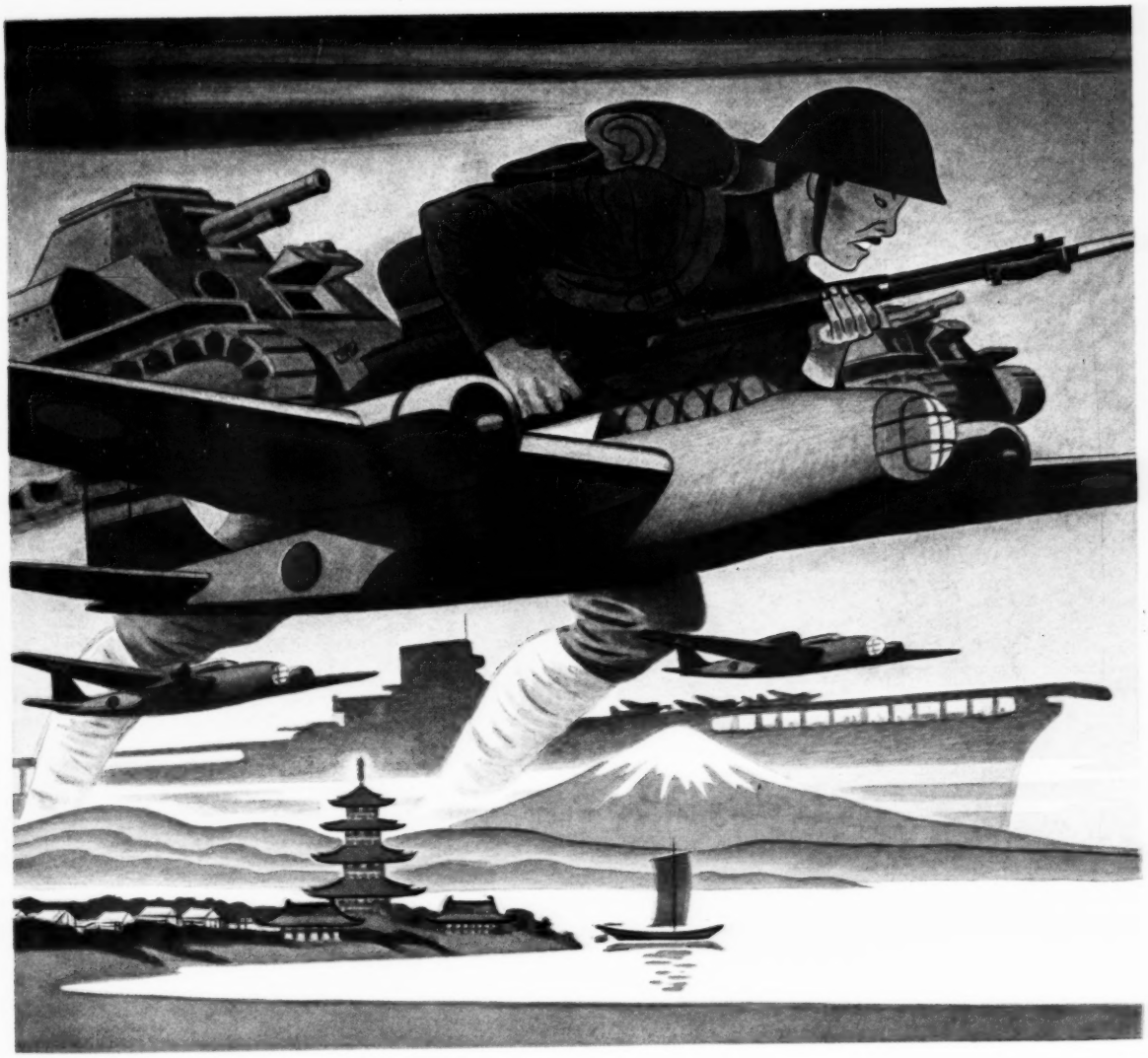
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Until All Nations Are Gathered at the Appointed Place

THE WAR IS UNQUENCHABLE

BIBLE PROPHECY provides the pattern of history. If it is possible to determine this as the war foretold in the Bible, then it is possible to know the scope, final alignment and the time, place and manner of its ending. Those who have made the search of the Bible factors are in agreement that there is no longer any question about it. As seasoned readers of the Bible and of DESTINY know, this is the war destined to be; it is in conformity with the recorded statements of the prophets.

Much of the contemporary conversation as to the ending (and the future beyond that ending) thus has no basis in what will be future fact as viewed in the dependable Divine prophecies. The only authoritative information (this being the war which it is) rests there in the Book. It is clear in general outline and significant detail, and the prophecy-paralleling history of this first and last truly global war checks in both outline and detail with all factors which were to determine it, as did the prelude during the years just preceding.

Among several other factors it is clearly stated that *all* nations shall be in. That time is not yet, but a glance at the animated map helps one visualize the global scope which the conflict is approaching. The United States alone already has armed forces at battle-stations in more than sixty-five countries of the world; from the sleet-swept Aleutians to the palm-fringed Solomons, from Greenland's icy shores to Egypt's sunbaked sands. And careful, honest students of the Book know there is no possibility of extinguishing the flames of this war short of the decisive defeat of the aggressors.

For men to speak of peace in terms of defeating any particular one of the aggressors, as some are now doing, is hardly worth conversation. *At this stage of history* there can be no peace while any vestige of evil aggression remains, nor can peace come if there continues to exist ideologies of government bent upon domination of others by force — or whose principle of government is such that its adherents are in active opposition to

established governments in other lands. Let us be logical. Will Anglo-Saxons, with their innate love of liberty and freedom, be able to accept the principles of regimentation? Perhaps up to a certain point, then they will rebel. They always have.

On the other hand, is it conceivable that those committed to the doctrine of Karl Marx and the principle of Communism will refrain from propagating their social order? Remember, they are as imbued with its correctness as the Christian is with the righteousness of Christianity — and as a rule far more intense in its behalf; furthermore, once men are committed to it with its revolutionary ideas, will they be content to let others live in accord with principles at variance with those they advocate?

Let us not lose sight of the fact that doctrines are more powerful than the sword; that there are those who wish to compel others to live in accord with their particular ideals and creeds — by force, if necessary — and that so long as such conditions exist and men have the power to act the world will be afflicted with war. View it now — almost everywhere the flames of war are burning, upon every sea the ships of war are steaming, and on missions of war the planes shuttle back and forth over the globe! Can nations, any more than men, walk together in peace except they agree?

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The three unclean spirits of evil which John visualized as coming from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet have succeeded in accomplishing what we are seeing, dragging the nations into sanguinary strife — as it was foretold they would; and before the conflict terminates the whole world will be representatively gathered (so John declares) for the battle of the great day of God Almighty. At the moment, as Hitler's war machine becomes increasingly hard-pressed, men are beginning to hope that the flames of war will soon be quenched. But they are forgetting that he is not the only aggressor in the world disturbing the peace of the nations today. They are forgetting that there are others to be defeated and that some of them will be even more difficult to overcome than the Nazis. Thus it is with characteristic optimism and their natural desire for peace (plus the absence in their calculations of the cold, hard facts) that many Americans are engaged in wishful thinking.

Now unless men are Bible students and therefore have the authoritative information concerning this war clearly before them, they do not know that even after the defeat of our present enemies a potentially greater conflict is on the agenda. For while the nations who now comprise the United Nations are in seeming accord, that accord after the defeat of Hitlerism and Naziism will not be a reality. When that defeat is accomplished the unity of purpose will be gone and the kind of peace each will desire to establish upon the earth will be a discordant story.

Remember always, it was the necessities of war which brought the United Nations together in a common cause; and the Bible is clear that when the necessity is gone, division will occur. Even now the nature of the break is clear. For how can the Anglo-Saxon nations deal with the principles advocated by the followers of Karl Marx in the allocation of the terms of peace? We do not merely question the possibility of an impending disaster in this matter, there is definite information from the prophets that at that time there will be no unity of purpose. No, peace will not come with the defeat of Hitler; and to quench the flames of war in one theatre will but see them break forth in another *until the war's ending follows the prophesied pattern.*

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Chronologically, we have entered the final and last phase of the present world order. In the closing days of this order destined to pass away, rulership is to be forever decided. It will be accomplished as foretold! God has already selected those through whom He will operate and who are to come into world rulership. Dictators, fighting to gain world control, although actors in this great drama are at the same time obviously unaware of their part in the Divine Plan.

