarcely pen a more vivid picture of the GENERAL condition of the world today!

A tremendous political and economic earthquake has rumbled thru forty nations---the aftermath of the world war.

Every major nation, save only the United States, Great Britain, France, and Japan, has toppled in revolution---and most of the smaller nations besides.

We have come into a condition where millions are in hunger and want---a fourth of the workers out of jobs---in the midst of the greatest plenty the world ever had. Every financial structure in the world has collapsed!

And in the face of this world-wide want, misery, and chaos, twice the peace armies of any former period stand in read-

OUT of the present world chaos---with all important nations, save only four, having already suffered overthrow in revolution---out of this collapse of nations and institutions, will soon emerge

... a new WORLD SUPER-GOVERNMENT!!!

It is the only way out! And Bible prophecies say IT WILL COME!

Who will manage to obtain the power of SUPREME WORLD RULER?

Caesar, Napoleon, the Kaiser, all strove to capture it. Stalin, Mussolini, and others now lust for world power. Will one of them succeed in gaining it?

Here is the plain truth---in advance---from the Bible prophecies.

iness to spring at one another's throats. The next world war is now an IMMINENT CERTAINTY!

We are in a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation!

Conditions cannot continue on in this seething of chaos and despair---of revolution---of feverish preparation for world war---much longer!

What Will be the OUTCOME?

Just what is now taking place? It is the collapse of every

institution of man, built without calling upon Almighty God, and in defiance to the principles of His laws! It is the END of man's efforts to govern himself without God!

The Bible has foretold every phase of these conditions, described in general in the above prophecy. And now notice what the outcome will be:

"When ye see THESE THINGS come to pass KNOW ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand!" (Luke 21:31).

The outcome, then, will be the establishment of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

But what IS that Kingdom?

Where will it be? Who shall rule it? Who will be its citizens?

The Gentile Image Dream

The prophet Daniel gives us our answer. Daniel was a young Jewish prophet. He had been taken, among Jewish captives, to the court of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The king had a dream, which none

but Daniel, under revelation from God, was able to recall to his mind or to interpret.

This prophetic dream is recorded in the second chapter of Daniel.

The king had seen a great image. "This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thigh of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay." (Dan. 2:32-33).

"Thou sawest," continues Daniel in the 34th verse, "till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image on his feet, that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, and no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

The interpretation

"This is the dream," the prophet explained, "and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. . . Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron; forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." (Dan. 2:34-40).

So this image pictured, prophetically, the four great world-ruling Gentile Empires which, during the Times of the Gentiles, were to dominate the world.

We need not puzzle over the interpretation. The interpretation is plainly explained. The head of gold represented Nebuchadnezzar's Chaldean Empire, often called Babylon. The breast and arms, the succeeding world empire, called the Persian Empire, or Medo-Persia. The belly and thigh foretold Alexander's Grecian-Macedonian Empire and its four divisions. And the fourth and last was the great Roman Empire, the toes representing the ten divisions growing out of that Empire successively since its fall in 476, A.D., and continuing on down to the very present time, culminating in the Italy of today.

A World Super-Government Appears

This great prophecy shows there were to be four world-ruling Gentile powers, and ONLY four. We know from a corresponding prophecy in the 17th of Revelation, that out of the present Italy is to emerge a re-incarnation of the once great and powerful Roman Empire, by an alliance of ten nations within its territory. This Mussolini is now bringing about in amazing fashion.

And finally, in these very last days, STONE is to smite this Gentile image on

its feet and toes---that part of the image which symbolizes the last, or tenth of the successive governments growing out of the Empire that fell in 476 A.D. What, or who, is this STONE? This stone is Jesus Christ, as King of kings, and head of the coming Kingdom of God. (Mat. 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17).

In other words, the KINGDOM OF GOD, headed by Jesus Christ, will put an END to the political and economic rule of the Gentiles, smashing these European Gentile nations to pieces, and the Stone Kingdom will become a great nation and FILL THE WHOLE EARTH. (verse 35).

And notice the interpretation in the 44th verse: "And in the days of these kings (those represented by the toes, the kings of Europe TODAY, v. 43), shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, (the Kingdom of God,) which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

Notice, the Kingdom of God is to be set up on earth (verse 35). It will SUCCEED the Gentile governments of the world, so the Church is not the Kingdom.

