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DESTINY MAGAZINE is the official publication of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America, set up to explain the true function of the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples in the plan of God as modern Israel, with special references as to their history, true identity, and responsibility as revealed by the Bible and in the light of modern archaeological and ethnological research.

We of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America are plain Americans who have seen God's Hand in our History and for the most part we are churchmen who see God's Word in the Scriptures.

Names more often mislabel than describe the things to which they are affixed, and the name of this Federation is no exception. Anglo-Saxon is a noble name when it is clearly understood; it is also a very inclusive name. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man.

We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth.

We believe that in the Bible we have plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, the moral order of society and for the economic process based on justice and equity. In the Law we find the moral and economic order by which God intended to make obsolete the pagan order under which we live. In the History we see our forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity and correction. In the Prophets we have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and *foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action.* In the Gospel we have our Lord offering to set up again the Kingdom of God in its economic and moral and spiritual elements. In the Apostles and the Church we have all this held as a precious possibility at any time we are ready for it, but at present under the phase of interior religion without larger social manifestation — in brief, but one hemisphere of the given Truth. So that we may be said to stand for *the whole Law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ.*

OUR responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that we, as a people — *the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples,* as our Federation puts it — are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant and upon whom He laid His Law, "Which if a man do, he shall live."

That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people was called *Israel.* Selected, disciplined, and dispersed on their mission, they are as really existing and working now as they were in Bible times. In ignorance of their identity, they have been blindly fulfilling part of God's purpose, but the foretold time is come when they shall know who they are and what they came here to do. Our movement is but one sign of that awakening.

We know the divine *destiny* that Israel was commissioned to fulfill. We know that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We can trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles and then on to America. By what the Prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, and by the way-marks they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

WE still live in Bible times in the truest sense. The United States and Canada are peopled with branches of Israel, the Covenant People. And being who they are, and being where they are, their responsibility as human channels through which the purpose of God is to flow to the nations is very great. This Federation is a recognition of that responsibility.

So that we stand for the Bible, for Christian truth in all its parts, and for the place of the American people in the plan of God.

Israel was not chosen for its special work by reason of any superiority to other people; their promised greatness, which has now been fulfilled, was not given for their own aggrandizement but as necessary equipment for the world work they were to do. Everywhere the notes of Israel are civil and religious liberty. The Bohemians who stood for Huss, the Italians who saved Italy from Communism, the liberty-loving and God-fearing men of Holland and Belgium, the Brittany men of France, the Saxons of Germany, the Scandinavians and Britons and North Americans all belong to the Israel stream of destiny. Even in Russia are pockets of Israel—for, through Russia and Poland in days before Christ, dispersed Israel was slowly filing across Europe to "the appointed place." So that they are, as was foretold, a multitude in the earth, and their recognition of their identity and responsibility holds mighty possibilities for the future.

THIS American nation is a Covenant Commonwealth, included in the unalterable, unconditioned covenant which God made with Israel. But on its own behalf, also, our American nation in its national documents made its own covenant with God which it is dishonoring today. We are trying to recall our people to a sense of their present position.

This, in large and general terms, defines our position. We number amongst our members and adherents clergymen of every denomination and members of all the churches. We are anti-nothing but pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We have no doctrinal tests and seek to avoid controversies arising from differing doctrinal views. For the most part our membership holds the generally accepted elements of Christian truth. Taken as a whole the doctrines held within the Federation by its members would comprise the totality of present Christian belief. This we seek to complete with the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning people of God who continue today, as in Bible times—the same people with the same work —but now nearing a time of great change in the world for the fuller entry of the Rule of God amongst men.

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Germany and Russia

THE importance of having a knowledge of prophecy has never been more clearly demonstrated than in the rapidity with which Germany and Russia have become reconciled and are now allies. The crisis of September, 1938, climaxed with the Munich conference. At that time Russia and Germany were apparently bitter enemies. The situation was such that it seemed impossible for these two nations to become partners in world activities.

In spite of the seeming antagonism of these two governments they were destined to work together. This fact is definitely set forth by the prophets who depict an alliance between these two in our day and generation. This is so clearly stated in the Bible that we wrote an editorial in DESTINY for November, 1938, from which we now quote:

"The way is now open for new alignments. It may seem impossible to the reader but Russia and Germany are yet to be allies. There are more reasons for such a combination than that Germany and Italy should be in accord.

"Ezekiel declared that such a combination is yet to come into being. Russia and Prussia are yet to work together. How will it come about? We do not know, but that it is to take place, combining the resources of Russia with the Prussian ability to organize and furnish leadership, is clear from prophecy. Such a combination will certainly disturb the peace of the world . . . Whatever turn affairs take, the ultimate is such a combination of nations from the north quarters as is expressed by Ezekiel and verified by Joel.

"As the Day of the Lord approaches this new combination is to become a fact in the not now distant future."

Here months before the world was aware of the coming of such an alliance we published the certainty of its consummation. This was because we believed what the prophets saw when they described for our information this coming alliance. Russia has been true to the prophetic prediction and has played treacherously with Great Britain and France. The disturbing feature in it all is the fact that German military efficiency and Russian resources, plus the worldwide Communistic and Nazi organizations for disrupting services within enemy lands is a formidable factor that cannot be lightly set aside.

Know your Bible. Read the prophets, for here is recorded the activities of our day. The key to an understanding of these wonderful messages lies in the recognition of the identity of the modern nations and their ancestors who are the people of whom the prophets are speaking.

The present theological blindness to the reality that the Anglo-Saxon Celtic peoples are Israel has stopped the mouths of the majority of the ministers from proclaiming the whole truth. It has shut their eyes to the significance of world activities and closed their ears from hearing the rumblings of the coming storm that will break in its full fury against this people. Millions of Christians and Church members are bewildered today because the leaders have failed to know the facts and proclaim the truth. Truly, the blind are being led by the blind and are groping in darkness when they ought to be walking by the light of the noonday sun.

Neutrality

ANOTHER world war is in the process of development. Many are taking for granted that the United States will ultimately participate in this conflict and Congress is already in session, considering revision of the Neutrality Act. Certain business interests are planning to capitalize on the present conflict across the seas through the sale of needed war material. It is of little consequence to them whether or no it would involve us in the conflict so long as they can profit by selling arms and munitions.

Millions of American men and women want peace and desire that we remain out of conflict. If, however, it becomes necessary for us, at a later date, to enter the controversy, it should be clearly understood that there will be no profit for anyone in such a war. This would have a wholesome effect in deterring those who today are working to involve us in European affairs that they may profit thereby.

With the definite removal of the possibility of any profits whatever from the making and selling of munitions we would be able to give sane and honest consideration to our neutrality, revising or continuing such laws as would be for our benefit. Such consideration would rest upon merit, and not upon the ingenuity of a few profiteers to sway public opinion or influence legislative enactments to suit their end.

If the day comes that we must furnish munitions, let it be on more than a cash and carry basis. Let us sell at cost as our contribution towards bringing acts of aggression to an end. We think such a proposal enacted into law would dampen the ardor of many who now want the embargo lifted.

Justice

IT is unreasonable to charge that Germany is wholly in error and her opponents are all in the right. In a large measure the blame for the present situation and the responsibility for preparing the way for the rise of a Hitler with dictatorial powers was the refusal of both the British and French governments to undertake treaty revisions and of the United States to forgive debts (which since have become uncollectable) all of which would have helped a chastened German people. It is all well and good to berate Hitler, but there would have been no Hitler in Germany had not the spirit of revenge and the desire for the last pound of flesh dictated the policies of the governments who had gained a victory in 1918 over the leaders of the German Empire.

