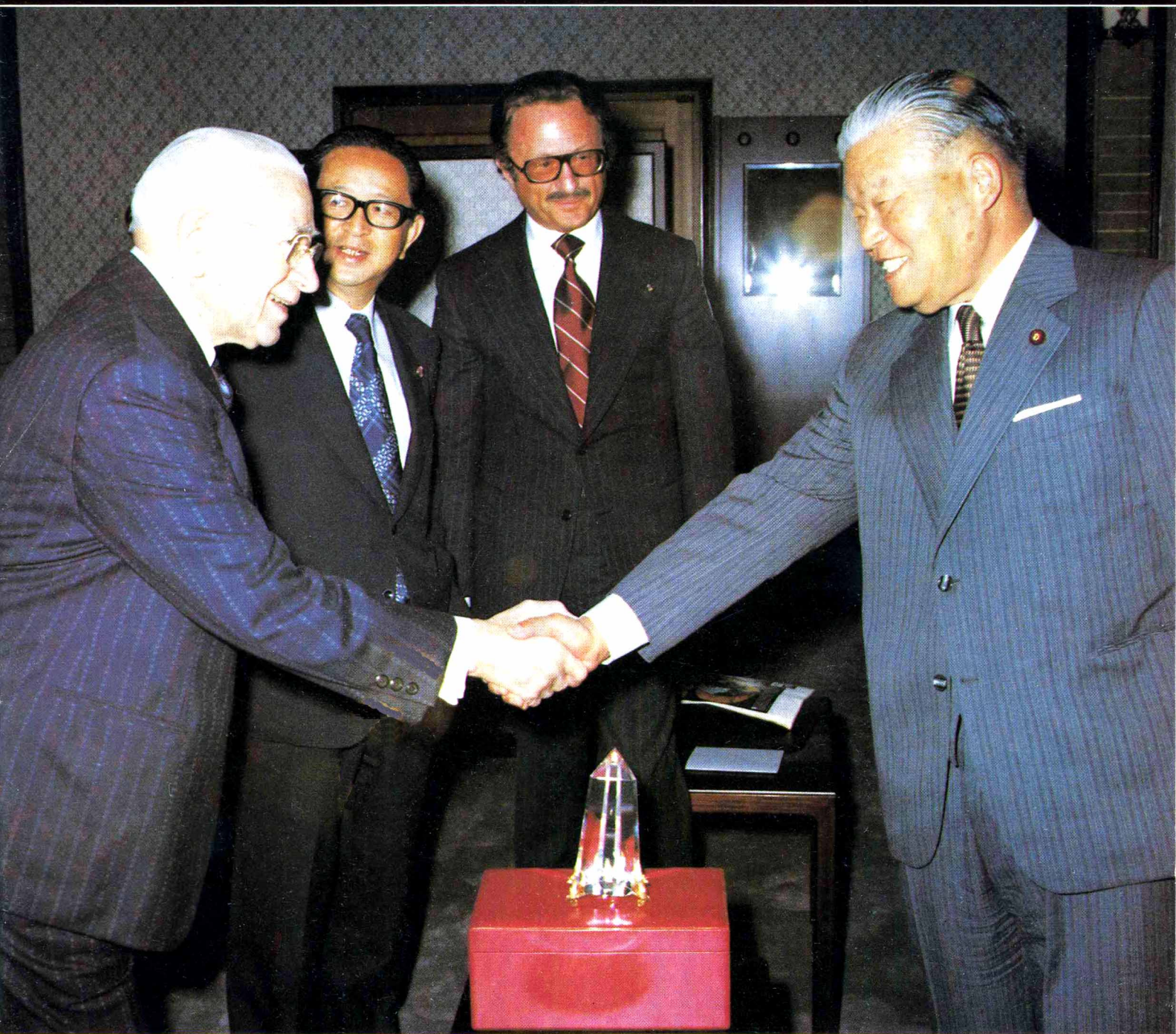


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Personal from...

Harold J. Armstrong

Gospel to Japanese Leaders

For some 20 months, due to total heart failure in August 1977, I was prevented from proclaiming Christ's gospel in person in the far-flung nations around the world.

But God has been with me. There has been NO diminishing of the vital faculties, especially of mind. And while I was having for the time to defer the ORDEAL of physically demanding worldwide travel, I have been able to WRITE and to continue FULL LEADERSHIP of God's Work here on earth.

I want to mention a point we were discussing here in the hotel suite yesterday afternoon. I have not realized it before. Probably *you* have not realized it. But the United States is the ONLY nation on earth that retires people at age 60 or 65. In the United States most have come to suppose that people naturally begin to lose their mental faculties even as early as 55.

WHY?

This general national assumption is NOT TRUE! Many large corporations have adopted a RETIREMENT POLICY that all employees, and even executives, *must* retire at age 65—and some at age 60. The same is true of schoolteachers.

I even retired one man at age 55 on his urgent request, although in a manner that did not increase the Work's expenses, even though we had to hire another to take his place. But he had worked for us 25 years. I remember he wanted to travel—not to other parts of the world—but to see other parts of the United States, as he phrased it, “before I have to meet my Maker.” In other words, even at age 55 this man was THINKING, in his mind, that he was approaching “the age of death.”

WHY do Americans think that way? Here in Japan, where I am writing this “Personal,” a man of 65 is just coming into the age of the BEGINNING of wisdom! A man in his 80s is not regarded as old or senile, but as more mature—of higher stature—of having a BETTER mind, of attaining to the “age of wisdom.”

But I remember one of my grandmothers at age 55. In those days, when I was probably 5 or 6 years old, all women wore hats outdoors. Young women had rather

decorative hats, with artificial roses, or objects of bright colors and with a sophisticated STYLE. Hats were not intended to cover or keep warm the head—but to be an added DECORATION. But by 55 or maybe younger, all women wore “old ladies” bonnets. They were shaped like an old covered wagon and always black, as were their clothes. They dressed in the style that all “old women” dressed. By their dress as well as their manner, they proclaimed loudly, I am OLD. I expect to die right away. My days of usefulness are over.

But times did change. Although I remember that both my grandmothers wore old-ladies bonnets and dressed like old women, my mother did not. My mother was 95½ when she died, and right up to the day of her death she dressed like a younger woman (or at least like a middle-aged woman). Many of our readers will remember her. And at age 95 she was still happy, jolly and had a good sense of humor.

Somehow, between the generation of her mother and her own generation, women had at least begun to dispose of the custom of wearing old-ladies bonnets and somber and unattractive clothes.

But back to what I started. There must have been 250 or 300 or more at the banquet last night. It was held in a large banquet room at this hotel (The Imperial), and this is a large hotel with several private dining rooms. Many of the elite congressmen (members of the Diet—the Japanese congress or parliament) who call themselves my “Japanese sons” were there. The speakers' table seated at least a dozen, some of whom spoke briefly, all of whom stood one at a time to be introduced. All others, including wives, were seated at many round tables—10 or 12 seated at each table.

All who spoke were saying complimentary things about me. During the evening a few other members of the Japanese Diet said they wanted to be counted as one of my Japanese sons, all of whom are important Diet members—the number of my Japanese sons in the Diet is now 12.

All speeches were translated. If a Japanese official spoke briefly, he spoke,

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Part Six:

7 PROOFS OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH

Where is the one and only true Church today—the Church founded by Jesus Christ in A.D. 31? Seven major eye-opening proofs identify it unmistakably.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The first five proofs of the true Church appeared in the February, March, April and May Plain Truths. The first installment of proof number six appeared in the June/July issue. In this article—part six of the series—proof number six continues.

Proof Six (Continued):

WHAT AND WHY THE CHURCH?

Now let's get our bearings and understand the PURPOSE of the Church—its function.

Remember, the Church was called out of a world CUT OFF from God—a world, as Jesus said, in which “NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father draw him.” The Church was the “called-out ones”—called out from the world. “Wherefore come out from among them [of the world], and be ye separate, saith the Lord . . .” (II Corinthians 6:17).

REMEMBER, too, that from Adam

God had called out of this world *only* those He chose to USE in a mission PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM!

The archangel Lucifer and his angels had been disqualified—changed into Satan and demons. Adam had chosen Satan's WAY of “GET” and rejected God as Source of basic knowledge, as Ruler and as Savior. According to Adam's decision, God cut THE WORLD *off* from access to Him. BUT, since God cut them off before they were born, God does not hold them responsible—they have not been judged; the responsibility is GOD's—not theirs—for that which has been hidden from their minds.

But now the time had come when the “second Adam”—Jesus Christ—had overcome Satan and QUALIFIED to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD to earth and establish the KINGDOM OF GOD—which is the divine FAMILY OF GOD, ruling the world—and ultimately the UNIVERSE!

Jesus DID NOT come on a soul-saving crusade. Those uncalled and unsaved were NOT “lost.” Just NOT JUDGED—*yet!* They shall be in the

millennium and great white throne resurrection and judgment.

Jesus came 1) to overcome Satan and QUALIFY to establish the KINGDOM OF GOD; 2) to call and teach His future apostles; 3) to proclaim the GOOD NEWS of the coming Kingdom of God; 4) to pay the penalty of the sins of the world by His death on the cross with His shed blood, thus reconciling *those called* to God the Father; 5) to be resurrected from the dead after three days and three nights in the tomb, making the resurrection to IMMORTAL LIFE possible for those who are God's; 6) to ascend to the throne of God in heaven, and there, as the HIGH PRIEST of the Church and ITS LIVING HEAD, to direct the Church and intercede for it with God; and 7) having received the Kingdom from God, to COME AGAIN as the KING of kings and LORD of lords, in supreme almighty POWER and GLORY, to set up and rule THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Jesus ANNOUNCED the fact of the coming Kingdom, which, by His overcoming Satan, was ASSURED!

He specially called and trained His apostles, started the Church with them and the 120, and then ADDED to the Church such as He needed to back up the apostles' ministry to THE WHOLE WORLD.

To those He called, upon complete repentance and faith, He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thus they became partakers of the divine nature (II Peter 1:4).

The PURPOSE and FUNCTION of the Church is: 1) to back up with loyal support the apostles, as *their part* in the GREAT COMMISSION—and as GOD'S MEANS of, allowing them 2) to overcome Satan, developing God's holy, righteous CHARACTER within them through the Holy Spirit, thus qualifying *them* also to sit with Christ in His throne in Jerusalem, with power for ruling the whole earth (Revelation 3:21; 2:26-27). This latter promise applies to those CALLED OUT OF THE PRESENT WORLD—not to those who shall be called (as ALL will) during the millennium!

Church a Spiritual Organism— Yet Well Organized

At this point a bit of personal experience will help the reader to UNDERSTAND.

Jesus had called His apostles and taught them IN PERSON. Jesus Christ is the WORD OF GOD in person. The Bible is the Word of God IN WRITING!

As the personal Word of God taught the original apostles, so He called and taught His modern-day apostle by the WRITTEN WORD OF GOD—the same TEACHING—the SAME TRUTH!

After calling, giving His apostle the initial teaching, having him ordained, God added the 19 members that started His Church of this Philadelphia era. Then Christ had opened before His apostle, as one "SENT FORTH" with the gospel message, the means of MASS COMMUNICATION of the printed word, radio and later television.

With such vast mass communication facilities, *one* apostle could reach *many times more* people with the gospel message than the original twelve, plus the apostle Paul and others sent to Gentile nations. I soon saw the need, as God's Word sets

forth for the CHURCH, of evangelists, pastors, other elders and teachers—as well as people trained in ADMINISTRATIVE responsibilities.

So God raised up Ambassador College to provide training for the supportive functions behind the apostle in the GREAT COMMISSION.

Remember, the Church is still in the six-millennia era of this PRESENT EVIL WORLD. We are "called-out ones"—called to be SEPARATE!

Just as the angels on earth (pre-Adamic) needed the GOVERNMENT OF GOD to synchronize the various functions into a team unit, so was this necessary in God's Church.

The operation of the GREAT COMMISSION, especially in this twentieth century, requires, as the New Testament clearly states, organization.

So God set HIS GOVERNMENT in His Church. And God's government is authority from the TOP down. God the Father is in supreme authority over all. Next in authority under Him is Jesus Christ, living *Head* of the Church. On the human and earthly level, next in authority under Christ is His chosen apostle. God organized ancient Israel, under Moses, with captains over thousands next under Moses, then under them captains over hundreds, over fifties, etc., as God led Moses to choose.

I will here inject an incident in point. Christ had led His apostle to appoint the apostle's son next under him, because he was the best qualified, in the office of executive vice president. Perhaps it was a mistake to use such a modern business title. Nevertheless the son, like David's sons, Absalom and Adonijah, began to simply take over. He initiated policies he was not authorized to set. He wanted to secularize the college, the magazine (*The Plain Truth*), and even the Church. He wanted this world's accreditation for the college. He demoted or shanghaied the top-ranking ministers who had been trained under and were loyal to Christ's apostle.

Meanwhile, the apostle, as "one sent forth" with Christ's gospel message, was going into all the world—and was away from headquarters up to 300 out of the 365 days in the year. As the son departed from the ways of

his father and of God (as did the sons of Eli and of King David), he SHUT OFF ALL AUTHORITY ABOVE HIM. He *threatened* with loss of their positions in the Work any under him who in any manner contacted or revealed to his father how he was departing from God's ways, watering down doctrines and teachings—first in the college, then starting also in the Church. Cowed with fear, those who knew how the son was destroying the Work of the living GOD kept silent.

Finally, four leaders under him took courage and came to God's apostle, saying, "God forgive us for keeping silent so long, but we were afraid for our jobs. But now we have to report to you that your son is systematically destroying all that Christ has built through His apostle and is building something for himself. Like a spoiled child, he wants his own way."

God's apostle, to be not guilty of Eli's sin, removed his son from all authority and disfellowshipped him from the Church.

The son had represented that no one dare "take it over his head" by going to Christ's apostle—that ALL authority in a then great worldwide Work of God *stopped with him!*—that he had SHUT OFF all authority above himself.

But even Christ's apostle has no authority to SHUT OFF the authority above him. In God's government, the one in lesser authority is still UNDER the authority of those over him. Authority does not END at any point under God the Father.

The end of this incident in point is that all in God's Church now know that the door to Christ's apostle is always open to ALL under him!

God's Church is NOT a worldly ORGANIZATION—it is a SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATION, called out of this world and its ways by Christ. Yet it is WELL ORGANIZED—it must be to function. The Church consists of the begotten children of God—the DIVINE FAMILY-TO-BE!

The Household of God

Actually the Church is, on the human level, the BEGOTTEN FAMILY OF GOD. To the Gentile converts at Ephesus, God inspired Paul to write:

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The Pope's "Vision of the Future": EUROPE'S DESTINY UNFOLDS

In Vienna, Presidents Carter and Brezhnev held their long-awaited SALT II summit. But a far more important "religious summit" was held a few days earlier in Poland—a nine-day event that is the beginning of a process that will shake Europe and the world to its foundations!

by Gene H. Hogberg

Vienna, Austria:

The pace of world events, critical to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, is picking up with electrifying speed. Within a span of only 16 days, three distinct but definitely related developments have taken place here in Europe. Together, they present a picture of a continent about to rediscover its historic roots in an attempt to ensure its own salvation in a disintegrating world.

Pope, Parliament, and Salt II

First of all, beginning on June 2, the dynamic new head of the Roman Catholic Church made a precedent-

shattering pilgrimage back to his homeland behind the Iron Curtain. Altogether, at least six million of his countrymen assembled en masse at various stops along the pope's nine-day tour to applaud his triumphal return to Poland. The enthusiastic throngs heard the former archbishop of Krakow, who calls himself history's "first Slav pope," call for the "spiritual unity of Europe." As such, he issued a bold challenge to the legitimacy of Communist governments from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

Secondly, on June 7 and 10, about 120 million voters throughout the nine nations of the European Com-

munity (Common Market) went to the polls to choose candidates to directly represent them in the expanded and, they hope, strengthened European Parliament.

It was the first time in history that voters had been given the right to vote for representatives to an elected body operating on a level higher than that of the national state. Interestingly, there are delegates to the new European Parliament who, unofficially at least, will be attempting to "represent" the interests of those Europeans still locked behind the Iron Curtain.

Thirdly, on June 15-18, President

MILLIONS OF POLES cheered John Paul II on his return to Poland in June. The pope called for the "spiritual unity of Europe" in order to surmount the political division of the continent.

Carter of the United States and Soviet President and Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev held their long-awaited strategic arms limitation summit here in Vienna, Austria.

To the Russians, the SALT II treaty (which the two leaders signed on June 18) ratifies the Soviet Union's equality with the United States—at least in the military field. They know full well also that momentum is on their side. The United States, they are firmly convinced, is a nation on the decline.

Worst of all, from the European point of view, the Soviets, feeling stronger than ever, still hold within their grip the eastern half of Europe, which they carved out as a buffer zone at the end of the Second World War. Certainly the United States, declining in relative strength, isn't about to push them out. That point was proved in the Hungarian uprising 23 years ago. And it's even a question in many European minds as to whether the U.S. has the will to continue a firm commitment to the defense of the free half of Europe.

The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, of course, is not a stepping-stone toward either disarmament or peace. Far from it, for SALT II actually provides for a sizable increase in various segments of the U.S. and Soviet arsenals. SALT II—if it is approved by a highly suspicious U.S. Senate—is intended merely to regulate and discipline arms competition, acting as a check on the speed of the arms race.

Nevertheless, the SALT II treaty represents the capstone of Brezhnev's 15 years in office.

In October 1962, the Soviets were humiliated by President John F. Kennedy in the Cuban missile crisis. Lacking the power at that time to challenge the military superiority of the United States, they had no choice but to back down.

This was a particularly bitter blow for then party boss Nikita Khrushchev, who only one year earlier (at

the only other U.S.-Soviet summit here in Vienna) openly despised the youthful Kennedy.

Ever since the Cuban fiasco, however, the determined Soviets have undertaken a feverish military build-up—with America by no means sitting still in the meantime—to close the military gap.

Just in the past decade alone, the Soviet leaders have poured in \$104 billion more than the U.S. on strategic arms, severely straining their economy and sacrificing the needs of their citizens in the meantime.

Additional billions have bought the Soviets a powerful blue-ocean navy with which to project that power anywhere in the world and to avoid any embarrassing "Cubas" in the future.

The result today is that a rough one-to-one situation now exists—and with a definite momentum residing in Moscow's corner, especially in the conventional weapons field. As one Soviet scholar told *Newsweek* magazine (June 25, 1979): "We cannot match the U.S.A. in industry or agriculture, but we can overtake you in military power."

Moscow's Biggest Challenger Now—The Vatican

At SALT II, President Carter was totally unsuccessful in attempting, as

he put it, to "broaden the relationship" between the two powers in fields other than nuclear weapons.

Brezhnev turned a deaf ear to U.S. complaints of Soviet mischief-making in Africa (especially through the use of Cuban proxy forces) and other parts of the world. The Soviet chief simply hammered away at the inevitability of revolution and the "objective course of history" which, from Soviet perspective, runs in their favor—and which, of course, they ably assist.

