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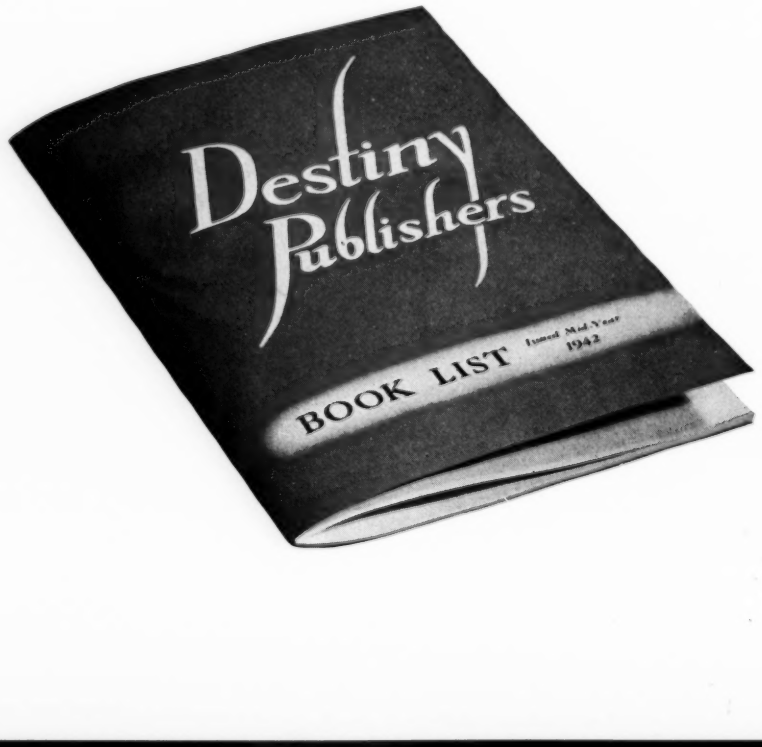
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FOREWORD

As YOU READ this publication your attention is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible — and include both the purpose and the outcome of this present chaos.

Containing information we must all sometime take into account, the Bible deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race. It is very probable that *you* are of the race of the Book, and if this is your first acquaintance with the national factors therein you may be startled to find it to be the most modern Book in the world, as well as the most valuable and vital of all books.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today, under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. It is published by Americans who have carefully studied God's Word in the Scriptures and have seen God's Hand in American and world history. 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 its truth as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man; and have accordingly formed a non-profit, nonsectarian organization to publish the truths concerning the information of its national message!

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened because our forefathers were the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant; thus we accept the Scripture which describes a race appointed by God as the vehicle of His purpose for all mankind. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, by the way they have fulfilled 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, what they have done and will yet do!

To many persons the true meaning of the name Israel is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. His choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; but there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed His own name upon them (Is-ra-el means "ruling with God") and commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible.

Like Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. But we emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and the plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, the moral order of society and the economic process of community and national well-being; and we find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King as soon as we are ready for it. All this, instead of mere personal religion without larger social manifestation — which is but one hemisphere of the whole of God's Truth!

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines the position of this publication, which is pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today, as in Bible times — the same people with the same work — but nearing the prophesied time for the full entry of the rule of God amongst men.

The Anglo-Saxon-Israel identity is now becoming increasingly known. It is of pressing importance, being the key-fact to an understanding of the Scriptural prophecies and the plan of God. Settle this — do so on a Scriptural basis — and a whole train of questions now confronting our nation and its citizens are answered.

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PROPHECY'S QUASI-EXPERTS

TIMES like these are heyday for the religious charlatan, especially if he have a strong imagination, a smattering of prophecy, a knack for publicity, and a sufficiently ignorant and credulous audience. For in a day of calamity, many self-styled prophets arise and people who are bewildered, distracted by events, fearful of the future, yet desiring to know that future, become the prey of publicity seekers who find the rôle of prophet both profitable and satisfying to their ego!

Where have all these experts come from in such a hurry, these who have suddenly sprung into action? They have seized upon such information as they have conveniently found at hand and are using it as a vehicle by which they secure a hearing for their own prognostications and occult errors.

Through many years of experience as students of Divine prophecy we have never, when a time of stress comes, failed to see false prophets arise to proclaim themselves as the experts. The remarkable fact is that they seem always to reach the ears of the multitudes, and the eyes of otherwise astute editors of the secular press, while those who have for years been consistently stating the facts go on unrecognized. But when the truth finally overtakes them, such subside and the deceived multitudes turn in disgust from all prophecy. Thus it is that the Satanic work of false prophets keeps the people from believing the truth.

Our present times are no exception. The Great Pyramid, for example, is being used by a multitude of false teachers for the above purpose and many are being deceived through the admixture of truth and error which is the only possible result from the all-too-hurried acquaintance with its message which the "opportunists" acquire in order to pose in their present rôle. There are experts on the teaching of this monument, but the public is not turning to their writing; rather, it becomes to the majority a mere "prophetic thriller" via the publicity hounds who see in this information an opportunity to reap a financial reward — which financial reward they are obviously more interested in than the truth. Sensational advertising of books proclaiming these authors as experts — these who have merely copied and in their copying have mutilated the work of the real experts — are now appearing, in order that they and their promoters might reap a quick and easy financial return: playing on a disturbed public for that purpose.

Digging into the past, others are bringing out utterances of Nostradamus, Tolstoy and also gathering information from occult sources because of the susceptibility of the public for such information today. And all this has resulted in a babel of voices more confusing than the confusion of Babel itself. It would be difficult to understand the attraction this material has for the people except for the fact that in their refusal to believe and accept the word of God, and the prophetic message of the Book, "God shall send them strong delusions, that they shall believe a lie."

There is one and only one true prophetic message. It is written in Scripture, and of the message and the men through whom we have received this information, Peter says, "We also have a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the day star arise in your heart: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Peter 1: 19–21.)

Even in the days of the prophets there were false prophets who sought to bring confusion and the great majority followed them. Of that type, who today are filling the rôle of false prophets, Peter gave prophetic description, citing them as teaching "Damnable heresies," for many of them even deny Christ and speak evil of the way of truth.

There is only *one Book* which records reliable and accurate prophecy. It is the Bible! And he who would today bring comfort to others must be a student of that Book and of its prophetic message for our day as this generation witnesses the consummation of the age.

Prophecy is a record of coming events, accurately foretold in all of their detail. Nowhere, apart from the Bible, can there be found pre-written history covering thousands of years and detailing the activities and trends of multitudes of people and many nations. To read that Book and glimpse the marvels of its pre-recorded history makes the utterances of Nostradamus and others seem in comparison as but the babblings of infants. Yet, just as in the Temple at Jerusalem men turned their backs to God and worshipped the sun, so today multitudes have turned from the truth of the living Word and are believing lies. The gods of this world have blinded their eyes as they seek counsel from "the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators." The Lord made fun of all this source of would-be wisdom when He said, "Only look! They are chaff which the fire burns up! From the hand of destruction they snatch not their lives!" (Isa. 47: 14, *F.F. Trans.*)

Biblical prophecy is a light to give guidance and its milestones mark the path we follow. The knowledge of its marvels will bring peace into the hearts of men, even in the midst of war; it gives hope in trouble and strengthens faith in the very midst of adversity. By its light we can see the dawn of a glorious and better day when the Son of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings.

Dark and troublous days are ahead, but he who knows the truth of the Story the Bible tells will possess courage and understanding, which will be as a lamp unto his feet — keeping him in the way as he journeys towards the light of the dawn of a better and glorious age. "What fools these mortals be" who turn from the Living Words of Truth and follow after false teachers and prophets who promulgate sensational and unsatisfying trash, mixed with just enough truth to catch the attention of the unthinking!

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

IMPORTANCE OF EGYPT

THE CAMPAIGN in northern Africa has been a swinging back and forth across the desert ever since the Italians opened war on Egypt in September of 1940.

Now prophecy has much to say as to what will happen to Egypt and as to the importance of events following the loss of Egypt. Because of the positiveness of the prophetic word regarding the Egyptians we have for years consistently declared the coming loss of Egypt.

Speaking of the final conflict, Daniel states that "The land of Egypt shall not escape." (Dan. 11: 42.) The prophet Ezekiel informs us that Egypt will be "a staff of reed" in the hand of the House of Israel. "When they take hold of thee by thy hand (the Anglo-Saxons are doing that very thing in trying to defend her today), thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee (expected support from her), thou breakest, and made all their loins to be at a stand (that is, gave them a hard jolt)." (Ez. 29: 6–7.)

Here is a dispatch from Egypt which was dated July 4, 1942: "The Egyptian people themselves are not regarded as any too friendly to the British. Like the people of India, the Egyptians are reported to be indifferent to the danger of Axis conquest in their impatience to be free of the control exercised over them by the British."

Because of the Egyptians' attitude and their failure to assist Israel (the Egyptians have not declared war upon the Axis), Ezekiel says, "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee. And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the Lord. . . . Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia." (Ez. 29: 8–10.) This judgment is to come upon Egypt before this conflict ends.

Isaiah, also, has some interesting things to say regarding the coming desolation of Egypt. Quoting from *Joel's Prophetic Message and Warning*,* first published in 1930, "God gives an account of a few of the events which will take place prior to their (the nations) arrival at the valley of decision. Isaiah clearly indicates this southern army will go into Egypt: 'and the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord: and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts.' This subjection will take place at a specified time when there is 'an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of Hosts in the land of Egypt.' Those who have studied the Pyramid, and who testify that it does witness to the truths of God, also believe this is the monument to which Isaiah referred. As a witness, this pillar points to the early closing of this age and the ushering in of the age to come. In the construction of its passages and chambers, such a conclusion is clearly foretold. Today, the Great Pyramid is a sign and a witness in the land of Egypt. This being true, Egypt is soon to be taken by the Army of the South in its onward march to the valley of decision.

"Isaiah further defines this period — a period in which the Lord shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and shall gather together the dispersed of Judah. Reunited they will stand against their enemies. At that time, he says, the Lord 'shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea (the Suez Canal), and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river (the Nile), and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.' These events will take place when the southern army marshals its forces against Israel and Judah. After the fierce king invades Egypt, Isaiah prophesies that the bed of the river Nile will be dried up and the river itself will be turned far away from its original channel. . . . Israel, God's Battle Axe, or Weapons of War, may be instrumental in bringing this about. In carrying on her defense against the southern army she will cut off the River Nile and prevent its waters from flowing into Egypt. Isaiah describes the disastrous effect it will have upon the prosperity of the Egyptians . . . forewarns that these troubles will descend upon Egypt because her rulers are deceitful; they lack wisdom, and they are misleading the people. Because the rulers can trace their descent to the mighty Pharaohs, the leaders are filled with conceit. Knowledge and wisdom, they say, belongs to them. But the Lord says, 'If they really be wise, Let them tell thee now (or let them teach the Egyptians) and let them know what the Lord of Hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.' The

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prophet represents the leaders as failing to prevent or avert the calamity and distress." (Pages 66–69.) [See also the nineteenth chapter of Isaiah.]

One other event confirms the chronological time period when this is to happen. This was published in DESTINY for September, 1937, and showed the importance of the New Egyptian Independence; because it was then, for the first time in centuries that a King had come to the Throne in the line of the Pharaohs.

Just as the taking of Jerusalem should have been a trumpet blast to Christendom of the coming of events leading to the Second Advent, so the coming to the throne in Egypt of a King should have indicated to students of prophecy the nearness of the final World Conflict and the coming fulfillment of the above prophecies regarding Egypt.

The importance of the taking of Egypt cannot be overstressed, for it is to be a sign unto us of great and momentous happenings of which the war is but an indication; and when the armies march into Egypt we will have passed one of the important mileposts of prophecy!

SCOFFERS TO BE CONFOUNDED

IN THE "London Letter" by cable to *The New Yorker* for June 27 came a statement regarding Rommel's African campaign. The seriousness of the situation was emphasized and then followed this comment, "About the only people who might find any sort of even backhanded satisfaction in the situation are the British-Israelites, the members of which peculiar cult have always insisted that astronomical readings made in the Great Pyramid show quite plainly that Britain will have to lose Egypt before she wins the war. Now that General Ritchie has been forced to the Egyptian border, maybe the British-Israelites feel good, but certainly the plain British don't."

It is immediately evident that the writer of that paragraph does not understand the position taken by those who know that the Anglo-Saxons are the descendants of the Northern Ten Tribe Kingdom of Israel. For their peculiarity consists in believing the Bible to be true in all its utterances; and it is the Bible and not the Great Pyramid that names the loss of Egypt! And certainly, informed British-Israelites are not elated over coming disasters — but they do believe what the prophets have declared will be the inevitable result of the course being pursued by humanity.

It is true that Egypt is to be lost to the British before the war is won and the fulfillment of this prediction will be but another milestone along the way, chronologically timing the events that are to follow. The prophets have pointed out that the loss of Egypt would be a sign marking the beginning of significant developments, but instead of studying the meaning of that sign when fulfillment approaches and thus seeing the accuracy of the prophecy (and not alone of this prophecy — but as its fulfillment contributes to the accuracy of the entire prophetic message), the above writer has resorted to ridicule!

When the message of Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel and others of the prophets continues to have accurate chronological fulfillment, some of these writers — who consider themselves so wise — should do a little serious thinking. And it's about time they did, for a day is soon coming when the fulfillment of greater, more momentous events than those embraced in the scope of military operations will bring consternation to those who now refuse to heed these warnings.

No, earnest students of the Bible are not elated when predicted disasters come. To them, when fulfilled prophecy is turned into contemporary history (in detail and precisely on time) it but furnishes evidence of the truth and accuracy of the God-given messages of the prophets, who foresaw the inevitable results of human passions and failures. Not least among these failures is the very unbelief expressed by the writer of the above quip, even as fulfillment looms before us!

DESTROYING MORALE

THE SUREST way to destroy the morale of a people is to cause the masses to lose confidence in their leaders. It would do a few men in office good, men who are issuing edicts one day, only to contradict themselves the next, or who are circulating reports that fact-finding proves to be untrue, to spend some time incognito among the people. They would find that suspicion and indifference is rapidly becoming rampant because of mistrust through the failure to deal frankly and honestly with the people.

Without exception, ninety-nine and nine-tenths per cent of our citizens are loyal Americans who are willing to sacrifice all to win the war; but the majority highly resent being treated by officials as though they were children. Because there seems to be no immediate reaction to what is being done it is foolish for officials to assume the people are unaware of what is taking place. This is not so if the remarks of the men on the street mean anything.

A psychologist recently stated that the government should take from the people gas and rubber and in thus frustrating their desires increase a determination to fight Hitler. He would be right if the frustration was definitely a result of acts on the part of Hitler, but when our own leaders unnecessarily harass our people it will be these leaders upon whom the people will vent their anger. The masses may not be vocal but they are quick to sense who is responsible for their troubles and today question all propaganda: even those statements going out as news reports issued by the government. The advice of the above psychologist may be true when applied to a people who cannot read or analyze conditions, but no one can mix with the multitudes today and listen to the comments on gasoline, rubber, sugar, and other phases of rationing as well as the general plans for regimentation of this nation without a realization that the American people are not dumb as to many things, nor are they ignorant as to the artificial causes that lie back of much that they are being at present forced to accept.

The Secretary of the Interior warns: "More rubber for the scrap pile or less gasoline." Gasoline is a domestic production while rubber was formerly imported. The newspapers are publishing information to the effect that while filling stations in the rationing districts periodically lack gasoline, yet the storage tanks in those same areas are overflowing, with barges tied up at docks and tank cars on sidings unable to unload for lack of storage space.

While an acute rubber shortage came as the result of the Pacific war, yet months have passed and we seem to be no nearer relieving the situation than at the start. We hear the question often asked on the street, "Are there those who intend and are planning that there shall be a continued shortage? If not, why have no substitutes been forthcoming?" This is the result of reports regarding thiokol, an elastic plastic made by the Dow Chemical Co., and the possibilities of synthetic rubber from alcohol that would go a long way toward supplying our needs but with no apparent indication of coöperation to make these rubber substitutes become a reality. All this leaves the people cold to official pressure.

Sugar warehouses are clogged with stock while the government undertakes to curtail production, yet we are told there is a shortage of sugar. The Louisiana Legislature sent an appeal to the President to help move the sugar in their state in order to make room for the new crop. This year they expect a bumper crop and unless room is made for it the result will be the loss of thousands of tons of sugar cane now standing in the fields and of large quantities of sugar.

People are not blind, for they can read, and the remarks being made are far from complementary to officialdom. Not only are men questioning the need of sugar rationing but they are rapidly losing confidence in a leadership that declares there is such a need while the above conditions exist.

Our psychologist was right when he said that a frustrated people would become determined to move against those who are the cause of that frustration. He is wrong, however, in thinking that such frustration can be planned by some and another be blamed. If what men are saying is anything by which to go, then the blame is being placed upon those who are responsible for a planned economy with its inevitable bureaucracy.

There are no lengths to which our people will not go to win the war, but artificial and planned scarcities and needless rationing is doing everything else but strengthen the morale of the people. Americans can be led, but not driven, and though it was said some time ago by officialdom that they were going to get tough with the people — let them remember that the people have a way, when aroused, of getting tough with officials at the ballot box.

Suspicion and murmuring could soon be allayed if there would come an honest and frank presentation of the situation with the taking of the American public into the confidence of its leaders. Restore to the people their rights and privileges where such will not interfere with the successful prosecution of the war and then the people will coöperate one hundred per cent in the needed restrictions and sacrifices. To use the war as an excuse for further regimentation will only increase the indifference of men. Frankness is the only way to win the confidence and support of this nation in a program necessary to winning the war.

CAN SUCH SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY?

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT states, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work." And Isaiah, the prophet, declares that day is not to be used for pleasure (Isa. 58: 13–14) if we would be blessed of God.

A recent newspaper story tells of a baseball star completing a Sunday afternoon game and then being rushed to a church in time to speak on the Sunday evening program. The pastor's subject was the relation of sports to religion. Accompanying the ball player of course was the baseball club's inevitable publicity man. A few weeks previous the same church had in its Sunday evening pulpit as a speaker, a Marathon runner who had run in a race that afternoon. Here is a church, and its pastor, countenancing the violation of the Sabbath law by inviting those who are doing it into his pulpit to attract the crowds.