If at the close of the last World War the spirit of Christ had prevailed, welcoming the German Republic into the family of nations, there would have been no Hitler, Munich or incidents leading to another World War.

Now nations must fight again because of their past and present follies.

Our editorial published last month, *Who Wants War?* quoted from the written plan in which is set forth the method of provoking war by the neighbor of that country which dares oppose a certain powerful group. Great Britain and France gave Poland a blank note to be filled in at her discretion. Future historians may record that the date Poland received this blanket power was the turning point which made possible provocative moves through her by those who, for some time, have wanted war with Germany. At least Hitler has some truth in his contention that from that day and forward Poland did not want to settle the difficulties that had risen between them.

When Great Britain and France guaranteed to back Poland, if and when she went to war against Germany, a golden opportunity was at hand by which those who wanted war, at all cost, could, through border incidents or other moves, provoke Germany into aggression. Such would be but a matter of careful planning. Whether or not this was the case the future records of current developments will reveal. One thing is certain—there are rights and wrongs on both sides, and time only can do justice and give the true verdict.

Nevertheless we must face present facts. War is on and unless the spirit that *might makes right* is crushed, liberty will perish from the earth. The ultimate end will be a triumph for Great Britain, for being Israel, God will save His people. But think of the suffering and trouble that could have been spared the Anglo-Saxon Celtic nations, including the United States, if they only would obey His laws and observe and do all His Commandments!

Unanswered Prayer

CHRISTIAN people have been praying for peace. Right up to the moment of the issuing of the declaration that a state of war existed these prayers were being said. The Pope also prayed for peace, while hundreds of thousands of Catholics followed his example. All were without avail. Even the Oxford Movement, with its program of moral rearmament, has not been successful in preventing hostilities.

The question naturally arises that, if there be a God, why have all these prayers gone unanswered? Armies are on the march. Millions are in mortal combat. Cities are being destroyed and civilians killed. Why are the prayers of Christian men and women, of church leaders and even the Pope, of no avail? The failure to have answer to prayer ought to cause the leaders of the Church to pause and consider this question.

Prevailing prayer is impossible until men comply with the conditions set forth in Scripture for bringing answer to prayer. This fact was made clear to Joshua who had been praying all day. The Lord said to him, "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them." (Joshua 7:10-11). It was not until Israel removed the evil from their midst that their prayers were answered and victory came.

Isaiah said, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. (Isaiah 59:1-2).

What do we find in our midst? A people that desecrate His Holy Day, that are breaking all His laws and disbelieving His Word. The Bible has become a closed book, its instructions are not heeded nor is it any more considered infallible. Christians have almost totally neglected the prophets, while to many Jesus Christ is not in fact the Son of God—Emanuel, that is, God with us. Protestant churches, leaders and members, are fraternizing with the enemies of Christ and are supporting the damnable doctrines of modernism.

Organized Christianity has turned from the "Thus saith the Lord." Catholicism condones idolatry in its churches while many professed believers are following man's ways in place of adhering to the plans God has given for the guidance of His people. Because of all this the prayers of His people are of no avail in the day of their calamity. There is a way by which answer to prayer can be assured. The Psalmist gives the formula. "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalms 50:14-15).

Thus we must approach God in the spirit of thanksgiving and only those who are truly born again can thus come to Him. Vows must be kept, after which deliverance is assured in the day of trouble.

When therefore we are ready to accept in its entirety the "Thus saith the Lord" and turn from idolatry, following God's plans and not man's ways, keeping His Commandments, statutes and judgments — then, and then only, will come assurance that our prayers for peace will be answered.

Misinformation

HISTORIANS of the future will record that the present day dissemination of misinformation was one of the greatest contributing factors in the present world unrest. Governments, legislative committees, secret organizations, newspapers, magazines and the radio are busily reporting and publishing information so colored by definite propaganda, of one kind or another, that much of the truth is hidden from the people. By no means does this indicate that all such reports are necessarily untrue, for the publication of truth, in part or in whole, can be so worded that it will still misinform the hearer or reader. This has resulted in confusion and uncertainty, affecting all nations and peoples.

Lying has taken on a certain amount of respectability by the devotees of Naziism, Fascism and Communism designating it as "justifiable propaganda." Thus they are undertaking through mass deception to destroy liberty and peace and enslave people, even at the expense of revolution and war. We maintain there is no justification at all for men to resort to such practices. The truth should be told and the truth will set men free and dispel the uncertainty and confusion so prevalent today.

John declares that this evil propaganda is the spirit of devils, and it is. Is it possible for men to do evil that good may come? The utterances of those responsible for these methods of deception would indicate their answer is yes, for they declare the ultimate objective of such deception is

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MEN have experienced living under governments administered by men. Because they have become so accustomed to the results of maladministration as evidenced in poverty, economic distress and strife, it is almost impossible for them to visualize the blessings of a society where such troubles are nonexistent.

The spirit of war motivates men in their economic relationships. Capital and labor are arrayed one against another and such has become an accepted fact of business relations in our modern civilization. The possibility of establishing a perfect state has been lost sight of because of the inefficiency in government and the apparent inability of securing relief from bribery and political graft.

The achievements accruing to modern civilization, as the result of inventive genius, have made possible the abundant production of all the needs of life. Not only is this so, but also the way has been open to completely free men from the drudgery side of life which has caused him to toil by the sweat of his brow. However, the full emancipation from life's slavery will not come while there is selfishness and greed in the hearts of men. Because these conditions exist, the knowledge that should have unlocked the storehouse of the treasures of the earth for the enjoyment and pleasure of all men everywhere has been reserved for the few who have had the means for acquiring these blessings. Because economic independence is far from a reality multitudes are disqualified from enjoying the comforts that modern civilization is capable of providing for all.

Inevitable violence and crime and the shedding of blood has resulted from the withholding of these blessings from mankind. It cannot be otherwise, nor will these conditions change until we have administration of laws that are just and equitable to all.

Unjust systems of administration have resulted in unrest among men. Ambitious leaders have taken advantage of these conditions, deceiving men by promising relief if they will but follow their leadership. Here we have the underlying cause for the spread of Communism, Naziism and kindred movements. Unfortunately for the masses they are but contributing to the liquidation of one privileged group in order that a more aggressive and oppressive leadership may take over and direct their destiny. Relief from oppression, poverty and distress is not coming in this way. But there is a plan by which men everywhere will come into possession of all the privileges and blessings of life. This will be when the Kingdom laws are administered with the blessings of life equitably distributed to all men.

Though oppressed by economic troubles, disheartened and discouraged, there is real hope for there is a source of knowledge that sets forth when, where and how we are to obtain prosperity, peace and happiness. These blessings are coming when the present order, which is now in the process of disintegration, passes away. The coming new order will not be established by movements inaugurated by men, nor will it come into being through man-made programs, but it will be brought about by the establishment of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness upon earth, when Jesus Christ shall take over the throne of his Father David and reign over the House of Jacob forever, and of that Kingdom, it is said, there shall be no end.

IT is only natural that men should desire to know how the Kingdom will operate and what it will be like. For this reason the Bible depicts certain functions of the Kingdom from which can be deduced the blessings that will come to mankind when it is in full operation. The marvelous results of modern inventive activities are only a forecast of the forces that will be released to benefit men in the harnessing and utilization of the power stored in nature's laboratories.