The Coming World Dictator

This kingdom, or government, is to spread until it fills the WHOLE EARTH (v.35) and it will rule the world, forever.

Now who will be its King---the coming world ruler or Dictator?

Let the Bible answer. Turn to Luke 1:26-27, 31-33:

"And . . . the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto . . . a virgin . . . and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great . . . and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Notice these points: 1. Jesus was born to be a King. "He is to rule FOREVER. The Kingdom He shall rule is the one that shall have no end---the KINGDOM OF GOD.

Jesus Himself claimed to be a king. "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world," He told Pilate. (John 18:37).

And notice in Daniel 7:13,14, where "the Son of man (Jesus) came with the clouds of heaven (at His imminent Second Coming), . . . and there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." HE will be the world DICTATOR!

Soon to Appear!

This wonderful Kingdom will soon replace these crumbling, decaying Gentile governments. And this is the most import-

ant and the most joyful news that could possibly be shouted to the peoples of the earth! All the present rotten corruption and graft in politics, dishonesty in business, all unrest, strife, confusion, fear of war---all the causes of unhappiness---will be banished forever!

And the thought that gives all believers special joy is the promise that we shall SHARE with HIM all the glory, riches, and power of this soon-coming glorious kingdom!

Notice verses 18 and 27 of this 7th chapter of Daniel: "But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever and ever . . . and the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven (not IN heaven) shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

And notice the promise in Rev. 3:21: Jesus says, "To him that overcometh (not mere faith in historic facts about Jesus, but the active trust in Him that overcomes sin) will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father, in his throne."

And again, notice II Tim. 2:12: "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him."

Let us take one brief glimpse into the glories of this coming Kingdom: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for former things are passed away." (Rev. 21:4).

The Conditions of Citizenship

But notice, now, the warning! There are CONDITIONS to citizenship in this wonderful Kingdom of immortals:

"But the fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers (spiritualists and fortune-tellers, etc.), and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death . . . and there shall in no wise enter into it (the Kingdom of God) anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Rev. 21:8,27).

SIN is the root cause of all the unhappiness, pain, suffering, and sorrow of the kingdoms of this present world.

The REASON there will be no sorrow, nor anguish, nor suffering, in the Kingdom of God is that THERE WILL BE NO SIN in this Kingdom. ONLY those who now wholly REPENT of all sin, and TURN FROM all sin, trusting in Jesus Christ to break the power of all evil habits, and to completely CLEANSE their lives of all sin, shall ever enter this soon-coming Kingdom! And so there shall be nothing there, throughout all eternity, but PEACE, HAPPINESS, and undescribable JOY!

Do you want to be there? Praise God for the opportunity and privilege! But

the TERMS, which alone could make this blessedness possible, are UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER, all giving up of your own way, of your own thoughts, ideas and beliefs, even, and simple, child-like, implicit FAITH in Jesus Christ and His power to deliver from all sin, and to give eternal life!

The message for the careless, the indifferent, whether church member or unconverted, is found in Luke 13:3, and in John 8:23,24:

Jesus is speaking: "I tell you, Nay; but, except ye REPENT, ye shall all likewise PERISH!" "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe NOT that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." REPENTANCE, and FAITH!! There are the two conditions!

Don't Live in a FOOL'S Paradise!

The time is at hand!

Every sign in the world today fulfils the prophecies which tell us we have come to the VERY LAST DAYS of the present order of things! We are now warned to GET READY!

So many do not want to believe this present civilization---the civilization we have idolized, and bragged about, with all its mechanical inventions, its amusements and luxuries---is DOOMED! But the present order is not good, but bad. And all the rotten corruption and dishonesty and sin in the political, the commercial and industrial, and the social life that has produced this present civilization is about to be overthrown and completely WIPED OUT!

It makes no difference what we believe or want to believe! God has SPOKEN! Our reluctance to believe it cannot prevent it!

The Gentile nations are at the END of their allotted time. The Gentile sun is fast setting!

Those who love this world, with its pleasures, its customs, its ways---all that goes to make up this modern civilization---are living in defiance of God, and if YOU are one of them, you are living in a FOOL'S PARADISE!