Such have fallen far below the high calling of Christ and are using stunts to attract the unthinking, instead of preaching a vital message so needed today. What of the signs of the times? What of the prophetic warning regarding these days? We live in serious times, but from the attitude of those who follow the above course the nearness of the coming of the Lord cannot be believed, nor is it being preached, else they would not have to resort to the above methods to attract people.

Giving aid and comfort to those who violate the Lord's day makes one a partaker of that violation. How, then, can the Church hope to speak with authority against such evils?

INVESTIGATION NEEDED

IN THIS day when certain groups have undertaken to bring pressure upon governmental organizations to compel, if possible, the investigation of those with whom they are not in accord, using the emergency of war to accomplish what would be impossible of attainment in times of peace, even members of the United States Senate have not been free from their insidious attacks.

A Senator is maligned in a smearing campaign which would seem to be a part of a plan to discredit public officials whose past stand on isolationism has not met with the approval of those responsible for these attacks. The Federal Bureau of Investigation exonerated the Senator but has withheld from the public full information regarding the names of those who thus tried to smear him.

Significant also is the following statement made at a banquet and applauded lustily by a Supreme Court Justice and the personnel of the official propaganda agencies present, "The American Senate must be taught the facts of life. . . . The important thing is to put an end (the criticism of the administration) by whatever means may be necessary. Be as ruthless as the enemy. Get him on his income tax or the Mann Act — hang him, shoot him, lock him up in a concentration camp." This statement was made — not in a totalitarian state, but in the United States of America.

We are extremely sorry that this Senator from Massachusetts had to be the subject of a dastardly attack from those who stab in the dark, using a method of smearing which leaves one almost helpless to defend himself. Fortunately for the Senator, he had friends who came to his assistance and were willing to publicly champion his cause and with the assistance of the F.B.I. were able to definitely prove him innocent of any of the charges.

The nature of the entire matter should call for a thorough investigation and those responsible should be brought to justice and their names made public. If this is done the mental suffering of the Senator while under this cloud of false accusation will not have been in vain.

In March, 1941, we wrote on *Smearing Campaigns* and said, "For one reason or another Americans, in most part, have remained silent altogether too long in the face of subversive attacks through subsidized newspapers and magazines. These publications have freely attacked the acts and maligned the character of real Americans."

Some of those who occupy positions far below the public office of Senator have had to suffer in silence, but now that this smearing method has been used against a prominent Senator, we trust an investigation will reveal those who are responsible. In the above article in March of 1941 it was asked, "How long must we wait before the Anglo-Saxons will be aroused to the fact that there are those who pose as ultra-Americans merely to cloak their activities in a show of patriotism as they move to destroy internal unity by confusing the public with innuendoes and falsehood?"

That question is still unanswered and if this attack upon the character of a member of the Senate is not of sufficient importance to remove the covering that hides the hand of those forces of evil by a thorough public investigation, then

America must yet drink deeply of internal trouble and misery as the result of the acts of those who expressed their sentiment, as reported in the *Washington Times Herald*, "Get him on his income tax or the Mann Act — hang him, shoot him, lock him up in a concentration camp."

PROGRESSIVE INFLATION

FEAR of sudden inflation is causing our Government to take steps to control wages and prices and yet history reveals a gradual inflationary process has been in evidence for many years. A survey of the last fifty years will give ample proof that this is so. During that time all commodity prices have advanced fifty-five per cent. This includes an average taken of the difference in prices on food, fuel, building material and household furniture as well as metals and chemicals in relation to the average on all this today. Averages, however, never tell the true story. As an illustration of the truth of this statement let us assume that we are arriving at an average cost of planting and harvesting wheat. Say ten per cent of the wheat planters use modern methods and machinery while ninety per cent follow the old custom of plowing, planting and harvesting. Because of the low cost per bushel for the ten per cent and the high cost per bushel for the ninety per cent the average cost price would be ruinous for the multitudes of small farmers while it would mean real prosperity for the few.

Averages can be as misleading and untrue to the facts as though one were but guessing. In the cost of living, while the average rise in all commodities has shown a fifty-five per cent increase in the last fifty years yet actually the cost of living for the majorities has increased much more and it has been disastrous to those who have been on the losing end of the economic set-up. This is evidenced in business failures, bankruptcy proceedings and the multitudes in every generation who end their lives on the poor farm, or as subjects of public charity.

Wages have, of course, during this same period, also increased; thus over a period of time there has been an increase in both wages and prices, but because time makes its own adjustments such inflation has not been feared. If this inflation had been compressed into a few months instead of years it would not only have affected the aged and the unfortunate but everyone, both young and old, rich and poor, and this is what is feared today.

Due to the fact that gradual inflation has been in operation for years, the savings of each preceding generation are confiscated by the succeeding generation as the cost of living increases for those whose savings were acquired under a previous lower wage scale. With the approach of old age many have found it impossible to meet the financial requirements under these changing conditions. What would have been a fortune to a man fifty years ago would purchase today less than half of what he could buy with the same funds then. We are apt to think of the evils of inflation as something new and particularly associated with the present war effort. This is far from true.

There is at the moment, and due to war conditions, a rapid acceleration towards uncontrolled inflation; and the result will be ruinous to the entire activities of this present generation unless it can be cushioned by time.

The entire prosperity of the Babylonian system is based upon ever-increasing prices and wages which, due in the past to the time involved for its operation, only succeeded in causing economic casualties instead of destroying the system itself.

Along with the judgment of nations today, however, is the judgment upon the Babylonian economy which has been responsible for untold suffering, want and the untimely death of millions. Already we see evidence of disintegration, which will be accelerated by uncontrolled inflation or through planned economy aimed to control inflation; for the time has come for fulfillment of Revelation 18, as exemplified in verse 21: "Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down."

LITERALISM VS. SPIRITUALIZATION

SIR ISAAC NEWTON said, in a day of highly figurative and symbolic spiritualization of the Scriptures: "In all probability at the end of this dispensation God will raise up a body of men to give the Bible a literal interpretation."

If Sir Isaac Newton were alive today, he would welcome the absolute literal interpretation which is so necessary in the proclamation of the national information of the Book.

The wonder is that the Bible is accepted at all in this day of ecclesiastical spiritualization; for no truer statement regarding this modern mishandling of Scripture has been made than was expressed by a minister to a lecturer at the close of an address on the national scope of the message of the Bible. "You treat the Bible as literal," he said to the lecturer, "but we find it convenient to spiritualize that which we do not understand."

Now there is the spiritual which is spiritually discerned. This, however, in no wise changes the facts as recorded, for the Bible uses language to convey thoughts for the instruction of the reader.

Until men accept the Bible as written, recognizing that its words convey a meaning that is expressed in the words used, much of the Bible will remain closed to understanding.

God declares what He means and means what He says, the spiritualizers to the contrary notwithstanding. The historical facts and prophetic utterances of the Bible are to be accepted as true. When He speaks in parables, treat them as such; and when visions are used, remember they are visions — but when the language and contents convey unmistakable, direct information, then let us accept, believe and act upon it.

Because of the mishandling by the spiritualizers, millions have turned from any serious consideration of the Word of God. A literal interpretation of that Word is requisite to understanding the national phase of the Book.

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How to Win the War

By THE EDITOR

HOW THE WAR may be won is in the mind of every belligerent today. In seeking the answer to this question, important war councils are being held in every capital involved and at all military headquarters. It was to find the answer to this question which brought the Prime Minister of Great Britain to our shores and into conference with the President of the United States. Men and women in every walk of life are asking themselves the same question regardless of which side they may be on, for uppermost in the minds of men is *How To Win the War!*

As a nation today we are relying upon winning through our enormous capacity to produce armaments of all kinds: planes, guns, ammunition, ships and the hundred and one things — the lack of which would make a victory of arms impossible. But after we have produced all this essential war material and even though it be placed at the disposal of a well trained army, navy and air force yet in itself this will not be enough. It was Solomon who said, "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to all."

It is that element of chance that we want to remove, for regardless of our preparation or physical strength, Divine protection is necessary for victory. Altogether our people are placing too much reliance upon material things along with our leaders who are counting the eventual defeat of the enemy through our ability to produce the sinews of war. While all this preparation is necessary, and no war will be won without it, yet it must be remembered as the Psalmist has so clearly stated, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Ps. 127:1.)

A splendid example is furnished us of an army flushed with victory which had just taken and destroyed an ancient walled city under the competent leadership of Joshua. Following that victory Joshua sent the armies of Israel against a small city much less able to defend itself. But the armies were defeated. The account is recorded in the 7th chapter of Joshua. This chapter opens with the statement, "But the children of Israel were faithless, — faithless about the devoted property." (*F. F. Trans.*) One man only in the camp had taken of forbidden things and had hidden this stolen property in his tent.

Joshua had sent men, after the defeat of Jericho, to spy out the country around Ai. They returned and reported that two or three thousand men would be sufficient to take the city. Three thousand men were sent against Ai but the men of Ai came out and Israel was defeated. Joshua was dismayed and the elders of Israel with him, so they prayed before the Ark of the Covenant all that day.

At eventide the Lord appeared unto Joshua and disclosed the reason for the defeat. He said, "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies." Israel is informed through Joshua that they will not be able to stand before their enemies nor will the Lord be with them while there is sin in the camp.

While only thirty-six Israelites lost their lives in the battle before Ai as the army retreated from before that city, yet Joshua knew that God was not with them. If defeat and retreat before Israel's enemies is a sign that God is not with His people because there is sin in the camp, What of America today? The list of dead at Pearl Harbor alone should have disclosed this fact to us. The retreat southward in the Pacific, with its attaining loss of life, should have brought from our spiritual leaders a message declaring our national sins and pointing the way by which victory could be attained. For Great Britain: What of Dunkirk, of Greece, of Crete and now in northern Africa? If the sins of one man in the Israel encampment caused the loss of a battle and the retreat of the Armies of Israel, leaving upon the field of battle the dead and the dying, what must be the conditions within our own nation and that of Great Britain today?

Just as Achan, who trespassed, was personally responsible for the death of thirty-six Israelites before Ai; so today the failure of our people to comply with the spiritual conditions so necessary for assurance of victory makes them personally responsible for the death of fathers, sons and husbands who have died and will yet die as we continue to violate God's covenant, and because this is so He cannot bless our undertakings or be with us in war.

Let us turn to the record, for there God set before our forefathers two ways when Moses said, "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God . . . And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day." (Deut. 11: 26 and 28.)

Here we have a command given to the nation to whom God gives a choice between good and evil; good in fearing the Lord, walking in all His ways, keeping His commandments, statutes and judgments; evil in disobeying and refusing to conform with all His laws.

Later on Moses lists all the national blessings which would follow national obedience and the curses which would result from disobedience. Because they are so important to us today, and are addressed to the nation, let us note some of these blessings and curses.

Moses said, "If you attentively listen to the voice of your Ever-Living God, and take care to practice all the commandments that I command you today, then the Ever-Living, your God, will give you superiority over every nation on earth, and all these blessings shall come upon you, and surround you, because you listen to the voice of the Ever-Living God: You shall be blest in the city, And blest in the field; Blest in the fruit of your body, And blest in the fruit of your farm; And blest in the fruit of your cow, And blest in the cast of your cattle, And breeds of your sheep. Blest in your basket, And

blest in your cask. Blest in your going, And blest in your coming. Jehovah will make your opponents to stumble before you, — They shall advance by one path, And fly from you by seven! . . . The Ever-Living will open His best treasures from the skies for you to give rain to adorn your land, and to bless every work of your hand.

"Many nations shall borrow of you, — but you shall not borrow! — for the Lord will make you the Head, and not the Tail! and you shall continually rise higher and not be depressed, — whilst you attend to the commands of your Ever-Living God, which I command you today to preserve and practise. — Therefore turn not from any of the things that I have commanded you today, yesterday and before that, but walk after your Ever-Living God, and serve Him." (Deut. 28: 1–14, *F. F. Trans.*)

Following this account of the national blessings that would follow obedience to God's commands, Moses said, "But if you will not listen to the voice of your Ever-Living God, to continue to practise the whole of His Commandments and Institutions, as I instruct you today, then these curses will come upon you, and surround you:

"You shall be cursed in the city, And cursed in the field! Cursed in your basket, And cursed in your cask! Cursed in the fruit of your body, And fruit of your farms, The cast of your cattle, And breeds of your sheep! You shall be cursed in your going, And cursed in your coming!

"The Ever-Living will send you cursing, blundering, and blame in every attempt of your hand, till you waste and rapidly perish before the evils assailing you, and become desolate!" (Verses 15–20.)

Moses now enumerates a long list of troubles that would come upon the nation if they refused to observe, practice and keep the law. Among these curses he says, "The Lord will give you to defeat before your enemies! They shall meet you on a single road, — but you shall fly before them by seven roads; and be in terror of every government on earth!" (Verse 25.)

What are the facts? Today we are experiencing the curses pronounced for disobedience while the blessings for obedience are not in evidence among our people. Moses' statement that "All these curses shall come upon you, and pursue, and hunt you to destruction, because you have not listened to the voice of your Ever-Living God, to preserve His Commands and Institutions which He ordained for you, and which should have been a guide and instruction to you, and to your posterity forever."

A guide *forever* includes our generation and because we have given no heed to His commands the curses have come upon us. While we are violating *all* the administrative requirements of the Kingdom, as given to our forefathers at Mount Sinai, let us look at our national attitude towards one of these laws that the Christian population of our land at least should know, believe and keep. We refer to the Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Men may question the need of keeping this law, yet the spirituality of a people is clearly demonstrated by their attitude towards this law. A people who have turned the day of rest into a day of pleasure and profit are at heart far from spiritually right with God. When men are in tune with the spirit of God they will desire to observe and keep holy one day in seven.

Today, Sunday has become the great American holiday. Theaters are open, many stores do business as usual, planting and harvesting on this day has become a common occurrence and the government itself is using the Sabbath for the sale of stamps and war bonds, the collecting of scrap metal and rubber, launching of ships, victory parades; in fact, for every type of activity for which they do not want to use the working day.

When Nehemiah returned from Babylon to Jerusalem after the seventy year captivity he informs us, "At this time I saw in Judea treading of wine-presses on the Sabbath, and some who carried sheaves and loads upon asses; as well as wine, grapes, and figs and various loads which they brought to Jerusalem. The Tzurites also who resided there brought fish and various merchandise, and sold it on the Sabbath to the Children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. I consequently reproved the gentry of Judea, and demanded of them, "What vile thing is this that you are doing? and defiling the Day of Rest? Was not this what your fathers did, in consequence of which God brought all this suffering upon us, and upon this City? And would you renew the anger upon Israel, by profaning the Sabbath? (Neh. 13: 15–18, *F. F. Trans.*)

Nehemiah had a difficult task to compel obedience to the law even in his day when they knew the breaking of the law had been responsible for all their past troubles. That task is many times increased today because men do not believe that the violation of the law is responsible for our present difficulties.

We need the blessings that will follow obedience and certainly would welcome the fulfillment of the promise that the Lord may cause our enemies that have risen up against us to be smitten. As Moses declared, "They shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways," so that the promise may be fulfilled, "And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword." (Lev. 26: 7 and 8.) As we walk contra to His Covenant the reverse of this is now happening to us and we retreat before the advancing foe. Victory can only come in obedience to His commands and in keeping His institutions.

Not only is the above true but there rests tremendous responsibility upon our people today. As Achan was responsible for the death of thirty-six men of Israel because of his sin so today thousands of men are dying upon the field of battle because of unrighteousness within our nation and among a people who think more of their pleasure than of keeping the law.

Our churches should show us the way and our spiritual leaders should be preaching the message which would convict our nation of sin and the need of keeping holy His Sabbaths and reverencing His Name.

The call should go out to restore the law and observe and keep all His statutes and judgments. But instead of giving this message, many have turned the house of worship into a place of entertainment and the truth has fallen by the way.

What a pity that fathers, sons and husbands must die because our nation refuses to cleanse from out of our midst all evil so that the promise may be fulfilled when we go forth to war, "For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you." (Deut. 20:4.)

Had the Lord been with us there would have been no surprise attack at Pearl Harbor and, instead of our suffering defeat and destruction, Japan would have been crushed at that time. There would also have been no need of the southward retreat in the Pacific. Had Great Britain been right with

God there would have been no Dunkirk nor would she have found it necessary to have retreated in Greece or at Crete. Israel should have lost no territory anywhere for had she been right with God, God would have been with her and all her enemies would have fled before her.

Untold misery, suffering and defeats yet face our nation, nor will deliverance come from such disaster until we recognize that there is a God in heaven and that He only can prosper all our undertakings. This will be when we are willing and ready to walk in His Covenant and keep all His laws. Just how long must be the casualty list of dead and dying before our people are aroused to the need of cleansing our land of all evil? Must there first be the slaughter of thousands of our boys before there will come a willingness on the part of our nation to heed the call and compel us to arise to a national cleansing?

A terrible and heartbreaking responsibility rests upon every one of us. Until the land is cleansed of all evil, and we turn from our wicked ways, the statement made by God to Joshua will continue to be germane, "O Israel: Thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you." (Joshua 7: 13.)

Ezekiel, a watchman in Israel, proclaims unto the nation, "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel." This raises the question as to what are our sins and the evil way of which the Lord speaks? Primarily the Scriptures declare that the national sin of His people is the refusal to keep and administer all the law our forefathers received at Mount Sinai. This includes not only the laws contained in the ten commandments but the statutes and judgments as well.

God has declared that the day will come when He will yet be sanctified in us, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you."

How is this cleansing to be brought about? The answer is important and Ezekiel declared in his day though Israel decided to become as the heathen the Lord said, "That which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you. . . . And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant." (Ez. 20: 32–37.) Thus under pressure and through affliction will God compel His people to turn unto Him. Jeremiah confirms this when, speaking for the Lord, he says, "Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Jehovah." (Jeremiah 16:21.)

