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AT THE BRANDENBURG GATE in Berlin. In foreground are British soldiers and civilians. At the famous gate in the background are East German soldiers—misnamed "People's Police"—with water tanks for use in case of riots. Read in this issue the real significance of the Berlin controversy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wants Article in Booklet Form

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I have just read 'Just What Do You Mean—Salvation?' in the July PLAIN TRUTH. I think that article should be printed and distributed as a booklet." Man from Eureka River, Alberta, Canada

Gratefully Renews Subscription

"Today I received your third reminder . . . I have been going through a very bad spell since January. I was thoroughly disgusted with life till I received your letter. It is a great consolation to know that there is at least one unknown person in a far-off land who is ever mindful of me. That is why I decided as an act of courtesy to write you a few lines instead of simply filling out the tiny slip of paper attached to your letter."

Man from Ceylon.

Editor's Comment: Always be sure you renew your subscription promptly. Then you can be sure of receiving every copy of the magazine as this gentleman from Ceylon now is doing.

Salary Increases 50%

"God will prosper a person who tithes and is obedient. I've only worked a month on my new job and the boss told me this past Friday evening when he paid me, that beginning this Monday he would give me 25c an hour more. When I first started listening to your programs, I was making \$1.50 an hour. Now it has increased to \$2.25 an hour."

Man from Burlington, New Jersey

God's Way Prospers

"Two days after we were baptized, I was offered a better job and my salary doubled and tripled in three weeks. It certainly pays to tithe and live according to God's laws."

Man from Forest Park, Georgia.

God's Health Laws Work

"This month when The PLAIN TRUTH came it was one of the most effective pieces of literature to come to our home. I have tried for years to keep my husband from eating pork, but all my talking did no good. He walked the floor

at night—cramps in his feet and legs, sometimes in other parts of his body. After he read The PLAIN TRUTH he has left the pork alone, and after only these few weeks the cramps are leaving. The past few nights he has not had to get up at all."

Woman from South Bend, Indiana.

Editor's Comment: Diseases result from broken laws. God set physical laws in motion as well as spiritual laws. You need to know what foods are fit for human consumption. Write for the article 'Is All Animal Flesh Good Food?'

Parliament Warned

"In your May issue of The PLAIN TRUTH I was most interested to read the article 'Behind the Congo Crisis.' I am a student of prophecy and thoroughly agree with the writer. I am most intrigued by the Madrid Circular as quoted, and would like more details on this document so that I may use its contents in Parliamentary circles with some authority."

Commander from England.

Tithing Law Works

"I am enclosing £28 [approximately \$80] which is the next installment of our tithes. I must tell you that since we started tithing last autumn, my business has nearly doubled in size, and my wife and I feel that this is truly God's law working."

Couple from Hesse, Yorkshire, England

World Tomorrow Makes Truth Clear

"They have a program on KWKH called 'Party Line.' They 'solve' all the world's problems. Last week, The WORLD TOMORROW program received some favorable comments. One man told the other listeners to send in for the booklet '1975 in Prophecy.' The MC of that program thinks you are really making the truth clear."

Woman from Mansfield, Louisiana.

TV Loses Out

"I received a packet from you today containing the May, June and July copies of The PLAIN TRUTH. My 17-year-old daughter nearly 'flipped' when I

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showed her the picture of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong. She was *absolutely* overwhelmed with his handsomeness. This is what she said: 'Well, I just never think of Christians looking like that!' Television lost out tonight to The
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The REAL REASON for CUBAN DISASTER

Was President Kennedy to blame? Many explanations have been published for failure of the Cuban invasion. Not one of them has told the REAL REASON. Here, for the first time, is the PLAIN TRUTH—and WHO was to blame!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE REAL cause for the heaviest blow against United States prestige in our time has never before been told.

Many commentators, politicians and editors have broadcasted and published numerous complicated explanations. Not one of them has told the people the real TRUTH.

Kennedy—CIA—or Cubans?

A flaming article in LOOK magazine says the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) made the fundamental mistake of estimating that a Communist police state defended by 300,000 troops with Russian arms could be overthrown by an invasion force of 1,300 men.

This article also stated that the CIA not only approved such a ridiculously foolhardy plan, but 100 or more Castro spies were allowed to circulate openly and freely in the Florida areas where the invasion was being built up. Consequently, Castro knew everything that was being planned.

Others have laid the blame on the fact that overhead air protection was, in some way, at the last minute withdrawn. Who was guilty of that?

And so it goes. Some blame President Kennedy. Some blame the CIA. Some blame the anti-Castro Cubans. Some lay it to the fact former Batista supporters were allowed to participate. Others that the revolutionary anti-Castro forces inside Cuba were not provided for or supported.

Perhaps some, or many, or all of these were contributing factors to the debacle that dragged United States prestige in the dust. Yet not one of them was the REAL CAUSE.

The TRUTH at Last!

WHY, someone might ask, does *The*

Plain Truth concern itself with world events? We have said that no news reporter, no commentator, no news analyst and no statesman can UNDERSTAND today's news of world happenings, *unless he understands Biblical PROPHECY.*

There is a PURPOSE being worked out here below. God Almighty is seriously concerned! A third of the Bible is PROPHECY of world events.

Most people have been led to assume, from childhood, that neither religion nor GOD are concerned with our business life, our social activities, or the matter of world conditions or of this world's governments. A bigger mistake could not be made.

The Book of Daniel in your Bible has for its central theme the fact that the Creator GOD who *rules* His vast Universe, caused His people Israel and Judah to be conquered and taken as captive and slave peoples; that it was this same universe-ruling God who gave the first world empire to Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and set him on his throne; that it is GOD who is supreme RULER, and who makes and unmakes nations.

The events of this world are all a part of the experiences through which the Eternal GOD is working out His PURPOSE here below!

The very GOSPEL of Jesus Christ was the Gospel of the Kingdom of GOD. And that means the over-all GOVERNMENT—the RULE of God, as well as the fact that the Kingdom of God is a FAMILY, into which we may be BORN—a divine FAMILY which becomes a KINGDOM—and a KINGDOM which RULES!

Now what has all this to do with the Cuban invasion? What has the Cuban military debacle to do with the GOSPEL? EVERYTHING!

Who Determined Outcome

We need, once again, to read what the Eternal GOD says about wars, their outcome, and the plans of nations and empires. The Moffatt translation renders it in a little plainer English. Here it is —Psalm 33:10-19:

"The Eternal wrecks the purposes of pagans, *He brings to nothing what the nations plan*; but the Eternal's purpose stands forever. . . . The Eternal looks from heaven, beholding all mankind; from where He sits, He scans all who inhabit the world; *He who alone made their minds, He notes all they do.* ARMIES DO NOT BRING VICTORY TO A KING, the warrior is not rescued by sheer strength; cavalry are in vain for victory, *there is no winning by the strength of that!* No, the Eternal's eye rests on His worshippers, *who rest their hopes upon His kindness, that HE may rescue them from death . . .*"

The United States as a people has departed SO FAR from its GOD that scarcely anyone in this great nation knows or believes that, today!

Lesson of History

Go back into the historic portions of your Bible. Read the accounts of God's dealing with our forefathers, in ancient Israel. Whenever God ordered Israel to invade a country, even though they attacked with a small force against an army many times their size, as long as they trusted and obeyed and believed in GOD, they won the victory every time. And when they rebelled, or failed to trust God, and attempted to execute their own plans, they were defeated—EVERY TIME!

When three allied armies were marching down to invade Judah, and the Jews were unarmed and helpless, they prayed earnestly to God for protection. God

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The Significance of a Catholic President

Thousands of letters request the true answer. Does Bible prophecy say anything about a Roman Catholic in the White House? Here, then, is the MEANING of today's world news.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHAT, if anything, is the prophetic significance of a Roman Catholic in the White House? Was this definitely foretold in the Bible?

Thousands have requested the answer.

Some appear to fear immediate disaster to the United States as a result. Some, after the election, were emotionally upset. On the other hand, there were enough Americans, evidently, who were sufficiently unperturbed to enable Mr. John F. Kennedy to squeek through into executive control of the government of the United States of America.

Have a Care!

We delayed publishing the answer. We have no desire to enter religious rivalry, or encourage bigotry.

And, even now, we preface the Biblical TRUTH on this situation with this word of caution: God's Word instructs us to show *respect* to every high office!—whether good or bad.

God warns us against speaking evil of dignities (II Pet. 2:10-12; Jude 8-11); or despising *government*. "There is no power but of God" (Rom. 13:8). Jesus told Pilate He could have no power *except it were given him by God*. Regardless, therefore, of what one may think of the Roman Catholic *religion*, the Pope in the Vatican sits in a high office. He could wield no power if it were not allowed by God!

And *never forget!* The office of President of the United States is to be held in high respect and dignity by every true Christian! Regardless of what you may think of the *man*, personally, who occupies that office, he should be accorded high respect. In actuality, *this is showing respect and reverence to GOD, who allows the office to exist.*

God even commands us to *pray* for our worldly rulers. Do *you* do this? I

do not mean agree with or approve—but *pray for them!*

Right here I intend to say something I have been wanting to say for a long time. The practice, in the public press, and among Americans generally of calling Presidents by undignified nicknames has been a shame and disgrace to the United States. Former President Eisenhower was constantly belittled and cheapened by being dubbed "Ike." President Franklin D. Roosevelt was referred to as "F.D.R." President Theodore Roosevelt was called "Teddy." Even though this may have been done affectionately, it cheapened the office in disobedience of God's command.

The Constitution of the United States allows citizens the liberty to disagree with, or to criticize the Administration. That liberty ought to be appreciated. But it can be exercised with dignity.

This teaching is intended to instill the important habitual attitude of respect for authority. The nation as a people has spurned this divine command, and in consequence it has lost respect even for the authority of GOD!

Prophecies Were Closed

Yes, the prophecies in the Bible do have considerable to say about Roman Catholicism, about the Roman Catholic Church, and even about an individual pope—very possibly not yet elected to office. And also the prophecies spread out before our eyes in considerable detail the future course and destiny of the United States.

But is there any prophecy about a Roman Catholic at the helm of the United States government?

Almost none of the Biblical prophecies was understood until after World War I.

WHY? How do we know that? It is

plainly stated in the Scriptures. The prophecies generally were closed up—sealed—locked against human understanding, and the keys to unlock the door not found until after World War I.

The prophet Daniel was given, and told to write, a vital prophetic message. He heard the message he was to write, but, he said, "I understood not." He asked for the explanation, but he was refused.

"Go thy way, Daniel," he was told, "for the words are closed up and sealed *till the time of the end*. . . Shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

We have arrived at that time. We reached it about the time of the first World War. Means of transportation have developed phenomenally, and only in our time—70 to 120-mile an hour automobiles; paved highways; airplanes. Everyone, it seems, is streaking to and fro—in every direction—around the world. There is telephone and telegraph communication around the world. Knowledge is being increased, in every way. Illiteracy is being banished. We have widespread diffusion of knowledge. There have been phenomenal advances in technological and scientific knowledge, secular knowledge—and *Biblical knowledge*.

But why should *we* come into possession of these keys? Why should understanding of the long-sealed prophecies open to *us*? Do all professing Christians have this knowledge today?

Most certainly they do not! And there is a vital reason!

What about the organized and long-established churches and denominations? Have *they* come into this new understanding of that entire third of the Bible devoted to prophecy, now that

God's *time* has come? Have *they* found the keys and unlocked these closed doors?

That can best be answered by another question. Has any such organized church or denomination *changed its doctrines and teachings*—has any publicly confessed its past errors, or publicly proclaimed the discovery of NEW PROPHECIES it had not previously understood? Has any confessed its past ignorance, within the last 50 years? Of course not!

Do you know why?

WHO Can Understand?

There is a reason! Even though God's time has come that these hitherto closed prophecies should be opened, *they are not opened to everybody.*

Notice again Daniel's remarkable prophecy. In the 10th verse of this same 12th chapter, we find the answer: "Many shall be purified and made white and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: *and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*"

Who are the "wicked"? They are those who are sinning—and the Bible definition of sin is "the transgression of the law"—I John 3:4. The churches and denominations almost universally fail to teach obedience to God's Law. Many aggressively oppose such obedience. They argue that God's Law is abolished! Therefore *they cannot understand the prophecies!*

Only the "wise" can now understand. Who, then, does Scripture describe as "the wise"? The 111th Psalm, verse 10, makes this plain: "The fear of the Eternal is the beginning of *wisdom: a good understanding* have all they *that do His commandments.*"

So those who reject God's commandments, teach against them, refuse to *do* them, *cannot understand!* And, even if a denomination does teach such obedience, still, *if it has closed the doors on its doctrines*, and refused to confess error or admit this new light within the past 40 or 50 years, *it cannot understand the prophecies!*

The unconverted carnal mind *cannot understand spiritual prophecies!* (I Cor. 3:10).

The individual must repent and correct false beliefs and wrong actions be-

fore he can receive and be led by God's Holy Spirit. Each organized church or denomination is merely the sum-total of its individuals, collectively. Hence no church or denomination can come into this newly revealed knowledge *unless it has the willingness and the courage* to confess errors and correct wrong teachings, and admit past ignorance and the reception of new knowledge. Every worldly church and denomination teaches a different combination of doctrines from every other. No two agree! Then how many can be *right*—how many can now UNDERSTAND?

The answer is self-evident.

Do *we*, then, the editors of *The Plain Truth*, understand? *WE DO!* We have been willing, through the past 34 years, to confess and repent of errors, and to accept new TRUTH as God has revealed it!

God could not use the human religious organizations of this world. So He has raised up this fast-growing world-wide work as *His very own work*, led by *the living Christ*, empowered by God's SPIRIT, to proclaim Christ's true Gospel that has been hid for 18½ centuries.

That Gospel is the GOOD NEWS of Christ's impending world-ruling KINGDOM OF GOD.

Are we, then, better than others? *By no means!* Are we "smarter" than others? *Certainly not!* Understanding of God's prophecies, and being used in God's service, is not a matter of relative human intellect or ability. Jesus Christ said God *reveals* these things to *babes*, and hides them from the wise and prudent of this world. Understanding comes through God's Spirit—and that from submission to God—willingness to repent—to let God reveal His knowledge, and to lead. It comes only to those willing to OBEY. *THIS IS THE DOING OF GOD*, not man! Man can but be an *instrument* in God's hands—if *he is willing.*

Roman Church Described

The Roman Catholic Church is described so plainly, in Revelation 17:1-5, its identity is unmistakable. It is pictured as a GREAT church. (In Ephesians 5 and II Cor. 11, "woman" symbolizes *a Church*.) It "sits on," or rules over, "many waters." No Scripture

is privately interpreted by itself—but *by other Scriptures.* Thus only GOD, by His Word, is competent to "interpret." Verse 15 says plainly that these waters "are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues"—many nations speaking different languages.

The *true* Church Jesus Christ built is described in prophecy as a "little flock"—persecuted by the world—not ruling its governments. It is His affianced BRIDE (Ephesians 5:23-32) to be married to Christ at His coming (Rev. 19:7). Christ is coming as KING of kings to rule all nations (Rev. 19:15-16). For a Gentile church to make such a political "marriage" with kingdoms of *this* world is spiritual FORNICATION, having been unfaithful to Christ, and having committed fornication with the kings of the earth, over whom she ruled (Rev. 17:1-2).

Jesus Christ said *His* kingdom is *not of this world.* Secondly, the true Church founded by Christ is subject to Him as KING—but "Mother Rome" "wore the pants"—she "sat on," or ruled over, these many nations speaking different languages, and over their governments.

Again, these civil governments, when united into an Empire, are symbolized in this prophecy as a "Beast." This symbol, "Beast" is identified in Rev. 13 as the government empowered by Satan the devil. It is the composite of the 4th "Beast" of Daniel 7. The four wild animals of Daniel 7 are symbolized as the four phases of the great metallic image of Daniel 2, where they are literally identified as the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar's BABYLON, succeeded by the Persian, then the Greco-Macedonian, and finally the ROMAN EMPIRE. The fourth is the Roman Empire.

The Roman Empire, then, is the composite "Beast" of Rev. 13. It was to have a "deadly wound" (verse 3)—that is, it would fall as an Empire—but its deadly wound would be healed—that is, the Empire would be revived.

The "Beast" of Rev. 17 is this resurrected (healed) Beast. The Roman Empire fell in 476 A.D. It was restored in 554 by Justinian, at the behest of the Pope of Rome. Justinian's Empire was ruled over by the Pope. Succeeding rulers were crowned by the Pope. But this
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7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—

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RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—6:00 p.m. Saturdays.

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

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

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

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

RADIO CARAIBES—Santa Lucia, W.I.—840 kc.—10:05 p.m. Thursdays.

In Spanish—

RADIO SWAN—Swan Island—1160 kc.—9:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

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

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

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

In French—

RADIO CARAIBES—Santa Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—9:45 a.m., Mon.; 10:05 p.m. Wed.

A hundred of our men would put an army of ten thousand to flight. But IF we forgot HIM as our God, and disobey, and cease trusting in HIM, He said, among many other things, that He would BREAK THE PRIDE OF OUR POWER! (Lev. 26:19.) Our prestige would be dragged in the dust. We would eventually be invaded and CONQUERED, and made a SLAVE PEOPLE!

The Handwriting on the Wall

People of America—of Britain—of Canada, Australia, South Africa—of northwest Europe! In the name of Jesus Christ, as His called and chosen minister, I am commissioned to give you solemn WARNING! God says you are a stiff-necked, rebellious, hard-hearted people who will not heed. But I WARN you, whether or not you will listen! THE HANDWRITING IS NOW ON THE WALL!

