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The Beast is Rising Up!

Here's startling news from Europe! The ugly Beast of Revelation is taking shape much faster than you realize.

by Richard D. Armstrong

Paris, France:

While the eyes of the world are focused solely on the danger of Communism, America is completely overlooking *the greatest danger the world has ever known*:—A NEW power to rise up in Europe—a combination of TEN nations, that will crush our western civilization!

American Bungling Caused It

The most stunning aspect of this situation is the fact WE AMERICANS are largely responsible for bringing it about!

The general situation in Europe at the present time is this: . . . the people are *afraid* . . . tired of war! The continent has been torn by war three times in the past half century. Their homes and their cities and farmlands have been ruined. These people over here—especially in Britain and France—know what a great WASTE war is! The significant point is that at the present time they are so afraid—so tired of war that they are desperately searching for and willing to grasp at anything that looks like it will offer them a permanent peace . . . Someone to guide and lead them the WAY they want to be led.

Has the United States given them this offer? From what we hear at home it would seem so. Yet, through our point four program and the Marshall Plan we

actually created the situations that brought about the great turn of the working classes of Western Europe to Communism! The high-level handling of the Marshall Plan Aid was to the rich and propertied peoples of these countries and it favored the large international business cartels. VERY little of this aid ever sifted down to the level of the common men . . . instead, his plight was made worse by it.

Facts of Nazi Come-Back

We are STILL following this same policy in Germany. Here is an interesting piece of news. During World War II one of the largest industrial firms that helped build the German Wermacht to such greatness was the I. G. Farben and Co. It was known, even before the final collapse of the Nazi regime, that the industrialists had been chosen to take the Nazi party underground. They were to pose as poor misunderstood gentlemen who had been forced to build a war-machine for Hitler but had never really wanted to. Many of the most important members of the Nazi party were shifted into these organizations towards the end of the War—in order to carry on the Nazi underground after the war.

One of the most surprising pieces of news I've heard since here in Europe is

the announcement from Germany that the I. G. Farben corporation, a huge international cartel with interests throughout the world, had been returned to its private ownership and is once again merging its many small isolated divisions into a huge industrial cartel! Georg von Schnitzler was one of the very important men in I. G. Farben & Co.

Now if these German industrialists are to be accepted, as they tell us, as "just poor misunderstood business men," and if the Generals of the Wermacht are to be accepted, as they plead, as "just poor misunderstood Army men"—forced to wage war by the Nazi party, and if the German people are, as we are told, "just poor misunderstood people who had the war forced on them by the Nazis" then *who* are the Nazis? WHO was responsible for waging World War II?—and who should be watched lest they start World War III?

The German Idea

The facts are these: It is a part of basic German psychology that the German people *are* greater than anyone else. I talked with a man yesterday who crossed the Atlantic on the same ship with Herman Hoeh and me. He had toured extensively through Germany while Mr. Hoeh and I were in England

and in France. I asked him what he found in Germany (which we will visit next week) and he said this: "I think the Germans really know they've been licked. But you should see how they are working to build back up. They are willing to work night and day because they can't stand the thought of NOT being the greatest nation on earth! They are willing to work under any conditions to reach that goal."

This is exactly what the Germans *do believe*.

The astonishing thing is that the UNITED STATES is now helping to build these same German industrial cartels back into power! AND helping Germany to REARM as a bulwark against Soviet Russia.

French Would Not Fight

Western Europe DOES live in fear of Soviet Russia! The people here are greatly worried over the prospects of a war between the U.S. and the Russians and they want NO PART of it.

In case of a war with Russia I do not believe the French, the Dutch, the Belgians or any of the European countries would enter on either side. They would rather remain neutral! England would undoubtedly be in it with us. There is no other course she could follow.

BUT, the rest of Europe is living in great fear of a war between the U.S. and Russia and firmly believe that their only protection will be a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

The problems which are delaying the completion or accomplishment of this fact are these: The question of who will be the ruler, how much sovereignty will each individual country retain, and what will be the factor to bind them firmly together?

The Stage Is Set

The answers are already there—as they are prophesied to happen in the Bible. The Beast of which John writes in the 17th Chapter of Revelation has ten horns—ten nations—the crowns on these horns represent the ruling power of these ten nations. And notice it was a dragon—the Devil—which gave him his power and his seat and great authority.

The binding faith that will eventually bring Europe together is *not* economical agreements. It will be something that will go much deeper than that!

The present state of affairs as I have seen it and learned from people here in France would require a *spiritual* binding. The POPE and the Catholic Church will be the source of this unity.

The Germans are the great industrialists and the war makers. They will create the Army and run it. But, the

spiritual ties that bind will be those of a religious nature. They could be nothing else.

That is what Europe is ripe for at the present moment.

They are disgusted with the way the United States has handled things over here. They are deeply afraid of another war. They are having to reduce their living standards to build back up and pay for World War II. They realize that they can never really be strong unless they are united and the trade barriers between their countries are broken down. But at the present they are not willing to relinquish their own sovereign rights to any other nation. Thus it will be a religious power that will finally bring them together.

Building Our Frankenstein

The Bible prophecy states that this Beast will attack and conquer the United States and Britain. The British DEFINITELY will NOT become a part of any United States of Europe. While talking to people in England I found that they take great offense at any mention of themselves as Europeans. They say "We are NOT Europeans, we are BRITISH," which to them is quite a different thing. This is not altogether just national pride.

As has been shown by my father in his booklet "*The U.S. in Prophecy*," the United States and Britain, the English speaking democracies and the democracies of Northwest Europe are the descendants of Ancient Israel. Not Jews but Israelites, descended from Ephriam and Manassah. *We are those countries which this "Beast" is to take over and rule.*

The United States is helping to build up this colossal thing in Europe which is later to destroy us.

Today, the 14th of July, was Bastille Day in France. It is their greatest national holiday and the same thing to Frenchmen that the 4th of July, or Independence Day, is to Americans. All of the government buildings, all of the statues, the parks etc. were decorated with flags and bunting and a great parade was held.

Early this morning flights of jet airplanes started flying very low overhead. These were American Pantherjets and F-80 Shooting Stars. When the parade started I was amazed to see that *every single piece of equipment was American!*

The soldiers were carrying American sub-machine guns, bazookas, mortars, machine guns, pistols and rifles. All of the tanks that passed were American manufactured. We saw Dodge and Chevrolet trucks and Ford and Willys Jeeps carrying the French soldiers and American made field artillery; large

guns, some self propelled—all made in America and *paid for with our tax dollars.*

How the French Feel

You think that this would make the Frenchmen very friendly to America. Actually it hasn't. They are believing to a great extent—at least those I've talked to, that America is building up for another war—which they want no part of! They feel that we are arming them to fight our battles and in case of war they will *show* us that they have *no intention* of doing so!

There are many signs around Paris that say "Ridgway go home," "AMERICA FOR THE AMERICANS" (keep out of Europe), etc. There is a definite anti-American feeling here in many places. However, I want to hasten to say that there are also signs that show pictures of slaves behind bars and say "Visit Russia for your vacation—Land of peace and liberty." "The Communists say, Americans Go Home—the People of France say—Welcome."

In general the people of France, at least northern France, are descended from Reuben—a tribe of Israel—and I thought they would be more like the people at home than some of the other countries we will see. However, I find that a GREAT portion of the people here in Paris are LATIN—dark and short and not at all like the people in Britain and Northwestern Europe.

I have heard many Americans here in Paris say that they felt a greater affinity for the Germans—as if they were among their own people—than they do for the French.

In general summation, this is the picture:

The United Nations has failed to bring peace to the world.

The people of Europe are suffering from low pay, lack of work, terrible housing shortages and the general after-effects of World War II. They are terribly afraid of another world war—enough so that they will turn to the person or thing that offers them protection from it!

That is what has left them so ripe for Communism; BUT, they do not want a Communism in their own countries that is dominated by Moscow—They believe in a NATIONAL Communism or national socialism—actually Nazism—the very thing that is going to happen!

Communism is only a hope for a national means of relieving their present painful conditions, and, they want to *unite* and arm themselves *together* against aggression.

It is the great fear of Communist domination from Moscow and of a war

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EARTHQUAKES *to Come!*

Earthquakes are to become more numerous and increasingly severe. Not only in California but perhaps where YOU live. Your safety in any event is assured if you have this protection.

by Kenneth Herrmann

PASADENA, Calif., July 21, 1952, 4:52 a.m. The earth trembled slightly; then came another light quiver. What happened next roused some 5 million people of the Los Angeles area from their sleep and sent a number of frightened inhabitants into the streets. Plate glass windows in the downtown district cracked, burglar alarms sounded their warning, and in the background church bells began to ring.

"Nature" had struck again! The strongest earthquake in 30 years shook the entire state. The village of Tehachapi near the center of the quake was dealt the severest blow. Twelve dead, scores injured, property damage in the millions.

What Causes Earthquakes?

Who or what is the cause of this freak of "nature"? Aristotle, Greek philosopher of the fourth century B.C., believed that winds blowing in subterranean caverns caused the earth to be shaken.

Today the commonly taught and perhaps partially correct theory is that as the interior of the earth cools, it becomes somewhat smaller causing the rigid surface portion to adjust, fitting itself to the smaller interior. These adjustments take place along fissures in the earth's crust called faults. Movement may take place either horizontally or vertically or both.

The noted San Andreas fault of the West Coast, which early reports considered the probable cause of the recent quake, runs the entire length of the state. The land on the west side of this fault tends to move northward in relation to the region on the east side. The movement at the fault takes place at unpredictable intervals when sufficient tension has been built up. Displacements of up to 20 feet took place in the earthquake which destroyed San Francisco in 1906. Yet the damage done by an earthquake is due to the recurrent shock waves traveling through the earth's crust rather than the total distance of displacement. The actual shaking of the solid earth by these damaging shock waves is generally measured in fractions of an inch and becomes disastrous when approaching a full inch.

The reason comparatively little damage was done in the Los Angeles district in the recent quake is that it assumed a rolling motion, with movement in all directions rather than a series of shocks from one direction.