We are now passing under the rod with the pressure of His hand resting upon us. Victory will not come until, as the Lord has said, "I will yet be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them," that is, to "Take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." (Ez. 36: 26–27.)

When our nation awakens to the full realization of what God requires of them we will then seek to conform with all His laws and thus establish complete economic justice in our land. We will bring relief to the poor and suffering and those who are oppressed. We will adopt the Israel system of exchange and forbid the taking of interest. The Sabbath will be kept, which includes not only one day in seven but the seventh year of release when the land shall also rest. We will cease making laws and accept and administer the Laws of the Lord.

Great internal changes will also have to be effected if our land is to be cleansed of the evil that is offensive to God. Our nation licenses the sale of intoxicating liquors and in so doing partakes of the evils which follow and nationally we come under the condemnation of the prophet, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest the bottle to him, and makest him drunk." (Hab. 2: 15.) All this with its attaining corruption must go.

Houses of ill repute, licensed prostitution and brothels as well as obscene literature, the glorification of the baser passions of men upon the screen and in the theatre, these too must pass and be no more within our land.

No man can conceive of Jesus Christ subjecting his body (the Temple of the Holy Spirit) to the injurious effect of nicotine and other poisons which come from the smoking of tobacco. Of the Christian Paul said, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If a man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (I Cor. 3: 16 and 17.) All that which defileth this temple must go.

Injustice in our courts, with the extant bribery and false witnessing, must be destroyed and the men responsible for such corruption brought to justice as will be the case when our jurisprudence conforms with the requirements as set forth in the law of the Lord.

Only by thus setting our own house in order can we claim the protection of God from our enemies. God will not be with His people while there is sin in the camp. Only when we have cleansed our land of all these and many other evils and manifest a willingness to restore the administration of His laws: — only then will there come a confidence and assurance of victory over those who seek to destroy us.

The road to victory is a road of self-denial, nationally and individually, and there is no other way by which we can win in the conflict in which we are now engaged. The price of victory is great, but if we refuse to pay the price there will be exacted of us a toll in suffering and death unsurpassed in the annals of recorded history.

Let us close with the admonition of Moses to our forefathers and through them to us: "If thou shalt harken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply. . . . I have set before thee life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days." (Deut. 30: 10–20.)

Let us believe God and keep His laws, for this is the only way to win the war and to establish an enduring peace!

Victory *Before* Victory

By CLARENCE H. BOOTH

HAVING been actually at war only a little over six months, we are already hearing diverse opinions concerning the post-war world and conditions which will obtain in that period. Economists are making forecasts based on war experiences in days gone by; financiers are laying plans to safeguard the present monetary system; statesmen are telling how the world is to be policed to prevent future wars. Every humble citizen may already have in his possession, however, the only profound authoritative forecast concerning present and future world conditions. If the "Book of Books" is believed and studiously analyzed, it will furnish all the information required in these portentous days.

If a year ago, or even as of December 6, 1941, citizens with average intelligence had been told that any nation, or group of nations, could or would even contemplate challenging, with hope of success, the joint sovereign powers of the United States of America and the British Commonwealth of Nations in a manner similar to what took place at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and later at the Philippines, Singapore, Hongkong and other fortified places in the Far East, the informant would likely have been put down as a disloyal calamity-howler without brains or common sense — but, it did happen, and is now history.

Had any person prophesied on December 7, 1941, that within less than six months thereafter our great automotive industry, developed in the last four decades from a very modest beginning to a plant capacity of five million cars per year would be practically extinct and a subject for historical record; had he also prophesied that in that same period seventy-five per cent of all civilian wants, and many needs, of our 130 millions of people would be subordinated to making war equipment and munitions, he might have been taken to a psychiatrist for examination — but it has happened. This recital could go on indefinitely for, in the words of an oft-repeated expression in which there is more truth than fiction, "we have not seen anything yet."

These events and conditions have not come upon all with the same element or measure of shock and surprise. The prophets of Israel foresaw these things thousands of years ago and many, for years past, have recognized the present era or generation as fulfilling their vision. The climax — as to contending nations, localization of final conflict and chronological setting — is well defined.

But there is one aspect of the general situation which to date is as remote in the thinking of average men as "Pearl Harbor" was on December 6th! I refer to our economic life in all its varied aspects: affecting governmental practices, industrial and monetary systems, even many aspects of capitalism itself. It is customary to consider the many changes already here and others impending as only "for the duration" but this will, for the greater part, turn out to have been "wishful thinking". We are going on to a new and better day; progress is forward — not backward.

As an illustration of definite post-war planning and thoughts being disseminated among senators and congressmen, also industrialists and financiers generally, I recently received from its author, Mr. Clinton Davidson of New Jersey, a large brochure handsomely printed on heavy paper, titled *Can We Have Victory After Victory?* The author takes for granted that victory over our armed foes will eventuate in a victorious peace. The "After Victory," dealt with at considerable length and with many graphic illustrations, is to be accomplished through his plan to safeguard the continuity of our industrial structure and monetary system in the hands of present owners.

The author's idea in general is to have the government set aside a certain percentage of amounts received in excess profits on war contracts to be returned to those from whom it has been collected in the form of "Recovery Bonds" at the conclusion of war. It is estimated this might, at that time, amount to twenty billion dollars; depending, of course, upon how long war continues.

His plan is that with this amount available immediately after war work ceases, the change back to ordinary civilian activities may proceed without delay — unhampered at least through financial needs. With this accomplished, he visualizes post-war industry reaching greater heights than ever before and developing an era of prosperity, building up just as a "snowball" going over snow adds to itself so long as it rolls. This is what Mr. Davidson describes as the second or After Victory following victorious ending of armed warfare.

My purpose, in giving this outline of the post-war economic plan upon which its sponsor must have devoted much time and considerable expense, is not to criticize the plan itself as a means to accomplish its intended purpose, but rather to question at this time whether there is any person with sufficient wisdom to determine what the needs of a post-war world will be.

In my acknowledgment to the author I made the following comment: "The problem which will confront us is not "Recovery Bonds" or money, for these can be created with the greatest of ease any time desired as evidenced by the billions put into circulation in recent months. Neither is the problem one of producing for the needs of the people in post-war days, for present war production has shown this can be done in abundance beyond our wildest dreams. *The Problem is, How are we going to distribute the God-given abundance which is here, in an equitable and unselfish manner for the greatest benefit of all, thus removing the cause of war and strife.*"

A major difficulty is that *as a nation* we find it almost impossible to appraise the relative difference between material and spiritual values. It is my opinion we will not win victory of any kind until we first learn that it is "Righteousness exalteth a Nation" — not Recovery Bonds or billions of dollars. The Great Teacher said, "Seek My Kingdom and righteousness and all material things will be yours."

Mr. Davidson very graciously has expressed his opinion to me that the "Problem" as I have stated it is "undoubtedly right." This being granted, I ask the reader, what good end can be attained by trying to perpetuate a "System" which does not begin to meet the problem but will only make it worse?

Assuredly there are two wars going on, and therefore we must win two

victories *or lose both* for there can be no peace *until both are won!* All past world experiences prove that cessation of war through conquest or armed might alone does not produce peace. The four great freedoms which President Roosevelt says "we will defend at whatever cost in treasure and life" are worthy objectives but of themselves inadequate to bring peace or to stop spiritual and economic confusion or recurring wars. Freedom, liberty and peace are *by-products of righteousness*, impelled from within — not compelled by force from without. The will and determination to win victory over the problem herein stated is the *First Victory* to be won; we must and will win it!

The question often arises, "How can we get rid of selfishness?" The answer may be difficult to explain, but it is becoming more apparent daily that we must either eliminate selfishness and greed from our individual and national lives, or we ourselves will be eliminated and destroyed. This fact embodies the basic laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. God Almighty does not require all the death-dealing weapons of destruction we are piling up. He does, however, need men willing to obey His commandments and do His will in order that they may be instruments for carrying out His beneficent purposes on this old earth. My conviction is that the present total war, with all its horrors, will continue until this Spiritual Victory is won — which, therefore, will be Victory Before (Armed) Victory. The physical and material victory over our external foes will then surely follow.

Readers of DESTINY are familiar with the fact that many students of the prophets, who believe the Bible to be God's Word written, recognize the present national and international breakdown, evidenced by war without and distress within nations, as the climax of the ages — the time when *all nations* will be shaken and only those practices and things that cannot be shaken will survive! They see totalitarian despots and Fascist puppets as culminating products of age-long rebellion of their nations and leaders against God. They see the chosen Israel people of old, principally represented today by The United States of America and Great Britain, failing through unbelief and skepticism to fully appreciate their God-ordained mission and destiny as servant nations to all the rest of mankind. They see a mixture of unholy and unnatural alliances on both sides of the raging conflict, thereby increasing the confusion. They see the war continuing until the line of cleavage between the forces of evil and the forces of righteousness is definitely established, as prophetically foretold, *i.e.*, by the proper alignment of nations on the world's far flung battle fronts.

There is likely no greater need in the world today than that the leaders of Anglo-Saxondom realize the basic causes responsible for bringing upon all nations what has been well termed "Total War." Until our leaders in Church and State, also the people generally, have a clear and unified conception of this vital question, it will be futile to even think of war ending or peace being established to say nothing of speculating on post-war financial and industrial programs.

Nazi, Communist and Fascist Dictators are not alone responsible for Europe's troubles and world unrest. What is called Hitlerism will not necessarily cease in the event of Hitler's defeat or death. The appeasement policies of Mr. Chamberlain were not of themselves responsible for Britain declaring war on Germany. President Roosevelt's farsighted and almost prophetic vision of a seething world volcano, which America could not avoid, did not make him alone responsible for our nation's part in it.

This world volcano has been heating for centuries and milleniums through fires of personal greed exemplified in national selfishness and rebellion against the laws of nature and nature's God. It is now in a state of eruption which will continue until the fires are extinguished through a great spiritual awakening in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic World.

As to determining responsibility for the present world debacle, it must be borne in mind that beginnings of great movements in history either for good or otherwise were not necessarily the product of some outstanding leader alone or even a group who — to outward appearances — may have seemed wholly responsible, but rather they were a spontaneous outburst from conditions long smouldering. Among examples were Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Nebuchadnezzar, even Jesus Christ came as the result of conditions in motion at the world's beginning; Martin Luther and his contemporaries in the Reformation, the Pilgrim Fathers, Washington, Jefferson and The Declaration of Independence, Napoleon Bonaparte and the French Revolution; Watt, Edison, Ford and other nineteenth century inventors and discoverers; Lenin, Stalin and Hitler in the present generation.

If "Hitlerism" is used as a term to designate all the damnable forces of greed, hate and selfishness the world has accumulated throughout the ages, with modern totalitarian despots generally and Hitler specifically as the greatest exponent, then we may approximate placing responsibility for starting the conflict which can only find culmination at Armageddon. But in our consideration we must be mindful that to the extent these forces of greed and selfishness are present in the Anglo-Saxon nations, in that ratio or measure, partial responsibility for the terrible situation must be accepted. At the same time, the fact must not be lost sight of that Anglo-Saxondom stands as a bulwark for the forces of righteousness that have come through our Israel heritage and the gospel of Jesus Christ; the forces which must dominate and control all national and economic life within our own borders before the last engagement takes place and the battle flags are furled.

In the furnace of affliction through which we are now passing, we must be brought to realize that all the weapons of war and engines of destruction ever made or conceivable will never destroy selfishness and greed, therefore cannot bring peace to a distracted war-torn world. Through ever-increasing privations, sacrifices and rigors of wartime economy, we will come to realize that the tangible things we have always prized so highly are insecure and temporary, but that the higher ideals — the unseen spiritual values, though intangible — are enduring and life's greatest heritage. Thus *as a People* we will come to know from actual experience the truth and wisdom of that profound philosophy stated by Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior, "Whoever finds his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it."

Only conquest over their own selfish personal interests and recognition of dependence upon Divine Power will qualify the Israel Nations to assume their age-old God-given place as servants and exemplars to all mankind. Their first Great Leader told them of results which would (and did) come through obedience and dependence upon their only source of power. This was His message: "And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. . . . The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one

way and flee before thee seven ways." Philosophizing later, He said: "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end! How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had delivered them up?" As a record of actual war experience, Joshua, the great general, in an inspirational talk to his army remarked as follows: "Cleave unto the Lord your God as ye have done unto this day, for the Lord hath driven out from before you great nations and strong, but as for you no man has been able to stand before you unto this day, for the Lord your God, is he that fighteth for you, as he hath promised." These words are as applicable to modern Israel as they were to our forefathers three thousand and more years ago. As this war progresses, we will learn — through disappointments and disasters — that God's laws are still in operation for nations as well as for individuals. We will also come to recognize this war as the climactic one of all time; further, that all the armed might and power men possess will alone never bring victorious peace. Dependence for victory must be upon obedience to God through Jesus Christ. With these lessons learned, external armies will be unable to stand before us. This will bring the victory that will eventuate in a righteous peace — not a negotiated or a compromised armistice. Isaiah prophetically referred to it by saying: "When thy judgments are in the earth the world will learn righteousness"; also, "The work of righteousness will be Peace."

The end of this war (not an armistice) will see changes so drastic in spiritual, economic and social life that it makes post-war planning at this time as to detail utterly impossible. We are safe in saying it will usher in a new era of peace, prosperity and plenty such as has never before been experienced.

Nothing herein should be construed as visualizing final defeat for the Anglo-Saxon-Israel peoples in the present titanic struggle. All Biblical prophecy clearly indicates their eventual triumph in national existence through all time. Their defeats — past, present and future — must all be attributed to disregard of basic laws of God specifically given to them, and recognition of this fact in humility and obedience will be *the victory before final victory* over those seeking their destruction.

How long America and Britain must endure the physical hardships and mental sufferings of war which will be increasingly with us until these lessons are learned will not be forecast by this writer for, as a people, we will decide it.

Let those inclined to classify the statements here made as pietism or sentimentalism be assured they are supported by unquestionable authority and are words of stark realism soon to become accomplished facts.

The Handwriting on the Wall!

By DONALD DENNIS

TOTALITARIANISM has come to this world to stay! The handwriting is on the wall. The mentally blind and dumb do not see it. Many, in fact millions, see it, are frightened into panic and war by it, but do not know the meaning of it.

There are two forms or kinds of totalitarianism. One is bad. The other is good. The first and evil form is that in which a human dictator assumes total authority in one or more nations and seeks to subjugate the whole world. The second and good kind is that in which all, or a vast majority, of *individuals* have an absolutely totalitarian love, loyalty and obedience for and toward God and all of His laws.

Under the first form of totalitarianism, one person tries to be a dictator in a field all too large. Under the second, God gives to every person, men and women alike, the absolute power of a dictator in a field just as big as the best person on earth is capable of carrying, namely, dictatorship over himself. God gave to every human being the absolute power of free choice fully equal to His own power in that respect. Each individual can make all of his own choices and decisions, and, according to the laws He has established, God himself cannot limit or abridge man's power of free choice. Of course every individual is compelled to make all of his choices within the limits of the circumstances in which he finds himself. But still his power and freedom of choice are equal to God's. This is true because God is limited by His own laws in exactly the same way and, best of all, God is not only the author of all immutable law, but is also a law abiding citizen in His own universe.

Under this absolute self-dictatorship in harmony with God's laws, man's freedom is complete. It is limited only by his own and his fellow human being's best and highest good. As God gives this power of free choice to each person, He also says, "First cast the beam out of thine own eye. Then shalt thou see clearly to pull the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Individuals throughout the world today are losing their freedom to centralized dictators, and are being submerged in the totalitarian state simply because they have failed as individuals to administer the decentralized God-given dictatorship of self in accord with the love and laws of God.

The totalitarian state will continue under centralized dictators and individual human liberty will be submerged until individuals in a strong majority are rightly related to God and faithfully administer the self-dictatorship God has given them — until the *individual*, as such, expels from his *own* life the selfishness, the greed, the lust, the dishonesty and all other vices which cause him to break himself and society against the immutable and unbreakable laws of God.

When that time comes, the Kingdom of God on earth will automatically take form and be here. It will take the human and institutional form (that is, the constitutional form), of a "republican-democractic-theocracy." This is the final and nearly perfect form of human government toward which all evolution in human society and government is leading.

It will be "republican" or a republic because it will be *representative*. Pure democracy cannot function in a large state or nation, much less in a world government.

It will be "democratic" because it will derive *all* of its powers from the *consent of the governed* and because it will be "*of* the people, *by* the people, and *for* the people."

It will be a "theocracy" in the sense that *each individual* in it will be *controlled*, *dominated* and *governed* by his *own individual love*, *loyalty* and *obedience* to God.

A Signal of the First Magnitude

By W. C. NABORS

June 30, 1942

JUNE 11, 1942, will prove to be a date mark of the first magnitude in the history of the United States of America and the British Commonwealth. On this date the British 20-year mutual assistance pact with Russia was announced. The same day there was also announced the "full understanding" between our President, Mr. Roosevelt, and the Soviet Foreign Commissar, V. M. Molotov, during the latter's visit to Washington. This "full understanding" included not only increasing supplies of war materials to Russia but the "fundamental problems of cooperation of the Soviet Union and the United States in safe-guarding peace and security to the freedom-loving peoples *after the war*."

When one becomes lost in the woods, the tendency is to lose confidence in one's compass. So long as the sun shines brightly in the skies or the old north star is visible in the heavens, one feels secure as to his direction. But let these world guides be obscured by the clouds and the traveler begins to follow trails, be they ever so dim; to follow hunches, or to wander along the immediate openings through the forest.

The continued successes of our enemies have somewhat beclouded the outlook of those who have been traveling by sight. We were cocksure when a few well timed openings appeared as holes in the cloudy sky, such as the battle of the Coral Sea, the occupation of Madagascar and the Battle of Midway. All too soon, however, for the short-sighted vision of some, these openings were closed by the fall of Tobruk, loss of Libya, Matruh, and the moonlight view of the desolation of Palestine (Chart 6).

On June 11, 1942, Israel, still stiff-necked and looking to an association with a Godless nation for salvation instead of to the God of the Kingdom, tries again to substitute man's plan for the plan of God. This is not new. Israel has tried it before. We can know the result. To determine where this pathway leads, it is only necessary to look at the compass.