The REAL BLAME for the Cuban debacle is on *YOU—ALL OF YOU!*

You have departed from your living GOD! You are worshipping at the shrine of pleasure, luxurious living, material interests! You are in a moral toboggan-slide, and although your lands are full of churches, wherein you conduct pagan worship, your lands are also full of fornication and adultery, full of crime, of vanity, greed and selfishness—full of lying, dishonesty and graft, full of cheating, stealing, and murder—full even of injustice in your courts!

Your ministers and your organized religions teach that God's spiritual LAWS are done away. You profane His Sabbath, you profane His holy tithe of your money, and His holy NAME! You teach your children materialism, and base your public school systems—your colleges and universities—on the concept of evolution which denies the existence of the Creator, and on the pagan philosophies of the ancient Greeks and Romans.

Your lands are debauched with sin. You put your trust in foreign "allies" in direct disobedience to GOD's COMMANDS, and therefore they shall turn against you and devour you! You trust in steel, in armaments, in the products of your exalted science and technology for protection and peace, *instead of in the LIVING GOD!*

You profess to be God's people—you mention Him in your prayers, *but not*

CUBAN DISASTER

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told them to start marching toward the advancing armed hordes, singing praises to God. When they did this, the three armies began fighting one another. By the time the unarmed praise-singing Jews met them, the last two soldiers had

killed each other!

God said to OUR PEOPLE that IF we would obey Him, have no other gods before Him—KEEP HIS SABBATH from polluting it, we should prosper, and have peace. Five of us could chase a hundred.

in sincerity or in TRUTH! You have a FORM of godliness in your churches and synagogues—but you DENY THE POWER OF GOD, and fail utterly to RELY ON IT! Your preachers preach lies, and you love to have it so!

So, whether you will listen, or whether you will suffer GOD'S PUNISHMENT to the end that you shall be brought to your senses and into salvation, HEAR THIS, O ISRAEL OF THE LAST HALF OF THE 20th CENTURY A.D.!

The REAL REASON for the Cuban disaster is simply that you have turned from your GOD—and He has turned from *you!* He, who alone made your MINDS—He notes all *you* do! Military victories are not won by armies, or by force of arms. The Eternal GOD determines the outcome of wars! It is HE—the God you have forsaken—who gives victory or defeat!

His holy WORD says so! But you no longer *tremble* before the Word of God!

God Almighty says in His Word, which you ignore and reject, that IF you turn from Him in the way that you have done—IF you profane His holy things, and trust in gods of munitions and enemy "allies"—that He will break the pride of your POWER! He will cause your prestige to be dragged in the mire, until you are ridiculed and held in scornful contempt by other nations.

This He is now doing. But *still* you will not heed!

So, finally, HE WILL CAUSE YOUR VERY ALLIES—the false gods in whom you trust—TO INVADE AND CONQUER YOU AND MAKE YOU THEIR SLAVES!

The ancient Egyptians worshipped false gods. The Eternal God of our fathers sent PLAGUES on them—caused these very gods in whom they trusted to torment and torture them!

He did this for the very reason He is humiliating the United States today, and withholding further military victories—to the end that our people shall come to *know* that HE is God—to bring us back to HIM—to bring us to salvation and eternal happiness and joy!

Unless or until the United States as a whole repents and returns to what has become a hollow slogan on its dollars: "In GOD we trust," the United States of America *has won its last war!*

I said that when we failed to win in

Korea! I have said it as we have lost every round of the COLD WAR with Russia! I say it again, now that the United States government endorsed this Cuban fiasco—its President gave the "Go-Ahead"—and God, the GOD AMERICA

HAS DESERTED, gave it its most humiliating defeat! What does the Cuban debacle MEAN?

It means, Mr. and Mrs. United States, that THE HANDWRITING IS ON YOUR WALL!

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

Today, is not Egypt the most heavily populated nation in the Middle East? Yet in your booklet "Proof of the Bible" you quote Ezekiel 29:15 to show God said that He would diminish the Egyptians and make it a base kingdom. Has this prophecy been broken?

The Bible means what it says. Today, Egypt is populated mainly by Arabs, not Egyptians. The Egyptians, upon whom God pronounced this curse, are called Copts today.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, the *Copts* in Egypt—not the Arabs—are the racial representatives of the ancient Egyptians. In the article "Copts" the Encyclopedia acknowledges: "... the Copts have undoubtedly preserved the race of the Egyptians as it existed at the time of the *Arab conquest* in remarkable purity."

Further proof of this is found in the book *The Nile* by E. A. Wallis Budge. On page 331, he states: "The Copts are direct descendants from the ancient Egyptians." He further admits, on page 333: "The Coptic language is, at base, ancient Egyptian. Many of the nouns and verbs found in the Hieroglyphic texts remain unchanged in Coptic..."

Notice how this ties in with the prophecy of Ezekiel 29:15.

First of all, God said he would diminish the Egyptians—not the Arabs who later invaded the country. When this prophecy was written by Ezekiel there were approximately 7,000,000 Egyptians or Copts. *Today, there remain only one million.* There are *seven times* fewer Egyptians today than there were when this curse was pronounced. And not only that! Only one out of every

twenty-four inhabitants of Egypt is a true Egyptian! The rest are Arabs, the descendants of Ishmael, Abram's son. In their own country the descendants of the ancient Egyptians are outnumbered twenty-three to one by Arab foreigners who have come in and taken over the country.

This prophecy further states that the Egyptians shall no more rule over the nations. This has been strikingly fulfilled! Almost every political office in Egypt is filled by an Arab. Gamal Abdel Nasser, ruler of Egypt, is an Arab. The Copts not only do not rule over the nations—they don't even rule in their own country.

They were prophesied to be a base kingdom, a low, subservient people. Most of the Copts are scribes or handicraftsmen and in those capacities they serve the Arabs. They are low in every sense of the word—even in their work.

Most of the Copts have adopted a form of the "Christian" religion. In a country that is almost entirely Moslem, this has caused them constant persecution. They are sneered at because of their religion. They are looked down upon because of their occupations. They have become a people cursed by God.

As a final clincher, Ezekiel prophesied that the Egyptians would return, after being led into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar, into the land of Pathros (verse 4). Pathros is in *Upper Middle Egypt*. The majority of the Copts live in UPPER MIDDLE EGYPT! There is even a village named Coptos located 25 miles north-east of Thebes.

This prophecy has been fulfilled, point by point—exactly as Ezekiel prophesied! THE SCRIPTURE CANNOT BE BROKEN!

BERLIN...Crisis or Colossus?

Here, from the heart of the city that stands as a symbol of the future freedom of Germany and all the West, is a report of the real significance behind the headlines that herald the coming crisis of Berlin.

by David Jon Hill

West Berlin:

BERLIN" and "crisis" have become synonymous! The most discussed and best advertised crisis since World War II is the impending historic decision to take place this November in Berlin. Militarily, the dangers are painfully clear—if war starts willfully over West Berlin, a hydrogen-holocaust could bring an end to this world's civilization!

The heroic struggle of day-to-day living in a city surrounded by a countryside dominated by fear and oppression has brought the average Berliner to the limelight as the stalwart champion of the West against the aggression of Communism. Berlin has become a SYMBOL, not just a city! Headlines of the Western World portray Berlin as the HINGE OF FREEDOM.

Only if the West stands firm in its policy on Berlin can there be any hope of future peace, scream the editorials of all the papers from the United States, England and throughout the Continent. In one accord all agree that *Berlin* must be the banner of Western unity.

All Germans ignore the fact that Bonn is, in name, the capital of West Germany, and clamor for a united Germany with Berlin once more as its capital.

Inside Berlin

Being in this city of crisis brings understanding of the meaning behind it. As soon as you enter Germany, the tempo of life picks up; you are surrounded by an atmosphere of *industry*. Every scene is dominated by a smoke-stack. Heavy trucks rumble down the autobahns and crowd the city streets. In some cities like Cologne, the shoppers swarm so thickly that entire streets are blocked from auto traffic and turned into malls to facilitate buying and selling. Barges crowd one another on the rivers and canals . . . always five or ten in sight; while trains run incessantly on double and triple track networks, heav-



Deutsche Presse-Agentur Photo

American soldiers rush across access route through Eastern Germany to Berlin. Presence of NATO troops bolstered Berliners.

ily loaded with the food, fuel and products of industry.

West Berlin is not only busy and industrious, but urgently so. Of all the German cities I have seen, this city is the most apparently busy; with the widest streets, the most traffic, more hustle-bustle, drive, energy and vigor. Broadly designed, brilliantly lit avenues advertise and flaunt the energy and industry of the Western half of Germany in the face of the East!

In West Berlin, you must look hard to find a trace of the war. An empty plot of ground from time to time, a ruin or two, all neatly cleaned around. But other than this, nothing but gleaming steel and glass buildings, newer than most of those in U.S. cities, pleasingly meet the eye. The only noticeable reminder of the war is a monument which dominates the Kurfürstendamm Strasse: the half-bombed, gutted remains of a once-proud church . . . magnificently surrounded by a beautiful tower of new

concrete and steel in the front, and a great auditorium at the rear of the ruins: symbol of the phoenix-like resurgence of Germany!

East Germany, on the other hand, is a chaotic opposite! Even from the air it was obvious when the border was crossed. Traffic ceased on all the roads . . . only an occasional tractor or bus visible.

But East Berlin is even more of a shock! Brandenburg gate marks the dividing line. On the West side, a broad tree-lined avenue coming from a new and gleaming, bustling city; then suddenly on the East side, RUBBLE!

No effort has been made to remove the loose material. A forlorn wall stands with twisted and rusted steel girders thrust into the air; bricks, mortar and *even pieces of broken furniture* heaped in ruin beside the wall, JUST AS IT WAS WHEN THE LAST BOMB FELL! If part of a building's innards gushes onto the sidewalk, the people walk a

little closer to the street.

Up and down the Wilhelm Strasse, the street on which all the government buildings once stood, lie nothing but ruins . . . only *one* building has been restored; THE PROPAGANDA MINISTRY! . . . and it is now used to house the Communist Propaganda Machine!

One street east, the greatest hotel of Berlin once stood. Now its two gigantic wings are nine-tenths rubble. And over heaps of grass-grown ruin you can look up to story after story of many rooms smashed in two . . . just like a cutaway view, ALL THE SMOKE-DARKENED AND DISARRAYED FURNITURE STILL VISIBLE! Yet around the corner, in the driveway to the front of the hotel, smashed bricks and stone have been cleared just enough to let one car pass through, and the part of the hotel not *completely* ruined is *still being used*. It is incongruous, almost indescribable . . . to see people standing in the window of a room four stories up, that from that distance looks too *narrow* to live in, because the right hand edge of the building is jagged, blasted. A few pots of flowers in the windows make the scene pitiful.

I recently taxied through East Berlin, driving up one street and down another, crisscrossing that entire sector of the city. In most areas, there was nothing but demoralizing rubble and ruin. The opera house has been restored, but not a single church. The university buildings have been redone, but miles of the business district is a crumbled heap.

Traffic was scarce, occasional. None of the corner signals were working. The populace that was visible was on foot, walking aimlessly, it seemed to me, certainly dejected, poorly clothed, no smiles to be seen! Many were pulling or pushing hand carts.

Then, there stands Stalin Allee, proud showcase of the People's Democracy of East Germany. For two miles along this street, and *this street alone*, all of the old buildings are gone, and new, but not gleaming—not much steel and very little glass—buildings of Soviet design stand in endless monotony, lining the street on both sides. Imagine the most drab, square, box-like, concrete building you have ever seen, ten stories high; and duplicate it over and over and you

will have a good picture of this "showcase" street.

Here at the western edge of this street I saw some of the only active construction evident in East Berlin. A very crude crane mounted on a small, jeep-like vehicle was hoisting up prefabricated sections of the same obnoxious design as the rest of all these buildings. Men were fitting the pieces into place . . . a crude structure. I could see why it took so long to do any rebuilding in the East!

As we drove to the center of town these "new" buildings began to look progressively older, some obviously repaired, yet only ten years old!

Because the stores are state owned and there is no competition, no effort was made to make the merchandise attractive. One dreary window after another sparsely scattered with pitifully few goods present a striking contrast to the luxury-filled windows that pleasantly greet the eye in West Berlin.

Because every store looked alike, and because there were very few people on the streets shopping, we drove quickly through this *one* built-up area and on to the streets where the people live. Here, in half-gutted buildings with plainly visible pockmarks from the bullets and shells of the war, lives the East German worker. No effort to erase even the outward signs of war had been made.

People walking on the streets or leaning out of windows gave every impression of a disheartened, hopeless and helpless state. An atmosphere that permeates the entire city!

Difference Basic

The startling difference in *every* aspect of life is outstanding . . . AND BASIC! It is not just an outward thing of buildings and deserted streets, but a very motivating basic principle, a different *way of life*! Berlin is divided arbitrarily. Both East and West Berliners are German, but the *WAY* of Communism dominates the East Berliner, makes him prisoner to the slow, groping efforts of a state paralyzed and dominated by fear.

However, the bustling economy of West Germany is different not only from that of East Germany, but dif-

ferent—and basically—from the economy of the United States or Great Britain. Believe it or not, it is a PROPHESED DIFFERENCE! You need to understand the meaning of today's headlines in the light of these prophecies . . . to *know* how the Berlin crisis will eventually work out!

Why Crisis Headlines?

Is it because the "German miracle" could collapse if half of one city were lost to the Communists? NO! Is it because West Berlin is so important strategically and militarily to the defence of the rest of Europe? NO!

The fight for a free Berlin is *political*. Berlin is a *SYMBOL*.

No one would deny its political aspects. But few realize Berlin's symbolic value as a trump-card in the world economic struggle.

Berlin seems to be the only place where the West (principally the United States) is determined to draw a definite line against Communist expansion. Korea, Viet Nam, Hungary and Laos all stand (or lie) as monuments to the inability of the West (chiefly the United States) to stand firm. Chaos in the Congo only shocked the U.S. into paying the UN military bill for doing absolutely nothing. The Cuban debacle has left Uncle Sam red with embarrassment, sick with disappointment and helpless in frustration.

The "Red Tide" must be stopped somewhere . . . BUT WHY BERLIN?

BECAUSE A PROPAGANDA MACHINE WHICH BEGAN FUNCTIONING BEFORE THE FALL OF THE THIRD REICH HAS CONSISTENTLY WARNED THAT THE *ONLY* ENEMY TO FEAR IS COMMUNISM. THE *ONLY* ESCAPE FROM THAT COMMUNISM IS A FIRM STAND BY A UNIFIED EUROPE. GERMANY HAS STOOD IN ALL HISTORY IN THE ROLE OF THE "BULWARK AGAINST THE EAST." THEREFORE THE THING TO DO IS TO STAND BEHIND GERMANY . . . AND THE *SYMBOL* OF GERMANY IS BERLIN!

For more than a dozen years millions of words have been published in thousands of articles by hundreds of newspapers and periodicals, and now the course has been set, the die cast: Berlin must be defended or the West will die!



Wide World Photo

American military units on guard along the West Berlin-East German border. Few people are really aware that it was a city isolated from the rest of Germany—like Berlin now is—that sparked World War II. That city was Danzig. Khrushchev wants Berlin like Hitler wanted Danzig.

Beyond any doubt Communism is the enemy of freedom everywhere!

BUT, a greater and more imminent threat to the security of world peace has been created by American dollars and native work and ingenuity in the heart of Europe . . . and Berlin is its symbol!

The United States (and Great Britain) face an irreconcilable situation. They must fight for Berlin or be intimidated and finally conquered by the Soviet system . . . yet if they fight for Berlin they face ultimate ECONOMIC EXTINCTION at the hands of the already powerful "Third World Force": Euromart . . . the coming UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

There is no *pleasing* solution to the Berlin Crisis for America!

Understand World News

"While attention is centered on

Soviet Russia and U.S. as the world's Big Two . . . A *powerful force to DWARF* Russia is beginning to take form . . . The story is told in figures, in the vital statistics of a *potential COLOSSUS!*" (U.S. News and World Report). That power is the Common Market, with Germany at its head!

Mr. Macmillan recognizes that the Common Market is forcing Britain into, as he said, "The most important decision of the century!"

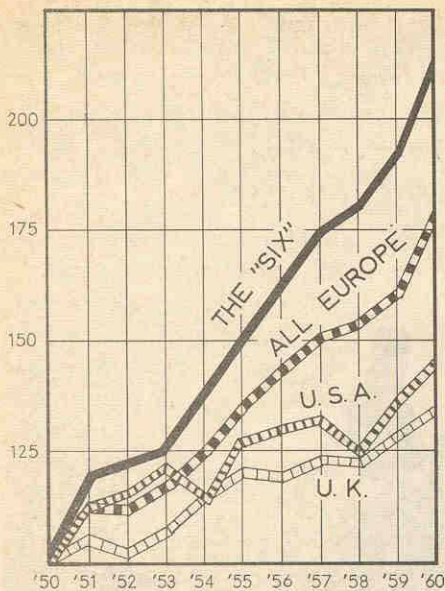
Look at the increases in exports of manufactured goods between 1957 and 1960: The United States: 4 per cent; Great Britain: 9 per cent; GERMANY: 36 per cent (that figure does not include the increases of the other members of Euromart; France: 51 per cent for example)!

The United States has lost to Germany the lead in exports of machine tools: Germany, 31 per cent; United

States, 28 per cent . . . and Britain trailing a miserable third with 12 per cent.

"Great Britain is worried about being swamped in the wake of West Europe's phoenix-like emergence . . . not only is the political nature of the Common Market a stumbling block before Great Britain, but Euromart's ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY IS EQUALLY UNCOMPROMISING" (Christian Science Monitor—emphasis mine). THE REAL WORLD WAR, BEING WAGED NOW, IS A WORLD TRADE WAR! And America and Britain have long since lost the offensive!