Jesus warned us that when we see THESE THINGS coming to pass---the things we now see---to LOOK UP---to SURRENDER and REPENT---to GET READY---to BE SOBER---to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING---and NOT to be overcharged with the cares of this world, its pleasures and interests---for OUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH! The time is at hand. Most of us ARE NOT READY!

TODAY the Lord may be found. TOMORROW will be too late!

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isa. 55:6,7).

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MUSSOLINI GOES TO W A R ! (Continued from page 9)

Notice Ethiopia's position on the accompanying map. North of Ethiopia is Eritrea, belonging to ITALY. And South-east is Italian Somaliland.

In 1895 Gen. Baratieri tried to defend Eritrea against the Ethiopians with only 13,000 men. Because of the mountainous country, and being greatly outnumbered, the Italians were cut to pieces! They lost 4,600 whites, and 3,000 native troops, and more than 2,500 taken prisoner. This defeat was disastrous to Italian expansion in Africa.

Ever since, Italians have thirsted for revenge! In 1927, Mussolini set the time, at JUST 40 YEARS from that defeat, or 1935, when he would be ready, "finally to make our voice heard, and see our rights recognized!" as quoted on page 5.

1935 is HERE. The hour has struck! Mussolini IS READY!

Now notice verse 40, last part:

"...and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with

chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships, and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and PASS OVER."

A whirlwind comes IN THE AIR, sweeping all before it. As this is written, Mussolini is sending a great AIR FORCE into Africa! Also many modern "chariots," ---trucks tanks, etc. Also many SHIPS, loaded with soldiers. More than 100,000 already have sailed, and others are now loading.

And, notice it, Mussolini's forces shall pass OVER! ---in the AIR!

Verse 41---"He shall enter also into the GLORIOUS LAND"---PALESTINE! Great Britain controls Palestine, so that will involve him with war with GREAT BRITAIN, and then it will be difficult indeed for the United States to keep out! When Mussolini takes PALESTINE, then the nations will be plunged into the great, last and final WORLD WAR!

"And," continues verse 41, "many countries shall be overthrown, but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, (TURKEY), and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon." Mussolini will unite many others with him---TEN IN ALL (Rev. 17: 12), reviving THE ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRE.

Verse 42 says EGYPT shall not escape, proving Egypt is not now the "king of the south." This, also doubly involves Great Britain, who controls Egypt! Verse 43 says the Libyans and Ethiopians shall be at his steps, ---he will then control them. He already controls Libya!

Verse 44---But news out of the East---JAPAN, and out of the north---RUSSIA, shall trouble Mussolini! Japan is already concerned in his quarrel with Ethiopia! When Mussolini takes Palestine, he not only will force England in, but then Russia and Turkey will enter the war, for they are allied together for the express purpose of REGAINING PALESTINE, at any cost!

Verse 45---Mussolini shall establish his palace, as capital of the revived Roman Empire, AT JERUSALEM! Zech. 14:2 says the city shall be taken! "Yet he shall come to his end, and NONE shall help him!" This language signifies Mussolini's end at the HAND OF GOD! You will find this end described in Rev. 19:19-20, and Zech. 14:12.

And now what is the TIME of this END, at the close of this marvelous prophecy? The next verse, Daniel 12:1, says at the time of the RESURRECTION OF THE JUST---the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST!!

This prophecy BEGINS with the kingdoms of Syria and Egypt, soon after the death of Alexander the Great---2200 years ago. But it ENDS at the time of the Resurrection and Second Coming of Christ! It is so plain, there can be no doubt of its right application!

Mussolini is starting a war that shall end AT ARMAGEDDON! It is the START of the final WORLD WAR! It is NOW STARTING! Do you really REALIZE it? IT IS STARTING, NOW!

This war now starting will only END with the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!

Are you ready for that blessed event? It is now NEAR---EVEN AT THE DOORS! Now is the time to GET READY, for Jesus said, "BE ye also READY!" REPENT! BELIEVE! PRAY!

MUSSOLINI

goes to WAR

Even as you read this, he is marching to

THE word "Armageddon" occurs only ONCE in all the Bible---yet it is a word that today is in everyone's mind.

That one ominously significant passage is Revelation 16:16.