The immediate cause of earthquakes, we might be safe in saying, is the earth's adjusting itself and releasing tensions in its surface zone. The cause for these tensions is assumed to be the cooling and shrinking of the interior of the earth. This may be partly true but *it is not the whole answer!*

Bible Incidents Show Origin of Earthquakes

Numerous Bible incidents show the direct connection of God with these earth movements. Israel's departure from Egypt was accompanied by quakes which caused mountains to move (Psalms 114). There is archaeological evidence that the walls of Jericho collapsed when a properly timed shock occurred.

God's anger is frequently expressed by shaking the inhabitants with the earth (Isaiah 5:25). Lebanon and Sirion (Hermon) of Palestine are made to tremble at His commands (Psalms 29:6). Thus the Scriptures reveal God as the One responsible for the solid earth trembling beneath our feet. You and I know this today and the world will know it tomorrow for "they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (Isaiah 2:19). They will not attribute to "nature" that which originates with God!

Why Should Christians Fear?

Knowing that it is God who shakes the earth, what right have you to fear for your safety? You call God your Father and He is, *providing* of course, that *you have been obedient to Him* (Matt. 12:50).

In a purely *physical* sense all people are God's children, being descendent from Adam who was God's son (Luke 3:38); a created son.

But in the spiritual sense, only those who obey God, who have repented of former disobedience and have received

His Spirit are His sons and *only these* have the promise of safety.

Our Part in Time of Danger

While our safety is assured, we do have a part to play in it. We are told to watch and pray that we may escape all these things (Luke 21:36). Yes, earthquakes (v. 11), as well as famine, pestilence, and persecution are mentioned as a thing which we are to watch for and be protected from. We must put our life in God's hands to preserve or take as He should choose.

In addition to watchfulness and prayer, action may also be our duty. Note that when Jerusalem is surrounded by armies, those Christians in Judaea (v. 21) are to flee to the mountains. We often have to do that which is in our power to assure our safety.

Here are a few simple rules God expects you to follow when a severe earthquake occurs:

(1) If in a large building *do not run into the streets*. Injury from falling brick and stone is much more likely than the remote chance of the whole building collapsing.

(2) A doorway is a safer place than the middle of the room. Falling plaster or light fixtures can cause painful injuries.

(3) Leave broken electric lines, or buildings in danger of collapse to those who are qualified to deal with them.

This much it is reasonable that God expects you to do. Leave the rest with Him. He knows about the earthquake; He knows where you are and has a guardian angel beside you. Yes, Christ gave us a promise, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20).

Injury, sickness, persecution, suffering and even death may come upon you but not without His knowledge and express consent. Consider the case of Job. Could you say the words he did, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him:"? (Job 13:15). And why couldn't you?

An Event That Will Shake This World

An astonishing account of an event in the near future lies between the lines of the 14th chapter of Zechariah.

As Christ returns to this earth, to the

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very same place He left it (Acts 1:9-12), His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, approximately 5 miles east of Jerusalem, and, "the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west" (Zech. 14:4). This Mount will become two mountains and a valley will separate them (v. 4,5). How are we to understand this? Will an open chasm be formed between these two mountains and if so how could it be termed a valley?

Another section of Palestine seems to give an answer that fits like the last piece of a jigsaw puzzle. The Jordan Valley as a whole is a wedge shaped block up to 10 miles wide which has dropped down from its original position as much as 5000 feet in places. Some time in the earth's history a movement in the earth's crust tended to pull the land of Palestine into two sections. Instead of a chasm forming in the gap between, this wedge shaped segment dropped into its present position forming the Jordan Valley.

This could easily be the explanation. At Christ's return the Mount of Olives would split along an east-west line and a valley would form between the two mountains as the middle section lowered itself to form the floor of the valley. The event would certainly be accompanied by an earthquake as Zech. 14:5

implies by referring to one in the time of King Uzziah of Judah. Its magnitude would depend upon the purpose of God in causing it to occur.

Earthquakes, perhaps less severe, to precede this final one are prophesied in Isaiah 29:6 as a punishment and warning to those in Jerusalem who refuse to turn to Him.

The event of Christ's return will certainly shake this world and the accompanying earthquake to form a valley across Palestine might well do the same.

The True Significance of Earthquakes

War, famine, pestilence and earthquakes are signs to precede the arrival of Christ as world ruler. Each war, each famine, each earthquake, then, is a way-mark in the path the world must follow before it can have peace. Our acceptance of these signs ought to be with understanding, not with fear.

The heathen, Jeremiah says, are dismayed at the signs in the heavens, (Jer. 10:2) *but not God's people.*

To us, earthquakes, flying saucers, rumors of war are the signs of an approaching event, one which we await with joy, not fear. All who call themselves Christian ask for this event; "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10).

Earthquakes are a sign that that time is drawing near.

To those of you who have yet to become begotten Sons of God, *these signs are a warning* of trouble ahead. A warning to forsake idols and religious practices which have their origin in paganism. To forsake these heathen ways and turn to your Creator for His protection. To become His Son by receiving His Spirit so that you also may call Him your Father and trust in Him.

Then you may believe as David did that, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked" (Psalms 91:7,8).

HOLY DAY CALENDAR AUTUMN, 1952

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Day of Atonement, fast day, Monday, September 29th.

Festival of Tabernacles, begins sunset, Friday, October 3rd, ends sunset, Saturday, October 11th.

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CORRECTION

July GOOD NEWS, page 12. The last sentence in col. 1 continuing in col. 2 should read:

The Pagan Roman College of Pontiffs later became the Catholic College of Cardinals. The Roman *Pontifex Maximus* "had charge of the calendar, fixed dates . . ."

What Europeans Think of Us

If war broke out tomorrow between Russia and the United States and Britain, France and Germany probably would not fight. Read why.

by Herman L. Hoeh

Frankfurt, Germany:

Europe is so very different from America. Its people live and think differently than we do at home because they do not have the same personal and national problems.

At present Europe is like a dis-United States. In America we travel freely from one state to another, using the same money, speaking the same language. Europeans must submit to customs' regulations, change their money and speak another language every time they cross a border.

These little inconveniences, however, are not what makes Europe so different. It's their *way of thinking* that makes Europeans seem so far away.

The people here have been born and reared in a time of wars and depressions for three successive generations. They have had to live in the midst of violence. In America the people have not been close to such misery. We don't feel it in the *personal way* that Europeans do. Our homes have not been bombed. Foreign troops have not marched down our streets and pillaged our personal belongings. This suffering is what has made most Europeans tired of war. The people want peace but *they don't know how to find it.*

They Catch an Idea from Us

Because of the war, Europeans have had a unique opportunity of observing what has made America great. They see that we are a UNITED States. They know that their continent is divided, filled with *national rivalries* that have been the cause of most of Europe's chaos. They observe our tourists who are usually comparatively prosperous. They do not realize that *most* Americans cannot afford to travel abroad. And then they glance at the poverty in which *they* live. America seems *so wealthy*. But America is made up of UNITED States! If only *they* could be rich too! If only they could be *united!*

This is what Europeans are thinking. Without exception, we have found that people in every walk of life want European unity. There is nothing more important to them than this one IDEA.

Rearmament is second. Why should they fight a war for the United States against Russia? They would become the battleground again while America would grow more wealthy and powerful.

England would definitely follow us into battle *if* war should occur with Russia. But most people in France and Germany, where we have been, would do all in their power to remain neutral. Frenchmen welcome our military help, but they feel little good would be accomplished *unless Europe is unified.*

Why They Dislike Us

Every nation wishes American help, both military and economic. Yet there is a strange undercurrent of thought *against* the United States in both France and Germany. *France right now is going through a most serious mental and spiritual upheaval.* The moral fabric of the French people is worn thin. On every hand, we noticed that the people want to squeeze the American tourist for his money. Frenchmen have the idea that all Americans are rich and that *we want to dominate the world by our money.* That's why they dislike us.

People in Europe for centuries have been guided by nationalistic thought. Each nation is proud of itself and of its *independence.* This spirit of self-determination has been one of the causes of friction between American policy and Europe.

People here want help, BUT THEY WANT TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT THAT HELP AS THEY SEE FIT. America and Britain have worked for a *North Atlantic Union.* To Europeans this is NOT as important as a *European Union.* Already, France and Germany are trying to solve the most troublesome issue standing in the way of their unity, the problem of the Saar basin. We noticed everywhere we travel that people on the continent want to work out their own problems without American INTERFERENCE.

France Being Drawn Toward Germany and European UNITY

Jealousy of America's wealth and influence were two of the most disheartening ideas we encountered in France. Slowly, but surely, *France is being drawn away from both America and Britain and into closer relations with Germany and Italy.* That is most significant! In a very informative conference with Monsieur Jegouzo in the cultural department of the French Government, I learned that France regards Britain as the most important factor in European unity.

France has had to rely on Britain in order to defend herself against Germany. But *Great Britain does not want to become an intricate part of any European union.* To Britons, the English channel is hundreds of miles wide.

France therefore feels that she can't trust in England any longer. *She has to co-operate with Germany* and yet protect herself against any possible German aggressive moves. The only way to do so is to have a united Europe and a *common army.* This would guarantee France's security and Europe's defense.

Anti-American Feeling Growing

The growing antagonism against America in France is NOTHING compared to what we have found in Germany. Despite millions of dollars spent to RE-EDUCATE the German people, there has been almost total failure. There has been no national repentance. To many Germans, WAR IS JUSTIFIABLE.

I know that most Americans can't understand such thinking, but Europeans do think DIFFERENTLY than we do. They have grown up in a different world. The Germans especially have been taught and have accepted the old Babylonish idea that war is a test of a nation's greatness. The greatest nation is the one that can *acquire the most by conquest.* This is what we were frankly told by a German proprietor the third day after our arrival.

Germany Learned This Lesson

But the German people have learned that their nation can't resist the rest of the world alone. *Germans want European unity!*

They have not lost any of their desire for domination and self-importance. GERMANY WANTS A UNITED EUROPE IN WHICH SHE CAN HAVE THE SELF-ASSURANCE THAT SHE IS THE MOST VITAL AND NECESSARY PART. It is inevitable that Germany, being the economic, industrial and military heart of Europe, should dominate any union.