And, in the providence of God, a place has already been appointed where the nations will march for final judgment. It will be a judgment upon them *as nations* for misrule and evil aggression. The place appointed is Palestine; and the nations will be gathered there representatively, compelled by the fortunes of war to move towards that central land where the battle will ultimately be joined. Military men say the place is too small, that a military decision is not possible there. The Bible deals with that matter too, for the decision there will belong to God.

Until then, men may dream of writing the terms of a permanent peace for the kind of world we ought to have — but their plans will not come to maturity. Instead, the flames of this raging conflict will spread to include the devastation and destruction which will yet occur to compel the nations by force of circumstances to march to the place of gathering; and there the writing of the terms of peace will be taken from men as the God of Israel intervenes in behalf of His people and *compels* the establishment of righteous peace in accord with the Divine laws, bringing freedom from suffering and want and the opportunities and blessings of permanent peace to all nations. Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah and Joel all point to the fact that this conflict will rage and be unquenchable until that time, day and place.

But Joel also depicts developments within the Israel lands which will be used by an ally for the purpose of gaining dominion and control over His people before the climax and the end of the war is reached. How explicit the prophets are! It is not difficult to identify this enemy group within who are even now becoming entrenched in places of authority and are being given opportunities which will later enable them to carry out the will of the nation whom we have helped as an ally.

And thus premature moves for peace, when they come, should not deceive us; for even though the flames of war may die down in certain localities, the winds of passion and greed will fan them into flames again in the lust for world power.

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Until the appointed place is reached, until all nations are gathered and there is *convergence* of all three determinative factors (*time, place and event*) as depicted in the divine prophecy describing the end of this war — *not until then may we expect peace.* Palestine will yet become the focal point towards which the eyes of the world will be turned as all peoples breathlessly watch the tide of battle lick its shores and rise to engulf the land of the nativity of our Lord. It will be the great bid for world power on the part of the nations who gather together against Him and His Kingdom; and the conflagration, the flames of which are now scattered over the earth, will be centered in and around that land. Then will God intervene and extinguish them. In one day — in earthquake, tempest and in storm timed to break in their fury upon all who have thus gathered to fight against Jerusalem and the cause of righteousness, thus will come judgment for national misdeeds.

Then too there will occur the great and needed spiritual catalyst to bring men together in righteous thinking — producing peace which shall reign from generation to generation. For permanent peace will not come, nor world disarmament be a reality, until the principles of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom with its administration have been established upon earth.

— THE EDITORS

FOREWORD

Your attention, as you read this publication, 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. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national* phase, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all sometime take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race. It is very probable that *you* are of that race and thus both the Bible and this publication deserve your serious consideration and study.

Destiny identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who 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 the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit and non-political organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. 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, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do. The United States and Canada are peopled with branches of Israel and their responsibility as human channels through which the purpose of God is to flow to the nations is very great.

ISRAEL! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet 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, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He 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, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly 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. 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 plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. 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. All this is a precious possibility at any time we are ready for it, instead of mere personal religion without larger social manifestation — which is, in brief, 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 our position. We are anti-nothing and 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 now nearing a time for the full entry of the rule of God among men.

Our subscribers include men and women from many different walks of life, of all churches, and many clergymen. The Anglo-Saxon-Israel identity is becoming increasingly known, and chronologically we know that this information is now of pressing importance. Settle this question of Israel — do so on a Scriptural basis — and a whole train of questions now confronting our nation and its citizens are immediately answered.

Correspondence is consistently invited, that we may show our fellow-citizens where to look in their own Bibles in order that they, too, will become convinced of the correctness and truth of the position we have taken.

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

AN EVIL DESIGN

We have consistently warned of the menace to world peace in the over-all program of Soviet Russia. This has been clear to anyone who has read Destiny or who has gone over our past files. Our purpose in setting forth the danger of dealing with the Soviet Union has not been because of anti-Russianism but because we believe God. Through His prophets He has warned of planned deception that would lead to a treacherous move that would be made against us by Gog of the land of Magog. We would that it were otherwise, but wistful thinking will not save us from the evil plans of leaders who subscribe to the doctrines of Communism.

One fact alone should have always placed Anglo-Saxons on guard: the present leaders of Russia with their Communistic background do not accept the principles of Christianity nor the laws of righteousness as set forth in Scripture. One motive only actuates these leaders in every move and in all their planning, *What is best for us and the Soviet Union?*

Stalin invaded Poland under an agreement with Germany, and it is apparent to those who are not blind that she does not intend to give up the territory so invaded. Russian diplomatic moves in the month of January alone should be sufficient to warn us of what may be expected. On January 5th, Russia issued a warning by attacking Willkie that we are to keep hands off in so far as their program for Poland and the Baltic states is concerned. Then Russia offered, a week later, to compromise on the Polish border dispute — insisting on retaining some Polish territory while seeking adherence by the Poles to the Russian-Czech pact. Then about a week later came the accusation against the British as published in *Pravda*. Since then Russia has refused to allow either the British or the Americans to use their good offices in behalf of the controversy over the Polish border.

With the Soviets entering into treaty relations with some of the smaller nations around them the trend has been established which will ultimately lead to the great confederacy of which Ezekiel speaks. Moreover, the recent declared purpose of making sixteen independent states with rights to diplomatic representation with other nations is a definite move in further fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy.

Pravda is a government-controlled publication and speaks officially as no newspaper in Anglo-Saxon countries can speak. Nothing is published in *Pravda* without governmental sanction and thus its expressions are those of the Soviet government. It is thus idiotic for men to say, as did a radio commentator recently, that the *Pravda* incident is of no more moment than attacks against Russia appearing in British and American papers.

Editorial writers for our daily newspapers are just beginning to mention the danger *which we have consistently pointed out for years would ultimately confront the Anglo-Saxon world* when Russia finally began the moves in conformity with her plans for world domination. The following is from a recent newspaper editorial:

"Russia is becoming — and indeed has become the greatest dominating power in Europe as well as in Asia. The dreams of Peter the Great are being realized. . . . In realizing that ambition, Stalin is not going to let anything stand in his way. And England stands in his way."

What were the dreams of Peter the Great and what were his plans? For many years we have been familiar with the famous will of Peter the Great purporting to give instructions for Russia to follow in order that they might finally dominate Europe and Asia. Is Stalin planning to follow out these instructions with such modifications as the present war and contemporary events have made necessary? The scheme is supernaturally marvelous in its satanic worldly wisdom. No wonder the God of Israel pronounced Himself "against Gog, the land of Magog, the Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal."

While the authenticity of the will has been questioned, it is admitted that the version now published dates back to its discovery among the Russian archives some one hundred and fifty years ago. A policy, as outlined in the will itself, has been followed by successive Russian governments and now it seems that Stalin is about to bring to completion the proposed plan for dominating Europe. Following are a few excerpts taken from this famous will of Peter the Great:

"The Russian nation must be constantly on a war footing, to keep the soldiers warlike and in good condition." This program has certainly been followed by Stalin, with the Red Army far better prepared than Germany had expected.

"No opportunity must be lost of taking part in the affairs and disputes of Europe." Such a program is being followed

by the Soviet Union, especially in the activities of the Communists and their fellow travelers in all countries of the world, but particularly in the affairs of the nations of Europe. The present move to increase the numbers of representatives in any international gathering is an astute move on the part of Stalin to increase his voting power in European affairs.

"Poland must be divided by keeping up constant jealousies and confusion there. . . . We must get up a party of our own there, and Russian troops into the country, and let them sojourn there so long that they may ultimately find some pretext for remaining there for ever." Is Russia moving into Poland to remain there? Is the Polish governmental set up at Moscow to oppose the Polish government in exile? These are just interesting observations in the light of Peter the Great's will.

"We must take away as much territory as possible from Sweden. . . . We must keep steadily extending our frontiers — northward along the Baltic, and southward along the shores of the Black Sea. . . . We must progress as much as possible in the direction of Constantinople and India. He who can once get possession of these places is the real ruler of the World. . . . We must hasten the downfall of Persia, push on into the Persian Gulf. . . . Our policy will be to set one against another, and make them tear each other to pieces. Russia must then watch for and seize the favorable moment and pour her already assembled hosts into Germany. . . . Europe can and must be subjugated."