Tough cash curbs lie ahead for Britain as Macmillan struggles to sustain the Pound Sterling against the encroachment of inflation. A crushing blow to British economy was dealt by the U.S.A.! In the interest of the fast-failing health of the American dollar,



Any way you look at it, you find the Common Market nations—"The Six"—far in advance in industrial production. The remainder of western Europe is second and then follows the United States and Great Britain.

Washington decided to bring home thousands of U.S. Air Force men and their multiple thousands of dependents. In the next year dozens of American Air Force bases in Britain will be closed. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be subtracted from the English economy.

To create a stopgap to this near-disastrous move, Britain will fulfill the Bible prophecy that labels her as a "silly dove" (Hos. 7:11) and offer these deserted bases and other areas for the training of GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS!

Sick with shock, a famous Polish ex-bomber pilot, living now in Pembroke, witnessed a sight he never dreamed he'd see—a situation he had many times risked his life to keep from being a reality—a German soldier of the tank troops shaking hands and talking jovially to the citizens of Pembroke in Wales! This soldier was the public-relations feeler, the *shock-trooper*, sent there ahead of time to determine the average citizen's outlook toward an "invasion" of German tank crews this fall—coming to "train" in Wales!

The Polish bomber pilot's only remark was "I never thought I would live to see this. I have nothing against the young Germans. But rearming them as

we are today is like *handing a loaded gun to a convicted murderer!*" Almost apologetically he added: "But I only speak as a foreigner."

With the American economy in debt to the tune of ONE TRILLION DOLLARS and the interest alone draining away \$17,000 EACH MINUTE; with the entire economy geared to defence production in the arms race with Russia; with only a "gentleman's agreement" keeping foreign countries from demanding gold for their dollars, the United States faces an ever-widening gap, losing every lead she ever had in the field of world trade.

THE ECONOMY AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND GERMANY IS BASED ON WORLD TRADE! The American economy feeds on *itself*, thrives by *internal* prosperity . . . AND THE DEFENCE-BASED AMERICAN ECONOMY WOULD SHATTER INTO CHAOS IF THE WAR THREAT WERE TO LET UP!

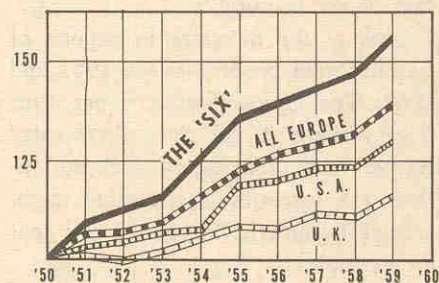
Key to a Colossus

Here is the KEY: Germany's economy thrives on *outside* trade, which is augmented by every hint of peace. American economy thrives on a defence industry augmented by every hint of crisis and war. And here is how BERLIN figures in: Berlin has for years been the one *perennial* problem, the annual crisis to spur the fantastic flow of BILLIONS in U.S. aid which put a "made in U.S.A." stamp on the German recovery "miracle!"

The entire American economy fluctuates with the fortunes of Berlin!

"Europeans are now convinced that America is broke and that they should take advantage of (them) as the last of a vanishing breed, the rich American!" (Pasadena *Star News*.)

SINCE GERMANY CANNOT DRAIN



In world trade the British are woefully behind. Again in the lead are the Common Market nations.

MANY MORE DOLLARS OUT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND SINCE HER ECONOMY IS BASED ON WORLD TRADE WHICH CAN BEST BE CARRIED ON IN PEACE . . . SHE MUST LOOK TO THE EAST . . . AND MAKE PEACE!

Revelation 18:11-15 shows the coming "Beast power" in Europe to be a powerful TRADING combine of nations. Ezekiel 27, the entire chapter, pictures this same power as carrying on fantastic trade with the whole world . . . with "Tubal and Meshech" known to all Bible scholars as the hordes of the Russian East. Therefore, Germany at the head of a combined Europe, making up the most formidable trading power this world has ever seen, is forced to come to terms with Russia . . . AND BERLIN IS HER TRUMP CARD FOR COMING TO TERMS THAT WILL BE AGREEABLE WITH HER!

Crisis Resolved

Europe must make peace, even if a shaky one, with the East to open up that vast market. This will be pleasing to the Communists, because it will give them time to consolidate what they have conquered, at the same time that it gives to their disgruntled populations the consumer goods they have been crying for . . . from the factories of Europe!

At the same time, the easing of crisis in Berlin and to the East will so cripple the American economy as to make it a power no longer to be reckoned with on the world scene.

And Berlin, instead of being a handicap to Germany and Europe, becomes her *key to world power!*

What Can You Do?

Look to the headlines of your daily newspaper, and realize that these are not empty words, but the living dynamic fulfillment of prophecies made by an all-knowing God. The only safety left is to seek God's protection! He will not leave world power in the hands of the Russians and the "Beast" for long . . . just a "short hour" . . . and His dire warning to all who will hear and heed is, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues!" (Rev. 18:4.)

Our VICTIMIZED CHILDREN!

America LEADS THE WORLD IN CRIME and in juvenile delinquency. The real CAUSE is a stern indictment against child psychologists and those who have advocated a "no discipline" method of child-rearing! Read this shocking exposé of the real culprits behind our crescendo of crime!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

PUNISHMENT," whine the child psychologists, "should not appear in our dictionaries!" Thus the gullible, untrained, inexperienced parents of the last few decades were warned against the fearsome, unpredictable evils of parental discipline—usually in ANY form!

In the last installment, we saw spanking, or "corporal punishment" as it is often called by the child theorists, impugned. We saw it labeled as bestial, inhumane, brutal, unreasonable, absurd, useless and harmful! We saw parents urged to "reason" with their tiny infants of just months, threatened with demented, fearsome, perverted, psychotic children if the brutal practice of punishment by spanking were used.

We read, from many documented sources, the combined attacks on the "old fashioned" methods of child rearing from men and women doctors, social workers, child psychologists and a host of others.

Now, in this issue, we shall see the real *outcome* of their teachings.

We shall see what has been *produced* from the modern concepts of permissive child-rearing, and the documented, tangible *results* that have been achieved.

Our Brutal Schoolchildren

Permissive parents, swallowing the slop of satanic licentiousness preached by the "learned" child psychologists, are desperately anxious to get *rid* of the responsibility of child training.

Today, a new trend has appeared in elementary education. Increasingly, modern parents now "farm out" their children, abdicating their parental responsibility, by placing them in nursery schools, "day schools" and "kindergartens" even two and three years before the primary grades! Usually this is to permit both parents to work, or free the mother for "more important" activities than taking care of her own children.

Parents are laboring under the assumption that the *school* teachers, somehow, through some special kinds of formulae or magic, will make perfect little ladies and gentlemen out of their children where the parents are unable.

Is this assumption true? *Can* the elementary and high schools take children from a permissive home and then educate them, civilize them, dignify them with propriety and etiquette?

Listen to these frank admissions from those who really *know*!

A high school teacher with more than 20 years experience wrote a shocking letter which gained front page prominence in a Southern California newspaper. She wrote: "I am a high school teacher in San Diego and have been for 20 years. When I read of the 'juvenile jungle' I thought, 'This is not as unusual as the public wants to believe.'"

"I can parallel nearly every incident with my own experiences. And the recent publicity schools have received is tame compared to what many teachers experience quite ordinarily.

"If a tape recording were made of many of the periods I have taught in the last 10 years in San Diego, the public would have some idea of actual youthful standards of behavior at school.

"And our problems are not made lighter by central headquarters.

"I have found it useless to recommend suspension or expulsion of students who misbehave because we are just not backed up by higher headquarters. We can do little more than threaten. I have found, and have heard other teachers complain that administrators often take the word of the rowdies over that of the teacher."

Notice it! This teacher has had many years of *experience*. Her testimony, therefore, carries a great deal of weight. She, together with most others of her profession, are trying to give the parents

the *results* they want in their children, but by admittedly *weak, insipid, idiotic, unrealistic, permissive methods*!

This teacher, together with many, many others, *especially* those in large city schools such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, complain bitterly of NO BACKING. The parents "take their children's part" *against* the teacher. And, because most school boards, PTA groups, and other associations in the educational field are made up of NON-PROFESSIONALS who *have no idea* of the *actual* problems of the classroom, the teachers find themselves stripped of real authority—left to deal with hoodlums and future criminals *on their own terms*.

This teacher went on to say, "And it doesn't take the youngsters long to realize our threats are empty ones without backing from central headquarters. Since January 1, here are some of my classroom experiences:

"I have heard several boys say in class that their one ambition is to 'kill a cop.' I have seen switchblade knives in my room and have sent boys to the principal's office with them.

"Occasionally I have seen cigarettes lighted up during classes. I frequently have escorted boys and girls to the vice-principal's office for smoking in the lavatories and corridors.

"I have taken many packages of cigarettes from students in school.

"On report card day I gave out cards to those present. A boy arrived 40 minutes late.

"He rarely puts in more than an hour and one-half a week of the five he is supposed to be present because his friends carouse at night and he seldom gets in before two a.m. and finds it hard to get up in time for the eight o'clock class.

His grade was 'F' in scholarship and 'F' in citizenship, with the comment that he had not been in attendance

enough to know what the assignments were, let alone to do them.

"He swore and stormed from the room. Later, the attendant's office told me there had been a regular run of students without passes who had rushed into her office to berate 'the stupid teachers' who did not appreciate them, and demanding justice from the vice-principal.

"One boy took one look at his report card and said, 'My dad isn't going to like this, and boy, has he got a vocabulary!' The boy came to my class after the weekend, to tell me, true to his prophecy, his father had given me the full benefit of his rich vocabulary.

"How can kids have respect for teachers when parents do not?" (p. 1, *San Diego Evening Tribune*, February 20, 1956).

Do you see? Here is only one more case of the multiple MILLIONS of parents who take the word of their children (WHO WILL AND DO LIE TO THEIR PARENTS) over that of the teacher!

What an example!

This parent *cursed*, using filthy and FOUL language toward the boy's teacher—thus instilling a deep-seated attitude of SELF-JUSTIFICATION, of RESENTMENT toward constituted authority in his boy! Parents who impugn policemen, teachers, government officials, and all those in positions of professional authority are unconsciously, ignorantly *teaching* their children to HATE authority!

Is it any wonder boys in this teacher's classroom say they "*want to KILL a cop?*"

This teacher complains of no authority from the school officials, of no backing from the parents at home. Bear in mind, the very FIRST constituted authority with which the child comes in contact is that in the *home*! But if no such authority EXISTS in the home—or if it is totally *upside-down*, as has been discussed, how can the child be expected to respect ANY authority?

She went on to say: "My tenth graders tell me repeatedly they never eat with their folks, don't see them often, and feel home is only a place to get away from fast and as much as possible. They don't feel comfortable with their parents, they say.

"When I comment on student behavior, they tell me I am an 'old square,' and 'Boy, you should hurry up and retire.' One Saturday, I met one of my previous year's pupils with two of his friends. He said: 'Oh, no, not you! Hey, fellows, remember that crazy, mixed up teacher I told you about? Well this is it. We sure straightened you out and showed you what teen-agers are really like, didn't we? But, you know you talked stuff about character, honesty and junk!'

"I have often suggested to my students that their lives were inadequate and that their parents were worth knowing. But they always howled that no adults are worth attention, and that if they must tolerate adults, teachers are the least offensive of the evil things, but perish the thought of having their parents near them at a school party or dance.

"They do not want anyone telling them how to behave or what to do. They often scream about the 'unjust curfew law,' jeer about probation officers, juvenile court judges and persons who sit in authority" (p. a-6, *San Diego Evening Tribune*, February 20, 1956).

Here, then, are the PRODUCTS of the permissive teaching of today! Here is the real RESULT of our insane hatred of authority, punishment, positive, authoritative teaching! *What about* it? Could these be YOUR children? Will your children grow up with their pliable minds filled to overflowing with television violence, comic-book sadism, parental indolence and resentment toward authority—and someday tell their teacher they want to KILL A COP?

Think about it!

Lack of Authority in the Courts

Judge Samuel S. Liebowitz, who has presided for many years over Brooklyn's Kings County Court, one of the busiest criminal courts in the United States, has already been quoted extensively in this work. However, Judge Liebowitz's experiences are singularly important, in that he has seen a never-ending parade of youthful criminals before his bench for a period of many years. He says, noting the *ultimate results* of the total lack of respect for authority and discipline by many parents and the hollow

methods used to curb offenders: "The really alarming feature is this rapidly increasing incidence of serious criminal conduct in the teen-age groups and particularly the younger teen-agers—that plus the fact that the whole thing is treated much too casually, much too permissively, with these dangerous youngsters being turned loose time after time with hardly a slap on the wrist. Naturally, they can have nothing but contempt for a law and a system which has no backbone—no conviction of any sort—in it."

In commenting on the attempt to conduct juvenile courts in an informal way, in order to comply with the wishes of child psychologists who assure us that "feelings of guilt" over wrong doings may lead to horrifying neuroses and psychological quirks, Judge Liebowitz commented: "Today we are up against a tough, cynical young criminal. And what is the atmosphere in these courtrooms? Since the advent of these special juvenile courts, it has been the fashion to conduct the proceedings with an air of the utmost informality. Even the court attendants are prohibited from wearing uniforms. The judge sits behind a desk with as little formality as a clerk in an office.

"In my judgment, this is just plain foolishness. In our large cities, cases are rushed through with the speed of an express train. The volume of business is terrific; the probation service woefully understaffed and underpaid; the care and attention that can therefore be given to each defendant must of necessity be inadequate. To the young offender this whole process of going through the machinery of justice is just a huge farce. This informal courtroom atmosphere is certainly not calculated to impress the young criminal with the dignity and solemnity of the law" (p. 65, *U. S. News & World Report*, January 14, 1955).

Judge Liebowitz was then asked: "Then you feel that the friendly and casual procedures in the juvenile courts are all wrong?"

He answered: "Absolutely! I firmly believe that that is one of the major causes that tended to encourage the experienced young criminal in his disrespect for law and order and thus to continue in his career of crime" (p. 65,

U. S. News & World Report, January 14, 1955).

The Parents Are Responsible

These courtroom procedures follow exactly the suggestions of theorists quoted in the last installment, who promulgate *no punishment* for deliberate rebelliousness in the home. The shameful pity of it all is shown further by the college degrees in "child therapy" and "child psychology" or other degrees in psychology permitting licensed work as behaviourists in police departments and criminal courts.

These products of a permissive age believe that even the sight of a *UNIFORM* is liable to induce uncontrollable feelings of "guilt" and emotional conflicts deep within the labyrinths of the tortured young minds they're trying so hard to "understand."

Thus, they have stripped even the juvenile courts of any vestige of authority. They reason, since it is *HUMAN NATURE* to rebel against authority—*IF YOU REMOVE THE AUTHORITY YOU REMOVE THE REBELLION!*

By this exact reasoning — *MURDER, RAPE, ARSON and MAYHEM* could be justified!

But do the law enforcement officials actually link these criminal tendencies and the young hoodlums of today to the lack of parental control? In an interview with State's Attorney John Gutknecht, a Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago for eighteen years, the *U.S. News & World Report* asked: "Don't the parents understand the juvenile-delinquency problem?"

Judge Gutknecht answered: "The average parent is very much interested in this problem. He is very co-operative on general issues. You meet him at a PTA meeting and he is with you 100 per cent. He thinks it's happening all around him, but can't happen to his own child.

"Then the day comes that he comes into court with his own child, and he is often as irrational as a mother lion with her cubs—purely defensive, not recognizing that the reason the child can fight society is that the child too often successfully fought his parents" (p. 69, *U.S. News & World Report*, January 14, 1955).

Are you a parent who is convinced *your child* could not possibly become delinquent? Law enforcement officials definitely *DO* place the blame for today's lawless youths on *wrong standards in the home*. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation wrote: "We seem to have misplaced the sense of values which made this a great nation. Self-indulgence and the principle of pleasure before duty on a vast and growing scale have become a phenomenon of our adult world. These are warning symptoms of the 'decadence disease'—which has contributed to the decay of so many civilizations throughout history.

"When children, without discipline and without moral standards implanted by a stable home, are thrust into a culture in which pressures from every direction promote the principle of self-indulgence, what reaction can be expected? To such children, restraints are unbearable. When they want something, they take it."

Vitally important words! Read this strikingly accurate statement again! Notice that the chief of one of the world's most respected police organizations, and a foremost advocate of the right and true principles of obedience and respect for law, indicts our very *culture!*

Who Is Guilty?

As we have seen, in *great detail*, in past issues of this series of articles, it is the *great guilt* of *SOCIETY* that we have bred a generation of vicious criminals!

It is our very social structure, our entertainment world, our family life, our moral standards, our advertising gimmicks, our selfish, self-indulgent, carnal, lustful degenerate *WAY OF LIFE* that is responsible! But, plainly—it is more than this. It is *not* merely the guilt of intangibles. It is *not* the fault of mere "culture" or "society." For every single youthful criminal, every juvenile delinquent, every disobedient, hostile and undisciplined youth, *IT IS THE DIRECT, INESCAPABLE GUILT OF HIS OWN PARENTS!*

"Ye shall know them by their *fruits*," said Jesus!

Our children are our fruit—the very fruit of our own bodies, our own per-

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sonalities, our own likes and dislikes, our resentments and fears, our habits and our morals!

Our children have been *VICTIMIZED*. This does not mean they are to share *NO BLAME!* But it *does* mean the *responsibility* is that of the parents!