The Kremlin leadership, while conservatively cautious as ever, does not fear the United States as much as before. It feels it has the power to disregard future American demands to back off from meddling in troubled areas of the world.

However, the Soviets are presently confronting their biggest challenge of all—from a source their historians long ago dismissed as irrelevant. Noted *New York Times* columnist James Reston, writing on the eve of the SALT II summit, said this: "In a mocking question about the pope near the end of World War II, Josef Stalin asked, 'How many divisions does he have?' Now, after the rapturous reception of Pope John Paul II in Poland, Brezhnev knows the answer: 'Quite a few!'"

"In fact, the pontiff's meeting with

ON JUNE 18 IN VIENNA, President Jimmy Carter of the United States and President Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union signed the SALT II nuclear arms treaty. Many Europeans fear the U.S. will continue to decline in relative strength to Moscow.



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his own people and its influence on the rest of Catholic Eastern Europe may prove to be the most important summit meeting of the decade, for it is not the penetration of Western military power Moscow has to fear, but the penetration of freedom and faith. . . .

"How many divisions does the pope have? And the answer is: More than Stalin or any of his successors imagined and more than they had to think about when the Carter-Brezhnev summit was originally planned."

George F. Will, a columnist for *Newsweek*, also took up this same theme. In the magazine's June 25 issue, he wrote: "Pope John Paul II's homecoming was one of the great events of the postwar era. Religion is supposed to be the opiate of the masses, but it has not had a noticeably sedative effect on Poland's surging, singing, clapping, praying masses."

"No Communist leader in Eastern Europe or the U.S.S.R. will ever hear such cheers. For thirty years, atheist regimes have been enforcing official ideology, yet Catholicism is the only mass movement in Eastern Europe; nothing else, least of all Communism, is a mass movement anywhere in the Communist world."

Pope's "Pan-European" Vision

"The pope's visit to Poland," writes Editor Carl G. Ströhm in the June 19, 1979 edition of the West German daily *Die Welt*, "has brought quite a bit into the light of day. A smart political mind from Eastern Europe stated the other day that for the time being there are only two centers in the world which are in possession of a long-term political concept. The one is the Vatican—the other the Kremlin."

The "long-term political concept" that the Vatican (or at least its current leader) has in mind was brought dramatically to the fore during Pope John Paul II's nine-day trip to Poland. (The pope drew enormous crowds, including one of 1,500,000 at his last mass in Krakow.) In the long run it amounts to nothing less than the vision of the future "spiritual unity" of the continent under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church. It is to be the church which will surmount the ideological division of Europe.

The pope, reported *Time* magazine in its June 18, 1979 edition, "seemed to envision an eventual pan-European Christian alliance against the secular materialism of both East and West."

On his trip, the pope continually referred to himself as "this Polish Pope, this Slavic Pope," seeming to imply he had a broad-based mission to reach all of Eastern Europe, not just Roman Catholic believers but Orthodox followers as well.

Vatican analysts traveling with the pope were not surprised to hear the pope's reference to the "spiritual unity" of Europe. They have felt he would do everything possible during his term of office to heal the eleventh-century break with the Eastern Orthodox churches. (With this rupture healed, it should prove easier to patch the later break with Protestantism!)

One American reporter, John Vinocur, was almost overwhelmed by the impact the pope had on his mass audiences and with the impunity with which he challenged present-day Communist authorities. Writing in the June 11 edition of the *International Herald Tribune*, Vinocur reported that the situation as it unfolded in Poland was so new, so unexpected that it was actually difficult to grasp in its entirety.

"Here was," he said, "a Polish pope talking daily before assemblies of his countrymen about how the Soviet Union and the other Allies had not come to their aid during the siege of Warsaw in World War II; about the Christian history of Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Poland, Yugoslavia and Lithuania; about how Europe must turn to Christianity if it is to advance beyond its present divisions; about how Communism and Christianity are diametrically opposed, and how the state must always be subsidiary 'to the full sovereignty of the nation.'"

"An obvious question," continued Vinocur, "was what the cumulative effect of such comments could be, refined and repeated over the next years. . . . The themes seeded by the pope, depending on how they are nurtured, could be the source of a new kind of dialogue in Eastern Europe or

they could provide a permanent element of confrontation."

Pope Tells of Europe's "Fundamental Unity"

On this historic trip, the pope offered a vision of the future and perhaps a glimpse of the long-term lines of his pontificate.

John Paul II delivered these thunderbolt words on one occasion: "Europe, despite its present and long-lasting divisions of regimes, ideologies and economic and political systems, cannot cease to seek its fundamental unity [and] must turn to Christianity. Despite the different traditions that exist in the territory of Europe between its Eastern part and its Western part, there lives in each of them the same Christianity. . . . Christianity must commit itself anew to the formation of the spiritual unity of Europe. Economic and political reasons cannot do it. We must go deeper. . . ."

The pope said in no uncertain words that politics alone cannot unite Europe. In fact, it is precisely politics—the ideological division symbolized by the Iron Curtain—which keeps Europe divided today.

And the process of building a United Europe on a purely economic basis has just about come to the end of the line. Ever since 1950, the process of amalgamating the economies of the free half of Europe has been under way. Much has been accomplished. The structure of the European Economic Community is well advanced. Yet national perspectives and jealousies still hover over the flickering flame of Europeanism.

Moreover, the economic fortunes of the Eastern Europeans are still dictated by Moscow, which dominates the activities of the East bloc's own "Common Market," called COMECON (Council of Mutual Economic Assistance).

"One may reasonably question," writes Yves Lamen in the European edition of *Newsweek* (June 18, 1979), "whether the process of building Europe on a purely economic basis has not reached its limit."

That's certainly what the pope meant when he said, "We must go deeper."

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PART NINE:

THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY

What is to happen—now—to America and her closest and most dependable ally, Britain? Are there prophecies that go on from here? Believe it or not, there is good news in the final outcome, just after our people have learned some spiritual lessons in tribulation and have returned to their God!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

God has bestowed on us such material blessings as *never before* came to any nations. Now to correct us so we may enjoy such blessings, He is going to bring upon our peoples such national disaster as has *never before* struck any nation! Many prophecies describe this!

The Tremendous Prophecy of Micah

An important additional proof of modern Israel's identity is found in a fantastic, detailed and *most specific* prophecy found in Micah 5:7-15. It is speaking specifically about the "remnant" of Israel—modern Israel *today*—wherever it is. It describes the *wealth*, the beneficent dominance among nations; and then the coming *downfall* of the American and British Commonwealth peoples in detail!

Notice: "And the *remnant of Jacob* shall be in the midst of many people [nations] as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men" (verse 7). Remember that dew and showers are *absolutely necessary* to agricultural productivity and are a symbol of national BLESSING and WEALTH from God.

Continue: "And the *remnant of Jacob* shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among

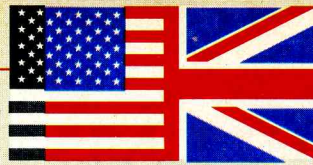
the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver" (verse 8).

Again, this symbolism describes the *last generation* of Israel as a GREAT POWER—as a lion among the other nations of the earth.

"Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off" (verse 9). They WERE cut off from the beginning of God's birthright blessing on America and Britain starting about 1803, through the First World War, the Second World War, until the turning point of the Korean War at the end of 1950.

Since that time, however, these blessings are surely being *taken away*—and neither America nor Britain has come out on top in any major skirmish since that time!

So this prophecy shows that *at the very time* we were receiving God's blessings, we were a tremendous BLESSING to the other nations of the earth—for it is *our peoples* who have rescued the other nations of the world time and again through the Marshall Plan, the Point Four program, the Alliance for Progress, the hundreds of millions of bushels of wheat for India and other starving nations, etc. The Hoover Program saved up vast food supplies after World



War I. It saved millions in *other* nations from starvation!

Anciently Joseph saved up the wheat and food and made it available to others. MODERN Joseph did also. But—we are stiff-necked and rebellious toward God and His law, while our ancient forefather Joseph served and obeyed God with a whole heart.

It is *our peoples* who have been like a “lion” among the other nations of the earth—*preserving* in two great world wars the peace of the world and stability for all human life on this planet!

Sudden Destruction

Yet, in this detailed prophecy, God says: “And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses” [“war-horses,” Moffatt translation]—tanks, ships, rockets—“out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots; and I will *cut off the cities* [by hydrogen bombs?] of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds” (verses 10, 11).

God says He will do this! GOD determines the outcome of wars (Ps. 33:10-19).

How plain can you get? Here God identifies the GREAT peoples of the earth who are the most wealthy and beneficent, the most POWERFUL—yet *at the very time* their power reaches its zenith, He suddenly “breaks” the pride of their power (see Leviticus 26:19), *cuts off* their implements of war and destroys their cities! Why?

Because, as the prophet continues to explain, we have too much “witchcraft” and too many “soothsayers”—false ministers—in our lands who refuse to preach with authority the commandments and ways of the living God!

Therefore, God will punish and *destroy us—unless we repent*—just before and leading up to the utter destruction to come “*upon the heathen*” (Micah 5:15), which will take place at the very END of this age and at the second return of Jesus Christ as King of kings!

There is no other people that even remotely fulfills this great prophecy! But the American and British Commonwealth peoples fulfill it precisely!

As the “pride of our power” continues to be BROKEN, as the British continue to lose their foreign sea gates and possessions around the earth, as America signs away ownership of the Panama Canal—control over this vital sea gate—as our gold supply drains away from this nation, weather upsets increase, this focal prophecy alone represents giant PROOF as to where the modern “remnant” of the peoples of Israel resides today!

Punishment on All Nations

It will now be made plain—from God’s own warning prophecies—that this greatest multiplied *intensity* of corrective punishment will fall on Britain and America—including British peoples in Commonwealth countries. And it will strike them down *first*!

But they are not the only nations to suffer corrective disaster. God is Creator of all other nations, too! God is concerned about the people and races we have called “heathen.” They, too, are human. They, too, are made in God’s own likeness, with the potential of being molded into God’s spiritual and character IMAGE! God sent the apostle Paul to Gentile nations!

All mankind has rebelled against, rejected, and turned from God and His ways! There can never be peace on earth until all nations have been turned to God and His ways, ruled by His supreme government!

All mankind, right now, is caught in the vortex of the swiftly accelerating crisis marking the utter destruction of this world’s man-built, Satan-inspired civilization.

Through Jeremiah God says: “A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Eternal hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh”—HOW? Right now *The World Tomorrow* program carries His *peaceful* pleading worldwide, but the world, except for scattered individuals, does not heed *this* kind of “pleading.” The next words tell HOW God is now about to plead: “. . . he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Eternal. . . Behold, EVIL shall go forth *from nation to nation*, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth” (Jer. 25:31-32).

God will use a Nazi-Fascist Europe to punish Britain-America. Then He will use the Communist hordes to wipe out the Roman Europe.

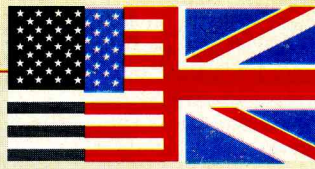
In passing on the birthright to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 48:16), Jacob said, “Let my name be named on them”—on Ephraim and Manasseh—who today are Britain and America.

We are entering a time of world trouble—utter WORLD chaos! There is war, strife, violence in Asia, Africa, South America—as well as Europe and North America. The population explosion is a worldwide threat to human existence. Crime, violence, sickness, disease, inequality, poverty, filth, squalor, degeneration, suffering—these infest ALL nations!

But, as salvation is given *first* to Israel, so is corrective punishment!

Our Great Tribulation

Notice Jeremiah’s prophecy: “For thus saith the Eternal; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?



Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's TROUBLE" (Jer. 30:5-7).

Remember—in passing on the birthright to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 48:16), Jacob said, "Let MY NAME be named on them"—on Ephraim and Manasseh—who today are Britain and America. This tells ON WHOM this most terrible of national calamities is to fall—on Britain and America!

But now when is it to fall? Do not assume this is referring to anything that did happen to ancient Israel. Read right on—see WHEN this prophecy is to be fulfilled!

Continue: "... it is even the time of JACOB's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." (After he has learned his lesson IN it!) Continuing from RSV, "And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Eternal of hosts, that I will break the YOKE from off their neck [yoke of slavery], and I will burst their bonds, and strangers shall no more make servants of them. But they shall serve the Eternal their God and David their king, whom I will *raise up* for them." (David, at the time of the RESURRECTION—at the very time of Christ's COMING!)

So *the time* is just prior to Christ's COMING—coming to *liberate* our peoples—even as Moses liberated ancient Israel from Egyptian slavery.

Jesus Foretold It

Other prophecies speak of this same time of national calamity greater than any before.

The pivotal New Testament prophecy is that of Jesus on the Mount of Olives—recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.

The apostles had asked Jesus privately WHEN His second coming would occur—and the END of *this* world and the beginning of the happy world tomorrow. Jesus said the SIGN by which we might know when this is very NEAR would be that His original gospel of the Kingdom of God would be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations (Matt. 24:14). But what else—just before His coming?

Jesus continued: "For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. 24:21-22).

Here is described the greatest time of TROUBLE—TRIBULATION—in all history, or ever to be. Jeremiah described it as "Jacob's trouble," so great "that none is like it."

Daniel described the same most severe trouble of all history. Speaking of a time now in our immediate future, Daniel foretold: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince [archangel] which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of TROUBLE, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time..." (Dan. 12:1).

The same *most intense punishment* on Britain and America. And WHEN? Continue, same verse, "... and at that time thy people shall be delivered [from this enslaved trouble], every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep [are dead] in the dust of the earth shall awake [RESURRECTION], some to everlasting life..." (verses 1-2).

The time is just before the RESURRECTION of the just, at Christ's coming. As Moses delivered the ancient Israelites from Egyptian slavery, so CHRIST is coming to deliver modern Britain and America from the now-impending *Babylonish* slavery. (See Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 7:37; Jeremiah 23:5-8.)

Jeremiah described it as a "YOKE" on the necks of our peoples. WHOSE "YOKE" of slavery? Isaiah tells us!

In verse 1 of Isaiah 47 the prophetic message is addressed to the *daughter* of Babylon. *Not* the Babylon of ancient days. Not Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon of 600 years before Christ—but a DAUGHTER of that Babylon, now, in our twentieth century. In prophecy a woman, or a daughter, means a CHURCH—a religious organization.

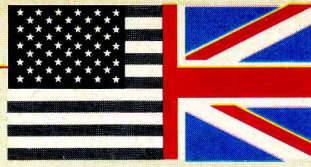
This particular "lady" of this prophecy is pictured as a lewd harlot and "a lady of kingdoms." That is, a great CHURCH ruling over nations. This *same* modern "female" Babylon is pictured also in the 17th chapter of Revelation—there called a "great whore," sitting on or ruling over "many waters," which are interpreted in verse 15 as "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." Her name is there given as "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth." In other words, the Babylonian mystery religion—the same religion of the ancient Babylon—but now grown GREAT and ruling over many nations of different languages.

Her KINGDOMS over which she ruled were called "the Holy Roman Empire" of A.D. 554 to 1814, briefly revived by Mussolini and SOON to have a last and final "resurrection" by a political-military union of ten nations in Europe (Rev. 17:8-14).

And at the TIME of this "great whore" sitting astride the political-military "beast," they shall fight in war against the glorified CHRIST at His second coming (Rev. 17:14).

Now back to Isaiah 47. God says to this mistress of kingdoms: "I was wroth with my people [Israel—Britain-America], I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them *into thine hand* [in tortured slavery]: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke" (verse 6).

That YOKE of SLAVERY without mercy is to be laid on the U.S.-Britain by the coming united nations of Europe! It has started already, through the economic Common Market and the recently implemented EMS (European Monetary System). Its leaders talk continually of POLITICAL union—which means, also, military union. So far they have been unable to bring about full political union. This will be made possible by the "good offices" of the Vatican, that alone can be the symbol of unity to which they can



look. Two popes already have offered their “good offices” toward such union.

The prophecy does not literally say so, but in all probability, by present indications, GERMANY will head this new WORLD POWER. And Germany will try it once again—World War III. And this time, it will be allowed to succeed!

The ancient Assyrians migrated NORTHWEST from their ancient land south of the Caspian Sea—and settled in GERMANY! The Germans of today are the same people—the very descendants—of the ancient ASSYRIANS. So when you read about Assyria in prophecies pertaining to NOW, they refer to GERMANY!

So, history is to repeat! It was ancient Assyria which invaded the house of Israel, and carried them out of Samaria into the Assyrian’s own land.

And where, today, are the ancient BABYLONIANS—the Chaldeans? They migrated west and settled in ITALY. Their religion was the Assyrian-Babylonian MYSTERY religion. It is going to come as a breathtaking, awesome, shocking surprise when the world learns that one Simon, the sorcerer of Samaria in the time of the original apostles, leader of the BABYLONIAN MYSTERY religion having the title of PATER or PETER, meaning PAPA, actually appropriated the NAME of *Christ* and the Christian principle of GRACE, which he turned into LICENSE, doing away with GOD’S LAW (Jude 4) and started what is today called “Christianity.” How astonished the world will be to discover that it is NOT, and never was, the outgrowth of the CHURCH OF GOD, founded by Jesus Christ and His apostles!

This knowledge will soon burst on an incredulous world as a BOMBSHELL! People will be SHOCKED to learn how they have been DECEIVED!

What Is the Great Tribulation?

Now it becomes painfully clear! The Great Tribulation is this sevenfold intensity of corrective punishment which God is now soon going to lay on Britain-America!

Notice a few brief excerpts from Ezekiel’s description of it!

“A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part [the remainder] into all the winds [slavery], and I will draw out a sword after them. THUS shall MINE ANGER be accomplished, and I will cause MY FURY [last PLAGUES] to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and *they shall know* that I the Eternal have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them” (Ezek. 5:12-13).

Further: “In all your dwelling places the CITIES shall be laid waste” (Ezek. 6:6). This could never have happened until the hydrogen bomb! Cities laid completely WASTE. ALL of them—“in all your dwelling places.”

Drought—Famine, First

Now let the prophet Joel add more.

Joel’s prophecy was for the far, far future—verses 1-3 of chapter 1. Then he shows a plague of different kinds of

locusts, devouring the fruits and food crops—stripping off bark from fruit trees. “He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white” (Joel 1:7).

Continue—now comes devastating DROUGHT: “The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth . . . because the harvest of the field is perished. . . all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men” (verses 10-12). This is to happen just prior to the terrible plagues of “the DAY OF THE LORD” (verses 14-15).

Continue the prophecy: “The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire [hot sun] hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up . . .” (verses 17-20).

Next—Military Invasion and Defeat

Next in time order, beginning chapter 2, the alarm of WAR: “Blow ye the trumpet in Zion [alarm of WAR], and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land *tremble*: for the DAY OF THE LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand” (verse 1).

“Therefore also now, saith the Eternal, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Eternal your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil” (verses 12-13).

