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WEATHER Changes Threaten Disaster for U.S.A.

Weather Bureau experts are frankly frightened about America's future. They KNOW that within 20 years this nation will be toppled from its dizzy economic heights by the worst drought in history! Here are the FACTS—and what prophecy says WILL HAPPEN!

by Herman L. Hoeh

THE ASSISTANT Chief of the U.S. Weather Bureau, I. R. Tannehill, painted a gloomy future for America in one of the nation's leading magazines.

The last few years of drought and floods are just a foretaste of famines soon to occur! "Real trouble," he states, "is just around the corner."

By the 1970's, he continues, "our water demands may make the supply critical even in good rain years. **WHAT WILL WE DO WHEN THE GREAT DROUGHT OF 1975 settles down upon us?** That's *your* question."

Yes, *that is the question!*—and prophecy proves it will happen—before 1975! Here are the **FACTS**.

What YOU Don't Know About the Weather

At this very moment, in a world filled with revolution and dynamic changes, a veritable **REVOLUTION IN WEATHER** is occurring!

World temperatures are changing. The climate is warming up—causing drought in vast areas, with floods in others.

At this very moment weather changes

are altering the energies of the great nations. For the U.S.A. there is nothing ahead but drought and periodic floods, with only a few good seasons remaining. *Russia* is also being slowed in her preparations for war. The great Soviet breadbasket of Southern European *Russia* is suffering from extremely dry weather. The Caspian Sea in *Russia* is lowering at an accelerating rate. Many of the tributaries of the Volga River are disappearing. This is cutting down electrical power for Soviet industrial areas—and slowing the Communist war effort. But in the northern regions of *Russia*, vast areas of fresh soil are being cultivated for the first time as a result of the warm weather.

The most astounding change, however, is taking place in *Germany*! Never have the Germans had more energy—more capacity to create industrial might. Why? The International Economic Research Bureau gave the answer about a year ago.

"The **WEATHER!**"

Weather is important in determining the **ENERGY** of people. Invigorating weather stimulates *work*. Damp, humid weather stifles initiative, causes laziness.

Germany is profiting by slightly warmer weather, giving her already industrious people a prodigious capacity for work. Meanwhile, her nearest neighbors are finding that the weather is becoming too warm for maximum effort. Little wonder that *Germany* will once again dominate Europe—will once again become the powerhouse for a united fascist Europe.

It's time we wake up. It's time we learn **WHY** weather changes are occurring—and *what we can do about it!*

Today's REVOLUTION in WEATHER

Glaciers are unexpectedly melting because of the warmer climate. Serious floods are occurring as the melted ice and snow crash down the river beds and overflow dykes.

But more important is the fact that glaciers provide year-round water resources for arid regions now under cultivation. With the decrease in glaciers, water resources become depleted. Droughts become prevalent.

Forests are another factor in altering the weather. They provide natural watersheds, prevent floods, modify the ex-

extremes of climate and temperature, increase humidity, decrease evaporation, and hold and conserve soil moisture. In America over $\frac{2}{5}$ of the original forest area is gone!—destroyed by man! *In a lust for quick wealth*, much of this area has been unwisely turned into farm land.

Forests reflect the heat. Farmed lands absorb heat. This absorption of heat raises the temperature of the countryside. Little wonder that hot winds are destroying our forests at a record rate. And the trees that are not droughted out are *burned* in constantly increasing forest fires.

Without forests, rain waters become floods. They are no longer absorbed into the soil. The water level naturally drops. Many farming communities find that deep wells must be bored deeper! The nation today is not only preventing waters from being stored in the soil, *but we are borrowing the water of future generations by removing what little remains in the soil!*

Why don't we wake up to the calamity we are bringing on ourselves!

Deserts are fast expanding—in the U.S.A., Africa and Asia. Severe droughts are occurring in highlands near the equator—all because the climate is becoming hotter. In Africa, wild animals are deserting the forests to attack villages in a desperate search for water and food. The great Sahara is moving south, lakes are drying up—and this occurs at the same time Europe is having its worst floods in 600 years!

Even wildlife is on the march!

The REVOLUTION in weather is witnessing the mass migration of trees, grains, vegetables, bugs, fish, birds and animals to the temperate zones. England's supply of fish is greatly diminished by migration to warming northern waters. The hardwood trees of the northern U.S.A. and southern Canada are becoming *sick* because they can't stand the rise in temperature. Insects and diseases are increasing in areas where the established plant life can't accommodate itself to a warmer climate.

Fulfillment of Prophecy

These weather changes are only the *fulfillment of prophecy*, believe it or not! In his Mt. Olivet prophecy, Jesus warned of this revolution in nature. Study Matthew 24 with Mark 13 and Revelation 6.

Here it is plainly revealed that *after the false teachers* in post-apostolic days, *came the wars* that destroyed the Roman Empire. This was followed by *centuries of drought and famine and flood*, climaxing 600 years ago in Europe. From 1300 to 1400 A.D. Europe suffered such climatic storms as have

never been equalled until the present. For example, on January 16, 1300, half the island of Helgoland was obliterated.

In the preceding century, the Indian civilizations in America—in Colorado, Arizona and the states of the Great Plains—were droughted out. The famine was so terrible that in the last quarter of the 13th century the Indians, who were dependent on their irrigation systems, nearly perished.

History always repeats itself. THESE PAST EVENTS WERE ONLY THE FORE-RUNNERS OF MORE DEVASTATING WEATHER CHANGES *now beginning to take place*. Duality is found in almost every prophecy. The former fulfillment is only a TYPE of the cataclysmic age-end destructive forces set in motion by man and nature. Specialists who study weather understand this principle. Said Dr. James E. McDonald, of Iowa State College: "It has at some time in the past been as bad, or worse—and will be as bad, or worse, again."

What's Ahead in the Next Few Years?

The Assistant Chief of the United States Weather Bureau forecast that the dry cycle will continue, with intermittent wet years. In his article in the leading farm magazine, he indicated that 1956 might become wetter, but that the following two years would be even more severe than at present.

But it is *the coming dry cycle in the early 1970's that frightens him*—and it ought to frighten us all! By that time rural, city and industrial demands will have depleted our remaining underground water resources. With that final drought coming unexpectedly—as most droughts do—*we will have no reserve!* So terrible will it become that *one third of the entire population WILL DIE OF FAMINE AND DISEASE*. So said the prophets (Joel 1:10; Ezekiel 5:12).

You say it can't happen here? BUT IT WILL!

History and prophecy *prove it!*

Human civilization has always brought disaster to the land and death to its inhabitants. There is no exception! Do we think that we will escape any more than other people?

Have we forgotten that the forefathers of our English-speaking peoples—the "lost" ten-tribed House of Israel—brought ruin upon the land of Palestine. In Abraham's day Palestine was well watered, like the garden of Eden. But by the time that *God* cast our forefathers out of the land, Palestine had become desolate.

Notice what happened to Babylon. Ancient Babilonia was watered by the Tigris River. The inhabitants denuded the mountains of forests; the river beds were filled with silt; fields were flooded,

sweeping away irrigation works. The remainder were destroyed by invading armies. A decaying, pleasure loving nation looked to the government for help—just as we are doing today! *But what the people could not do for themselves, the government could NOT do!*

Have we forgotten that vast portions of the Sahara were once forested and inhabited? Look at it today! Persia, Syria, Israel were all civilizations based upon *irrigation*. And it was the exploitation of this system that made the land a desert.

America Going the Way of Rome

In 1952, while traveling through Yugoslavia, I stood in amazement at the desolate, rocky country-side. I have since found out *why* the soil is untillable, the region arid.

At one time the hills surrounding the Mediterranean were heavily forested—today not a trace remains! The Romans began the destruction of the forests. The Slav inhabitants continued to denude the hill slopes. The Venetians consumed the remaining trees for timber for their fleets. The hillsides can't be reforested today. They are too badly eroded.

The same process is occurring in the U.S.A. today. WE SEEM TO BE UNAWARE THAT SOIL EXHAUSTION AND EROSION HAVE PROGRESSED MORE RAPIDLY IN THE UNITED STATES THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, except perhaps South Africa.

Apparently we have also forgotten that the Romans knew the value of contouring, the value of grasses and legumes, the rotation of crops and organic manuring! Simkhovitch, a historian who wrote about the fall of Rome, said that Roman knowledge of agriculture was "fairly startling."

Yet Rome fell!

Why?

Here is the answer:

Taxation wiped out the farmers who couldn't make sufficient profit. Most Roman farmers then borrowed money. Taxes increased. The farmer, in turn, had to exploit the soil to pay his debts. Within a few generations of the height of the Roman Empire the soil of the entire Mediterranean (except Egypt) became sterile by overwork and ruthless exploitation.

TODAY taxes are increasing; poor farmers are being forced off their lands; the more prosperous are borrowing. Drought is striking an ever-increasing area. The land is constantly becoming more exhausted. History is repeating itself! We are going the way of Rome.

Most farmers know many of the better agricultural methods—but for eco-
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Now REVEALED—the Book of REVELATION

Catastrophic events are soon to bring the END OF THIS AGE! These happenings are revealed ONLY in the Book of Revelation. Striking pictures by nationally famous artist Basil Wolverton accompany this fourth installment of the series.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SYNOPSIS:

THE WORLD situation is NOT hopeless! It *would* be, if we did not know what's *prophesied* to happen!

The future is REVEALED! The colossal events that shall SHAKE this world to its foundations—that shall RESULT in world PEACE under God's rule—are all PROPHESIED! But it's only in the one great and MIS-understood Book of Revelation that all these prophecies are correlated in order of time sequence.