Notice Mr. Hoover's further statements:

"These children are victims in a very real sense. They are the victims of a society which has substituted indulgence for discipline. They are the victims of a breakdown of authority and moral standards in the home, in the neighborhood and—too frequently—in the entire community. And they are the victims of those practitioners of expediency who have blurred the line between right and wrong, good and evil" (*Counter Attack on Juvenile Delinquency*, p. 3, Hoover).

Nothing could so aptly describe the amazing quotations from the child psychologists we have already quoted than "practitioners of expediency who have blurred the line between right and wrong!"

Do you really comprehend this clear, inescapable truth?

Our very society has been led into a vortex of insidious decay! We have allowed ourselves to become the *DUPES* of the very Devil himself, with his

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Will You Get to HEAVEN?

Are your departed loved ones IN HEAVEN? Do Christians GO TO HEAVEN when they die? Are there really "MANSIONS IN THE SKY" waiting for you? Read the surprising, PLAIN TRUTH about these vital questions in your own Bible!

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"**G**ONE to be with the Lord," it is said of dead church-going people today. Is this *literally* true? Do people really GO TO HEAVEN when they die?

An Ancient Question

Men have puzzled over the perplexing question of *what happens after death* for many, many centuries!

It has been somehow *inconceivable* to man, from his earliest beginnings, that *death* should end everything. Today, the modern world is divided into many major religions, each in its own turn being divided into many hundreds and even thousands of lesser sects and denominations.

The ancestor worshippers of the Orient firmly believe in a life after death with one's own relatives. The Moslems visualize an eternity in beautiful desert oases, surrounded by babbling waters and dancing girls. Different schisms of Hinduism believe in attaining to a state of "great nothingness" in "Nirvana."

Professing Christianity believes in going to "heaven." Either immediately at death, or during the millennium, or at some other time.

Everywhere, there is the HOPE of a life after death—of an eternal REWARD. But *nowhere*, it seems, is there any agreement on WHERE THAT LIFE WILL BE SPENT!

Why such CONFUSION?

Why such IGNORANCE?

Only ONE Source

YOU don't need to be in confusion—you don't have to *guess* at the outcome of such a fantastically important question! There is an infallibly accurate, factual, thoroughly proved SOURCE to which you can go!

That source is YOUR OWN BIBLE! The Bible stands PROVED to be the inspired book of Almighty God—His written revelation to man. Paul wrote,

"All scripture is given by *inspiration of God* [is *God-breathed*], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16). Peter wrote, "For the prophecy came *not* in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Pet. 1:21).

You need to *know* you can rely on the Bible! You need to know you can TRUST it. You need to know you can put your FAITH in *what it plainly says*, and reject "feelings" of your own. You need to KNOW you can trust the Bible instead of the teachings of MEN, the assumptions of relatives, or a death-bed vision of a dying loved one!

If you are one who has always just *assumed* the Bible is true, but have never seen it infallibly *demonstrated*, then write immediately for the free booklet, "The PROOF of the Bible!"

False Assumptions

Every error is based upon a false premise just carelessly TAKEN FOR GRANTED. Most professing Christians have just TAKEN FOR GRANTED "heaven" is the reward of the saved! They have never gotten around to PROVING whether or not this is so from the Bible—but have *taken it for granted*!

Think for a moment! How many sermons can you recall attempting to PROVE heaven is the destiny of Christians? Probably you can recall MANY where heaven was mentioned, was contrasted to a supposed ever-burning hell, or was *described*. Probably, you have heard many *hundreds* of references to heaven as the final reward! But did you ever hear a sermon that PROVED it?

No! You never did!

Do you know why?

Because IT CAN'T BE PROVED!

This doctrine—just like perhaps many others people "hold dear" is merely ASSUMED by most professing Christian-

ity. It is "par for the course," it is a common, unquestioned, *basic assumption* that is carelessly taken for granted!

You need to *quit assuming*! You need to see it PROVED, one way or the other! You need to KNOW the truth—and to KNOW that you know, not just carelessly *assume* certain points to be true.

Perhaps you feel it would be "settling" for a LESSER goal to "settle" for *earth*, instead of "heaven." Such sentiments are human ARGUMENTS which merely rationalize away, or reject a precious truth of God through RIDICULE, rather than carefully "searching the scriptures daily, WHETHER THESE THINGS BE SO!"

Surely you know you *can't* afford to let pre-conceived ideas, the concepts of others around you, bias or prejudice keep you chained with bonds of *ignorance*?

Remember—the TRUTH of God can be *proved*—it can stand on its own feet! God's precious TRUTH does not need clever "catch phrases" or plays upon words to sustain it. It alone stands the test of ALL searching of scripture—of open-minded, earnest SEEKING for the truth! "SEEK, and ye shall *find*," promised your Saviour!

A Perplexing Dilemma

Jesus talked, as recorded in the inspired Word of God, of a coming *resurrection*. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when *the dead* shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear *shall live*" (John 5:25). He went on to talk of those who were *still in their graves* at the time of the second coming of Christ, "Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation ["judgment,"

margin]" (John 5:25-26).

Very PLAIN, isn't it? Jesus said the hour *was coming*—very plainly referring to a *yet future* GENERAL RESURRECTION. He also referred to the resurrection of Lazarus and others in the New Testament when He said, "and now *is*." Reading on into the 11th chapter, you read of this miraculous forerunner of the great resurrection at the end of the age.

Later, Jesus said, "... and every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up *at the last day*" (John 6:40). Read the exact TIME of the resurrection in your Bible! "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him, and I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY!" (John 6:44).

But what a PERPLEXING DILEMMA!

IF Christians GO TO HEAVEN IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEY DIE—IF they are ALREADY in heaven, where they have been living in beautiful mansions for hundreds or even thousands of years—WHY BOTHER WITH A RESURRECTION?

If they have been *released* from this sin-sick world, from their old, worn-out, disease-ridden, corruptible bodies, and if they have been WITH Jesus Christ IN heaven—*why* would Jesus *take them OUT* of heaven, bring them *back* to earth, plunge them BACK INTO their graves, and then go to the fantastic, laborious effort of RESURRECTING THEM?

Isn't this a little difficult to believe? Does it really make sense?

Never Promised Heaven

SHOCKING though it may sound—the Jesus Christ of your Bible *never* promised heaven as the reward of the saved! He promised something entirely different!

Let's notice, FIRST OF ALL, the most-often quoted scriptures used by deluded men to preach the ancient, *pagan* doctrine of "going to heaven."

Perhaps you, like hundreds of thousands of others, have supposed Jesus said *plainly*, in the "sermon on the mount" that Christians go to heaven when they die. But He didn't!

Let's *turn* to this beautiful portion of the Bible, the very heart and core of

REAL Christianity—and see just what Jesus DID say.

"Blessed are the *poor in spirit*," said Jesus, "for theirs is the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN" (Mat. 5:3)! "Why, doesn't that SAY He promised heaven?" you might ask. NO, it doesn't!

What if Jesus had said, "for theirs is the Bank OF Morgan." Does this mean He promised the money, and the stocks, bonds, securities, the wealth of the bank which is IN—INSIDE OF—Morgan? Why, of course, this would be ridiculous! Notice the proof right in the same section. "Blessed are the MEEK," said Jesus two verses later, "for THEY shall INHERIT THE EARTH" (Mat. 5:5)!

Does this mean the "poor in spirit" which merely means those who are truly HUMBLE are to go to HEAVEN—while those possessing a *very similar* attribute of Christian character—that of MEEKNESS, are to stay here on earth?

No! It means just what it says—that overcomers are to *inherit the earth*—the kingdom OF heaven—not the kingdom IN heaven!

What About Heavenly Mansions?

But what about the time-honored songs, the hopes of millions, the cherished "Christian traditions" of the "homes above" that so many have talked about, sung about, written about, all down through these years?

Turn to this scripture. You read it in John, the 14th chapter. "In my Father's house are many mansions [margin, "abodes"] if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a *place* for you, and IF I GO and prepare a PLACE for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself, that *where I am*, there YE MAY BE ALSO" (John 14:2-3).

Notice it—NOWHERE DID JESUS SAY SAINTS GO TO HEAVEN! He said, rather, there are PLACES, HABITATIONS, ABODES, MANSIONS, RESIDENCES which HE IS PREPARING. These "places" are NOW "IN" HEAVEN. But Jesus went *on* to say, "I will COME AGAIN." Come where? To THIS EARTH, as Jesus repeated so many times. He also said, "that where I AM, there ye may be also" (verse 3).

Where will Jesus BE?

If Jesus COMES AGAIN TO THIS EARTH—then He will BE ON THIS

EARTH! The EARTH, and a definite, specific location ON the earth, will be where Jesus said He is going to BE. If *we* are to BE WITH HIM where He is to BE—then we, also, are going to BE ON THIS EARTH!

What are the different "mansions" or *places* Jesus is now busily *preparing*? Read Luke 19! Jesus likened Himself to a young nobleman, who went on a long journey into a distant land to qualify to RULE A KINGDOM. At His return, He demanded an *accounting* from His servants. He then apportioned different *responsibilities* to them, according to how *much* they had overcome!

Jesus said Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be in the Kingdom of God here on this earth, and revealed the twelve disciples will rule over the twelve tribes of Israel!

David referred to being a "door-keeper" in God's kingdom as being *better* than the highest offices here on this earth.

Jesus promises RULERSHIP over nations (Rev. 2:26) and offices of KINGS AND PRIESTS in His kingdom!

There are different PLACES, different ABODES, different OFFICES and POSITIONS in God's soon-coming kingdom for which individuals must qualify! That is what Christ is doing NOW! He is, working through His Church, *preparing* individuals for official positions in God's Kingdom! He is putting certain humans through *experiences* which will better fit them for a certain PLACE in the Government of God!

How *vastly misunderstood* has been this important scripture!

Notice the plain truth of your Bible. "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee ..." (Zech. 14:1). Then follows a graphic description of the accompanying SIGNS of the second coming of Jesus Christ! Be sure you read *every word* in your own Bible. Now notice verse four. "And His feet shall stand IN THAT DAY upon the *mount of Olives*" (Zech. 14:4).

Yes—it is called the SECOND COMING of Christ. His second *arrival*. He is COMING again! And He will arrive HERE, on this earth!

The very *first message* God ever sent back to this earth after the *departure*

of Jesus to heaven is recorded in Acts the first chapter. The disciples were looking up into the skies, where they saw Jesus disappear into a cloud (verse 9). "And, while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up FROM you into heaven, SHALL SO COME [RETURN TO THIS EARTH] IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GE INTO HEAVEN" (Acts 1:10-11).

Yes, Christ is to COME AGAIN to this EARTH!

Now, for another surprise, turn to the well-known scripture found in I Thessalonians the 4th chapter. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep [ARE DEAD—NOT OFF IN HEAVEN] in Jesus will God bring *with* Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent {*precede*} them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall DESCEND [come DOWN OUT OF] *from* [which means "*away out of*"] heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ SHALL RISE FIRST."

No mention here of saints coming from heaven—but of DEAD saints RISING FIRST BEFORE THE LIVING ARE CHANGED!

"Then we 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" (I Thes. 4:14-17).

HOW PLAIN!

Jesus is returning *from* heaven. The dead and living saints are to be caught up—NOT TO HEAVEN—BUT INTO THE AIR, INTO THE CLOUDS! This earth is composed of three "spheres," according to the sciences. The "lithosphere" or the solid earth, the "hydrosphere" or all the water on earth, and the "atmosphere." Each is a PART OF THE EARTH. The AIR, or the atmosphere is as much peculiar to THIS EARTH as is the water, the rocks, and everything else on it.

Simply *scoffing* at the *real meaning* of these plain scriptures will NOT

CHANGE them. Not WANTING to believe the precious, glorious, PLAIN TRUTH of the Bible will not *do away* with it!

What you are reading in this article is directly from the sacred Word of God. Perhaps it sounds NEW—*different* to you from what you may have always assumed or taken for granted!

You may have a natural, human tendency to *want to cling* to previous convictions—or what you have always *heard*.

But *what about* it?

Are you one who really zealously desires the TRUTH of God? If you are—you'll be *looking up* these scriptures IN YOUR BIBLE. You'll be reading before them, after them, and other related scriptures. You'll be striving to PROVE these things—*however strange they may seem to you*—and prove them *from the Bible*. Again we say—DON'T BELIEVE MEN. Don't believe this article UNLESS *you check up and see it proved!*

This article is not written to ridicule, or try to *prejudice* your mind *against* a doctrine. Rather, it is written to point out to you where you may find the TRUTH of God on this very important question! May God help you to remove bias, to get *your ideas* in subjection to *God's truth*—and to BELIEVE what you see clearly PROVED!

Remember, Jesus is coming to *earth* from heaven, as we have seen so plainly. He is *returning* after being away. He is *coming back* after a long absence.

If YOU had been away on a LONG JOURNEY, of many thousands of miles into a foreign country, and were going to return—and you wanted your family to MEET you, what would they do?

Would your ship near the harbor, and then your family jump aboard the pilot boat, board your vessel, and all of you then GO BACK TO THE FOREIGN COUNTRY FROM WHICH YOU CAME?

Ridiculous, isn't it?

We are to MEET Christ as He RETURNS! And NOWHERE DOES YOUR BIBLE SAY WE WILL THEN GO BACK TO HEAVEN WITH HIM!

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "... ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son FROM heaven, whom He raised from the dead ..." (I Thes. 1:9-10).

He is coming *here*, and we are to go *part way*—only as high as the *clouds*—to meet Him, and then to come right down to *this earth with Him!*

"So shall we ever be WITH THE LORD," says your Bible. But where will the Lord be? ON THIS EARTH!

What About the Thief on the Cross?

"But didn't the thief on the cross go immediately with Jesus to heaven?" some might ask.

And it's a good question! *What about* the promise Jesus apparently made to one of the malefactors who was dying beside Him?

Notice! The very same ones who believe the thief on the cross WENT INTO PARADISE WITH JESUS IMMEDIATELY AFTER DEATH ALSO BELIEVE JESUS DID NOT GO TO PARADISE, BUT WENT IMMEDIATELY INTO HELL TO PREACH TO DEPARTED "SPIRITS!"

How could this BE?

Many assume Jesus *did not die* on the cross!

He said He was DEAD (Rev. 1:18). Unless He DIED for our sins, we cannot be reconciled to God! And yet—many assume Jesus *was alive* during the time in the tomb, but alive down in HELL, supposedly busily "preaching" to some *departed souls!*

If Jesus promised immediate entry into PARADISE to the thief, and then spent time in HELL, AFTER which He appeared again on earth, and said to Mary, "TOUCH ME NOT, for I am *not yet* ascended to my Father ..." (John 20:17) and *did not have the thief with Him*—then did Jesus LIE?

No, Jesus did not lie—neither did He go into a burning HELL—but into "hades" which NEVER, by the wildest stretch of the imagination, has anything whatsoever to do with infernal fires, but means, simply, "the GRAVE!" Check ANY reliable concordance, commentary, or lexicon for proof of this.

Jesus was DEAD for THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS (Mat. 12:40). He DID NOT GO THAT VERY DAY TO PARADISE—as He, Himself, later *said plainly!*

Then what happened?

Notice it! The Greek language never included separation of chapter, verse, or punctuation marks, as commonly
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Which Church Has the HOLY SPIRIT?

*Somewhere on earth God is using and guiding HIS Church!
That Church is empowered by His Spirit to do His work. Do you
know where that Church is today?*

by Roderick C. Meredith

I WAS reared as a member of a large Protestant denomination. All my family were members. We attended regularly. It seemed the thing to do.

It never occurred to me, then, to question whether or not *my* church was really the *true* Church—guided and empowered by God's Holy Spirit. In fact, even to *think* about such things was considered "dangerous" by some people.

The Holy Spirit?

As a boy, I remember the congregation reciting "responsive readings" in which the words "Holy Ghost" or "Holy Spirit" were mentioned. But nothing was ever said about what this "Holy Ghost" really was. I wondered, but somehow didn't ask. I *assumed* that the other people in the congregation probably knew.

Since that time I have learned better.

From *much experience*, I know that very few in that congregation—and very few professing Christians generally—have any concrete idea about what the Holy Spirit really is, and does.

Most people ASSUME that they are somehow "just born" with the Holy Spirit. Some think they automatically receive it at confirmation or baptism. But—*somehow*—they get it.

Another ASSUMPTION many seem to have is that ALL people and ALL religious denominations possess the Holy Spirit.

People are told: "Attend the church of YOUR choice." It is assumed that this must be all right with God. And it is ASSUMED—at least by most people—that EVERY church on EVERY street corner is in some way led by the Holy Spirit.

After all, they all *talk about* the Holy Spirit or "Holy Ghost." They all *appear* to know something about it.

What is the TRUTH?

Who Receives God's Spirit?

Does *everyone* just automatically receive God's Spirit at birth—or at baptism or confirmation?

The plain answer of your Bible is a resounding "NO." The Holy Spirit is a precious GIFT from God that—after Adam's sin—was *not even available* to mankind in general until the Day of Pentecost, 31 A.D. At that time, the Apostle Peter was inspired to state how men might receive this gift. "Then Peter said unto them, *repent*, and *be baptized* every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the holy spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Notice the *two conditions* to receiving God's Holy Spirit. These conditions don't "earn" the Holy Spirit—NOTHING could earn this precious gift of the very *nature* and *life* of God. But a person must show his humility and obedience by fulfilling these conditions, or God will NOT grant him the Holy Spirit.

First, REPENTANCE of your personal sins and of your vain, selfish "self" is absolutely necessary. Since you are baptized "for the remission of sins" and "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4), you must REPENT of breaking God's holy, spiritual Law contained in the Ten Commandments.