At Last!—Repentance in Tribulation

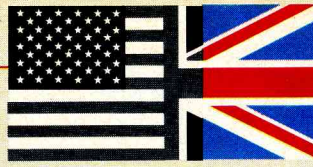
Once God does add these repeated SEVENFOLD-INTENSITY of corrective punishments on our peoples—when they have had their wealth, prosperity, their land—the birthright and everything they possessed and set their hearts on taken away from them—at last they will be humbled and will cry out to God for mercy and deliverance!

Right now GOD’S WARNING MESSAGE of this terrifying greatest trouble of history is being THUNDERED over *The World Tomorrow* program into ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD—as a witness! Some two and a half million are reading it in *The Plain Truth*!

We know only too well that the people as a whole will not heed! We are grateful that God is laying it on the hearts of a few thousand every year to LISTEN (hearken—to use biblical Authorized Version language) and to take it seriously—to REPENT and come to God through Jesus Christ as Savior.

Yes, a few thousand every year—thousands PRECIOUS beyond estimate! But NOT the people as a whole. Not NOW!

We know full well that the real HARVEST of our labors in GOD’S WORK, preparing the way for Christ’s coming, is NOT NOW! But when everything these peoples have has been



taken from them—when they are slaves in foreign lands—when they are cruelly treated, beaten, unmercifully even martyred and put to death—THEN millions of those who remain alive WILL cry out to God—WILL repent—WILL turn to live GOD’S WAY. *That* is when the real harvest from this present Work of God will be reaped.

Millions then will remember they *heard* Christ’s TRUE message over *The World Tomorrow*—read it in *The Plain Truth*!

Then they will say: “*That was* the true message sent by God after all!” Many will take it lightly now—just as the

The pitiful tragedy of it! This realization will come too late to save the many from this repeated sevenfold punishment! But, for millions, not too late for their salvation—for God’s gift of eternal life!

Israelites of old took God’s message to them through His prophets. But when these things really HAPPEN—when people realize NO ONE ELSE warned them—then they will KNOW just WHO are the real FALSE prophets today! *Then* they will KNOW which is God’s truth!

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Millions Finally Converted

Notice the prophecies of this very thing! Return for a moment to Jeremiah’s prophecy. The 30th chapter, from which I quoted, ends with these words: “. . . in the *latter days* ye shall consider it.” The prophecy is for OUR TIME, now!

Read right on in chapter 31: “At the same time, saith the Eternal, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus saith the Eternal, The people which were left of the sword [those still then alive] found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when he went to find him rest” (marginal rendering). Or, as in the RSV, “. . . when Israel *sought for* rest, the Eternal appeared to him from afar.” Or, as in the Moffatt translation: “. . . Those who survive the sword shall find grace in the dungeon.” That is, in captivity and in slavery!

Continue, “Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. . . . They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters *in a straight way* [God’s law!], where-

in they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn [birthright-holder]. Hear the word of the Eternal, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock” (Jer. 31:4, 9-10).

Later Jeremiah was inspired to write: “In those days, and in that time, saith the Eternal, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Eternal their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Eternal in a perpetual covenant [the NEW Covenant] that shall not be forgotten. My people hath been LOST SHEEP: their shepherds [professing Christian ministers] have caused them to go astray . . .” (Jer. 50:4-6).

Later in this chapter: “In those days, and in that time, saith the Eternal, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve [leave as a remnant]” (verse 20).

Hosea Summarizes It

This whole matter of Israel’s rebellion against RIGHT WAYS, of God’s driving them out, divorcing them, withholding the bestowal of the birthright for 2520 years—and of Israel’s final redemption *after* the three additional sevenfold more *intense* corrective punishments—is summarized by the prophet Hosea.

But Hosea also becomes very concise, direct, and specific in detailing Britain-America’s national ATTITUDE right now!

To picture this whole course of infidelity, rejection, withholding of blessing, extreme correction, and final awakening of Israel, God directed the prophet to marry a whore—to picture what Israel was to God. She bore him a son. God instructed Hosea to name the son *Jezreel*, meaning “God will disperse.” For God said, “. . . I will . . . cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. . . . I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel” (Hos. 1:4-5). The kingdom—the government—did cease at the Assyrian captivity—721-718 B.C.

Hosea’s harlot wife conceived again, and bore a daughter. God instructed that she be named *Lo-ruhamah*, meaning “no mercy,” for, said God, “. . . I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away” (verse 6).

Later this lewd wife had another son. “Call his name,” said God, “*Lo-ammi* [meaning “not my people”]: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God” (verse 9).

Yet to Find the True Riches

“Yet,” continued the Eternal, “the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of” (*Continued on page 36*)

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Has peace finally come to the Middle East? Will the peace treaty signed last March provide a short respite—a lull before the storm? Where are Mideast events

by Raymond F. McNair

After confronting each other in a state of war for nearly 31 years, Egypt and Israel signed a formal treaty at the White House last March 26 to establish peace and open "normal and friendly relations."

As millions looked on via television, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel put their signatures on the Arabic, Hebrew and English versions of the first peace treaty between Israel and an Arab country.

President Carter, signing as a witness for the United States, declared: "Peace has come," adding that "we have won, at last, the first step of peace—a first step on a long and difficult road."

All three leaders joined together in offering prayers that the treaty would bring true peace to the Middle East and end the animosity that has four times erupted into warfare since Israel declared its independence in May 1948.

Many have been swept up in the

euphoria generated by the signing of this historic treaty. But will the treaty really bring the peace which has eluded the region for decades? Or are uncontrollable events soon destined to rupture the delicate fabric of "peace" in this volatile part of the world?

What happens in this strategic area is of vital concern to nations in every part of the globe. For over 40 years *The Plain Truth* has urged its readers to keep their eyes on the Middle East—the focal point of all Bible prophecy. What does the Word of God say about the chances for peace in this explosive region? Where is the Middle East headed? Can we really know?

Who Can Know the Future?

There is a Creator God who knows the past and can fathom the future. He has given us in His Word, the Holy Bible, many hundreds of prophecies which foretell future events.

The Creator says: "... For I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning,

and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isa. 46:9-10).

It is God who knows the end from the beginning. His Word, if diligently studied and rightly understood, reveals to mankind many of the major events about to occur in the Mideast.

Amazing Future Prophecy

The prophet Daniel prophesied that four great world-ruling empires would arise one after the other (see Daniel 2 and 7). These empires would dominate this earth up until the end time when the "stone" (the Messiah or Christ—see Daniel 2:45 and Ephesians 2:20) will demolish and supplant all human governments.

The longest prophecy of the Bible, the eleventh chapter of Daniel, specifically concerns the Middle East. Most of this lengthy prophecy has already been fulfilled. The first four verses of this chapter foretold that "a mighty king" (Alexander the Great) would rise up and defeat

THE VOLATILE MIDDLE EAST

by Israel and Egypt bring an end to decades of Mideast hostility? Or will it simply leading? Can we know what lies ahead in this foremost of trouble spots?

the Persians. He would die without "posterity" to rule on his throne. His kingdom would be "divided toward the four winds" (by his four generals).

Then we come to the very detailed prophecy concerning a prolonged struggle between the Seleucid kings of "the north" (in Syria) and the Ptolemaic kings of "the south" (in Egypt). History shows how accurately the detailed prophecies of verses 5-39 were fulfilled. (For a description of the historical fulfillment of these verses, write for our free article entitled "The Middle East in Prophecy.") But verses 40-45 are yet to be fulfilled. They reveal that startling events are yet to take place in the Mideast.

As foretold, after the death of Alexander the Great his four generals divided up his kingdom. Cassander ruled Greece and Macedonia. Lysimachus was given Asia Minor. Seleucus (Nicator) ruled Syria and Babylonia as far as India. Ptolemy (Soter) ruled Egypt, part of Ethiopia (including the modern Sudan), Judea and part of Syria.

The kings of the north and south referred to in this chapter were the Greek rulers of Egypt and Syria who for centuries struggled over control of Palestine. The Bible always speaks from the focal point of the Holy Land. Syria was north of Palestine; Egypt was south.

The "king of the north" continued to be Syria up until 65 B.C. From that time on the "king of the north" represents the Roman Empire.

Rome is the fourth and last of the world-ruling empires which Daniel prophesied would dominate this world (Daniel 2 and 7). The Roman Empire would meet catastrophe and be revived again and again. It would continue to reappear until the Messiah appears on the scene and destroys all human kingdoms and governments, and establishes the Kingdom of God.

The Seven Heads

The ancient Roman Empire fell to the Heruli and their allies in A.D. 476. Then Justinian revived the Roman Empire in the West in A.D. 554. It was, in our time, revived by Benito

Mussolini. *Il Duce*, the leader, ruled the sixth major revival of the Roman Empire.

According to the prophecies of your Bible, there were to be seven major "heads" (leaders) or seven revivals of the Roman Empire, beginning A.D. 554 when the "deadly wound" was healed by Justinian (Rev. 13:3-5). The other "resurrections" of the Roman Empire include those of Charlemagne, Otto the Great, Charles the Great (of the Hapsburgs), Napoleon and Mussolini-Hitler. The seventh and final revival is yet to occur.

Students of biblical prophecy generally understand that the fourth kingdom mentioned by Daniel (depicted by the legs of iron and feet part of iron and part of clay) is the Roman Empire (Dan. 2:32-45). "And in the days of these kings [ten kings represented by the "ten toes"] 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 [smite the image on its feet and toes of iron and clay]

and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. 2:44).

The seventh chapter of Daniel lists four beasts: lion, bear, leopard and a "fourth beast, dreadful and terrible," unlike any beast known to mankind.

Daniel was inspired to foretell the destruction of this fourth beast (the Roman Empire): "... I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame" (Dan. 7:11).

Then follows the coming of the Messiah to this earth in power and glory: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven. . . . And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (verses 13-14).

Very few understand that the Roman Empire is to exist, quite literally, at the coming of the Messiah, and once again will wreak great havoc in the name of "peace"—just before the establishment of the prophesied Kingdom of God on this earth.

United States of Europe

Immediately after World War II, Winston Churchill, in a speech at Zurich, Switzerland, urged the creation of a "United States of Europe." Since that time, many steps have been taken toward achieving this goal (the most recent being the first-ever direct election to an expanded and strengthened European Parliament). A New Europe is coming as certainly as the sun will continue to rise and set.

Many Europeans realize they will remain impotent as individual nations unless they can bind themselves together in a strong union. Only then can they speak with a united voice and exercise their political and military power to utmost advantage.

The most recent war in the Mideast painfully underlined Europe's weakness in international disputes. The nations of the European Economic Community (EEC) were forced to stand by as the United States and Russia made the important decisions concerning the Octo-

ber 1973 Middle East struggle. Europeans charge that they were not only *not* consulted, but they were only informed belatedly, after the international situation in the Mideast had deteriorated to the point where the United States felt impelled to put her forces (including those on European soil) on full alert.

Europeans now are demanding a bigger say in what goes on in the world—including the Middle East, where their umbilical oil line could be severed without either their knowledge or consent. The Common Market makers have appealed to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for greater cooperation between the two blocs.

In order to have more freedom to maneuver in future crises, Europeans are continuing to consider steps to bring about their own political and military independence from United States control and influence.

Daniel prophesied over 2500 years ago that Europe will sooner or later end up with a strong central government like that of the ancient Roman Empire. This strong United Europe is foretold in the seventeenth chapter of Revelation: "And the beast [the final manifestation of the Roman Empire] that was, and is not, even he is the eighth [head], and is of the seven [of the seven heads of Daniel 7:4-7], and goeth into perdition" (Rev. 17:11).

The Coming Beast

Now notice that "the beast" (the leader of this final revival of the Roman Empire) will have under his control and direction the full power of "ten kings" or ten rulers who will give him full allegiance: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These [the beast and the ten kings] shall make war with the Lamb [Christ at His coming], and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings . . ." (verses 12-14).

This battle, to occur near Jerusalem (see Zech. 14:1-4), is described in chapter 16 of the book of Revelation: "... The kings of the earth and

of the whole world [are marshaled by the demon world]. . . . into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (verses 12-16).

For thousands of years, Megiddo has been a most strategic place, the very crossroads of the Middle East. These kings and their armies meet at Megiddo, then move south to the valley of Jehoshaphat (near Jerusalem) where the climactic battle actually takes place. "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him [the returning Christ] that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet. . . . These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse . . . and all the fowls were filled with their flesh" (Rev. 19:19-21).

As we read earlier, this same annihilation of the beast is described in Daniel: "... I beheld even till the beast [the human head of the coming ten-nation combine] was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame" (Dan. 7:11).

In the Bible a king often represents a kingdom (see Daniel 2:38-39; 7:17, 23). So these "beasts" are human governments or kingdoms which have plundered and destroyed the nations down through the centuries. They have acted like wild beasts. That appears to be why God compares them to ravaging animals.

Now return to the eleventh chapter of Daniel.

We have seen that the king of the north was Syria—until that nation was swallowed up by Rome and became a part of the Roman Empire. From that time forth, the successive kings of the north were the successive leaders of the Roman Empire.

We have also seen that the Roman Empire would have seven heads or revivals, beginning with Justinian in A.D. 554. The seventh (last) head of this Roman Empire is yet to arise—maybe sooner than we think!

End-Time Prophecy

The Mussolini-Hitler kingdom was the sixth head of the beast. The next leader to unite the peoples of Europe will constitute the "beast" mentioned in Daniel and Revela-

tion. He will also be the "king of the north" mentioned in Daniel 11:40-45.

Why will this king of the north become involved in the Middle East? Because the Mideast is of great strategic importance. It is at the very geographical center of the earth—the vital crossroads between three continents. Also, it is very important because it boasts over 50 percent of the world's proven oil reserves.

Now let's pick up that part of this prophecy that has been fulfilled in just the last 80 years: "And at the time of the end [this was in 1895-1896] shall the king of the south [Ethiopia] push at him [Italy in Eritrea]; and the king of the north [Italy under Mussolini] shall come against him like a whirlwind [from the air with fighter planes and bombers], with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over" (verse 40). Mussolini fulfilled verse 40—but not verse 41. Mussolini as "king of the north" did not enter into Palestine. He was stopped in Egypt.

Which countries will the prophesied king of the north enter? Which nations will he conquer? Verse 41 shows that he will move into what has been called Palestine: "He shall enter also into the glorious land [the Holy Land], and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon."

What about Egypt? Will it be subject to the coming king of the north? "... And the land of Egypt shall not escape" (verse 42).

Verse 43 says that "the Libyans and the Ethiopians [meaning the Cushite peoples of the Sudan and probably Ethiopia] shall be at his steps [borders]."

Beast and False Prophet

But at this point in time, the king of the north is going to hear some alarming news—probably a military threat from Russia and those nations allied with her. "But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many" (verse 44).

Notice how this king will move his

headquarters to Jerusalem: "And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him" (verse 45).

He will set his palace in Mount Zion, which is situated between the Mediterranean and Dead seas.

We have already seen that the beast of Revelation 17 and 19 will fight the Messiah at the valley of Jehoshaphat—near Jerusalem. But a "false prophet," a great false religious leader, will also move his headquarters to Jerusalem. This is indicated in II Thessalonians 2:1-8.

This same "false prophet" is called the "man of sin" and the "son of perdition" (II Thess. 2:3). He is described as one "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (verse 4).

Under the Gentile Heel

The king of the north is going to move to Mount Zion, and he will be joined there by the false prophet who will work great miracles. This king of the north (also called the "beast") will at a later date take half of the people of Jerusalem into captivity (Zech. 14:1-2).

The beast and false prophet will both be in Jerusalem to oppose Christ when He returns to this earth in dazzling power and glory. The horrible punishment of these two evil leaders is described in Revelation 19:20.

Now notice Jesus' prophecy regarding Jerusalem at the time just before His second coming: "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains. . . . For these be the days of vengeance. . . . For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people" (Luke 21:20-23).

Verse 24 has certainly not yet been completely fulfilled—even though it was partially fulfilled in A.D. 70 when Jerusalem was destroyed by Roman armies: "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and

Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

God tells of a coming great battle to occur near Jerusalem: "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle" (Zech. 14:2-3).

When will this take place? It will be at the second coming of Christ. "And his feet [Christ's] shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives. . . . And the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee" (verses 4, 5). (Compare I Thessalonians 4:14-17, I Corinthians 15:51-54 and Revelation 11:15-18.)

Then occurs the terrible destruction which will befall those who fight against Christ at Jerusalem: "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes [sockets], and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth" (Zech. 14:12).

The mighty power of God will bring about this instantaneous death. It even sounds somewhat like what happened at Hiroshima and Nagasaki!

Lasting Peace for Our Time

Prophecy reveals that there will continue to be further strife and bloodshed in the Middle East. Neither the United Nations nor any other power or nation will be able to find a workable solution to today's vexing Middle East impasse. There will be more talks, truces, and peace treaties—and more bloodletting. Bible prophecy shows that no human government will ever be able to bring to an end the hostilities in this part of the world. Only the ushering in of the ruling Kingdom of God under the leadership of the returning Jesus Christ—the Prince of Peace—will bring a permanent peace to the Middle East—and the world. □

Newly discovered evidence confirms a long-held suspicion: Smoking is our number-one drug addiction problem. Yet this realization provides the best clue to a program of overcoming this health hazard.

A recent outpouring of studies from research centers now supports a long-conjectured theory: For most smokers, smoking is a particularly stubborn form of drug addiction—addiction to the nicotine molecule.

Experts in the Office of Smoking and Health (part of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare) have bowed to the weight of growing evidence. And United States Surgeon General Julius B. Richmond, in his signed preface to the 1979 federal report on smoking, calls nicotine “a powerful addictive drug.”

Not Just a Habit

Medical World News, March 5, 1979, carried summaries of the recent studies confirming nicotine's addictive powers.

SMOKING

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A BAD HABIT!

by Donald D. Schroeder

These findings answer, in great part, why smoking is more than just a hard-to-break habit that can be overcome with health warnings, stop-smoking campaigns, curbs on cigarette advertising or “safer” low-tar/low-nicotine cigarettes.

For millions of people, smoking is as much a classic drug addiction problem—both physically and psy-

chologically—as heroin addiction. But as in other forms of drug addiction, individuals vary in how their bodies metabolize nicotine, and thus in how they respond when deprived of it. (Apparently only a lucky few, for unknown reasons, can smoke regularly and not become addicted.)

The latest findings add weight to already voluminous reports and warnings that reveal smoking to be a serious and damaging personal and national health problem. Government authorities feel smoking is the single largest acquired cause of poor health. Even so, one must be strongly motivated to break nicotine's vicious grip.

The good news is that some thirty million Americans have shaken the smoking habit since 1964. The bad news is that a decade-long barrage of anti-cigarette campaigns only temporarily dented the ranks of the smoking population. Over fifty million Americans still smoke. And now more and more persons, especially teenagers and women under peer and advertising pressures, are joining the smokers' ranks. Many are destined to become nicotine junkies!

Former Assumptions Erroneous

The original surgeon general's report on smoking and health released in 1964 alleged, with little supportive evidence, that smoking is a bad habit but not addicting, that no tolerance is developed, and that no antisocial behavior is caused by it. All three of these allegations have now been decisively refuted.