It is unfortunate, but much of the knowledge today regarding the har-

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to free men from economic troubles and establish peace. Jeremiah has given the correct answer when he said, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jeremiah 13:23). Jesus said, "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles." (Matthew 7:16).

There is no question but freedom and peace promised by evil leaders will come to millions of their victims if they are successful in their plans, but it will be in the silence of the grave. Job has already described such a state of peace, "There the wicked cease from troubling: and there the weary be at rest. There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. The small and the great are there; and the servant is free from his master."

We want, however, to live in the land of the living where the voice of song and laughter may be heard. This must be a land where people will obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. This can never be the end of those who follow a program based on lying and deception. It will come only in a restoration of honesty among men, with the establishment of justice and equity for all in accordance with the Divine law.

Only the unthinking and foolish will be deceived by the insidious propaganda that in the planting of evil seed a harvest of good can be reaped. When this fact is fully recognized millions now following such leaders will repudiate them and their program and accept the God-given way to happiness and peace. An early understanding of these facts will save America from much sorrow in the decisions that must be made in the months ahead.

nessing of power has been used for the purpose of building machines of destruction. The New Order of the Ages, which is soon to be established, will have no need of death-dealing instruments of war, nor will nations ever again compete in armament races. The prophet Micah says of that day, "They shall beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:3). The release of men from the burden of strife, enabling them to use time and energy in the pursuit of constructive activities, will fufill Isaiah's description that, "The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly . . . and the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water." (Isaiah 35).

Not only is there to be healing for the land and the desolate places are to become inhabited but, "the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing." This will be in accordance with the statement of Moses that when the law of the Lord becomes the law of the land, "The Lord will take away from thee all sickness." (Deuteronomy 7:15).

Not only is there to be restored fertility to the land and continued health for the people but also sorrow, crying and death are to pass away. Isaiah says "The Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8). While John in Revelation expresses it thus, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Revelation 21:4).

Here we have set forth in short, terse utterances the picture of conditions beyond the wildest dream of a man-made Utopia. Yet there are but few men who ever read or contemplate what the prophets have had to say about the blessings of the Kingdom in operation. Isaiah, contemplating its marvels, exclaimed, "Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence . . . for since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O Lord, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him." (Isaiah 64:1-4).

Let us review a few of the statements made by the prophets as they visualized the Kingdom in operation. Isaiah says that in that day "Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." (Isaiah 60:3). John declares, "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it." (Revelation 21:24).

Isaiah describes the type of men who will administer the affairs of the Kingdom, "I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness." John declares they are the overcomers that will be occupying these exalted positions for they are those who are to live and reign with Christ a thousand years. Daniel says, "The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even for ever and ever." (Daniel 7:18). The time for this to take place, according to John, is when "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 corrupt the earth." (Revelation 11:18). That day is now at hand and righteous men will soon head the government, then inefficiency, bribery and graft will be a thing of the past.

Every prophet, without exception, who refers to the establishment of the kingdom, speaks of its perfection and rule. Isaiah says, "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders." This will be because, "Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified." (Isaiah 60:21).

It would require volumes to write a detailed comment on the things of the kingdom and to record the wonderful blessing the Bible reveals for men when they shall build, plant and reap and enjoy the labor of their hands. Equity and justice will mark all procedure in court. The judges will not pass judgment upon testimony alone, for they will not judge according to what they see or hear but will know the thoughts and intents of the hearts of those who stand before them. We have a fine illustration of such type of judgment recorded in the New Testament when Ananias and Sapphira, his wife, attempted to practice deception on the apostle Peter. (Acts 5:1-11). Peter knew their thoughts, so also will the judges in the coming new order know the thoughts of those who stand before them. It will be impossible to deceive the court in that day.

There is only one who is able to bring order out of the present chaos. It is none other than Jesus Christ. Isaiah said, "The government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6-7). The angel informed Mary that Jesus was to reign over the House of Jacob forever and both the angel and Isaiah declared it will be upon the throne of David, while Ezekiel shows that Israel and Judah are to be united in that day: "And they shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes and do them." (Ezekiel 37:24).

John, on the Isle of Patmos, was privileged to witness a preview of the events of the Christian dispensation at the close of which preview he saw the Triumphant Return as Jesus Christ fulfills Isaiah's cry that the heavens might rend so that the nations would tremble at His presence (Isaiah 64:1-2). "And I saw the heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war . . . and he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (Revelation 19:11-16). The apostle testifies that this revelation is from "Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of

the earth . . . and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father . . . Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him." (Revelation 1:5-7).

When that day comes and He shall take over this rule and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior then and then only will we have perfection in administration. This will be followed by such blessings to man, the like of which has never before been known or thought possible. When we contemplate the elimination of poverty, distress and sorrow, with perfect peace and happiness as the lot of His people, with war and strife forever removed from the earth, we can say with John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

PYRAMID PROPHECY: *Judgment and the Millennium*

II—PROPHECY IN COURSE OF FULFILLMENT

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THE essential connecting link between the prophecies of the Old Testament and the prophecies of the Apocalypse is provided by the Book of Zechariah. In the prophecies of Zechariah the second Temple is portrayed as a type of the Millennium, and the period of its building and the re-building of Jerusalem is therefore portrayed as a type of "the troublous times" preceding the dawn of the Millennial "Sabbath of rest." The Second Temple was founded in the autumn of the 2nd year of Darius I, 520 B.C., (Haggai I, 1 & 2), and since there is no dispute as to the date, there can be no dispute concerning the application to this date of the accepted prophetic period of 2520 solar years. The interval of 2520 solar years beginning in the autumn of 520 B.C. ends in the autumn of A.D. 2001. Is not the latter date, then, clearly established as the date of the beginning of the Millennium?

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THE period of 2520 solar years, moreover, is defined by the Great Pyramid's inch-year scale of chronology, both in relation to the Antechamber and the Subterranean Chamber, as extending from the Autumnal Equinox of 520 B.C. to the Autumnal Equinox of 2001 A.D. The Inch-year scale of chronology then defines the terminal date of its geometrical representation as 17th September 2001 A.D., which is the Hebrew new moon of *Tisri*, thus giving the date of the Hebrew Civil New Year beginning the Millennium. The same geometrical representation, further, defines the King's Chamber period as extending from 16th September, 1936 (again at the new moon of *Tisri*) to 20th August 1953. The symbolism of Divine Protection accorded to Israel-Britain during the period of Divine Assessment and Judgment ends at the latter date, and the submission of Israel-Britain, her restoration, and her being prepared to become the nucleus of the Theocentric State are all symbolised as being completed between the two dates.

I therefore propose to show that the whole of the King's Chamber period is defined as the time during which Israel-Britain is drawn into the plane of the Divine Centre as the Theocentric State (for it is only in that Chamber that the plane of the Divine Centre can be reached); that this is independently portrayed as *the period* of the symbolical "ascension" of the Two Witnesses into the spiritual condition of the Theocentric State; and that thereby a definitely dated connection is established for the further elucidation of the prophecies of the Book of Revelation. All this will be seen to imply that we are now witnessing, in the evolution of the current problems of Church and State, the literal fulfilment of the symbolical transformation revealed to John the Divine as the vision of the Ascension of the Two Witnesses. A similar ascension, that of the manchild, the early Church of the Spirit —at an earlier date,—is described in Rev. xii, 4 and 5, and refers to the withdrawal of that spiritual Body to become the Temple of God mentioned in Rev. xi, 1 and 2, as distinct from any church or temple of formal Christianity on the earth.