Theodor Blank, the man who will supervise German rearmament, is thoroughly convinced that a *united European army* is the only thing which will attract German youth. And this is exactly what other countries here need as a guarantee against German aggression.

A UNITED EUROPE IS MUCH NEARER

THAN MOST PEOPLE THINK POSSIBLE, because the West German Republic is determined that its continental neighbors will have no cause for fear.

Since we found almost immediately upon our arrival here that Germany has not changed its aspirations—Germans want to cooperate with the rest of Europe TO CONQUER THE WORLD—I thought it important to discover what the people thought of Hitler. Did he make a mistake? Do they think he is dead?

Is Hitler Alive?

I asked a German these questions. Could you guess his reply?

He was convinced that Germany was justified in beginning the last war. Hitler did not make a mistake in leading the nation. Germany needed oil and land. The only trouble with war is that it's bad to LOSE a war.

Did he believe that Hitler was dead?

He wouldn't answer at first; then I asked him again. He said, "We don't care."

It was obvious that way down deep, he thought that Hitler was still alive. The Germans know that there has been NO PROOF that Hitler ever died. And it was obvious that he WANTED Hitler back!

Underground Plane Factory in Argentina!

It is very important now that I tell you about some information which I have been able to obtain concerning HITLER. Through the help of several people I have contacted a man who was in Argentina for nearly a year and a half.

While there he learned of a plane factory *underground* in Cordova. Jet planes were being tested nearby. The factory is immense, like a small county, blocks and blocks and blocks in size. Germans and Italians work there, but when any foreigners were permitted, the crew was switched to native Argentinians to make it appear that they were the regular crew.

While in Argentina, this man met a Captain Wendt, of the German navy, who also inspects submarines. CAPTAIN WENDT SAID THAT HE WAS SURE THAT HE TALKED TO ADOLF HITLER SEVERAL TIMES IN BUENOS AIRES!

Now I am quite sure that Captain Wendt did NOT speak to Hitler. But he thought he did. Why? Because Hitler has often had to have other men who look similar to him take his place for fear of assassination. Hitler would not have dared appear in Buenos Aires.

Hitler has to hide away even yet. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A MAN SHOULD BE ACTING IN HITLER'S PLACE WHO LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HIM. IT DEFINITELY

INDICATES THAT THE NAZI UNDERGROUND IS DIRECTED BY HITLER.

Furthermore, the strongest evidence which Mr. Armstrong has thus far discovered points to Hitler being taken by submarine, under the auspices of the German navy, to Antarctica, very near Argentina! Notice how all the evidence fits together.

Whether or not Americans want to recognize the fact, it is obvious that people on the continent *are still fascist-minded!*

I do *not* include the democracies of Northwest Europe or Britain, however. They are the descendants of the ancient House of Israel and are not Gentiles. But in the other countries, the people are Gentile, except perhaps Northern France, and they have been taught to THINK DIFFERENTLY.

Germany and Italy have not given up their traditional aspirations for conquest. Spain is still fascist and now Portugal is economically and politically with her. France, which is drifting on the brink of chaos and *filled with fear, but not love*, is ripe for a CHANGE. It may take a few years, but it is inevitable that France will unite with Fascist Europe.

An Ugly Picture in Europe

In none of these countries is there any deep love for America. Germans have told us that the United States has not given them as much money as we have given our "friends." In other words, Germany doesn't regard herself as our friend.

Instead, the people often succumb to the anti-American propaganda of the Communists THAT WE WANT TO DOMINATE THE WORLD WITH OUR MONEY. America is arming a Europe that does not love us. We are arming a Europe that is jealous of our wealth. We are arming a Europe that will be dominated by fascist and Nazi-minded nations which believe that wars are necessary to clean the world of decadent governments—by which they mean democracies!

American administrators admit that democracy has NOT taken root in Germany. In Germany *Hitler would be welcomed back* to lead a united Europe.

It's a very ugly picture that we have found in Europe! The people here *haven't learned* the real way to the peace which they are craving. *They still think that material power, an army that can take riches from others, is the ONLY guarantee of peace.* And they think that a confederacy of nations—a united Europe which we are fostering—is the one means which can make a common army possible.

Americans do not realize HOW the

German people think. We have spoken to several laborers who have no other means of transportation than hitchhiking a ride from a passing auto. In every walk of life the opinions are nearly the same. *They believe that what they think and do is RIGHT.* The vast majority of Germans have accepted and firmly believe that *national survival depends on the ability to wage war.*

The Minds of Wild Animals

In the fourth chapter of Daniel is a description of the times of punishment to be visited upon Gentile nations. Their leaders are to have the hearts and minds of vicious, ravenous wild beasts which live by killing. (verse 16). *This is exactly the kind of minds that people here have acquired.* And they think that we in America and Canada and the rest of the free world have the same ideas.

Germany is the saddest country in which we have traveled. Its people are morbid and fearful because their thinking has been perverted. They lead a life in which it is "kill or get killed."

War is necessary; it is bad only for the loser. One of the reasons for strong anti-American feeling is that the Germans think we hated and punished them for the same acts that we ourselves do. They believe that America would wage war immediately against Russia, if we were sure of winning, in order to seize the wealth of Russia. They do not understand that there could be a war for defense.

And it is not the Germans alone who have these ideas. True, German leaders have been over the centuries the heart and core of the Babylonish system, but the same kind of thinking permeates ALL OF EUROPE!

It has even to an extent inoculated America, for with one another we act like wild animals in business competition. It is so true that Babylon has made *all nations* drunk with its false teachings.

But never has the terrible consequence of sin—which is the way this world *thinks is right*—been brought to our attention so forcibly as in Germany. The people are not happy. They would like to have peace but they think war is inevitable, and hence right, in order to survive. *They have never heard the way of true peace and happiness.* No wonder the Gospel of the Kingdom of God NEEDS TO BE PREACHED in order to convert those whom God has called and to be a witness against the nations.

PROPHECY Marches On!

EDITOR'S COMMENTARY: What does all this mean? Where is it leading this world? What has it to do with the cold-war struggle with Russia?

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WHY BE *Born Again?*

Millions have been deceived into accepting a false "born again" experience. The startling TRUTH is here made PLAIN! It may surprise you!

by Raymond F. McNair

ON BUSY street corners and especially in evangelistic campaigns, you hear ministers ask, "Brother, have you been 'born again'?" Just believe, and give the preacher your hand and the Lord your heart, and you'll be a "born again" child of God.

Is this the manner in which Jesus preached the gospel?

Not What Jesus Taught

Because Jesus made the new birth one of the *essentials* to entering the kingdom of God, Satan has his ministers preaching counterfeit "new births" to deceive the people, and to make the true way appear false (II Cor. 11:14, 15).

Masquerading as ministers of righteousness, the Devil's preachers have deluded *millions*—not the few, but the *millions*—into accepting and appropriating Jesus Christ, shedding a few tears and by a superstitious hokus pokus they are pronounced "born again."

Some make it a little more involved. More time and "grace" are needed to work up an *emotional ecstasy* which is interpreted to mean "regeneration" and a "new birth"! Whatever the slight doctrinal differences, the Devil has the churches universally deceived into believing that Christians are already "born again," that everything is all set.

There are "no works," as the saying goes. No need to obey God! There is no need, preach the false ministers, to obey the commandments because you are already regenerated.

This is Satan's clever method of beguiling the churches into forgetting the REAL PURPOSE of the Christian life and rejecting the *only way* to be born again. Do you now *why* you need to be born again? What is the purpose of a new birth?

WHY Be Born Again?

Thousands of sermons have been preached on being born from above, but almost none on WHY THE NEED for such an event. You were born a mortal human being. Your time is fast running out, second by second. There is no eternal life in you as a result of your first birth. Your parents did not have immortality to give to you.

The Bible nowhere teaches that you have an immortal soul or spirit. In the

day you die your thoughts will perish. You are exactly like any animal at death (Psalms 146:4; Ecc. 3:19).

What you need is to be *born again*, this time with *eternal life* in you, so you can't die.

But you also need a *different nature* so you won't continue to live in suffering and misery. The human nature which causes you to sin and brings upon you the death penalty (Romans 3:23) must be replaced by a new and different nature—a nature like God's which cannot sin.

God the Father has perfect character, perfect control over Himself. That's what *you* need, yet you weren't born with such powers. The only way to have them become a *part of you* is to have them impregnated in you by being born again.

Now the only One who has both eternal life, and perfect character, is God. You need to be born of *Him!* How?

How Can You Be Born Again?

About two thousand years ago Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, was puzzled by this question. Jesus had told him, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Nicodemus understood the true meaning of the word "born," unlike most preachers today. But he still couldn't understand how it could be possible to be born once again, to have another life. "How can a man be *born* when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be *born*?" (verse 4).

Nicodemus knew only of a *physical* birth from physical parents. Therefore Jesus had to explain to him, "Except a man be born of water *and of the Spirit*, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. *That which is born of the flesh is FLESH; and that which is born of the Spirit is SPIRIT.*"

Here are two different kinds of birth, one physical, the other spiritual. When you were *born* of your fleshly parents you were COMPOSED OF FLESH. Your father and mother passed on to you a fleshly nature at birth. But there is a second birth, not a physical, fleshly one, but a spiritual birth.

JUST AS A HUMAN BEING IS FLESH BECAUSE HE WAS BORN OF FLESHLY

PARENTS, JESUS DECLARED THAT ANYONE BORN AGAIN OF SPIRIT IS COMPOSED OF SPIRIT — *he is spirit, no longer flesh!* "That which is born of the Spirit *is spirit*" and NOT flesh. That's the plain teaching of the Bible!

The new birth is not an emotional experience but a literal birth. So you would not mistake the true meaning of being born of the Spirit, Jesus explained that "the wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst *not* tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: *so is everyone that is BORN of the Spirit.*"

Notice what the Scripture says. When you are born from above, born of God, you will be invisible like the wind which human eyes can't see. The work of the wind is easily discernible, but the wind itself cannot be seen. If you were already born again, as the common teaching is, you would possess the nature of your Heavenly Father—you would be composed of spirit because God is Spirit (John 4:24).