As far back as 1942, in the British medical publication *The Lancet*, Dr. Lennox M. Johnston reported that “smoking tobacco is essentially a means of administering nicotine, just as smoking opium is a means of administering morphine.” He based his assumption on the finding that when he and 35 other volunteer smokers received modest injections of nicotine, they “were disinclined to smoke for some time thereafter.”

Subsequent well-controlled studies—one of them at the University of Michigan Medical School—confirmed the observation that nicotine injections temporarily diminish a smoker's need to smoke.



Another British researcher, Dr. C. D. Frith of the Institute of Psychiatry at the University of London, reported similar findings in 1971. On days smokers were given cigarettes with less nicotine than they were accustomed to, they puffed more frequently and smoked more cigarettes than on days when they were given moderate or high nicotine cigarettes.

In 1974, yet another British study found smokers leave a shorter butt upon switching to a cigarette with less nicotine. The reason: the cigarette itself acts as a filter, holding back tar and nicotine in early puffs, but delivers them at higher levels as the butt shortens.

In *Drug Metabolism Reviews* (1978), Dr. Michael A. H. Russell of Maudsley Hospital's Institute of Psychiatry in London presented his "bolus model" of nicotine addiction. In this model, each puff of cigarette smoke represents a unit dose of nicotine. The nicotine in the puff passes through the lungs into the blood supply that reaches the brain in about seven seconds.

Dr. Russell reported that, without conscious effort, the smoker adjusts his puffing pattern (time between puffs, length of puff, amount inhaled into lungs, time between cigarettes) to satisfy a certain level of nicotine need built up by the smoker.

Dr. Russell says that although smokers may convince themselves smoking calms them, helps them work, etc., they are not gaining any real positive advantage over non-smokers; it is just that in order to function without discomfort smokers must smoke to fulfill their bodies' need for a certain level of nicotine at a particular moment.

"At 10 puffs a cigarette, a pack-a-day smoker gets more than 70,000 nicotine shots in the brain a year," says Dr. Russell. He also points out that nicotine addiction is apparently more rapidly established than heroin addiction.

Unlike the adolescent who shoots heroin once or twice a week at first, he reports, an adolescent smoker experiences around 200 successive nicotine "fixes" by the time he finishes his first pack of cigarettes.

Studies show four times as much

nicotine is excreted when urine is acid than when it is alkaline. This means most smokers must smoke more on days when their urine level is acid to maintain nicotine levels.

Researchers have found that stress—whether at work, home or in social situations—and drinking alcohol increases urine acidity. This helps explain why heavy drinkers and those engaged in stressful occupations so often have serious smoking problems.

Withdrawal Symptoms and Tolerance

While there are also social or peer pressures involved, addiction to nico-

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tine explains, in a great part, why so many smokers find it difficult to give up the practice.

In its 1977 report, *Smoking and Health*, the Royal College of Physicians of London says the "nicotine-withdrawal syndrome" is often composed of "intense craving, tension, irritability, restlessness, depression, difficulties with concentration," plus such physical effects as a fall in the pulse rate and blood pressure, constipation, sleep disturbance and impaired work performance.

The Royal College reports that most people first starting to smoke often suffer such reactions as palpitations, dizziness, nausea or vomiting. But as they continue smoking they acquire a tolerance for nicotine and after a few years not only can take but require a high input of nicotine to prevent withdrawal symptoms.

Smoking, then, is essentially a willingly—or willfully—self-administered disorder.

Researchers note that smoking

does not automatically lead to anti-social behavior—as long as cigarettes are easily and cheaply available. However, the willingness of many smokers to forgo some of life's basic necessities in order to sustain their habit, even if poverty-stricken or, as history shows, even in prisoner-of-war camps, demonstrates the potential for antisocial behavior under imposed conditions of deprivation.

Some authorities feel that if cigarette prices were raised to heroin levels, many cigarette junkies would behave in the same antisocial manner as do most heroin junkies.

What Difference Does It Make?

One may respond, "Why shouldn't I smoke, since it's *my* body?" Perhaps even a Christian may ask, "Is it a sin to smoke?"

The Bible does not specifically say, "You shall not smoke!" (Smoking wasn't a common practice until it was copied from the New World Indians around the time of Columbus.)

But Scripture does adjure: "What? Know ye not that *your body* is the temple of the Holy [Spirit] . . . and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore *glorify God in your body*, and in your spirit, which are God's [not yours!]" (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

Does it glorify God to pollute your body, ruin your health, court lung cancer, emphysema, bronchitis, cardiovascular disease, force others to breathe your pollution, become a fire hazard to your home and personal property, and others' property? Hardly. That's not loving your neighbor or yourself!

"There's no such thing as a safe cigarette. If it burns, it's dangerous," say health officials.

Nicotine not only is an addictive substance—it is also a poison. Sixty milligrams is actually lethal when administered in a single dose. The average filter cigarette contains 20 to 30 milligrams of tars and nicotine (of which the smoker inhales one or two). A persistent smoker is poisoning himself in proportion to how much he smokes and how well his body disposes of the poisons.

Even if cigarette manufacturers

reduce nicotine levels (which means addicted smokers will have to puff more to get their nicotine "fix"), they cannot eliminate all dangerous tars and gases.

Says Alan Blum, M.D., "[From a medical point of view], what is 'tar'? It means poison—at least 2,000 solid poisons, including arsenic and other known cancer causers, not to mention the toxic gases of carbon monoxide, ammonia and cyanide" (*Medical World News*, March 5, 1979). (Cyanide is the deadly poison administered to adherents of the People's Temple in Guyana some time back. You may recall that it was mixed with Kool-aid, bringing painful death to over 900 hapless people. Smoking is the equivalent of administering cyanide and other harmful substances into the body on the installment plan.)

A Harvard Medical School health letter gives heavy smokers these chances of serious health problems as compared to nonsmokers: twenty-four times the chance of lung cancer, nineteen times the chance of emphysema, two or three times the chance of a heart attack, plus much more frequent incidences of mouth, lip, larynx, pancreas, and urinary-bladder cancer.

Mothers-to-be have twice the chance of a miscarriage, and babies of smoking mothers on the average weigh less and suffer more birth defects (nicotine is absorbed through the placenta by the fetus).

A British study says each cigarette cuts 5½ minutes from one's life-span—over 1½ hours per pack. Other researchers cite other dangers. But why go on?

Despite an enormous mountain of evidence that implicates smoking in the deaths of hundreds of thousands annually, the cigarette industry will try to muddle the issue with cries of "lack of absolute proof." So will many smokers. Will you?

Strategy to Quit Smoking

If you are a smoker, you can quit successfully, and for good. Millions have quit smoking. Other millions, however, have given up the attempt after a short struggle. It is clear that conquering nicotine or smoking ad-

diction is not possible without determined effort and strong motivation. Halfhearted attempts or weak convictions will not produce success. To succeed, you have to buck not only your own desires, magnified by nicotine addiction, but possibly strong peer pressure as well.

There are physical and spiritual reasons to quit smoking. We will discuss both basic physical and spiritual principles, as it is important to mobilize all available resources for the battle.

A primary purpose for quitting, of course, will be to protect one's health and physical well-being. It is simply

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illogical to destroy the intricately balanced functions of the human body with a host of poisons it was never designed to ingest.

The smoking habit also subtly creates defects in the smoker's character, attitude toward life and in his logic and ability to reason, often to the point that smokers will, with little care or concern, disregard not only their own health but the health and well-being of others to satisfy their enslaving habit.

To continue smoking, a smoker must minimize or blind his mind to proven health dangers or smoking-related suffering, perhaps even ignore telltale health warnings such as a persistent "smoker's hack" or shortness of breath. He must fabricate lame rationalizations and clichés, such as, "Well, you gotta die of something!"

Many smokers have quit smoking on their own. Some, however, may need extra help from stop-smoking clinics or health agencies. Since these

clinics or agencies vary in cost (free to expensive) and offer many different approaches (not all are necessarily recommended or equally as good), one needs to investigate first.

Also, individuals with a serious health or a heavy smoking problem should consult with a physician first. For most, stopping smoking will involve some degree of tough sledding. One must be highly motivated to go through the withdrawal and "detoxifying syndrome" and also be able to resist frequent temptations to smoke that will come from many quarters.

Here then are some vital keys to conquering the smoking habit:

- *Clearly define and write down your objectives for not smoking* (health, family, financial, spiritual, etc.). Keep your eyes on your goal; never let it disappear or get hazy. Try to look beyond the initial difficult days or weeks to the time you will happily be unshackled from tobacco addiction.

- *Stop all smoking completely* — but don't expect an easy time of it. Tapering off usually does not work for most people—simply because the nicotine-tolerance level a person develops cries out to be fully satisfied. The 1979 surgeon general's report says, "Partial abstinence from smoking leads to more, rather than less, discomfort in withdrawal." Tapering off produces a prolonged state of withdrawal, causing many to give up and relapse to smoking.

Throw away all cigarettes (or cigars or pipes). Don't carry them around: "... make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14).

- *Avoid compromising situations.* Don't let friends, relatives or stressful situations cause you to compromise and give in, "just once." You'll be hooked again. It might be best to avoid smoked-filled social occasions during your withdrawal period. Keep busy with other things and activities. Seek support from someone who shares your goals.

- *Don't be discouraged or fearful of failure.* If you happen to slip, don't give up. It may take several weeks to break the back of the cigarette craving (although one must expect periodic temptations for a much longer

period of time). It takes several days for the body to rid itself of most cigarette poisons, and it usually takes from six months to a year for a person who has not smoked too many years to regain clean, healthy lungs. Give your body a chance to heal.

• *Seek additional information and suggestions from health agencies or clinics.* Not everyone responds exactly the same to various aids, activities or gimmicks. Ideas that have worked for others may or may not help you. (For instance, drinking lots of fruit juices or chewing gum helps some, but not others.) The major key, however, is strong motivation.

Tap Unlimited Spiritual Help

Many individuals have quit smoking, on their own power, for purely physical reasons such as health, finances or the love of one's family.

However, the greatest motivation of all for overcoming any problem or sin is coming to understand and striving to fulfill the awesome purpose of life for which God put you on the earth.

The Plain Truth is dedicated to showing how that purpose relates to every activity in life. That awesome purpose is developing Godlike character with God's help—developing the very mind, outlook and thinking of God and Christ so one can eventually be born into God's own family. Many articles in *The Plain Truth* deal with this subject. We also offer many booklets and reprint articles (such as the booklet *Why Were You Born?*) sent free of charge.

God's Word—the Bible—also reveals powerful spiritual weapons that a true Christian can utilize to overcome smoking or other equally addictive habits.

The first is: Humble yourself before God and pray about your problem. God is concerned and respects those who fear Him (Psalms 103:11-14). He will help those who repent of their sins and turn to Him (Isaiah 55:7-8).

Ask God for the additional help and strength to overcome, so you can glorify Him and His purpose for you in life. "... Work out your salvation [for deliverance] with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in

you both to *will* and to *do* of his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12-13).

Here are some other Bible principles or promises to keep in mind in overcoming the smoking habit.

"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" (Romans 6:12).

"... For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage" (II Peter 2:19).

"... Be not conformed to this world [age or system of things], but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12:2).

"... Put off concerning the former conversation [conduct] the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:22-24).

"... Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. ... Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin" (Hebrews 12:1, 4).

"Let us therefore come boldly unto

the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

The apostle Peter said the Christian "no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the *lusts* of men, but to the *will of God*. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, *lusts*, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries. Wherein they [the unconverted] think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you" (I Peter 4:2-4).

But what to do when we make mistakes? "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). God understands when we fall, but expects us to get up and go on.

The Bible is literally loaded with scriptures to motivate, inspire and encourage a Christian to overcome all kinds of sins. Smoking is but one sinful addiction to which humans can fall prey.

As in overcoming any other evil, an individual must do everything he or she can to conquer it, but God gives additional help to anyone who earnestly seeks Him (James 5:16-18)

The Benefits

There are both physical and spiritual reasons to avoid—or overcome—the growing worldwide problem of nicotine or smoking addiction.

Think again of the many benefits of avoiding—or quitting—smoking. You will have better health. You will enjoy good food more; fresh air will be better. You will be a better person to be around—and love.

You will also gain more self-esteem. Overcoming an enslaving habit is a great stepping-stone to conquering other problems in life.

In the final analysis, God is the Author and Giver of life.

We hope you have the courage to change your life, to buck the crowd, to see through the illusive advertising and "glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's"—NOT YOURS! □

CONVERSION

Sudden experience... or lifelong process?

What is conversion? Is it a matter of adopting the religious beliefs of a particular church? Is it a "born-again" experience? Contrary to popular belief, the Bible teaches that there is more to conversion than a singular event, a one-time change or experience. In the booklet *Just What Do You Mean—Conversion?*, Herbert W. Armstrong supplies valuable insights on the subject. To get your copy, return the Literature Request card in this issue or write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you.

Just what do
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CONVERSION?

WHY NOT READ BETWEEN THE LINES?

If by some supernatural power everyone on earth were forced to tell the truth, we would undoubtedly have worldwide chaos, the end of civilization as we know it—within an hour!

What are poor Christian sheep to do in the midst of all these wolves? Sadly, too many, with wholesome sincerity, try to “believe all things” as the “love chapter” (I Corinthians 13) seems to admonish. But the application of biblical truths takes balance, wisdom and sometimes painful experience. What with statements like “turn the other cheek,” “render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s” and “let every soul be subject unto the higher powers,” the Christian dove finds himself all too often at a distinct disadvantage—unnecessarily so.

The Prince of Peace, the Lamb of God, the Son of Man and the Son of God only “believed,” “turned,” “rendered,” or “was subject unto” when His judgment of truth (and prophetic necessity) in a situation required it. The world is full of liars, con-men (and women), thieves, hucksters, perverts, rebels, sadists, baiters and “sons of Belial”! Of this Jesus was not unaware.

You don’t think He was fooled when people *called* Him “Master” and then proceeded to ask Him a trick question, do you? Do you think He paid tax on the bread and fish He multiplied for the five thousand? How about the time He fled through the midst of a crowd that was about to throw Him off a cliff before His time to die had come—did He “turn the other cheek” *that* time? Or how about even the piercing wisdom of noncritical times such as His experience with the “woman at the well”?

In that episode He met a Samaritan woman and asked her for a drink of water. She thought it odd that He would even speak to her since He was a Jew, and so

she remarked. He took advantage of the situation to pass on to her a few jewels of truth properly wrapped in the symbolic words of “bread” and “water” which He said were guaranteed to keep her from thirst and hunger forever! He then urged her to call her husband to join them. She responded by saying, “I have no husband.” To which Jesus agreed, in a way, adding that the whole truth of the matter was that she had had *five* husbands and that the man with whom she was presently living was indeed *not* her husband!

So Jesus chose what to believe and what not to—He weighed, judged, perceived, untangled her statements and arrived harmlessly at the truth without swallowing whole any story—in short He read between the lines, as He did with *everyone* with whom He came in contact throughout His entire life: Read the Book!

So, for balance, let’s believe this command of Jesus: “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: *be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men . . .*” (Matt. 10:16-17). Just as good a translation could be “subtle as a snake and simple as a dove.” Serpent, snake, Satan, the devil: It’s difficult for some Christians to believe Jesus when He commands subtlety—but, as with most things or attributes, it is not the thing or the attribute which is evil of itself, but its *use*. So Jesus’ command also requires the simple-as-a-dove *motivation* for the *use* of subtlety! Very wise!

Now life can be much more fulfilling, enjoyable, rewarding. The frustrating burden of belief in every conflicting statement or situation is removed. The effort in thoughtfulness, restraint and caution is more than reward enough. Let’s try out our newfound, yet responsibility-laden, freedom. □



Where did man come from? Did he evolve from primitive ape-like creatures? The latest evidence has thrown anthropological theories into disarray and is compelling some drastic changes in evolutionary thinking.

by Robert A. Ginskey

Hardly a week goes by, it seems, without somebody finding a new—or should we say “old”—bone of some supposed early ancestor of mankind. Who, for example, has not heard of Neanderthal man, of Peking man, of Java man, of *Australopithecus africanus* or Cro-Magnon man?

One-hundred fifty years ago “fossil men” were almost unheard of and most people believed man was a special creation of God. Today, hundreds of archaeological sites are yielding an impressive array of bones and artifacts, and many archaeologists and anthropologists seem convinced they represent the “evolution of man.” But do they?

Back in 1856, three years before Charles Darwin published his controversial theory of evolution in the book *The Origin of Species*, a high school teacher found the first nonmodern human fossil. He called the faceless, heavy-browed skull cap “Neanderthal man” after the Neander “thal” (valley) in Germany. Not much could be said about Neanderthal because no other bones were recovered. Then in 1908, near the village of La Chapelle aux-Saints in France, a complete skeleton of a Neanderthal man was discovered—the most complete, most exhaustively published, most frequently pictured, and most *misunderstood* Neanderthal specimen ever found.

For decades, he was portrayed in countless cartoons, museum displays and anthropology books as bestial, shambling, stooped, with head thrust forward.

Yet when two anatomists, William Strauss of Johns Hopkins University and Alec Cave of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital Medical College in London, reexamined the skeleton, they found that much of his “primitive” stunted stature was due to arthritis in the spinal column. In their report they stated: “If he [Neanderthal man] could be

reincarnated and placed in a New York subway—provided that he were bathed, shaved and dressed in modern clothing—it is doubtful whether he would attract any more attention than some of its other denizens.”

The noted authority F. Clark Howell said: “Put him in a Brooks Brothers suit and send him down to the supermarket for some groceries [and] he might pass completely unnoticed. He might run a little shorter than the clerk serving him, but he would not necessarily be the shortest man in the place. He might be heavier-featured, squatter, and more muscular than most, but again he might be no more so than the porter handling the beer cases back in the stockroom.” So our primitive, shuffling hunchback ancestor actually turns out to be not much different than modern man!

The brain of the Neanderthals was amazingly large—averaging 1450 cubic centimeters (compared to only 1400 cc for the average modern man). This would imply that Neanderthals were at least as intelligent (perhaps more intelligent) as modern man!

Neanderthal man even buried his dead, as evidenced by the Shanidar man of Iraq, who was buried with masses of wild flowers, including bachelor’s buttons and hollyhocks. Apparently Neanderthals believed in an afterlife and were concerned about death. Surely a very human quality.

Culturally, Neanderthal man may have been “inferior,” but he was a *man* nevertheless.

Since Neanderthals were so intelligent, why should evolutionists claim the Neanderthals evolved into “modern man”? The fossil evidence indicates they were a separate line and, in fact, did *not* slowly change into “modern forms.”

Equally puzzling is why they suddenly died out. Con-

IN SEARCH OF ADAM

sidering their great brain capacity and other qualities, no one has been able to give a reasonable explanation for why they no longer exist. Yet in many areas around the world, they suddenly disappeared with dramatic abruptness.

Neanderthals are not the missing link in human evolution. Instead, they give every evidence of being intelligent men—maybe even a little *more* intelligent than you and I!

Fossils Show Evolution of Man?

But what about other fossil hominids? If you're like most people, you've probably heard about various fossils from creatures said to be our ancestors, but you don't really understand just where they're supposed to fit into man's evolution. That's not surprising, because few anthropologists agree on where they all fit in!