In the 13th verse of the 16th chapter of Revelation, is revealed that in a time now in the immediate future, powerful DEMONS---"spirits of Devils"---will possess and issue forth from "the dragon," and "the beast," and also the "false prophet." From the 17th and 13th chapters of Revelation, we learn that "the beast" symbolizes a revival of the ancient Roman Empire, by a federation of ten nations within its territory. And this is the whole object and aim of Mussolini and his Fascist government. Already SIX of the ten nations are virtually under his power!

The "dragon," is a symbol for Satan the Devil. (Rev. 12:9, 12-13; 20:2).

"The False Prophet" who is so closely associated with "the Beast" as to even be with him at the battle of Armageddon, can be no other than the Pope at Rome.

All Nations Stirred Up for World War

It is at the precise TIME of the 6th of the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES. (Rev. 16:12). At this time, these demon spirits issue forth from Satan the Devil, from the head of the revived Roman Empire, and from the Pope. And these demoniacal spirits stir up the leaders of the nations of the earth into the final WORLD WAR. (Verses 13, 14). At this time the last, final announcement of the immediate coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is sounded. (Verse 15). And then the armies of the nations assemble for the last, closing conflict of world war at a place called "ARMAGEDDON." (Verse 16).

Then at that time the seventh and last plague falls (verse 17).

ARMAGEDDON!

HERE is the most astounding prophecy of the hour! Heretofore unexplained! Now being startlingly fulfilled!

The Bible foretells every step Mussolini will take in the war now starting against ETHIOPIA, until he plunges THE WHOLE WORLD into war!!

This is undoubtedly the BEGINNING of the expected last WORLD WAR, that culminates at ARMAGEDDON!

Then, in the Book of Revelation, follows two "inset" chapters, explaining the identity of the "Beast" and the false Church, or Prophet, here called a "woman," Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.

The nineteenth chapter describes the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. And in the 19th and 20th verses, John, in his vision sees "the Beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on

the horse," (Jesus Christ, at His Second Coming). . . . "And the Beast was taken, and with him the False Prophet."

This final battle is also described in Zeck. 14:1-4.

"Armageddon," in the Hebrew, is "Har-Magedon," or "Megiddo." The Hebrew prefix "Har" means "fortified." "Megiddo" is 70 miles north-east of Jerusalem. It is now fortified---a work recently completed by Great Britain at great cost. And so . . . the stage is set. The time is AT HAND!

Mussolini's War Threat

The present action of Mussolini, in going to war without cause, against helpless Ethiopia, has been planned for EIGHT YEARS!

Listen to the mad dictator's own words, delivered publicly before the Italian Parliament, on May 26th, 1927:

"We must at a certain time be able to mobilize 5,000,000 men. We must be able to arm them. We must fortify our navy and make our air force so strong and numerous that its roaring motors will drown all other sounds, its shadows hide the sun over Italian soil. We will be ready, THEN, BETWEEN 1935 and 1940, finally to make our voice heard and see our rights recognized!"

A few months ago, Mussolini announced, significantly, "WE ARE READY!" 1935 is here! He is now sending down into Ethiopia, one of the most powerful and scientifically-

equipped and trained armies the world has ever seen.

WHY is Mussolini Attacking Ethiopia?

What is the REAL SIGNIFICANCE of this war of conquest?

To understand it, we must study a MARVELLOUS PROPHECY, never before explained or understood---a prophecy that has been CLOSED, and SEALED, until now---a prophecy that foretold, two thousand five hundred years ago, this very war Mussolini is now starting---a war that shall finally draw in all the nations of the world!

It is one of the most amazing prophecies in the Bible. It is the MOST SPECIFIC, describing historical events, up to the present, in more detail. It is the longest prophecy in the Bible.

It is found in DANIEL ELEVEN. It describes the impending war between Italy and Ethiopia. It tells exactly where Mussolini will go next, and every step from now until---ARMAGEDDON!

The prelude is found in the 10th chapter of the Book of Daniel. The prophecy came to Daniel in the third year of the reign of Cyrus, king of the Persian Empire. (Dan. 10:1.) A "man," apparently the archangel Gabriel (ch. 9:21), appears before Daniel, to make him understand what shall befall God's people in these present "last days." (Verse 14).

The "King of the North," and the "King of the South."

The first verse of the 11th chapter is a continuation from the last verse of the 10th chapter. The angel says to Daniel: "Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength by his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. And a mighty king shall stand up, and shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will." (Dan. 11:2-3).