Stalin is now in a position to fulfill that which to Peter the Great was but a dream and his present moves indicate a desire to carry out that program. The intrigue counseled by Peter the Great is part of the present program of deception. The Great Russian Bear is already absorbing a large slice of Poland and by treaty has annexed Czecho-Slovakia. The Bear is determined to absorb the republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Esthonia. Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Austria are already ripe for the picking; will Stalin move to absorb these nations also? What of the Communist groups in other countries in Europe? Will they take part in the general plan to deliver Europe to Stalin in the general chaos now developing in all occupied countries and certain to afflict Germany before the war in Europe ends? Russia is in line to secure as great victories on the diplomatic front as she has been gaining on the battle fronts.

A sad awakening is in store for the Anglo-Saxons when Russia finally attains her objectives and the world becomes aware of her true intentions! The Soviet Union is our ally only in so far as Germany is at this moment concerned, for she is not with us against our deadly enemy in the Pacific. Of this we are certain, Ezekiel the prophet was given a true vision of the *Evil Design* which would actuate these latter day moves on the part of the leaders of Russia. It is, therefore, imperative that we be on our guard, for perilous days are ahead of us.

PENALIZING MEN

UNDER human administration taxes tend to become increasingly burdensome, not only in the amounts levied but in the methods adopted for collection. The complicated tax form which must be returned before March 15th is an example of harassing citizens who, though desiring to help their government, are resentful of the needless labor involved and the uncertainty of understanding complicated instructions.

America approached the Biblical method of taxation when the twenty per cent withholding tax, known as the Ruml Plan, was first proposed, * but governmental officials and politicians were opposed to so simple a method of taxation. They feared some might gain by complete forgiveness, so multitudes were penalized and a complicated system adopted that puzzles tax experts who disagree among themselves in computing taxes in accord with its requirements.

Representative Doughton declared the simplified direct Ruml Plan would be tax heresy, so in place of its simplicity there has been foisted upon millions a tax labyrinth that will produce many a headache for millions of our citizens before they will be able to negotiate its complicated passages and arrive at the solution in the time required.

Quoting from *The Bible Speaks to America:* †

"Watch the out-working of the minds of our political leaders today and the only solution that seems to occur to them, and which program is being adopted by those who purport to have drawn blueprints for effecting a cure of our national ills, economic troubles, and to prevent inflation, in fact, to eliminate every other trouble (present or potential) to which our nation is subject as the result of mismanagement of the affairs of state and of our social economy, is to suggest more taxes.

"One need but read the statements coming out of Washington to recognize the truth of this assertion, for immediately a problem arises some one is bound to suggest an added or special tax as though the power to tax carried with it the power to cure. So we are taxed in our goings out and our comings in, with a fuel tax and a tax on the use of a car we are forbidden to drive, with taxes on our property and taxes on our wages, in fact with every conceivable tax placed upon the things we buy, use, eat and wear until the air we breathe seems to be the only thing which has escaped this withering process of taxation and that, too, would be taxed if only there were some way to corner and control it. And so the political doctors who refuse to heed the Divine Law have no other alternative for the difficulties they face but to suggest drawing more blood from the patient who is already weak from the loss of blood."

Mr. Wendell Willkie is no exception to the above rule in his proposal to out-do the President and Congress in increased taxation upon a people — the middle classes of which are already overburdened. Many in the fixed salary class who were just making the grade towards an independent old age are now finding their hope to ever escape economic enslavement being destroyed through their inability to lay aside any savings from their weekly earnings. As Moses sought relief for Israel, and Pharaoh increased their burdens, so that those who seek taxation relief today find that our politicians have out-Pharaohed Pharaoh.

It perhaps is too much to hope or expect relief, for no relief is in sight nor will it come until, as a nation, the entire tax system is drastically overhauled and the Divine system put into operation in our land. Before this comes to pass we may have to face economic chaos in the collapse ofour entire economic structure.

We repeat again the following paragraphs which direct attention toward the only solution:

"Taxes, always a problem and a troublesome question today, have become increasingly vexatious. But there is a solution of even this problem, for God has decreed how tax levies shall be made and the method of collection as well as the amount each citizen shall pay. . . . Originally the purpose of government was to establish justice and equity, compelling the refractory to conform with laws that would insure peace. But governments cannot function without financial support, so each citizen contributes toward that support for the protection afforded him. That contribution became a financial assessment and today is called a tax levy. So long as a government carries out its

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legitimate purpose, protecting its peoples from aggression within and without, a nominal tax is sufficient for such purposes; but when a government becomes aggressive or departs from fundamental principles of administration, an abuse of the right to tax (unless there are safeguards to prevent it) will follow.

"Property, both real and personal, is today subject to taxation. Our present method of taxing property has no relationship whatever to the earning power of the individual who is compelled to meet these assessments. The fact is we penalize men for improving their property and increasing the wealth of the nation and reward those who destroy values and allow their property to deteriorate. Thus through taxation the government fines the thrifty and industrious and rewards the shiftless.

"What is the remedy? It is a return to the Law of the Lord and its methods of taxation. Three principles must govern equitable taxation: *1st*) Taxes must bear a definite relation to the income of the people and this relation must never be disturbed. *2nd*) In order to conform with this first principle, taxes must be levied against income only; leaving all property, both real and personal, free from tax levies and thus not subject to confiscation. *3rd*) The government must live within its income as a matter of sound business policy and remove forever the right to alter the tax principle. Under such conditions, government income is increased only by increasing the income of the people." ("Digest of the Divine Law," pages 91–94.)*

This is too hard a task for politicians. We must await the day of the coming of real statesmen, men who fear God and who believe in and accept the fundamental principles of the Divine Law.

CREATOR, JUDGE OR FATHER

RECENTLY we had a clear illustration of what has been so often said that young men in theological seminaries do not acquire a true understanding and sincere knowledge of what the Bible teaches. A minister visited our office and took violent exception to our stand for the full inspiration of Scripture. He said, "I cannot accept the God of the Old Testament who delights in smashing the heads of little ones against the stones."

We asked that he show us the text that we might read the context. After hunting for some time, he finally 'phoned a brother clergyman and was referred to Psalms 137: 9. The verse reads, "Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones."

God did not say this, nor is it an expression from Him; rather, as the context clearly shows, it is the statement of the captives at Babylon who had suffered as the result of the hardships of deportation from their own land in the long overland journey to Babylon. They had witnessed the death of their own children and of the feeble and weak among them.

Now by the river of Babylon, where they had sat down to weep in remembrance of Zion, they said: "We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

In their misery and anguish they exclaimed, "O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewards thee as thou hast served us." Then follows the verse quoted above by our visitor.

It was the captives at Babylon and not Jehovah who said this. One can appreciate their agony and the cry for vengeance and retribution upon their captors because of their own suffering.

We confess we have little patience for such mishandling of Scripture by men who proclaim to be the spiritual leaders and scholars of our day. Nor can we understand their attitude towards God, even the so-called God of the Old Testament, for it was of Him Jesus Christ was speaking when He said, "My Father"; and to Him He referred when He declared, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Personally I would rather take Jesus' appraisal of God than accept the findings of seminary-educated theologians.

It is a misnomer to speak of the God of the Old Testament as a different Being from the God of the New Testament. They are one and the same and Jesus Christ, His son, has revealed God as the Father.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven." Moses said of God in his day when speaking to Israel, "Is not He thy Father?" (Deut. 32: 6.)

God has many attributes and because he is shown in Old Testament times as the Creator and Judge executing justice and as the Jehovah of Israel in no way detracts from the fact that He is also the Father of His Son Jesus Christ. But it is only those who are led by the Spirit of God that can truly lay claim to being the sons of God (Rom. 8: 14). To all others, even in these New Testament times, He is but their Creator and Judge before whom they must ultimately stand and give an account of the deeds which were committed by them in the flesh.

A QUERY

WE WOULD like to have the many ministers who are signing the pledge to support the program of the Text Book Commission of *The Protestant*, as published in full page advertisements in more than twenty leading newspapers in the United States, tell us who is authorized to choose the sacrificial lamb under the Israel law? Was it not the High Priest who did this selecting?

This being so, must it not have been the High Priest *in conformity with the laws of Israel* who selected Jesus Christ to be sacrificed upon the cross, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter," if He became our Passover?