More than just repenting of your letter-of-the-law sins, you must repent of your carnal SELF! You must be brought down and humbled to the place that you are willing to look at yourself as you really are. Notice how God brought Job to this place of *real* repentance: "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I ABHOR myself, and REPENT in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5-6).

Once you have come to this place you will be willing—in *unconditional surrender* to the God of the Bible—to symbolically BURY yourself in baptism, which is the next step. For baptism pictures the *burial* of your old self (Rom. 6:3-4), and your resurrection to a new life in Christ.

This repentance and baptism must be REAL. To repent not only means to be sorry, but to be *so sorry* that you are willing to QUIT sinning—QUIT BREAKING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS!

After Pentecost, the inspired Peter showed that this is what repentance really means. He stated, concerning Christ's death and resurrection, "And we are witnesses of these things; and so also the holy spirit, *whom God hath given to them that OBEY Him*" (Acts 5:32).

So you can see that not just "anybody" is granted the priceless gift of God's Spirit. Only those who have truly SURRENDERED to their Maker—who have been CONQUERED by the true Creator God and submit themselves to His Word and His Law—they and they *only* are granted the precious GIFT of the very Spirit and *nature* of God Himself.

What the Holy Spirit Does

"If ye love me, *keep my commandments*. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever; even the SPIRIT of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:15-17).

In this passage, the Christ of your Bible showed that those who were *obedient* to God would receive the "Comforter." In this day of mass frustration and mental sickness, it is im-

portant to realize that the Holy Spirit of God gives real *comfort* that can be derived from no other source.

Notice the *results* which the Holy Spirit will produce in the lives of true Christians possessing it: "But the fruit of the spirit is *love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance* [or, *self-control*]: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22-23).

Where do you find people who are literally *filled* with LOVE and JOY and PEACE? These are things to look for in the lives of those who possess God's Holy Spirit. If these qualities are missing, then very frankly *the Holy Spirit is missing also!*

In Romans 5:5, Paul tells us that "the *love of God* is shed abroad in our hearts by the holy spirit which is given unto us." How is this divine love manifested in our lives?

The inspired answer is given in I John 5:3: "For this *IS* the love of God, that *WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS*: and His commandments are not grievous."

God's love is expressed in OBEDIENCE to Him, and in *wisdom, unselfishness* and *self-control* in our dealings with our fellowman.

A *softness* and *humility*, and a willingness to CHANGE and GROW are evident in one who truly has God's Spirit. For Jesus Christ stated: "Howbeit when He, the *spirit of truth*, is come, *He will guide you INTO all truth*: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come" (John 16:13).

We are promised that the Holy Spirit will guide us INTO all truth, and we are exhorted: "But GROW in *grace* and in the *knowledge* of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18).

Therefore, those who truly have God's Spirit will reflect these attitudes and qualities.

The Right ATTITUDE Tells the Tale

Wherever God's true Church is on earth today, it is guided and *empowered* by the Holy Spirit. "For as many as are LED BY the spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).

On the negative side, the Apostle Paul was inspired to warn: "Now if any man

have not the spirit of Christ, *he is none of His*" (Rom. 8:9).

Notice some of the attitudes we have already discussed which distinguish those in God's true Church—those who are LED BY the Holy Spirit and therefore have these attitudes.

First of all, they do not "join" the Church—for they CANNOT!

As we have already seen, one must REPENT to get in, and then *be baptized* as an outward symbol of the willingness to BURY the old self in surrender to God and His Law. People in God's true Church have this *yielded attitude of repentance, submission* and *humility*. They don't have a "cocksure" or "know it all" argumentative attitude. They have been HUMBLed—*beaten down to size* by their Maker. All the "chips" are off their shoulders—they are through *arguing* and *making excuses*.

This is a *very important attitude* and you should reread this description carefully to fully grasp what is meant.

Secondly, notice that the Holy Spirit guides those in the true Church in a certain WAY OF LIFE. In fact, in the book of Acts, it is called "this way" and "that way" many times (Acts. 9:2, 18:25-26; 19:23; etc.). This *way of life* is based upon OBEDIENCE to the Commandments of Almighty God. It is based upon Jesus' searching statement: "If thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments*" (Mat. 19:17).

Those guided by God's Spirit are willing literally to LIVE *by every Word of God* (Mat. 4:4). They daily search the scriptures to find—not what men THINK, but what God SAYS about how to live and what the laws and purposes of life really are.

This is a *basic attitude* of the true Church. It cannot be successfully counterfeited.

A *third basic attitude* we have seen that the Holy Spirit imparts is a *willingness to ADMIT ERROR* and CHANGE. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would *guide us INTO all truth*. Peter said that we must GROW in grace and in knowledge. Each converted human being, therefore, must CHANGE and GROW.

A church is simply the sum total of its members. So the church that is truly guided by God's Holy Spirit will be constantly GROWING in grace and in

knowledge of God's revealed will.

As the true Church's leaders and membership GROW in each age, they will not have to admit past mistakes and change quite as often as they once did, but nevertheless they WILL acknowledge error and CHANGE whenever they are proved wrong by God's Word! Besides this they are constantly GROWING into new truth that may not have been revealed before.

For instance, most of the end-time prophecy has been CLOSED and *sealed* until the time we are now living in! (Dan. 12:9).

WHERE—on earth today—is the church that has proved itself willing to acknowledge error when necessary, and to GROW in new truth constantly? Only GOD'S Church will do these things! And *only* the church with these "fruits" is guided by the Holy Spirit!

Who Is Doing the WORK of Christ?

Jesus said: "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though you believe me not, BELIEVE THE WORKS: that you may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him" (John 10:37-38).

Throughout the New Testament, the true Church is consistently referred to as the "body" of Christ (I Cor. 12:27; Eph. 1:22-23). Jesus Himself having ascended to the right hand of God in Heaven, the Church is the *instrument* or physical "body" through which Christ now does His work on earth today.

WHO is doing that work?

In John 16:13, Jesus not only stated that the Spirit "will guide you INTO all truth," but that "He will show you THINGS TO COME." Wherever the Holy Spirit is working, it reveals the *true understanding* of Biblical PROPHECY!

Stating in principle the *way God works*, the inspired prophet Amos wrote: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but He REVEALETH His secret unto His SERVANTS the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

Then Amos continued: "The lion has roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" (verse 8).

Yes, wherever God's Church is in this climactic end time in which we are now
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Who Really CONTROLS Theology?

This SHOCKING final installment exposes a secret plot to bring about the greatest religious and political hoax the world has ever seen! You need to read this first-hand report to discover the sinister forces lurking behind the innocent mask of "theology"! This knowledge could save your life!

by Charles V. Dorothy

SEVERAL months ago in New York, this world's leading Biblical instructors held their annual conventions. These organizations, boasting the cream of American scholarship, with members and guests from leading British, European and Near East schools, met in famous Union Theological Seminary.

Mr. Herman L. Hoeh, Dean of Ambassador College, and I had the privilege of attending these meetings.

The Greats Gather

Here we found top-notch doctors and educators from all fields of Bible research. These men *teach* the teachers, and *lead* the leaders of our churches! These associations are the ultimate—there are no higher in Protestant theology! Several all-day meetings were held for the reading of prepared papers and discussion of difficult and technical Bible questions. We were not disappointed with the roster of famous theological personalities. Here were over 300 of the most *renowned*, most *intellectual*, most *scholarly*, most able personages! One would suppose these men should be the most humble, the most spiritual, the most *Godly* of all on the face of this earth.

Yet these were troubled men. Their theme ran something like this:

"We as scholars must be more vocal in training teachers, pastors, ministers and rabbis *not to believe in the inspiration of the Bible* but to rely on intellectual support for their beliefs."

"Yes," said another scholar, "the congregations are *at least fifty years behind us theologians!* There are still many of the 'faithful' who *even* believe in the inspiration of the original manuscripts."

Direct quote from the lips of today's

most eminent theologians and church leaders!

Though these quotations may sound like a platform of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, they come from professing "Christian" leaders—straight from America's leading seminaries!

Imagine the profound *disillusionment*, the mountain of *heartache*, the gnawing DESPAIR that would seize the minds of churchgoing millions, if their ministers and priests aired such personal convictions *publicly!*

Behind Closed Doors

What clergymen are afraid to confess to their congregations, they freely discuss in private among themselves. It is time you were told the truth! When ministers gather behind closed doors to discuss the Bible—their personal viewpoint, it is *vastly different* from the usual Sunday morning hum-drum sermon.

Your own pastor may be involved! The effects of these hush-hush conferences and private spiritual problems are beginning to reach the general public. "Clergymen themselves are subject to *deeper and more anguished* ATTACKS of DOUBT than most laymen will ever experience" (*Cosmopolitan*, December 1959, emphasis ours).

A recent large Protestant survey revealed that fully 28% of its *ministers* and *pastors* (not laymen) could not wholeheartedly believe in the most basic Christian doctrine of the New Testa-

ment—the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Shocking, but true!

These New York meetings we attended plainly exposed the same scepticism, doubt and insecurity among religious "divines."

In the previous installment we learned that the reasons for this disease of doubt were several:

1) Christ's *government* in the congregations has been lost, church heads refuse to let *Him* rule their lives.

2) Religious leaders do not accept correction from the Word of God. "All scripture is given by *inspiration of God*, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for CORRECTION, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). The WAY OF LIFE which Jesus taught, if followed by these learned scholars, would cost them their social prestige, not to mention their salaries! Countless hours of aimless wandering in technical research *serve as an escape* from obedience to God's commands.

3) *Assuming* that God's Word is not directly inspired (in contempt of the plain scripture quoted above), they throw suspicion on the historical record of the Bible, calling it "myth." Then they "come to God's rescue" by trying to sift and cull out the myth from the facts—"de-mythologizing the Bible," they call it!

4) As if this were not enough, so-called "Christian" Bible critics have struck even deeper—attempting to undermine the very heart and core of divine revelation. Unsuspecting Christians are unaware of an outwardly innocent, inwardly vicious movement brewing among scholars for over 200 years to overthrow the authority of the original manuscripts not only of the Old,

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We regret that Mr. Armstrong's AUTOBIOGRAPHY did not appear in this issue. Be sure to read it next month.

but of the New Testament!

Matthew 24:35 and Mark 13:31 and Luke 21:33 all state plainly: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall *not* pass away." Jesus' words—the very words recorded by the apostles in the New Testament—shall NOT PASS AWAY. But *according to modern scholarship*, they HAVE PASSED AWAY!

But God says, "My word shall *not* pass away."

Two-faced?

Modern-day seminaries—small and large—are saturated with these same false ideas. Young, impressionable students are now taught doctrines of doubt almost from the beginning of their religious training. In short, their preparation for the ministry is designed to *undermine* and *strip away* whatever faith they may have had in the purity and reliability of the Bible! Plagued with serious questions, literally haunted by doubt, tainted with atheistic scepticism about the Bible, "seminarians" step into the most serious and responsibility-laden office God has granted to man—the ministry.

It is difficult to realize the full weight of this terrible crime, and more important, the staggering national harm and disgrace this is bringing on us. Modern religious education is *destroying the faith of its own ministers!* This in time WILL DESTROY OUR NATION!

The uncertainties and deep-seated insecurity expressed in the seclusion of seminary walls is beginning to stain and crack the smug, serene "ministerial dignity" of local pastors in their pulpits!

"James A. Pike, Episcopal Bishop of California said: 'There have been times, in the middle of a service, when I have been assailed by the most appalling thoughts. I find myself saying: What am I doing here? Does this make any sense?'" (*Cosmopolitan*, December 1959.)

This adds up to the painful but plain truth that many preachers are *teaching things they themselves DO NOT BELIEVE*. Isn't that the same as LYING!

For such hypocrisy the Almighty issues these blistering rebukes: "The prophets [preachers] prophesy *lies* in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake

unto them: they prophesy unto you a *false* vision and divination, and a thing of naught, and the deceit of their heart" (Jer. 14:14).

As the prophets said the people would do today, so we find religious leaders privately confessing: "*We have made LIES* our refuge, and *UNDER FALSEHOOD have we hid ourselves* (Isa. 28:15).

Notice these *lies are not obvious* to people under their control; rather these prominent men are well hidden—difficult to expose!

What will happen because of this? "For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are *led of them ARE DESTROYED*" (Isa. 9:16). God lays the blame primarily on leaders—political, economic *and* religious.

Our "Christian" nations highhandedly break God's laws—impudently insult their very Creator! Modern "theology" is encouraging this great sin—*refusing* to establish God's law, refusing to warn of the impending national disaster of the Western democracies!

God's punishment is coming! !

Destroying the Truth

In these little-publicized meetings, Mr. Hoeh and I watched a new trend being unfolded right before our eyes! With dismay, we heard Old Testament Hebrew scholars (with their pomp and learned dignity) preach theories purposely aimed at *completely undermining the Old Testament text*.

According to accepted seminary theology, God the Father is the God of the Old Testament. If scholars can make the original Hebrew manuscripts appear untrustworthy, God the Father will be made out a liar.

Just how are they perpetrating this ugly lie? As you know, before you can establish a new false idea, you must disprove or discredit the old true one. In order to nullify the authority of the Bible, theological scholars (remember, these are "religious" men, not atheists) have attacked the TRUTH that the Old Testament was faithfully preserved.

Here is the truth. The God who spoke in the Old Testament is *not* the Father, but Jesus Christ! Speaking of the Exodus from Egypt under Moses, Paul says, "For they were drinking of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and *that*

Rock was CHRIST!" (I Cor. 10:4). The book of Hebrews (12:18-26) also shows that Jesus was the God who spoke the Ten Commandments, "Much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaks from heaven [Jesus, verse 25]: *WHOSE VOICE THEN SHOOK THE EARTH* [in the time of Moses]!"

The Old Testament then—being a record of Christ's words, comes under Jesus' promise, "My words shall not pass away!" (Mark 13:31; Matt. 24:35).

Here is a guarantee from *your Creator!* Which do you prefer, human theory, or divine promise?

Paul also knew that the Jews had properly preserved the writings of the Old Testament! "What advantage then has the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the *oracles of God* [the scriptures of the Old Covenant or Testament]" (Rom. 3:1-2).

The Bible leaves no doubt. God's word is *not only* INSPIRED, it has been PRESERVED!

The history of this preservation is fascinating, and deserves at least a quick glimpse to appreciate God's iron-clad protection and preservation.

What the Facts Reveal

After a dispute about the Old Testament books (canon) started by Manasseh, the Samaritan high priest, Ezra and Nehemiah with the Jewish Great Assembly permanently fixed the three-part canon of the Old Testament—by God's inspiration. This is proved by the fact that the triple division of Law, Prophets and Writings (comprising all 39 books of the Old Testament) was never challenged! Moreover, Christ Himself sanctioned this three-fold division of the Old Testament. See His words in Luke 24:44 of your New Testament!

After this inspired text was permanently and rigidly established, God called certain scribes—called the Masoretes—for a special job. The Masoretes were a body of Jewish scholars and scribes, who very carefully, even meticulously and superstitiously, preserved the canon which Ezra had fixed. These manuscripts were copied and re-

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SIGNIFICANCE of a Catholic President

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was only the first "head" of this "healed Beast." It is pictured as having *seven heads*.

Another symbol often used in Biblical prophecy to designate a nation or kingdom is a "mountain." These seven "heads" are also "seven mountains." The "woman"—the GREAT Church—sits on all seven (Rev. 17:9). Also these are seven "kings" or kingdoms. They are successive, because at the time to which John was carried forward in vision, "five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come." These are the seven restorations of the Roman Empire. Through the middle ages, it was called "The Holy Roman Empire" because the popes ruled over every one!

For a more detailed explanation, and chart, write for free booklet, *WHO is the Beast?*

We are waiting, today, for this seventh and last resurrection—by a UNION OF TEN NATIONS OR GROUPED KINGDOMS IN EUROPE!

Babylon's DAUGHTER

Now notice two significant points.

1) The Roman Empire was a direct continuation, by succession, of Nebuchadnezzar's BABYLON. They all continued the same PAGAN religion—the "Babylonian mysteries." They were *State religions*. The civil governments ruled the church. They are spoken of in history and prophecy in the male gender. But the various resurrections of the Roman Empire have been ruled over by the CHURCH. And this Empire, in its various restorations, has actually carried over the SAME pagan system of education, of society and of religion, as the original BABYLON and its three successor-Empires!

In every way it is, in fact, a continuation of the same original BABYLON system—except it has been falsely labelled "Christianity." This government called itself the "Holy Roman Empire." It took Christ's NAME—but it *rejected* HIS GOSPEL AND HIS RELIGION!

Old Testament prophecies, referring to this system, always designate it as "the DAUGHTER OF BABYLON," and speak of it in the FEMALE gender! It has been ruled, as this new united Europe will be—by a CHURCH—symbolized as a "WOMAN"!

2) Notice, now, Rev. 17:5. This Great CHURCH who rules over these many nations—who commits fornication by political relationship with civil governments—is a Great MOTHER Church! And her *daughters*, which have come out of her, in protest, are called *harlots*! And the WHOLE SYSTEM is named BABYLON! Yes, "BABYLON THE GREAT."

Notice, here, another vital, significant point. Rev. 17:2: the inhabitants of the earth have been made spiritually DRUNK on her false doctrines and traditions and practices! Their spiritual eyes are out of focus. They cannot see TRUTH in clear and sharp focus. THEY ARE DECEIVED!

U.S. in Babylon

Next, Rev. 18:4; Jer. 50:8; Jer. 51:6; Isa. 48:20 etc.—our people today—the United States, the British Commonwealth nations, and the democracies of northwest Europe—are actually IN BABYLON! Our peoples are in its religious traditions, our lands are dotted with its churches, our schools, unrealized by us, inoculate our children with its brand of education—we are in its economic system. WE ARE NOT FOLLOWING THE WAYS OF GOD!