Actually there were 12 more kings in the Persian Empire, but only three more, following Cyrus, of sufficient importance to be noticed in this prophecy. They were Darius, Xerxes, and Artaxerxes. It was the last, or Artaxerxes, who was the richest of all and stirred up war with Greece.

Then King Philip of Macedonia planned a great war to conquer the Persian Empire, with an army made up mostly of Grecians. He died before the plans were completed. But his son, Alexander the Great, took over his plans, and invaded Persia. He met the Persian army at the Battle of Issus, 333 B.C. (Dan. 8:2,5-7). Then he swept down into Egypt, and then to a final crushing defeat of the Persian Empire at the battle of Arbella, B.C. 331, after which Alexander marched on a conquest clear to India, sweeping all before him.

Notice now verse 4 of our prophecy: "And when he shall stand up his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided to-

ward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those."

How marvelously---how accurately---that came to pass. We quote directly from "A Manual of Ancient History," by Rawlinson, one of the authoritative histories: "Cut off unexpectedly in the vigor of early manhood, the thirty-third year of his age, June, B.C. 323, Alexander left no inheritor, either of his power or of his projects" (Page 237). The Empire was left leaderless and in confusion, but out of this emerged, by the year 301 B.C., FOUR DIVISIONS, just as prophesied, by a division of the Empire into four divisions by Alexander's generals.

They were:

1. Ptolemy (Soter), ruling Egypt, part of Syria, and PALESTINE.
2. Seleucus (Nicator), ruling Syria, Babylonia, and territory east to India.
3. Lysimachus, ruling Asia Minor.
4. Cassander, Greece and Macedonia.

Thus was the prophecy of verse 4 fulfilled to the letter.

Now notice what follows. From here the prophecy foretells the activities only of TWO of these four divisions, Egypt, called "King of the South," because it is south of Jerusalem; and the Syrian kingdom, the King of the North, just north of Palestine. It is because the Holy Land passed back and forth between these two divisions, and because their different wars were principally over possession of Palestine, that the prophecy is concerned with them.

Here is verse 5:

"And the king of the south (Egypt) shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; and his dominion shall be a great dominion."

In actual history, we learn that the original Ptolemy I, called Soter, became very strong and powerful, developing Egypt beyond the greatest dreams of Alexander. One of his princes, or generals, Seleucus Nicator, also became very strong and powerful. And, in 312 B.C., taking advantage of Ptolemy's being tied up in a war, he established himself in Syria, and assumed the diadem as king.

Fulfilled to the Letter!

Verse 6 says: "And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement (margin, "rights" or "equitable conditions," or marriage union); but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times."

At the end of fifty years, this occurred, exactly as described!

The ruler of Syria, or "king of the north," at this time was Antiochus II, called "Theus." His wife was named "Laodice"

And, says Rawlinson's Ancient History, page 251: "Her influence . . . engage him in a war with Ptolomy Philadelphus (King of the south), B.C. 260, which is terminated, B.C. 252, by a marriage between Antiochus and Bernice, Ptolemy's daughter."

The prophecy says "he that begat her" shall be given up. Also that she shall not retain the power of the arm, neither shall the king of the north, whom she married, stand. All three are to come to their end. Notice how accurately this came to pass.

Says Rawlinson's History, pages 251 and 252: "On the death of Philadelphus, (he that begot her), B.C. 247, Antiochus repudiated Bernice, and took back his former wife, Laodice, who, however, doubtful of his constancy, murdered him to secure the throne for her son Seleucus II, B.C. 246. . . Bernice had been put to death by Laodice."

Nowhere in all the Bible is there so literal a prophecy, giving so many accurate details of FUTURE history. And to read an ancient history of these kingdoms is simply to see unfolded, before your eye, step by step, verse by verse, this marvelous prophecy. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT of its right application!

The Holy Land Changes Hands.

Next let us notice verse 7:

"But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate (margin, in his office), which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail."

"Out of a branch," or "shoot," of her ROOTS. Her parents were her roots. Hence, this must be her brother, who next should occupy the throne of king of the south and fulfil this prophecy.

Now listen to its accurate fulfillment, quoted word for word from the same page of Rawlinson's History (p. 252):

"Ptolemy Euergetes, (the III, eldest son of Philadelphus, page 272, and therefore Bernice's brother, a branch of her roots) invaded Syria, B.C. 245, to avenge the murder of his sister Bernice. . . In the war which followed, he carried every thing before him."