Isn't it true that when Pilate would have released Jesus, the Chief Priest and elders persuaded the multitude to ask for the release of Barabbas and that Jesus be destroyed? Just as the scapegoat was released and sent into the wilderness, was not the setting of Barabbas free the fulfillment of this requirement just as Jesus fulfilled the requirement of the sacrificial lamb? For the Priest set the goat free and the Priest selected the lamb that was to be slain. Thus, just as it was the Chief Priest and elders who persuaded the people to demand the release of Barabbas, was it not the same who secured the crucifixion of Jesus?

Under the Israel law the Passover lamb could not be selected by anyone other than the Priest, and so Pilate washed his hands indicating he had no responsibility in that selection. The Priest and the people agreed and in conformity with the law regarding sacrifices informed this Roman Governor that they would assume the responsibility.

Barabbas means "Father's son" and, being a murderer and liar, he was of his father the Devil. In the people demanding his release his spirit is still at large in the world, sponsored by those whom James declared condemned and killed the JUST ONE.

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Jesus came to fulfill the requirements of the sacrificial lamb and of necessity his selection for that purpose must comply with all the conditions under the law in conformity with that selection, even to the Chief Priest's responsibility in the selection. No Roman could have made the selection, and for anyone to declare that Jesus was sent to His death other than by the High Priest and elders *would immediately invalidate the atonement!*

On Palm Sunday, Jesus presented Himself at the Temple. This was the 10th day of the month Nisan and selection day. In cleansing the Temple again on this day, Jesus so infuriated the Priests that they immediately selected Him for death. Thus the Passover Lamb (Jesus Christ) was chosen and set apart on the day of selection to be sacrificed for the remission of sins.

For Christian ministers to sign a pledge to delete from the Bible the facts pertaining to that selection and the part which of necessity the High Priest and the people had in that selection and crucifixion would, if their stand were true, invalidate the entire purpose of the crucifixion of Jesus.

When dying on the cross Jesus said, "Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." (Luke 23: 34.) Who was it that cast lots and parted His garments? It was not the Jews but the Roman soldiers and it is forgiveness for them that Jesus was asking; for the High Priests, elders and people *knew what they were doing* and the curse of their act has been upon them and their children ever since.

When Judah recognizes that they were used of God to select the Lamb chosen from the foundation of the world for the great sacrifice and then accept Him as their Saviour there will be no further need of them nor anyone else trying to cover up or make apology for the facts as they are.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

In the twelfth chapter of Matthew Jesus declared, "Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

As to what specific sin is here involved has been the subject of anxious inquiry by many. This is evidenced in correspondence received by us from those who have been troubled by this passage.

Jesus was in the midst of a controversy with the Pharisees who refused to believe Him to be the Messiah. He had demonstrated His power to heal even on the Sabbath Day in answer to their challenge if it was lawful to do so on the Sabbath.

Upon healing a man possessed of a devil and blind and dumb, the people were amazed and said, "Is not this the son of David?"

The people believed because of the miracle, but the Pharisees in their determined unbelief could not question the actuality of the miracle, so they attributed Jesus' power to Beelzebub — the prince of devils.

What, then, was the unpardonable sin committed by these Pharisees? It was the refusal to accept the leading of the Spirit and to believe in Jesus Christ; instead, belittling salvation through Him while attributing the work of the Spirit to the evil one.

If, then, men refuse to accept the marvelous gift of the Holy Spirit, wilfully and maliciously opposing the methods of redemption — the gift of God through His Son and of the leading of the Spirit — it is to sin against the Holy Ghost. The result will be that judgment will overtake them in this world and in the world to come.

A LEGEND OF THE MONGOLS

The Arabs had an interesting legend which was also prophetic, stating that Jerusalem would never be taken from the Turks until the waters of the river Nile flowed into Palestine. The fulfillment came as the British piped the waters of the river Nile across the desert into Palestine, and when the Arabs saw the waters of the Nile emptying into Palestine from that pipe line they recognized the fulfillment of their legendary prediction.

What is the origin of such legends of the past? We do not know except that God has seen to it that all races are given information as to things to come. Because this is so, we read with interest an ancient legend of the Mongols:

> "When that which is harder than rock and stronger than the storm wind shall fail, the empires of the North Court and the South shall cease to be. When the White Tsar is no more, and the Son of Heaven has vanished, then the campfires of Genghis Khan will be seen again, and his empire will stretch over the earth."

Genghis Khan was born in 1162 and died in 1227 A.D. He lived to see his armies victorious from the China Sea to the banks of the Dnieper. Though ruthless in his methods he was a skillful administrator, and the magnitude of his conquests seems to have been as much due to the admirable discipline and organization of his armies as to the methods in which he conducted his campaigns.

If the campfires of Genghis Khan are to be seen again, then there must be — ahead of us — ruthlessness and destruction in a war of titanic proportions. It is well to note that one of Genghis Khan's methods used effectively against his enemies was a planned program of intrigue and disruption within enemy countries. This, as much as anything else, contributed to the rapid deterioration of resistance to his military might.

Already the Czar of Russia or the White Tsar has gone and, if the United States and British plans concerning Japan are carried to completion, the Empire of the "Son of Heaven" will vanish.

It will be after this that Russia will move, following the subjugation of Japan, as set forth editorially in Destiny for May, 1943.

Genghis Khan's method of weakening the enemy from within, preparatory to moving against them, is having its counterpart in Communist tactics in the activities of these groups within all nations and which are directed from Moscow. When Stalin moves, are the campfires of Genghis Khan to burn again? Will he extend his sway over many nations as the result of Communist sabotage and intrigue?

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The Japanese Peril

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No red-blooded American can read the eye-witness accounts of the suffering and horror visited upon our nationals and soldiers as the Japanese starved, tortured and wantonly murdered the gallant defenders of Bataan and Corregidor without a prayer to God that we may avenge their death.

Moses recorded a parallel situation when the weak and helpless were wantonly killed by the enemy, and gave instruction as follows:

"Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it." (Deut. 25: 17–19.)

Such instruction is terrible, so declare certain theologians unacquainted with the *national message* of the Bible. Did not Jesus say, and they quote: "Love your enemies, bless them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5: 44)? But they do err (not knowing the Scripture) for they are applying instruction Jesus gave to the individual *regarding individual relationships* to the administration of the affairs of the Kingdom and would have the nation deal with her enemies as Jesus instructed the individual to deal with those who persecuted them. Such theologians lack understanding, wisdom and knowledge concerning the laws, the administration and the defense of His Kingdom.*

Moses' instruction was in accord with the word of the Lord, for "The Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. . . . Because the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Individuals can forgive those who despitefully use them. No government, however, can forget or forgive the enemy that attacks and must bring it to judgment as they would bring to judgment the criminal who violates the law. As a nation we cannot forgive the Japanese or their evil aggression and it is our duty, even our God-given task, to bring to judgment those responsible for this evil that the earth may be freed from tyranny and oppression.

Under her present leadership, Japan is not fit to be reckoned among civilized nations! Scarcely have the annals of modern warfare paralleled such atrocities as perpetrated by the Japanese. The nearest is the mistreatment of subjected peoples by the Germans, yet the Japanese have exceeded them in every way in cruelty and torture, and the present prevailing opinion is that most of the 50,000 who surrendered to them on Bataan and Corregidor have died from starvation, torture or murder.

Without belief in God, without the principles of Christ, dominated by the spirit of evil as exemplified in the doctrines of the "Black Dragon Society" the Japanese, under this control, have become demons in human form. Possessing the implements of modern warfare they have *become a menace* to the entire civilized world, and under the veneer of a counterfeited white man's civilization there beats the heart of pagan savagery.

Who are the Japanese? In DESTINY for May and June, 1938, this question was answered. Titled *The Japanese; Who Are They?* that two-installment article by Thomas W. Plant has since been published in booklet form † and is available for those who desire to verify the facts of which we will merely state the finding that the Japanese are the descendants of the Ammonites; and their forefather was Ammon: son of Lot's daughter by her own father (Gen. 19: 31–38). Thus the San Francisco sailor who, upon being informed of the Japanese attack upon us at Pearl Harbor, exclaimed: "The Yellow bastards," spoke the truth, for he but stated the sordid origin of this race. Conceived in an unnatural relationship and born out of wedlock, Ammon was an illegitimate son of the daughter of Lot.