Jesus compared the spiritual birth to the physical one. *The latter is a type of the former.* Human parents pass on a fleshly nature at birth to their children; so with our Heavenly Parent. God the Father impregnates or begets us with His Spirit at conversion; He imparts to us His spiritual nature which must *grow* through a lifetime until it finally COMPOSES us when we are born again. We must GROW spiritually just as a foetus must grow physically *before* it can be born.

Born Again at the Resurrection

Obviously all human beings who claim to be born again are deceived—they are still flesh and blood. The new birth is something *yet to occur at the resurrection.* Jesus said you must be born again, you must be composed of spirit in order to see or enter the Kingdom of God. In I Corinthians 15:50 the apostle Paul says, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood *cannot inherit the kingdom of God*; neither does corruption inherit incorruption."

Note that Paul preached to the Corinthians the very same doctrine that Jesus at the first spoke to Nicodemus. You never can enter or inherit the Kingdom or Family of God unless you are *born of God, composed of Spirit.* Paul

tells in the next verses WHEN THE NEW BIRTH of Christians will occur. "We shall all be changed"—no longer flesh and blood—"at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and THE DEAD SHALL BE RAISED." In verse 44, Paul says, "It is sown a natural body"—your first birth was natural, physical, fleshly, but when you are born again "it is raised a spiritual body."

Notice it! Both Jesus and Paul speak of physical and spiritual bodies. Jesus tells WHY you will be composed of spirit—in being born again you have the nature of your parent; like produces like. If you are born of God, your Heavenly Father, you will be SPIRIT—because God is SPIRIT—you will be composed of the same substance of which He is composed.

Paul tells WHEN this change takes place from flesh to spirit—at the resurrection, when you will be composed of spirit. PROVIDED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN BEGOTTEN IN THIS LIFE NOW AND PROVIDED YOU HAVE GROWN SUFFICIENTLY IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE BORN OF GOD.

Here is the terrible consequence of believing that people are already "born again" because some preacher says so. Instead of growing as unborn babes need to do in order to come to birth, those who trust in a false new birth believe that there is no need of spiritual growth or obedience to the commandments because they think they are already "saved." When the resurrection comes such people WON'T BE THERE! They have not grown or developed into the stature of Jesus' character by obeying the commandments of God.

Do you want to follow the broad way and PERISH, like a miscarriage of a foetus—a child that is conceived, but never born? Or do you believe what Jesus said, that, once "converted," or begotten by the Holy Spirit, that you need to grow by every word of God which cleans you up spiritually just as water cleans you physically (John 3:5; Eph. 5:26), and that you will finally be born of God and inherit the Kingdom?

Christians Are Now BEGOTTEN Sons of God

Many have been confused. They have been falsely taught that they are already born again because the Bible speaks of Christians as *already* the sons of God.

Since Jesus makes the physical birth a type of the spiritual, let's compare the two different births. Physically speaking, you became a child of your parents at the very instant of conception when a new physical life was begun. At that time you were conceived, or begotten, but *not yet born*. But you were your

parents' child just as Jacob and Esau were their parents' children before birth: "For the children being NOT YET BORN . . ." (Romans 9:11).

In the same manner, if you are a real Christian, you are *now* a BEGOTTEN CHILD or SON of God—*not yet born* of God—not yet composed of Spirit—not yet immortal. Upon conversion God the Father placed within you His Spirit, the germ, so to speak, of eternal life. He begot you as the germ from a human father impregnates the egg of the mother. *You are like the egg.*

Just as the unborn son or daughter is nourished and protected by its mother for approximately nine months at the end of which period it is born if it has grown properly, so it is the function of the true Church—"the MOTHER of us all" (Gal. 4:26; Rev. 21:2) to feed true Christians with the pure Word of God. Thus you must be nourished as God's son on the words of Scripture—you must grow spiritually (2 Peter 3:18)—until you are mature enough in character to be born of God.

Paul told the Romans that Christians are the begotten sons of God, but not yet born of Him. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are (already) the SONS OF GOD. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption (marginal reading—SONSHIP), whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are (already) the children of God: and if children, then heirs; HEIRS of God, and JOINT-HEIRS with Christ" (Rom. 8:14-17).

Notice that although we are NOW the sons of God we are still HEIRS. Why? Because we are only BEGOTTEN children. We shall be INHERITORS when BORN of God at the resurrection, when we shall be composed of spirit.

John says: "Now are we the sons of God, and it doth NOT YET APPEAR what we SHALL be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:1-2). This is His teaching of the new birth. Notice the points that the apostle brings out:

We are already the sons of God. Of course! We are begotten of Him, impregnated by the Holy Spirit from the Father, which is the beginning of eternal life. But we are not yet born of Him, for it has *not yet appeared* what we shall be like. Note the next point that John mentions. We shall be like Him, composed of spirit—"that which is born of the Spirit is spirit"—"WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR"—*at the resurrection* when Christ returns to raise the dead.

Then we shall see Jesus as He really

is. Christ told Nicodemus that in order to SEE the Kingdom or Family of God, in which He is, we must be *born again*. How consistent the teaching of the Bible is! When we are born again, composed of spirit, we shall be able to see spirit. We shall behold Jesus Christ as He actually appears. But the world which is composed of flesh and can't see spirit will only see Christ *physically manifested* in glorious form at His return.

If You Are Born Again, Can You Sin?

It has been the favorite teaching of some that Christians can't sin anymore in this life because they are "born again." This doctrine originated from misapplying I John 3:9: "Whosoever is BORN of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is BORN of God."

Here is a plain statement from Scripture. If you are *born of God*, you CAN'T sin!

But the apostle John wrote in I John 1:8 that "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." And Solomon was inspired to write: "There is *not* a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

By putting all the Bible together, and not taking a verse out of its context to suit ourselves, we see that *Christians can commit sin*. To say otherwise would prove that the truth wasn't in us, said John. Paul was constantly beset by sins which he had not overcome (Romans 7:14-25). Jesus admonishes us to OVERCOME AND KEEP HIS WORKS TO THE END (Rev. 2:26).

Therefore true Christians are *not now* born of God. They are *only begotten* by the Holy Spirit. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not" (I John 5:18).

Notice the difference between the two conditions. The one *can't* sin because God's seed *remaineth* in him. He is born of God and has God's nature, *not* the human nature that once caused him to sin if he didn't have the strength to resist. The other, who is begotten, must KEEP HIMSELF from being spotted—he must continue to resist the deceptions and the pollutions of the world. Such a one *can* commit sin. He will not wilfully—but when caught off guard or in a moment of weakness. Life is to the begotten child still a constant struggle against the wiles of the Devil operating in the world and through his own human nature.

Much of the confusion about being born again has resulted from misinter-

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The Christian's Inheritance

—What Is It?

Paul said that Christians who overcome sin by the faith of Christ are heirs of the promises made to Abraham. Do you know what God promised him?

by Dr. C. P. Meredith

MANY people firmly believe that they will go immediately to heaven when they die. They speak of dead loved ones as having "gone to their reward."

What is the CHRISTIAN'S REWARD? Very few *know!*

Others are taught to believe in an intermediate region before going to heaven. The churches of today have read so much PAGAN SUPERSTITION *into* the Bible, that people are totally *confused*.

YOU are promised a future place to live *if you overcome sin!* But very few who were taught in Sunday School or in churches know *where* that place is, or *when* we inherit it! The TRUTH is more shocking than fiction—especially when we are steeped in the fiction!

God Makes the Promise

Over 4,000 years ago the promise of YOUR future inheritance came into being! God found in Abraham a man who proved his faith by his works (James 2:21,22). He obeyed God in EVERY WAY. Because Abraham performed his part of a covenant, God promised unconditionally to carry out His part.

What did God *promise* Abraham?

"For all the LAND which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy SEED forever" (Genesis 13:15).

Notice it, Abraham was promised the *land*, not heaven, because he *obeyed* God (Genesis 22:15-18; 26:5). That promise is ultimately to bless *all nations* (Genesis 12:3; 22:18). If we are Abraham's children, we will receive the *same* inheritance—THIS EARTH, *not* heaven! Remember, Christians are heirs to Abraham's promises and God never promised Abraham heaven.

But Abraham died, without receiving the promises (Hebrews 11:8 and 13). He had the land promised to him, but *he did not inherit it*. God did not tell him that he should inherit it then. But how will Abraham receive the blessings? He will have to be *resurrected* and given immortality if he is going to obtain the inheritance *forever* (Luke 20:27-38).

"Then what has the promise made to Abraham to do with us," you wonder?

Listen! Paul explains this: "Now to Abraham and HIS SEED were the promises made. He saith not 'and to seeds,' as of many (seeds) but of ONE (seed), WHICH IS CHRIST" (Galatians 3:16).

When Abraham died, *Christ became the ultimate heir* to the promise!

Promises Applies to Us

But Jesus Christ also died! What happened then? "If ye (you and I today) be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE" (Galatians 3:29). Notice it, Christians are not heirs of mansions in heaven, but instead are heirs of Abraham's promise which is *this earth!*

If we are the children of God, we are *joint-heirs* with Christ (Rom. 8:17). We are to inherit the same promises He will inherit, along with the fathers—the earth!

But how are we and Christians of every nation able to share the blessings of Abraham?

Paul tells us that Jesus came to *confirm* the promises made to the fathers (Romans 15:8). Christ came to make a resurrection possible and to grant eternal life by giving his own life a ransom to atone for the sins of the world—Abraham's sin, yours, mine, everyone's. Compare Romans 14:9 and Luke 20:37 with I Corinthians 15:17.

ALSO, Christ, who was the only heir, *willed* all his inheritance jointly to us by means of the New Testament which is His Will. The New Testament has the "promise of eternal inheritance" (Hebrews 9:15). When Christ died, the New Testament came into force (verse 17). Therefore, if we repent, believe, are baptized and are led by the Spirit of God we become Christ's—our life is no longer ours, but His—THEN WE BECOME AN HEIR TO ABRAHAM'S PROMISE.

WE, TODAY, then, WILL BE RESURRECTED, GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE, AND BE GIVEN THE EARTH *forever* because God has to keep his promise!