THE SHEKINAH AND THE TWO WITNESSES

NOW in the last example of my preceding chronological outline, I showed that the 50th Jubilee proclamation, from the date of the founding of the Second Temple, fell on 10th *Tisri*, 21st September, 1931, when Britain went off the Gold Standard. The significance of 1931 in this connection was pointed out in *The Great Pyramid: Its Divine Message* (July 1924). Plate LXVI showed that the prophetic period of 2520 solar years extended from the date of the Shekinah (or "the glory of the Lord") leaving Solomon's temple in the autumn of 590 B.C. to the autumn of A.D. 1931. The facts establishing the precise date are as follows:—

Zechariah i, 12, states that the 70 years' period of Divine Indignation ended in the 2nd year of Darius I Hystaspes, in the autumn of 520 B.C. The 70 years' period of Divine Indignation began when the Shekinah left Solomon's temple and ended when the Divine Command was given to build the Second Temple. This Divine Command was given, according to Haggai, I, 1 and 2, in the 2nd year of Darius I, on Day 1 Month VI. (Elul), which was 23rd August (Gregorian), 520 B.C. The period of Divine Indignation therefore began 70 years earlier at 23rd August (Gregorian) 590 B.C. The prophetic period of

2520 solar years beginning on the latter date ended on 23rd August, 1931, when the British Labour Government resigned as a consequence of the greatest international financial and economic collapsewhich the world has ever known. Need I recall that I gave the date and defined the circumstances in *The Morning Post* 17th and 18th July, 1930, thirteen months before the event transpired?

My interpretation had depended upon the fact that the 4th chapter of Zechariah represented Joshua, the high-priest, and Zerubbabel, the prince of Judah, as typifying the Two Witnesses of the 11th chapter of Revelation—Church and State in Israel-Britain. The symbolical 1260 days' period of Revelation xi, was therefore taken as representing the second half period of the Seven Times of 2520 solar years as a period of 1260 solar years of witnessing beginning at the mid-date of the Seven Times, 23rd August, (Gregorian), A.D. 671, in which year, a spiritual unity was attained in Church and State in England under Archbishop Theodore.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE TWO WITNESSES

IT was also shown, in 1930, that 1260 years of witnessing had, as in the case of the Seven Times, several stages of beginning and corresponding stages of ending. Thus, Theodore was sent on his journey to Britain on 30th May (Gregorian) A.D. 668. An interval of 1260 solar years from the latter date ends on 30th May, 1928, the date of the entrance doorway into the Great Pyramid's Second Low Passage of Economic Tribulation. Here it should be remembered that the Pyramid dates were published in 1921, nine years before the interpretation of *The Two Witnesses* prophecy and before the dates from Bede relating to Theodore were known and published.

Again, Theodore arrived at his Church at Canterbury on 30th May (Gregorian) A.D. 669, and an interval of 1260 solar years from the latter date ends on 30th May, 1929, which was the date of the vital General Election which brought the Labour Government into power, to resign on the appointed date 23rd August, 1931. The symbolical "testimony" of the Two Witnesses, according to my interpretation, was to end on the last-named date, and according to the prophecy (Rev. xi, 7), was to be followed by symbolical warfare (of unspecified duration) against the Two Witnesses, the "warfare" presumably ending their "testimony." Their symbolical "death" was to follow and "death" was to continue for 3½ days, symbolising 3½ solar years, after which the Two Witnesses were to be symbolically resurrected.

THEIR DEATH AND RESURRECTION

NOW in 1924, in *The Orbit of Messianic Civilization and our Lord's Life,* I had shown that the Great Pyramid's astronomical chronology defines the date of our Lord's birth and 286.1022 days after the preceding Winter Solstice, and the date of His Passion as 286.1022 days after the preceding Summer Solstice—286.1022 being the value of the Pyramid's Displacement Factor. In 1930, therefore, I applied the like interval of 286.1022 days forward from the date 23rd August 1931, and the like interval backwards from the date, 16th September, 1936, which is the date of the entrance into the King's Chamber period. The two Displacement intervals defined the dates 4th June, 1932 and 5th December, 1935, precisely 3½ solar years apart. The first displacement interval therefore satisfactorily defined the initial period of symbolical "warfare" ending in the "Two Witnesses" being symbolically "slain" and the second displacement interval satisfactorily defined the final period of recovery, i. e. "standing upon their feet," after "resurrection."

The date, 16th September, 1936, therefore appropriately marks the beginning of the symbolical "ascension" of the Two Witnesses, since at that date the King's Chamber period begins, and, as the geometrical and structural symbolism indicates, the plane of the Divine Centre can be reached for the first time within the actual masonry of the Pyramid. This symbolism is portrayed by the central vertical North to South chronological plane of the Passage system being uniformly displaced 286.1022 Pyramid inches to the East of the North to South vertical plane passing through the Centre (and Apex) of the Pyramid. Not until the King's Chamber is entered can the displacement distance be traversed and the plane of the centre reached. But since this applies throughout the entire chronological width of the King's Chamber from North to South, *the symbolism implies that the period of the symbolical "ascent" of the Two Witnesses is the complete King's Chamber period, extending from 16th September 1936 to 20th August, 1953.* The "ascension" of the Two Witnesses I had interpreted, in 1930, as Church and State in Israel-Britain being transformed into a Theocentric form of government. Here, for the present, I must suspend consideration of the *Two Witnesses* prophecy to deal with an essential part of the Great Pyramid symbolism which must be considered in relation.

THE SYMBOLISM OF THEOCENTRIC GOVERNMENT

NOW there are four successive stages of building described in the New Testament, as taking place *from the Head downwards.* These are respectively:—

(1) Jesus Christ as Head;
(2) His Church of the Spirit as His Body;
(3) The Theocentric State on earth (perfect Civil and Ecclesiastical Government); and
(4) All humanity.

In *The Date of the Crucifixion,* Chap. VIII, I have clearly shown that the Union of stages 2 and 3 under the Head is the Union symbolically referred to as "the Marriage of the Lamb."

In the Great Pyramid's symbolism (Plate 3) the same four successive stages are indicated, each with the same apex, as follows:—

(1) The Index Pyramid of the base square circuit 365.242 Pyr. inches;
(2) The Displacement Pyramid, the base sides of which are each 286.1022 Pyramid inches North, South, East and West from the centre.
(3) The Apex Pyramid of the base square circuit 3652.42 Pyr. inches; and
(4) The Completed Pyramid of the geometrically defined base square circuit 36524.2 Pyramid inches.