Men have never understood this great Book of prophecy. It has seemed mysterious, undecipherable. Some have put their own HUMAN interpretations on it—but they have only given us a babylon of contradictory interpretations—none of them TRUE. This Book is not the revelation of St. John the divine—it cannot be interpreted by MEN. It is as the very first five words of the Book plainly state, "The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST."

WE CAN understand it, because JESUS CHRIST is the Revelator! HE is the interpreter! And we have found HIS interpretation, which is TRUE! Yes, we CAN know where world affairs today are LEADING. We CAN know what's GOING to happen during the next 5, 10, and 20 years! We CAN know the way of PROTECTION from the things to come, as this world-disturbance grows DARKEST, just before the DAWN! Yes, we can KNOW, and RID our minds of fear. We can KNOW, and find the way of SAFETY and PROTECTION in a world crisis such as even this world has never seen before!

In this present series, we had come to the 7th and last TRUMPET, called the 3rd WOE. That's SYMBOLIC language. It has VEILED the true meaning from MEN who have tried to solve the riddle of this prophecy, as men have done about everything for 6,000 years—by HUMAN inge-

nuity alone, REJECTING the guidance of GOD. But when we look to JESUS CHRIST as the Revelator—when we let CHRIST explain the meaning of these symbols, then they take on tremendous meaning, and they MAKE SENSE!

A Book of SYMBOLS

Now let's get our bearings. This great Book of prophecy is couched in mystic SYMBOLS. The apostle JOHN is not the revelator, as men have called him. John merely recorded, in writing, the things that he SAW, in VISION. In his vision, he seemed to be in heaven. God the Father sat on His throne.

The PROPHECY was a long rolled scroll, sealed with 7 seals. It was in His right hand. No MAN was worthy or able to OPEN THE SEALS, and explain the meaning. But Jesus Christ, seen STANDING before the throne in the vision, was worthy and able, and Christ stepped forward, took the scroll, and one by one stripped OFF the seals, revealing—just SYMBOLS. We found that Christ DID reveal the meaning of these symbols, in PLAIN language, to His disciples PRIVATELY, in His Olivet prophecy recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.

The first seal, then, represented the FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS who have appropriated the name and prestige of Christ, preaching ABOUT Christ, winning the confidence of the western world, in order to DECEIVE the world. They denied CHRIST'S MESSAGE of the GOVERNMENT of God, while they accepted Christ's PERSON. This led inevitably to WARS, leading finally, at this age-end, into WORLD WARS. And THAT'S where we are, now—in the recess between the 2nd and 3rd HOT wars of world magnitude. This recess has come to be termed COLD war! Next to come, soon—the event symbolized by the 3rd seal—world-wide FAMINE (and there is every sign in nature that it's on the way NOW)

—to be followed by unprecedented epidemics of DISEASE!

World War III Coming

Following immediately upon the heels of this, under the 5th seal, will come the next stage of HOT war perpetrated by an aggressor LEAST suspected today—an event that will ASTOUND the whole world—an event actually described in MANY, MANY other prophecies, one phase of which is explained under the 5th seal of the 6th chapter of Revelation—the horrible torture and MARTYRDOM of saints. The great martyrdoms of many centuries ago were mere types and forerunners!

But, for HIS OWN ELECT'S SAKE, God Almighty shall cut those days short. And those people of God who will LISTEN to this Message—who will WATCH world events for its fulfilment, and who shall be PRAYING continually, shall be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things, and to STAND before Jesus Christ at His second coming!

And THIS is the precise juncture at which God Almighty shall INTERVENE in world affairs! The 6th seal revealed the awe-inspiring supernatural signs in the sun, moon, and stars that shall strike stark TERROR into the hearts of rebellious mankind! Then they shall SEE the SIGN of the coming of Christ, up in the heavens. This is only the SIGN of His coming—a *signal* that the time is very near.

It is then announced that THE DAY OF THE LORD—the time of GOD'S WRATH—the time when God shall PUNISH the nations for their rebellion, their evil—the time when God Almighty will PLEAD with humanity in the only language it will understand—PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT—that Day, at last, is then at hand.

But, in chapter 7, we saw that the actual pouring out of these plagues was

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held up a short time, while multitudes from ALL NATIONS—including the 144,000 Israelites—were sealed UNDER GOD'S PROTECTION from the plagues to come. The 7th seal was opened in chapter 8, and what John SAW, under this seal, was the 7 trumpets. These TRUMPETS—symbols, of course—are, and CONSTITUTE, the 7th seal. The 7th seal is not FOLLOWED by the 7 trumpets—the 7th seal is divided into 7 successive stages, each called a trumpet. A trumpet is an instrument into which one BLOWS. The WINDS blown into the first 4 trumpets, we saw, injure the earth, the SEA, the RIVERS, the trees and vegetation, successively. The last three trumpets are called WOES, and show punishment to men by WARS. Trumpets are an age-old symbol of WAR. And so now we come to the 3rd woe, which is the 7th and last TRUMPET. WHAT IS THIS 7th Trumpet?

PART IV

The Last Trumpet

REMEMBER, once again, the original setting. This whole PROPHECY of world events for our time, and the immediate future, was contained in this long rolled scroll. It was sealed with the seven SEALS.

These SEVEN SEALS covered the entire prophecy. But by the time we come to the very LAST seal—the 7th—world events have gained such terrific momentum that THIS seal came in 7 successive stages—there were 7 parts to it, each called a "trumpet."

Now we come to the last *seventh* part of the seventh seal—the LAST TRUMP.

In many other prophecies it is recorded that the second coming of Jesus Christ to this earth—the time of Christ's LITERAL, bodily RETURN to this earth shall occur at the *time* of the LAST TRUMP! The SAME Jesus who came to earth 1900 years ago, taught THE WAY of happy living which men rejected,

was crucified, resurrected from the dead, and ascended to heaven—this SAME Jesus is COMING AGAIN in almighty POWER and GLORY. He is coming as WORLD RULER—as KING of all kings—as LORD of all lords, to rule ALL NATIONS, and to ENFORCE the WAY to PEACE!

And His coming shall occur at THE LAST TRUMP! You'll find that in I Corinthians 15:52, I Thessalonians 4:16, Matthew 24:31.

We know from these prophecies that this LAST trumpet is the time for the actual APPEARING of Christ as WORLD RULER! But what else is described? Notice the sounding of the 7th trumpet:

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

THERE IT IS! It is announced that the WORLD-RULE of Jesus Christ over ALL nations has arrived. ALL human government on earth shall FALL, under the divine power of Almighty God. Men have never WANTED God's rule—even tho it's the only way to peace, happiness and JOY. And so the rulers of human governments over mankind are found ANGRY! They shall have been deceived by the false teaching about a secret rapture theory into believing that this is the ANTI-Christ! They shall FIGHT against Christ and His rule over the earth.

Notice it: "And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth" (Rev. 11:18).

Yes, when the 7th Trumpet is sounded the nations are going to be ANGRY. Once again it is proclaimed "Thy WRATH is come." The only thing described under the opening of this 7th Trumpet that could possibly be the 3rd

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Terrifying forces of nature will be loosed upon the world in one night, marking the supernatural intervention of God Almighty in world affairs! Whole cities will be engulfed by towering, swirling, raging walls of water (Luke 21:25). Tidal waves of such magnitude as has never been seen—brought about by gigantic earthquakes (Rev. 6:12; 8:5)—will sweep far inland to obliterate mighty coastal cities of commerce.

This will occur AFTER American and British cities are blasted to oblivion by atomic and hydrogen bombs in World War III—AFTER our people are chained and transported as slave labor to sweat in the factories and port cities of our conquerors (Isa. 14:17). Unless you heed God's message NOW, and turn from your sins, YOU will be without divine protection before this inescapable destruction.