In a recently published derogatory reference to our work ‡ one of the reasons given for labelling us as un-American was the fact that in an editorial in DESTINY during 1942, we stated that Japan was even a greater menace than Germany. The present disclosures of the Japanese atrocities have fully justified our statement of over a year ago. We said in that editorial:

"In Japan we have a foe that is far more ruthless, if possible, than Germany and which lacks any spark of Christianity or the standards of humanitarianism found in the lands where men have lived in accord with the tenets of Christian belief. Japan is out for world conquest. . . . Let us not overlook the fact that in Japan we have a foe inspired by evil desires."

Knowing the origin of the Japanese as well as that of the Anglo-Saxon people, DESTINY for September, 1941, gave the record of the ancient feud between Ammon and Israel as well as Ammon's treachery then, and pointed out that the racial antagonism which produced a conflict between Israel and Ammon in the past would also produce a conflict between the United States and Japan today. Four months later it came, with a treacherous attack upon Pearl Harbor and so the Japanese held true to form as Ammon of modern times.

After centuries of slumber this oriental giant had begun to stir and as he awakened from the ages of medieval sleep the world could well be apprehensive. Lacking Christian ethics and having matured in the doctrines of paganism, with its background of demonology, as this giant grasped the weapons civilization carelessly placed in his hands, the potential power for evil knew no bounds.

It might have been possible for the Christian world through precept and example to have injected into the blood stream of this giant the Christian spirit and principles and thus to have inocu-

* See "Digest of the Divine Law," chapter 12, titled *When Thou Goest Forth to War.*

† "The Japanese; Who Are They?" 25¢ postpaid. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

‡ "Bible Students With Poison Pens?" page 91, this issue.

lated him against infection by the poison of evil aggression. But the evils of commercial supremacy and the greed for gain, plus circumstances beyond the control of man have combined with the disinclination of the Japanese people or government to adopt Christianity, or its standards of morality, all of which has contributed to make the present situation inevitable.

While missionaries were sent to heathen lands the principles of righteousness which they proclaimed were far from being in evidence in the lands from which they came. Instead, the so-called Christian nations set an example of greed, through conquest, that spoke louder and could be heard with far greater clarity by this awakening giant than all the words of the host of missionaries sent to heathen countries. To the keen oriental, Christianity as practiced by the so-called Christian nations was but a hypocritical cloak to give sanction to evil deeds and justify certain types of aggression, for the white race fought among themselves for the right to exploit the wealth and resources of the yellow peoples.

Modern civilization developed the art of mass killing on a scale impossible except for the findings of science. In the hands of a few science also placed the power to hold multitudes in thralldom, and the oriental peoples knew the meaning of servitude. It did not take them long to learn that if the yellow race was to have a voice among world governments and play an increasingly important part in power-politics they could not rely upon the principles that Christian missionaries advocated, but must acquire scientific knowledge. With that knowledge they too could have at their disposal the tremendous forces which science had persuaded nature to reveal, powers which would place in their hands the ability to meet the white man on an equal footing in the field of aggression.

Thus our so-called Christian nations today stand indicted before the bar of Divine justice in that, though possessing the open Book, their very acts and examples have clearly demonstrated to the nations around their total lack of faith in its teachings. The orient, having learned its lesson from the greed and selfishness around, proceeded to acquire the strength and power which the mastery of science placed in their hands. Acquiring the white man's knowledge of arts and science they then proceeded to use the titanic powers placed at their disposal and, lacking even a semblance of the proper perspective and balance that a knowledge of Christian principles would have given them, their methods tended towards ruthlessness. Having adopted a methodical program in which no mercy was to be shown, destruction became the order of the day, and if able to carry their plans to full completion the toll of suffering and misery may dwarf into insignificance the destructive effects of the present German aggression.

Zephaniah, the prophet, speaks of the gathering of the nations just previous to the day of the Lord, when nations are to come to judgment. *That day is now;* and at this time, the prophet says, God has heard "The revilings [that is, "the jeerings"] of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people." How truly Japan has done this is evident in the reports of the cruelty visited upon our nationals. The prophet continues: "And magnified themselves against their border." Japan has done all this in the boasting of her leaders against us and in the attack upon our border (Pearl Harbor).

Now transcending all the power of treaties and all international agreements is the will to keep peace, or to make war and only those who are willing to abide by the laws of righteousness can be fully entrusted with the power to govern in equity and establish judgment and justice which will bring prosperity, happiness and lasting peace. And despite all of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic shortcomings this people, of all peoples, are the only ones on the face of the globe who have the will for peace. Because this is so Judgment is passed upon Ammon for her jeerings, and her treacherous attack: "The fragments [a comparative few] of my people shall blunder them." This is exactly what General MacArthur has been doing with the forces at his command while as a nation we have been sending much larger contingents to Great Britain, Africa and Italy.

While we have failed to abide in the faith of our fathers and while we have departed far afield from the teachings of the Book, nevertheless our desire for righteousness, as a people, stems from the fact that primarily our civilization is founded on the teachings of the Bible. The collective individual desires of a people and of their leaders rests upon the religious background of the race and the acts of a race are animated by the faith of its people.

Because we are the Israel of God and will ultimately return to keeping all His laws as contained in the Bible, the prophet goes on to say:

"And the remnant of my people shall possess them. This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the Lord of Hosts."

Because of the Japanese pride and their acts of cruelty against us, therefore, they shall come under our power. The prophet also stated that the Lord will be terrible unto them. General MacArthur said, referring to the frustration of the Japanese attempt to land troops at the time of the Battle of the Bismark Sea: "A merciful Providence must have guarded us in this great victory." Zephaniah declares that God would thus be merciful and guard His people.

We challenge the ability of any race to establish righteousness and bring peace upon earth apart from the precepts of the Christian faith and from a full and understandable recognition on their part of the Gospel of the Kingdom, the laws of which — as set forth in Scripture — must be accepted and obeyed before men will know the blessings of universal peace. Japan will never be able to bring peace to a troubled world.

The Japanese worship heathen gods. Their deities are also to come to judgment, and this is interesting in light of the fact that it is the Black Dragon Society of Japan which has been responsible, not only for the present conflict with us, but for so much evil within their own land. So the prophet says God "Will famish [or make lean] all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen."

Here we have an added identification mark showing that the Japanese are Ammon, for the only great heathen empire occupying an island kingdom and controlling many isles in the Pacific is Japan.

Now that the oriental giant is stirring and as a result the yellow race is awakening, we know from prophecy the end of an age is at hand. What does it mean for mankind? This is a serious question, for already we have two examples in one generation of what a race (without Christian principles and in possession of the implements of modern warfare) propose to do and have done when science places at their disposal great forces which can be turned to purposes of destruction.

In Germany we have the perfect example of a nation which deliberately turned against the doctrines of Christianity and revived old pagan beliefs. In doing so she threw overboard all pity and compassion for those whom she has

conquered. Except for fear of the possibility of an allied victory there might be no limit to her cruelty and terrorism. Without the spirit of Christ there can be no peace or safety from want and fear for mankind either for the conqueror or the vanquished.

While Germany has furnished us an example of the depth of degradation to which a nation may fall when a people turn their backs on Christian principles, Japan furnishes the outstanding example of a heathen and barbarous people having acquired a veneer of civilization in scientific attainment but who are actuated by pagan beliefs — using that knowledge to make war and to torture those who are unfortunate enough to fall into their hands. Instead of the spirit of Christ they are inspired by devils as they endeavor to enslave people for exploitation as evidenced in the activities and teachings of the Black Dragon Society which, in a large measure, is responsible for present evil aggression.

The possession of modern scientific knowledge in no way can bring civilization to an uncivilized people as proved in the wanton uncivilized acts on the part of the Japanese. To give power into the hands of unregenerated men and nations is to place at their disposal forces that can wreck a world. So instead of bringing a blessing, modern civilization is contributing to bring to pass in accord with Daniel's prophecy "A time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." (Dan. 12: 1.)

Men boast of the wonderful scientific developments of today and label all this *civilization*. When this scientific information is passed on to others it has been assumed they have become civilized.

It cannot be denied that men have made marvelous advancement during the last century in all arts and sciences, but all this is only the acquiring of a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the marvels of nature.

What, then, is civilization? The dictionary defines it as "the act, process, or production of civilizing; the lifting up of man mentally, morally and socially." Tried against this standard, much which today is called civilization is far from it in the practice and use to which inventions have been put. This is borne out by another definition: "Civilization is the humanization of man in society, the satisfaction for him in society of the true law of human nature."