We trample God's holy days under foot with contempt—we observe Babylon's days, we eat Babylon's filthy "foods," we cling to the philosophies and customs of ancient Babylon, Greece and Rome.

Today the Creator GOD, and the *living* Jesus Christ are crying out to YOU, as you read this very article: "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND THAT YE RECEIVED NOT OF HER PLAGUES!"

Today we are fast approaching the hour when God Almighty is going to DESTROY this abominable Babylonish system—He is going to send terrible PLAGUES on this modern BABYLON to deliver our people from her captivity, even as He sent plagues on Egypt to release ancient Israel.

This is COMING!

This, then, is what PROPHECY says is now coming!

Next, this resurrected Roman Empire will become a world-staggering *reality*, just as described in the article about the Common Market in the September number.

The Pope will step in as the Supreme UNIFYING Authority—the only one that can finally unite the differing nations of Europe. The iron jurisdiction over both schools and religion will be turned over to the Roman Catholic CHURCH. EUROPE WILL GO ROMAN CATHOLIC! Protestantism will be absorbed into the "Mother" Church—and totally abolished.

This resurrected Roman Empire in population, resources and military might, may be more powerful than the United States or Russia. YOUR Bible prophecies say that, *unless* America, Britain, and the democracies REPENT and RETURN TO THEIR TRUE GOD, and rely on HIM for deliverance, our peoples will be invaded, conquered, and made SLAVES of this "daughter of BABYLON."

Yes, YOU are being WARNED! In GOD, only, shall you find protection and deliverance.

Of course, IT NEED NOT HAPPEN TO YOU! But unless you REPENT of rebellion against God, breaking His Commandments, following these pagan ways of the modern Babylon, and put your sole trust in GOD, then you will have no other hope!

U.S. to Go Catholic?

Finally, is there any significance to a Roman Catholic in the White House? Very possibly there is.

But is there any direct, plain, specific prophecy that this would happen? There is not. There is one rather vague prophecy which, by process of dual meaning, might be so interpreted—but I do not, now, feel this is sufficiently

evident to even quote it here.

But is there significance? Indirectly, *there certainly is!*

All organized religion, *except Roman Catholic*, will be eliminated from western Europe, Britain and America, and in all probability in some ten to thirteen years from now. The date is not definite—but *your Bible says it will happen!* Time is fast running out!

Today opposition to Roman Catholicism is fast relaxing. It has relaxed enough in America that President Kennedy was able to win the election.

That is significant!

Opposition of Protestant bodies in America and Europe and Britain to Roman Catholicism is melting away. There is much talk of co-operation. **THAT IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT!**

For more than twenty-seven years I have been warning the world. God Almighty has blessed, prospered, and expanded this work until today it thunders **HIS WARNING** in power over every inhabited continent, world-wide! There will not *BE another* twenty-seven years for this mission!

This is no idle dream—**THIS IS REALITY!**

I have just been in several of the capitals of Europe. I have seen it **COMING—FAST**—with my own eyes.

YOU have been **WARNED!**

Which Church Has the Holy Spirit?

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living, it is **BOUND** to be prophesying and warning the world of **EXACTLY** and *specifically* what is ahead so they may understand and repent before it is too late! As we have told you repeatedly over *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, this warning message must specially be taken to the United States, the British Commonwealth and the democratic nations of Northwestern Europe. For they are identified as the physical remnant of the "lost ten tribes of Israel" described in your Bible.

In the prophecy extending through the centuries to His second coming,

Jesus tells His Church today: "For verily I say unto you, ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come" (Mat. 10:23).

Very few professing Christian leaders or organizations have the faintest idea where "Israel" in fact really is today. Lacking this understanding—and lacking even the willingness to obtain it—they are certainly **NOT** carrying this message to God's people in Britain and America.

Possessing the "key" to our national identity and the "key" to the Book of Revelation, we are able to tell you **DEFINITELY** what is going to happen to the major nations of this earth during the next few years of **YOUR LIFE!** If you do not yet possess these "keys," then write immediately for the *free* booklets: "*The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*," and "*The Key to the Book of Revelation*."

For more than a quarter of a century, this work of God has *definitely* and *specifically* warned of a coming United States of Europe dominated by a great false church. We have *specifically* stated that this revival of the "Holy Roman Empire" would take place in Central Europe and be an amalgamation of ten nations or groups of nations which would all pledge their allegiance to one military-political leader and to one great religious leader whom the Bible describes as the "great false prophet." In the face of physical evidence that pointed to the contrary, we have repeatedly stated that it will **NOT** be Russia which attacks and conquers the United States and Great Britain, but rather this *fast-rising European combine*.

These are not nebulous "theories" which may go untested and unproved for generations. They are *definite* prophetic statements affecting the **MAJOR NATIONS OF THIS EARTH!**

You can **KNOW** whether these things be true! You can **PROVE** where God's Spirit is working today—if you *honestly want to!*

May God grant you *understanding* to find where **HE** is working, where His servants the prophets are today—where His **TRUE** Church is working and **CHANGING** the lives of its members to be like Him through the **POWER** of the Holy Spirit!

Our VICTIMIZED CHILDREN

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HATRED for the laws of God!

We are the peoples of **ISRAEL**, believe it or not! (If you have not read our free booklet, "The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy," write for it immediately.)

We are exactly as God said our ancestors were — stiff-necked and rebellious!

"... this is a **REBELLIOUS** people, *lying* children, children that **WILL NOT HEAR THE LAW** of the Eternal, which say to the seers [ministers], see not, and to the prophets, prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits!" (Isa. 30:9-10).

We have become *licentious*, **RESENTFUL** toward law! We don't *want* anyone "telling us what to do," we don't *want* to hear about our own faults, or those of our children! But God says to His true servants, "**CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET, AND SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR . . . SINS!**" (Isa. 58:1).

It is a capital **SIN** to pervert, **TWIST**, **WRECK** an innocent child's very character by following the **IDIOCY** of today's spineless "do-gooder" teachings that have been proved to be **WRETCHEDLY** useless!

There remains no question as to where the blame for today's wave of youthful lawlessness should be placed! Let us now investigate one of the greatest false premises upon which this philosophy of "indulgence for discipline" is based. In the next number, we shall expose the false concepts *behind* the "no punishment" school! We shall see how the *patterns* in the behavior of *untrained* children have been accepted as the "phases" through which *all* children supposedly pass. We will show these "phases" are the *normal* reactions of *hostile, disobedient* children who are "*observed*" as they grow—but who are *not trained!*

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER THIRTY-SIX

ISRAEL BREAKS CAMP

A MONTH had passed from the time Moses had the tabernacle built and put into operation. It was almost a year since the Exodus. God now told Moses that there should be an exact account, tribe by tribe, of how many males of twenty years and older were among the Israelites. (Exodus 40:17; Numbers 1:1-3.)

The First Census

There were several reasons for taking this special census. One reason was that it was necessary to have an accurate record of tribes, families and individuals. Better order could thus be maintained whenever the people broke camp, moved, or made camp.

Accordingly, all males of twenty years and older were required to register at certain points, and to give information about themselves and their families. (Numbers 1:17-19.) This census wasn't to include strangers, men of the tribe of Levi, or any who were too old to go into battle in case the Israelites had to wage war against attacking armies. (Numbers 1:45, 47.)

When all were registered and their numbers added, the able-bodied male Israelites amounted to 603,550. (Numbers 1:45-46.) This was quite an increase over the seventy males who had gone down into Egypt when Joseph was ruler. Together with women, children, strangers and the tribe of Levi, there were at least two million people compactly camped near Mt. Sinai!

Imagine, if you can, how much food and water were required by that many people. Besides, there were many tens of thousands of animals to feed. Without obedi-

ence to God's plans of organization and to His laws, and without constant help from Him, it wouldn't have been possible for such a huge number of people to continue to exist in the desert.

Of the twelve tribes, Judah was the largest with 74,600 men. (Numbers 1:20-43.) It is today one of the smallest. The smallest tribe was Manasseh, with 32,200 men, but the tribe multiplied rapidly in later years and is today the largest! In these last days, Manasseh—the United States of America—has become the most powerful nation on Earth. Yet it is just one of the ten tribes of the "lost" House of Israel, which can no longer be considered as "lost." Nevertheless, there are many self-styled authorities who are struggling to keep the knowledge about the ten tribes hidden forever because true knowledge of them doesn't fit in with their narrow, erroneous doctrines. God said that the identity of the ten tribes would be made clear near the time of the end. It has long since been made clear to those who study the evidence with a desire to understand. Without that knowledge, one can't understand very much of the Bible or of God's great plan of salvation for the nations.

God Requires Order

The census having been completed, Moses and Aaron were instructed by God concerning the layout of the camps of the various tribes. Up to that time there was fair order, but God wanted precise order and arrangement so that from that time on there would be proper system and control wherever the people camped. (Numbers 2.)

Although the tribe of Levi wasn't included in the census that had just been taken, it was numbered later by God's order. Males were counted from a month old and upward, and were found to number exactly 22,000. (Numbers 3:39.)

Specific and definite duties were assigned to the various families of the Levites. There was no guesswork and no turn-taking. Every one learned what he was to do. God had planned all of it so that there wouldn't be any confusion. (Numbers 3:5-38; 4:4-33.)

Speaking of confusion, the Bible says that God is not the author of it. (I Corinthians 14:33.) That means that everything our Creator does is carefully thought out, systematic, orderly, true and perfect. He doesn't like half-truths, disorder, conflict, theories, guesswork, false doctrines, lies or propaganda.

Have you ever imagined what terrible confusion would result if it were possible to add up all the thousands of conflicting beliefs and doctrines practiced by the hundreds of different denominations claiming the name God and Christ?

God is the Head over Christ. Christ is the Head of His true church. (I Corinthians 11:3.) He has nothing to do with today's religious confusion except to draw

out from this confused world the individuals who are zealously seeking the truth.

Before Israel left Sinai, God also gave them the order in which the various tribes were to break camp and spread out in their vast caravan on the move toward Canaan. (Numbers 10:11-28.)

Meanwhile, there were other necessary instructions for that day from God. All unclean people—those with leprosy and other contagious diseases and those exposed to dead bodies—were to be separated within the camp or put far outside the camp to stay for various periods. (Numbers 5:1-4; Leviticus 13:1-8; 15:1-13; 21:1-3.) This was not only a health measure for the good of the people. It was also because God didn't want unclean persons existing so close to the holy area in which He was to dwell with the Israelites. These measures were necessary before the coming of the Holy Spirit. Cleanliness outside was to teach the people the need of God's power to clean the human being from within through the Holy Spirit.

At this same time God also made plain certain rules that were to be observed by those who were not Levites who wished to be set apart for a time to be of special service to God. Israelites who wanted to do this were called nazirites. They are not to be confused with the Levites. God honored the intentions of those individuals who wished to take nazirite vows and blessed them for their zeal.

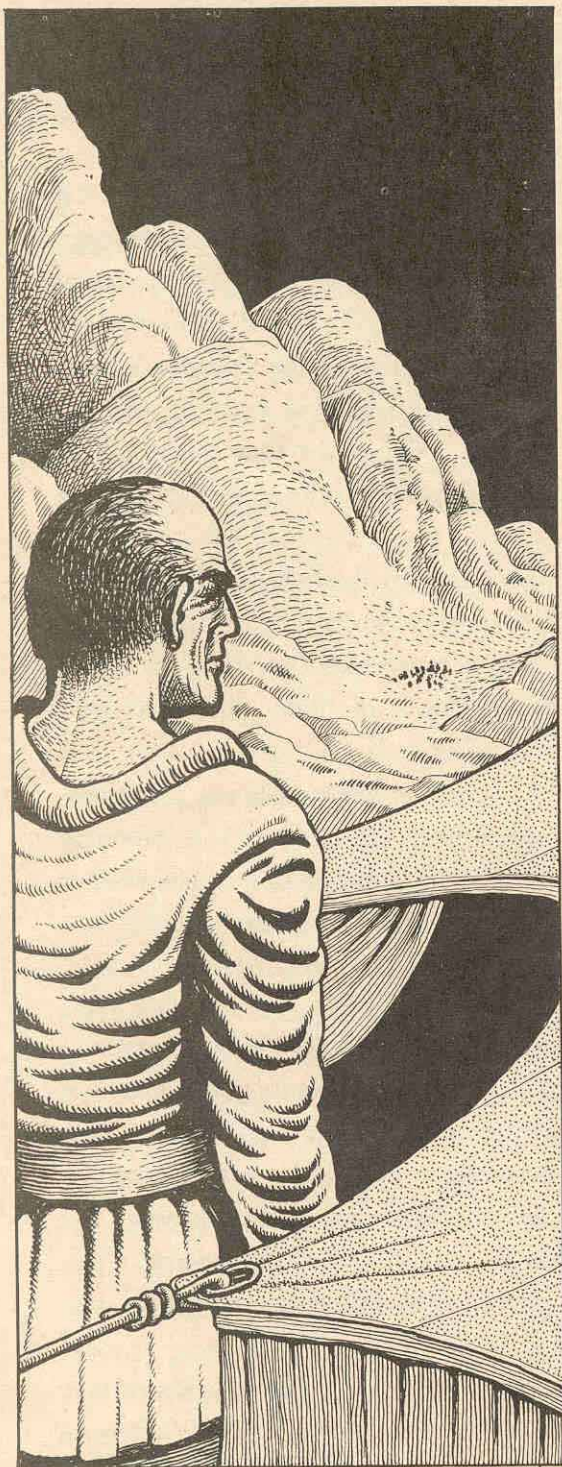
During the time people were nazirites they (men or women) weren't to shave nor cut their hair. They weren't to touch any dead body. They weren't to consume any wine. Neither were they to drink grape juice. Grapes, either fresh or dried, weren't to be eaten. (Numbers 6:1-8.) This was a *sign* of their special service.

Christ Was No Nazirite

Many people have believed that Christ was a nazirite because he was born and raised in Nazareth, a town in the district of Galilee about seventy miles north of Jerusalem. This is not true. People who come from or who are in Nazareth are called Nazarenes. They aren't nazirites unless they have taken the nazirite vow. Christ was not a nazirite. He drank wine. (Matthew 11:19.) If He had been a nazirite He could not have drunk wine without sinning and losing His place as our Saviour.

Some mistakenly claim that wine was grape juice—but even grape juice was forbidden to nazirites!

Because of assuming that Christ was a nazirite, many people have believed that He had long hair flowing down to his shoulders. Christ didn't have long hair! Bygone half-pagan artists, trying to make Jesus look pious gave him a sick, sad, effeminate appearance, and even went so far as to add long hair in their vain imagination. No man knows how Jesus looked.



Moses was surprised one morning to see in the distance a large crowd with wagons approaching the Tabernacle.

Inasmuch as Christ was a hard-working carpenter who ate only clean foods and observed the laws of good health, we know he was a very masculine fellow with great physical strength and endurance. Because he loved all people, he was a sociable, friendly, cheerful person who was thoughtful of others and courteous at all times. What matters most, however, is what Christ is like now, inasmuch as we shouldn't be trying to worship a Saviour who is merely a human being or who is dead. Hebrews 1:2-4 and Revelation 1:12-16 tell us of Christ's present power and appearance.

Transporting the Tabernacle

After the tabernacle had been erected, something was taking place of which even Moses probably had no knowledge. Each tribe—except the Levites—was preparing what was hoped to be a surprise.

One morning Moses was called out of his tent to see an unusually large crowd slowly approaching the tabernacle from a distance. But it wasn't the crowd that commanded his attention.

Six covered wagons, each drawn by two oxen, stood between the crowd and the tabernacle!

"Where did these come from?" Moses inquired of an officer. "I haven't seen wagons since we left Egypt."

"These are gifts from the heads of the twelve tribes," the officer answered. "Parts of them have been assembled from pieces of chariots picked up on the east

shore of the Red Sea gulf."

"But what are they for?" Moses asked.

"They're being offered to help carry the equipment of the tabernacle," was the answer. (Numbers 7:1-3.)

Moses was a little puzzled as to whether or not he should accept the wagons for that purpose. He knew that the ark, for one thing, was to be carried on the shoulders of men, but God hadn't yet made it known how most of the heavy equipment would be moved.

"The princes of the tribes await your inspection and approval," the officer told Moses.

"Tell them I must return to my tent and dress for this unusual occasion," Moses instructed his aide.

Moses was actually in doubt as to what should be done. If it weren't God's will to carry the tabernacle equipment in the proffered wagons, then Moses would have the unpleasant task of rejecting the gifts from the loyal and well-meaning Israelites. Back inside his tent he quickly knelt in prayer to ask God what should be done.

"Accept the gifts they have offered," God answered. "Give the wagons to the Levites to use. This is as I have planned it to be." (Numbers 7:4-5.)

Moses was relieved to hear this from God, and he was happy to realize that the gifts from the Israelite princes were of their own idea and free will.

After donning his best attire, Moses went out to the waiting princes of the twelve tribes. He happily accepted the wagons and the oxen, and turned them over to Aaron so that they could be put into special use by the Levites. (Verses 6-8.)

However, the wagons and the oxen weren't the only gifts from the heads of the Israelite tribes. So many other things were brought in that the prince of each tribe was assigned a particular day in which to present his gifts and make his offerings. (Verses 10-11.)

The total from all the tribes amounted to twelve large silver dishes in which to knead dough for the shew-bread, twelve deep silver bowls (all of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil) for receiving blood for sacrifices, twelve golden spoons filled with incense, twelve kids, thirty-six bullocks, seventy-two rams, sixty male goats and seventy-two lambs. (Numbers 7:12-23, 84-88.)