The promises made to Abraham first included the land of Palestine but will finally include ALL THE EARTH! Of

Christ we read, "I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, *and the uttermost parts of the earth.*" (Ps. 2:8).

Where Is the Better Country?

Those who will be saved at the resurrection are to inherit the same blessings that Abraham was promised. Notice what he was expecting. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a PLACE (Palestine) which he should AFTER (at the resurrection) receive for an inheritance, obeyed . . . for he looked for a CITY which HATH FOUNDATIONS (note the plural—FOUNDATIONS), whose BUILDER and MAKER is GOD" (Hebrews 11:8 and 10).

We know that Abraham went to the region called Palestine today (Genesis 12:6,7) and that he will therefore inherit that LAND whose government will ultimately rule throughout THIS WORLD (Isaiah 2:2).

But *notice* that IN ADDITION he looked for a CITY WITH FOUNDATIONS WHOSE BUILDER WAS GOD! Now read: "And I (John in a vision) saw a new heaven and a NEW EARTH: for the first heaven and EARTH were passed away and there was no more sea. And I John saw the HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM coming down (onto the NEW EARTH) from God out of heaven . . . and the walls of the CITY had twelve FOUNDATIONS" (Rev. 21:1,2,14). This *city* was *made by God* and had *foundations!*

THIS, then, IS THE CITY THAT ABRAHAM HAD BEEN EXPECTING. HE HAD BEEN PROMISED THIS CITY that would come down on the NEW EARTH!

Also he sought a better COUNTRY. "For they (Enoch, Noah, ABRAHAM) that say such things declare plainly that they SEEK a COUNTRY . . . now they desire a *better* COUNTRY, that is *an* heavenly" (Hebrews 11:14-16).

Notice that it does NOT say that they seek HEAVEN. The Scripture says they seek a "COUNTRY"—a *better* country, not *in* heaven, but a country LIKE heaven yet on the earth. The word "heavenly" does not mean *in* heaven, but *like* heaven, having the qualities of heaven.

Remember what Jesus said? "Thy will

be done ON EARTH as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). The promise is a country, the Kingdom of God governed by heaven which is God's throne (Matt. 5:34). Yet that kingdom is to come *to this earth*. Jesus is going to return to establish the Kingdom of God or of Heaven *on this earth* to bring peace to the nations.

John sees the New Jerusalem "coming down from God out of heaven" onto the New Earth. This is the city whose Builder is God and it comes down *out of heaven*.

We do not go to heaven for it but it comes *from* heaven to us. "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that DEFILETH, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: BUT (only) THEY WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE" (Rev. 21:27). It will be ONLY the righteous, those who keep the commandments who will enter. Even Abraham had to OBEY before God gave him an unconditional promise of inheritance. Also the *very next verse* (Rev. 22:1) shows that the Father and the Lamb (Christ) will dwell among the redeemed as one family—the Family or Kingdom of God.

You Must Be an Overcomer

Now notice Revelation 21:7. "He that OVERCOMETH shall *inherit* ALL things." THE OVERCOMERS, not those who break God's law, but those who overcome sin which is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4), ARE TO INHERIT THIS EARTH which shall ultimately be purified and become the NEW EARTH!

Abraham was an overcomer. He will not be harmed by the *second* death, but will be composed of spirit, born into the KINGDOM OF GOD (John 3:3-8). Luke's gospel shows that he will be there (Luke 13:28).

The better country Abraham sought was the Kingdom of God. A kingdom must rule over a certain territory—this Kingdom will rule this whole earth *forever*. This same Kingdom we inherit with Abraham at Christ's return (Matt. 25:34; Dan. 2:44).

YOU and I, if we overcome *to the* end, and don't fall by the wayside, have the promise that after this present earth is burned and purified, that we will receive a NEW EARTH AS SPIRIT BEINGS—the Sons of God! But mortal fleshly human beings who reject God's law and refuse His inheritance, will be burned up!

Where the Idea of Going to Heaven Really Began

Nowhere in the Bible does Christ promise anyone the reward of going to the heaven of God's throne. This idea

was taught by the PAGAN Greek philosophers. But it was the Devil's *original* idea! He *tried* to *ascend into heaven*—to rival God on His throne—BUT WAS CAST BACK ONTO EARTH! (Isaiah 14:12-14; Revelation 12:7-9). The Devil has this world's religions wanting to do the very thing for which God had to punish him.

Remember: "the meek shall *inherit* the EARTH (*not* heaven)" (Matt. 5:5); and "thy kingdom COME (*not* we go), thy will be done ON EARTH *as* it is in heaven." Matthew 5:10 does not say kingdom IN heaven, but Kingdom OF Heaven. Jesus was speaking of the Kingdom of God, not *inside* of God. The Kingdom *belongs* to God and to Heaven which is His throne. It is therefore God's Kingdom, Heaven's Kingdom or the Kingdom of Heaven.

When Do We Inherit?

Those who overcome their own lusts and the trials of this world, like Abraham, will INHERIT THIS EARTH when they become changed to immortality. This will happen at the last trump (I Cor. 15:51-53) when Christ comes to rule this earth (Matt. 24:31 and Zech. 14:4-21). "If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall quicken your mortal bodies" (Romans 8:11). Men have been DEAD and *in* their GRAVES WITHOUT CONSCIOUSNESS and will be until then.

At that time God will shake the earth to jar mortal man's thoughts into thinking about the Creator (Rev. 16:18,19; Isaiah 2:19; Haggai 2:7 is a type). It is a forewarning of this earth's FINAL DESTRUCTION which is to happen after the millennium.

Shortly before Christ's return the sun and the moon will be darkened and the stars will fall from the heaven, and the heavens will temporarily part as a scroll (Rev. 6:12-14). All these wonders of nature which will shock astronomers and everybody will indicate that God is once more *directly intervening* in mortal man's affairs on *this* earth.

After this will follow the reign of Christ and the saints, who shall have been changed to immortality—they inherit the Kingdom and reign for 1000 years *on* THIS EARTH (their inheritance) (Rev. 5:10; 20:4,5) in accordance with the LAWS OF GOD (Isaiah 51:6). All nations will be brought to a knowledge of the truth for the first time.

Everyone who has died without having had any chance to salvation, will be resurrected to the WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT period (Rev. 20:11) which closely follows the 1000 years, and will be given their FIRST opportunity. THIS EARTH WILL *then* HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

ITS PURPOSE of having been a training ground to develop God's character in man so that he ultimately might become an immortal spirit being—a son of God—a member of the FAMILY or KINGDOM of GOD.

This Earth's Destruction

The destruction of THIS EARTH has been prophesied! (II Peter 3). Before this earth is destroyed it will be shaken: "Yet once more I shake not the earth only but also heaven . . . that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us . . . serve God" (Heb. 12:26-28). THIS EARTH, OUR INHERITANCE IS GOING TO BE BURNED UP AND PURIFIED!—"the day of the Eternal will come as a thief in the night; in which the HEAVEN shall pass away with a great noise . . . and the EARTH . . . shall be BURNED UP" (II Peter 3:10). See also Job 9:6; Hebrews 1:10-11 and Isaiah 51:6.

NOW NOTICE verse 13 of II Peter 3: "Nevertheless we, *according to his* PROMISE, look for new heavens and A NEW EARTH, WHEREIN DWELLETH RIGHTEOUSNESS." Christians have a PROMISE that they will inherit the earth. Therefore since God can't lie, He will have to provide a NEW earth.

The New Earth—What Is It Like?

"And I saw a new heaven and a NEW EARTH: for the first heaven and FIRST EARTH were PASSED AWAY and there was no more sea" (Rev. 21:1). That a NEW EARTH would be made after the present one would have been destroyed was foretold over 2500 years ago by Isaiah: "For, behold I create new heavens and a *new earth*: and the former shall not be remembered" (Isaiah 65:17). Isaiah 66:22 says that what God will yet create SHALL REMAIN. The new EARTH which the SAVED WILL INHERIT will *not* pass away. The NEW earth is to be *created* because it is different from anything ever brought into being by God. Yet it is to be *made*, in part at least, from the *purified* and changed matter that composes our present earth.

God's spiritual law will govern and fill us: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words (Jesus preached the *laws* of God which produce righteousness) shall NOT PASS AWAY" (Matt. 24:35). Read also Isaiah 51:6: "My Righteousness shall not be abolished." Righteousness is defined by David as "all thy commandments" (Ps. 119:172). The commandments of God will constitute the *law* of the better country which then will cover the earth. Those laws won't need to be written in books—they'll be in our hearts and minds.

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Trouble in PALESTINE!

where is it leading?

Here is news never before published. To bring to you the really vital news of world events, we sent our own representatives to Europe. In Palestine, trouble is brewing. Here are surprising behind-the-scenes developments obtained from Jewish and Arabian sources in London and on the Continent.

by Herman L. Hoeb

THE NEAR EAST is rapidly becoming the political hot-spot of the world. Prophecy fulfilment is in the making. Political intrigue cloaks Egypt's royal court and the international conferences on Middle Eastern affairs.

To uncover the significance behind the news in Palestine, Egypt, the Suez, Persia, we contacted the Jewish and Arabian Embassies in London.

Most of the vital information which Dick Armstrong and I secured has not been heretofore published. *It would shock the world if it were known!*

It's *not* what American diplomats anticipate. To understand the serious trend in the Eastern Mediterranean, I must give you the *background* of the political and economic developments which we obtained directly from Jewish and Arabian sources.

The Jews a Nation Again— What Does It Mean?

Over four years ago, on May 14, 1948, the Jews in Palestine declared their independence. There were bloody riots with Palestine Arabs. In the months that followed, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon marched well-armed troops against the Jews. They regarded them as *usurpers* of the rights of Palestinian Arabs and as innovators of a hybrid and dangerous culture.

Jewish armed units forcibly ejected many Palestine Arabs. But the greater percentage of Arabs *fled* Palestine in obedience to the propaganda of the Arab Higher Committee. This Committee promised a quick return upon driving all Jews into the sea. Any Arabs who failed to flee were warned that they would be destroyed with the Jews upon the entrance of Arab armies into Palestine.