In lining up the fossils, most anthropologists, or "bone men," usually start with something like *Ramapithecus punjabicus* (the ape or "pithecus" found in the Punjab Province of northern India). This apelike creature is said to be 14 million years old (by potassium-argon dating) and the ancestor of all true hominids, including man. The brain is only a few hundred cubic centimeters in capacity, and *Ramapithecus* is usually classified as a prehuman.

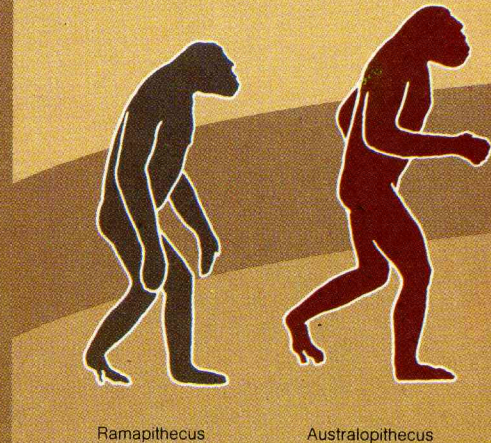
Yet for the next 10 to 12 million years no "ancestors of man" are known! There is a complete blank in the record, even though one might expect hundreds of "missing links" if evolution had occurred. The distinguished evolutionist Dr. John Pfeiffer admits: "Practically nothing is known about his development during the period between fourteen million and about five million years ago, the biggest gap in the story of human evolution."

The second type of fossil usually offered as Adam's distant relative is the *Australopithecine*.

In 1924, Raymond Dart, professor of anatomy in Johannesburg, South Africa, found what he called *Australopithecus africanus* ("southern ape of Africa"). Dating methods placed it at three million years old and its brain size was about 500 cubic centimeters (about one-third the size of modern man's brain). Other *Australopithecines* seem to be four

Ape to Adam—A Modern Myth?

In the evolutionary explanation for man's origin, stooped apelike animal (*Ramapithecus*) is often depicted as slowly changing into modern man through various intermediates. In fact, fossil bones—perhaps a few teeth or some fragments of a skull—tell little about how a creature actually looked. Artist's rendition of different creatures is thus largely conjecture and imaginative guesswork. Most anthropologists now admit that the idea of a simple progression from ape to Adam is probably untenable.



Ramapithecus

Australopithecus

or five million years old. But there is no agreement among anthropologists as to whether they are really one of our ancestors.

This is also true of the famous *Zinjanthropus africanus* skull, discovered by Mary D. Leakey, wife of the late Dr. Louis S. B. Leakey. *Zinjanthropus*, one of the *Australopithecine* type fossils, was a large "male" specimen, dated at 1.75 million years old. "Zinj" was first proclaimed a "missing link," but eventually Dr. Leakey himself disclaimed this. Instead, said Leakey, it had a common ancestor with man.

The third type of fossil lined up in

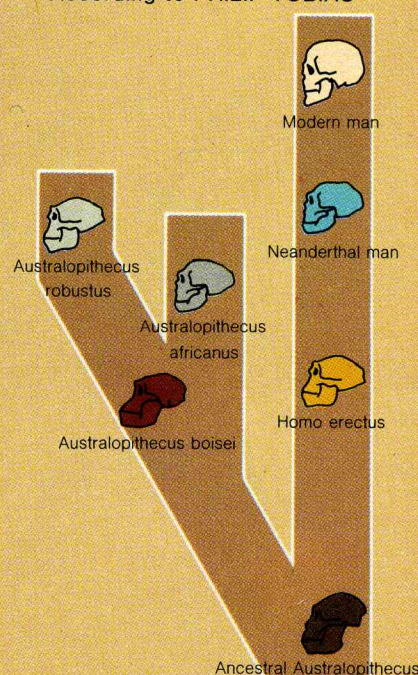
man's supposed evolutionary ancestry are the "ape men" called *Homo erectus*. The "Java man" and the "Peking man" are examples of these creatures, which are said to have lived 300 to 500 thousand years ago. Their average brain size is nearly 1000 cubic centimeters (about two-thirds the size of modern man's brain), which make them double the size of the *Australopithecines*. Actually, some of the *Homo erectus* skulls were nearly 1300 cc and thus were as large as many men living today!

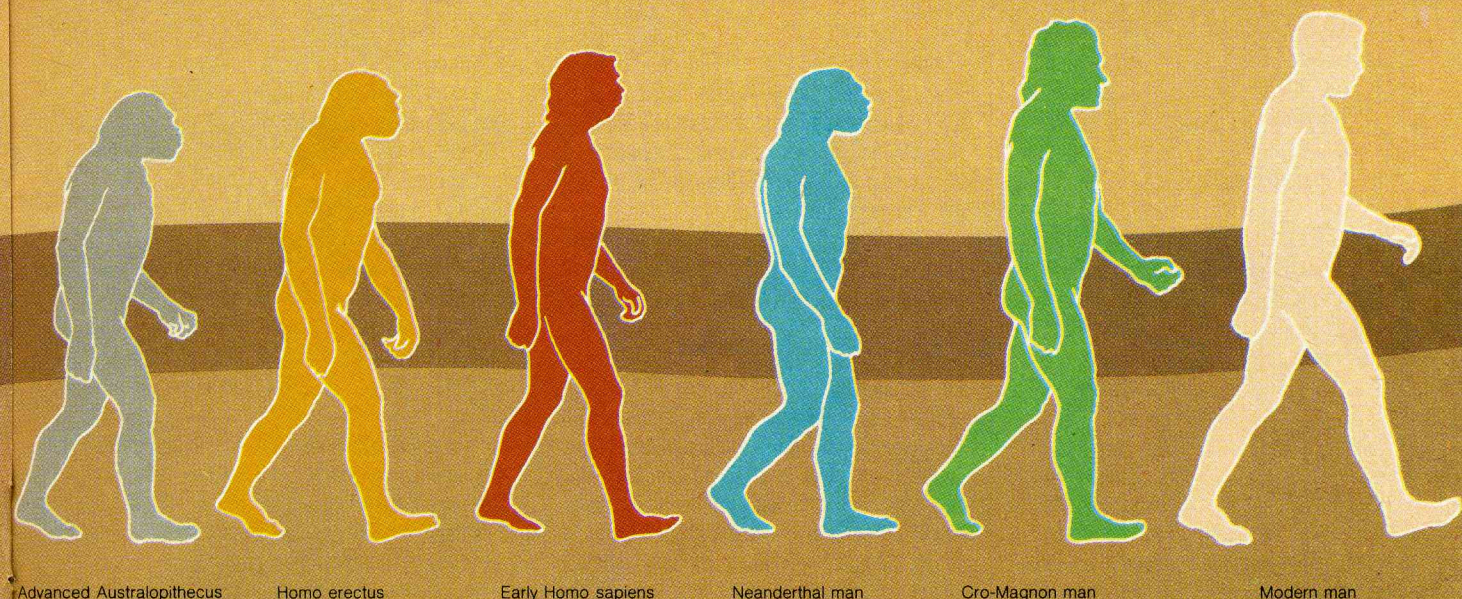
Neanderthal man, said to have lived from 100,000 to 35,000 years ago, is a fourth type of fossil cited by evolution-

Man's Family Tree: A Spectrum of Speculation

Fragmentary fossil evidence has led to widely differing interpretations for the lineage of man. The evolutionary "tree" of C. Loring Brace has many known ancestors for modern man. By contrast, the tree of W. Le Gros Clark has no known ancestors in man's line of descent. Anthropologist Philip J. Tobias has a tree with the *Australopithecines* in side branches, but with Neanderthal man as a direct ancestor to Adam. Louis Leakey put Neanderthal in a side branch. Dramatic differences in such trees testify to rampant speculation in the search for Adam and his alleged ancestors.

According to PHILIP TOBIAS





Advanced Australopithecus

Homo erectus

Early Homo sapiens

Neanderthal man

Cro-Magnon man

Modern man

ists. Neanderthal was robust and strong, and his brain, as explained before, was every bit as large as ours.

Finally, we come to Cro-Magnon man ("modern man"), usually dated from 35,000 years ago to the present. Cro-Magnon man is often presented as a prime example of modern skull structure, with a brain capacity of about 1400 cc. Yet, strangely, no trace of Cro-Magnon has been found prior to his "recent" appearance on the world scene.

Lining Up the Evidence

Arranging all these fossils in what seems to be an orderly progression, a

lot of people can "see" how evolution might have happened. On the surface it looks almost believable—until one begins to ask some probing questions, sees the inexplicable gaps, and comes to realize that even anthropologists differ profoundly on just what the evidence means.

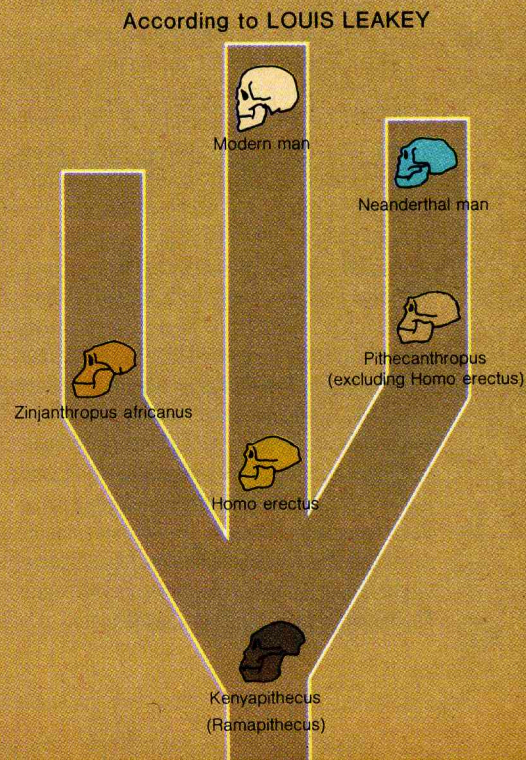
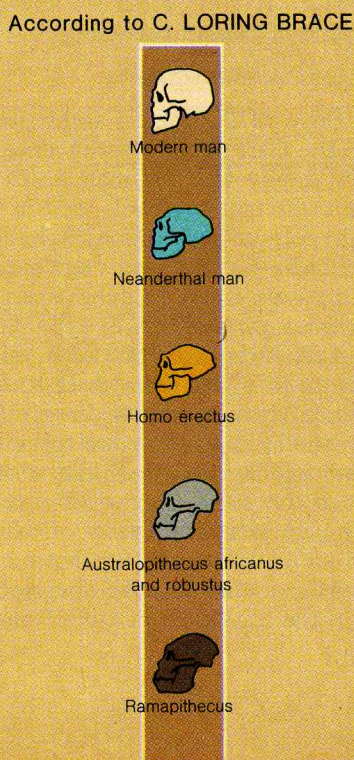
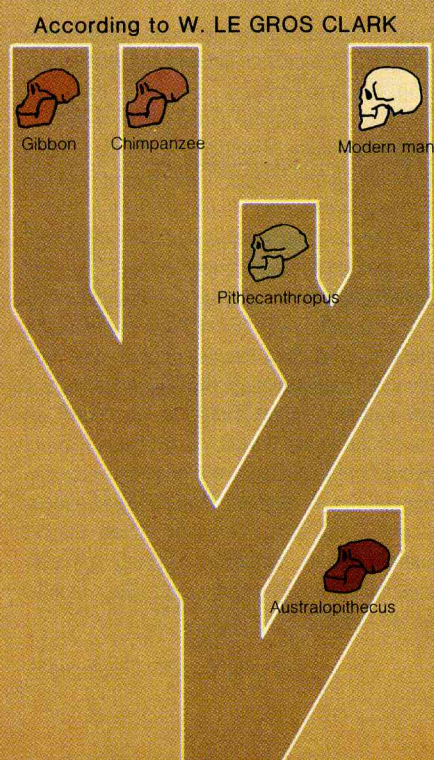
One striking fact is the scarcity of the fossil evidence. Although popular reports give an impression to the contrary, the truth is that all the known bones of supposed fossil ancestors of man could be easily contained in a small closet!

Actually there are about as many ways of arranging the "evidence" for

man's evolution as there are archaeologists and anthropologists. Consider some of the "family trees" proposed for man's evolution.

Sir W. Le Gros Clark, the famed British paleontologist, has *Homo sapiens* the end product of evolution, but with no known ancestors! All the *Australopithecines*, the *Pithecanthropines* (*Homo erectus*) and even Neanderthal man are "branches" which are not in the line of modern man! (See illustration below.)

At the other extreme is the family tree of a well-known American anthropologist, C. Loring Brace. His



"tree" has "everything" as an ancestor to modern man—*Ramapithecus*, *Australopithecus*, *Homo erectus* and Neanderthal.

Then there are those who keep some ancestors but reject others. South African anthropologist Philip J. Tobias starts his tree with an ancestor of *Australopithecus*, which evolves into *Homo erectus*, to Neanderthal, to modern man. The various kinds of *Australopithecines* (such as *Zinjanthropus*) are put off in side branches.

The late Dr. L. S. B. Leakey reasoned it this way: *Kenyapithecus* evolved into *Homo erectus*, which evolved into modern man. Leakey put most of the *Pithecantropines* and the Neanderthals in a side branch. He even placed his famous "Zinj" fossil in a side branch, removing it from man's line of descent.

After looking at these conflicting family trees, it should be clear that the postulated evolution of man is just that—a postulate, not really even a theory. As anthropologist F. Clark Howell has stated: "Anyone who feels that we already have the problem solved is surely deluding himself."

Stone Age Men Today

Of course, in any attempt to line up one creature or culture as being "later" than another, we must always remember that there are many "Stone-Age" men living today with other cultures in the "Space Age." The bushmen of South Africa and Australia are well-known examples.

The Tasaday "Stone-Age" tribe (see photo on page 22) on the Philippine island of Mindanao is still another example. Physiologically they are modern *Homo sapiens*! Yet their culture (their tools, life-styles, etc.) is earliest Stone Age!

Today there are only a few dozen Tasaday left, and it is a wonder, say anthropologists, that they have managed to survive even this long. Their lack of development is almost unbelievable: They live without man-made shelter, with no clothing except for the occasional palm leaf. They grow no crops. Their only tools are a few roughly shaped pieces of stone, and their only food is wild berries, shrubs, a few grubs, and tadpoles from streams. Their language, al-

though distinctly different, has a very limited vocabulary and almost no grammar—communication is merely a few basic words haphazardly strung together. They have no art, no written language!

The Tasaday could easily be mistaken for *Homo erectus*—supposedly one of our very distant ancestors!

Archaeological Bombshell

In August 1972, Richard Leakey, son of the celebrated Dr. Louis S. B. Leakey, found an amazing skull near Lake Rudolph, Kenya. The skull was remarkably "modern" in appearance—yet it was dated (by the potassium argon method) at 2.8 million years old. This skull was a bombshell in archaeology. Skull 1470, as it was labeled, completely upset the whole evolutionary applet for man's origins. Said Leakey: "It leaves in ruins the notion that all early fossils can be arranged in an orderly sequence of evolutionary change."

Why was Leakey so concerned? Because the skull was a complete misfit! It is more modern in appearance than *Homo erectus* and has a large brain case—estimated at 800 cc. Yet it is so much older than *Homo erectus* that it just doesn't fit properly on the evolutionary chart.

The evidence is that this man (or woman) lived contemporaneously with the primitive apelike creatures, the *Australopithecines*! Leakey said: "Either we toss out this skull or we toss out our theories of evolutionary change. It simply fits no previous models of human beginnings."

Ancestors from "Afar"?

In early 1979, physical anthropologist Dr. Carl Johanson announced a new family tree for man based on some fascinating fossil finds in the Afar region of Africa. Johanson claims he has identified a new species of ape-man which he dubs *Australopithecus afarensis* (Afar ape-man).

According to Johanson, such creatures existed from three to four million years ago, walked erect on a humanlike body, but had primitive teeth and a small skull like an ape. Since the Afar ape was "intermediate of what one thinks of as human and as ape," Johanson contends that "we can definitely place it in the zoological family of man."

Consequently, Johanson asserts that *Australopithecus africanus* is not an ancestor of man but is part of a "dead-end" side branch of the evolutionary tree.

Yet other anthropologists are reluctant to relegate the famous *Australopithecus* fossils to "evolutionary dead ends" and are challenging Johanson's claims. Mary Leakey disputes Johanson's pronouncements and labels his work "not very scientific."

One problem is that the footprints of Johanson's primitive hominids are almost indistinguishable from modern man. "They are," says Johanson, "virtually identical to modern feet." So, at least in terms of feet, there has supposedly been no evolution for millions of years! "Man's evolutionary tree," admits Johanson, "is looking more like an evolutionary bush." But as for Mary Leakey, Johanson contends that she "really shows a poor appreciation of what evolution is all about."

The conclusion should be obvious: Nobody knows where man came from. Nobody, that is, who limits himself to only the physical evidence.

On the other hand, the Word of God does provide an answer. Genesis reveals that it was God, not evolution, that made the first true men. "So God created man in his own image . . . male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:27).

Christians can accept the evidence that there are apes and monkeys that have certain resemblances to man. A variety of apelike creatures have undoubtedly lived that are now extinct. Indeed, the Bible allows for a world before Adam. But the evidence shows that ancient "apes" were not man's evolutionary ancestors; in fact, "primitive hominids" have never been shown to have evolved into anything!

No, far from being the evolutionary progeny of primitive hominids, Adam and his descendants are the special creation of the Great God of the universe and have been placed on earth for a very special purpose. That purpose is made clear in the fascinating free booklet *Why Were You Born?* To obtain your free copy, simply write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you (see inside front cover). □



BRITAIN AT THE BRINK

A new British Prime Minister sits in Downing Street. Will she be more successful than her predecessors in pulling Britain out of economic stagnation and putting the beleaguered isle on a new road to prosperity? What does Bible prophecy say?

by Keith W. Stump

Britain has a new Prime Minister. On May 3, Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher (photo above) and her Tory party swept into power with a comfortable 43-seat overall majority in the newly elected House of Commons. The new Tory government replaces the minority Labor government of James Callaghan which had lost a vote of confidence in March, precipitating the early national balloting. Mrs. Thatcher thus

becomes Britain's (and Western Europe's) first woman Prime Minister.

Awesome Challenge

Before Mrs. Thatcher lies a challenge of no small magnitude. For never has a modern industrial economy lapsed into such stagnation as has Britain and then been able to regain its original strength and vitality.

Once "Great" Britain is today the "sick man" of Europe. It is a nation courting disaster, seemingly bent on

a suicidal course. The widespread disruptive strikes of public-service and other workers inside Britain this past winter—the worst such strife since World War II—demonstrated this with unmistakable clarity.

Possibly the most glaring outward sign of the "British sickness" was the much publicized nationwide strike by garbage collectors. Yet the malodorous mounds of black plastic sacks piled high on sidewalks throughout the country were but symptomatic—

like festering skin eruptions—of a much deeper internal ailment.