The 8th verse of Daniel 11 says this king of the south would carry captives, and vessels of silver and gold, into Egypt, and continue to reign more years than the king of the north, who at that time was Seleucus II, and verse 9 says he shall return into Egypt. As verse 7 said he should "enter into the fortress of the king of the north," Ptolemy III did sieze the fortress of Syria, Seleucia, the port of Antioch, capital of the kingdom! Then he carried back to Egypt immense booty, and 2,500 molten images and idolatrous vessels which, in B.C. 527, had been carried away from Egypt. He continued to rule until B.C. 222, while the king of the north, Seleucus II, died in B.C. 226.

When he died, his two sons took over

the kingdom of the north, first Seleucus III, B.C. 226-223, who ruled only three years, and then his brother Antiochus III, called "the Great," B.C. 223-187. Both of these two sons of Seleucus II assembled immense forces to war against Egypt, avenge their father, and recover their port and fortress, Seleucia.

And this was accurately prophesied in verse 10: "But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: and then shall he return (margin, be stirred up again) and be stirred up, even to his fortress."

"And," continues verse 11, "the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand."

In fulfillment of the latter part of verse 10, Antiochus the Great, after 27 years, recovered his fortress, Seleucia, and he also conquered the territory of Syria, as far as Gaza, INCLUDING PALESTINE. But the young Egyptian king, now Ptolemy IV, (Philopator), was roused, and with an army of 20,000, inflicted severe defeat on Antiochus the Great, and, fulfilling verse 12, he killed tens of thousands, and AGAIN ANNEXED PALESTINE to Egypt. But he was not strengthened, for he made a rash and speedy peace with Antiochus, and returned to dissipation, throwing away the fruits of victory. Says verse 12: "And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it."

"For," as verse 13 continues, "the king of the north shall return, and set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches." It was "after certain years", or 12 years later, B.C. 205, that Ptolemy Philopator died, leaving his throne to an infant son, Ptolemy Epiphanes. Then Antiochus assembled a greater army, and won great victories. He now made a treaty allying Philip of Macedon with him, and others, against Egypt, and they wrested Phoenicia and southern Syria from the king of the south. In this they were assisted by some of the Jews. Josephus' Jewish history says many Jews helped Antiochus.

But notice how accurately Almighty God had foretold this, many---hundreds---of years before it happened:

"And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of THY PEOPLE (apostate Jews) shall exalt themselves to establish the vision, but they shall fail." (Verse 14)

Read it in Your Own Bible!

To save space, the reader is asked from this point to read each verse of the prophecy FROM YOUR OWN BIBLE, thus saving us reprinting the prophecy in full here.

We give here only the facts IN HISTORY Verses 15-16: "The glorious Land,"

of course, refers to Palestine, the Holy Land. Antiochus the Great besieged and took Sidon from Egypt, ruined the interests of Egypt in Palestine at Battle of Mt. Panium, B.C. 198, and then Antiochus took possession of Palestine.

Verse 17---"upright ones,"---see margin, Hebrew means "equal conditions, or marriage, but the one he marries will not stand on his side. In B.C. 198, Antiochus arranged a marriage between his daughter, Cleopatra (not the Cleopatra of 31 B.C. in Egypt), and young Ptolemy Epiphanes, king of the south, by which he hoped subtly to gain complete possession of Egypt, but the plan failed. Says Rawlinson, page 254: "Coele-Syria and Palestine promised as a dowry, but not delivered." Cleopatra did not truly stand on the side of this Ptolemy, but it was only a trick to gain possession of Egypt. But the plan failed.

Verse 18---And so, Antiochus turned his attention in another direction and tried to conquer, 197 to 196 B.C., the islands and coasts of Asia Minor---but the Roman general, Lucius Cornelius Scipio Asiaticus, utterly defeated him at the battle of Magnesia, B.C. 190.

Verse 19---Antiochus next turned his attention to the fortresses of his own land, in east and west. But, attempting to recruit his dissipated wealth by the plunder the Oriental Temple of Belus, in Elymais, he was killed, B.C. 187.

Verse 20---Seleucus Philopator (IV), (187-176), his son, in an effort to raise money, sent a tax collector, Heliodorus, thru Palestine. But he reigned only 11 years, when Heliodorus poisoned him.