Even though the shining brightness of the Son of God, our guiding light, is behind the clouds of absence as he sits at the right hand of the throne of God and the moon, Christianity, (whose task it is to reflect the light of the Son) is almost in a total eclipse of "blindness in part" (Romans 11: 25) and Laodicean apostasy, having crowded out the study of God's word with its material program of money campaigns, denominational politics and compromises for worldly acclaim; yet the traveler still has his compass, the Bible, God's written word.

Today the thought traveler must choose between following the compass or the trails and openings of the daily news that lead through confusion until he "meets himself coming back."

Let us look to the course as surveyed by the compass. Reading the compass, we find the judgment period is to bring the re-union of the two sons Ephraim (Britain) and Manasseh (U. S. A.) of Joseph to form the leadership of Israel. We find that the landmark which signaled the closing of the "times of the Gentiles" — namely, the return of Jerusalem to the rule of Israel (Britain) — has occurred (December 11, 1917). Our compass tells us clearly who these Gentiles are. They are the people of that long succession of Empires of which Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, was the head, followed by Media-Persia, Greece and Rome for a period of times, time and a half a time — or 1,260 years.

Daniel pictures the last half of the seven times of this succession of Empires by the length of the legs of the great image and by that fourth beast or fourth kingdom heading up into ten kings (Daniel 7: 23–24).

John in Revelation identifies this last half of the seven times period of history under the figure of the beast that rises out of the sea (Revelation 13: 1–10).

Both point to the like period of 1,260 years of world government under Ecclesiastical Domination until the time of the end when ten dictators arise. Then, three of these dictators take over as pictured by the three evil spirits of Revelation 16. They come from "out of the mouth of the *dragon*, and out of the mouth of the *beast* and out of the mouth of the false *prophet*". Their purpose is to gather the nations of the world to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Beyond question these can be identified as Naziism, Fascism and Communism — the propaganda (croaking frog) miracles of the age.

Now, if the compass points to the fact that they are the final form of the Gentiles (non-convenant enemies of Israel) and are now getting their words and strength from the forces anti or opposed to Christ, the clouds of seeming necessity do not change even one of them to a true friend of Israel. The devil is subtle, but never a friend of Israel.

Esdras pictures them as three heads all joined at one body. These heads "thought to set themselves up to rule." Their final destruction is also shown. The middle head goes down on its own bed in great pain. Fascism has been over-run by its own kind and is today in much pain. Of the other two heads, it is said (II Esdras 11:35), "The head upon the *right* side devoured it that was upon the *left* side"; also (II Esdras 12: 28–29), "For the two that remain shall be slain with the sword, For the sword of the one shall devour the other, but at the last shall he fall through the sword himself."

Now, at the time of these heads there comes a "roaring lion" with a man's voice which says, "The Highest also hath looked upon the *proud times* and behold they *shall be ended* and therefore appear no more thou eagle, nor thy *horrible* . . . , nor thy *wicked* . . . , nor thy *malicious* heads, nor thy *hurtful* . . . , nor thy *vain* body.

This Lion is the "annointed, which the Highest hath kept . . . unto the end."

How accurate is this account when compared to Daniel 2, which tells us "what shall be in the latter days." Daniel tells us this final form of this Gentile world rule will become "like the chaff of the summer threshing floor; and the wind carried them away and no place was found for them." (That is, no place in the council of the nations which thereafter shall govern in world affairs). "The stone that smote the image . . . filled the whole earth." (No nation on earth that is not of this Stone Kingdom shall find room or a seat at the council tables of world government, after this contest.)

In the days of these ten kings (dictators) shall the God of Heaven set up

(place in position of world rule as a result of this final conflict, this last world war) a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. It shall break in pieces and consume (destroy and take over the governing powers) all these (ten dictator) kingdoms (of this final Gentile succession) and it (the Stone Kingdom of Israel now under the leadership of Britain and America after they are purified as by fire and made to see righteousness because of chastisement and suffering) shall stand forever.

Returning now to the figure of the three-headed eagle, may this question burn its way before you until it gains your full attention: After the middle head has gone down and after the head on the left falls by the sword and there is only one head left, *Who is it that faces this last head?*

It Is Not Japan

We are told in II Esdras 15: 45–48, "And thou, *Asia*, that art partaker of the hope of Babylon and art the glory of Her person." (Japan though to partake of the hope of this Babylon succession of Empires is temporarily under the swastika banner to share the glory of her ill-promised gains.)

"Woe be unto thee, thou wretch, because thou hast made thyself like unto her; . . .

"I will send plagues upon thee; widowhood, poverty, famine, sword, and pestilence, to waste thy houses with destruction and death.

And the *glory of thy power* shall be dried up as a flower, *when* the heat shall arise that is sent over thee."

Genesis 19 tells us of the origin of the race of the Ammonites through Ben Ammi. The Japanese can be identified as these Ammonites. Asia is dealt with separately and apart from the three heads of the beast.

Isaiah 11: 11–15 tells us —

"In that day (this present period) the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people — left from Assyria (to which place Israel, not Judah, was taken captive) and from the Isles of the Sea . . .

"He shall set up an ensign (See 'The Story of Old Glory' in DESTINY for July, 1942) for the nations and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel . . . and the children of Ammon shall obey them."

The Japanese will be forced to obey the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack. The above reference to Asia, however, does not refer to Japan alone. Others will later be identified as *Moabites*, the half brothers of the Ammonites. The Moabites are not the Russians.

Russia has declared for *world* revolution. What, then, will be the result of an agreement with Israel as to "safeguarding peace and security to the freedom loving peoples after the war" if and when such peace and security is clearly within their view.

Israel has tried such unholy alliances before. Here's what God told Israel in the 30th chapter of Isaiah (*Fenton Trans.*) —

"Woe, you sons of Revolt," says the Lord, "Who make plans; but not from me! . . .

"Go! . . . paint on a slab. For the time of the future, to last for all ages.

"That this Race are, 'Sons of Revolt, lying children,

"Disinclined to obey the Lord's Laws.' "

"This your fault shall become like a crack in a high rampart bursting to fall, which suddenly opening, will fall into shatters."

What is the printed page of the Bible from which I quote but a *painted slab* that has lasted through the ages — preserved for this period, then future!

This agreement with Russia is, definitely, a crack in "The Ramparts We Watch."

Now, let us bring this "full understanding" under our magnifying glass of chronology.

Once before Britain sent French and British military missions to Moscow to make a deal. Here is the full account of its outcome as recorded in the World Almanac and Book of Facts for the Year 1939, page 117:

"August 21, 1939. — While the British and French military missions still were in Moscow, the German Government announced that the trade agreement of Aug. 19 between the Reich and Soviet Russia had been followed by an agreement to conclude a mutual non-aggression pact. The pact was put in official form under date of Aug. 23, in Moscow, and was signed there early on Aug. 24, in the presence of Joseph Stalin, by Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, and by the Soviet Premier and Commissar of Foreign Affairs, Vyacheslaff M. Molotoff. The treaty runs for 10 years. Each country is bound to refrain from any act of force against the other and will not support warlike acts against either by a third power."

Exactly 286 days (mean) to 286 days (solar) from August 19, 1939, was June 1, 1940, to June 4, 1940, the final four days of the Dunkirk experience of the war. It seems incredible that such an experience of displacement should not suffice even rebellious children. Could Divine protection have been more clearly shown than at Dunkirk?

Neither did the rebellious children see in the displacement of France, which followed, that God would tolerate no alliances with any but Israel, nor would He permit any of Israel to remain out of the alliance. The prophetic importance to note regarding these events is that the net effect was to bring the U. S. out of their isolation and out from behind their "Neutrality Act" into full cooperation, short of war, and at the same time to displace France.

Exactly 666 days (mean) from August 25, 1939, was June 21, 1941, the day Germany announced war against Russia and unloosed her armies of desolation at daybreak the following morning. The prophetic importance here will be to bring the United States into complete union with Britain in full fledged all out total world wide war of defense, then later to displace Russia from the alliance of Israel.

Let us not for a moment think this move was merely Hitler's error. This date, June 21, 1941, was 1,335 days (solar) before the terminal date of March 6, 1945, Daniel's 2,300 days plus 2 perfected, of time allotted to the wicked armies for trodding down the Holy Army to break the rebellious spirit of God's children. On this date, June 21, 1941, the blessed promise of hope became operative as the hook in the jaw was set to lead these wicked armies (*please note the plural*) to the place called Armageddon.

The rebellious children not only did not see the event as revealing the blessed hope of intercession, but they also failed to see the 666 measure that revealed the fact that both these heads stemmed from one body; the only difference in the words that come from their mouths being the difference between the mouths of the dragon, the beast or the false prophet. All are voices that stem from the same old deceiver (See Revelation 20: 2 and 10).

Immediately after Germany's attack on Russia, both Britain and the U.S.A. rushed to proclaim their assistance to Russia. The rebellious children always try to help God in their way to accomplish what He has promised to do in His way.

But the compass in Isaiah 7: 8 promises Ephraim 65 years warning and in these final days repeats it in her history as 65 days. Therefore, 65 days from June 21, 1941, we find the rebellious children of Ephraim making a voluntary alliance with this same Russia to clean up the fifth columnists in Iran as both move simultaneously on August 25, 1941, a date clearly marked for the initial perfected date of the final 1,290 days of desolation leading to the final climax. (See "A Probable Plan for the Next Thirteen years" in DESTINY for November, 1940, and "Observations as of November 13, 1940" in DESTINY for December, 1940.)

Now, exactly 286 days (solar) from this movement of August 25, 1941, comes June 11, 1942, with its announcement of Britain's 20-year pact and the U.S.A.'s "full understanding" with Russia through the Commissar V. M. Molotov. Let us remember that 286 is the measure of the error of the builders' race.

Let us not forget that we wrestle against principalities, powers and rulers of darkness guided not by the free mind of man. The heads are all joined to the same body. Regardless of present commitments, the prophesied evil thought will come.

Ezekiel 38: 10–16 —

"Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

"And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land . . . to take a spoil . . . upon the people that are gathered out of the nations.

"Thou shalt come up against my people Israel. . . .

"Thus saith the Lord God; art thou he of whom I have spoken . . . by my servants the prophets of Israel which prophesied . . . many years that I should bring thee against them?"

The Fenton translation of Ezekiel 38: 16 tells us —

"You will come against My People Israel. . . . It will be in future times that *I shall bring you to My country, so that the nations may recognize Me* when I have distinguished Myself upon you, Gog, in their sight!"

Since this "evil thought" is to come from the beast whose mark of identification is 666, we should look for the pattern of chronology here to follow that of the alliance with France. So far it has served to displace the U. S. from her "short of war" and isolationist ideas into full war union with Britain on the same time measure as did the alliance with France. Dating from June 11, 1942, therefore, 666 days solar, which is 675, will expire on April 16, 1944, suggesting a 40-day test for Israel to follow, which expires May 26, 1944.

Review these periods of 40 years and 40 days in the history of Israel. They are many. Forty years preparation of Moses before the exodus. Forty days for spying out the Promised Land. Forty years punishment and preparation in the wilderness before entering this land. Forty days from the entrance of General Allenby's troops in Palestine until the surrender of Jerusalem.

Note this 40 days expires May 26, 1944, exactly 286 days lunar (282) from the final terminal date of March 4, 1945.

Note in the chart in DESTINY for November, 1940, the terminal date of the *first* campaign against the Holy Land expires May 23, 1944; while the *second* campaign expires March 4, 1945.

Blind, rebellious children of Israel continue to trust alliances and mass production for deliverances. Certainly we should "keep our powder dry" and follow God's specific instructions for the period of Joel 3: 10 to "Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong."

But keeping our powder dry is only half the admonition. Had we believed God's words, we would have been prepared with all armament instead of listening to our enemies as they made treaties of disarmament while secretly building the world's greatest machine for destruction.

The chronological time for the disarmament of Micah 4: 3 when "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" is *after* this present period of the judgment of the nations.

Ignorance of chronology here has caused many to point to these Bible passages as being contradictory. They have been used in an attempt to discredit God's word. Ignorance of this fact of chronology has almost cost us our national survival and would do so but for Divine intercession and protection. Experiences we suffer because of our questioning of God's word, however, will teach us the truth in an unforgettable way.

It is necessary that we trust and believe God as well as to keep our powder dry. When we believe God's word we know this final world contest will *never* be settled by dry powder (armament) alone. This is a war *primarily* against God and *secondarily* against God's people Israel — "U. S. & Co."

As an instrument in the hands of Israel, dry powder will be sufficient only to carry out God's orders when He says to our enemies, "I will bring you to *My country* (God's country, Palestine), *so that the nations may recognize Me* when I have distinguished Myself upon you . . . in their sight." We are the policemen, not the Court.

The magnitude of world events in the years of the immediate future are so much greater than the average American thinks that one hesitates even to suggest the clear events unconditionally promised by the God upon whom our survival finally depends.

When Egypt falls, Suez is lost, Palestine is invaded, China is cut off (revealed as Moab), India is cleansed of her cesspools of sin and idolatry, Russia thinks her evil thought, and we have experienced a few more years of war — and have had the casualty list break the circle of our families, then we will turn to God for help. What a terrible position will the "Shepherds of Israel" of Ezekiel 34 and Jeremiah 23 find their lot. How terrible it is to see preachers today failing to tell the flocks in their charge of these things of God, because they refuse to believe the teachings of the prophets — rejecting the study of prophecy along with its identity of the people and likewise the chronology of the Bible until they are but blind leaders of the sheep of His pasture during the greatest demonstration of Almighty God the world has ever witnessed. May God bless them and cause the scale of blindness to fall from their eyes.

A believer can face it with absolute and complete assurance of our ultimate success. We can know that when our dry powder proves insufficient and we are willing to ask His aid, *He has promised the destruction of our enemies in a single day.* It is mighty good reading these days. Read the Ferrar Fenton Translation of Isaiah 47: 8–10 —

"But, hear this now, you Lady (Babylon, the world harlot, in her final boasting of what she thinks is victory), who sit at your ease, Who say to your heart,

" 'I exist, and none else with me; I shall not be a widow, or know of bereavement,'

"But *both* shall arrive at a stroke, — and IN A SINGLE DAY, —

"Bereavement and ruin come on you, a widow, In spite of your craft, and great strength of Allies; for you trusted in sin, saying, "No one will see me."

"Your science and learning, themselves will overthrow you, —

"Though you said in your heart, 'I shall last, if none else!' "

Even those called Christians among the blind, rebellious children of Israel of today are no longer taking God wholly at His word. The individual who does is the exception rather than the rule.

We seem to have forgotten entirely that the resurrection of the dead, the translation of the living and the return of Christ are chronologically timed with the world events which are now beginning to take place before our very eyes.

Do we not believe God's word or have we become so absorbed and indifferent that we are not acquainted with His promises?

Do we not know that our Christ rose from the dead?

"To whom also He shewed himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them (apostles) forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." (Acts 1: 3.)

Do we understand that He was "the first fruit of them that slept"? The latter fruit will be like the first. Does this apply chronologically? Read that 15th chapter of I Corinthians again. Then turn to the fourth of I Thessalonians and read where the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up (displaced?) together with them.

The study of the identity of present day Israel and of the chronology of the Bible as applied to this period is of greater importance than this writer knows how to state. It is not merely a matter of trying to determine the course of the war as between the nations or its geographical trend, or whether we individually shall survive.

The inhabitants of the whole world are to learn who it is that wins this war.

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

"But, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from . . . the lands whither he had driven them: . . . again into their land that I gave unto their fathers." (Jeremiah 16: 14–15.)

Peace for a thousand years to come will follow the history now being written in blood.

The compass points to the true direction.

We, the United Nations, purged of every alliance that is not of Israel are to be returned to rule with God — a service for which the race has been in preparation according to the whole period and history of the Bible.

The Reason for Prophecy

IT IS WELL to remember that the fulfillment of prophecy in itself is not so important as is the meaning of that fulfillment and its use for identification purposes. Scripture abounds in prophecy but woe unto him who tries to use it for personal or selfish ends.

Jesus Christ fulfilled in His birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection the predictions of the prophets concerning the Messiah. The fulfillment of these ancient prophecies furnished the evidence which established the Messiahship of Jesus Christ and in the light of that fact established the importance of the Man. Because He was the Son of God there began a period of closer relationship between God and man through Him by whom was to come forgiveness of sins.

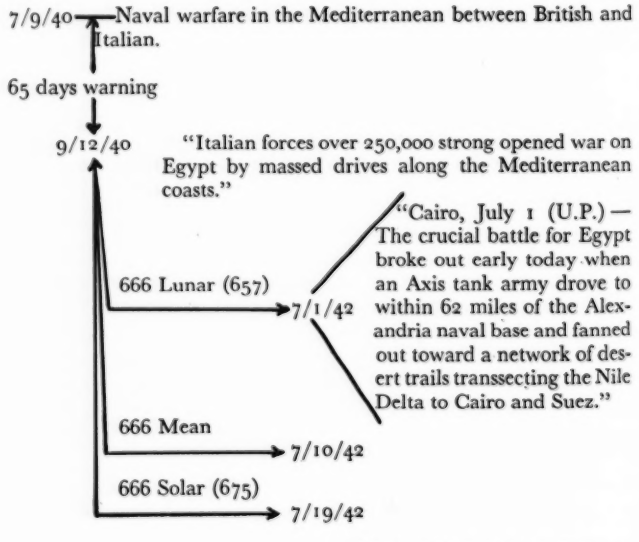
Now prophecy is given to man for the purpose of identifying events and as light toward an understanding of the times and seasons. It is not given for sensational purposes, as some seem to think; and often those who use it for this purpose find that it has a way of reacting unfavorably upon them.

A multiplication of prophetic fulfillment is occurring in the years of this present generation and as prophecy (history prewritten) becomes prophecy fulfilled (history written) we are in possession of evidence clearly marking an acceleration of events hastening the close of an age. It also enables us to note the trends as we look ahead and in so doing we are protected from being thrown out of balance by developments which are startling to others.