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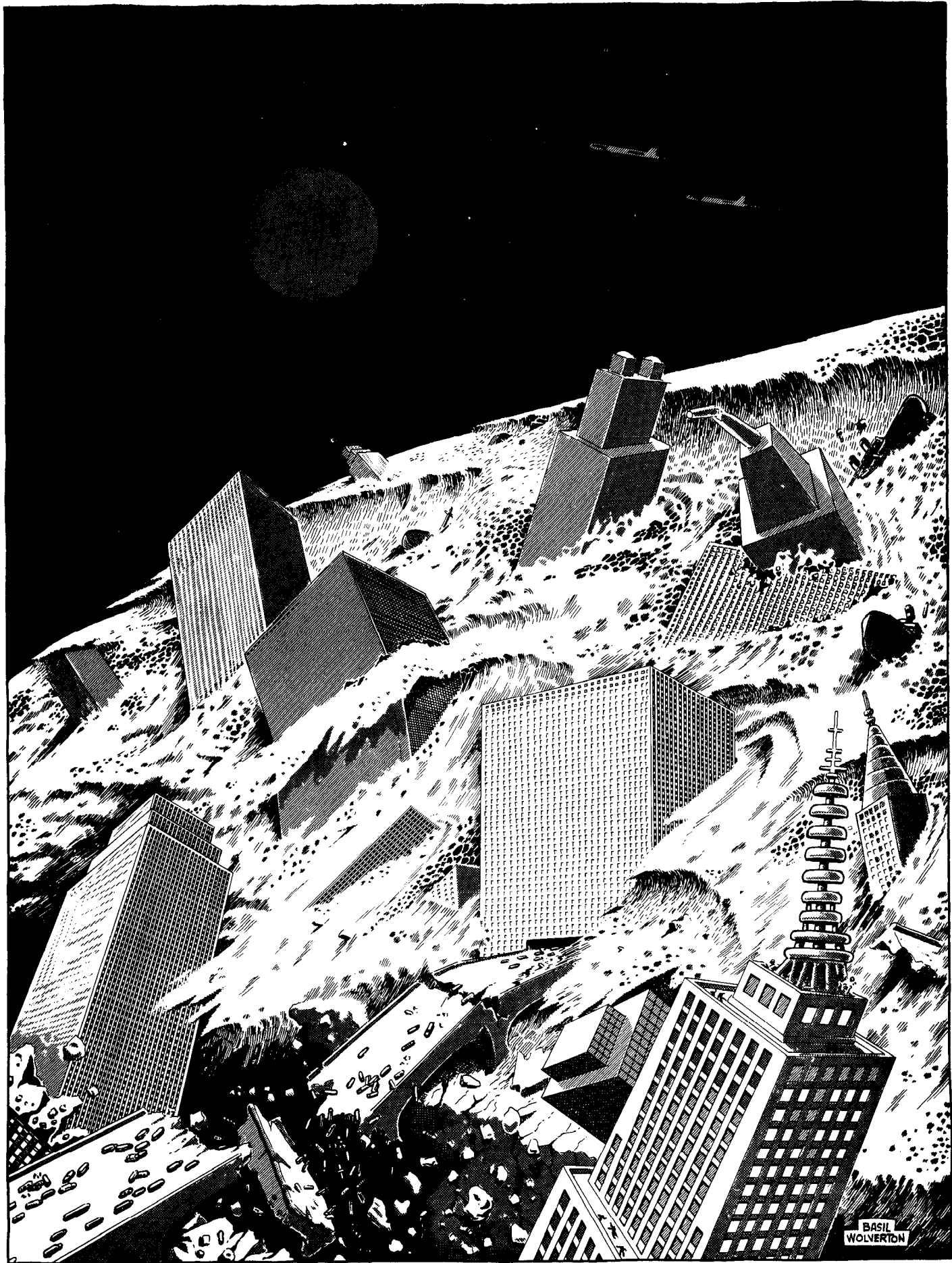
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Is Jesus God?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

STARTLING as it may seem, there is great *confusion* today among religious leaders concerning the true nature and office of Jesus Christ—the Saviour of the world. *You* need not be in doubt! The Bible was divinely inspired to impart TRUTH to those who seek with *honest* hearts and minds. But even this all-important subject has become jumbled in today's troubled and chaotic world.

What is the *real answer*? Is Jesus God? Is He the same as Jehovah? Is there more than one God? Here you will find *God's answer*—from His own Word—as revealed in *your Bible*.

Is Jesus God?

Jesus Christ came to pay the penalty for sin in our stead. He gave of *Himself*, that we might be reconciled to God. *How was this made possible?*

First, if Jesus had been *only* human, His death could have paid the penalty for but *one* other human who had incurred that penalty by transgression of God's spiritual law (Romans 6:23). Since God the Father created all things by Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9), and since *all* things, including man, were made by Jesus Christ, He is our Maker and therefore God, and His life which He gave was of *greater value* than the sum-total of all human beings. For we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the *Word was God*. He was in the beginning with God; *all things were made by him*, and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3). "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (verse 14). Also, "He was in the world, and the world *was made through him*, yet the world knew him not" (verse 10). Compare these scriptures with I Cor. 8:6 and Col. 1:12-19.

Life alone can *beget* life. This is the absolute law of biochemistry. Since Eternal life is the GIFT of God (John 3:16), only a GOD *possessing* immortality could give it. If Jesus were only human, *we could not receive eternal life thru Him* and He could not be our Saviour. Man *does not* have eternal life inherent in himself. But, as God "the Father hath life in himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself." And, "God *hath given* to us eternal life, and this life is *in His son*. He that hath the Son hath life; and *he that hath not the Son*

hath not life" (John 5:26 and I John 5:11-12).

He Was Also Human

On the other hand, Jesus was also human. Since it is *human* life which has transgressed God's Law, the Law claims *human* life as its penalty. Contrary to popular present day teaching, the Word of God states that the wages—the penalty—of sin, is DEATH—not eternal life in a so-called "hell-fire" (Romans 6:23). When we sin, we break God's perfect, spiritual law, "for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). The penalty for this sin is *death*. The penalty *must be paid*. God the Father will not compromise. It must be paid by *man*. Therefore, Jesus, who is and was God, who has always existed (John 1:1-2), was actually *made flesh* (verse 14). He, who was God, actually *became* human flesh because I John states, "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ *has come in the flesh* is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God." He was conceived in and born of the human virgin, Mary. "Now, the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother, Mary, had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit" (Mat. 1:18). He was made not only flesh, but *human* flesh and blood. Notice Heb. 2:14: "Since then the children are sharers in *blood and flesh*, himself also in like manner partook of the same."

Jesus called Himself the Son of MAN repeatedly, and also the Son of God. Matthew wrote, "Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do men say that the Son of man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven'" (Mat. 16:13-17). He is equal with God—"Jesus Christ: who, existing in God's form, counted not the *being on an equality with God* ought to be grasped at, but emptied himself . . . being made in likeness of men (Col. 2:6).

He is *called* God in Titus 2:10,13. Therefore He *is* God. The Bible contains so much on these points that the

above is a mere fragment of the evidence.

Yes, Jesus is also "Jehovah," altho this word is a *mistranslation* used in the Revised Version. The original name, in the Hebrew, contained the consonants "YHVH." In writing in Hebrew, vowels were omitted, supplied only in speaking. Thus the precise pronunciation of the name is not definitely known, but today it is commonly assumed to be "Yahveh," or "Yahweh." The *meaning*, in English, is "THE ETERNAL," or "THE EVERLIVING," or the "SELF-EXISTENT." It is commonly supposed that "Yahveh," or, as commonly called, "Jehovah," or, as in the Authorized version, "The LORD," of the Old Testament was God the FATHER of Jesus Christ. *This is a flagrant error!*

"Yahveh" was the God of Israel, the only One of the Godhead known to Israel. When He came in human flesh they did not recognize Him. "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not" (John 1:10-11). Neither did they know God the Father (Mat. 11:27 and Luke 10:22). "No one knoweth . . . who the Father is, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to REVEAL him."

In Genesis 1, the Hebrew name translated "God" is "Elohim." This is a uniplural name, such as "church," or "family." A church or a family consist of more than one person, yet is *one* church, or *one* family. In this same sense "Elohim"—the God kingdom—includes both God the Father and Yahveh who was the "Logos" or the WORD of God, and also their Spirit, emanation from them, the Holy Spirit, the LIFE, CHARACTER, and POWER of God. Jesus, in praying for the welfare of the Church, prayed that its many members might "be ONE, as we are One" (John 17:11, 21). The Church is ONE body, yet composed of many members (I Cor. 12:12). A husband and wife are ONE FLESH yet two persons.

The word God has two meanings—the God kingdom or the family of God AND the *persons* composing that kingdom or family. Christ and the Father are ONE God, *not two* Gods—one "ELOHIM." That is why "Elohim" said, "Let US make man in OUR image" (Gen. 1:26).

Yahveh was the "WORD" or spokesman of the Godhead—its second member. As soon as God began to SPEAK to man, it was always "Yahveh" who spoke (translated "LORD" in the Authorized,

and "Jehovah" in the Revised version. See Gen. 2:16, 18 and Exodus 20:2). Always it is "Yahveh" in the original Hebrew—the "WORD" who was made flesh. The proof of this is a long study involving hundreds of passages which prove it.

As a fragment of the evidence, compare Isa. 8:13-14 with I Peter 2:7-8. Isaiah said, "The LORD of hosts"—YHVH shall be "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence." Peter said, in quoting this text in reference to *Christ*, He is "a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence." Jesus is the LORD—the Eternal of the Old Testament.

Now compare Isaiah 40:3 with Mat. 3:3 and Mark 1:3. John prepared the way before "YAHVEH" (Isa. 40:3) who was CHRIST (Mark 1:14-15).

In Rev. 1:17 we read, "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand upon me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last.'" And in verse 8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Again, Rev. 22:13, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Study also Rev. 22:16 for proof it was *Jesus* speaking. Jesus Christ calls Himself the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. Now compare these texts with Isaiah 44:6: "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no God'" (Isa. 44:6).

No turn to Isaiah 48:11-12. "For my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another. 'Hearken to me O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am He, I am the first, and I am the last'" (Isa. 48:11-12). Verses 17-18 show it was YAHVEH speaking. And also in Isa. 41:4, "Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am He." All of these scriptures show that YAHVEH is the First and Last. Christ is the YAHVEH of the Old Testament.

Christ Is the ROCK—the God of the Old Testament

In I Cor. 10:14, the "ROCK" of the Old Testament is called Christ. "For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was *Christ*" (verse 4). II Sam. 22:2-3, "He said, 'The LORD—YAHVEH—is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.'" See also verse 32.

In Ps. 18:1-2, *this same* "ROCK" is YAHVEH. When Moses was talking to YAHVEH, and asked Him His name (Ex. 3:4-5, 13), He answered that His name was "I AM" (verses 6, 14) and "YAHVEH"—the Eternal One (verse 15). See also Ex. 6:2-3. In John 18:5-8, as soon as Jesus identified Himself to the mob led by Judas as "I AM" (the "he" in italics is added without inspiration, and was not in the original), they went backward and fell to the ground. Again in John 8:56-58, Jesus called Himself: "I AM." For we read, "Jesus said to them 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am'" (verse 58).