In accord with these standards Japan has never been civilized, for true civilization does not consist in the possession of an abundance of material wealth. It is not represented alone in scientific achievement nor is it manifested in the development of natural resources and power. The fact is there can be a real and true civilization without the above physical developments, for it rests solely in the qualities of administration and of laws that bring to a people justice, establish equity, and keep judgment in righteousness. Without such there can be no true mental, moral or social justice for man, regardless of physical achievement.

Commercial greed and the desire for gain has led the white man to educate the Japanese in the knowledge, understanding and use of many things for which they and their leaders have been wholly unprepared spiritually to handle for the benefit of themselves and others. In all the wonders of science they saw only the possibility of enslaving mankind through the use of new and fearful weapons of destruction. Having acquired this information they but awaited the time when, grown in strength, they would be able to strike a decisive blow and compel others to do their bidding. It mattered little that those against whom they moved had been benefactors so long as they carried out their plans for world domination.

"Incidents" were manufactured and Japan struck in Manchuria, then China, and finally there came the treacherous attack upon Pearl Harbor. With or without excuses Japan has been on the march to world conquest and exploitation of the resources of conquered peoples through forced labor as evil and heathen leaders of this people planned to dominate and control. In that plan is the blotting out of all vestiges of Christianity as well as the principles of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the righteousness of His Kingdom.

The modern history of the Japanese association with the family of nations is of short duration. The Portuguese, who first landed in Japan in the year 1543, carried on a lucrative trade; but the ruling powers took alarm and ordered all foreigners away — issuing a prohibitory decree against Christianity. This was in 1624. In 1853 Japan was rudely awakened by Commodore Perry's steaming into the harbor of Uraga with a squadron of United States warvessels. Perry secured a treaty from the frightened Shogun, March 31, 1854, and Japan entered into commercial relationship with the nations, ultimately bringing her into being numbered among the family of nations.

Commodore Perry's objective was commercial but the opening of Japan to foreign trade laid the foundation for preparing and equipping a heathen people with weapons of modern warfare. In Japan we have an outstanding example of the folly of the white man granting to uncivilized peoples the achievements of modern civilization. Only 87 years after Commodore Perry entered the harbor of Uraga, Japan made the sneak attack upon Pearl Harbor. Here is graphically demonstrated that a nation cannot acquire the principles of justice, equity and judgment through scientific or physical growth but such only comes in spiritual attainments when a people become acquainted with the fundamental principles of righteousness, those laws God has set forth for the administration of His Kingdom.

Japan is today just as uncivilized and backward with its pagan religious beliefs motivating its spiritual concepts as it was heathen, ungodly and uncivilized before Commodore Perry sailed into the harbor of Uraga. America (Israel) expected to civilize the heathen (Ammon) through commercialization but, instead, built a Frankenstein monster, equipping this evil genius (their ancient enemy) with the latest weapons of destruction and is now surprised that modern Ammon has turned upon her benefactor.

The Yellow Peril, as exemplified in Japanese aggression, is the result of the white man arming the heathen by supplying them with that which they could never have acquired without our help. If we learn this needed lesson the dead will not have died in vain who, by giving their lives, will enable us to strip the Japanese of all physical power to again wage a war of aggression.

We must awaken to the full realization of the enormity of our sins and the need of revising our conception of civilization, which is a matter of the spirit and not the result of physical developments. Until the heathen have first learned the laws of righteousness and ceased to be pagan it will not do to give them the physical knowledge of our scientific developments. As a nation we are paying a fearful price in the torture and death of our nationals for failure to recognize a principle so fundamental that it should have been patent to all.

What shall we do when finally Japan has been defeated, a defeat that must be paid for in blood and suffering because of our folly in arming an un-

civilized nation? Japan must be treated as a people unfit to govern; she must not be allowed to keep or acquire modern equipment that can be used at all for war or that could be turned into channels of evil aggression. Her present leaders and all those responsible for the atrocities and crimes committed against our soldiers and people must be brought to justice and summarily executed. Under American and British supervision and control a government of righteousness must be established over Japan while before any of her nationals will be permitted to enjoy the privileges of scientific knowledge they must first manifest a genuine and unreserved spirit of righteousness.

If we fail in making requisite to receiving the blessing of modern civilization's accomplishments, the possession of a Christian concept, the ill-omen specter that has arisen from the isles of the Pacific will be but the harbinger of increasing trouble with pagan practices precipitating a struggle of gigantic proportions as the yellow races, with true Celestial aptitude, armed and equipped with weapons of modern warfare which their intercourse with civilized neighbors have placed at their disposal, move to the attack.

The danger is real and the struggle with Japan can be but the beginning, or we can make it the end, according to our attitude towards this thing we call commerce. Shall we later temporarily forget the Japanese Peril for the sake of profit or will we solve the "Eastern Question" in accord with the only laws that can prevent a recurrence, in a more deadly form, of a war of extermination that might later engulf all which is good and decent and fine!

Unless America awakens to the need of restoring the laws of righteousness and withholding from all heathen and pagan peoples the blessings of civilization until they are worthy of properly using them for the benefit of themselves and others, we shall face a time of disaster and slaughter such as has not been witnessed since men were upon the face of the earth.

May Christian civilization awaken and may the men and women of the Anglo-Saxon world demand that the Pagans shall not be able to purchase, for a profit to the few, the developments of science until they have turned from their heathen ways and can walk with us in the spirit of Christian fellowship and peace. If we pursue any other course, untold suffering, misery and final destruction will be our heritage as the specter of the Japanese Peril increasingly menaces our future happiness.

We believe America is awakening and the present disclosures of the inhumane and devilish treatment of helpless peoples by the uncivilized Japanese will never be forgotten just as Moses warned Israel to never forget an earlier people who practiced such cruelty against the weak and helpless. Only thus will the menacing shadow of the yellow specter fade away and its evil omen no more blight the earth to bring to its helpless victims death from starvation, torture and murder.

When Anglo-Saxon-Israel has finished with this heathen empire, Isaiah states: "And the children of Ammon shall obey them" (Isa. 11: 14); while Zephaniah indicates, as a result of God's judgment upon them, that even Ammon (Japan) will be compelled to worship Him.

The results which will follow from this conflict with Japan will forever demonstrate that the God of Israel is against anyone who deals treacherously with His people. The cruelty of the Japanese has passed all bounds and God cites their wanton acts of torture and murder against His people Israel as reason for denouncing Ammon and the cause of punishment at His hands:

> "Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border." (Amos 1: 13.)

And this desire to enlarge her border has actuated Japan today in her cruel aggression, as it actuated her Ammonitish ancestors.

Japan is destined to lose her place in the council of nations. She is to be reduced to a subordinate position and become subject to Anglo-Saxon administration and rule. President Roosevelt's statement of destruction for Japan has the sanction of the Word of God that she might be stripped of the power of aggression. This is to become an actuality, for God has promised us ultimate victory over all our enemies and the might to compel nations to live in accordance with the laws of righteousness and thus keep the peace.

Instead of lessening our determination for victory, Japan by her very acts of cruelty has strengthened our resolution to fight until she has been subdued and we have gained the victory over her as promised by the God of our fathers.

A Seven- Versus Six-Day Week

ONE is often astounded at the length to which the enemies of truth will go to try to discredit the teachings of Scripture. In DESTINY for July 1942 we said:

> "Now that we are at war men are being induced to work seven days in our war industries and are given increased wages for doing so. Drives for the collection of scrap and metal and the sale of war stamps have become a Sunday business. This day has long been a day of sport and open theaters and in the emergency of war our national government is using this day for many things they do not wish to take time out of the working week to do. They fear not to encroach upon the time set aside as the Lord's day. Shall we prosper who do these things?"

This was followed with a quotation from Isaiah 58: 13–14 giving a clear and concise reason why one day in seven should be kept holy.

DESTINY was severely censured for the above statement by an irreligious editorial writer charging us with being obstructionists and treasonable and that we were trying to hinder the war effort. This attack against us was also published in another magazine and given additional circulation in an endeavor to cite DESTINY as unpatriotic. (See "Bible Students with Poison Pens?" page 91, this issue.)