The following chart by W. C. Nabors is evidence of the accuracy of the prophetic word as the battle for Egypt continues. Let us watch developments as we identify events on the dates indicated for in that identification we will possess the meaning of current developments and be able to accurately gage general trends.

The fortunes of war on the Russian front are playing an important role even in the campaign in northern Africa. It is therefore well to watch the progress of battle there also as the German offensive gets under way.

"And the land of Egypt shall not escape"
[Daniel 11:42]



W. C. Nabors, 7/1/42, Chart 17.

Where There Is No Vision

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ONE of the most difficult things to understand in relation to the present crisis, and at the same time one of the most disquieting, is the utter lack of understanding so prevalent regarding the true meaning of what is now taking place. It is productive of an apathetic indifference and a deep seated complacency which are in themselves a source of great potential danger because they create a sense of false security in the face of the greatest peril our Nation and Empire has ever been called upon to face.

It is absolute impossibility to arrive at such an understanding or to get authoritative and authentic information in connection with current events from ordinary sources. The Bible — God's Word Written — alone provides the viewpoint from which the greatest drama ever enacted upon the stage of human history can be seen in its true perspective and meaning. The Bible, too, states quite clearly that the present utter disregard of the vital issues at stake in the present conflict, as well as an expressed desire to have the truth concealed, would indeed be one of the outstanding "signs of the times." Listen to some of these statements: At a time when God's people were threatened by the all-conquering Assyrian and were relying upon their own strength and upon alliances they hoped to make with a neighboring power, God commanded Isaiah the prophet to proclaim, "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. . . . Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel. Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant." (Isa. 30:1, 2, 3; 8–13.)

St. Paul, too, had a vision of the characteristic indifference of these days when he said, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Tim. 4: 3, 4.)

It is this habit of believing what one wishes to believe that was very largely, if not indeed wholly, responsible for the condition of unpreparedness in which the Empire was forced into the present conflict.

Another war was considered out of the question. Had not the nations agreed at their various disarmament conferences to abandon force as an outworn method of settling differences? Had they not undertaken to disarm? Had not Hitler declared that he desired peace? And after Munich did not the British Prime Minister declare that the result of that historic meeting had been to secure "peace in our time?"

And then in September, 1939, disillusionment came. The nations which had promised to disarm were revealed as having prepared the greatest armed forces and the strongest armaments the world had ever seen; and the peace loving Democracies (so called) were caught unprepared.

Thus, once again, the folly of disregarding God's Word was manifested and the peace at any price people came under the direct indictment of the prophet, "Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. . . . Because, even because they have seduced my people saying, Peace; and there was no peace" (Ezek. 13: 3, 4, 5, 10.)

By means of insidious and subversive propaganda, the enemy did everything possible to break down faith, to undermine law and order, and to have ready in every country the conquest which was planned, and remember Canada is no exception. The fifth columnist, taking his orders from European Centers, planned to destroy the morale of the people and mislead them into thinking that in the Basic Ideology inspiring the policies of Naziism, Fascism, and Communism, something had been found that was vastly superior to any other form of government and administration extant, and to be desired, if world peace and well-being were to be assured. What a grim process of disillusionment has been wrought with the past two and a half years! Surely it should be impossible for any, except those who are wilfully and stubbornly blind, not to see that the potentialities of the present conflict are not merely very great but that they are, in fact, incalculable. On the one hand, backed by immense power, and inspired by the spirit of evil, there is the will and expressed determination to destroy the civilization we have known. To take away freedom of speech, of thought, of worship. To trample down religion, to destroy art, to abolish the sanctity of the home and family life and make all subservient to the dictates of the totalitarian state. Thus to gain domination over the bodies and souls of men and to plunge the whole world into a new and barbarous paganism.

Opposed to this is the will to defend all these things that are being attacked, and not only the will to defend them, but having destroyed the destroyer, to advance them by building a better civilization than we have yet known. Writing under the title, "What are our War Aims," a recent writer has said and I quote: "The whole nation is aware that it is fighting for a righteous cause and that it is engaged in a fight for the principles of right against the principles of evil. The mind of the nation is very much concerned with the material side of things, and the people

have come to think in terms of planes and tanks and guns. This is, of course, natural and right as far as it goes; these things are both urgent and necessary. But is the nation at the same time giving sufficient cognizance to the fact that the spiritual world is involved in the struggle and that there are vast spiritual forces ready and waiting to come to our aid as soon as it is brought into harmony with them? If this is really so, how can we make contact with these spiritual forces? Surely by dedicating the nation to a boldly declared object which we know to be right in the sight of God. This surely is common sense.

"We all know that ours is already nominally a Christian nation, but that true Christianity has never been practised nationally. We know, too, that our legal code has in the main been based upon the Mosaic Law, but that it falls short of that Law in many respects. We know that Christ ratified that Law, and said that it should be fulfilled in every jot and tittle. It is therefore quite obvious that for the nation to be truly Christian it must return to a re-examination of that Law, with the object of adjusting our present day civilization to its principles." And then our writer asks the question, "How better can we answer the Nazi threat to root out Christianity and supplant it with a new Paganism? Boldly to take Christianity as our declared objective would be to answer the Nazi Challenge with a greater challenge, and there is nothing that we could do better calculated to strike fear and despair into the hearts of these Satan possessed hordes."

That is exactly right. But before this can be done we must have Spiritual Leadership. And here, I quote from a recent number of *The National Message*. "Do we sufficiently realize that victory in the present war is the prerogative of God? This being so, why do our leaders so persistently ignore the name of God, and omit all reference to Him from their speeches? Why is the Divine Aid not more frequently invoked? We have our national days of prayer, and we cannot be too thankful for the splendid example shown in this connection by our beloved King. But what example are our public men showing? What lead is being given to the Empire by those in high places? Why are our responsible men of affairs so reticent in making it known that they are men of God? Where is the evidence that our civil and military leaders are putting their trust first and foremost in The Living God? We are a Nation, Commonwealth and Empire, willing and waiting to be led. We want victory. We are ready to respond to every call. Surely our leaders realize that! Then why is there so little encouragement to call upon God? Have our leaders lost their faith? Have they themselves given up prayer? Have they let go their hold upon the Bible as the unchangeable and unbreakable Word of our covenant-keeping God?" As is pointed out in the last issue of the *S. J. Frame Monthly*, the Duke of Marlborough, on the eve of Blenheim, knelt in prayer and received the sacrament. Drake and Nelson knelt in their cabins, asking for God's Help, before Cadiz and Trafalgar. Oliver Cromwell halted his men, bareheaded in the morning mist, and sang with them the 117th Psalm before the battle of Dunbar. There are, of course, some men today of like character, for example, General Dobbie, lately Governor of Malta, but they are all too few. And from the rank and file something has gone, which must be restored, and which I verily believe is being restored. It is that vital burning faith in God, which is convinced of the certainty of the fulfilment of His Promises and Purposes, and which is productive of that invincible optimism without which all is dark and drear. It is that faith in the truth of the Bible, that makes us very sure, as the writer of the book "The Sleeping People" declares, that "God has chosen to use the Britannic people first to explore, then to mark out, not without suffering and crucial dangers, the way of life that can lead the world to that state of felicity which prophets have called the City of God, or the Kingdom of God on earth."

To carry out this responsibility and privilege, we must have a vision: for "where there is no vision the people perish." We must have a vision of the New Era which lies just ahead and which shall see the manifestation and administration of a perfect social order in which dwelleth righteousness. We must realize that this perfect state is in very fact the Kingdom of God functioning here on earth under the direct and personal sovereignty of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Coming King, and Whose Coming will alone bring order out of the present Chaos. And we must at once prepare ourselves to become citizens of that Kingdom. The issues at stake in the present world crisis are far more than can be discerned by the casual glance. They need study; they need clear thinking; so let the prayer of each one of us be: Lord, open mine eyes that I may see.

A Quartette of Interesting Excerpts

From the *Koelnische Zeitung* (Editorial Comment, September, 1914).

"There will be no such country as Great Britain in existence at the end of the war. In its place we shall have Little Britain, a narrow strip of island territory peopled by loutish football kickers, living on the crumbs that Germany will deign to throw to them. . . . Then the once mighty Empire, with her naval strength represented by the few old tubs which Germany will have left her, will become the laughing stock of the nations. . . ."

From the *Koelnische Zeitung* (Notation Carried on Title Page, 1919).

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From *The Story of a Naval Life*.

"We returned to harbor, one hundred and seventy destroyers in company of which the forty-nine in the center were German." — Admiral Sir Hugh Tweedie's description of how the "few old British tubs" escorted the surrendered Germany Navy to its grave at Scapa.

From *Adolph Hitler's Journal*.

"The British can be counted upon to carry through to victory any struggle that it once enters upon, no matter how long such a struggle may last or however great the sacrifice that may be necessary, or whatever the means that have to be employed; and all this even though the actual military equipment at hand may be utterly inadequate when compared with that of other nations." — *Mein Kampf*, Chapter 12.

Post-War World Dominion

By S. A. ACKLEY

SPECULATION and confused thinking are rife concerning what will be the political, economic, social and religious status of the world after the war. What will be its geographical divisions; what nations will survive; what racial divisions will dominate; and what of our present civilization will remain? This speculation revolves around such ideas as "Union Now", finally including all the nations of the earth; or of separate and independent nations with some form of international understanding, or that some form of government as yet unknown will come into being.

Since the year 1918 much propaganda has been spread abroad looking forward to a union of nations under one head, but designed to camouflage and conceal the true motive and platform as is the nature of subversive movements. Many movements offer a "world government" plan. Many are the advocates of a plan for a "new world order." The only way, according to these schools of thought, to get a unity of faiths is to destroy all faith. So they fail in presenting any program except to destroy religion and all systems of government.

Apart from the Bible there is no answer to the question of post-war world dominion! Those who cannot foresee who will win the war and have no outline of the conditions that will then prevail are unable to suggest an adequate plan.

The whole world is beginning to recognize that civilization will not return to old paths when this conflict is won, but just what will follow they do not see, nor do they know how it will be brought about. Some seem to have a hazy concept like that of Jawaharlal Nehru of India, a socialist leader, who says, "A vast revolution ending an epoch of history is ushering in an order which will be entirely different." But beyond that statement he does not go for the good reason that he cannot — nor can anyone unless they secure their information from the Bible.

The national leaders of the allied nations are advocating some new order. They do not admit the extent of their uncertainty concerning the form it should take although they are quite sure they will have to bring it in, and maintain it after it is in. By some method they intend to "police the world" — another experiment that will not work.

Now, what all these fail to see is that no system of government, politics, economics, social security, religion or internationalism can long continue in equitable operation while human nature is what it is. The need of the world today concerns not only the adoption of the right form of government but, what is far more important, the quality of the leadership. For six thousand years man has been trying to build a social order that would stand the test of time and experience and he has always failed, for he has always rejected the principles upon which such an order must be built. The trouble with the Versailles Treaty was that every nation involved distrusted every other nation and, based on experience, well they might distrust each other. Everyone was seeking his own advantage. That injustice was done cannot be doubted and because of that injustice there necessarily resulted the repercussions we are now witnessing.

Suppose the nations of the earth were to agree to an armistice now, looking to a world peace compact which would guarantee the peace of the world for a thousand years. Does anyone have the temerity to think that there is at hand enough altruism, wisdom, understanding, confidence and Christian statesmanship to build a lasting peace? Would there not be those who would demand retribution of the most drastic order, placing certain nations under conditions that would, in their concept of righteous judgment, forever assure their subjugation? Would there not be those who would demand racial and national extinction of certain peoples? Would not those having the power to dictate, demand priorities for themselves, basing their demands on the theory that "to the victor belongs the spoils"?

Far more involved than in 1919 would this task be, for in this present war increased hatreds, racial animosities, national misunderstandings and religious rivalries are rampant. Take India for example. Multiply her chaotic governmental and caste problems a hundred times and get some idea of the problem that would face a world peace court. What human court can rightly judge the degree of guilt of the nations involved? It takes a generation to discover the faults of the previous generation — and then it is too late! And if there should be found men who could thus rightly appraise, could anyone convince the world of their integrity or wisdom? Granted that were accomplished, there would still be human nature as it is to deal with — a very uncertain quantity.

Here, then, is the great problem and until it is solved all attempts must end in failure as in the past.

When victory comes and peace plans are formulated there must be taken into consideration certain characteristics which man alone cannot provide and which do not now exist in any nation. The nations now contending for world mastery all believe, or at least profess to believe, that their form of government must dominate the world. In other words, there is the common understanding that there is to be but one world-ruling power — and each group is expecting to be it!

But is there any nation in the world today with a program and a leadership that can hold out any hope of rallying the other nations of the earth to its standard? Let us make a survey.

Consider the continental powers, separately or unitedly. There is so little difference in their fundamental methods, policies and ideologies as to be of little moment whether under the leadership of Germany, Russia, Italy or if together in a United States of Europe. They are anti-God and anti-Christ and their attitude toward God is comprehensively described in the second Psalm. Based on the idea that the individual exists for the state instead of the state to serve the individual, they favor dictatorships. The result is regimentation and loss of liberty of thought and action. Their policy tends to coercion, oppression and finally to abject slavery. Their philosophies have been so thoroughly enunciated that it is unnecessary to repeat them, and the results are too familiar to admit of argument in their favor. Their treatment of the subjugated nations is eloquent testimony to the oppression which they would inflict

were all opposition taken away. A case in point is Hitler's abrogation of all law, making himself the supreme judge of all men. No despot in history ever claimed more.

Any philosophy relying upon an unregenerated leadership which sets aside God's laws and ignores the basic importance of Christian character by precept and example is not only bound to fail but will lead its followers into an abyss of confusion. So their leadership is unthinkable to liberty loving peoples.

Then consider the Jews as the possible leaders of a new world order. That they aspire to it is unquestioned. That they claim Divine right to it, and that the Christian world has encouraged them in the belief that they are God's chosen people, is very evident. But tracing their history back for 2500 years we find no justification for that claim, either in their success as the administrators of a nation, or in any authority in the Bible for such a claim. That there have been many great Jews is not denied, but their statesmanship has been more nearly that of economic control of world-wide proportions than of a generally constructive national program. Their religious views could never be acceptable to any other religious group in the world, and much of their scholarship has tended to radicalism, atheism, rationalism and modernism. From them have come the Marx's, the Engels, the Spinozas and the Freethinkers. Their political policy has been in line with communism and state socialism.

So, we must look farther.

Another group differing widely from either of the preceding two are the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations and their allies. The leaders in this group are represented primarily by Britain, and her company of nations, and the United States of America. These nations have recognized the Bible in national policy and incorporated the principles of the Mosaic Code in the basis of their national laws. They have stood for liberty and freedom of thought and action. They have been tolerant of all religious faiths.

Can the inference be drawn, then, that Great Britain, or the United States of America, or they unitedly, are prepared to take over world leadership? The answer is "No", positively not! — not under their present status and leadership. There are far too many weaknesses. There has been domination by subversive thought, by selfishness and greed. The Babylonian system of economic rule has been too prominent. The national attitude toward other nations, while far more generous and tolerant than other governments, has not been above reproach.

That they have developed great educational systems, reared great religious edifices, led the world in missionary enterprises and in the publication of the Bible for world distribution will not be denied. They have stood for the freedom of slaves and, while the nations that have come under their flags have fared far better than under any other nation; yet there is little reason to be proud. When compared with other nations they might make just claim to a certain superiority, but if compared with what they might have been, and ought to have been, *and what God intended that they should be*, then heads must hang in shame. Let it be emphatically stated that they are in no position for world leadership!

Is the situation, then, hopeless? Is there no hope for the future? Must there be a repetition of the past, of constantly recurring panic, a world war every twenty-five years drenching the world in blood?

In spite of all the grave problems which confront the world today, there is positive assurance in the Inspired Word that there is to be an end to war; an end to economic slavery; an end to poverty and oppression; and an end to political gangsterdom, regimentation and overlordship.

Examining the requirements necessary for a permanent world peace, let us see if there is any indication that these requirements are obtainable.

It is evident, *First*, that before a new order can be established everything that will in any way hinder the perfect operation of that new order must be entirely disposed of. *Second*, we must discover a set of laws which, if put into practice, will assure the desired results. *Third*, we must find a nation that will accept these laws as the law of the land and whose people will be thoroughly united and loyal to the nation and that law. *Fourth*, there must be a group of administrators who will enforce that law without fear or favor. *Fifth*, knowing that there has been a curse upon the earth for six thousand years which has affected man, beast and nature to the extent that it is impossible to attain or maintain perfect conditions unless and until these conditions are changed, it will therefore be necessary to change these conditions. *Sixth*, it will be necessary to secure the acquiescence and complete coöperation of all the peoples of the earth. And the *Seventh* requirement presents the greatest problem of all! It is at once recognized that the desired conditions cannot be brought about by any merely human methods. There would not be the power, the authority, nor the wisdom to bring into being so idealistic and so vast an enterprise and administer it without a more-than-human leadership — a superhuman leadership, if you will. Where can such a leader be found?

A consideration of these seven requirements in more detail will ascertain if there is any hope of their realization.

1) *The passing of the present order.* The present order must pass away before the new order can be established. We do not need a prophet to assure us that the passing is well under way. The wreckers are doing a thorough job, more thorough than they think, and more thorough than they will wish when it is accomplished: for it will carry its leaders down with it! With debt upon every nation far in excess of all of their commercial value there is certain to be an economic collapse which will wipe out any possibility of recovery along former lines.

In the meantime social unrest, national and racial hatreds are increasing with the resulting destruction of confidence in anyone or in any plan. The world's leaders will have so signally failed that sabotage, anarchy and revolution will complete the destruction of the present order. Further, a civilization resulting in such a debacle as we are witnessing *and are yet to witness* will not appeal to anyone as worth saving. If what is taking place were the first failure that man has brought upon himself, there might be some argument for another trial, but for six thousand years man has been experimenting, and this last is the worst of all. It ought then to be clear that man is incapable of governing himself.

But the old is passing and is about to its end, and because we are to have a new order, it becomes vital to consider the characteristics necessary for its permanency: guaranteeing lasting prosperity, health, happiness, well-being!