The person of the Godhead who is our REDEEMER is Jesus Christ. John 4:42 contains this: "They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that *this is indeed the SAVIOUR* of the world.'" "But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a *Saviour*, the Lord Jesus Christ." Read also Tit. 2:10-14 and Luke 1:68-69. That Jesus, the Saviour, is YAHVEH, see Isa. 49:7 and Isa. 60:16, where He is *also* "the mighty One of Jacob"—to be OF Jacob means a son, or descendant of Jacob—the Mighty One of all Jacob's children. Also in Isa. 48:17, YAHVEH is called the *Redeemer*, and the Holy One of *Israel*—the One of Israel who is Holy! The same is expressed in Isa. 43:14, "Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel . . ." Also note the next verse (15), YAHVEH is Israel's Holy One, Creator of Israel, Israel's King. Now notice in Acts 3:14 that the Christ the Jews denied was the same "HOLY ONE"—YAHVEH! "But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One . . . the Prince of life." See also Acts 2:27 and Mark 1:24.

Christ Was David's SHEPHERD

Who was David's *shepherd*? (Psalm 23:1.)

In John 10:11, Jesus said *He* was the Shepherd. Open your Bibles also to Heb. 13:20: "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great *Shepherd* of the sheep . . ." Compare this text with I Pet. 2:24-25, which says, "For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the *Shepherd* and Guardian of your souls." We also read, "Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief *Shepherd* is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory" (I Pet. 5:2-4).

It is JESUS CHRIST who is coming again in Person as KING of kings to

rule, and to RESTORE. In Rev. 19:13 John writes, "He is clad in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God." "From his mouth issues a sharp sword with which to smite nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty" (verse 15). And again in Rev. 17:14 John writes, "They will make war on the *Lamb*, and the Lamb—Christ—will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." The Great Shepherd who is coming to RULE as King over all kings is YAHVEH. "And ye My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Eternal"—YAHVEH or Christ! Read it for yourself in Ezek. 34:11, 30-31.

Now notice Isa 2:1-4 and Micah 4:1-4. "It shall come to pass that the Kingdom (mountain) of YAHVEH's House shall be established in the top of the kingdoms"—ruling the world. "And He, YAHVEH (Christ) shall judge among the nations, and rebuke strong nations," and then they shall have PEACE.

How plain that in almost every Old Testament passage, the LORD Yahveh—the Eternal—is Jesus Christ. He is the God of Israel.

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Self-Sacrifice

All the practical side of religion is summed up in the exhortation of Paul, that we present our bodies a living sacrifice to God. Anciently, a man brought a lamb and presented it to God, laid it on the altar, to be consumed by God's fire. In like manner we are to present our bodies. The first thing is not to be a worker, a preacher, a savior of souls; the very first thing in a Christian life is to present one's self to God, to lay one's self on the altar. We need to understand this. It is easier to talk and work for Christ than to give ourselves to Him. It is easier to offer God a few activities than to surrender our lives to Him.

But the heart must be first, else even the largest gifts and services are not acceptable.

"Tis not thy work the Master needs, but thee,

The obedient spirit, the believing heart."

"A living sacrifice." A sacrifice is something really *given* to God, to be His altogether and forever. We cannot take it back. One could not lay a lamb on God's altar, and a minute or two afterward run up and take it off. We cannot be God's today, and our own tomorrow. If we become His at all, in a sacrifice which He accepts, we are His always.

The SEVEN LAWS of Radiant Health

**Did God intend you to be sick—to feel only “half alive”?
You need to understand GOD’S WAY to a joyous,
healthful, thrilling life!**

by Roderick C. Meredith

STARTLING as it may seem, over *two million* people in the United States are away from their work *at all times* through sickness.

In spite of improved methods of early detection and treatment, heart diseases, cancer, polio, tuberculosis, and other plagues peculiar to modern “civilization” continue to exact a frightening toll of premature deaths. Diseases of the heart alone caused well over 500,000 deaths in the United States in 1952.

And what about millions of others—what about YOU? Are you bubbling over with energy and enthusiasm? Are you free from all aches and pains and sickness? Do you enjoy the kind of vigorous, dynamic health that makes it seem *good to be alive?*

Or are you among the millions who are just *half-well?*

Cause of Illness

People do not just *happen* to get sick! There is a *CAUSE* for every effect. And there is a definite *cause* for all the sickness, disease, and physical suffering which is so common in this modern world.

God does not intend for us to be sick. In II John, verses 1 and 2, God inspired John to write to an elder in the church, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and *be in health*, even as thy soul prospereth.” We know that God inspired all scripture for *our* instruction. (II Tim. 3:16), and so this scripture applies to *all* who are in God’s church. God wishes his children to be in *health!* That is *His WILL.*

Why, then, are so many sick today?

We find in I John 3:4 that sin is the transgression of *law.* That’s the Bible definition of SIN. Spiritual sin is the transgression of God’s *spiritual law*, the law of *love* summed up in the ten commandments.

But there are *physical laws*, too, that regulate physical health. If you break these laws, or if they are accidentally broken, it is a transgression of *law*—and it exacts a *penalty.* The penalty is

sickness—or physical suffering of some kind.

When Jesus Christ healed the sick, it was the *forgiveness* of *physical sin.* Notice how Jesus healed a man sick of the palsy (Luke 5:18-26). He said to the sick man on the bed, “*Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.*” Read this account carefully. In healing the man, Jesus *forgave* the *PHYSICAL SINS* which had caused the palsy.

The *CAUSE* of sickness is the *transgression* of *physical laws* which God has set in motion to govern the operation of our human bodies. These *laws* are just as real as the law of gravity, and the *penalty* for breaking them is just as sure.

God’s Way

God has been interested in the physical health of His people from the beginning. The Old Testament is full of directions and laws concerned with maintaining health. In Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14, God gave Israel instructions as to what meats should be eaten. He revealed that they should eat neither *fat* nor *blood* (Lev. 3:17).

These and many other directions as to food, cleanliness, and general health were important guides to Israel down to the time of Christ, and the early New Testament church, composed at first principally of Jewish converts, was able to benefit by the health principles God gave Israel.

All through the book of Acts, we find the Christian life spoken of as “the way” and “that way” (Acts 18:26; 19:23). An honest and careful study of the New Testament will show that in apostolic times Christianity was a definite *WAY OF LIFE*—including an understanding and practice of basic health principles.

The apostle Paul commanded the Christians at Corinth: “*Glorify God in your body*” (I Cor. 6:20). He said that we are “bought with a price”—our bodies *belong to God.* We should therefore *glorify* God in our physical bodies

by using them as he intended, and by *obeying* the physical laws He has set in motion.

God has left it up to man to discover most of these laws—knowing we would be able to do so. But God does reveal the *principles* we should go by, and, in addition, He specifically reveals *those laws* governing health *which we would not otherwise be able to learn.*

Yes, God does wish us *all* to “*prosper and be in HEALTH.*” And through the apostle Paul, He has commanded us to “*glorify God in our bodies.*”

Using the health principles revealed in God’s word as a guide, and utilizing the results of man’s observation and research into this subject, we can learn the definite laws which govern our physical health. By really *understanding* and *obeying* these laws, we can build the kind of radiant health which will enable us to live the kind of full, active, and joyful lives that God intended.

There is no excuse for feeling and being only *half alive!* The mounting rate of sickness, suffering, and death clearly shows that this world has *lost* the way to *health*—the way to *live.* We need to learn how to really *LIVE!*

What, then, are these *physical laws* which affect our bodies—and our *lives*—so much?

1) Maintain a Tranquil Mind

One of the least understood factors governing health is the profound effect that the *mind* has upon the body. It is becoming increasingly recognized that a large part of the common ailments of mankind are caused—not so much by the *body*—as by the *mind.* Ulcers, indigestion, headaches, eyestrain, nervousness, and a host of other ailments—are often found to be directly caused by the condition of the *mind*—not the body.

Physical nourishment and care alone are not enough. In Proverbs 15:17, God inspired Solomon to write: “*Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.*”

Haven't you known families who engage in a "free for all battle" during nearly every meal? Perhaps they are ignorant of the fact that fighting, nagging, and quarrelling at the table is almost certain to cause nervous indigestion and other ailments.

Few people today have the sense of contentment and real peace of mind upon which good health is predicated. They need to learn to *relax*, and to put *living FAITH* in *God* to guide them in solving the little problems which plague so many people.

This first requirement of good health is something which people who reject the knowledge of God can never fully hope to achieve. They may go to physicians and to psychologists and psychiatrists with their mental ills and fears. *But it is God alone* who can give real peace of mind. Men cut off from God will continually seek and not be satisfied, but Paul wrote of the Christians, "And the *peace of God*, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

Even the Christian has to work at building *positive* mental habits. As Jesus said, we are to take no *anxious thought* for the morrow, but put *faith* in God and the power of His kingdom. Do *your part* in overcoming thoughts of hate, strife, and worry. Then keep close to God in *prayer* and *obedience*. Ask Him to give you love, joy, and peace through the Holy Spirit.

Cultivate thoughts of love, faith, and joy, for Solomon wrote, "A *merry heart* doeth good like a *medicine*: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

2) Food and Fasting

We are what we eat. The body is formed entirely from the foods we eat. Yet the average person has *very little* knowledge of what he really ought to eat to build a strong, vigorous body.