Now comes the report that shipyards building merchant ships have eliminated the seven-day week and that it has not reduced production. This six-day week *has instead reduced absenteeism and resulted in greater efficiency!*

It isn't DESTINY that is unpatriotic for declaring God's plans for our good; rather, it is those who countenance our national violation of Divine law and glibly talk about "our" war aims, forgetting that there is a God in the Heavens who must be obeyed and whose Sabbaths must be kept if we are to prosper in all our undertakings.

A Study of Facts, Not Theories

HERE are a few fundamental things which are true whichever way you interpret them; a conclusion which is in agreement with the Bible, the History and the People. For it is certainly not a *theory* that the United States comprise a great people, great in their numbers, in their natural resources, in their technical power, in their courage to strike out on newly apprehended courses of righteousness — all of which are God's gifts to them.

It is certainly not a *theory* that throughout their history they have been the recipients of great guidance from above, and of precious gifts in the form of prophetic leaders, and of moral problems to solve which has tried and yet strengthened the nation's spiritual fiber.

It is certainly not a *theory* that this people have ever been hospitable to the oppressed of every land, so that this country has been known as a gathering place of "prisoners of hope" and believers in liberty, and that here less than any other land on earth has the spirit of caste or class had any play. With all our faults, it is still character that counts in America.

It is beyond any *theory* that this people were guided to these shores by providences which vie in marvel and mercy with any that have befallen the most "chosen" people, and that their movement hither was not only spiritually motivated, but occurred at a most momentous juncture in time. So that men of all degrees have always felt the pressure to believe that some profound and providential purpose determined and timed their exodus.

A Feared and Respected People

It is not a *theory* that the original planting of this country came from the people called British who were preëminent for their devotion to pure Christianity, to a people's Bible and to the widest degree of personal liberty. That their language, their outlook on life, their laws, their self-government, the power to protect and extend their national blessings, made them the head of peoples and the most feared or respected people of the world, is certainly not a *theory*.

That this people, though not religious above measure, has always thought of its national life in a religious light, and has regarded its history in religious awe, and has maintained all its highest national ceremonies in a religious form, is so far from being *theory* that it is commonly known to all the world and has been from the beginning.

It certainly is no *theory* that this people from whom we came appeared very early in the Isles now called Britain, but did not originate there. They were in process of coming for centuries, beginning long before the Christian era, and continuing to come up to the year 1,000 A.D. and a little later, at which time it appeared that all the elements necessary to the nation had arrived. And that these various elements had deep kinship one with another is clearly shown by their history together since that time. That this kinship existed because of a previous union between them in an earlier time is the belief of many students of the Bible records.

It is no *theory* that all the records, sagas, ballads, and traditions of these people tell of their former residence in the East, and of long wanderings toward the West, to a fairly well-defined place.

It is no *theory* that the trail of their reputed wanderings is even to this day marked with signs in the form of names and monuments and other indications of their various settlements and marchings. These have been traced and classified by numerous historians desirous of finding the place and the time of the origin of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred people.

It is no *theory* that Anglo-Saxon origins are traced by secular historians into the very vicinity where the signs of another great nation, namely Israel of old, are lost. That is to say, tracing the history of Israel from antiquity onward, the trail is lost at a certain place and time; and tracing the history of the Anglo-Saxon from modern times backward, their trail begins at the place and time where Israel's trail ends. Two ends, but one of them is a beginning — or a continuation. It is no *theory* that these two peoples, or the same people under two different names, join up in that respect — our backward trail under our name is lost where their forward trail under their old name is lost.

It is no *theory* that the Anglo-Saxon people have at least a spiritual kinship with the people of Israel. The Psalms they sang are dear to us. The Law they erected is the granite basis of our Law today. Their social aspirations toward equity and peace, are our aspirations also. Though there are many Eastern peoples to whom the Bible of Israel might have come as a kindred Book, it has not been received by any of them — this Book of an Eastern people whom we call Israel has become the principal Book of the Anglo-Saxon. And only among the Anglo-Saxon has it become the people's Book. Israel's God is our God. Israel's spiritual experience is our experience. Israel's cry is our cry. You and I, here in America, understand the soul of Israel better than we understand any other soul on earth. That is not *theory*. It is a strange and wonderful fact.

It is certainly no *theory* that in the body of our laws we have preserved the distinctive laws of Israel. In economics we approximate the laws of Israel more closely than any other race on earth. Politically we are the direct inheritors of Israel's political principles.

It is no *theory*, but a fact to be confirmed by any reader, that in the Bible certain things are said concerning Israel which point definitely to developments in the moral, political and material regions which were to be of the utmost importance to the inhabitants of the earth. These things are still to be read on the sacred page. They have been there for centuries.

It is certainly no *theory* that these things have come to pass, but not upon a people known as Israel; they are to be seen in their fullness among a people known as the Anglo-Saxons. To *explain* that, one may come under theory, but to state it is to remain squarely within the bounds of *fact*. What was foretold of Israel are the same things which have come to pass upon the Anglo-Saxons.

It is certainly not *theory* that the last name by which Israel was known at the time and place where they were "lost," is to be read on graven monuments surviving from that period. No *theory*, but fact, that Israel's last recorded ancient name was K'humri. It means, "The House of Omri," who was a king of Israel and by whose name Israel was known in the surrounding kingdom.

It is not a *theory* but the proved and tested and accepted fact of secular history as taught in the universities that people bearing variations of that name K'humri made a long trek of

almost 1,500 years to the West, some by sea, some by land, and that the name in its earlier form finally came to rest in the Cimry of Wales.

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Now, here is the only point at which *theory* enters: we say, not only on the grounds here given, but on a thousand supporting testimonies from the Bible, from history, from our own natures, *that these two people were in reality one and the same people*, that the Anglo-Saxons are the continuance into modern times of Israel, and that therefore, the things foretold of Israel and plainly existing among us today, have been or are being truly fulfilled upon Israel, as it was said of old.

This is the full extent of the *theory*, if it can be called that. Perhaps it is unfair to call even that part theory — is it not rather the only possible *conclusion* that one can reach? If a thousand-foot bridge were projected in a given direction and was completely finished to within just six inches of its hither end, would it not be reasonable to conclude that the bridge was planned to be completed in the same direction? Would it not be rather absurd to conclude that in that six inches the bridge would completely swerve away from its course? or be lost? or become a wraith?

That is why we do not refer to our belief in this matter as a *theory*. We think it is the only conclusion that is in agreement with the Bible, the History and the People.

Sabotaging the Peace

THERE can be no peace until all our enemies have been decisively defeated and we dictate the terms of peace from the respective capitols of those who have gone out in aggression against us. Those who are responsible in both Germany and Japan for the torture and cruel death of helpless victims must be brought to trial and executed for their dastardly deeds.

As a nation we can do no less, and because we stopped fighting in World War I and failed to push on to Berlin and bring decisive defeat to the Germans and make the people of Germany realize that war does not pay, we are now fighting the war all over again. A third and greater conflict will follow the present war if we refuse to profit by the lesson learned from the first World War.

Let those who would bring the conflict to an end without a decisive victory for our arms, enabling us to bring to trial and execute those responsible for savage and inhuman acts, consider the law of the Lord! God, under the law, required that Israel execute the leaders of their enemies who attacked them. Because Saul failed to carry out this requirement he was severely condemned by God. Judgment was pronounced upon him by Samuel, who declared the Kingdom would be taken from him for failing to execute the leader of the enemy whom he had defeated in battle.

If the Anglo-Saxon world fails to bring to judgment the leaders of their enemies, executing all who are responsible for crimes committed, we can easily lose the peace.

How any American can follow those who call for a negotiated peace when they should know that history has proved that all treaties become but scraps of paper when it is to the advantage of the unscrupulous to forget them, is difficult to understand. A solemn obligation must be backed by a people of sterling character if it is to be accepted at face value as a guarantee of good will.

Have either the Germans or Japanese given any indication that they can be trusted? Certainly both have been planning aggression for years, merely awaiting the time when they could strike with a degree of certainty for success; and if unsuccessful, relying of course upon our good nature to forget and forgive when they cry for mercy.

What is the mentality of the "Peace Now" group that would forget all this? Just what do they think Germany, Italy and Japan were arming for during the years following the Armistice? Was it for peace? Only an imbecile would so reason, and to us only a nitwit would consider placing trust in men and nations who have given such clear demonstrations of their treachery as have Germany and Japan.