In the Pyramid's external geometrical lay-out, the completion of the full Apex Pyramid, to a base square circuit 3652.42 Pyramid inches, is

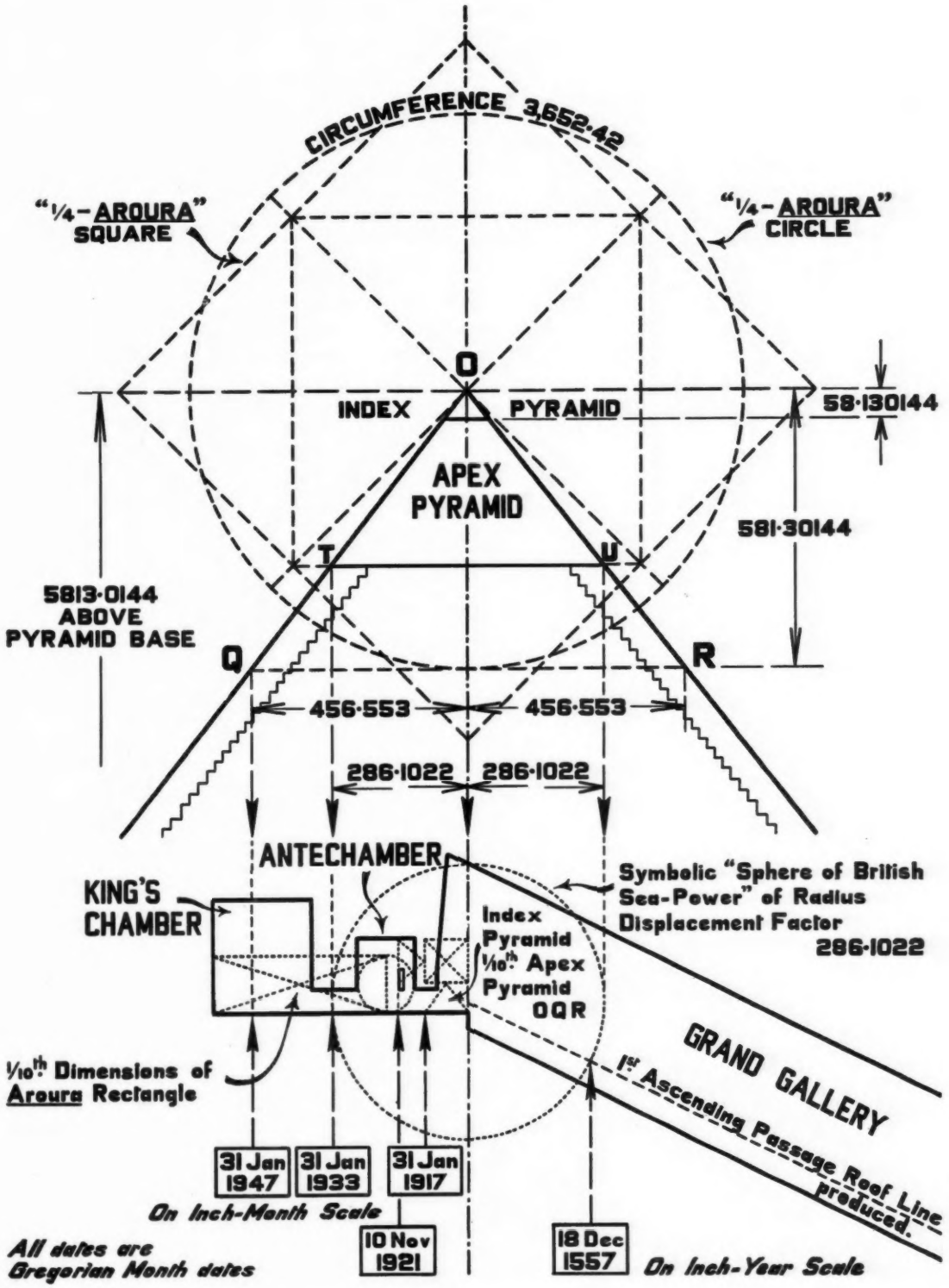


PLATE 3—Reproduced from *The Great Pyramid's Prophecy Concerning the British Empire and America.*

done by means of a mitring effect, which brings all the effects of displacement in the Great Pyramid's exterior into conformity with the Christ Index Pyramid. This mitring effect was therefore a necessary part of the layout, as was seen from the Pyramid's construction *before the Scriptural significance was seen in relation.* This effect was first illustrated in *The Great Pyramid: Its Divine Message* (July 1924, Plates XXIII, XXIV, and XXV. The best illustration is supplied by Plates 2 and 7 in *The Great Pyramid's Prophecy Concerning the British Empire and America.* (Sept. 1932).

The mitring takes place between the base of the Displacement Pyramid and the base of the Apex Pyramid of 3652.42 Pyramid inches in base square circuit, (that is between the bases of stages 2 and 3 from the apex downwards). Now the forming of a mitre between two structural parts is the symbolical equivalent of marrying, and the structural union therefore symbolises the Marriage of the Bride and the Lamb — the Union of the Christ, both Head and Body, Jesus and His Spiritual Church, with the earthly counterpart, a Theocentric Governmental Administration in Israel, to form one Governmental body to exercise righteous Dominion over the earth. This union was symbolized by "the Sacred Marriage" of the ancient Adamic ceremonies, but was grossly perverted in the ceremonies of later Syrian and Babylonian forms of worship. In ancient Syria, as I have pointed out in *The Hidden Truth in Myth and Ritual: And in the Common Culture Pattern of Ancient Metrology.* (Sept. 1934), page 5, the symbolical "Bride" was known as "Bret-ana," the "Covenant one," the Britannia of the Phoenicians of Tyre and Sidon, the symbolical mother of the fruits of the earth and the seas.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

THE whole dated symbolism of the Great Pyramid's Prophecy for the time of the end therefore relates to the passing of the present economic world order which governs and exploits trade and commerce in the fruits of the earth and the seas. This is parallelled by the prophecies of the Book of Revelation, as I have shown in Chap. III of *The Domination of Babylon.* The drying up of the stream of world trade and commerce is portrayed as taking place before the Theocentric State can be prepared for the Government of the Earth under our Lord and His spiritual Church. This "drying up" period is therefore symbolized in the Pyramid by the 2nd Low Passage of Economic Tribulation extending from 30th May 1928 to 16th September, 1936, at which date the King's Chamber period is entered. Here the coming from the symbolical East is portrayed by an implied movement from the east to the plane of the Divine Centre where stands the symbol of the Open Tomb of the resurrected King of Kings.

Meanwhile overhead, as geometrically defined by the Apex Pyramid constructions, everything is symbolized as being prepared in Heaven, under our Lord and His Church, for the coming Theocentric Government on the earth.* The dates of the successive stages of preparation are indicated, and are as shown on Plate 8 of *The Great Pyramid's Prophecy Concerning the British Empire and America.* The three successive dates are (1), January 31st, 1917; (2) January 31st, 1933; and (3) January 31st, 1947. The interval between the first date and the last date is the year of months, the cycle of 30 solar years, the cycle of Renewal of Kingship. The first date is defined by the initial position of the symbolical Index Pyramid, and is the date at which Germany announced to America her policy of unrestricted submarine warfare. From this date, in the Pyramid's prophecy, the Index Pyramid is symbolically portrayed as moving forward. The first 65 *days* of its movement brought America into the Great War on 6th April, 1917. (Plate 2 and 3) The Last 65 *years* of its movement traverses the King's Chamber period, and the subsequent period of Cleansing, from 16th Sept., 1936 to 17th Sept., 2001 A.D. In my articles in *The Covenant People,* 1921, I interpreted this movement as symbolizing the "Unseen Presence overcoming obstacles ahead of their datings."

*This preparation in Heaven was shown, in *The Great Pyramid: Its Divine Message* (July 1924), pp. 374-378, to have had its effect on the earth onwards from the time of the initial period of the Reformation in Europe.

THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW AGE

IN *The Great Pyramid's Prophecy Concerning the British Empire and America* (September, 1932), I stated that "The date, January 31st, 1933, is indicated by the Pyramid's prophecy as the date at which the germination of new life begins *unseen* in the Church and State organization of the British race. Mystically the indication relates to the 'conception' of the Theocratic State (or as I would now prefer 'the Theocentric State'), that is to form the nucleus of the Kingdom of God *on the earth.* The indication of date and symbolism is given by the Apex Pyramid designed to stand on the Displacement Platform where the builders left the Great Pyramid unfinished." (Plate 3).

"Precisely the same indication," I continued, "is given by *the mystic sign* of the Great Seal of the United States of America (reverse)—an 'Unfinished Pyramid' waiting to receive its 'headstone and chief corner stone,' the Scriptural symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Seal portrays the American *counterpart* of the mystical Pyramid Kingdom, or Stone Kingdom of Scripture, in A.D. 1776, and claims, by its scroll, that the date marks the commencement of a 'New Order in the Ages.' "

From its adoption in 1782, the design of the *reverse* or Pyramid side of the Great Seal was not officially used for 153 years, until it appeared on the paper dollar issued in 1935, significantly in the year of the symbolical resurrection of the Two Witnesses.

The date, 31st January, 1933, as the date of the *unseen* germination of new life in Church and State, appropriately occurs during the symbolical death of the Two Witnesses. This interpretation of prophecy, given three and a half years before the date, is confirmed by Professor Arnold J. Toynbee's interpretation of current history given a year and a half after the date. In his "Survey of International Affairs 1933" he dates the great change which he observes as taking place in Christendom, from the accession of Hitler to power on January 30th, 1933, the day preceding the Great Pyramid's dating.

THUS," says Professor Toynbee, "it was left for the National-Socialist Revolution of 30th January,

1933, in Germany to stir the Western World as a whole to its spiritual depths."

"At the time of writing in A.D. 1934, so short a time after this open battle had been joined, it was impossible to predict the outcome. It could only be said that the temporal as well as the spiritual prospects of the ancestral religion of the Western World were now decidedly better than they would have been if its adversary and would-be supplanter had been able to refrain, to the end, from resorting openly, in the spiritual contest, to those methods of barbarism which faithfully reflected its own inward spiritual essence."

"In the crisis of Western history, the role of Hitlerism was to raise the issue between the principles of Tribalism and the principles of Christianity in an extreme form in one Western country which had acquired the status of a Great Power on the cultural as well as the economic and political plane of Western life. Through this special combination of circumstances, the National-Socialist Revolution of 1933 in Germany produced an effect in the Western World which had not been produced either by the Russian Communist Revolution of 1917, or by the Italian Fascist Revolution of 1922, or by the Japanese Militarist Revolution of 1931. The German Revolution of 1933, unlike its post-war analogues in other countries, had the effect of raising the supreme issue of the age, not only in Germany itself, but also in all the other countries of the Western Society, whose peoples could not possibly remain unmoved by an upheaval of this magnitude in a country which lay so near as Germany to the heart of the Western World."

Therefore, in beginning his survey of "Disarmament and Security," Professor Toynbee states: "The National-Socialist Revolution in Germany, which followed the installation of Herr Hitler as Chancellor of the German Reich on the 30th January, 1933, was the outstanding and dominating political event of the year in the whole field of international affairs. It signified in Europe what had been signified in the Far East and the Pacific by the Japenese *coup* of the 18th-19th September, 1931. Taken together, these two outbreaks of violence brought the 'post-war' chapter of history to a close and opened a new chapter which was manifestly fraught with the most momentous issues for good or evil."*

(To be continued)

*Other quotations from Professor Toynbee, confirming my general interpetation of prophecy, are given in *The Date of the Crucifixion and Era of New Birth* (Edit May, 1934), pp. 36, 40-42, and 53-61.

War and Desolation

CURRENT world developments remind us of a statement in the Book of Daniel as the nations act in fulfillment of what the prophets so clearly saw in store for our generation—"*For that that is determined shall be done.*" There are predictions in Scripture over 2,500 years old, giving in detail these very moves now being made by the nations.

The astonishing part is the apparent blindness of the Christian world today to the significance of what is *about to take place.* The prophets have so clearly outlined present events that from the pages of the Bible comes a message which does everything short of verbally calling attention to the warning of the imminence of world-shaking activities. One is at a loss to understand Christian indifference to the message and ecclesiastical silence regarding these warnings in the face of present specific and detailed fulfillment of the utterances of the prophets who so many years ago told of this day.

The world is in a state of war and has been so from early historical times. Because war has been defined as armed conflict men have overlooked the fact that economic strife and enmity between nations is also war. From time to time the striving for commercial advantage or political domination breaks out in armed conflict, though such is but the outward manifestation of a contest that continues when armies cease to march. The present clash of arms is only a manifestation of a continued state of strife in a world dominated by selfishness and greed.

The war of 1914-18 was but the result of an accumulation of incidences, covering a number of years, which made that war inevitable. Lack of justice and oppression of minorities followed by violence and assassinations, plus the greed for economic or political advantage and control, were fundamental factors leading to the slaughter of 1914-18. We were told that it was a war to end war. Following the signing of the Armistice the very conditions that caused the untimely death of millions was again very much in evidence in economic moves and power politics.

Two types of civilization exist in the world today. One originated in the Euphratian valley and the other at Mount Sinai. The doctrine of the first is "Might makes right" while the principle actuating the second is a desire to establish justice and equity among peoples. Between these two opposing civilizations there can never be peace. In ancient times they were at war one with the other, and so they are at war today.

BABYLON, personifying the doctrine that might makes right, overcame and destroyed all opposition. With the rise of Babylon to power the Euphratian type of civilization became supreme. This ability to gain world domination was due to the failure of the Israel nation to live according to the principles enumerated in the law given at Mount Sinai. They, therefore, gave way before the might and power of aggressive nations. The doctrine of "Might makes right" was destined to continue under a Babylonian form of government from that day to our time for this was the seven-times, or 2520 years of Gentile activity. This period came to a close beginning

with 1914 A. D. for 1914 was just 2520 years after the rise of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, to power. By 1918 A. D. Continental Empires had passed away, bringing to an end the long seven-times period of Gentile domination. During the fateful years of the World War Jerusalem was captured by General Allenby. This was also just 2520 years after the King of Babylon had taken the city. Thus was fulfilled, in 1917, Jesus' statement, "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21:24.)

The rise of the Euphratian civilization antedates the beginning of the times of the Gentiles. The times of the Gentiles have now ended. We are therefore in the period of the disintegration of the Euphratian type of civilization following the end of the Gentile period. Dictators are now undertaking to impose their will upon peoples and nations. The two types of civilization are again meeting in mortal combat after 2520 years to decide which shall survive and rule. There is not room enough upon earth today for both to continue.

Due to the fact of the deadly nature of the conflict every weapon of aggression and method of destruction will be brought into play before the war has ended. Daniel has prophesied of the desolation that will result, though he also declares that final destruction awaits the desolator. Mr. J. Bernard Nicklin in his pamphlet, *The Abomination That Maketh Desolate,* calls attention to the significance of the meaning of the original Hebrew of Daniel 9:27. He refers to *Barnes' Commentary,* published in 1853, in which he shows this passage in Hebrew clearly depicts something with wings laying waste, or making desolate, by pouring down destruction upon people below. Barnes was puzzled as to what this *something with wings* pouring down desolation could mean.