If the foods most of us eat were fed to a rat, the rat would soon die of *starvation*! *Why?* Many of the products commonly called foods are of little or no value in sustaining, nourishing or building the body. In fact, it has been proven by tests that they do actual *harm* to the body. They clog the digestive system, aggravate it and become a real burden for the body to eliminate. In many cases, they act as *poisons*—not foods!

The basic thing to remember in selecting foods is to be sure you eat *natural foods* which have not been corrupted or perverted in man-made "food" factories, and that you *learn* to have a balanced diet containing all the elements your body requires to sustain and build health.

Take care that your food is *properly prepared* so as not to destroy the body-building elements. *Avoid* the starchy, greasy, sugary, spiced-up concoctions which may *taste good* at the moment, but which contain little of nutritional value and will in time *wreck your stomach*.

It is beyond the scope of this article to give you specific dietetic instruction, but remember the principle that your foods should be *natural* foods—as God caused them to grow or be formed in nature. These will include *genuine* whole grain breads (*without poisonous preservatives added*) and cereals, *fresh* fruits and *fresh* vegetables—cooked at low temperatures so as to preserve their nutritional value, lean meats cooked without grease or fat, and dairy products—including certified *raw* milk.

Few people fully realize the *great harm* caused by such "refined" or "improved" products as white bread, white sugar, canned fruits and vegetables, and pasteurized milk when these are substituted in place of the *natural* products that God intended as food.

Man's effort to improve upon God has FAILED. The more you intelligently study the food question, the more you will realize this. So eat a *balanced* diet of the *natural* foods that have not been perverted by the hand of man. And learn to prepare all foods so as not to destroy their nutritional value.

Under the heading of *diet*, we should also consider the health value of *water*. Pure drinking water—and plenty of it—is one of the greatest aids to eliminating body poisons and keeping the entire system clean. It is an aid in preventing or overcoming *constipation*—that source of so many bodily ills. So drink six or eight glasses of *pure water* every day—preferably *between* meals, and *never* using it to wash your food down.

Greatly restricting one's diet is known as *fasting*. The practice of fasting as a health measure is as old as the human race. Every animal, when sick, will refuse to eat. It loses all appetite. Governed by its instincts, it *fasts* until it is well—a *sure cure* provided by nature.

But what about *humans*?

Doctors and dieticians agree that we humans are in the habit of eating *far more food than our bodies require*. If food is used in excess of bodily needs, it is bound to produce a clogging up of the vital processes, for if it is not needed it is invariably *harmful* and becomes productive of causes which lead to *sickness* and *disease*.

The greatest number of sicknesses are caused by the presence of a poison in the bloodstream. *Fasting* enables the body to cleanse itself of the accumula-

tion of the products of an imperfect diet. As food intake is retarded, elimination proceeds rapidly and the body is truly "house-cleaning" itself.

For many, many common sicknesses such as colds, headaches, fevers, and stomach distress, *fasting* is a very effective and often the *only natural cure*.

In a strictly health fast, *water only* should be taken, or, in some cases, fruit juices may be taken to provide necessary strength.

Jesus Christ set us an example by fasting, and said that His disciples *would fast* (Mark 2:18-20). *Fasting* is not only a good spiritual practice, but it is a marvelous *natural* means of preserving health.

3) Cleanliness and Dress

It has been said that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," and, while this saying didn't come directly from the Bible, the principle is certainly correct.

In order to teach ancient Israel the habit of cleanliness, God instituted many regulations commanding the people to bathe or wash their clothes after coming in contact with likely disease carriers (Lev. 11:29-47). And in the New Testament, we find a *spiritual* truth based on the *physical* principle of cleanliness, for Christ gave himself for the church, His body, "That he might sanctify and *cleanse* it with the washing of water by the word" (Eph. 5:26). And if we expect to be in Christ's spiritual body, His church, then we should also keep our *physical* bodies *clean*.

Regular care of the skin, hair, nails, and teeth and freedom from perspiration odor are essential to cleanliness and contribute to *health*. Waste products are eliminated through the pores of the skin, and regular bathing is always important.

Keeping your person, your clothes, and your living quarters *clean* will not only aid in promoting *vigorous health*, but will tend to keep your thoughts on a higher level and keep you closer to God.

Untold physical impairments are caused by the wearing of *tight, ill-fitting, or unsuitable* clothing. Clothing should afford proper protection from the weather, and should be loose-fitting and comfortable. The wearing of *extremely tight* girdles or corsets by women often results in the cramping of vital organs, and the weakening of muscles and tissues in the abdominal and pelvic areas—often causing physical distress in later life—and sometimes resulting in the inability to have children normally. *It just doesn't pay.*

Also, shoes that throw the whole body out of line often cause harm not only to the feet, but to the entire body.

Another common fault among women is wearing unnecessarily tight-fitting shoes, which cause bunions, corns and ingrown nails.

4) Sunshine and Fresh Air

Exposing a good portion of the body to the sun's rays is very beneficial. The sun's rays which provide the greatest benefit to health are the ultra-violet rays. These rays aid in the utilization of phosphorus and calcium, and vitamin D is formed primarily through this influence.

Try to spend as much time out of doors in the open air and sunshine as you can. Remember that there is danger in sunlight if the body is exposed too long before it is conditioned to the sun. So, in acquiring a tan, you should proceed *cautiously*.

At every opportunity, step outside and *take a deep breath* of pure, *fresh air*. After all, breath is the stuff life itself is made of (Gen. 2:7).

Breathe deeply to be healthy.

We breathe to get *oxygen* into our systems, for without oxygen we should quickly die. *Every vital process in the body depends on oxygen* for its performance. The more you breathe *pure, fresh air*, the more pep you will have, the brighter will be your color, the more alert you will be, and the better posture you will have.

Most of us take in enough air to sustain life, but not enough to live it *vigorously*.

5) Exercise

In this day of push-button gadgets and automobiles, millions of people are only *half* the physical specimens they ought to be—because of a *lack of exercise*.

Notice a crowd of people some time. Observe the various sizes and shapes—the fat people, the “pot-bellied” businessmen, and others who have no more meat on their bones than a scarecrow. Are these people made in the image of God?

Basically, yes. But they have degenerated from the perfect physical specimen that Adam must have been.

Am I talking about a need for huge, bulging muscles?

No. Except in a very few cases, they are entirely unnecessary in modern life—and constant expenditure of time and energy would be necessary to keep them in that condition.

But nearly everyone today does need an intelligently planned program of *exercise*. Exercise stimulates deep breathing and increases blood circulation; it aids in the expelling of poisons from the system, and tends to produce “normalcy” in all bodily functions.

While work leaves one tired and sometimes enervated, proper exercise is of remarkable assistance in building up *energy*. The body is often *recharged* after systematic calisthenics, and this form of exercise can include all of the muscle groups of the body—whereas regular work or games often neglect many of these, while overtaxing others.

Especially for young people, games and sports naturally afford an enjoyable opportunity to get needed exercise. But these should be supplemented with calisthenics or some form of exercise at home as one grows past that stage in life and tends to *neglect* physical exercise.

Walking and *biking* are excellent forms of exercise for people of all ages and occupations. But vigorous young people should supplement even these with some form of activity which directly utilizes the arms, shoulders, and torso.

Because of the tendency in the apostle Paul's day to glorify athletics and idolize athletes, Paul wrote Timothy: “For *bodily exercise* profiteth little: but *godliness is profitable unto all things*” (I Tim. 4:8). Notice that Paul did not condemn physical exercise, but merely showed that it does profit a little, or for a little while, as compared with godliness which will profit through eternity.

But few of us in this degenerate age are inclined to get too much exercise, and we do *need* a proper amount to build the kind of abundant, radiant health we should all enjoy.

Building a strong, supple, graceful body does require effort. But it is *eminently worthwhile*—especially in this day when we are inclined to let machines do everything while our own bodies stagnate.

6) Sleep and Rest

Many people, especially students, are inclined to delude themselves with the idea that they can drive themselves on in work or play, then “catch up on sleep” later on—and be none the worse for it. *Nothing* will take the place of regular sleep and rest in its recuperative effect on the human body.

Man can go much longer without food than he can without sleep, and sleep becomes unbelievably necessary after long periods of sleeplessness.

Sufficient, regular sleep for most adults ranges from seven to nine hours each night. This is definitely *not* wasted time. It will enable one to be *fully alive* during his work and play, and to live a longer and fuller life in the end.

However, too much sleep is not a benefit. Rather, it is depressing and causes sluggishness and a state of lethargy. We are warned in Proverbs against oversleeping and laziness (Pro. 24:33-34).

In addition to regular sleep, many health authorities recommend one or more short periods of rest throughout the day to recharge our worn nerve batteries.

When God said, “Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work,” He was giving a law of *health*—as well as a *spiritual* principle—which will *never* grow old. Both physically and mentally, we *need* to rest every seventh day—and so God gave the Sabbath rest as a great blessing.

Thousands of years ago, God knew and enunciated what many men still haven't found out—that in depriving yourself of sufficient sleep and rest you will accomplish not more, but *less*, in the end.

7) Avoid Bodily Injury

Over 9,700,000 Americans were victims of accidental injuries in 1952! That is about one out of every 16 people.

Think of the *millions* of dollars lost in doctor and hospital bills, and of the countless work hours which were forfeited.

This is *entirely unnecessary!*

We have become a nation of reckless, careless people who *defile* and *destroy* our bodies not only with perverted foods, drinks, cigarettes and the like—but by carelessly *injuring* them. God says if we defile the temple of His Spirit, He will *destroy* us (I Cor. 3:17; 4:19).