2) *A set of laws which, if understood and obeyed, would produce the desired results.* Such a set of laws has always been available. God, who knows man's inability to devise laws for his own good, has provided laws covering every phase of human life and relationship. These laws are plainly set forth in the Bible. Had we known them and obeyed them there would have been none of the afflictions now being visited upon us. There is not space here to present these

laws or to point out the results of our disobedience, but they embody the ultimate in Divine wisdom for our good and are absolutely essential to our well being. No experimentation is necessary. Simply read them as they are outlined in the Bible, particularly in Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, and obey.

3) *We would have to find a nation willing to accept these laws as the basis of their national administration.* Can such a nation be found in the world today? God has just such a nation in training. When God called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees he promised him that of his descendants He would make a great nation in and through which all the families of the earth would be blessed. Four generations later two young men, the sons of Joseph, became the recipients of particularly significant Divine promises concerning their descendants. To both sons the statement was made, "Let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." To Ephraim was said, "His seed shall become a multitude of nations." To Manasseh was said, "He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great."* These prophecies were to be fulfilled in the latter days (*i.e.*, the days following the birth of Christ) and the world has witnessed the formation and growth of these two great national units, each functioning under the indicated type of government. They are the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America and they comprise modern Israel together with other nations of the same racial descent.

The early national beginnings of the nation Israel hark back to the foot of Mount Sinai where they were formed into a kingdom nation receiving a national law and a national responsibility toward God and the world at large. Succeeding history has recorded the successes and failures in the discharge of their national responsibility so that for 2520 years Israel fulfilled her destiny under duress due to a period of punishment by God for her rebellion and idolatry. Following the expiration of that timed period, Israel has been being prepared by God for her destined task — the rulership of the world, leading the nations of the earth into the long longed for golden age.

4) *There would have to be a group of administrators who would enforce the law without fear or favor.* It is well to tabulate the qualifications of these leaders under whose direction the world would come into perfect and ideal conditions:

a) They would have to be perfectly instructed in all the law and its requirements.
b) They should have full knowledge of their problems and full authority to act.
c) They would have to be absolutely above bribery, self-interest, favoritism and disloyalty.
d) There should be a sufficient number of them, and so distributed among the peoples of the world as to be able to render quick and adequate service for every one and for every need.
e) These administrators should deal with all matters of state and church and the administration of justice. They should furnish perfect instruction for every phase of human life and relationship.
f) Being perfectly qualified to serve as administrators, there would be no demand for a change in leadership. This leadership would then of necessity be an unchanging leadership.

It will be recognized at once that here are qualifications required that are not now possessed by any political or religious party, but must be made possible under the new order. If such qualifications are necessary for world leadership, is it any wonder that we have failed in the past! The question is, can such administrative leadership be found and, if so, when and where?

From the very foundation of the world God has had in training certain individuals for just such a time and such a task as this. At the formation of the kingdom nation at Sinai the selection of Israel as a servant race was made. Following that there has ever since been an "election" within that selection of individuals who possess by personal consecration and under God's training the ultimate in spiritual discipline necessary for the task which lies immediately ahead. Searching the Biblical record we find them easily identified for almost without exception they stood alone in their generation, their lives wholly dedicated to God against the national and spiritual evils of their day. Numbered among them are Isaiah, Elijah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Paul, and the disciples. Passing into the records of secular history they are the Luthers, the Calvins, the Wesleys — they are the martyrs who did not consider their own lives dear and resisted to bloodshed striving against evil. All are included who in their lifetime have stood against every form of unrighteousness and every form of apostasy asserting their loyalty to God and to Jesus Christ. The vital issues extant today call for a definite expression of allegiance to God and to His plan by creed and by deed and the list is being added to daily.

At the appointed time they will appear to take their place in the administration of world affairs. They will not need to judge by the hearing of the ear or the seeing of the eye but, like Christ, will be able to read the thoughts and intents of the hearts of men. They will be able to convict a man of evil thinking and arrest him before he can perform the act. Such will be the character of the men who will be charged with the administration of world affairs in the new order. That this is an extraordinary outline of coming things is not denied and these statements could not be made except that they are made first in the Inspired Word of God.

Can we question either the integrity or the efficiency of such leadership?

5) *The curse lifted from the earth.* Since sin entered the world, man has lived under a curse. He has had to earn his bread by the sweat of his face. He has had to labor hard to bring in little. Famine, pestilence, war, sickness and death have largely been his portion. It requires the labors of one million men in the United States alone to counteract the ravages of bugs and pests! The whole history of mankind has been one of warfare of one kind or another. To arrive at the total cost of the curse we would have to add the world's expenditure for all the wars, sicknesses, drugs and medicines, jails and penitentiaries, crime and its prosecution and punishment — a cost beyond computation. All this has had to be borne and has brought about untold suffering, sorrow and privation. Under such a load humanity could never find happiness or lasting peace.

Surely it has been as Haggai wrote, "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Ye looked for much and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why, saith the Lord of Hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man into his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and

*Genesis 48.

upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands."

But all this is to be changed. In the words of the prophet Amos, there is indicated a different direction, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt."

This can come about only through the mighty power of God who has promised to bring it about upon the condition that Israel will repent and turn to God with her whole heart.

6) *The acquiescence of the peoples of the earth.* This, it must be admitted, is a major difficulty. Here, again, consider the animosities resulting from the present war of hate and racial jealousies; the extremes of religious creeds; the tariff walls and national boundaries; the fear and distrust. These are problems for which there is no apparent solution.

However, when we reconsider the qualifications of the new world leadership, the situation looks more hopeful. Something of the expected program is outlined as follows:

The national units of Israel are to be completely united.

They are to repent of national sin and turn to God with their whole heart.

They are to accept the laws of God and keep them perfectly.

Then, under the leadership of God's redeemed administrators, they are to become world wide demonstrators of the beneficence which accrues from the keeping of God's laws. As the nations observe no poverty, no sickness and no unemployment, that demonstration will be so immeasurably successful that all opposition will cease and we will hear them saying, "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2:3.)

We shall see the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea and no one shall say to his neighbor, "Know the Lord, for all shall know him from the least of them unto the greatest of them." Every kindred, tongue and nation will join in the restitution of all things and the establishment of the new order.

7) Finally, there is that ultimate requirement, absolutely indispensable to the attainment of the full realization of a perfect new world order: *A world leader sufficiently wise, powerful and just; one who can compel the loyalty of the peoples of the earth, not by coercion, but by his virtues and righteous judgments.*

Here are the qualifications necessary for such leadership.

a) He must have perfect insight into human nature.

b) He must himself possess such an unimpeachable character as to inspire the confidence and willing obedience of every race and social caste.

c) He must be able to select a leadership in perfect harmony with his own ideals and be assured of their fullest allegiance.

d) His influence must be world wide, bringing all nations into whole-hearted coöperation with his plans.

e) He must not only know what is just and equitable, but he must be able to strictly enforce it without creating antagonism. His leadership must call forth *universal* acclaim and *universal* coordination.

f) The results of his leadership must be so immediate and self-evident that all opposition will cease because of its manifest justice.

g) Such leadership can have no successor. In other words, it must not be left to other leadership.

This is a tremendous contract, I grant you, but nothing less than this can secure and maintain world peace. How utterly impossible does this make any of man's efforts toward world dominion. Is it possible that such leadership can be found?

There is such a leader. He is the one whom the builders have rejected in their world building plans. It is He who designed the laws for national administration. It is He who chose the nation and trained it for this purpose. It is He who has been training a superior administrative leadership, who under Him shall direct the affairs of the world upon the principles already outlined. It is He who is to lift the curse.

He is Jesus Christ, who, according to the Scriptures, must return to take the sceptre of His Kingdom, for He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords and "the government shall be upon his shoulder: 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.*" "He shall rule them (the nations) with a rod of iron." "For he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity."

Under His leadership wars will forever cease. The prophet Daniel, in inspired vision, indicates the climax and sums up in one grand synopsis the need of the world, "I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, and nations and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

Here is all that is needed to assure us that God's Plan of the ages is to come to full fruition and man's dream of lasting peace, so long delayed, can at last find realization. This will see the accomplishment of the restitution of all things spoken of by all the prophets since the world began.

The task is tremendous. If it were man's task we might well despair. But it is God's task and God's plan; and because He has in His infinite wisdom and love seen to it that everything necessary for the establishment and maintenance of lasting peace has been provided for, we can depend on the fulfillment of His final will for the world. It is even now at hand!

The Kingdom of God

"THE same is true of the belief in the Kingdom of God or the final vindication of Israel.

"It is a mistake to say that the phrase 'the Kingdom of God,' which seems to appear first in the New Testament, means merely the 'sovereignty of God.'

"If we examine the meaning of the idea in the New Testament, or trace it to its root in the Old Testament, our conclusion will be the same. The Kingdom of God means His sovereignty as at last to be revealed in Israel, and through Israel in all the world.

"The assurance of the prophets is that, as surely as God is God, He must finally come into His own; and as Israel is His child and His instrument, Israel . . . must be vindicated over all its enemies; and this triumphal Israel can be only a morally perfect Israel, an Israel worthy of its God, under a king truly godlike or divine."

— DR. CHARLES GORE

"Where Is Mine Honor?"

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MALACHI means "my messenger" and suggests God's need and method of communicating with His people. Listen to this prophet in the sixth verse of his first chapter: "A son honoreth his father and a servant his master; if then I be a father, where is mine honor?"

Here was the characteristic by which all the prophets were judged, *Were they true messengers of God?* At the time when Malachi spoke there was a comparative degree of peace and prosperity. People were free to enjoy themselves without fear of invasion or attack by their enemies. There was no bondage from which they sought release, no great emergency calling for sacrifice, no desperation crying out for divine aid.

The times also marked a moral and religious ebb tide in Judah. The people were not guilty of idolatry, they were not worshipping Baal, they had not denied nor deserted the religion of their fathers; but the tide of their spiritual conviction and enthusiasm had gone out, and like the church at Ephesus, they had "lost their first love."

Prophet's Message Necessary

The foregoing situation required the message of the prophet, whose charge against the people was a disclosure of definite evidence of their weakness. His charge named the priests, who had failed to honor their God by offering polluted bread upon His altar and by performing their duties in a weary, half-hearted manner. As further evidence, he charges that the people have robbed God. The charge is serious, and the people question their guilt, saying, "Wherein have we robbed God or stolen from his treasury?"

Malachi then becomes more specific, explaining that they have robbed God not by what they have taken away but *by what they have kept back!* Like Ananias, they had kept back part of their tithes. And another charge against the people was discovered in their attitude toward their religious duties. They were asking what gain or profit was to be found in the performance of their obligations. Does it pay? What temporal gain is there to be found in the service of the Lord?

How wordly-wise, how prudent, how business-like it sounds when we hear these standards applied to our religious activities — by those who hold that it is waste unless they are able to trace adequate returns for every moment of time and every cent that is spent in the Lord's cause. But spiritual activities cannot be weighed on the balances of Mammon, and those who attempt to do so have joined the class of Judas, who objected to the generosity of the woman — "Why this waste?" — while the Saviour declared that she had wrought a good work on him which should be rehearsed as far as the gospel is proclaimed. For first of all the church of Christ is a spiritual body, directed to spiritual ends; and when it is managed merely as a business proposition, the soul of the church is stifled and the prudence of Judas prevails.

Sins of Omission

The people were guilty of the sin of omission, which is characteristic of religious lassitude and indifference. The messenger of the Lord was attempting to awaken the people to the seriousness of that which they had omitted and which was lacking in their lives. It was the sin of omission: a difficult lesson to teach or comprehend. If there had been some heinous sin, some positive wrong, some glaring outbreak against the law of God and man, guilt would readily be established. Here, however, was no positive wrong, but merely the *absence of what was right.* The fault lies not in what the people have, but in what they lack; not in what they have done, but in what they have left undone! They have omitted to bring tithes into the storehouse. They have omitted the proper sacrifice. They have omitted to honor the father.

It has been our custom to excuse and pass lightly by these sins of omission and judge ourselves and our neighbors not by what we have omitted but by what we have done. We have forgotten that there is such a thing as criminal negligence, that our country holds us responsible not merely for what we do, but for our failure to perform our duty, and that our God likewise holds us responsible, not merely for what we do but fail to do. To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. "He that knew his Lord's will and did it not, shall be beaten with many stripes."

"Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it not unto me." Here is one of the most subtle and enticing sins of our time and the beginning of all others. It is the failure to live up to our light, to bear the burden of our responsibility, to listen to the still, small voice of the Spirit of God — until our spiritual vision has become blurred and our hearts have become hardened to spiritual realities! As trees show their first signs of decay at the top, so the first evidence of moral and intellectual decay in any people appears in the barrenness of the topmost bough of their spiritual development.

Revealing God

The prophet here intimates that God is a Father to His people. He was first revealed as the Creator of all things, including man, who was made in His image. Next He appears to His people in the capacity of law-giver in the time of Moses. In the era of the kings He was announced as King, "The Lord he is king." Who is the king of glory? "The Lord of hosts, He is the king of glory." The Fatherhood of God was first discovered by a few of the prophets who announced faint rays of light in the heavens, presaging the dawn of a new age. It remained, however, for the full orbed splendor of the new day to break upon the eyes of the people in the person and message of Jesus Christ, in whom they beheld the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. No man knoweth the Father but the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal Him. He had more to tell us of the Father than all who went before Him, and His followers still repeat and ponder his disclosure. The prophet said, "If I be a father unto you" — but the Saviour removed the thought of any condition when He taught us to say, "Our Father!"

The sin of the people is described by Malachi as a failure to honor God. "If then, I be a father, where is mine honor?" It is not a question of whether God is our Father — a truth which is written on well nigh every page of the

New Testament, the truth of which Jesus was the living exponent — but a question as to the honor, the respect and obedience He receives from His children. It is not a question as to how our heavenly Father will treat His children, but how we earthly children treat our Father Who is in heaven.

Reverence and Honor

Provision was made for the honor of our parents in the command, "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee." This command has been more strictly observed by the Chinese and Jewish races than by our Christian country, and the reward has become evident in the longevity of these races. If it be our duty to honor our earthly parents, how much greater is our obligation to honor our Heavenly Father. "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

To enable man to honor his God, fixed forms and times and places for his worship have been arranged. The purpose of worship is not discussion, amusement nor entertainment by whatever means, but to give unto the Lord the honor due His name! It is by such worship that *the spirit of reverence is cultivated*, without which all respect for God or man for beauty and order soon disappears. A day was early set apart for worship and honor of God, and every church has been erected primarily for this purpose. Sacrifices and offerings have been instituted for His honor. "Thou shalt honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase."

When any or all of these customs are forgotten, His message as proclaimed by Malachi is again needed: "Where is mine honor?"

The Place of Jesus Christ

Our Christian era needs a summons to the renewed honor of Jesus Christ, from whom we derive our name, our church and our faith. "He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which sent him."

However much a creed may emphasize the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man as tenets of human faith, it can hardly aspire to the name Christian without the assertion of its faith in the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, the effulgence of divine glory and the image of His substance. "Whom God gave to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

The purpose of Jesus Christ was not merely to reveal to us the truth that God is our Father, but also to show a lost world the way to become sons of God. "As many as received him to them gave he power to become sons of God." He gave us the parable of the prodigal son as an illustration of infinite, unchanging love of the Father for His sons, and of the humiliating, ungrateful and unloving conduct of his sons. It was to Christians that Paul wrote, "Ye are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." And again, "Because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts crying, Abba, Father." As Christians, we owe supreme honor to the King of kings and Lord of lords, and the failure to do this is a serious indictment.

Watchman of the Ages

The failure of the people to render proper honor to their God, and the moral and spiritual lassitude in which it was rooted became the subject of the prophet's censure and the prediction of swift judgment from the Lord upon his guilty people. The messages of the prophets have never been popular because of the presence of these elements in their words. Time, however, has proved again and again the justice and the certainty of their moral vision. They have been commissioned of God to warn his people of calamities that have come as the just retribution for persistence in evil ways, and to indicate that the way of escape is to change their course by repentance and returning to their God. In our age, when watchmen are needed on every hand, let it be known that these prophets are the watchmen of the ages, and their warnings for all time.

Now the final purpose of the prophets was not to condemn the people of God. They were sent as God sent his Son into the world, not to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Not Malachi alone but well nigh every prophet ends his message with a promise of hope like the bow of promise to Noah after the flood. The promises of Malachi were to them that feared the Lord, which was equivalent to revering or honoring His Name. It was those of whom a book of remembrance should be written, who were to be His in the day when He should make up His jewels, and they upon whom the sun of righteousness should arise with healings in his wings.

Man Created for a Purpose

The will of God is not the destruction but the salvation of His people. The only destruction which man should fear is that which he is bringing on his own head. The fact that God is willing to forgive us our sins is evidence that He has sufficient confidence in us to grant us another trial. The fact that the Good Shepherd calls His sheep by name is evidence that they will hear His voice and respond. It is for us to know that as God once trusted man whom He created out of the dust of the earth to bring order out of chaos and establish a civilization that would endure for future generations, so now again when we have fallen on dark and evil days, the God who made us and trusted our fathers, will again trust His people to bring order out of chaos, light out of darkness, civilization out of barbarism and to create a new heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

When He declares, "Ye are my witnesses", He intimates that He is confident that we will not fail, as parents are confident that their children will honor them. God is still confident in His children, from whom shall come the hosts of heaven to bring eternal honor to His Name.

Shells Without Charges

FEW seasoned readers of DESTINY can have failed to encounter many of the "stock objections" to the Anglo-Saxon identity with Israel which are so constantly thrown by the enemy. It is therefore high time to point out that these attacks are harmless in so far as truth is concerned — mere "shells" without "charges"! They make a noise *just because they are empty*. Even the "fuse hole" is not plugged, and so of course they "shriek", as soldiers say. But they should not cause an Israelite to even dodge! They are lighter than vanity itself, for when the heart is truly armed, they simply fan the ears with harmless breezes, and die out before they strike. The arguments in rebuttal which are to be found in the Scriptures are the universal armor against all the darts our objectors have. We suggest to Israelites everywhere that they clothe themselves therewith and go out and extend the lines!