Thus the Moslem nations *share* a large portion of the responsibility for the plight of homeless Palestine Arabs now located in camps in Jordan.

The second act of the new nation of "Israel" was the repeal of the White Paper of the British Mandatory Government. This paper seriously restricted the

immigration of Jews into Palestine. Jewish immigrants poured in by the thousands as the last British troops embarked from Haifa on June 30.

Several armistice agreements were signed between the warring states through United Nations intervention after a year's fighting and the defeat of Arab and Egyptian arms on the battlefield. *The United States, France and Britain are guaranteeing the armistice.*

Four years have elapsed since, but **NO PEACE TREATIES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED.** *There is only an ARMED TRUCE in the Near East.* Border clashes, kidnapping, theft, murder, rape, mutilation cases—these are continuous *factual* charges which both sides hurl against one another and which *both sides admit.*

The Saudi Arabian Ambassador in London was quite concerned as he talked to Dick Armstrong and me about the *threat of war* that hangs over the Palestine area. Neither side wants to start another war and yet, as the Ambassador said, *neither Arabs nor Jews are satisfied with the present situation.* Anything could happen in this kind of an explosive vacuum. Already Arabs are expressing fears that the Jews will try to seize *all* of Jerusalem.

What Do the Arabs Think of the Jews?

In our conversation with the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to England, we were told **WHY** the Arabs do *not* want to conclude peace treaties with the Jewish State of Israel. To do so, he said, would be to *acknowledge the LEGALITY of the Jews' claim to a national homeland in Palestine.* This the Arab nations are not willing to do.

The Moslem nations demand that the displaced Arab refugees be returned to their homes. This is an impossible solution now, because of the enormous increase of Jewish immigrants who have since the war **OCCUPIED THE LANDS AND FARMS WHICH ARABS ONCE POSSESSED.**

The Arab refugees—80% of Palestine's prewar Moslems and 50% of pre-

war Christian-professing Arabs—are presently located in camps in the country of Jordan which naturally faces a giant problem of resettlement. The United Nations has allocated 200 million dollars to re-establish them in their present lands.

In our conference we could easily discern the Saudi Arabian Ambassador's deep feeling of injustice which he believed was being done by Jews to Palestinian Arabs. The entire Moslem world has a bitter attitude toward the new Jewish State. Moslems regard the implantation of Jewish culture as dangerous to the Arab way of life.

Nevertheless, their hope to eject the Jews is *vanished*, though they may cherish it in their hearts. *The Palestine Jews, being VERY INDUSTRIOUS, are there to stay.*

The Jews would welcome a peace treaty to solve the problem of resettlement. They are willing to pay, we learned from the Jewish Embassy in London, a limited amount of money—the Arabs regard it as much too small—for establishment of the refugees *in Arab countries* where they are now located. The presence of displaced Arabs will continue to be a running sore in Middle Eastern troubles.

The Aftermath of the War— Immigration

The present Jewish State controls 80% of the area of Mandate Palestine, or a total of 8,100 square miles. This area is even smaller than the state of Massachusetts, **BUT ITS VITAL GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION AND POTENTIAL WEALTH MAKE IT AN INEVITABLE GOAL OF WORLD WAR III.**

At the Embassy of Israel, I learned that all men from 18 to 29 inclusive and all unmarried women from 18 to 26 inclusive are subject to 24 months of training under Jewish conscription laws. The military program is so arranged that recruits may choose the area of their training. This enables a combined pioneering and fighting program to be arranged so that each recruit learns to de-

fend the very land he may later settle.

Jewish immigration, which all Middle Eastern countries resent, is the *basic purpose* for founding the state of Israel. In their "Law of the Return," the first paragraph reads, "Every Jew has the right to immigrate to Israel." Most Jews have come from Eastern Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

By the end of 1951 there were about 1,425,000 Jews in Palestine compared with 175,000 non-Jews. This is a great change from the large Arab population in Palestine before the war broke out. The former Jewish fears of a potential 700,000 Arab fifth column has now all but disappeared.

The continued immigration of Jews into Palestine is now *greatly reduced*. In the past few months the anticipated influx of Jews from Rumania has been entirely shut off by the Communists IN THEIR EFFORT TO SEPARATE EASTERN JEWS FROM THE PROGRESSIVE INCREASE OF ANTI - COMMUNIST SENTIMENT AMONG JEWS IN THE REST OF THE WORLD.

This slackening of immigration is highly significant. It means that *the development of Palestine's potential wealth can be more rapidly increased than has been calculated by the Jews.*

Why Jewish Progress Has Been Slow

Two major causes have been responsible for the comparatively slow development of Palestine: lack of knowledge of the Hebrew language and lack of vocational training. Jewish authorities have accomplished wonders in solving each problem.

Hebrew is the official language of the new nation. Language barriers which would have continued to separate different Jewish cultures from Europe, North Africa, Iraq or Yemen have been overcome by compulsory education for all from the ages of 5 to 13 inclusive.

Arabic is taught in state-sponsored schools along with Hebrew. Neighboring Arab states are vigorous in their denunciation of the fact that, in Palestine, *Arab children do not have equal opportunities* for schooling with Jewish children. This, however, is not entirely the result of discrimination. Much is due to the *total disappearance of effective Arab leadership during the war*. The Arabs in Palestine, despite their poor student teacher ratio (40 to 1), *have a better school system* than those living in nearby countries.

The second and most important deterrent to Palestine's development has resulted from the fact that 51% of the immigrants arrived *without previous training* IN ANY OCCUPATIONAL FIELD. Over one-fourth of the remain-

ing immigrants were children 15 years and under. Therefore LESS THAN ONE-FOURTH of the immigrants were able to enter into any occupation for which they possessed previous training. To make immigrants productive while they receive six to eight months vocational training, the government established transitional settlements in labor shortage areas for families whose men are physically able to do the work.

Only 2% of the immigrants had been rural residents before their migration to Palestine. Jews have always tended to remain apart from foreign soil. *But there is now in Palestine a higher percentage of Jewish tillers of the soil than in the United States.* (18% in Palestine compared to 14% in the U.S.A.)

The Potential Riches of Palestine

Despite handicaps and the cost of the war, Israel, as the Jews call themselves, has made remarkable strides in communications, agriculture, industry and mining. If you were traveling by highway from one end of Palestine to the other, you could make the run in less than thirteen hours!

While in Paris, we often passed an office of "El Al," the Jewish national airline which traverses many countries of the world. The new nation has over 100,000 tons in its merchant marine—tiny by comparison to the United States' ownership, but it shows remarkable determination.

American and other foreign companies are investing in the building program. A better currency exchange ratio is given investors. Income tax reliefs for improvements in quality and quantity of production are granted.

Israel has rationing and an austerity program similar to England's. The expansion of agriculture—citrus fruits, milk, eggs, fish, grapes and vegetables—I found to be one of the nation's main goals. Giant plans are under consideration for the development of 2½ million acres of potentially arable land in the arid Negev (in southern Palestine) by channeling water from the north. Under the *Lowdermilk Plan*, water from the Jordan River which would otherwise enter the Dead Sea will be drained by channels to the Negev.

To compensate for the loss of water in the Dead or Salt Sea, A CANAL IS PROPOSED, WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS WOULD CONNECT THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH THE DEAD SEA and greatly increase hydro-electric power.

Think of it! *The Jews are determined to develop Palestine no matter what might be in the way.*

While in London we also obtained

reports about the undeveloped resources of Palestine—its amazing hidden wealth. Only a minute fraction is being utilized. And most of the potential has yet to be explored!

The Dead Sea is Israel's greatest source of natural wealth, even though the northern part of it is under Jordan control. Four minerals alone, potassium, sodium, magnesium and calcium chlorides, not to mention dozens of others, are estimated to amount to MORE THAN 40 BILLION METRIC TONS! No wonder the minerals in the Salt Sea constitute a major export item and provide the foundation for the country's economy.

Further south, in the Negev, full scale exploration began early in 1950, revealing 100 million tons of known reserves of rock phosphate that is easy and cheap to mine. There are also great deposits of ceramic clays and glass sand. Initial stages of mining operations have begun in these fields to supply the domestic needs as well as an export market.

Near Elath, the site of the shipping and naval port of ancient Israel (I Kings 9:26), manganese, so essential in steel manufacture, has been discovered.

THE ENTIRE WESTERN WORLD IS DESPERATELY SHORT OF MANGANESE!

Copper, which can be easily extracted, is another valuable export commodity found in the same area. There are large quantities of feldspar (used in ceramics) and mica (used in electrical industries). South of Beersheba are numerous iron outcrops which have induced surveying and mining exploration.

The natural resources of Palestine constitute one of the major bonds that have drawn the new state of Israel closer to the Western world despite Communist influence from within and without. Resources spell s-e-c-u-r-i-t-y against any Arab attack, for the Moslem states well know that with economic security, the Jews can successfully resist their possible attacks.

Egypt has set upon a policy of economic strangulation of Israel by refusing to allow through the Suez Canal material destined for the Jewish State.

Conditions in Moslem World Becoming Explosive

In our conference with the Arabian Ambassador to England, we learned of the personal feelings of Arab peoples.

There is no communism in Arabia, he said. The Moslem religion is a deterrent to it, and, too, most of the people care little for its propaganda about the struggle of its working classes in factories of which Arabia has almost none.

American business, through oil concessions, is very secure in Arabia. It has

brought about attachment of Arab leaders and workers for the United States.

But if events seem to be progressing well in Arabia, *they are becoming serious elsewhere in the Moslem world.* Egypt is particularly filled with intrigue and ambition.

We learned in London that the new premier of Egypt wants control of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan in order to dominate the head waters of the Nile River. This would allow him complete freedom to develop dams to increase the agricultural and industrial output of Egypt. You can mark down that **EGYPT IS SEEKING MILITARY CONTROL OF THE SUEZ CANAL!**

Already Britain has had to station 100,000 troops in the canal region to protect her fast slipping rights. The program of the U.S.A. and England to allow Middle Eastern nations—*excluding the Jews*—to participate in defense of this area will prove a *fatal step!*

Throughout Scripture, God warns the House of Israel (not the Jews who are only a part of the House of Judah), Britain and America, that any alliance with Egypt will be like leaning upon a broken reed.