We need to *repent* of abusing our God-given bodies!

There is abundant information available regarding the prevention of accidents. The main thing is that you realize how *seriously* you should take this problem—and resolve to *quit* taking physical risks in your work or play. One such careless moment can easily *undo* and *wreck* the physical well being you may have nourished for years.

It just doesn't pay.

Action

You now know the *seven basic laws of radiant health*. Here they are summarized: (1) Quit worrying, arguing, bickering. Maintain a *tranquil mind*—a *positive attitude*. (2) Be sure you have a *balanced diet* of natural foods. Learn the value of drinking plenty of *water*, of *fasting*, and of *avoiding constipation*. (3) Remember that *cleanliness* is vital to good health, and that *suitable clothing* is also necessary. (4) Derive the maximum benefit from *sunshine* and *fresh air*. (5) Plan a program of regular, sufficient exercise. And stick to it! (6) Let your body recuperate from work and play through proper *sleep* and *rest* as God intended. (7) *Take care* of the healthy body you are building.

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What Is the True Gospel?

What is the true gospel that Jesus preached? Did Paul preach a different gospel to the Gentiles? Here, at last, is made plain the truth about the Kingdom of God.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY SHOULD there be such perplexity — such *confusion* — in every phase of life today? It should be the function of religion to point the way. Yet here, too, we find only confusion of tongues—hundreds of religious denominations and sects, in a babylon of disagreement.

Even in the professing Christian religion of the western world, we find different sects and denominations preaching a variety of different GOSPELS! Some designate their Gospel as "The Gospel of Jesus Christ." Others call *their* Gospel "The Gospel of Salvation." Still others profess the "Gospel of Grace;" some "The Gospel of the Kingdom;" and some call their gospel "The ISRAEL Message."

WHY HAVE THEY LOST THE ONLY TRUE GOSPEL WHICH GOD SENT BY JESUS CHRIST? WHY?

How Many Gospels Are There?

Does it make any difference which Gospel we believe? Listen to the answer of the Eternal God as inspired in Paul's letter to the Galatians—the first chapter, the 8th and 9th verses:

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any *other* gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, *let him be accursed.*" And it is made a *double-curse!* For the next verse says: ". . . so say I now *again*, if any man preach *any other* gospel unto you than that ye have received, *let him be accursed!*"

WHY, then has the world lost sight of *that* Gospel? WHY do people believe *different* gospels today? Jesus Christ said it is necessary to BELIEVE THE GOSPEL to be saved! Yet the *many*—the hundreds of millions—today, do not know what *that Gospel is!* Again, His parting commission to His apostles, being sent out as His ministers to build His church, was this: "Go ye into all the world, and preach *the Gospel.*" They were to preach THE GOSPEL.

Jesus then said: "He that BELIEVETH and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15). Notice! Jesus said, "He that BELIEVETH." Believeth *what?* Why, BELIEVETH that which they PREACHED, of course—THE GOSPEL! Not A gospel. Not *any* gospel. THE Gospel! *On*

the authority of Jesus Christ, it is necessary to believe THAT PRECISE IDENTICAL GOSPEL in order to be saved! And to BELIEVE the true Gospel, we must first come to KNOW what it is!

Now with whom, and from where, and to whom, did the true Gospel originate? With Christ? No, not with Christ!

The Message Sent from Heaven

God the Father had promised to send a Messenger into this world from heaven, bearing a Message from HIM—God the FATHER! God had promised that in Malachi 3:1: "Behold I will send my Messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me;"—and *that* messenger, as explained in Mark 1:2, was John the baptist, preparing the way before Jesus Christ; "and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, EVEN THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT, whom ye delight in."

The very first sermon by which God had the Gospel preached to Gentiles, when Peter was sent to the house of the Gentile Cornelius, recorded in the 10th chapter of the Book of Acts, gives us very explicit directions for locating the one and only TRUE GOSPEL. *Open your own Bible!* I want you to read this with your own eyes! This is what the inspired Peter said, as recorded in Acts 10:36-37: "The Word which GOD *sent* unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all): That Word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached."

Which Gospel Did Jesus Preach?

Notice carefully these points: 1) With whom did this Message—this Gospel—originate? Peter said: "The word which GOD *sent.*" 2) TO WHOM did God send it? Peter said "unto the children of Israel." Although now, ten years later, this same Gospel is being opened up to Gentiles of ALL nations, originally it was sent to the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, and it was sent by GOD THE FATHER. It did not originate with Jesus Christ, nor with Peter, nor with the Apostle Paul. It was *sent* by GOD the Father of Jesus Christ! 3) BY WHOM was it sent? Who was the divine Messenger who brought and preached the Message? Peter said

"by Jesus Christ." Jesus Christ was the divine MESSENGER. Malachi called Him the Messenger of the COVENANT. That Message, then, is the NEW Covenant Message, for Moses was the mediator of the Old Covenant, and Jesus Christ of the NEW, as affirmed by many Scriptures. This Message, then, is the NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL. Now, 4) WHERE was it first preached? to what geographical location shall we look for its beginning? Peter said: "began from Galilee." Yes, GALILEE, then is the place where it was first preached.

When did Jesus begin to preach this particular Gospel in Galilee? Peter said "*after* the baptism which John preached." The true GOSPEL of the NEW Covenant, then, did not begin with John the baptist. It was *after* John had completed his baptismal ministry.

Now these very *definite* directions lead us directly to the first chapter of Mark. The first verse tells us this is the record of the BEGINNING of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then it relates the baptizing ministry of John, preaching, NOT the Gospel, but "the baptism of repentance," which prepares the way for salvation through Jesus Christ. And then we come to verses 14 and 15:

"Now *after* that John was put in prison"—there is the exact TIME for the beginning of the preaching of the TRUE GOSPEL . . . "JESUS"—there is the divine Messenger BY whom God sent it . . . "came into GALILEE"—the precise geographical location. So we now have the TIME, the Israelites residing there TO WHOM God sent the Message, the PLACE, and the MESSENGER—so whatever we find Jesus preaching here IS THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOSPEL. And what do we read? "Jesus came into Galilee PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the KINGDOM OF GOD is at hand; REPENT YE, and BELIEVE THE GOSPEL."

What About the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

But if the one and only TRUE Gospel is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, what about the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Is that a false gospel? Not at all. The Gospel of Jesus Christ IS the Gospel
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Now REVEALED – the Book of REVELATION

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woe is THE WRATH OF GOD! But *all* the Trumpets have been PLAGUES, pouring out the WRATH OF GOD—His punishments to bring this hell-bent world to its senses and to a happy PEACE! The 7th Trumpet CONSUMMATES this wrath!

And what is it that CONSUMMATES—fills up—COMPLETES, the wrath of God?

The Seven Last Plagues

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having *the seven last plagues*; for in them is filled up the wrath of God" (Rev. 15:1). The Moffat translation renders it, "For they COMPLETE the wrath of God." In the 14th chapter, and 10th verse of Revelation, it is stated that these 7 last plagues are to be poured out "in the presence of the holy angels, and in THE PRESENCE of the Lamb." "The LAMB" is a symbol representing JESUS CHRIST. And WHEN He shall come to rule the world, ALL THE HOLY ANGELS are coming from heaven WITH Him!

I want you to notice that in Jesus' own prophecy, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, *and all the holy angels with him*, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Mat. 25:31-34).

Jesus Christ is coming to RULE. The KINGDOM OF GOD is a KINGDOM—a GOVERNMENT, bearing RULE over every other kingdom on earth. But the KINGDOM of God also is described by Jesus and throughout the Bible as a FAMILY finally grown into the great world-ruling DIVINE NATION—a nation of IMMORTALS. Jesus taught that we may INHERIT the Kingdom of God, but only by being first begotten of God, and then BORN of God. The apostle Paul said plainly that flesh and blood—that is, a mortal human—CANNOT inherit the Kingdom of God. It is not a mortal kingdom. It is not a HUMAN kingdom. It is a DIVINE kingdom into which HUMANS may be finally BORN, when they are CHANGED—that is, CONVERTED,

from mortal to immortal—from human to divine!

Now notice carefully! At Christ's coming, the DEAD *in* Christ are to be resurrected IMMORTAL. The living in Christ (I Cor. 15:50-54) shall be CHANGED—CONVERTED—in the twinkling of an eye, from mortal to IMMORTAL. They are then BORN into the Kingdom of God. They then come into their INHERITANCE of the Kingdom of God. And Jesus will THEN say, "COME, ye blessed of my Father—INHERIT the Kingdom PREPARED." Jesus Christ is then sitting on HIS THRONE—KING of the WORLD. When He comes ALL THE HOLY ANGELS come from heaven with Him. And the 7 last plagues are poured out AT His coming—actually IN THE VERY PRESENCE OF CHRIST AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS! Yes, HOW PLAIN!

The Great KEYS

So the 7th TRUMPET, then, like the 7th Seal, is divided into SEVEN parts—the 7 last plagues. The 7 last plagues are—they CONSTITUTE—the 7th Trumpet, just as the 7 Trumpets are, and constitute, the 7th SEAL. The 7 seals cover the WHOLE prophecy! This sequence and seven-fold arrangement of events is the one *great* KEY to the long-closed Book of Revelation.

The 7 last plagues COMPLETE the WRATH of God—they are the last 7th part of the seventh seal, and a PART of the 7th SEAL. They show the COMING OF CHRIST to bring this world PEACE—by forcing the nations to be governed by the government of GOD—and God governs by HIS LAWS!