Many other such signs of national ill health were visible this past winter. Public transportation ground to a halt; schools were padlocked; public lavatories were closed; grave diggers refused to bury the dead; ambulance drivers declined to take even emergency cases to the hospital; ports and depots were blockaded; gasoline pumps went dry; supermarket shelves went bare.

The traumatic winter has long passed, and a new government sits in London. But Britain is by no means out of the woods. Expected labor-management confrontations, with the possibility of still more paralyzing strikes to come, could yet produce a national upheaval far worse than any seen in Britain to date. The potential for total disaster looms greater than ever before.

It goes without saying that something has gone drastically awry in Britain.

Plummet from Power

At the end of World War I, the British Empire stood as the greatest power on earth, covering one-quarter of the globe. It was a far-flung empire on which "the sun never set." London was the financial center of the earth, capital of the largest empire the world has ever known.

Britain was mistress of the seas; its proud navy patrolled the world's searoutes. Unparalleled in power and majesty, the invincible British lion reigned supreme!

Yet within fifty years that great empire had disappeared, leaving behind a loosely knit "Commonwealth" existing largely on paper. Britain had lost its world-power status. London had shrunk back to once again being a mere island capital.

Britain's economic position has been steadily eroding throughout most of the twentieth century. The British decline began with World War I, in which it suffered severe losses. That "Great War" left irreparable scars on the nation.

In World War II Britain was able to hold the line with material and financial assistance from the United States. But the war left Britain's

economy in a shambles. The United States replaced Britain as the world's premier power.

The dissolution of the British Empire began in 1947-48, as India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and other regions gained independence from the Crown. Over the next two decades other colonies also left the fold.

Finally, at midnight, Sunday, July 31, 1966, the Colonial Office in London, with largely vestigial powers and duties, closed its doors after 165 years of operation. The British Empire was officially dead!

In Search of a New Identity

Bereft of empire, Britain began to feel that its economic survival depended upon joining the affluent European Economic Community, or Common Market. Britain originally declined to participate at the Market's inception in 1958. Upon finally deciding to pursue membership, Britain's overtures were repeatedly rebuffed by French intransigence. Only in 1971 did Britain succeed in joining.

But Common Market membership was not the answer. Britain's economy continued to falter.

Moreover, in a sort of replay of Britain's long-delayed entry into the Common Market, Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labor government opted earlier this year to postpone entry into the new European Monetary System (EMS), a plan—which got under way in mid-March—to bind the component national currencies of the European Community within close tolerances.

Thus, when Britain does finally join (if it joins at all), it will have only marginal influence on the structure of the system. "If we muffed this one [the EMS]," observed a *London Times* columnist late last year, "as we muffed the inception of the [Common Market] in the late 1950s, we could find ourselves once more standing on the platform while the European train moves off." It may even now be too late for ailing, winded Britain to make the dash for the Continental Express.

The situation has come to the point where many observers are suggesting that Britain—seemingly al-

ways a pound short and an hour late—is facing almost certain economic ruin.

The Causes

What happened to the world's greatest empire? Why the precipitous plummeting from the pinnacle of power to the status of a third-rate nation?

The causes behind Britain's decline and the huge morass of problems besetting that nation today are a matter of great disputation among political and economic analysts.

But one fact must be emphasized clearly. While such analysis may help in clarifying the *mechanics* of Britain's steady erosion, the underlying *root cause* of the problem is almost always ignored. That cause will become clear as the various contributing factors are examined.

One of the factors in Britain's continuing decline is the decreasing productivity of the British worker. In various branches of industry, the output of British workers is only a quarter that of the Germans and Japanese—two of Britain's chief competitors.

Part of the problem is admittedly the outdated and obsolete factories and industrial plants which can be seen all over Britain today. Unlike now-affluent West Germany, which had to rebuild its economic institutions from scratch after its devastating defeat in World War II, Britain remains entrenched in its traditional economic way of life. Its economic institutions are fashioned, in large measure, for nineteenth century circumstances. This is unquestionably a problem that will have to be dealt with in any plan for national recovery.

Nevertheless, analysts observe that a large portion of the blame must still go to the increasingly indolent British worker himself. More and more, as statistics demonstrate, workers are apparently expecting something for nothing, continually demanding higher wages and other benefits for less work—a trend by no means unique to Britain. In an apparent recognition of this fact, Mrs. Thatcher asserted during the recent election campaign: "We can have

German standards of living when we have German standards of work."

Wage demands this year have been ranging between 15 and 60 percent, well above various "ceilings" on pay increases which have been futilely imposed in an attempt to curb inflation. The government asserts it cannot promise to hold down spiraling prices and at the same time bow to union demands for massive wage increases. The trade unions contend, however, that many employers can afford to better the lot of their workers without damaging the national interest. Thus wage demands continue to skyrocket.

As wages rise faster than productivity, Britain not only feels the effects of rising inflation and unemployment at home (some 1.5 million Britons are currently out of work), but increasingly prices itself out of world markets, bringing upon itself balance of trade problems which further aggravate the internal economic situation. The pound sinks on world money markets, making vital imports that much more expensive. A lower pound, for example, means higher prices for food, much of which must be brought in from other countries.

Massive revenues from North Sea oil have temporarily rescued the pound, but have only masked the continuing problem. Sir Richard Marsh, a former Labor cabinet minister and chairman of the British Railways Board, charged recently that Britain's true economic performance is being covered up by the revenues from North Sea oil: "If you subtracted the North Sea oil revenues you would realize that present policies are leading us to the status of a banana republic that has run out of bananas."

"I do not think Britain has an imperial role to play again," he continued, "but I do not see any reason why this country should decline into the status of a national slum."

Welfare State

Another oft-cited factor in Britain's decline is her massive welfare state system and the staggering tax burden required to sustain it. The high level of state payments to the unemployed under this program has in many

cases made it as much or more profitable for British workers to stay on the dole than to seek gainful work.

The punishing level of taxation needed to fund social services has often been criticized as stifling ambition—actually making it unprofitable for diligent workers and entrepreneurs to further exert themselves. The return on new investment in Britain is less than in other countries of Western Europe.

British taxes are among the highest in the world. According to figures compiled by the Conservative party last year, the average family of four in Britain makes about \$8,530. Of this sum, about \$2,180 goes to income taxes and insurance contributions. For a family of four making twice the national average, or about \$17,000, the taxes would run about \$5,355.

In a rare intervention by a member of the royal family into the country's political and economic affairs, Britain's Prince Philip caused a row two years ago by publicly criticizing the welfare state and calling for more rewards for hard work and enterprise. "The welfare state," he asserted, "is a protection against failure and exploitation, but national recovery can take place only if innovators, and men of enterprise and hard work, can prosper . . . The successful technological innovators must become heroes again. They must be allowed to gain and keep their rewards for success."

In the consensus of most observers, the British welfare program must be drastically reformed and the massive tax burden eased if Britain is ever to hope for national recovery.

Tax cuts were a major Tory campaign commitment, as were cuts in public expenditures. It remains to be seen, however, how successful the new government will be in implementing these objectives.

Nationalization

The nationalization of British industry is another factor cited by many analysts as contributing to Britain's malaise. Nationalization refers to the acquisition or control of property or industry by the national government—a common practice in the

twentieth century even in countries with predominantly private-enterprise economies.

Britain nationalized its railroads, coal mines, utilities and health services in the 1940s. Since then it has nationalized much of its air and road transport, the majority of its steel plants, the nation's largest car and truck manufacturer and, during the past two years, the nation's aerospace and shipbuilding industries.

Governmental control of the economy is now so extensive that one economist said wryly: "The private sector is the part of the economy that the government controls. The public sector is the part that nobody controls."

A poll published in London last year by the respected Opinion Research Center revealed that a large majority of British voters—78 percent—oppose further nationalization of the country's industry. Seventy-one percent believe that public ownership of industry has not been successful.

The record of nationalization, to be sure, has not been impressive. The nationalized steel and automobile companies are in deep trouble, and their sizable financial losses regularly make front-page headlines. The nation which once had the world's second-largest automotive industry now imports half of its cars.

Party and Class

A closely related factor cited by some observers for Britain's eclipse is the antiquated class-based nature of the British party system—a system predicated on the adversary character of the capital-labor relationship.

As the magazine *To The Point* (February 2, 1979) observed: "A tragic mismatch of labour, management and government—this is the prescription for the economic, and ultimately political, anarchy now threatening 'Great' Britain. It is a situation in which everyone is losing, and no one can win."

The Labor party was created in 1900 to forward the interests of unionized workers. The unions have largely controlled the party ever since. Union money and votes are the party's main support. To put the situ-

ation into focus for American and other non-British readers, it would be as though the Democratic party in the United States were an arm of the AFL-CIO.

The question of whether the union-dominated Labor party is really representative of the working class as a whole is another matter altogether. Some analysts contend that the vested interests of the trade unions are actually generally antagonistic to the working class. Because of Labor's control by the powerful unions, the party is usually firm in support of certain interests—union interests.

Yet, of the British working population in the private sector, only 40 percent are trade union members.

The situation is different with regard to public servants and those employees in nationalized industry. Here the close ties between union labor—small "I"—and Labor—big "L"—have resulted in a unionization rate of 80 percent. Thus, a strike by employees in the public sector automatically becomes politicized and often leads to agonizing conflicts within the ranks of a Labor government.

In contrast to Labor, the Conservative (Tory) party takes essentially an upper-class outlook. With Labor tied to the trade unions, it is inevitable that business interests, and to some extent skilled workers, will back the Conservatives. The Tories have consistently called for curbs on union power.

Thus, British elections often become virtual class struggles.

As a result of this past winter's turmoil, Labor's principal appeal to the electorate—that it could handle the unions better than the Conservatives—was severely damaged. Whether, and how, to curb the power of the unions became a major issue of the campaign. The months of strikes and combined threats of the other walk-outs cut dramatically into the Labor party's popularity, contributing in large measure to its defeat last May.

Tory leader Thatcher succeeded in capitalizing on the national mood of disenchantment over union extremism, promising reform in Britain's endlessly contentious industrial relations. Public patience with the unions was near the breaking point, as evi-

denced in a pre-election Gallup poll in which 84 percent of the British public expressed the feeling that the power of the unions was inordinate.

In the opinion of many observers, the make-or-break issue for the new Prime Minister may be whether she can achieve her objectives while avoiding the kind of confrontation with the trade unions that brought down Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath in 1974. The trade unions, of course, stand ready to challenge any new actions that affect their interests. It is a delicate and thorny problem, which will require the utmost statecraft on Mrs. Thatcher's part.

Battle for Survival

Once the financial hub of the world, Britain today is a rapidly declining economic power. The handwriting is on the wall—but few seem to be reading it.

The sun has already set on the British Empire. The trappings of empire are still there—the ceremony, the pomp, the ritual—but the substance is gone. A nation cannot live on memories of its glorious past.

And now, even one of the last shadowy vestiges of Britain's former glory may be headed, at last, for oblivion. Should the new British Conservative government recognize as legitimate the black-majority government which emerged from April's Rhodesian election, the move, according to observers, might well precipitate the break-up of the Commonwealth itself. Certain black African Commonwealth nations, including Zambia, Tanzania and Nigeria, have served London notice that the Commonwealth would be "endangered" if Britain recognizes the Muzorewa government or lifts economic sanctions against Rhodesia. These nations all vociferously support the "Patriotic Front" guerrilla armies which aim to topple the Muzorewa government by force.

Britons as a whole—though they do not like to admit it to others—are painfully aware of their continuing national decline. It is a source of humiliation, frustration and regret. Yet few are willing to do anything about it. Calls are frequently seen within

the pages of the British press for a renewed dedication to hard work and sacrifice, but to little avail. It would appear that a large segment of the British public is generally apathetic. The observation that "life is still good in Britain" is frequently heard.

But unless Britain begins quickly to set its house in order, economic disaster could be just around the corner. Britain may have been able to muddle through in times past, but the situation is now becoming critical. Britain's reserve "cushion" of a world-girdling empire is gone. It has been reduced to its own resources. The cavalier "I'm-all-right-Jack" optimism can no longer carry her through tough times.

Whether she admits it or not, Britain is at this moment in the midst of a battle for survival, a battle which will require the united efforts of all segments of business and industry—labor and management alike—if victory is to be won. The road to economic recovery—if it is ever begun in earnest—will be a long uphill climb; all must be willing to contribute their fair share toward ultimate success.

In the opinion of most observers, the relationship between capital and labor—now essentially adversary in nature—must become one of cooperation for their mutual benefit. This is especially critical in a welfare state such as Britain's. As one journalist noted recently, "Worker and boss alike have an interest in keeping alive and well the industrial goose that lays the golden welfare egg."

Specifically, the unions must refrain from pressing demands that the national economy is unable to meet. The British worker must rededicate himself to hard work and become more productive, realizing that wage restraint and a certain degree of suffering for a time may be necessary. The tax structure must be reformed so that the fruits of harder work are not stripped away in higher taxes.

The British businessman must recover the spirit of adventure, enterprise and creativity. British salesmen must resolve to vigorously push Britain's commodities around the world. The government must make reinvestment again profitable.

Sacrifice must become the watchword of every Briton. Belt-tightening is no fun for anyone. But it will certainly be less devastating in the long run—compared to the grim alternative of total economic collapse.

There is no easy way out.

Foretold Long Ago

Having examined some of the many factors contributing to Britain's decline as a world power, the question still remains: What is the underlying *root cause*? Why has Britain fallen prey to the snares of economic folly, wandering aimlessly in search of solutions seemingly beyond her grasp? Why is she unable to find her way back on track?

Incredibly, the answers to these questions can be found in the prophecies of your Bible! Bible prophecy has not ignored the greatest empire in world history. Millennia ago, inspired prophets recorded exactly what would happen to the British Empire, its rise, decline—and *fall*! Those prophecies have been fulfilled to the letter. (For an in-depth look at the amazing prophecies about Britain, refer to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* currently being serialized in this magazine, or watch for his forthcoming book by the same name.)

The answer to the British dilemma—the largely ignored *root cause* of her plunge from the pinnacles of power—is surprisingly simple, yet fraught with far-reaching implications: *Britain has forgotten its God!* Britain has forgotten its divinely ordained national purpose and destiny!

As longtime readers of this magazine will know, Bible prophecy identifies the Anglo-Saxon peoples of Britain and America as having descended, respectively, from Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of the biblical Joseph. The national wealth and greatness promised by God to the patriarch Abraham has been realized in the histories of the United States and British Empire—the “nation and company of nations” of Genesis 35:11.

But that never-before-equalled power and greatness has now been withdrawn from Britain—and is even

now being taken away from the United States. As it once followed her in ascent to greatness, the United States is now following Britain in national decline.

In losing sight of God and of its national purpose, Britain's spiritual and moral values have become hopelessly confused. Moral decay has set in. The once-laudable British character is being undermined and debased. That is why the straight and narrow path to national recovery remains untrodden. Britain has lost its way! It has lost its will to succeed.

The abandonment of the laws of God and His way of life exacts an inevitable penalty, a penalty which even now is being meted out!

A Lion Grown Old

The future of the tribe of Ephraim (Britain today) was addressed anciently by numerous prophets. The prophet Micah (c. 750 B.C.)—employing imagery remarkably similar to modern symbolism—predicted that Britain would be “in the midst of many people as a *lion* among the beasts of the forest” (5:8)—a lion before whom other nations would be like helpless sheep. The lion has long been the symbol of Britain's power and majesty.

But that once-invincible lion has grown old! As Micah goes on to predict, because of Britain's many national sins, her power and might would be cut off and her strongholds thrown down—and they have been!

The prophet Hosea (c. 790 B.C.) asserts that Ephraim's “glory shall fly away like a bird” (9:11). “Great” Britain is no longer great. The sun has set on the British Empire. “Gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not” (7:9), Hosea further observes. Britain has lost its youthful vigor; as a nation it has become old and decadent, yet clings to the memory of its glorious past. Alluding to its lack of resources and inability to produce, Hosea declares: “Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit . . .” (9:16). And Britain's rate of economic growth today is so close to zero it's hardly worth mentioning!

A reading of the entire prophecy of Hosea will produce numerous addi-

tional fulfillments readily apparent in the history of the British people.

Can Britain ever regain great-power status? Is a national revival possible?

The answer is *yes*—but only in the wake of a deep national repentance, a mass turning away from the national sins which have blinded that nation to the only real cure for its chronic ailments.

But prophecy indicates that Britain—along with its “brother,” the United States—will most probably have to learn its lesson through utter humiliation and defeat at the hands of its enemies. This is the prophesied “time of Jacob's trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7), called the “great tribulation” in the New Testament (Matthew 24:21).

Afterwards, however, “Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit” (Isaiah 27:6). Ephraim will be abundantly blessed in the soon-coming millennium of peace. Its glory then will far exceed any it had previously known.

But a great lesson will have to be learned first, a hard lesson it has yet only begun to undergo. □

That's Gospel!?

Hundreds of religious denominations and sects profess to preach the “true gospel.” Yet their various versions of the gospel may differ widely. What was the original gospel that Jesus preached? Is anyone now preaching that same message? To find out, why not request the free booklet *What Is the True Gospel?* Just use the Literature Request card in this issue, or write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you.

What is the
**TRUE
GOSPEL?**



Why does the honeymoon end so suddenly for many couples? Why do so many married partners simply "coexist" in the same house, but without the deep fulfillment they desire?

by Roderick C. Meredith

Neglected Keys to a Joyous Marriage

Her eyes flooded with tears, the woman before me began to shake and sob. Bending over with her face in her hands, she quietly moaned as she cried—finally catching herself, sitting upright and wiping her eyes. "I have always realized how empty my marriage was," she blurted out. "But hearing you describe in your talk today about what marriage ought to be like makes me realize I've just got to do better in my marriage!"

"What's wrong?" I inquired, asking the question in several different ways.

The Cause of Utter Despair

There were, of course, a number of things wrong. But the deepest and most pathetic problem had nothing to do with sex, money or other widely publicized stumbling blocks to a happy marriage.

"My husband just won't talk to me," she said again and again. "I am lonely and frustrated. I don't even really know the man I married. I feel like I'm living with a stranger."

This case is typical of literally millions of marriages. Often, at least one of the partners *thinks* that they communicate. But the other partner, normally the woman, knows that they do not and feels alone and frustrated. She senses that she and her husband are simply coexisting in the same house. They do not necessarily fight and hurt each other physically or

even verbally. But there is not the openness, the closeness, the total sharing of two lives, the love that there should be.

One authority on the subject quoted a woman discussing her ten-year-old marriage: "It's heartbreaking. Before I was married, I used to go out to restaurants and just by looking around the room I could tell who was married and who wasn't. Either the married couples were eating in dead silence, or the woman was gabbling away while the man ate and pretended she wasn't there. I swore that this would never happen to me—but it has."

Why such cases as the above? Why don't husbands and wives, of all people, communicate more fully to one another?

Hindrances to Total Sharing

Newly marrieds often work hard at learning and adjusting to each other's attitudes and preferences. They take pleasure in exchanging opinions on almost everything. After a few months, however, the opinions are all exchanged, the attitudes seemingly understood and the interest and excitement of "getting to know you" is over.