After the tribes had finished giving these things, Moses went into the tabernacle to thank God for what so many people had contributed out of desire to help. Thereupon a voice thundered out of the mercy seat. It was God's voice directing Moses what he should tell Aaron concerning those matters having to do with the tabernacle and the Levites. (Numbers 7:89; 8:1-2.)

Among the instructions were those touching on the Passover. The Passover is always to be observed on the eve of the fourteenth day of the first month, Nisan. But for those away on a journey, those who for any reason are unable to keep it on that date the Passover is to be observed on the fourteenth day of the *second* month, Iyar. (Numbers 9:9-12.)

This also applies to the New Testament Passover memorial to be observed by Christians today, as recorded in Matthew 26:26-28. Those who for some special reason can't observe the New Testament Passover (with unleavened bread and wine as a memorial of Christ's death) on the original date should make every effort to observe it exactly a month later according to God's sacred calendar.

The sacrifice of the paschal lamb ceased at Christ's death for He was the Lamb of God offered for the sins of the world.

God also instructed that two long trumpets of solid silver should be made for use in contacting the people. The blowing of only one trumpet was to summon the heads of the tribes for a meeting. The blowing of both trumpets was either to call for a solemn assembly of all the people or was the signal to move out of camp. They were also to be blown in such varying manners that the hearers would instantly recognize an alarm to prepare for war, happy occasions, solemn days, beginnings of months and times of offerings. (Numbers 10:1-10.)

One might doubt that two trumpets, even large and long, could be heard by millions. But a horn of the type God wanted made, blown by a strong person of good lung capacity, could easily be heard for miles in the clear desert air in the vicinity of Mt. Sinai.

One morning shortly after the trumpets had been made and put into use, the Israelites came out of their tents to see that the cloud had moved away from the tabernacle during the night and was high in the sky!

It wasn't long afterward that the two silver trumpets, lustily blown by Aaron's two sons, blasted out the signal for the breaking of camp.

Israelites Resume the March

There was great excitement among the people. They had been encamped before Mt. Sinai for almost a year, and the signal to move on was no small matter to them. Men hurried to get their livestock and tents ready to move. Woodsmen and hunters rushed back from the mountains. Women worked feverishly to get the family belongings together. Excited at the thought of going somewhere, children ran happily about, but not to become lost or get in the way.

Meanwhile, men were swiftly working to take down the tabernacle and pack

it for moving. They had been so well-trained in this task that it was done in a remarkably short time. It was rather astonishing that millions of people were ready to move so quickly on such short notice.

In accordance with God's orders, the first tribe to move out of camp was Judah. Others followed in the order given them. The Levites, carrying the tabernacle equipment, were spaced in two different areas among the other tribes. The tribe of Naphtali was the last to leave. (Numbers 10:11-28.)

A few hours later the mammoth caravan had disappeared through the mountain passes to the northeast, leaving the Sinai valley silent and lonely.

Among the strangers who had stayed with the Israelites at Sinai was Hobab, Jethro's son. This brother-in-law of Moses, along with a clan he headed, had joined them when he came with his father to visit Moses and bring Zipporah, Moses' wife. As a native of the desert, he had a keen knowledge of the desert. Moses therefore hoped that Hobab and his people would go along with the Israelites.

"Come with us to Canaan," Moses said to Hobab as Hobab's mounted men rode along for a while with the Israelites.

"God has promised us a fertile land there. It would be a good place for you to settle down. Meanwhile, you and your men can help us by being our scouts and by teaching us how to live in this wilderness."

"The desert has always been our home," Hobab replied. "I don't think we'd be exactly happy in farming regions."

"But you would learn to love the greener, more productive land," Moses pointed out. "There would be more food and water there. You and your family would be better off. (Numbers 10:29-32.)

Hobab, who loved God and saw that God's people needed him, joined his clan to the tribe of Judah, which always led the way when the Israelite caravan moved through the wilderness. In this way his men could use their knowledge of the desert in choosing the best pathway for the Israelites to use in following the cloud

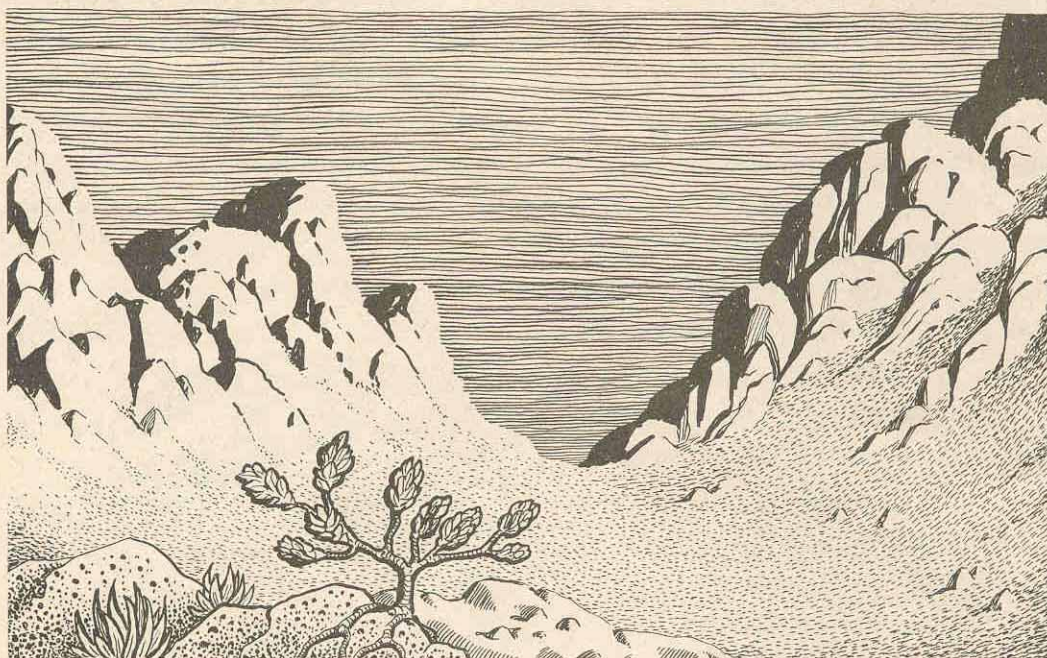


Hobab was a man with keen knowledge of the desert in the Sinai peninsula.

and the pillar of fire. After the Israelites entered Palestine Hobab and his relatives, the Kenites, settled down with the tribe of Judah, choosing for themselves a wilderness area that was similar to their old home land. (Judges 1:16.)

In any event, probably Moses wouldn't have pressed him to go with them if Moses could have foreseen that they weren't going to reach Canaan until 39 years later!

For three days the vast line of humanity and animals slowly struggled across the dunes of drifting sand and the rocky plains and hillsides characteristic of that region. Moses uttered a public prayer each time they started out and each time they stopped to camp. (Numbers 10:33-36.)



The huge caravan left through a passage into the northeast, leaving the high valley of Sinai empty and silent.

After not having been on the march for a year, the Israelites soon discovered that there was hardship in traveling several miles a day across the blazing desert. Most of them were cheerful, each day looking forward to the cool night and the rest that came with it.

Complaining IS Rebellion

However, as usual, there were those who began to complain. Little by little these complaints grew. By the end of the third day from Sinai, there were many who were loudly voicing their grievances to those about them.

"This is worse than slaving for the Egyptians!" they yelled. "We all should join together and demand less travel and more rest! If we try to keep this up, we shall all die!"

Before Israelite officers could organize to quell the shouting, a peculiar thing happened. The pillar of fire, blazing in the sky above the ark, flared upward. The evening air felt as though it were suddenly charged with some tremendous force about to explode.



Deadly bolts of fire hissed down on the people who had complained.

That is exactly what happened. Throughout the whole camp, as though they had come out of nowhere, were strange, sizzling bolts of fire. They hissed and streaked in all directions—many of them ploughing into the people who had just been shouting so loudly. (Numbers 11:1.)

It happened so suddenly that most of the people hardly had time to be frightened. But now they froze in alarm as they found themselves staring at the lifeless, smoking bodies of those who had complained!

God meant business!

Human beings need to realize that complaining about how God directs His servants *is* rebellion against the Government of God!

(To be continued)

EAST BERLIN to Explode?

Here is a special first-hand report from our German news correspondent on the editorial staff of the German edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

by Gerhard O. Marx

"UNLESS there is a way right away, it will be impossible ever to unite our country!" confessed an East German refugee whom I interviewed.

"A big explosion is inevitable," was a sober comment from another man.

A hotel manager, who had just returned from the Berlin scene, put it this way: "Up to now the East German people were able to flee that communist State if they couldn't stand it any longer. Now, with the border sealed off, people will be unable to escape to the West. It's like a kettle with boiling water in it. Before the crisis the lid was off and the steam could escape. With the lid on, however, the steam can't escape—it'll build up pressure and explode." He envisioned the likelihood of an uprising by the people against the East German regime. "What would happen then?" I asked him. "It will be a tragedy worse than Hungary," he said grimly.

American and British troops have been sent to Berlin—perhaps to fight for the defense of Berlin. But the crisis continues.

These are seriously frightening days we live in. Is there really a way *we can know*—know for certain—what the immediate years ahead will bring?

Changing German Attitude

I have spent several days in Germany interviewing people of different walks of life. The survey included persons from *East and West Germany, Yugoslavia, Argentina and Algeria*. The comments I received, in asking about the Berlin crisis, were similar to what I read in most of the German newspapers and newsmagazines during the last week.

They all carried a note ranging from *doubt and uncertainty* to *distrust and anger* against the Western Allies for not being offensive enough and for the lack of countermeasures taken against the East German communists. Most Germans believe it to be *more effective to*

show more teeth. In dealing with a totalitarian-type government, *it is futile to use democratic or parliamentary procedures as countermeasures!* This fact is well known by not only the people interviewed, but also the writers of editorials in the daily newspapers. In order to *successfully* fight a dictator, a nation must *employ dictatorial methods*, is the line of thought of the Germans. "You know with whom we have to do," retorted the German train official, referring to the Russians. "The Western Allies are not concerned with our reunification," he continued.

The belief in "*More than words!*" as Willi Brandt, the mayor of West Berlin, wrote President Kennedy, is being formulated and ingrained more and more into the German mind. The *desire of reunifying* their country, which is really the desire of almost all Germans, has been greatly *heightened* by the Berlin crisis, which has imprisoned 16 million Germans.

How Berlin Crisis Started

Here, in brief, is how the Berlin crisis started. When Germany was defeated in 1945, she was partitioned into four sections or zones—the American, British, French and Russian zones. A military governorship was established in these zones. This was to last until Germany was again able to sustain herself.

Whereas the Western Allies had allowed their sections of Germany to have free elections and choose a government several years after the war, Russia set up her totalitarian communistic regime in what is now called East Germany. West Germany, now independent and existing under a free enterprise system, aided by the Marshall Plan, became prosperous. East Germany, in contrast, made no noticeable economic or social strides.

As the East Germans began to notice where the grass was greener, they left their homeland and "escaped" across the

border. As the years passed, and West Germany's prosperity continued, the number of refugees from East Germany increased to such an extent that the communist regime depopulated. As doctors, teachers and other people of high professions joined the youth in escaping to the West, the East German regime began to be concerned. They could not permit the "cream" of the crop to desert.

Russia's Responsibility

Russia planned to sign a *peace treaty* with East Germany. This, it was thought, would cause the West to *recognize* East Germany as a separate and independent nation. Had this come to pass, the new independent communist nation could claim that all of Berlin—since the city is located deep in East Germany—would now belong to her.

Since many East Germans worked, shopped and visited relatives in West Berlin, the city had become the main *route of escape*. With all of Berlin in her possession, East Germany could easily prevent most of the people from escaping.

When Nikita Khrushchev threatened several times to sign a peace treaty with the communist regime, the populace began to panic—they *rushed* for the exits and escaped in droves. A few weeks later the communists *built a wire fence and a cement wall in the middle of Berlin*. The way to freedom was now stopped. The "dark Sunday," as German newspapers phrase it, fell on August 13, 1961.

Weak Western Reaction

Chancellor Adenauer was awakened at 4:30 o'clock on that Sunday morning. The German people heard the news a few hours later. The question foremost in their minds was: "*what now?*"

In West Berlin hundreds of thousands of *people protested*. The West Berliners, as well as the whole of Germany, *were*



Wide World Photo

A passing view of East Berlin's one-time center of life. People are sullen and dejected. Few cars are on the street compared with West Berlin. Khrushchev knows that he must deprive West Berliners of the connections with the West or it will soon be too late to defy a growing political power arising out of the Common Market.

waiting for Allied action. The immediately expected countermeasures came four days after the crisis had begun—in the form of notes sent to Moscow.

During the first few days following the crisis West Berliners were holding in the air signs which said: "Where is our help?" "By the West betrayed!" "Has the West no countermeasures?" Only the words of West Berlin's Mayor Willi Brandt: "More than words!" persuaded President Kennedy to send his vice-president with 1,500 troops to Berlin.

German Reaction

The Western Allies took *four long days*—days of momentous occurrences—before they even so much as sent a note of protest to Moscow. This is taken by the German population as a definite

sign of *weakness* and inability on the part of the Allies to cope with German problems. Germans want action!

Germany finds herself in 1961 a *split nation* with a *divided capital*. In the East, Russia and her Satellites are staring her in the face, *threatening* her very existence. In the West, the United States and Great Britain have tried to solve the German problem—but to no avail.

If the West continues to weaken, and backs down on Berlin or other phases of the battle against Communism—which Germany suspects—the German people will once again be awakened and aroused for glorious adventures. Soon Germany will feel she is strong enough to protect and safeguard the Fatherland and perhaps even liberate their brothers enslaved under Communism.

Germany Waits For Right Moment

There are many people in Germany today who are anxious for the time when she will once again be strong and powerful. There are also those who are setting Germany's policy to make her a powerful nation again—and there seems to be *nothing* that obstructs the fulfilment of their glorious vision.

The individual German is again beginning to realize *what he stands for and how to achieve his goal*. "Tolerance toward a recognized fiendish political system is suicide" says the Deutsche Wochen-Zeitung.

From Vienna comes this comment: "Harmless protests mean nothing. We know the Russians. With them we must act differently, otherwise they will devour us."



Deutsche Presse-Agentur Photo

Here you see, near Potsdamer Platz, the East German People's Army at work—a group setting up barbed wire border with others standing guard. The border has been sealed off effectively. Communist intimidation can now increase apace without fear of losing able men to the West.

The American policy of "massive retaliation" is also under attack here in Germany. With this policy, an aggressor is attacked only if he attacks first. This, it is argued in West Germany, gives the enemy a *free hand* with which to work.

There are also people in Germany who believe *the Berlin crisis can easily go the way of 1914 and 1939!* Swiss sources report that Germany is again developing into a *police or totalitarian state*. In a survey taken in Frankfurt, 22 per cent of students interviewed identified themselves with a totalitarian form of government. This percentage could easily lead Germany into totalitarianism! *Democracy in Germany is an illusion*. A leopard can't change its spots. Even the independent Hamburg newspaper, "Die Welt," went so far as to ask in an editorial on the first page: "Is Bonn Weimar?" by which she means to say: "Do we live today in a Germany that seethes under the same conditions that prevailed in the Weimar Republic just before the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis?"

Germany Prophesied to Rise

Recently I spent a few days in *Düsseldorf*. I spent a Sunday afternoon walking down the main boulevards—

the shopping district—of this manufacturing city. I was *astonished* at what I saw. The sidewalks were literally *filled with people*, window-shopping from one marvelous display to another. Not even in Great Britain or in America have I ever seen such beautiful displays of the most modern items or seen people *dress as luxuriously* as the German people dress in this magnificent city. *Tens of thousands* strolled up and down the broad sidewalks, enjoying the *prosperity* that is so self-evident to every tourist who comes to visit Düsseldorf.

Essen, the main city in the industrial Ruhr Basin, is another *display of German prosperity*. The center part of that city has been turned into a beautiful shopping area comprising many square blocks, where no traffic is allowed. This magnificent *prosperity display* I have yet to see anywhere else.

In *Köln* I was again amazed as I walked through a shopping center containing every item imaginable. For a distance of a mile—it was so long I couldn't see the beginning from the end—the only thing I saw on both sides of this street were shops, one after another. The teeming thousands walked up and down the traffic-free streets in great *masses*, as if they had just come out of

a football stadium.

That Germany today is by far the most *prosperous nation in Europe* no one who has seen that country will deny. Exactly this condition was prophesied in this Magazine—The PLAIN TRUTH—*fifteen years ago*. But no one else believed it.

Remember what Sir Winston Churchill said in 1945? He was convinced Germany would not again rise to economic and political strength in less than *fifty years*. Others said a hundred! Still others were sure Germany would *never recover*. I wouldn't have believed it either at that time. I saw with my own eyes the devastated cities full of *ruinous debris*. Amidst all this, The *World Tomorrow* program and The PLAIN TRUTH magazine were prophesying that Germany would rise again—that she would lead a *United States of Europe* against America and Great Britain—that our nations would be conquered and our people taken into captivity. *But no one believed it* then and many still doubt it today.

Bible Prophecy Certain

The Bible—which can be irrevocably proven to be the divinely inspired Word of Almighty God—says that "there is a God in heaven that *reveals secrets* (Daniel 2:28). Now turn to Amos 3:7. There we read plainly: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, except He *reveals his secrets* to his servants the prophets." This means simply that no major war—no major catastrophe that would affect Israel—is going to occur without first being made known to God's servants who, in turn, will warn the people about it. That is the way God has always worked.