Yes, CHRIST is THE WAY—and the ONLY way to peace, and to happiness, and to LIFE ETERNAL! There is NO OTHER WAY. The world has SPURNED that way. Now it shall be COMPELLED to find that way! God LOVES this world. God Almighty shall yet SAVE this world!

Now to CONCLUDE the KEYS to this marvelous Book of Revelation.

Chapter 12 is an inset chapter, injected into the main story-thread. Just as any writer will stop his narrative at a certain point, to go back and sketch a different scene involving different characters and events, bringing them up to, and connecting them with his story-thread at that juncture, so here John

pictures the TRUE CHURCH, from the time prior to Christ's birth (verse 4), thru His birth, resurrection and ascension (verse 5), and the 1260 years of persecution when the TRUE CHURCH was forced to flee completely beyond the bounds of organized government persecution. The TRUE CHURCH has always existed.

The church of chapter 17 is the great false church. Revelation 12 brings the story of the *true* church to the present, when the devil, knowing he has but a short time (verse 12), persecutes the true Church, pictured as a remnant or SMALL in number, and KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD (verse 17).

The 13th chapter is another inset, picturing the symbolic "beast" and the second two-horned "beast." Chapter 14 shows the three angel Messages, proclaiming the fall, or DOOM, of "Babylon" thru the seven last plagues; and the warning against the MARK OF THE BEAST, which those in "Babylon" are deceived into having.

Chapters 15, 16 describe THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES, which are the third woe or seventh Trumpet. These are God's judgments against this world's false system, "Babylon" (Rev. 18:4, 8:10).

Chapters 17 and 18 picture the revived Roman Empire and the great FALSE CHURCH, with her DAUGHTER CHURCHES (17:5) deceiving all nations (17:2, 15 and 18:3).

Israel is today IN BABYLON—deceived! We are God's people, Israel—IN BABYLON today, as Israel was in Egypt when God's plagues were on Egypt! And God calls us OUT (Rev. 18:4) and tells us to keep His commandments!

The 19th chapter shows the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, and the 20th the THOUSAND YEAR REIGN ON EARTH (Rev. 5:10)—21st and 22nd chapters the NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH thru eternity. Many of these details I shall go into in future articles.

Where Are We Today in Prophecy?

But now, FINALLY, do you realize WHERE we stand TODAY? We are in the cold-war semi-chaotic LULL between the 2nd and 3rd world wars. But ONE THING is prophesied for NOW! ONE of these prophesied events is taking place THIS INSTANT. In His great Olivet prophecy which was the very KEY to the symbols of Revelation, the disciples asked Jesus privately what would be the sign of His coming, and the END of this WORLD—*today's* world! But when Jesus told them of the many who would go forth preaching IN HIS NAME, proclaiming that Jesus is the CHRIST, yet deceiving the world as to

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Here is strikingly portrayed the horrible SUMMERING which human beings are bringing upon themselves. After the mighty supernatural SIGNS by which the divine intervention of God is announced—after multitudes from all nations REPENT of their rebellion against their Creator and receive special protection from the PLAGUES that follow, God will "plac[e] with all flesh" by the only means they will understand—physical punishment—devastating PLAGUES.

Here is pictured the fourth of the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES (Rev. 16:8-9). Heat from the sun will become so intense that people will venture out only at the risk of collapsing and literally being broiled alive! And because of the many great fires that will result from the sun's heat, there will be no safety in buildings. Isaiah 30:26 says that the light of the sun will increase seven-fold for a short period—unbearable heat! YOU will have ONLY

ONE WAY OF ESCAPE! Acknowledge your rebellion against God, turn to DO His will, and He will provide supernaturally "a shadow in the day-time from the heat" (Isa. 4:6). These horrible catastrophes of nature will prove once for all that God RULES the universe and intervenes in human affairs according to His purpose. Men must be taught that God is in control—that humanity must repent of its rebellion against the Creator!



Key to Revelation

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Christ's GOSPEL—that was not the END. The famine and the pestilence to come was not the SIGN of His coming and of the END of this world. The series of WORLD WARS was not the SIGN of His coming, and of the end. It is only in verse 14 of this prophecy that He gave it. I want you to notice the TREMENDOUS significance of this: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Mat. 24:14).

THERE IT IS! Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD—which is the GOOD NEWS of The WORLD TOMORROW! Soon men went out proclaiming CHRIST—they appropriated HIS NAME and the prestige of HIS NAME, in order to DECEIVE the world, and to HIDE from the world the MESSAGE that Christ brought. But, in this END time, when the END of this age is at hand, THIS SAME GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD—the GOVERNMENT of God—being born into the FAMILY of God—this SAME Gospel is NOW once again going to ALL THE WORLD! THAT prophecy is being fulfilled in "The WORLD TOMORROW" broadcast and in "The PLAIN TRUTH"!

SEVEN LAWS of Health

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Don't wreck your other efforts through carelessness. *Avoid bodily injury.*

Remember these seven basic health laws; *study* them in detail; and, most of all, *practice* them!

You must *put them to work* and LIVE by these laws! It will take some effort, but the reward of a strong, graceful, vigorously healthful body will more than repay your efforts.

Of course, if you have already *broken* these laws most of your life, you will not attain as great benefits as if you had started early. And in all honesty, we must realize one factor that *we* have nothing to do with—our heredity, and the fact that some of us have *inherited* certain weaknesses which may never be fully overcome.

But nearly any physical condition can be *greatly improved* if the right steps are taken.

So put your shoulder to the wheel! *Radiant health is worth working for.* And applying these *physical laws* is important *spiritual* training.

It is *God's* will.

You are commanded: "*Glorify God in your body.*"

WEATHER Changes Threaten Disaster for U. S. A.

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conomic reasons they do not practice them. Better farming methods are *immediately* unprofitable. The initial cost is often high. Many farmers are victims of circumstance—sometimes victims of their own poor judgment or faulty management.

Let's realize it—periodic droughts and floods are *here to stay*. They are going to become worse and worse until this nation is brought to its knees and DESTROYED!

There is only *one hope* that could change the outcome.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Learning better farming methods—applying sound principles of forest conservation—these and other practices need to be done, but *they will NOT solve the problem*. At most they can only forestall doom! Let's understand *why*.

First, the world situation is such that the average man must exploit his land in order to make a living. Taxes—both direct and hidden—are consuming one third of the entire earnings of the average American. No country can stand such a burden for long.

Second, even if we should practice better methods of conservation, *our neighbors will NOT do so*. We often have to suffer with them for their mistakes. That is why drought *will* strike even the best farm lands. This generation will literally REAP THE WHIRLWIND. There is *no* stopping it. Humanity will *not* change its course.

That leaves us only one solution. *What we need is protection*—DIVINE PROTECTION—in the times ahead.

God has *not* deserted the world. He *can* intervene in nature. God is not only the Creator, He is also the Controller and Preserver of the universe. HE CONTROLS THE WEATHER. And He can intervene *for you* if . . .

. . . if you *do* what He tells you. This is your only chance of deliverance.

God nowhere promises you won't have afflictions, *but He has promised to deliver you out of them*. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Eternal delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

Do you know *why* God is permitting these terrible afflictions to come upon our people? Turn to Amos 4:7-9: "And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain

upon one city"—floods—"and caused it not to rain upon another city"—droughts—"one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: YET HAVE YE NOT RETURNED UNTO ME, saith the Lord."

Drought, floods, famines *are the result of man's having turned from the ways of God*. Man is bringing these sufferings upon himself. We are about to reap one final catastrophe as a result of our DISOBEDIENCE.

The only way of deliverance is through REPENTANCE—sorrow for having done wrong, and a *determination* to do what is right from now on.

The Right Way

God created the world. He owns it. God, then, is the Landlord; we are the renters. Maybe we have not thought of it in that way before, but it is true. And what have we done with His property?

First, we have ruined it by overwork and exploitation. Wherever man has been he has finally turned a beautiful earth into a desolate wilderness or an arid desert. We have not learned to care for *God's property*. We have *taken from* the soil and *given little* to the soil in return. We have never allowed good farm land to rest—until it becomes too late to restore its fertility.

What fools we mortals be!

Second, we have not paid our *rent* to our Supreme Landlord. Yes, *you owe God rent*, whether you are a farmer, laborer, business man or housewife. You are using His *soil*, dwelling on His *land*, spending His *time* for your own livelihood. For permitting you the use of everything He created on this earth, He demands only a fraction of the amount which human landlords demand. God gives you 90% of what you acquire, and He asks only 10% in return. That 10% He calls a *tithe*. The word *tithe* means a *tenth*.

Our people have been *robbing* God of His rightful rent. Says the Creator: "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have *robbed* me, even this whole nation. Bring ye *all* the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and *prove me* now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Ma-

lachi 3:9-10). This is God's promise.

God promises to bless any nation that trusts Him and faithfully obeys Him. Our nations have NOT done that, and for that reason we face a national catastrophe before 1975!

God promises to bless the individual who pays the tithe. Don't think that God does not notice when you pay Him what is His. He is very conscious of it—especially because *so few are honest enough to pay it.*

A Two-fold Reward

Tithing brings a two-fold reward. God will not only return you added blessings during times of prosperity—which you would not otherwise have received—but *He also promises you DELIVERANCE during times of economic adversity*, as we have read in Psalm 34: 19.