As the marriage continues and children come along, the wife's interest and talk is increasingly about her children and a myriad of domestic details which usually hold little or no interest for the husband. The couple often take for granted each other's

attitudes on certain topics rather than even bothering to discuss them.

Most husbands care to hear only good news about their children, and are either irritated or bored if the wife confides in them the detailed problems involved in rearing their family. Wives usually miss their husbands most when the children are small. Having no adult in the house to talk to all day, such wives feel an urgent necessity to talk with their spouse at night. But many husbands retreat behind their paper or quietly turn on the TV rather than endure what they feel is a boring rehash of household frustrations.

All of this sounds very natural and normal. Do you see anything *wrong* with it?

Perhaps not.

And the reason is because we have failed utterly in our modern society to teach the real purpose and meaning of marriage.

What Marriage Ought to Mean

A few years ago a popular and beautiful song expressed the thought "No man is an island."

That is exactly right.

Man without a mate, man without a life partner, is incomplete. Although many individuals—whether through necessity, ignorance or choice—go through life deprived of this relationship, their lives lack a vital element.

In the beginning of the Bible God

says: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a help suitable for him."

Man, throughout the Bible, means all humans. And *all* human beings need a partner with whom they can share their triumphs and sorrows, their laughter and their tears, their appreciation of a beautiful sunset—or the toothless grin of their firstborn child. They need to share—in fact, to be complete they *must* share—their plans, their hopes, their dreams.

Marriage presents a challenge where man must go beyond himself and develop in many ways. He then becomes a more mature and understanding human being. If a marriage is reduced to two people merely coexisting, living under the same roof while remaining *separated* in their deepest hopes, feelings and aspirations, then that marriage has completely missed its goal.

Concept of Family Kingdom

Another important element in marriage is that of children. The family is the building block, the foundation of all decent society. And the strongest link in many a family is often its smallest member.

There is an old saying: "A man's home is his castle." This analogy should apply to his entire family, where he is the king; his wife, the beloved queen; and his children, the royal princes and princesses who need training to fulfill their future responsibilities. So the parents enthusiastically work together to ensure that these future leaders are carefully nurtured, guided, disciplined and trained for the important roles they must play in years to come.

The intelligent and joyous blending of these two concepts in marriage—the open and loving union of the bodies, hearts and minds of the married couple, and the creation of the vital "family kingdom"—such a blending can and should produce an opportunity and an atmosphere where men and women can find complete fulfillment.

This fulfillment is pictured by the Psalmist: "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways . . . Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine

house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table" (Ps. 128:1, 3).

Put These Concepts to Work

Once you fully grasp these concepts relating to the meaning and purpose of marriage, why not set about building your marriage and your home around them?

Instead of the husband and wife being bored and disinterested in sharing each other's thoughts, both should be vitally interested in the miniature family kingdom which, together, they are energetically building. There should be a purposeful common interest in teaching and training their children, in improving their home and their financial position and in planning for the future. *Their* future.

For in a truly happy marriage, it is not "my house," "my car," or even "my paycheck." Rather, whether expressed in words or in total attitude, it should be "our house, our car, our income, our future."

And so the mutual attitude should constantly be looking forward and planning for improvements in your "castle," your home. The wife's feelings, and her understanding and expertise in home decoration, landscaping, appliances, etc., should always be taken into account. Every major purchase (such as a home or a car) should be a *family project*—affording the opportunity and benefit of a sharing experience between husband and wife.

Nothing to talk about?

No, everything to talk about and share. That is the correct answer.

Without being silly or unrealistic about it, husbands and wives should think of themselves as "partners" in a great adventure—in building a career, a business, a life, *together*. They should talk over details regarding their mutual allies—their friends, business associates and relatives. With the wife entering wholly into the discussion, they should plan their mutual strategy and discuss in detail what each can contribute to bring their goals in life closer to reality.

Then there are the children. What an area of discussion, planning, mutual problem solving and heartfelt

sharing of hopes and dreams they provide!

Each child is different. Yet husbands and wives should identify totally with each personality which their love has produced. A marriage will be strengthened if the parents take the time to discuss the abilities and shortcomings of each of their children and how they can guide them, nurture them and help prepare them for full and successful lives.

When Tragedy Strikes

Of course all is not peaches and cream in any marriage. The husband may lose his job. One of the children may be seriously injured. Somehow, tragedy seems to strike all of us in one way or another in the course of a normal life.

If they meet tragedy together, man and wife will be drawn even closer. Often, a real setback will spark communication and a sense of sharing that may have been previously lacking. A couple need each other more than ever at such a time.

The willingness of each partner to sympathize and truly seek to understand his or her mate is paramount. Anything that can break down the barriers of pride, selfishness, insensitivity and coldness is serving a good purpose.

For a marriage without deep and heartfelt communication is no marriage at all.

Those who are thoughtless and selfish can easily find duties or distractions to avoid a heart-to-heart talk with their mate. Many married people fear this type of communication. They are somehow afraid of opening up in depth. They are always "too busy." They never find the time to truly explore the heart and mind, the hopes and dreams of the very one to whom they are united for life—one who may be practically bursting with desire to be included in the life and thoughts of her beloved.

Even when on vacation such individuals find distractions. And at home they may cultivate a circle of charming friends—friends who help fill in the time and enable them gracefully to avoid a long, completely candid, heartfelt talk with their mate.

In such cases, perhaps only a tragedy is enough to shock the insensitive partner into an awareness of his or her responsibilities. And, ironically, all too often it takes the tragedy of threatened divorce to bring the message home.

Why Married Partners Neglect Communication

A complete revealing of one's self requires a great deal of courage. People fear unveiling their inner selves and opening up to another human being, even to their mate, their doubts and fears as well as their hopes and dreams.

Why? They fear to be misunderstood. They fear ridicule, criticism or censure.

Until a solid relationship has been slowly and painstakingly built over a period of months and years, even married people avoid "telling all" to one another. Yet, until this lack is rectified they can never truly be "one." There will always be an inner yearning for "someone" to whom they can truly unburden themselves and know that they will not be quickly or easily misunderstood.

Men are often more proud than women. They have greater difficulty in admitting that they are afraid. By a harsh word or growl, a man may cut short his wife and terminate a conversation which he fears. A conversation which might unveil part of his true nature if it were pursued.

Why?

We all fear being judged, being criticized, being misunderstood.

And many of us fear receiving unwanted and ill-thought-out advice. Especially advice from a loved one, one who can hurt us deeply.

A husband may be experiencing a complicated problem in his work or profession. He hesitantly starts to share this deepest anxiety—something he has thought about and analyzed for months—with his wife. Immediately she blurts out: "You should stand up for yourself like a man and take thus and such action . . ."

Her husband lowers his eyes and feels sick inside. "She didn't even wait to hear the whole problem!" he thinks. He feels that she treats him like a little boy with her ready-made

answers regarding something she knows nothing about!

He is crushed and defeated in his desire to find mature help and understanding regarding what may now be the biggest problem of his entire career. But he is forced to withdraw, to change the subject, or leave the room. His wife meant well, but she did not know how to listen.

To understand deeply another human being, we must learn to *listen*, and not reply. We must listen well—attempting to perceive the emotional colorings of the words as well as the words themselves. We must take time to allow our mate to unburden his or her heart to us, again and again. We must not offer criticism or judgment during this learning process.

We must fervently seek to understand. There is a very close link between love and understanding. Because the very nature of true love is outgoing concern, true lovers always seek to understand, to encourage, to share the depths of their beings with one another.

What To Do

To all who would practice the art of total communication, of understanding, of love as outlined in this article, I have some suggestions which I give here in summary.

First, build a deep interest in the growth and fulfillment of your mate as a person. Some of the last quoted words of Jesus Christ found in the Bible are these: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

There is no greater opportunity afforded on this earth to give, to share, to inspire joy and a sense of fulfillment in another person, than the opportunity of marriage. If each partner thinks, "How much can I give toward the joy and fulfillment of my mate?"—what a recipe for paradise!

Teach yourself to share and to communicate on the highest level. Take time for long talks together—perhaps including walking, hiking or cycling together over the countryside if you can. Plan to take short overnight or business trips together occasionally—leaving small children with competent family friends or relatives. Such trips should become "second

honeymoons" and put new zest into your marriage.

Take holiday or vacation trips together. Do things that you can truly share and enjoy with one another.

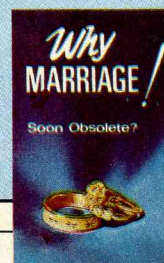
At home, develop mutual interests and hobbies that you can share. It matters not what it is as long as you *share* it by the hour with one another. As long as it is a vehicle to stimulate a deeper closeness and understanding between you and the most precious individual on the face of the earth—your mate.

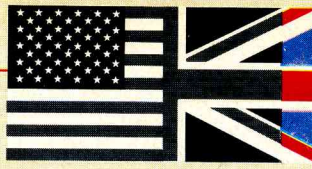
Learn to respond to one another—openly and lovingly. Have no secrets. Bear no grudges. This is your only life, your only mate, your only love. Learn to think and feel in unison, solving all your problems *together* as a team. The mutual encouragement and stimulus you'll feel, the added warmth and love you'll experience, will add an extra dimension of understanding and purpose and joy to your life that cannot be obtained in any other way.

Truly, "it is not good that a man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). □

Is Marriage Passé?

Is marriage, like the honest politician, in danger of extinction? Depending on which expert you consult, marriage is either a) declining, b) already dead, or c) making a mild comeback. In any case, there's been a major shakeup of values. The important thing is: What does it all mean to you? Whether you're single, married, or contemplating divorce, you'll find the booklet *Why Marriage?—Soon Obsolete?* most helpful. It's free—just return the Literature Request card in this issue, or write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you.





PROPHECY

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the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God. Then shall the children of Judah [the Jews] and the children of Israel ["Lost Ten Tribes"] be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land ["spread out far beyond their land"—Moffatt translation]: for great shall be the day of Jezreel" (Hos. 1:10-11).

There, in brief, is a picture of the whole course of God's dealing with Israel. Today, our people say they are NOT "Israel." That is, NOT God's people! They think that the Jews, and the Jews *only*, are Israel. But very soon, now, they are going to KNOW their identity. Thousands will learn it from this very series you are now reading. The MILLIONS will learn it at Christ's coming!

In Hosea 2, God says, in regard to our now having possessed the unprecedented WEALTH of the birthright promise: "For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and MULTIPLIED her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. Therefore will I return, and TAKE AWAY my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness [her SIN]" (verses 8-9).

But finally, when the correction becomes INTENSE enough, our peoples will acknowledge their transgressions, will repent, will seek their God!

God's People—At Last!

"And it shall be at that day, saith the Eternal, that thou shalt call me *Ishi* ["MY HUSBAND"]; and shalt call me no more *Baali* ["MY LORD"]" (verse 16).

"And," concludes this second chapter, "I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, *Thou art my people*; and they shall say, Thou art MY GOD" (verse 23).

Then begins GOD'S MESSAGE TO OUR PEOPLES TODAY—especially to the British peoples!

"Hear the word of the Eternal, ye children of Israel [you people of the British Commonwealth and the United States!]: for the Eternal hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, *nor knowledge of God in the land*. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land [of America and Britain] mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish . . ." (Hos. 4:1-3).

To the modern ministers in the churches of Britain and America, God says: "My people are destroyed for lack of

knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten *the law of thy God*, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame" (verses 6-7).

Speaking of the coming manyfold INTENSITY of corrective PUNISHMENT, God says, "... in their affliction *they will seek me early*" (Hos. 5:15).

To Britain Today

Speaking of modern Britain, God says: "Israel [Britain] indeed is STUBBORN as a restive heifer; how can the Eternal feed them now?" (Hos. 4:16, Moffatt translation.) God "feeds" His people today with His WORD—HIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD—His WARNING of what is quickly to come! The British government *would not allow* any broadcasting facilities within its jurisdiction that might be used by God's servants to proclaim GOD'S MESSAGE OF THIS HOUR to the British peoples!

But GOD was determined to get His message to the British!

So, the first week in 1953, God's message started getting into Britain *from Europe*—when *The World Tomorrow* program began going out on the superpowered voice of Radio Luxembourg!

When Radio Luxembourg was no longer effective for this message, God raised up broadcasting stations on *ships*, anchored just outside Britain's jurisdiction. *The World Tomorrow* was then THUNDERED over all of Britain DAILY, from SEVEN of these ships. They were not illegal. They violated no law of man. They DID proclaim faithfully *the law of God!* But the British authorities falsely called them "pirate" ships. They were NOT pirates. They were not marauders. They did not invade the land and pillage or steal. They harmed no one!

But most governments of MAN would like to CONTROL what their PEOPLE hear or do not hear! They want to CONTROL your thinking for you!

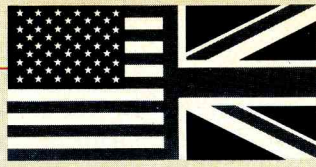
The British government and the national Church of England would LEGALIZE the revolting perversion of homosexuality! They would CONDONE heinous SINS, but no door inside the U.K. is open to broadcasting GOD'S MESSAGE!

But God DID get His message to Britain.

God Said It! God Did It

God has said, "Surely the Lord Eternal will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7), and in the verse just before this, "Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid?"

God has said, IN YOUR BIBLE, that He would get the warning to His people Ephraim-BRITAIN. He has foretold: "Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke [and



Britain is rapidly headed toward that prophesied desolation now]: among the tribes of Israel *have I made known* that which shall surely be" (Hosea 5:9).

Also, God said of Britain and America: "Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned [half-baked]. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not. And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the Eternal their God, nor seek him for all this. Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria [Germany]. When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; *I will chastise them, AS THEIR CONGREGATION HATH HEARD*"—from *The World Tomorrow* broadcast warning! (Hos. 7:8-12.)

They Will Realize

Some day, people will wake up to REALIZE this is the Work of God!

Of British churchianity, God says: "The Ephraimites are wedded to idolatry; LET THEM ALONE!—a drunken band, a lustful company, in love with *shameful worship*, not with my glory. When the whirlwind sweeps them off, they shall feel shame for their altars" (Hos. 4:17-19—Moffatt translation).

God says, "I withdraw to my own place, *till* they feel their iniquity and seek my face, searching for me in their distress, crying, 'Let us return to the Eternal, for he has torn us, he will heal us, he has wounded, he will bind us up: in a day or two [Authorized Version—after two days] he will revive us, and on the third day he will raise us to live under his care'" (Hos. 5:15-6:2, Moffatt translation). The coming Great Tribulation probably will last about 2½ years—the "Day of the Lord" about one year—then comes the RESURRECTION and second coming of Christ!

The entire book of Hosea carries a blistering message and warning to the BRITISH PEOPLE TODAY!

You Can Escape This Punishment

God warns us through prophecy that our sins are fast increasing. And now the *day of reckoning* is here! The foreign sword already has attacked us. In this fearful, awesome atomic age, World War III will *start* with nuclear devastation unleashed on London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, without warning! God help our nations to wake up before it's too late!

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

We should shout for joy at the discovery of our true identity—and we should be brought to REPENT—and to TURN TO GOD—and to get back of this crusade by radio and by printed word to WARN our people, and to call

upon God in REAL heartrending prayer for divine deliverance.

The sevenfold INTENSITY of punishment now soon to come upon the American and British peoples is simply the prophesied GREAT TRIBULATION! It will be the most frightfully intense PUNISHMENT, and time of TROUBLE, ever suffered by any people!

Yet YOU need not suffer in it.

This terrifyingly severe PUNISHMENT is simply the CORRECTION our peoples have made necessary to bring them to the ways of living which cause desired blessings, instead of terrible curses. It is CORRECTION—for the peoples' GOOD!

As GOD LIVES, this punishment is soon to strike! This series has given the WARNING from God and His Word!

Will the U.S. and British nations HEED? They could yet avert this colossal national tragedy, IF they would!

But if *you*—*you* now reading this, *you* as an individual—will be corrected, voluntarily, before God lets this indescribably horrendous chastening strike; if YOU come to real REPENTANCE, realizing HOW TERRIBLY WRONG *you* have been; if you can see yourself as you really are—as a rebellious wrong, evil person; and if you can SURRENDER to the loving, all-merciful, yet all-POWERFUL God—and make it an UNCONDITIONAL surrender, coming to Almighty GOD through the living Jesus Christ as personal Savior—then NO PLAGUE shall come near you (Ps. 91:8-11), but you shall be accounted worthy to *escape* all these frightful things and to STAND before Christ at His return (Luke 21:35-36).

Those in the true Body of Christ shall be taken to a place of SAFETY, until this tribulation be over (Rev. 3:10-11, applying to those faithful in GOD'S WORK now going to the world; Rev. 12:14; Isa. 26:20).

But you must make your own decision—and to NEGLECT doing so is to have *made* the WRONG decision!

Most people, we know only too well, will take this SERIOUS WARNING lightly—put it out of mind—turn to other immediate interests of no importance by comparison! That is why a loving, just, all-wise, all-POWERFUL GOD is going to *take away from them* these unimportant counter-interests, and apply such intensified CORRECTION that they *shall*, finally, come to their senses, and turn to Him and His WAY which will bring them eternal happiness and abundant blessings!

But YOU *need not* have to suffer this intensified correction, greater than any trouble ever suffered by humans.

By God's direction and authority, I have laid the TRUTH before you! To neglect it will be tragic beyond imagination! To heed it will bring blessings, happiness and GLORY beyond description!

The decision is now YOURS! □

CHURCH

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"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19). In other words, of the begotten FAMILY of God. Continue:

"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles [New Testament] and prophets [Old Testament], Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy TEMPLE in the Lord" (verses 20-21). So God reveals here that the Church is:

1) the HOUSEHOLD or begotten FAMILY of God; 2) a building—a HOLY TEMPLE—fitly joined together—that is, *well organized* (and, of course, on GOD's pattern).

As a building—the HOLY TEMPLE to which Christ will come—it is built on a FIRM FOUNDATION: the apostles, chosen by Christ, and the prophets. MUCH of the New Testament is simply quotations, or citations, from the writings of the prophets of the Old Testament. The things written in the Old Testament were "written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (I Corinthians 10:11).

Again the apostle Paul reminded Timothy: "... from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures [the only Scriptures Timothy could have known from a child were those written by Old Testament prophets], which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:15). The writings of the Old Testament prophets are part of the FOUNDATION of the Church of God!

And, of course, Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone—the very HEAD of the Church.

The Temple to Which Christ Will Come

There has been much perplexity and discussion as to *when* the temple will be built to which Christ shall come.

Malachi's prophecy speaks of Christ's second coming to His temple (Malachi 3:1-6).

In Haggai's prophecy it is referred to prophetically. Zerubbabel had

been sent as governor of a colony to build the second temple 70 years after the destruction of Solomon's temple. He built the temple to which Jesus came, though it had been enlarged and embellished by the Roman Herod. But speaking of this temple, as a type and forerunner of the temple to which Christ shall come at His *second* coming, it is written, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:9).

It is inconceivable that the Israelis, in the present international turmoil over their possession of old Jerusalem, could ever demolish the Arab Moslem Dome of the Rock—now

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Jesus announced the fact of the coming Kingdom, which, by His overcoming Satan, was assured!