"Beast" to Seize Suez!

Egyptian *pride* is going to cause the "beast" or "king of the North"—the fast developing revival of Nazism and Fascism in Europe to *seize the Suez* and the Middle East (Daniel 11:40-45). Egypt is guided by mediocre but ambitious leaders and possesses an army that can't be trusted to safeguard the canal. And yet Britain and America, *in defiance of God's warning*, are going ahead with plans to work out a defense arrangement with other Near Eastern nations!

The Jews are quite bitter against the West for NOT including them in a Middle East Defense arrangement. **THIS BITTERNESS IS DESTINED TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE JEWS. IT WILL CAUSE THE JEWS TO SWING TOWARD A CLOSER CO-OPERATION WITH A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.**

The Shadow of Communism in the Near East

The Arabian Ambassador in London made it plain to us that Communism is NOT an immediate danger in the Near East. Russia has her hands full in eastern Europe and especially in the Orient. She has yet to wait *another five years*, according to her own estimations, before INDIA is ready for plucking.

In the meantime Russia is sending her agents to foment anti-Western feeling and to stir up nationalism in whatever countries she can. The leaders in South Africa are unwittingly playing

directly into the hands of the communists by their white-supremacy tactics.

In Persia, where England suffered a serious reverse, Russia is not yet altogether welcome. The communists are making steady but slow progress and Moscow is content to have it that way as long as Persia maintains her hatred of Britain.

Ezekiel 38:5 shows that *Persia will eventually be on the Communist side.* The Moslem religion and nationalism continue to deter the rapid development of the Persian communist party, but in the end, the fear of Russia and abject poverty will crumble Persian resistance to Moscow.

Important News!

The most important bit of personal information given us by the Saudi Arabian Ambassador concerned Libya. In response to a question I asked about that recently proclaimed Republic, he said that the United Nations was imposing upon Libya a kind of elective and parliamentary government which the native Libyans did not know how to use. Such an act, he said, would open the way for future communist agitation.

It was six years ago that *Moscow expressed desires to control Libya* under United Nations supervision, *together with Eritrea*, part of Italy's former East African Empire. Under a new constitutional arrangement, Eritrea is to become part of the Ethiopian Kingdom.

Russia knows that she can't get control of the Suez Canal region because of Western arms, and of nationalist Egyptian plans, and of the strong anti-communist feeling of the Arabs. Therefore she is slowly working toward another goal—to *seize the Middle East by means of Ethiopia and Libya* in a gigantic political pincers movement!

How exactly that fulfils PROPHECY! Ezekiel 38:5 contains a prophecy that both Ethiopia and Libya will finally be allied with Russia, but Egypt and the Arabs are NOT included. They are destined to remain anti-communist!

Where War Will Strike

Before Russia will be able to swallow either Ethiopia or Libya, the rapidly developing United States of Europe, which will be a church-state union, will suddenly alter the Middle Eastern picture by seizing Egypt, the Suez Canal AND PALESTINE, and it will FORCE LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA TO BECOME TRIBUTARY AND SLAVE NATIONS. (Daniel 11:43).

The United States and the British Commonwealth, together with the democracies of the world, *are to be crushed in battle at the same time!*

It's time people in the United States, Canada and elsewhere *wake up* to the

world trend and heed prophecy.

The *only Middle Eastern nation* that will escape the clutches of revived Nazism and Fascism in Europe, which we are seeing first hand, is *Jordan* or Transjordan!

The Arabian Ambassador brought to our attention the fact that this country was created solely to connect the British dominion in Iraq with Egypt which at that time was under British control. **There is no geographical reason**, he said, for the division—only a political one.

One Little Country to Escape!

Here is the significance of this little country that is very bitter against the Jews at present: Transjordan occupies the exact area that once belonged to ancient Edom, Moab and Ammon, as any Bible map will show. Contrary to what some think, the people living there are DIFFERENT from the Arabs racially. Most are still the descendants of the ancient Moabites and Ammonites.

Daniel says that this area is to *escape* conquest by the Europeans! (Daniel 11:41). Therefore it has to be politically *separate* from the adjoining Arab States which will be SEIZED FOR THEIR OIL SUPPLY.

The Germans especially covet domination in the Near East. They have many friends there even today. With the seizing of Britain's lifeline and Egypt, numerous reactionary and fascist-minded Moslem groups would flock to German, Italian and other European leaders who would make them useful puppets.

Palestine to Be Invaded!

Very little is being reported to the public of the political, social and religious changes that are occurring among Jews everywhere. The Jews in Palestine will do ANYTHING to remain at peace. They know that they *must remain* where they are or there will never be another opportunity to return because of the Arab hostility. They also know that they can't remain unless they are allowed to develop the resources of the country peaceably.

The influence of the Communist party in Palestine is *decreasing*. The country possesses resources which the Western world needs. Also the Communists have prevented the migration of Jews from Romania to Palestine.

Among Eastern Jews behind the Iron Curtain there is taking place a definite trend *against* the policies of Jews in Israel, because of reparation talks with the German Government. Eastern Jews feel that Jews should not deal politically with Germans, and in no case with former Nazis. Actually there are Nazis negotiating with the Jews over German reparations to Israel.

Present German leaders try to be

diplomatically cordial although there is much undercover anti-Semitism in Europe.

A report from the organ of British Jewry, "The Jewish Chronicle," says that "Since the war the drift from Judaism has been on an unprecedented scale. Indeed, within the last few years more mixed marriages (between Jews and Gentiles) than Jewish marriages have taken place in the Belgian capital."

One MAJOR cause for this drift from traditional Judaism has been the Catholic Church. During the last war the Catholic Church saved many Jews from Nazi persecution.

Catholic propaganda has been widely disseminated in America through Jewish influence in the Movie Industry!

Recently Moshe Sharett, Israel's Foreign Minister, was received in private audience by the Pope. The meeting was productive of lessened tension between the Vatican and Israel. It is also a fact that the Archbishop of Milan, the MOST INFORMED MAN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH because he receives the reports of the 1,100 bishops and digests them for the Pope, IS A CONVERTED JEW.

A Startling Jew-Catholic Deal!

Although the Jewish nation in Palestine has been slow to establish friendships with former Nazi and Fascist countries and with the Vatican, *a trend in that direction is steadily increasing. What does it mean?* How will it affect events in Palestine?

Here is what prophecy says *will happen*. The coming religious dominated European union of nations will take over Palestine *without much opposition* (Daniel 11:41). Remember, the Jews will do ANYTHING to develop their land in peace. They resent American and British military agreements with the Arabs, which they regard as aimed against them. There is much disgust in Britain for the lack of consideration the Jews have shown England.

The Jews will be *flattered* into accepting the "protection" of a European army in Palestine. The prophecy of Daniel 11:31, which has already been fulfilled twice by types, will once more be fulfilled in the end time according to Jesus' statement (Luke 21:20-24; Mark 13:14).

This Palestine invasion and also of the other Near Eastern lands will occur at the same time that Britain and America are attacked and DEFEATED and carried into slavery!

Then will begin the *final tribulation!* The one in the Middle Ages was *mild* by comparison! (Rev. 12:6,14).

Jews who are disobeying God and forsaking the Sabbath day will be cor-

rupted and deceived by the pious words of the Vatican and the coming revival of Nazism and Fascism in Europe. The Jews will be told that anti-Semitism won't be revived. Those few Jews who will obey God and believe in Jesus Christ and the gospel will be persecuted *as will all true Christians!* A martyrdom of saints is coming as sure as the sun rises and sets!

After the tribulation, when Russia begins her invasion of Europe (Dan. 11:44), the armies of the "beast" of Revelation—the Nazi-Fascist revival—will turn upon the Jews and attack Jerusalem. Half of the city will be carried into slavery, but *Jewish arms will be defending Palestine and Jerusalem* at Christ's return! See Zechariah, the entire 12 chapter and 14:2,14! For the Jews to be armed and fighting, they must have peace and be able to increase their military program during the tribulation on the saints.

That's why the nation Israel is being drawn into the orb of European politics and into closer relations with the Vatican against Britain and America! PROPHECY *marches on!*

Why Be Born Again?

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preting the original Greek. In English we use three distinct words: *begettal*, *conception* and *birth*. But in the Greek which Paul and the apostles used, there is *one root word* having three meanings. It is therefore very necessary to determine the meaning of Scripture before translating a word either "begotten" or "born."

God Is Reproducing After His Kind

The Eternal God has created innumerable universes, galaxies and worlds. The full extent of His entire finished creation is completely beyond the grasp of the human mind—completely beyond the telescope, the microscope or the test tube.

But wonder of wonders!—He is *still creating* before us now, His highest and noblest work—that of begetting sons in His own family. You and I have a wonderful opportunity in becoming a son in the Family or Kingdom of God.

By a process completely hidden to the world, and revealed only to His own children by the Bible, God is now begetting, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, sons *after His KIND*—after His own character and likeness. The begettal, nourishment and actual birth of sons into the GOD KINGDOM by a resurrection to divine and glorified immortality is the supreme pinnacle of creation!

Yet most churches do not realize this wonderful truth. They talk about being born of God, *but they don't know what it means!*

We will not be the *adopted* sons, but the literal born sons of God. "Spirit of adoption" is not the true meaning; it is "Spirit of SONSHIP."

We are going to be *like* our Heavenly Father. We are going to become persons in the family of God, therefore we will actually *be God* as much as the Father and the Son are God! See John 10:34-36 and Psalm 82:6. No longer will we be human, because at the new birth we will have a divine Father.

Christ is the FIRST BORN of all sons in God's kingdom (Col. 1:18). *He is the only one who has been born again!*

Before His death and resurrection He was spoken of as the "only begotten Son." *Now there are many begotten sons.* After the resurrection to immortality, Jesus became the first *born* from the dead. But the time will soon come when He returns that He will be the "firstborn among many brethren" (Romans 8:29).

Let's rejoice in the hope of being born again, this time without human frailties, to "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away" which Christ will bring with Him at His return. But let us not forget that we are still the *begotten* sons and have to overcome and endure to the end!

The Beast is Rising Up!