Digest of the Divine Law — VIII

Management and Labor

By HOWARD B. RAND

WHEN men are under subjugation to another's will and command without adequate compensation for services rendered it is slavery no matter by what name such service may be called, for slavery is the involuntary servitude of one human being to another. Because this is so the amount of wages received for services rendered and the right to sell one's services to whom one will is vital to the independence and standing of the laborer. Unless a laborer has freedom of choice and receives full and adequate return for his services and the goods he produces by the expenditure of either mental or physical activity, the scale inclines towards slavery rather than towards freedom and independence.

No question has been of such moment as the position of the laborer and the amount of wages due him. It has been the basis of class warfare and has led to strife and bloodshed. Men have resented classification and low wages and have organized to better their conditions. But it is impossible to make an equitable adjustment of wages which will be satisfactory to both employer and employee until certain fundamental changes are made in our economy.

Pressure Upon Employer

Employers and employees are both under pressure today — the former endeavoring to remain in business; the latter to meet ever-increasing living costs — and to this end the one strives to conserve assets and the other to secure advances in wages. It has in this way become a conflict for survival on the part of each under the present order of things. The employer must pay tribute at the counter of the money exchangers in the form of interest and other charges in order to secure credit and continue in business. The money he needs to meet his pay rolls and to purchase his stock is furnished by the money loaners to whom he must pay tribute. He finds himself a slave to a system which makes money (rather than goods) the criterion of wealth. Thus, regardless of what and how much he produces in quality or quantity it is of little avail to him in compensating the employee unless he can convert this wealth resulting from production into wealth represented by gold.

Control of Values

Labor, under an equitable system of compensation, should receive a just proportion of that which labor produces — either in that which is produced or its equivalent. But because that which he produces is controlled, not by its value and use but by the value of gold, both the employer and employee are unable to reap a full profit in an equitable return from their joint labors. This is because true wealth (the goods resulting from production) must be converted into a medium wholly inadequate to represent the value of production as has been shown. The control of the profits of management and the wages of labor are wholly apart from the interests of both, being in the hands of the money exchangers.

Financial Pressure

Vested financial interests have been able to remain aloof from most labor disputes, making both management and labor assume that their difficulties are the result of the greed of the laborer or the selfishness of the employer, when in fact both are the dupes and slaves of a financial system which reaps both ends and the middle; always tending to bankrupt the employer and withhold adequate compensation from the employee. Result: continued warfare between labor and management — each trying to save itself from the inevitable financial pressure from without by organizing against each other, both striving to control production, hours and wages, and blaming one another for their present plight.

Let us always remember that the objective and end for both the employer and the employee are one. Each needs the other and both desire to receive from production a profit for their labor which should be a fair proportion of the value of that which is produced as the result of true collaboration between management and labor. This cannot become a practical actuality until there is a radical change in the entire monetary system to bring it into conformity with the Biblical standard of weights and measures as shown in "Three Important Laws."*

A Third Party

Management furnishes organization and brains for the production and sale of finished goods while labor furnishes the skill and necessary hours to turn raw material into finished products. But there is a third party in this combination who contributes nothing, either in brains or brawn, yet claims the lion's share and the right to use the results accruing from the joint undertaking of management and labor in the marts of trade and over the gambling counters of international finance. Thus this third party trades in that for which it has never worked or labored, bringing all business and its transactions under tribute as the wealth of the system flows into its coffers. This third party controls finances and due to the fact that the value of our monetary system has no direct relation to the actual national wealth represented in production and goods, but instead rests upon a metallic basis and by the control of money and in demanding tribute for its use, a few are enriched at the expense of labor and management.

Labor needs the employer who in turn needs labor and its services, yet neither actually needs the financial leeches; though at present they control the medium of exchange through gold. Its use and possession can only be secured by paying tribute if one would acquire the raw material for production in order to later sell in the market the finished product.

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Paying Tribute

Management must pay toll to the money exchangers in order to acquire the wherewithal to carry on their trade. Because of the exorbitant charges (and any percentage charged for the use of a medium that ought to represent goods and production is exorbitant) labor blames management and management blames labor for the lack of prosperity and the economic trend towards oppression.

This foregoing explanation has been necessary in order to show the direct cause of oppression and the reason why honest and sincere endeavor and enterprise does not always prosper. The solution of the problem of labor and wages is impossible until the monetary question has been properly adjusted to the equitable standard of a true economy.

For our nation, the solution lies in Congress taking over its constitutional right "to coin money, regulate the value thereof," and set as the standard of the value of that medium of exchange the nation's wealth in goods and possessions plus the increase from the labor of our citizens — and against all that wealth, to issue the coin of the realm. As this wealth increases there would be a corresponding increase in the medium of exchange, but the value and price of goods and possessions would remain constant.

Foundation for Security

Under such conditions, the non-producers who have lived so long on the labor and activities of others would be eliminated and would themselves have to go to work or starve. Employers would feel secure to produce, for production would be capital and wealth. Against that wealth would be issued a medium of exchange just as today it is issued against gold. Thus the production of serviceable goods would be the production of wealth and bring an increase in the circulation of money. Management would be freed from being harassed by interest-bearing bank loans and the ever present possibility of foreclosure by creditors who by manipulation and through refusal to extend credit and renew notes might seize equipment and stock worth thousands of dollars for a few cents on the dollar. The full value of possessions would always be assured just as now the holders of gold are assured of the full value of the yellow metal in their possession.

Now both labor and management are in servitude, slaves of a system and of those who control the money of a nation and who compel all to pay tribute if they would use the money of the realm. In collecting tribute for the financing of production, the producer is robbed of his profits and the laborer of his wages.

When business is freed from these modern hazards by the institution of a non-interest-bearing medium of exchange, issued against possessions and increase making the standard of wealth goods, then management and labor can unite in the production of wealth and share with each other in that production and thus institute such a cycle of prosperity as the world has never before experienced.

Law Against Oppression

Elimination of our present unjust system of taxation along with the institution of a non-interest-bearing medium of exchange based upon national wealth instead of gold would produce the means of adequately compensating all under the administration of the Divine law, both management and labor. When management is free to move without the fear of confiscation of their wealth the law says, "Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy whether he be of thy brethren or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates."

This law covers all classes, both the foreigner and the citizen within the nation. What, then, constitutes oppression? It is the failure to give a just return for services rendered. How is that return to be made? The Biblical standard was in kind, or its equivalent in value, being an equitable percentage from the increase resulting from that labor.

Under the new order there would be no incentive to horde the medium of exchange but men would conserve our natural resources as real wealth instead of destroying our most valuable possessions in order to buy and horde gold or its equivalent.

Our present civilization has been built upon unrighteousness. This is in the robbing of the poor through subjecting them to conditions of slavery in a system where it has been impossible to reap an adequate reward for services rendered, and through harassing the employer by the fear of confiscation because financial interests demand their pound of flesh. All this is evidenced in the fluctuation of prices and the production of industry on the shelves of cut-rate stores while the hammer of the auctioneer has been frequently used to dispose of possessions and goods at a fraction of their original value.

Judgment Upon the Oppressor

Jeremiah rightly declared woe unto those who build in unrighteousness: "That useth his neighbour's service without wages and giveth him not for his work." James declared that the hire of the laborer is kept back by fraud. The Lord through Malachi states that he will come in swift judgment "against those that oppress the hireling in his wages."

Oppression of the laborer is the result of failure to give the laborer (management is part of labor in this instance and subject to oppression) a just proportion in return for the energy expended in production. Such injustice results from the fact that the value of a man's labor has no relationship to the goods he produces. Regardless of a man's contribution to the increase in goods, his services are paid for in a medium regulated by gold. Under these conditions, both management and labor cannot reap the benefits of what they do when the standard of wealth is gold and not goods.

Just Return Possible

When the three important laws with which we dealt in our last issue are in operation, buildings, machinery, equipment and all possessions will be free from taxation. Taxes will be a tithe of the increase accruing to management and labor. And as taxes are paid from one's increase, so labor and management will receive a just return from the increase resulting from their combined efforts in production. Labor will cease to be a commodity to be purchased in an open market, for under the law of the Lord labor would become a co-partner and receive an equitable share in the increase with those who through management contribute their part to make that increase possible. Labor would thus be able to purchase that which it produces and thus remove the danger of overproduction, which does not exist in reality — it being, rather, *underconsumption* — because labor is not given sufficient to buy that which it produces.

Labor and Public Works

Solomon needed laborers to build the Temple at Jerusalem. There would, of course, be no return from this pro-

duction other than the wages received. Men were sent into the forests of Lebanon to prepare timber for the Temple. Solomon raised a levy of men by conscription in Israel; 30,000 men were thus gathered and sent to the forests. This levy was divided into monthly shifts of 10,000 for each month: thus the men in each shift spent one month in the forest and two months at home.

Here is an interesting fact set forth in the handling of labor for public works. Four months out of the year these laborers worked for the state. Eight months out of each year the laborer was free to enjoy himself and his home. The return from the four months' service was sufficient to insure his living during the entire twelve months.

With modern advancements in machinery and mass production methods plus the ingenuity of inventive genius, we should be able to do much better in the equitable distribution of profits when freed from the curse of the present economic evils. A few months each year should enable man to produce all that he would need during the balance of that year. This will be when we conform with the entire requirements of the law of the Lord. Not only will this be so, but during the six years an accumulation of production will be sufficient to carry through the seventh year, which seventh year will be a Sabbath of rest.

Periods of Rest

Vacations have been a problem for industry and only a few have been able to avail themselves of this privilege. But God is not interested in having his people make the accumulation of wealth the desire and end of life. The primary purpose of production in the plan of God is to supply men with the needs and comforts of life; but instead of doing this today, production has been made the means of enriching the few at the expense of the many.

Our foolishness in these matters has cost much, besides denying to our people the blessing of the periods of leisure provided under the law. We have substituted short vacations, grudgingly given to a few, for the blessings of the periods of leisure abundantly offered by God under the Divine economic system that would bring happiness and contentment to all His people.

Fixed and eternal is the fact that one day in seven is holy unto God. These were not to be days of pleasure. But during the year holidays were instituted at intervals when men were to cease from their labors. Three different periods were provided in each year, one in the spring, another in the summer, and the third in the fall. These were weeks during which His people were to enjoy themselves, "And thou shalt rejoice in thy feasts, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates." (Deut. 16: 14.) All observed these vacation periods. The people were to remember God even in the midst of their vacation for in each period a day of Holy convocation was set aside to be observed as a Sabbath.

But this was not all. At the end of every six years an entire year (the seventh year) was a year of rest in which men were to cease from their labors. During this year they could devote the time to travel and pleasure. They must of course keep holy the Sabbath days of that seventh year.

At the close of seven weeks of years (49 years) an extra year, the 50th or Jubilee, was added to the vacation period! This was to be a period of real rejoicing and pleasure during which a proclamation of peace was to be issued.

Promised Blessings

We have ignored the laws of the Lord which, when in operation, would bring the blessing of peace, prosperity and real happiness. The permanent solution of the problem confronting management and labor, with the elimination of the financier, would end for all time the need of labor organizations. Men thus freed from having to pay tribute, with the institution of equitable laws under an economy of justice and equity, would deal righteously one with the other.

Then would come to pass the fulfillment of the Lord's declaration made through the prophet Isaiah: "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. . . . And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." (Isa. 65: 17–25.)

Less Politics, More Rubber

GERMANY has been fighting a successful war on synthetic rubber. We are being told that rubber is essential to our war program and this fact has been stressed in the drive for scrap rubber. The statements issued by the government tell us of the need of rubber in airplane construction, the building of tanks and battleships, for the tires of army trucks and for other vital military purposes.

If all this be so, why has the Army Production Chief announced his opposition to a bill providing for production of synthetic rubber from grain on the ground it would hinder the war effort by drawing upon supplies of steel, copper, and other vital material?

President Roosevelt stated at his press conference on July 7th (the next day after the above report came from Donald M. Nelson), "The government might have to requisition every automobile tire in the United States if the war situation gets worse."

Now no citizen will object if there is no other way to get rubber for essential war needs. He will not only be willing to walk, but also to see millions of dollars worth of business destroyed if all this is necessary to winning the war. But, when Congress considers passing a bill to provide for the making of synthetic rubber out of the abundance of grain, the War Production Chief says "No"! Why?

If rubber is so essential for winning the war (and there is no question about *that*) the confiscation of every tire in the United States will give a supply of rubber for only a limited time. When this supply is exhausted we will then have to use steel and other metals for making synthetic rubber. In other words, synthetic rubber must be made sooner or later and surely we are as able now to use the needed material for this purpose as we will be a few months from now. Or is there perhaps a desire to remove from the people their means of independent action and motion before building the needed plants to make rubber substitutes? When the public has been reduced to walking and automobiles have become worthless (for without tires they will be saleable only to the junkmen, who would then further capitalize on the distress of the American public) it will suddenly be found that the making of rubber has become as essential as producing steel, and steel will be allocated for this purpose; but the public would still walk.

Germany has efficiently solved the rubber needed for her war machine and surely this great country can do her one better without going into the junk business and pauperizing her citizens, for when rubber is taken from all our people we will come to a realization of just how much our very prosperity depends upon this essential material.

Until Shiloh Come

By THOMAS W. PLANT

THE word "Shiloh" occurs 33 times in the Old Testament, not once in the New, and in 32 out of the 33 it refers to the town of Shiloh. Only once can our expositors make it refer to the Messiah, and they strive hard to do so; but, it must be admitted, with only doubtful success.

Young's Concordance describes Shiloh as: "A city in Ephraim, north of Bethel, and East of the road from Bethel to Shechem, ten or twelve Roman miles distant from it. Under Joshua it was a central city, and till the time of Samuel it was the seat of The Tabernacle. It was also the residence of Ahijah the prophet, and is now called SEILUN."

Its first mention is in Genesis 49: 10, and this is the odd occasion, referred to above, when many think that here we have a reference to the Messiah.

"*Until Shiloh Come.*" It would take several pages to quote much of what has been written around and about these three words; everyone is familiar with them, and one has only to turn to the writings of the expositors and commentators to realize the problem (and the difficulty) of making it refer to a person rather than a place.

Genesis 49: 10 —

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
Until Shiloh come;
And unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Here are some of the many suggested alternative renderings of the third line by various authorities:

"Until he come to Shiloh."
"As long as men come to Shiloh" (viz., to worship).
"Till that which is his shall come."
"Till he come to that which is his."
"Till he come whose it (the kingdom) is."
"Till he come for whom it is reserved."
"Till peace or tranquillity cometh."
"Till he come to peacefulness (or a place of rest)."
"Till he of Shiloh cometh."
"Until he cometh to whom it belongs."

Evidently, the wording of this prophecy *dates the continuance* of the sceptre of David of the Tribe of Judah until some great event happens. In other words, *it is a great time-mark*, and necessitates the unbroken continuity of the Davidic monarchy until . . .

Shall we try three more translations?

The Septuagint:

A chief shall not fail from Judah,
Nor a leader from his loins;
Till the things reserved from him shall come —
Even He, the expectation of nations.

Ferrar Fenton:

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,
Or the Giver of Law from between his feet,
Till peace arrive, and the nations obey him.

James Moffatt:

The sceptre never passes from Judah,
Nor ever the staff of sway,
Till he comes into his own,
And makes the clans obey.

Shiloh — Always a Place! As stated above, it is the only verse in which it can be thought to be a person; in all other verses it always means the town of Shiloh. Why, therefore, should we make an exception in this case? Why not keep to the town of Shiloh, ten miles north-east of Bethel, on the main road from Bethel to Shechem?

Quoting from "Oxonian's" out-of-print pamphlet ("Shiloh, the site of Ezekiel's temple") we read, "The simple translation is: 'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah till He shall go to Shiloh.' "

The Universal Bible Dictionary has this note on Shiloh, which gives us another clue: "The Syriac version renders 'Until he come whose right it is'; an even more significant prediction of Messiah. Compare Ezekiel 21: 27, 'Until he come whose right it is,' which probably refers to our passage."

But this reference takes us to the well-known thrice "overturn" passage of Ezekiel 21: 27, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it to Him."

Ferrar Fenton renders it, "Alas! Alas! Alas! I will overthrow this city! It shall never be revived until its rightful *owner* comes — when I will give it to Him!"

Dr. Moffatt renders it, "I lay all in ruins, ruins, ruins; everything shall be overturned, till the rightful man arrives — and I will give him everything."

Overturn, Overturn, Overturn. The usual explanation or exposition of the Authorized Version rendering of this verse by Anglo-Saxon-Israel Bible students is that the Davidic line of kings would be subjected to three removals or transportations, and that it has been fulfilled by the Royal line being taken from Palestine to Ireland (Tara), from Ireland (Tara) to Scotland (Scone), from Scotland (Scone) to England, to Westminster Abbey, where the stone of Bethel is used as the Coronation stone of our claimed Davidic dynasty.

But even these three times scarcely fulfill this prediction-promise in verse 10 as fully as the prophecy implies.

One is always learning, and only a few months ago a friend told me that in the Hebrew the words "Overturn, Overturn, Overturn," give a hint of a gap or chasm; and he suggested that it could be more accurately expressed by thrice repeating the words — "throw across." This translation would sound strange, but supposing it referred to Sea journeys? The Davidic Sceptre has had two journeys by Sea, and one by Land, — there was no chasm from Scotland to England, from Scone to Westminster, — and it is not yet restored to Palestine!

Is this third Sea journey still future? The great theme of all the prophets is the Re-union of All the Twelve Tribes of Israel, when they will elect in Palestine their Davidic King to rule over the re-united Kingdom.

Great Events in the Future! Therefore, as I am writing this, I can see a still further fulfillment by studying all these attempts of translators and expositors to solve this "Shiloh" problem, something much more important at the climax of the crisis in the Middle East.