Though this passage and its meaning were not understood a hundred years ago we today can understand its meaning for Daniel was given a vision of modern bombing planes as they poured out destruction by releasing bombs on the people below. Jesus referred to this passage of Daniel when He warned of the need of fleeing at the time this abomination spoken of by Daniel the prophet should make its appearance. Today the cities of Great Britain are heeding that warning, unconsciously it is true, but nevertheless they are fleeing as they evacuate the cities because of the fear of the destruction that is soon to rain down upon them from the skies.

LET us now turn to the description of coming events as seen by John the Apostle. The 16th chapter of Revelation records the events taking place under the Seven Vials. The Sixth Vial is poured out upon the river Euphrates. This was fulfilled in the events of the World War and in the drying up of the Turkish Empire. John then describes the activities of three unclean spirits, exemplified in the evil propaganda of 1918 to 1939, producing Communism, Naziism and Fascism with the result that the gathering of the Kings of the earth, and of the world, has become an accomplished fact. The purpose of that gathering was to prepare them for the battle of the Great Day of God Almighty. We are now witnessing the beginning of the first stages of the war which will not cease until the battle of that Great Day has been fought.

Now note: Following the propaganda period and the starting of armed conflict the seventh angel pours out his vial into the air. This is the very element where Daniel witnessed the things with wings flying and, as they flew, dropping desolation on the people below. At this writing the nations have not yet unleashed the potential possibilties for destruction from the air, yet they are poised, ready to strike soon with these death-dealing machines.

Before this phase of the campaign could take place Germany and Russia had to settle the Polish issue between them and acquire common frontier as they are to be partners in the coming acts of desolation. Now that we witness the formation of this alliance *very soon* we may expect the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of mass aeroplane bombardments, followed by fearful destructon as the Seventh Angel pours his vial into the air.

The result will be that Israel will face overwhelming disaster and must turn to God for deliverance. Joel clearly shows the result of that turning as he declares God will be compassionate and spare the people, moving to bring answer to their prayer.* Meantime the enemy, flushed with victories, will move their combined forces from the north quarters towards the south and east. Their ultimate objective is to bring about the disintegration of the British Empire and forever destroy the power of the Anglo-Saxon peoples. Ezekiel takes up the story in the 38th and 39th chapters as he outlines this coming campaign.

Israel's enemies make one tactical blunder for they failed to take into consideration Jehovah the King of Israel. Up to a certain point God allows them to be victorious over His people for there is sin in the midst of the camp. But, Israel repents of her sins and turns to God for help. Then He answers and no power on earth can prevail against a spiritually awakened Israel nation. The onward march of the victorious armies of Gog and Magog will find awaiting them the God of Israel who, in answer to the prayers of His stricken people, goes forth to meet the oncoming hordes in the battle that now becomes the Great Day of God Almighty.

John pictures the consternation of these armies and their leaders when, "The kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:15-17.

While these events are in the process of fulfillment armies are moving across northern Africa and up from Ethiopia, for all nations who are the enemies of Israel will be rushing to take a spoil and seize the territory of,

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as they think, a vanquished Israel. A suprise awaits them, for God has a controversey with all these nations.**

WHILE we have given here the physical side of the conflict, yet there is another side, fleeting glimpses of which are given to us in the account of these stirring events. John was closely watching the scenes before him, and, as he watched, he saw something that caused him to change the subject for a moment as the nations were completing the preparation for the present conflict. The statement he makes has to do with an event separate and apart from the turmoil he was watching. However, it evidently was associated with the time of the happening of activities he was watching.

The King James version of that statement is, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, etc." Ferrar Fenton translates, "'See! Happy the watcher, etc." While Moffatt renders it, "Lo, I am coming like a thief; blessed be he who keeps awake, etc." Moffatt's translation carries this footnote, "Verse 15 interrupts the sequence of thought." Because of this he reasons that this verse is misplaced. The fact is it is not misplaced but John did have the sequence of his thoughts interrupted. His attention was suddenly drawn away from the orderly sequence of events that he was witnessing and this was because of the imminence of an event timed to occur while the scenes on which his attention had been focused were in the process of transpiring.

We wonder how many of our readers realize the full force of what is here revealed? Certainly organized Christianity is wholly unaware of the nearness of the coming of the Lord. Not only is this fact recorded by his interruption of the sequel of events but John also declared when the nations were angry that the day of resurrection was at hand. At that time he said the Kingdom would be ushered in. The resurrection is *very closely* associated with the coming of the Lord. Daniel sets forth the same thought in connection with this time of trouble, for he states that many who sleep in the dust of the earth should awaken.

This is a phase of Scriptural teaching, which indicated event the prophets associate with current world developments and to which very little consideration is being given. An average Christian is afraid and disturbed when the possibility of the nearness of Christ's return is brought up for discussion. Many in the pulpit do not believe He is coming again and some church organizations have forbidden their leaders to mention the subject in their churches.

It is, therefore, refreshing to read of the warning of the nearness of that return in the midst of a detailed account predicting the physical world-wide disturbances that are now taking place. John's appraisal of the significance of these events in relation to the second coming is attested to by him in this reference to the coming as a thief. Surely, we ought to heed his admonition to "watch and be ready," for the very signs are now in evidence which brought forth the exclamation, "Lo, I am coming like a thief, blessed be he who keeps awake."

The outstanding characteristic of our present generation in its relationship to Truth as taught in Scripture is unbelief! A hundred years ago men believed the Lord was coming, but He tarried. As the day now draws very near men refuse to heed the signs and scoff at the possibility of the imminence of that Return.

—*H. B. R.*

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The Sword of Damocles

WE have listened to some of the "doctors" in the pulpit, as they have plumed themselves with diverse and delusive theories, which not only have no power to save, but literally damn the soul of the believer, in that they necessarily engender the most insidious forms of infidelity—in the meanwhile the *"time of the* END" has literally crept upon us unawares —"for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh," and behold the Judge standeth before the door!

The whole tenor of the Scriptures points towards a cataclysm at the very height of what the world will consider to be the noon of promise. It looks towards the very state of affairs which now surrounds us, and is in fact the ozone of the air we breathe. Born into a delusion, we are blind to reality, and, therefore, even as predicted, we are now overtaken in the midst of what we deemed to be the dawn of an eternal progress.

But the Prophets have not spoken in vain for the faithful have to the very limit of their light, paid heed unto their words, while the blind, though having eyes, have dwelt among these same scenes with such utter unconcern, that now they have no ground wherein to plant a single potential blade of wheat.

That the world is about to go into the most acute crisis of all history may be gathered by any mind capable of generalizing among the diverse testimonies that surround us. Nevertheless none but "the wise" can possibly perceive the import of this truth.

Take even that Epistle of James, which Luther called an "Epistle of Straw," but which a wiser man, wiser in the light of modern tendencies, can perceive to be a brick filled with straw, and therefore bonded with endurance, and let any man, concerned with the problems of the day, and convinced as to their outcome, which is clearly set forth by Paul in II Thessalonians (chapter two), read the fifth chapter of this straw epistle. He will see in it the same gospel, the same truth, the same inevitable catastrophy, and not until the human race shall have passed through it will he see the faintest promise of millenial prosperity.

—PROFESSOR TOTTEN

The "Great Divide" in Isaiah's Prophecies

PART II

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AFTER our study in recent issues of DESTINY of *The Great Divide in Isaiah's Prophecies,* and our discovery that here Isaiah made his first prophetic reference to our modern age of travel by railways, —illustrated by the reproduction of that remarkable picture from *Punch,* —we may naturally expect to make several quite unexpected discoveries in the next few chapters.