You may encounter trouble, but God has *promised*—and He cannot lie—to deliver you out of *every* drought, flood, tornado or famine. There is no other way of *protection*. If you value your life, if you value the lives of your family, if you value your property, you had better turn to God, repent of your sins and begin to pay God from now on, the tithes you owe Him.

Your past mistakes God overlooks if you *repent*. He will not send you any bill for your past failure to pay His tithe. But He will expect you to be faithful from now on.

Only remember that if you do *not* square yourself with the Almighty Ruler of the universe, that He *will* collect from you all your past obligations *by casting you out of your very own home*. These are strong words, but they are true.

God Almighty has spoken through His servants the prophets that He will punish our people for their sins. He will let our own lust cause such droughts, floods, pestilences and famines that we will be totally consumed and carried away captive to other nations as slaves within 20 years.

These prophecies are being made plain in Mr. Armstrong's series of articles—"What's Prophesied to Happen to the United States and Great Britain?" None of the dozens of prophecies relating to these catastrophic occurrences, already commencing, have been understood because the ministers have been unwilling to admit our national identity—that the English-speaking people ARE THE "LOST" TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL. These amazing prophecies all refer to Israel!

Tithing is God's challenge! Are YOU going to practice what He commands you? It is your *only* protection from the coming disaster that faces our nation.

The True Gospel

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of the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is NOT man's gospel ABOUT the PERSON of Christ. It is CHRIST'S Gospel—the Gospel GOD SENT by Him, and therefore it is also called, in Scripture, the Gospel of God. We hear a great deal, today, of the gospel of MEN about the PERSON of Jesus Christ—confining the message solely to the things ABOUT Jesus—what he DID. As a result, *millions* believe on Christ, *who do not BELIEVE CHRIST!* But Jesus' *Gospel IS HIS MESSAGE!*

And yet it was not His, but His FATHER'S who sent Him, as He Himself said. In John 12:49-50, Jesus said: "I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which *sent me*, HE gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that HIS commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, *so I speak.*" Yes, the Father SENT Jesus bearing a Message, which is the Good News of THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Jesus is God's spokesman—the WORD that was made flesh and lived, and taught, on this earth! In John 14:24 Jesus said, "The word which ye hear is NOT MINE, *but the Father's which sent me.*"

And descriptive of the religion of the Old Testament, and the GOSPEL of the NEW, it is written in Luke 16:16: "The law and the prophets were UNTIL JOHN: *since* that time the KINGDOM OF GOD is preached."

What Is the Kingdom of God?

And yet there are some in *this* modern day of religious confusion who believe the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD is not for this age—this New Testament time of grace. They reject and therefore do not BELIEVE the true Gospel as Jesus commanded and thereby reject the very conditions of SALVATION, saying the Gospel of the KINGDOM is a gospel for some future age yet to come. But as the apostle Paul said to the Thessalonians, I would not have you to be IGNORANT of the very Gospel which alone can bring us eternal life!

There was a definite TIME for the beginning of the Gospel—*since* John. The law and the prophets were UNTIL John. *Since* John's special preparatory ministry, THE KINGDOM OF GOD is preached. There was a definite TIME for this true New Testament Gospel to begin. And after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, saying, "The TIME is fulfilled," and preaching the Gospel.

And so now, WHAT IS that Gospel?

The English word Gospel comes from the word Godspell, and means GOOD NEWS. Daily, we read the NEWS of world happenings—mostly BAD news! We live in a troubled, chaotic world. And the very BEST news you can hear in this day, or any other, is the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD.

But what *is* a KINGDOM? Primarily, it is a GOVERNMENT—a NATION and the GOVERNMENT which rules it. And especially in this biblical sense, there is the DUAL sense of the NATION, including all its subjects or citizens, and the GOVERNMENT by which it is ruled. Again—in BIBLE usage, a Kingdom is often a family from a single parent grown into a NATION.

Four things are necessary to constitute a KINGDOM. 1) The TERRITORY, with its specific location and definite boundary lines, of 2) a KING or Supreme Ruler or governing agent, ruling over 3) SUBJECTS or citizens *within* that territorial jurisdiction, with 4) LAWS and a form of GOVERNMENT. If we leave out any one of these vital requisites, we do not *have*, and cannot BELIEVE, the true GOSPEL for this time. We must know whether the Kingdom of God is here NOW, or coming later; whether its territory is THE EARTH, or up in heaven; whether it is a literal kingdom of human mortals, or a kingdom of immortals; whether it is literal or figurative, real or unreal. And on many of these things, a great many people are ALL MIXED UP!

But now what about the Gospel of GRACE—the Gospel of SALVATION?

Born Into the Kingdom

Notice, when Nicodemus came to Jesus secretly, as recorded in John the 3rd chapter, Jesus said to him: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the KINGDOM OF GOD." Jesus was proclaiming the KINGDOM OF GOD—explaining a most important phase of it. As Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth, I Corinthians 15, flesh and blood—that is, a mortal human—cannot enter IN to the Kingdom of God. It is NOT, then, a kingdom whose citizens are mortal flesh-and-blood humans. Jesus went on to show Nicodemus that we who are born of the flesh ARE flesh—just mortal flesh and blood. We were BORN that way—HUMAN—MORTAL. But it is possible for us to be BORN, AGAIN—this time, *not* as a mortal flesh-and-blood baby, but born of the SPIRIT. Now in the 4th chapter

of John we read that GOD is a SPIRIT. The Kingdom of God is composed of those BORN of GOD. And as I have explained previously, GOD is not a single person, but the Hebrew word for God—"ELOHIM" portrays God as a FAMILY of persons—a *single* family, or *kingdom*, but composed of MORE than one person.

We have the mineral *kingdom*—the plant *kingdom*—the animal *kingdom*. The Bible reveals an angel *kingdom*, created by God and composed of spirit, not matter. And then, high above all is the very CREATING Kingdom—the GOD kingdom, or, in other words, THE KINGDOM OF GOD! God is REPRODUCING HIMSELF! God created man in GOD'S IMAGE, so that man may become impregnated, BEGOTTEN, by the very Spirit of GOD, and then, by a resurrection, be BORN as an immortal SPIRIT-COMPOSED person in the KINGDOM OF GOD. The Apostle Paul made very plain to the Corinthians that while mortal flesh and blood cannot inherit, or enter into, the Kingdom of God, that thru the resurrection of those BEGOTTEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD during this mortal life, this MORTAL then *puts on* IMMORTALITY, and we, like the very God Himself, become IMMORTAL, INCORRUPTIBLE, actually, literally, BORN of God's Spirit INTO the very GOD FAMILY.

Conditions of Entering

Now, HOW may we enter into that glorious KINGDOM? Jesus came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and saying, "REPENT," and "BELIEVE THE GOSPEL." Just TWO things *we* do—REPENT, and BELIEVE. To BELIEVE means to believe the Gospel, and that means also believing on JESUS CHRIST, the KING of the Kingdom of God, and coming KING of kings over all the families of the earth. It means believing in Him as personal SAVIOUR, as

High Priest now, and as coming KING.

But to repent is to completely CHANGE THE MIND in respect to SIN, and sin is the transgression of the LAW—the law of GOD by which God RULES the Kingdom (I John 3:4). It means a total, complete CHANGE OF MIND AND OF LIFE. It means we REPENT of transgressing the rule, the will, the laws, of GOD. What did Jesus say to the young man who asked Him HOW to inherit eternal life? He said, "IF thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENT (Mat. 19:17), and went on to show that He referred to the TEN COMMANDMENTS, God's great SPIRITUAL LAW, summing up, in principle, the WHOLE duty of righteous living. It is a WAY OF LIFE, and a way *contrary* to human nature, and to the ways and customs of this world!—It is the basic spiritual law, and way of life, of the KINGDOM OF GOD—the WAY to peace of mind, to world peace, to happiness, prosperity and JOY—the WAY to eternal life.

Kingdom of God To Be Preached TODAY

Yes, JESUS proclaimed and taught the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. But did He command His ministers, in BUILDING HIS CHURCH, to preach this same Gospel? Quickly let us notice the Scriptures.

Luke 9:1-2: "Then called He His twelve disciples together . . . and He sent them TO PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

Luke 10:9: "After these things, the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whither He Himself should come, Therefore He said unto them . . . heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The

KINGDOM OF GOD is come nigh unto you."

In Jesus' prayer, so commonly called "The Lord's Prayer," He said, "THY KINGDOM COME"—then it wasn't here yet, and it isn't here yet, today—but He taught us to pray for it to COME—for His KINGDOM and that ALONE, shall bring PEACE, and HAPPINESS, to this sin-sick war-weary earth! "Thy Kingdom COME—THY WILL BE DONE *on earth*, as it is in heaven." The FATHER'S WILL.

What Gospel did the early evangelists preach, in first sending out the FAITH ONCE DELIVERED? How did the early Church carry out the commission?

Notice PHILIP preaching at Samaria! Acts 8:12. "But when they BELIEVED Philip, preaching the things concerning THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Philip preached the things concerning THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

PAUL! Acts 20:25, 21: "I have gone preaching THE KINGDOM OF GOD . . . testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and FAITH toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

And notice the Gospel Paul preached to GENTILES, *after* he had turned completely away from the Jews.

Acts 28:30-31: "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ."

And, lastly, WHAT GOSPEL did Jesus say should be preached TODAY?"

Matthew 24:14, speaking of the PRESENT: "And this GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in ALL THE WORLD for a witness"—for a WITNESS—"unto ALL NATIONS, and then shall *the* END come!"—the end of this AGE.

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