We see that "the sceptre shall not depart from Judah till He shall go to Shiloh"; therefore the Davidic monarchy must be in residence somewhere, in its ruling capacity, *until* — He come whose is the kingdom, for whom it is reserved, *until* the era of universal peace has arrived; *until* He, the expectation of nations, shall come; *until* peace arrives, and the nations obey Him; *until* He comes into His own, and makes the clans obey (will the original "clans" of Israel have then grown into

the above-mentioned "nations"?), and the locality will be at Shiloh, the future site of Ezekiel's temple, the future House of Prayer for all nations, as described by Ezekiel, to which the rightful owner comes, when "I will give him everything."

Let us now use Dr. Driver's descriptions of this future ruler, and this future period, as foretold by Jeremiah in chapters 30 to 33: "A day of judgment is coming upon the world, out of which, however, Israel will be delivered." This is "the second David, the ideal king of the future, as David was of the past." "The exiles will return; Jerusalem will be rebuilt, and again enjoy prosperity under the rule of an independent prince of David's line"; "Ephraim's happy return from exile," as "the chief of the nations"; "Ephraim's penitence enables Yahweh to welcome his prodigal home with affection"; "Judah also, will be restored, as well as Ephraim"; "Jerusalem will be rebuilt, even beyond its former limits, and be holy to Yahweh"; "Yahweh will never cast off His people, or bring to an end the rule of the seed of David."

All this is to happen when "he shall go to Shiloh," for unto Him shall the obedience of the peoples (nations) be, and the period will be at the time of the Second Advent and afterwards.

Jacob must have touched the high-water mark of inspired prophecy in this tenth verse regarding Judah "in the last days."

Certainly the above notes, and the date given in the first verse of Genesis 49, carry us forward to the climax of all those world-shaking events relating to the complete overthrow of the evil forces of the world in Palestine at Armageddon.

"Oxonian," in his pamphlet written 40 years ago, on "Shiloh, — the Site of Ezekiel's Temple," traces the march of the armies of the enemy of His Kingdom from Shiloh to Jerusalem, where "he will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming."

He identified nearly all the place-names mentioned in Israel 10: 28–34, and shows that Shiloh will be the headquarters of The Man of Sin, when he *almost* succeeds in taking Jerusalem, as described so graphically in Zechariah 14.

We now quote "Oxonian's" description of the final stage of The Second Advent: "Having descended upon the scene of His great enemy's last dread attempt upon the Holy City, the Lord will naturally go next at once to the center of disturbance, and destroy the rebel forces gathered at Shiloh. Then will be fulfilled the ancient prophecy, misrendered "until Shiloh come." Of that passage, as the writer of the article in Smith's *Bible Dictionary* shows, the simple translation is, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, till he shall go to Shiloh."

Prophetic Tapestry

REFERRING TO CHART 16, page 12, DESTINY for June, 1942, and the accompanying article calling attention to the chronology of the promise of blessedness: Half the dates were written from history fulfilled and half from prophecy sure to become history as the dates arrived.

Let us now observe fulfillment and give God the praise.

1) *Moonlight* —

On May 18, 1942, the United States announced the arrival in Ireland of a great convoy of American troops fully equipped for action.

2) *Dawn* —

On June 6, 1942, the success of the air forces in the Battle of Midway was so phenomenal that it changed the production plans from warships to air-carriers and bombers. It erased sufficient of the Japanese force as to ease the pressure in all the Pacific area to bring the dawn of offensive warfare on the part of the Allies.

3) *Sunlight* —

a) June 25, 1942, brought the full sunlight view of the plans of the United Nations. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill met in Washington with the Pacific war council and congressional leaders and planned the Allies' strategy for the war. Mr. Churchill's work in the United States completed, he left that night for London. Russia was not mentioned as present at this council.

b) June 25, 1942, the U. S. A. this day created in London the headquarters for a European theatre of operations under command of Maj. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, a veteran of armored warfare.

c) June 27, 1942, the third day perfected from June 25, 1942, issued the Roosevelt-Churchill final communiqué on their week-long series of conferences in which the *offensive strategy* of the war was mapped.

Now, connecting the news of the three initial 1,355 dates; namely — June 19, 1941, July 8, 1941, July 27, 1941, as quoted in the article; the mid-date — December 22, 1941 — and the four dates above mentioned, we see the connection of each event of the news with each and all other events. The whole news gives us the period and pattern of the events as the U. S. takes her God-given position for defense alongside Britain for the freedom of the world.

Thus, we see from the Bible and the Bible alone how history-making events of great magnitude unfold into a prophetic tapestry revealing the guiding hand of God in the affairs of this national son (Manasseh) of Joseph, who was sent on before to preserve life. Truly God hath guided the undertakings of this nation which now faces the task for which it was born and reared. We cannot fail with such a charted course and such a pilot, the all-seeing eye of God, at the wheel of our destiny.

— W. C. NABORS
June 30, 1942

Established in the Tops of the Mountains

Few stop to consider the prominence given to mountains in Scripture, and therefore do not realize the important part mountains have played in Biblical history. Not alone is this true regarding their physical aspect, for it applies in their symbolic meaning as well.

After the Deluge, during which an ancient civilization had perished because of violence and sin, the men who were to build a new and orderly government upon earth disembarked from the Ark upon the top of the mountains of Ararat and from there they descended to build a new order of society.

Many times, when persecution arose, men who have sought freedom from trouble have escaped to the mountains for protection and amid their towering peaks have gained freedom and liberty from tyranny and oppression.

It was to the mountains that Lot fled with his daughters, after the destruction of the cities of the plain.

And when God called Abraham to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice, He directed him to "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." There upon the mountain God told Abraham, "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." While God saved Isaac, Abraham won the battle of faith upon the top of the mountain and received there the blessing of God and the promise of increased greatness.

Later the time came when the seed of Abraham was to be organized into a Kingdom. A mountain played an important part in that inaugural of a people into a Kingdom Nation. It was upon Mount Sinai — before which the people had gathered — that Moses received the law and from that mountain God displayed His power. The scene is described as follows:

"And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. . . . And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. And the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up." (Exodus 19: 16–20.)

Many years later when Jesus Christ made a demonstration of His power and the glory of His coming He took Peter, James and John — his brother — up to the top of a high mountain "And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. . . . Behold a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." (Matt. 17: 1–5.)

Later on, Peter referred to this experience upon the mount as an eye witness of His glory and through which occurrence he was able to declare the power and coming of the Lord and yet, even though this was so, Peter stated that "we have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed."

Upon the Isle of Patmos, John beheld a glorious vision — when the angel who talked with him said, "Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, clear as crystal." (Rev. 21: 9–11.)

Thus we have wonderful mountain top views of the coming of the Lord and the glories of His Kingdom, with the highest mountains selected as the places of important conferences and events. But mountains are also used in Scripture as a symbol of God's power and righteousness; as well as being an emblem of strength and a place of refuge. Referring to the power and glory of the Lord, Isaiah exclaims, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out the heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? . . . It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." (Isa. 40: 12–22.)

Further, and importantly for us during these times, we find that a mountain is used in Scripture as the symbol of the Kingdom of God upon earth. It was in a vision that Daniel saw the rise of four world empires and then beheld a stone "cut out of the mountain" destroying these kingdoms, "And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

Daniel informs us that this stone is the Kingdom organized by God (this took place at Mount Sinai), which kingdom shall consume all others and endure forever. It is therefore fitting that the Kingdom should be represented as a mountain and as such Micah refers to its establishment over all nations in a prophecy of the fulfillment of the coming universality of that Kingdom as had been visioned by Daniel, "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4: 1–3.)

Peace, then, is to come when the Kingdom of God shall have become as a great Mountain, filling the whole earth, and this is to be an actuality when as a result of the present struggle His people awaken to righteousness and their enemies are defeated.

Within the Scriptures there are many other references to mountains, which stand for steadfastness and strength and symbolize a stronghold and place of

defense. In contrast to seeing the New Jerusalem from the vantage point of a great and high mountain, John described "Mystery, Babylon the Great" — emblematical of the spiritual forces of the present world order — as being in a wilderness or place void of the ruggedness and strength of the Mountains.

One cannot gaze upon a towering peak with any degree of understanding without grasping, at least to some extent, a real sense of proportion: envisioning the feebleness of the finite in the presence of the infinite. Merely to live in the midst of the mountains and to breathe the mountain air imbues one with the spirit of freedom which will never be erased from the souls of men so long as there are mountains around whose peaks the clouds can cluster.

His Kingdom, the very soul of freedom, is fittingly likened to a mountain. And in the expansion of that Kingdom, as it subdues all nations and brings them into subjection to His administration, the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established over all other kingdoms and the whole earth will then be filled with His Glory.

May the towering peaks of the mountains speak unto us of the onward march of His Kingdom and of its final attainment when, like as a great and high mountain, His government will fill the earth: as the Kingdom triumphs over all — with its righteousness covering the earth as the waters cover the sea!

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MARSHALL FIELD once said, discussing the value of communication by letter, "A single letter can be worth a million dollars." The great merchant therein voiced a value to letters in commercial terms. To a great number of folk, today, a single letter can be worth more than any intrinsic value whatever; for constantly through the mails, from friend to friend, there is going the good news of the Kingdom of God.

It is, from time to time, our privilege to have one of these letters, which have passed between friends, sent on to us. Some are on the finest of engraved stationery, meticulously typed; others are handwritten in pen or pencil on the least expensive paper. But that is unimportant. The thrill comes from the expression itself of the truth of the Bible, the convictions which are obvious, and from the visible evidence that the Word is going out — God's Word, constantly spreading.

Following is one of them. We publish it because it is so superb as a brief, succinct statement of the important truth. It was written by a prominent young Los Angeles attorney, the son of a minister, to one of his friends who is an author. The letter speaks for itself!

— ED.

I wish that my father, who knows it well, could talk to you about the Anglo-Saxon identity of Israel — as you might be just the man to dramatize a subject which I believe to be about the biggest story soon to be realized by mankind, — the story of the discovery of the lost tribes of Israel and their destiny in the world today. It is a very difficult matter to bring to the attention of the average man, as he approaches the subject through a haze of religious prejudice and other kinds of prejudices, and with very little interest in a subject which seems to him as a proper subject for religious teachers to bring up in Church. But the peculiar thing is: most religious (I refer to the Christian religion now) teachers and preachers have closed minds on the subject, and are determined to clothe the Jews with the robes of the past glory of Israel, and overlook the fact that the Old Testament in hundreds of places carefully distinguishes between "Judah" and her sister "Israel." They also fail to note that even in those times Semantics existed, and people were used to using a phrase to cover what, to us today, would call for the use of many words by way of explanation. What were the "lost sheep of the House of Israel"? In those days the answer to that question was well known; but down through the ages the true meaning of those words became lost, mutilated, misinterpreted, so that people today do not know that Christ came to this world to engage in the program of regathering the lost ten tribes and the other two tribes (never lost) which we know as Jews, but which were actually people from Judah and Benjamin (2 tribes only). Modern ministers spiritualize everything in the Bible so that when they get through with it, it lacks meaning for anyone trying to use common sense in understanding it. They say that when Christ said he came to "the lost sheep of the House of Israel" that he came for the sole purpose of saving the immortal souls of those persons who were lost in a world of sin, etc., etc. But the reasonable interpretation of those words indicates that He came to regather the Chosen People of God (the original 12 tribes of Israel) of which 10 tribes were then lost — in the sense that their exact whereabouts was not known to their enemies — just as the Bible predicted would happen. Christ did not close the door to Salvation, upon those who were not flesh and blood descendants of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, but one not of those tribes could become a citizen of Israel only through a sort of naturalization procedure, under which he would be reborn (not in a physical sense, of course) but in a mental and spiritual sense, and in which rebirth he would believe in the eternal truth of Jesus Christ and his teachings. That would not necessarily require admission to any church organization, as the Church of Christ is open at all times to all men, and does not require a Pope to intercede for any man or woman between that man and woman and his God or Christ, the son of God. Those ministers who preach the equality of all men are guilty of violating the express statements of those who, in the next breath, they pronounce to be God's Prophets; for if the Bible teaches nothing else, it teaches that Almighty God is interested in Nations, Races, and People in the mass, as well as in the individual man or woman; and it also teaches that God had a Chosen People. That Chosen People was and is Israel. And the People of Israel are the people who, today, are fighting to preserve freedom in this world — as against the descendants of their ancient enemies, Assyria, et al., who have never believed in Freedom for the individual, or that an individual was of any importance whatsoever. The enemies of Israel have always believed in State Worship, Idol Worship, Dictator Worship, and have denied the right of an individual to live like a son of God. If God created man in his own image, he did not create a slave. And if God had a Chosen People, he did not create a nation of slaves. Remember the old song "Britons never shall be slaves, etc." And the old prophets said that, in the *latter days* the descendants of Jacob would be *a nation* and *company of nations*, a great people, a seafaring people holding the gates of their enemies. The British Union Jack means "Union of Jacob" and it flies over the nations comprising the British Commonwealth of Nations. That is the company of nations, and the "a nation" is the United States of America. Bible prophecy tells us that we will, after great tribulation, triumph over our enemies — but only after we call upon God to do it for us — as we shall be brought very low before we are saved from utter destruction. That condition is due to our persistent refusal to obey the economic, political, and religious laws of God found set forth in the Old and New Testaments. Christ said, in substance, that He did not come to destroy the Law. What Law? Why the law set forth in the Old Testament, and with which he was thoroughly familiar. He even went into the temple at the age of 12 and taught the Scribes what that law said and meant. Those who say that the Old Testament became an obsolete book when Christ came, can be likened to those who say that the Constitution of the United States became null and void when Roosevelt became President. We know that such is not true. Roosevelt and his New Deal Justices have shown us some things

that were in the Constitution all the time, but we did not know they were there. And Christ showed us that the laws of the Old Testament had possibilities which, up to that time, had not been understood — and still are misunderstood — almost 2,000 years after His physical Crucifixion. He came to *fulfil the prophecies* which were contained in the Old Testament, and which foretold His coming. He said so Himself. It's all in the Bible.

I know you have written an article entitled "The Gold Standard and Panama." I have not had the pleasure of reading it, but it shows that you have studied the Gold Standard. Now the Gold Standard is nothing more nor less than the old Babylonian monetary standard, whereby all wealth had to be measured in gold. The Jews who were taken up to Babylon learned of this, and adopted it in place and stead of their own Divine Standard found in the Old Testament, which standard did not base the value of money upon gold but upon land. Land has all the advantages of gold, as a base for money, with none of the disadvantages, if we pass over the doubtful necessity of the money having to be indestructible. If I hold a dollar bill of my country, which has as its base the land of the United States, that is pretty good security for me. I do not believe that a small piece of gold would be better. The gold is more destructible than the land, in that it can be lost, melted down, dropped into the ocean where it is five miles deep, etc. What would happen if all the gold now buried at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, were taken out into the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and dropped overboard? Would this nation die? Would its war effort cease? Would we be unable to reconstruct our nation for peace after the war, without this gold? You know we would. For it was a false standard all the time.

The Old Testament provides land laws which have not been improved upon in all our long legal history. No mortgage could be placed on land for more than 49 years, as on Jubilee Year the mortgage was automatically removed as a matter of law. No man could deed away his land for more than 49 years, as the Bible says: "The Land is Mine and shall not be sold forever." We try to pass titles in perpetuity, but have done a bad job at it. The law of primogeniture in England tried to pass it along to the eldest son, from one generation to another. Now they are finding that such a plan does not work. So rich men now deed it to the State, to avoid having to pay taxes on it. If the State is (or will become) the instrument of God, then it can be seen that the land is returning to God, where legal title belonged all the time. Bible law indicates that no man should ever have more than, at most, a life estate in land.

The tax laws of the Old Testament have never been improved upon, or even equalled. The tithe (10% of the *increase*) was and still is a just tax, levied upon all on basis of ability to pay. If you have no "increase" — no "profit," you pay no tax. All our sales taxes, indirect taxes, etc., are secret, hidden, and designed to take bread out of the mouths of poor people who should be tax free. Preachers constantly urge us (heard one on the radio a day or two ago urging it) to tithe by paying 10% of our income to the Lord (by giving it to them); but in ancient Israel, which was a Theocracy, the tithe was paid to a government official who acknowledged it, and used it to pay costs of government, courts, education, etc., and about 1/10 of the tithe was used to maintain the temples, etc. So our churches want us to give them 10 times as much as they would be entitled to have even if we lived under a Theocratic form of government, and in addition they do not protest about the other forms of taxes which we pay and which (tho they never mention it) were included in the ancient tithe.

It is too bad more ministers, priests, etc. have not studied law, as they might profitably have studied that about which they preach; but apparently they prefer to preach about it rather than study it, and try to understand it.

Sincerely,

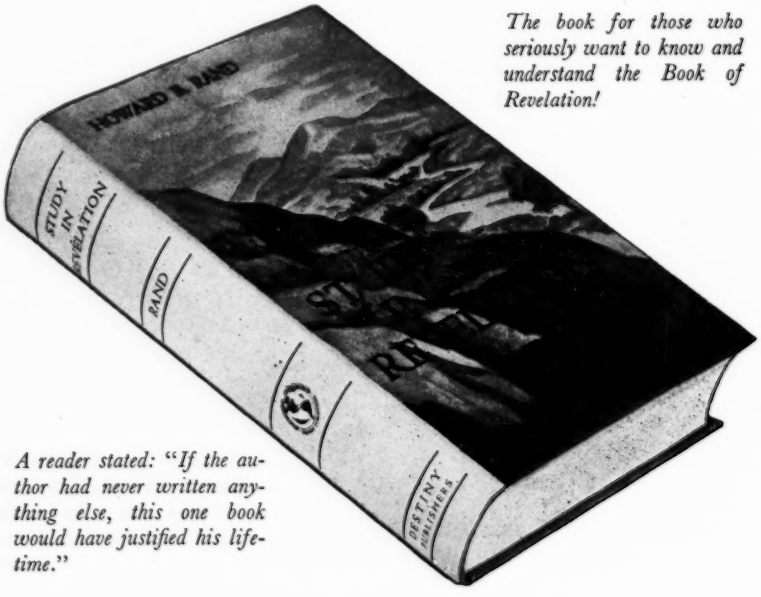
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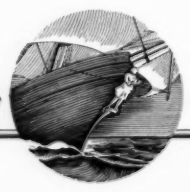
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