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between the United States and Russia that is already causing them to unite.

Time Is Short!

This is not a thing that will take years to accomplish. It is being accomplished at this very moment and Mr. Hoeh and I are *seeing* the evidences of it!

It is hard for us at home to imagine just how hard pressed some of these people are and how they are forced to live as the result of war. We have not had the bombings of our cities and the killing of our women and children that these people have known. They have had to live in constant fear that the next moment—without any notice—their lives or the lives of their loved ones would be snuffed out.

They are tired of it.

Americans are enjoying the postwar economic boom, looking to pleasures and almost totally forgetting the *terrifying* conditions that still exist throughout so much of this world . . . *conditions that are soon going to bring about the downfall of our nation!*

Question Box

Your questions answered in these columns! Your opportunity to have those puzzling queries, needing only a short reply, solved. If yours are not here, then write them to us. As space permits they will be printed if an answer is possible. Of course, questions demanding lengthy replies cannot be placed in these columns.

Edited by the Students.

Why Are Italics Used in the Bible?

Have you ever noticed the italics in the King James version of the Bible and wondered what purpose they served?

Why are the words "the son" italicized in so many verses of the genealogy in the third chapter of Luke? Perhaps you think they are unimportant.

Italicized words were first used in 1560 when an edition of a Bible, known as the Geneva Bible, appeared. This Bible had been prepared by the Reformers in Geneva and it was translated directly from the original Hebrew and Greek. In this Bible there were words which had to be added in English to make the meaning plain, although they were not necessary in the original Hebrew and Greek idioms. No language can be translated word for word. The Reformers distinguished such necessarily added words by italicizing them. This was the most popular Bible obtainable at that time.

There were three versions of the Bible in England by the beginning of the seventeenth century but these translations were by no means correct and, as time went on, the meaning of some of the English words changed. The need for a better translation arose and from this need came our most popular translation of today, the King James or Authorized Version. King James I of England gave this task to a group of fifty-four translators. In this group were High Churchmen, Puritans and the best scholars in the land. They translated from the original Hebrew and Greek and they also made use of italics to distinguish the words they added to make peculiar Hebrew and Greek idioms understandable in English. In most cases the words do clarify the meaning of certain phrases. But if you will investigate you will find that the translators were not men filled with God's Holy Spirit. Such men, hence, are apt to make mistakes and they did.

You have probably read Mr. Armstrong's article, "Is Jesus God?", which explains that Jesus and not the Father is the "LORD" so often mentioned in the Old Testament. The Lord told Moses at the burning bush that His Name was

I AM. This same Jesus came in the flesh. When the mad mob came to the Garden of Gethsemane for Him, He told them, "I Am *he*"; but notice the word "he" is in italics and was not spoken by Jesus. It should be, "He said unto them, I Am." This man-inserted word "he" completely obscures the significant fact behind this event. That multitude knew what Jesus meant and consequently they fell backward. They were facing the God of Israel, I Am.

There is another mistake worthy of our attention in Revelation 20:10. John apparently wrote that the devil, at the end of the one thousand year reign of Christ, would be cast into the lake of fire "where the beast and false prophet *are*." "Are" is in italics and is a man-supplied word. It is not in the original Greek. But to make the meaning clear in English the words "were cast" ought to have been added. The word "are" falsely implies that the beast and the false prophet are still alive in the lake of fire at the time of Satan's punishment which is after the millennium. They are put in this fire just after Christ comes at the beginning of the Millennium (Rev. 19:20). We know that they will not remain there one thousand years because they, being mortal flesh will burn up.

The real meaning is that Satan is to be cast into the *same* lake of fire into which the beast and false prophet *were* cast a thousand years previously.

These are only a few of the mistakes that men have made through translations and we should not be duped by them. But such should in no way destroy our faith in the veracity of the Bible as originally inspired and preserved so accurately for us.

What Europeans Think

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You are not getting this *vital* news of Europe and world conditions from any other source. We had to send our own trained men to Europe to see, to gather, and to report to you the most important news of world conditions. The foreign correspondents of the commercial news-gathering agencies—newspapers, maga-

zines, broadcast net-work chains—are looking for, finding, and reporting to the nation *only* the activities and events related to the cold-war struggle with RUSSIA. They can see only one enemy at a time. Just now they see only Russia. Not understanding PROPHECY, *they do not understand* the real drift and trend in Europe.

Our men in Europe are actually seeing with their own eyes—hearing with their own ears—the dynamic fulfillment of PROPHECY in startling motion—RIGHT NOW!

What does it all mean?

It means the *fear* of war between Russia and America is driving all Europe to the one thought of a UNITED EUROPE—the resurrection of the ROMAN EMPIRE as prophesied!

Instead of a North-Atlantic union, such as the United States is promoting, they want a united Europe! France wants it, as her only means of protection from Russia—but France is also afraid of Germany, *unless* some Supreme Authority could head the union, welding all armies together as one, in a manner that would protect France from another military invasion from Germany. The *only* possible welding influence—the *only* possible Supreme Authority—is a religious one—the *international* power of the Pope thru the Roman Catholic Church, together with a UNION with Protestant Churches!

Germany wants European unity, knowing she will dominate it. Yet the *only* way Germany will be able to get it is thru the unifying power of the Catholic Church. This the Germans will be forced to accept. It is the *only* possible way. Germany will be forced to accept the status of placing the Church *over* the State, as the SUPREME AUTHORITY! They will be forced to accept the Pope as the top man!

The Pope Top Man

Now notice the prophecy itself, written nearly 1900 years ago!

In the 17th chapter of the Book of Revelation John is shown, in vision and in symbol, a great, huge woman—a super-fornicatress called a "Great whore." She is about to be judged by God Almighty. She sits upon—rules over—many "waters." These symbolic "waters" are explained in verse 15 to represent many different nations speaking different languages.

Her fornication has consisted of an illicit union with the political kings and emperors of this world (verse 2). Now in Eph. 5 and II Cor. 11, it is revealed that a "woman" is symbolically used to signify a CHURCH. Also in Rev. 12. The true Church of God is Scripturally the affianced Bride of Christ, to be married

or united with Him in a union of Church and State to rule the earth, at His Second Coming! But this great, vast *false* Church is a Fornicatress because she has made such a union *prior* to marriage with Christ, with the kings of *this* world. Christ commanded His Church to come out from among the ways, activities, and customs of this world, and remain unspotted by the world.

This woman is a MOTHER Church. Her daughter Churches, who came out from her in PROTEST, calling themselves Protestant, are called by *another* name in God's Holy Word! God calls them "HARLOTS." They, too, have been untrue to Christ—they have taken part in this world's politics, commerce, pleasures, and wars.

This woman sits upon a scarlet wild animal! This "Beast" is explained by Daniel 7 and Daniel 2, and Revelation 13, to be the several successive unions of nations in Europe attempting to restore the ROMAN EMPIRE. Ever since the fall of Rome in 476, Europeans have sought by every means to unite. They have sought it by intermarriage of their Royal Families, as explained in Daniel 2:43 in the Authorized Version translation as "mingling themselves with the seed of men," translated by Goodspeed as "intermarriage." Napoleon and Hitler sought European union by war—attempting to conquer and force all other European nations into subjection.

But the feet and toes of Daniel 2 picture this succession of restorations of the Roman Empire, under the symbol of iron mixed with soft potter's clay. The nations of Europe can be PUT together, as they have been nine times,—but they cannot remain permanently bound together, as soft muddy clay cannot hold chunks of iron together except for a

very short time. It becomes brittle. It is not glue!

The *iron* of the legs and toes of Nebuchadnezzar's dream image (Daniel 2) symbolizes the power and strength of the Roman armies and political machines. But the soft *clay* with which the iron pieces are mixed—with which they are stuck together and unified, symbolizes the Roman Catholic Church, thru its head, the Pope. It is lacking in physical strength.

Of Short Duration

This "Beast,"—the Roman Empire—is once again to be resurrected (verse 8 of Rev. 17). There have been five past kingdoms, or revivals of the Empire, at the time of the vision. One is reigning at the time of the vision, and one final restoration is yet to come. The five in the past at the time of the vision are those of Justinian, Charlemagne, Otto the Great, Charles of Hapsburg, and Napoleon. The time of the vision was the time of Hitler and Mussolini.

This Great Church *sits astride* each of these seven resurrections. This did occur in history. They called these restorations of Rome the "HOLY Roman Empire." The Pope was the titular HEAD. He crowned every one of these Emperors except the Hitler-Mussolini partnership—but the same "deal" had been made with Mussolini, uniting the Church and State, and making the Pope the "spiritual" Head.

This same great "Woman" is to mount, and sit astride, the coming final United Europe. There will be a union of TEN NATIONS (verses 12-13). They will have a UNITED MILITARY MACHINE. It will be more powerful than those of Russia or the United States!

But it shall last only a SHORT TIME—as a matter of fact some seven years!

(Verses 10,12). But during that time, as other prophecies reveal which we have given you in many articles and broadcasts, this European Colossus shall DESTROY AND CONQUER THE UNITED STATES! In turn, God will take vengeance and use the allied Soviet hordes to destroy this Nazi-Fascist Roman Catholic EUROPE! And the coming Supreme political-military Fuehrer and the Pope and their armies in Palestine shall be destroyed at the Second Coming of Christ! (Rev. 17:14; 16:13-16; 19:19-20).

It's LATER than you think! This thing is developing *fast!* We are now just *that* near the end of this World and the Second Coming of Christ.

WE HAVE A JOB TO DO! This Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD must be proclaimed in all nations before this END can come (Mat. 24:14).

The Christian's Inheritance

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Revelation, chapters 21 and 22, gives a good description of the New Earth. There will be no death, sorrow, or pain because there will be no sin or violation of God's law.

There will be no more sea. IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT A SEA IF WE WERE GOING TO HEAVEN FOR THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A SEA THERE! Nothing that defiles will enter, and the throne of God the Father and of the Lamb (Christ) will be there and they shall reign forever and ever.

THIS is the promised destination of redeemed and *saved* mankind, those who are willing to obey the Father as *obedient* children. It is revealed by God's Holy Word, the Bible!

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