In the former article I advanced the very probable suggestion that Isaiah was thoroughly upset by the rapid increase of idolatry after the death of Hezekiah.

We must remember it was, at that time, only 20 years after the Ten Tribes of Northern Israel had been deported into their Assyrian captivity, and it was over 100 years before the Jews began their 70 years of captivity in Babylon.

Isaiah's mind was full of the sin and its recent terrible punishment. It colored the whole of his outlook, he became obsessed with it.

True to this suggestion, we find in these opening chapters of Isaiah's second section, passage after passage of scornful and ironic protest against idolatry. It is the background on which he wrote those divinely inspired predictions describing the long-distant future of Ten-Tribed Israel.

Difficult of Belief

The Higher Critics invite us to believe that these wonderful prophecies were written "incog" by this unknown one in Babylon, about 10 years before their 70 years of captivity had run out!

It really is difficult to believe that any man, capable of writing such Predictions, should have succeeded in remaining quite unknown to his contemporaries in Babylon, some 150 years after the first Isaiah died! This ever-present background of protests against idolatry is, all unconsciously, the required proof that it was the first (and only) Isaiah who was the writer of this second section of the prophecies which bear his name.

The late Dr. Goard wrote:—"The second part of the Isaiah literature is taken up with Celto-Saxon civilization. Here was located the newly-planted Kingdom of God in 'the isles of the sea,' at 'the uttermost parts of the earth.' "

Can we therefore train ourselves to read these later chapters as prophecies of what is to happen to the English-speaking Peoples as the present-day descendants of the Lost Tribes of Northern Israel?

If we can, it is certain we shall make many discoveries. Shall we begin with the phrase quoted by Dr. Goard, namely:—

"The Isles of the Sea"

"Oxonian" (the late Rev. W. M. H. Milner, M.D.) points out that this phrase occurs in Isaiah 11:11,—"the islands of the sea;" he also says that in verse 14 the words "toward the west" occur, and states that it is the same Hebrew word (*yam*) which is translated "sea" in verse 11, and "west" in verse 14. (A reference to Young's Analytical Concordance confirms this). He also remarks that to a Jew in Palestine, the sea always means West, and therefore one word did for both. It became a geographical expression, West meant the Sea, because the Sea was on the West of Palestine. He points out that "the islands of the sea" is an unnatural redundancy of words, there could not be "islands of the land," it was like saying "two twins," so it should be read—

"Islands of the West"

This ruling settles several cases of translation where this phrase occurs, and clears up the identification meaning of several predictions relating to Israel in the Isles.

I have purposely quoted this example from chapter 11 in the first section of Isaiah, we shall see its significance when it appears in his second section.

Israel's Deliverance (F.F.)

We can now continue our exposition of chapter 40, and we note that in verses 9 and 10 Isaiah chants an "Ode" to "Israel's Deliverance" which is entirely in harmony with the futurity of the opening verses of this chapter.

Last month it was pointed out how often the wording automatically dated the fulfilment as still future.

It has never yet been appropriate to chant this pean of praise in thanksgiving for any event in Jerusalem's history.

Verses 9 and 10 (F.F.)

To the Hill-top go up with a message
to Zion;
With News for Jerusalem lift up your
voice!
And raise without fear to the Cities
of Judah,—
"Look! Your God, Lord of Life, is in
power advancing,
His arm is directing, His confidence
with Him;
And His work lies in front!"

This reads like a description of His appearing at Armageddon for His final victory over the nations gathered against Jerusalem. It is the prelude to the days when "Her warfare is *finished.*"—see verse 2, (F.F.) and my notes last month.

What transcendent claims are made in the next fifteen verses (12 to 26, inclusive) for the creative power and wisdom of God, for His over-ruling control of nations and Kings, and for the impossibility of trying to envisage God.

At verse 27 He speaks directly to Lost Israel of the Ten Tribes. We know it is to them, because they think that their "way," their history, their

migrations across Europe, are unknown to Jehovah.

Jewish history is known to all, their "way" has never been hidden.

Verses 27:28 (F.F.)

Why does Israel complain?
Why do you murmur Jacob?
And why declare Israel
"My path the Lord hides,
My course is neglected of God?"

Have you then never known,
Or heard God Eternal,—
The Life, who made Earth's bounds,
Never faints or is weary
In His foreseeing plans?

Israel's Installation Anthem

Dr. Goard labels chapter 41 as "The Installation Anthem of Israel in the Islands," and "Oxonian" confirms this in this interesting comment on the opening words of the first verse.

Keep silence before me, O Islands,
Let the people renew their strength.

"A long wearisome journey ending in an Island home is here predicted. The 'way,' though not 'hid,' has been a rough one, and they will need rest before they can make a fresh start. From those Islands they are to start in all directions on their career of blessing to the world. If they came *here* (to the British Isles) that is exactly what has happened. The reference in the next verse to *the righteous man from the East* is to Israel's great forefather. A long historic epoch begins with Abraham's departure, under Divine compulsion, from his birthplace, and terminates in the advent and settlement of his offspring, centuries after, in the British Isles."

He continues:—"That God's servants are to glorify Him in the Islands, that they are to be *a great maritime people,* is once more emphatically declared in Isaiah 42:10 & 11:—

Sing unto the Lord a new song,
His praise from the end of the earth,
Ye that go down to the sea and its fulness,
The Isles and the inhabitants thereof,
Let them give glory unto the Lord,
And declare His praise in the Islands.

He adds:—"From this passage we learn that the particular islands intended are situated on the *edge* of the world."

Comparisons

It is interesting to compare the Septuagint version of this first verse with the A. V. and F. F. In my copy of the LXX, the Greek word *ARCHONS* is used, the dictionary meaning of which is "princes or rulers."

ISAIAH 41:1 (A.V.)

"Keep silence before me, O Islands; and let the people (marg.-peoples) renew their strength."

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Be still before Me Isles,
And Tribes renew your strength,
Approach, and state your case,
Unite to seek the right.

SEPTUAGINT

Dedicate yourselves to Me, O Islands, for the Archons (princes, rulers,) will gather new strength. Let them draw near and confer together, then let them announce judgment.

From these translations it is not difficult to locate the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel as being resident in the Isles of the West. This means that the Ten Tribes arrived in the British Isles and, after the Reformation, the expansion of Israel began with the Virginians and the Pilgrim Fathers going to America. Subsequently detaching themselves from the Homeland, they evolved into a "Great People."

This obvious fact of history identifies the U. S. A., in their present separated condition, as being Manasseh, the two halves of which Tribe in Palestine were re-united at the time of the Civil War of the Northern and Southern States (see DESTINY for October 1937).

The next few verses describe the distress of nations but at verse 8 the message comes direct to Israel. Not only to Israel in the Isles, but also to Israel at the ends of the earth, which phrase includes *all the expansions* of Israel, that is—of the English-speaking Peoples,—"the seed of Abraham my friend."

Verses 8, 9 and 10 (F.F.)

But you, My servant Israel,
And Jacob whom I chose,
From My Friend Abraham's race,
I help you from earth's bounds,
I chose and called to you,
And named you as my friend,
I chose, and not forsook.
Fear not;—you are my Race;
Dread not;—I am your God.

Reading this carefully, we see that there were other Peoples, descendants of Abraham, who were not chosen for Israel's destiny of service to the world in righteousness. To mention some, there were Arabs, Turks, and the children of Keturah who went eastward to India.

(To be continued)

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