In Malachi 3:6 God says: "I CHANGE NOT"! Who else but The *World Tomorrow* broadcast and The PLAIN TRUTH magazine have been so *specific* about what is going to take place in the next few years. God's prophecies, which He has revealed to His true servants, are not vague or indefinite. They are specific—they are clear and to the point—and they are sure to come to pass.

During the last few hundred years it has been the dream of the leaders of Germany to *unite Europe*—which was to be headed by an economically strong

Germany. Two wars have been fought in a vain attempt to fulfill that dream. This time, however, the unifying of Europe—the creation of a *United States of Europe*—will be brought to fruition by peaceful, *economic* means.

Already the European Common Market is threatening to surpass in production and trade both the United States and Russia—and that within a very few years. More nations are prophesied to join the Common Market and become part of this coming *colossal* third power—the *United States of Europe*. At that time Germany will sit in the driver's seat. She will not only set her own policy but also the policies of the other countries that comprise this third-power block which is prophesied to destroy our people.

Bible Prophecies Unbelief

In Hosea 5:9 God shows what is to happen to His people in the last days. He singles out Ephraim—the leading tribe of Israel—as representing all the Israelitish tribes which today have grown into large nations: "Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke"—in the day of her punishment, "*among the tribes of Israel* HAVE I MADE KNOWN THAT *which shall surely come to pass.*"

By means of *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, God is proclaiming this warning of war and captivity to all the tribes of Israel. Turn to Habakkuk 1:5 for a very revealing end-time prophecy: "Behold you among the nations, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, *which you will not believe*, *THOUGH IT BE TOLD YOU.*"

Will you be one of those who will not believe, though it be told you? May God give you wisdom to choose and decide now, before it is *too late*.

Go to HEAVEN?

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used in the English language today. Rather, it was written without any paragraphing, or punctuation. It was divided into verses and chapters, as it appears in our English Bibles today, *many hundreds of years after the New*

Testament was written!

Notice how the *whole meaning* of certain sentences in the English language can be changed by merely *changing the punctuation marks!*

John might ask, "What's that up in the road, *ahead?*" And it may sound as if he were asking if he saw a HEAD, the head of a human or an animal, in the road. But if you put the comma in the correct location, the sentence would read thusly: "What's *that*, up in the road *ahead?*" and it would *make sense*.

Now turn to Luke 23:43. Read it carefully. Jesus APPEARS to have said, by the placement of the *comma* in the English version, "TODAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE." And yet Jesus KNEW He was not going to enter into Paradise ON THAT DAY—or for the next THREE OR FOUR DAYS!!

Now put the comma where it BELONGS, to preserve the *sense* of this scripture as *proved by all other scriptures* on the subject (remember, the Bible *interprets itself*). "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto you today, THOU SHALT BE WITH ME IN PARADISE!" Jesus said it *THAT DAY*, and promised the thief WOULD BE in paradise—but He most certainly DID NOT promise paradise to the thief *that very day!*

If this could have been true, Jesus not only lied, but made an exception to all others, and became a respecter of persons. Also, He said He is the SAME through all ages (Heb. 13:8) and *does not change!*

"Paradise" is *commonly assumed* to mean "heaven!" But again simply because this is *assumed*, and *carelessly taken for granted* does not make it so! The "paradise" will be *on this earth!*

NOTICE WHAT THE THIEF ASKED!

"And he said unto Jesus, 'Lord, remember me WHEN THOU COMEST [RETURNS TO THIS LITERAL EARTH HERE BELOW] INTO THY KINGDOM!'"

God's Kingdom on Earth

Notice some conclusive scriptures. In the mysterious vision seen by Nebuchadnezzar, and interpreted by God through Daniel, it is revealed the Kingdom of God will be ON EARTH!

Read the entire 2nd chapter of Daniel. "Then was the iron, the clay, the

brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors, and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them, and the *stone* that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the *whole earth*" (verse 35).

Now notice the INTERPRETATION of the dream in verse 44. "And in the days of these kings [shown by the ten toes, which were smashed by the Stone from heaven] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

God repeatedly uses the type of a mountain as a symbol of a nation, or a kingdom. The Kingdom, or the Nation of GOD will *consume, destroy, supersede all these worldly kingdoms*—and will RULE them ON THIS EARTH!

Describing the events surrounding Christ's return, and the setting up of His world rule, Isaiah was inspired to write, "And it shall come to pass, *in the last days*, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and *all nations* shall flow unto it.

"And many people shall go and say, 'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths, for OUT OF ZION [on this EARTH] shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from JERUSALEM [on THIS EARTH]'" (Isa. 2:2-3). Micah was inspired to write the same thing in his 4th chapter.

Read each of these other vital scriptures! "... when the Lord of hosts shall reign IN MOUNT ZION, and IN JERUSALEM, and before His ancients gloriously" (Isa. 24:23). "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous BRANCH, and a KING shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice IN THE EARTH. In His days JUDAH shall be saved . . ." (Jer. 23:5-6). This PROVES this scripture is for the *future*, and refers directly to the SECOND coming of Christ, since it describes the salvation of

the JEWS—a yet future event!

"The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The Lord also shall roar OUT OF ZION, and utter His voice FROM JERUSALEM . . . so shall ye know that I am the Lord your God, DWELLING IN ZION, *my holy mountain*, then shall Jerusalem be HOLY" (Joel 3:15-17).

"... for the Lord dwelleth IN ZION" (Joel 3:21).

"And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation, and the Lord shall reign over them IN MOUNT ZION from henceforth, even FOR EVER!" (Micah 4:7).

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for lo, I COME, and I will DWELL IN THE MIDST OF THEE, saith the Lord" (Zech. 2:10).

Is this enough? God says OVER AND OVER AGAIN that Christ is coming TO THIS EARTH! David is to be *resurrected* (Ezek. 34:23; 37:24) to be KING over Israel, ruling under Christ.

Think of it! *David*, a man after God's own heart, "IS NOT ASCENDED INTO THE HEAVENS" (Acts 2:34) but is *dead* today—awaiting a glorious resurrection to RULERSHIP with His Lord!

These are only a *few* of the plain scriptures showing Christ is to reign *on this earth*!

Your TREMENDOUS Reward

Salvation is GOD'S FREE GIFT!

You can only be saved by the LIFE of Christ (Rom. 5:10) after having been reconciled to God by His *death* (same verse). But after God's loving PARDON for your past sins—there is something you can EARN, believe it or not!

Jesus said, "To Him that OVERCOMETH 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" (Rev. 3:21).

Overcoming means GROWING in grace and knowledge (II Pet. 3:18). It means growing in *ability*, in *stature* and *character*—becoming more and more LIKE CHRIST! "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

When we have clearly demonstrated

our OBEDIENCE to God—our FAITHFULNESS to His authority, His RULE, His GOVERNMENT in our lives—HE WILL THEN APPORTION POSITIONS OF GOVERNMENT TO US!

"Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And He said unto him, Well, thou good servant, because thou hast been faithful in a *very little*, have thou AUTHORITY *over ten cities*" (Luke 19:16-17).

Yes, Jesus PROMISES A BUSY ETERNITY! He promises RULERSHIP over *His world*! He guarantees an active, busy, constructive, scintillating, interesting, absorbing, satisfying, happy eternity of RESPONSIBILITY—of WORK!

Think of it! INSTEAD of a lazy, BORING, INTERMINABLE, EMPTY ETERNITY ON A CLOUD—NOTHING TO DO—JESUS SAID, "And he that overcometh and keepeth MY WORKS unto the end, to him will I give POWER OVER THE NATIONS [ON THIS EARTH] and he shall RULE them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers, even as I received of my Father" (Rev. 2:26-27).

The saints are to REIGN ON THIS EARTH (Rev. 5:10). They are to be kings and priests of God for ONE THOUSAND YEARS—RIGHT HERE ON THIS EARTH (Rev. 20:4).

What a *tremendous* opportunity! What a GLORIOUS hope! *Notice it—WE ARE NOT GOING TO GOD IN HEAVEN—GOD IS COMING HERE!*

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, COMING DOWN FROM GOD OUT of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is WITH MEN, and HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be WITH them, and be their God" (Rev. 21:1-3).

How PLAIN it is! NO amount of "rationalization" or of arguing, or of merely "supposing" can change these plain, straightforward truths of YOUR OWN BIBLE!

You need to KNOW the wonderful reward God promises those truly living lives of *overcoming*—and you need to

be STRIVING to enter into His glorious Kingdom that is going to be set up HERE ON THIS EARTH!

Letters to Editor

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WORLD TOMORROW broadcast via KRLD."

Woman from Commerce, Texas.

Program Settles Doubts

"For the first time I have heard you and never in my listening to sermons have I heard a message like this. As a Jamaican just a few months in the States, this message has certainly brought relief from fear and doubt in my mind."

Man from Perrine, Florida.

Program Widely Received

"We in the Bahamas never heard good teaching and the truth about the Bible until we heard you. Hundreds of people catch you on the air because sometimes if I be out at night walking, from house to house I'll hear your voice over the air. Sometimes I'll begin talking about you, and someone will always answer me, 'Yes, I heard him too.'"

Person from the Bahamas.

Evaluates Spiritual Condition

"I have called myself a Christian for a number of years, but you have opened my eyes to a lot of things. I do not know whether I am or not. Would you please send me literature telling me the requirements of a Christian? The things you explain are so very much different from what I have been taught from a child. I am now 52 years old."

Articles Astounding

"Since I last wrote to you I have had ample time to read and re-read the articles which you sent me. I find their contents astounding, but convincing. I used to take for granted that everything around me was permanent and fixed. What I have already read of your publications has invoked in me a thirst for more."

Person from Glasgow, Scotland

God Removes Desire for Tobacco

"I smoked nearly all my days, 40 cigarettes a day and later, 3 oz. of tobacco."

co. From time to time I tried to stop but with no success. I mentioned it to a friend who introduced me to your magazine. He said he could give me a PLAIN TRUTH with an article in it, 'Is it a Sin to Smoke?'. I read this article through twice, making checks in my Bible and I found God speaking to me, telling me that I was only making excuses. I got down on my knees and asked God through Jesus to take away the craving desire of tobacco. I am happy to state that I have not smoked now for two years."

Man from Lanarkshire, England.

Stops Eating Pork

"That article on clean and unclean meat really opened my eyes. I always wondered why there were certain kinds of meats that shouldn't be eaten, but I understand now. People laugh when I tell them that pork is unclean, but I am not going to eat it any more. I am asking your prayers that God will help me overcome that habit because there is enough clean meat to eat."

Woman from Ringgold, Virginia.

A Thinking Man's Program

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"I am glad to find an authority who puts such a premium on thinking over today's problems with regard to their direct connection to God."

Los Angeles, California

Who CONTROLS Theology?

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copied with slavish obedience. In order to insure that not one word would be lost, they even counted every letter of every line. A small notation in the margin was then made of the total number of letters on the page and the middle word of the page.

Huge masses of these Massoretic notes are preserved in the margins of different Hebrew manuscripts. Such facts as how often each letter of the Hebrew alphabet occurs in the Old Testament, how many verses contain all the letters of the alphabet, and many other interesting details appear in these marginal notes. To show

how greatly the Massorettes revered the consonantal text, and feared to change it in any way, some manuscripts have even preserved odd marks over the words which originated from an accidental splutter of the pen, and have been faithfully repeated in every copy since! (*Angus Bible Handbook*, p. 27).

Thus, an all-powerful God has preserved with microscopic accuracy His Word for us!

The New LIE

Here is the new lie. In order to destroy this wonderful truth of *preservation*, scholars must first make several basic *assumptions*.

First, they *postulate*, *God did not mean what He said* when He promised to preserve His Word faultless for us: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31). Do not forget this GUARANTEE includes *both* Old and New Testaments. Therefore (they imagine in their crooked mental gyrations), there is no such thing as divine preservation of God's Word.

Is this honesty with Jesus Christ's gospel? Obviously not, but let's go on.

Secondly, in order to destroy the truth, they further *assume* that God was not able to lead Ezra to find the proper Hebrew text. Therefore, even though Ezra tried hard, he did not have all the proper readings to work from.

From these two careless, unproved assumptions, they begin building a new false theory. They must begin digging around in garbage piles, dirt heaps, and old musty ruins in order to find *other* manuscripts, corrupt copies of those *rejected* by Ezra and the Massorettes. The most notable recent find is the discovery of the "Dead Sea Scrolls." These scrolls are Hebrew manuscripts of a mystical, hermit, *heretic* people called Essenes—unauthoritative manuscripts which disagree with the inspired Hebrew Massoretic text. Now scholars have two conflicting texts—the Essene and the Massoretic. It now becomes the exclusive job of *scholars* to combine this mass of confused texts with the true text.

Can you see what is happening here? The truth is being perverted! This false, *satanic* THEORY (based on mere human fancy) assumes *you can't tell what God*

has plainly revealed.

Witness the confusing mass of discordant new translations on the market today. God's words are *being stolen* from a gullible public. Whole verses of the Bible are left out or footnoted. Whole sections and chapters are *torn* from their rightful context and are misplaced. Thousands of individual words are incorrect by virtue of being translated from a corrupt manuscript. In some cases, words and phrases which *were never inspired* have been inserted!

The absolute destruction of all Bible authority is *certain*, unless this malicious trend is *stopped*! And unbelievable as it seems, *it is not coming from "enemies" of religion*, but FROM THE MOST "DEVOUT" LEADERS OF PROFESSING CHRISTIANITY!!

Something is WRONG!

Very few people are even aware of this information which you have just read. Yet there is still a *much deeper* significance behind all this! Behind this religious crime a *great* POWER is working. Like it or not, *you ARE BEING AFFECTED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER*.

Do you know then, who *really* CONTROLS "Christianity"? Are you aware of the tremendous *scope* of the secret plot hiding behind the *front* of "theology"?

SECRET POWER

Some theological scholars *know better*. Others, though sincere, are DECEIVED! Either way you look at it, *lies* are being told. Strange as it may seem, these doctors—in spite of their "independent" attitude, their "free" thinking, are the unwitting tools of a great mastermind! Who is the author of the lie? John 8:44 says, "You are of your father THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your father you will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When HE SPEAKS THE LIE, he speaks of his own: For HE IS A LIAR, AND THE FATHER OF IT!"

Speaking of modern twentieth-century ministers, the Apostle Paul says, "For such are FALSE APOSTLES, deceitful workers, *transforming themselves* into the apostles of Christ." Apostles are *religious* men. You find them in *churches*. Continuing, he says, "And no

marvel; for SATAN HIMSELF is transformed into an angel of LIGHT." (Scholars are always bringing us "new light," that is, new information which we were ignorant of.) "Therefore, it is no great thing if his [Satan's] ministers *also* be transformed AS MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"! (II Cor. 11:13-15).

Satan has *his own ministers!* They are being produced in seminaries, religious schools and convents by the *scores of thousands!* They REJECT what Christ said. They REFUSE TO HEAR GOD speaking to them through the Old and New Testaments! They believe and teach that God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are without supreme authority over our lives.

Satan RULES in Theology!

Now you know the real, devilish, *satanic power* which really CONTROLS theology! As Christ said, many will WORSHIP HIM, do *great works* in the name of "Christianity," and DO IT ALL IN VAIN! (Matt. 15:9.) Satan is the god of this world, including its religions (Eph. 2:2; II Cor. 4:4). What a *condemnation* of modern seminaries, theological schools, and centers of religious learning! All because men will not be CORRECTED by the Word of God!

SATAN'S GOAL

Satan is FURIOUSLY at work to DESTROY you.

How does theology fit into this scheme?

As the Apostle Paul carefully explains in II Thessalonians, the second coming of Jesus Christ to save the world from total human annihilation *will not come* until the climax of a *great world-shaking event* first comes to pass! "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a *falling away first*, and that MAN OF SIN be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF TO BE GOD"! (II Thes. 2:2-4). To accomplish such a masterful stroke of deceit, ALL AUTHORITY MUST FIRST BE STRIPPED FROM THE BIBLE.

Why? Simply because God's inspired

Word has prophesied this whole gigantic world-delusion in advance and CONDEMNS IT! Satan wants to hide the truth. He must, therefore, steer people AWAY from the Bible, lest they discover the true identity of his false system.

Now you can see the frightening shrewdness of Satan's scheme! The authority of the New Testament has been discarded by religious scholars some fifty years ago—without the knowledge of church congregations. The authority of the Old Testament is on its way out, as far as "theology" is concerned. Satan is cleverly preparing the Protestant churches—the members, laity, and children—to *reject* the inspired authority of the Bible!

Remember, this rejection will not be accomplished with mass rallies denouncing Scripture, and with wholesale Bible burnings! It is already being done—every Sunday from the pulpit, every Wednesday evening at prayer meeting, in every Sunday school class—by simple watering down of the real truth of God, by slyly planting doubts in unsuspecting minds! When the Bible is left finally, completely shredded and divested of authority, the whole Western World will be prepared for the final manifestations of the "man of sin"—the FALSE PROPHET!

The False Prophet *will have false AUTHORITY!* He will have great miracles, he will work LYING SIGNS and WONDERS publicly among the people. This will prove to deceived, Bible-less "Christianity" that he is God (II Thes. 2:3-10). Satan will have set the stage perfectly for the final reunion of "Christian" churches! Modern Babylon will reign again for a short period just before the return of Jesus Christ.

Then comes the end of this age!

Are you searching your Bible *diligently* for the truth? Are you *honestly* searching for the one true Church to whom God promises protection? (Rev. 3:10 and 12:14-17).

You now have been warned *who* and *what* is behind this demoniacal plot to destroy civilization. If you reject the truth, you will soon be *forced* to serve the False Prophet or be killed!

What will *you* DO with this knowledge? Will you act *now* while there is still time?

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