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standing on the site of Solomon's temple—and build a new one there of greater splendor and glory than Solomon's! However, as the second temple Zerubbabel was building was a typical forerunner of the temple to which Christ shall come, even so Zerubbabel was the typical forerunner of one Christ would use in building the far more glorious temple to which Christ shall come in His GLORY!

Zechariah 4:9: "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it. . . ." And as Zerubbabel's hands *did* finish that second temple, so shall the one Christ uses in building the temple to which He shall come in His GLORY!

And the Church of God of the present day shall be a "building fitly framed together [and growing] unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:21).

Church the Bride of Christ

The one and only true Church, a spiritual organism well organized by

Christ, is the affianced Bride of Christ—to MARRY Christ, after His coming and after the resurrection and change of the Church into immortality.

In Ephesians 5 this is shown by analogy. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. . . . For we are members of HIS BODY, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:25-32).

The Church is made up of the BODY of Christ. More on that a little later. But the BODY presented to Christ *will not be a dismembered* body, with an arm, a leg or other parts being separated! It is ONE Church—fitly *framed together*—not dismembered into many parts following many different men seeking to draw away disciples after them.

This coming marriage is again referred to in II Corinthians 11:2: "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

The New-Covenant MARRIAGE will take place at Christ's coming in GLORY: "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, ALLELUIA: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb [Christ] is come, and his wife hath made herself ready" (Revelation 19:6-7).

It is enlightening at this point to remember Jesus came as "the messenger of the covenant" (Malachi 3:1). He came as the Messenger of the New Covenant.

The Old Covenant was a CONTRACT entered into between the children of Israel and the Word (who was to become Christ)—the God of the Old Testament. It was a MARRIAGE covenant. God "proposed" and

Israel "accepted" (Exodus 19:6, 8). That "marriage covenant" also set up the kingdom of Israel as one of earth's nations.

The New Covenant also will be a MARRIAGE covenant marrying the Church, then changed to spirit immortality, to Christ. But that covenant *also* will set up the KINGDOM OF GOD, ruling all nations with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

The Old Covenant was made with a carnal-minded people on their PROMISE to obey. The New Covenant will be made with a Spirit-begotten and Spirit-born people who have ALREADY PROVED THEIR OBEDIENCE!

Modern Facilities for Mass Communication Today

The Church members, as a whole, are not called to "GO FORTH" with the gospel message, but to back up, help, support the apostle in carrying the message into all the world.

I mentioned that one apostle today, with modern facilities for mass communication—the printing press, radio, television, even the telephone by which one may reach another in any part of the world in a matter of minutes or less—can reach more people by far than all of the first century apostles combined.

But this use of modern facilities in our day necessitates a considerable organization of people in various administrative capacities, besides evangelists, pastors and assistants, elders, deacons and deaconesses in local churches worldwide.

In Jesus' parable of the talents (Matthew 25), He pictured Himself as giving talents to various ones left here on earth while He was in heaven.

"And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability..." (verse 15). These "talents"—pieces of money—symbolized spiritual gifts and a measure of the Holy Spirit given each. He gave according to the natural ability of each.

The twelfth chapter of I Corinthians reveals that there are various offices of administration in the Church—and that God gives various spiritual gifts for those various functions. The SAME PRINCIPLE holds, since God is consistent and never changes. He gives, through the Holy

Spirit, special abilities, according to one's own natural abilities.

I have often talked about "fitting the square peg into the round hole" to illustrate human failure because so many are NOT doing what by natural ability they are fitted to do.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit" (I Corinthians 12:4). All these various *special* talents, abilities or aptitudes, though several, are all given by the same Holy Spirit.

"And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all" (verses 5-6). It is God working *in us*.

"But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is ONE, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are ONE BODY: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into ONE BODY..." (verses 11-13).

"And now are they many members, yet BUT ONE BODY" (verse 20).

What about those who follow a MAN, outside that ONE BODY? God says we are not to follow a MAN. Paul said that "of your own selves shall men arise... to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30).

The apostle Paul had to correct the Corinthian church because they were following individual MEN: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing..."—and *where* did the Church receive that one *same thing* they were all to believe? From THE APOSTLES! And the apostles received it from CHRIST. And Jesus Christ received it from GOD the Father! Continue: "... that there be *no divisions among you*; but that ye *be perfectly joined together in the same mind* and in the same judgment" (I Corinthians 1:10).

The apostle reproved them, saying, "... there are contentions among you" (verse 11).

"Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ" (verse 12). CHRIST is NOT divided (verse 13). □

(To Be Continued)



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EUROPE'S DESTINY

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Writing in the June 18, 1979 *Guardian*, columnist Jonathan Steele adds: "The pope's perspective [enunciated in Poland] went beyond the ideologies and was in the best sense 'pan-European.' His strictures about materialism apply even more forcefully to the consumerism of the West than that of the East, which is but a pale shadow of its western counterpart . . . the fact remains that the pope has revived a vision of a united Europe by putting ideology a long way down on his list of priorities."

One American television commentator, viewing the emotional impact of the Vatican's new "foreign policy," coupled by the swing away from flirtation with Communist parties in Western Europe, said simply, "Euro-Communism is out and Euro-Catholicism is in."

Euro-Parliament

As Pope John Paul II neared the end of his Polish visit, about 60 percent of the 180 million eligible voters in the nine European Community nations cast ballots for directly elected representatives to the expanded European Parliament, one of three principal bodies which govern the affairs of the Community.

I was in the pressroom of Common Market headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, as the results of the historic election came in. From these results it is apparent that the new directly elected Parliament, expanded from 198 to 410 members, will be center-right conservative in tone.

Excitement surrounding the election initially was high, but Community officials were disappointed with the results for two basic reasons.

First, the turnout, despite a remarkable 85 percent watershed in Italy, was, in their view, "disappointingly low." Apathy, combined with significant voter antipathy, was the rule in much of Britain and Denmark—the latter even electing five anti-Common Market representatives. Officials in West Germany—the Common Market's most enthusiastic supporter—had hoped for at

least an 80 percent turnout but had to settle for 15 percent less.

The second and most detracting factor in the Euro-election was that the old bugaboo of nationalism refused to recede into the background. In fact, national perspectives and national politics dominated the very conduct of the election itself—an election in which the people of Europe were theoretically supposed to act politically for the first time as Europeans rather than as Germans, Danes or Frenchmen.

The June 17 edition of the *Daily Telegraph* contained an article stating that the European elections were bound to radically alter the future of the Common Market. That is hard to see at this juncture. The same article admitted that the newly constituted Parliament would have only fractionally more power than the old one. Political control will still reside largely in the hands of the EEC's Council of Ministers, who represent and directly report to their respective national governments.

This election, significant as it was, only seemed to confirm the pope's remark in Poland that "economic and political reasons cannot" unite Europe.

Platform for Dr. Von Habsburg

Still, it would be premature to dismiss the expanded Euro-parliament as having no influence. Voters, for the first time having a direct stake in its make-up, will certainly expect it to be more than a rubberstamp.

But perhaps the most important role the body will have will be to serve as a platform for the views of its members. One of the most interesting and controversial delegates is Otto von Habsburg, son of the last emperor of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

Dr. von Habsburg, also president of the Pan-European Union, has been a tireless campaigner for years toward the ideal of a United Europe. Last year he became a West German citizen, primarily to qualify for election to the European parliament. (Austria is not a member.) He is expected to carry his theme forward into the Parliament's two chambers in Strasbourg and Luxembourg.

Dr. von Habsburg also has a much broader perspective of what Europe should become in the future.

He recently told interviewers for the West German magazine *der Spiegel* that if one aspires to be a Euro-parliamentarian, he should "stand up for all Europe," adding that "the Europe of the nine is merely a starting point. Just like the Italian unification in the 19th century started with part of a state, Piedmont, so shall the greater Europe evolve later from this Europe of the nine."

Asked by *der Spiegel* how far "his Europe" extends, Dr. von Habsburg answered: "It extends to the borders of Russia." By this he means, of course, the inclusion of what is today Soviet-occupied Eastern Europe. In his words: "It is for us an unbearable thought that decolonization is applicable exclusively for Africa and Asia and not also for Europe."

Friend of Strauss

It was through his close friendship with Bavarian political leader Franz-Josef Strauss that Dr. von Habsburg was able to obtain almost instantaneous West German citizenship last year, a process usually much more difficult for someone of royal blood. Dr. von Habsburg, who retains his Austrian citizenship (but has renounced his claim to the vacant Austro-Hungarian monarchy), presently lives in Pöcking, Bavaria, near the Austrian border.

Strauss, who, like the former arch-duke, is a devout Roman Catholic, has praised Dr. von Habsburg as having one of the keenest political minds in Europe.

Readers of *The Plain Truth* would be well advised to watch the rising political futures of both of these men. Only a few weeks ago, for example, Strauss announced he would seek his coalition's candidacy for the chancellorship in the 1980 West German elections. (As we go to press, the conservative opposition has selected Strauss to be its candidate.)

And Strauss is not merely a provincial national figure in the political arena, as he revealed in his 1965 book *The Grand Design*. In it he wrote: "Europe is divided. . . . Yet every aspect of this malaise of the

free Western world could be resolved by a massive drive to achieve, step by step, a European political federation. A United States of Europe with its own nuclear deterrent under supranational control would form the second essential pillar of a Western defense community in alliance with the United States of America.

"We must establish a new set of political facts, a new political Europe, not divorced from America, not merely neutral between Russia and America, but a political Europe standing on its own feet. If the process is to take time, then it must be time put to good use. I am not prepared to go on listening to the same weary slogans for the next ten, twenty or thirty years until I am eighty. [He will be 64 in September.] We must change the balance of power in the world; we must stabilize the military balance of nuclear deterrents and we must wage a political campaign with increasing strength on our side."

Church and State

As the Editor-in-Chief of *The Plain Truth*, Herbert W. Armstrong, has stressed repeatedly ever since this magazine was founded 45 years ago, the stage is being set for the last end-time revival of the Roman Empire.

Notice what Mr. Armstrong, having researched the prophecies of the Bible, wrote in the June-July 1934 issue of *The Plain Truth*: "Scripture prophesies TWO GREAT MILITARY POWERS to arise in the last days—one the revival of the Roman Empire by a federation of 10 nations in the territory of the ancient Roman Empire; the other, 'Gog', or Russia with her allies. . . ."

And with unique, God-given insight, he wrote in the October 1951 *Plain Truth*: "The pope alone can provide the leadership, the unifying, solidifying element to make this United States of Europe—this resurrected Roman Empire—a reality."

And more recently, in the January 1979 *Plain Truth*, written before John Paul II embarked on his precedent-shattering trip to Poland: "I have been proclaiming and writing, ever since 1935, that the final one of the seven eras of the Holy Roman Empire is coming in our genera-

tion—a 'United States of Europe,' combining ten nations or groups of nations in Europe—with a union of church and state!

"The nations of Europe have been striving to become reunited. They desire a common currency, a single combined military force, a single united government. They have made a start in the Common Market. They are now working toward a common currency. Yet, on a purely political basis, they have been totally unable to unite.

"In only one way can this resurrected Holy Roman Empire be brought to fruition—by the 'good offices' of the Vatican, uniting church and state once again, with the Vatican astride and ruling (Rev. 17:1-5). . . .

"This new united Europe will be, militarily and economically, as strong, or even more powerful, than either the United States or the U.S.S.R. It will be a third gigantic world power! But it will be exceedingly short-lived (Rev. 17:10, 12)—as iron and miry clay are not adhesive, and will not stick together" (Daniel 2:42-43).

The soon-coming resurrection of the Roman Empire will once again be a church-and-state union. In one sense, Joseph Stalin was correct. The Pope does not have "divisions," but he has millions of people. Their organization into operable "divisions" will have to be the function of state authority.

Similarly, the secular rulers, as the Communist leaders of Eastern Europe graphically show today, cannot be effective unless they have the hearts of the people behind them. Only the church can deliver the people to the approved state authority!

Personalities on the Scene?

The personalities prophesied to play enormous roles before the close of this age and the establishment of the Kingdom of God just may be on the scene now, although the Bible does not mention them by name.

Regarding John Paul II, *Time* magazine said: "The Slav Pope has suddenly emerged from his triumphant visit to Poland as a dramatic and compelling personality on the international scene. John Paul will

surely have something of his own to say about the principalities and powers of his era."

The reason the Communist authorities allowed the former Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to return is that they hoped to get a papal visit "out of the way early." Now the Pope is serving notice that he wants to return in about three year's time!

Pope John Paul II is also considering an appearance before the United Nations this fall—to be combined with a circuit visit to at least seven American cities. With the exception of Pope Paul VI's 1965 visit to U.N. headquarters, a ruling pope has never been to the United States.

As John Paul II bears watching, so do Franz-Josef Strauss and Otto von Habsburg. Christopher Hollis, in the foreword to von Habsburg's book *The Social Order of Tomorrow*, points out that Otto "would like to see Europe resume her essential unity and in the symbolism of that unity he thinks that the imperial crown of Charlemagne and of the Holy Roman Empire might well have its part to play."

Just the other day, here in Vienna at the *Schatzkammer*, or Royal Treasury, in the old Imperial Palace, I looked at one of these symbols. Encased in glass, the crown of the Holy Roman Empire, dating back to the time of Otto the Great in the tenth century, is on display. It seems to be waiting for one final emplacement.

The crowning of the secular authority of the soon-coming church-state combination might occur here in this city of intense European tradition—the seat of authority for the Holy Roman Empire for hundreds of years, and, following its demise in 1814, the place of rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until 1918.

Vienna—and neutral Austria—is the bridge between East and West today. One wonders about the future use of the massive "U.N.-city" complex being completed just across the Danube. It belongs to the government of Austria, but will be leased to the United Nations as a "third" U.N. headquarters. Might it be used for other purposes in the future?

Keep your eyes on Pope John Paul II, Franz-Josef Strauss, Otto von Habsburg—and Vienna. □

Personal from...

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of course, in Japanese, but after every sentence the interpreter translated the sentence into English. And vice versa. Of course the whole thing was in my honor, so I was the chief speaker. Both Stanley Rader and Osamo Gotoh spoke briefly.

I had said earlier that I was not going to plan ahead what to say, or speak from any notes. I knew the living Christ would put into my mind what I should say—and He did!

There were at least a half dozen ambassadors representing other nations present (with their wives). So I knew that a number of different religions were represented.

Suppose you were to be asked to stand up and speak to some 300 highly distinguished people, some believing the Buddhist, Shintoist, Islamic or Taoist religions, not knowing anything about the true GOD, and you knew that Jesus Christ wanted you to proclaim to them the good news of the KINGDOM OF GOD. And you had to get this gospel message over to these important people.

Just how would you go about it? If you had two or three days beforehand to think and plan what to say, what would you say?

I think all of you ought to KNOW a little about how Jesus Christ leads His chosen apostle to do it.

I KNEW the living Christ *would* guide me. Like you, I am only human—but I TRUSTED the living Jesus. He did put in my mind what to say.

I mentioned that I do have private meetings with many heads of nations—that I talk with them about their problems and world problems. That their problems are greater than any of them have power to solve. I then said I had read an editorial in one of the world's leading news magazines that said our "world problems and evils are now so great it would seem that the world's ONLY HOPE lies in the intervention of a GREAT HAND FROM SOMEPLACE." In this manner I brought to the attention of these many government officials of different religions the supreme GOD—and I then explained that this great

"Unseen Hand" was the unseen Creator who made of one blood all of the nations represented in this banquet.

I did not know until I stood up before the loudspeaker microphone that I would say that. But you see, Jesus Christ put words in my mouth that showed them I was speaking of the SUPREME CREATOR, regardless of their religion. Jesus gave me the words to show GOD'S POWER without offense to any because of his religious belief.

I then said many consider me an ambassador without portfolio (that is, no official political authority). But in fact, I told them, I was an official ambassador of the GREAT GOD who created us all. And I brought them from Him GOOD NEWS—news of the world's *only hope*—that we are now in the very LAST DAYS of this present man-made civilization, with more problems and evils than mankind CAN SOLVE—and that SOON NOW—in OUR GENERATION—God will *intervene*, and set up the WORLD RULING KINGDOM OF GOD—that we shall then have world peace, happiness, JOY—and economic ABUNDANCE for ALL in ALL NATIONS.

I said: "I don't ask you to BELIEVE what I say. We humans won't bring this about—it will be done to us—and in spite of us—whether we believe it or not—whether we want it or not. But I have just announced it to you, and it definitely shall happen!"

Thus, in few words, and even waiting at every sentence for the interpreter to repeat it in the Japanese language, Jesus Christ through me delivered the gospel of the Kingdom to some 300 of the leaders of Japan and several other nations.

And I might mention THIS is what the attorney general's office in California is trying to call "siphoning off millions of dollars every year for my own use." In the past two years we have not spent one tenth of \$1 million on this important Work of carrying the GOSPEL into nations worldwide.

For the past 10 years, this part of the Work has cost less than \$1 million a year—whereas our budget calls for SEVERAL million dollars per year for SALARIES to ministers and the staff at headquarters—several

million for radio, for TV, for printing.

I must break off now and hurry into a business suit—for I am to have a meeting in less than two hours with Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira. I have met and visited with every Japanese prime minister in the past 10 years—Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, Prime Minister Takeo Miki, Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda and now Prime Minister Ohira. I have been highly honored in Japan.

There's the saying that a prophet is not honored in his own country. That's where the PERSECUTION comes from. But here, I am honored above *any* unofficial non-Japanese.

Perhaps the most important news of all that I can give you of this trip is that definite plans are under way for me to make an official visit to COMMUNIST CHINA—officially the People's Republic of China, in company with two or three of the highest members of the Japanese Diet. Two of the high-ranking members of Japan's law-making Diet are definitely working on arrangements. The trip will be made in our own G-II jet, and probably in August. Private meetings are being set up with the Communist Party Chairman and Prime Minister Huo Guofeng and the deputy prime minister, Deng Xiaoping.

As you know, I have been waiting a long time for Jesus Christ to open doors—IF He wanted His apostle to go to the LEADERS of China and the Soviet Union. Of course, I can't know yet what Christ may have in mind, but He is able to open doors wherever He wants me to go as His ambassador and apostle.

Plans are now being made for a visit with the government heads and many other leaders in a country I have not yet visited—Tunisia, on the southern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, west of Egypt. And, of course, I already have had a personal meeting with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

Before leaving Japan on this present trip, I will have further meetings with a few other Japanese leaders. This has certainly been a very successful trip.

I close asking you to continue your earnest and fervent prayers for me and the Work. □



MR. ARMSTRONG IN JAPAN

Herbert W. Armstrong was enthusiastically and warmly welcomed back to Japan at a banquet in his honor at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. More than 250 of Japan's leading citizens and government officials were in attendance. These included (top left photo) Dr. Makato Fujita, assistant to the president of Weseda University in Tokyo (shown standing next to Mr. Armstrong, speaking at the banquet); Congressman Ide (standing, top photo); and Congressman Tokuo Yamashita (standing, photo below) with members of the Japanese Diet.



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