Verse 21---He left no heir. But his brother, a younger son of Antiochus the Great, named Epiphanes, (Antiochus IV), a contemptible reprobate, came by surprise and thru flattery took the kingdom.

Antiochus Epiphanes

Verse 22---"the prince of the covenant," Hebrew, is prince of HIS covenant, and does not refer to Christ. This was his assistant, Eumenes. Rawlinson's History, page 255, says: "Antiochus (Epiphanes), assisted by Eumenes, drives out Heliodorus, and obtains the throne, B.C. 176. He astonishes his subjects by an affectation of Roman manners, and good-natured profuseness." (Flattery.)

Verse 23-24---Altho only a few were with him at first, yet by this Roman manner, by deceit and flattery, he crept into power and prospered. He also invaded Galilee and Lower Egypt. His fathers, the former kings of Syria, had favored the Jews, but, says Rawlinson's History, page 255, they "were driven to desperation by the mad project of this self-willed monarch."

Verse 25---Rawlinson's History, page 255-256, says: "Threatened with war by the ministers of Ptolemy Philometor (now king of the south,) who claim Coele-Syria and Palestine as the dowry of Cleopatra, the late queen-mother, Antiochus marches against Egypt, B.C. 171." But he was met

by his nephew, Ptolemy Philometor, king of the south, with another immense army. But the Egyptian king was defeated thru the treachery of his own officers, and was outwitted by Antiochus. (p.277,278).

Verses 26-27---Says Rawlinson's History, page 278, "After his victory at Pelusium, Antiochus advanced to Memphis, and having obtained possession of the young king's person, (Ptolemy Philometor, king of the south,) endeavored to use him as a tool for effecting the entire reduction of the country." In B.C. 174, uncle (king of the north), and nephew (king of the south), sat at a banquet, Antiochus pretending to ally himself with the young Ptolemy, against his brother, Euergetes II, but each was trying to deceive the other.

The ABOMINATION of DESOLATION

Verse 28---B.C. 168, returning from Egypt with great plunder, Antiochus set himself against the Jews, massacred many, and then returned to Antioch with golden vessels from the Temple at Jerusalem.

Verse 29---The same year, he again invaded Egypt, but with none of his former success, because Philometor, king of the south, got help from Rome, and,

Verse 30---the Roman fleet came against Antiochus, and he was forced to surrender to the terms of Popilius of the Roman fleet, and to retire from Egypt and restore Cyprus to Egypt. Returning, thru Palestine, smarting under the defeat, he vented his exasperation against the Jews, and extended special favors to those Jews who would turn from their religion.

Verse 31---Then, B.C. 168, the same year, came the climax of the horror. Antiochus sent troops to the Holy Land, who desecrated the Temple and Sanctuary, and ABOLISHED THE DAILY SACRIFICE (see also Dan. 8:11,24), and (Kislev 15, Hebrew calendar,) PLACED THE ABOMINATION OF THE IMAGE OF JUPITER OLYMPUS, Roman god, in the HOLY OF HOLIES, making it DESOLATE. (Rawlinson, page 255). And so many who claim to teach the Bible try to apply the prophecy of this verse to Mohammed, in the 7th Century, A.D., building the Mosque of Omar on the site of the ancient Temple at Jerusalem! But every verse of this prophecy, step by step, verse by verse, unfolded in actual history, just as here recounted, so there can be not the slightest shadow of doubt as to this ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE---it was the idol of Jupiter set in the Holy of Holies, B.C. 168, by Antiochus Epiphanes, king of the north.

The Prophecy Comes to Christ and the Apostles

Verse 32---Antiochus tried to END the religion of the Jews. He took away the daily sacrifice, forbade the ministrations at the Temple. He perverted by flatteries the Jews who were willing to forsake their religion.

BUT---right here, the prophecy CUTS OFF from the continuation of events in the history of these ancient north and south kingdom

Up to this point, the prophecy was unfolded, step by step, in the actual history of the northern kingdom of the Selucidae, or Syria, and the southern kingdom of Egypt. But, says the "Exposition of the Bible," "all accurate details seem suddenly to STOP SHORT," with this verse.

Now let us notice verse 32 in detail, and particularly the last part:

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries:" This, Antiochus Epiphanes did do. But now notice the last part of the verse: "but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."

Those who know the history of the Jews beginning with 168 B.C., know there were, from that time, few, if any, who really KNEW THEIR GOD. They were not STRONG, spiritually, as this text means. They did not do exploits. They were of the hypocritical class that Jesus found in His day, the Scribes and Pharisees, and Sadducees. They had rejected and killed all the prophets, and God sent them no more prophets until John the Baptist, and Jesus.

So our question, now, is WHEN, beginning with, and following, 168 B.C., did people begin to KNOW God, and to be spiritually STRONG, and to DO EXPLOITS in the Lord's service? And the answer is, AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST, and the days of the apostles!

The APOSTLES Sweep the World!

Verse 33---"And they that UNDERSTAND among the people shall INSTRUCT MANY: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, and by captivity, and by spoil, MANY DAYS."

There was no real UNDERSTANDING until Jesus came and restored it. Jesus, and the Apostles did INSTRUCT MANY. The true Gospel was carried into every inhabited nation, sweeping the world. But, Jesus was crucified, and history indicates that all the early apostles were martyred. And this continued, MANY DAYS, even into the Middle dark Ages, when between 50 and 100 million true saints were martyred for their faith.

Verse 34:---"Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. (Verse 35,) And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, EVEN TO THE TIME OF THE END: because it is yet for the time appointed."

Here is described in general the whole course of God's people, from the days of Christ to the present. Compare with such passages as Rev. 12:6,11,13-17). And notice the vision carries on down to this present TIME OF THE END.

Verse 36---The king of the north---who is he, now, in these early and middle NEW TESTAMENT times, to which our prophecy has come? In B.C. 65, Syria was swallowed up by the Roman Empire, and became a Roman province. The Roman Emperor now controlled Palestine, and therefore the king of the north, here referred to, is, at this time, the Emperor of the Roman Em-

pire. This verse says he should do according to his will, and he did; ---exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and he did, for the Roman Emperors required all to worship them, and sacrifice to them, as a god. He was to speak AGAINST the true God, and he did, and persecuted all Christians. He was to prosper UNTIL the indignation be accomplished, at the END of the Gentile times, and he did, and the Roman government is still at Rome, now reviving the ancient Empire in all its splendor and power!

Verse 37---His fathers had worshipped idols, but the Roman Emperors set themselves up as gods.

Verse 38---The Roman Emperors honored the god of forces, or (margin) munitions, and developed the greatest war-making power the world ever knew. "And a god whom his fathers knew not, shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things." After setting themselves up as a god, prior to 476 A.D., the Emperors who followed, beginning with Justinian, 527 A.D., began to honor a god never known to their fathers---the POPE AT ROME---with gold, silver, and power. (Compare Rev. 17:4,5, and 18:3,16).

Verse 39---The Emperors did ACKNOWLEDGE the supremacy of the Pope, and increase the Roman Catholic church with material glory, and caused them to rule over many.

The Prophecy Skips to the PRESENT

Now we come to the very PRESENT---TO-DAY!

Verse 40---And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him:"

WHO is today "king of the south?"

It cannot be the king of Egypt, for in 31 B.C. Egypt became a province of the Roman Empire, swallowed up by the king of the north. Today it is part of the British Empire. It has no king of its own.

BUT, in the reign of Ptolemy III (Euergetes,) (verse 7), B.C. 247-222, Egypt annexed part of Ethiopia, immediately south of Egypt. (Rawlinson, page 272,273). Since that time, the Encyclopedia Britannica says, article "Ethiopia," Egypt and Ethiopia were two or three times UNDER THE SAME GOVERNMENT. Thus, the two were as one land. And the only portion of that land of the "king of the south," that is still today INDEPENDENT, is ETHIOPIA!

ETHIOPIA is Today King of the SOUTH.

Ethiopia is the ONLY country in all Africa that is still independent, and has a government and kingdom dating back to 168 B.C. and before! It was the southern part of Egypt, the southern kingdom. So it is the ONLY POSSIBLE government that could be the "king of the south."

At the time of the END---our time---this "king of the south" was to PUSH AT the "king of the north," now at Rome!

In 1895 King Menelik, of Ethiopia, sent an army of 90,000 to 100,000 men against Gen. Baratieri's Italian army.

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