"Peace Now" advocates waited until we began to demonstrate our strength, with ever increasing possibilities of gaining military victories over our enemies, before starting agitation for peace. Why did they not agitate for "Peace Now" when Germany marched into Poland, overran the low countries, invaded France and bombed London? They were as eloquent in their silence then as they are noisy now. Every pacifist's conscience should trouble him as aggressors crush unprepared and defenseless people who were made defenseless by the pacifist agitation of the past.

Just why do they want us to cease firing when victory is now but a matter of time? For our nation to negotiate peace with an enemy in possession of ill-gotten gains, with their leaders unpunished, would be to commit national suicide. We charge these pacifists with the responsibility of the present conflict by their pre-war agitation for a disarmed Anglo-Saxon World. Had we been prepared and fully equipped for war against nations that were known to be arming for aggression there would be a far different story to tell today. We would not be reading of helpless men and women suffering cruel torture at the hands of our enemies. If the enemy had attacked, under such circumstances, we would have had peace through our ability to move swiftly and decisively defeat our foes. Pacifists made that impossible through their sabotaging of our pre-war preparation and now they would sabotage the postwar peace.

Just why should we listen to the chatter of those who accept the protection of organized society and are unwilling to take their place in the line of defense and would have sabotaged our means of defense? He who accepts everything and gives nothing in return is not only selfish but is also dishonest. If the pacifists truly have the courage of their convictions let them pass beyond the barriers of the defense of liberty provided by the lives and blood of others. Why should they continue to partake of the freedom for which men have fought and died and will yet die to preserve and keep? It would be interesting to watch to see how long they would remain free in a world with nations bent on evil aggression if living in a territory coveted by the enemy and with no means of defense! Also, why should they be allowed to jeopardize our future by their clamor for a negotiated peace that would mean but a breathing spell for our enemies during which period they would rally and strengthen their position for renewed attack? Necessity has compelled us to arm for defense and now necessity makes it imperative that we disarm and render the aggressor impotent.

May our nation never forget that, so long as there are unregenerated men and nations, we must be ever vigilant and alert, ready and prepared to *fight when necessary for the cause of righteousness and in the interest of peace!*

Britain's Sunday Is Under Fire

By REGINALD H. W. COX

This article succinctly reports an attack on the Sabbath in England which, as will be seen, is not new but is being accelerated due to the opportunity presented by the war. Our reporter is a Briton and writes from the viewpoint of a Christian Bible student cognizant of the seriousness of the present threat. American readers will be fully aware that this problem is not confined to Britain. — ED.

UNDER attack in Britain today is the Christian Sabbath. The movie and stage industries, backed by a powerful section of the press, are directing a vigorous propaganda against those legal restrictions which hamper the wider opening of Sunday movie shows, theaters and charitable entertainments. There is also much agitation for Sunday games and public dances.

Americans who read the news reports should realize that there is nothing new in this attack. The impulse to destroy the Sabbath is as old as the Sabbath itself and in Britain there has always been a noisy minority who would encourage Britons to spend their Sundays as do their Gentile neighbors on the continent of Europe. During the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries this minority became so dangerous at times that Parliament enacted a number of laws which made any desecration of the Sabbath an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. Certain of these laws are still on the statute book.

War Conditions Favor the Attack

The war, however, has given the opposition an excellent opportunity to reopen the attack. People are working long hours — many, alas, are compelled to work on Sunday as well; there is a total blackout in all parts of the Kingdom; the national diet is monotonous and the little luxuries of peacetime have disappeared until after the war; holidays are brief and travel is uncomfortable. In these circumstances, the arguments of the Sabbath-breakers fall on attentive ears and the mob orator or newspaper columnist who argues that everyone should be allowed to spend Sunday as he pleases finds himself a popular spokesman of that section of public opinion which is ready to have its thinking done by others.

In a Sunday newspaper, with a circulation in excess of three million copies a week, a popular columnist was recently allowed to take half a page of an issue consisting of considerably less than six pages of news, to attack those who courageously stand for strict Sunday observance. The tone of his article may be judged from his opening paragraph, which reads: "From puritanical gospel-snufflers, smug tyrants of righteousness, sour-smiling, black-coated Pharisees, mawkish preachers of grey misery, and all namby-pamby thumb-twiddlers whose veins run vinegar instead of good red blood — Good Lord deliver us!"

The Sabbath-breakers "Quote" Scripture

This columnist pleads naively that he is not attacking churchgoers, sincere faith or genuine piety. Like other opponents of Sabbath observance who recognize and fear the deep, if dormant, religious feelings of our people, he is at pains to avoid coming into the open as an antagonist of the Christian faith. Christ's statement that "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath" is twisted — as it has been twisted by others — to mean that God ordained the Sabbath as a day in which man could do what he liked! In repeating this parrot-cry, Piers England ignores both the conditions and the promise of Divine blessing for obedience to this and other Commandments and substitutes such "blessings" as music and singing in saloons, "a little hearty laughter in good company" and good fun with good fellowship!

Our irresponsible critic evidently has no idea that God's reward for national obedience to His Law embraces such real blessings as freedom from fear and want, protection from our enemies — in short, the full heritage of Jacob. It is because we are nationally in ignorance of the need to obey the sabbatical and other laws that our people perish. At Dunkirk, during the Battle of Britain, and in the invasion of Sicily — to mention only three of many recent miracles — God clearly demonstrated His will to protect His servant people from the worst consequences of war; but He cannot grant to a blind and wilful people that full measure of protection to which only an obedient servant is entitled.

Jesus Christ said: "If ye love Me; keep My commandments." (John 14: 15.) In His Sermon on the Mount He emphasized that severe Divine displeasure might be expected by anyone who taught men to break "the least of the commandments" contained in the Law (Matthew 5: 19). He soundly rates the Pharisees because they "made the commandment of God of none effect" by their tradition (Matthew 15: 6). They and their predecessors had, by their Talmudic interpretation of the Scriptures, done just the same thing as certain British leaders of thought are now trying to do — i.e., they are watering down the crystal-clear instructions of Almighty God so that they can be construed as giving Divine permission for men to do just as they like. We are being told, in other words, that God does not really mean what He says. The Devil was the first at this game: "Ye shall not surely die" — God could not mean that! And Adam and Eve were pleased to accept this dilution, poor souls.

The Methods of Attack Are Subtle

Such writers as Piers England do immeasurable harm in persuading the less thoughtful mass of their countrymen that there is no danger in making the Sabbath a day of fun and frolic. The methods employed are subtle — as subtle as the serpent. The strict Sabbatarian is stigmatized as a latter-day Pharisee, a Bible-thumper and a crank. This makes an appeal to the Englishman, for he has an instinctive horror of anyone who may be bigoted or one-sided in outlook. In the general scramble to condemn what appears to be intolerance, and interfering intolerance to boot, the fact is overlooked that this vital law of Sabbath observance is not made by the devout Christian. The law is God's law and, like all Divine laws, it is straightforward and forthright. You either accept it or you reject it — there can be no half-measures or compromises.

Having turned his venom on those who keep the Sabbath and urging others to do likewise, the agitator then proceeds to a plausible, but quite un-Scriptural, description of what the Sabbath should mean. Because the Briton will always have a warm spot for the under-dog, he is told that the Sabbath is the Poor Man's Day! In other words, Sunday is not a Holy Day but a holiday. And to make this sound reasonable, the Sabbath-breaker assures his readers that: "A good happy laugh at a decent joke, or a cheerful dance to lively music is more acceptable to a wise God than a hymn sung in a spirit of prim self-righteousness." On the one day of the week, therefore, when God, in His wisdom, commands us to rest our tired brains and bodies and turn our hearts and minds toward Him, we should, in fact, forget completely His injunction to rest and proceed to indulge ourselves in all the shallower pleasures of the senses.

The Sabbath Is Holy to God

This, it should be emphasized, is precisely what God, through Christ and the prophets, has warned us *not* to do. There are many Scriptures to guide us, but the statement in Isaiah 58: 13 is perhaps the most apposite:

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it."

This latest struggle to destroy the British Sunday has by no means reached its climax. The forces, *pro* and *con*, are marshalling their strength for what appears, at least to this reporter, to be a decisive battle. On the attacking side is the voice of the popular press whose clamor is supported by the numerous floating population rendered temporarily homeless by military service or direction to war factories. Behind this group stand the powerful entertainment industries. The spearhead of the defense is a diligent and militant body, supported by the prayers and the voluntary contributions of Christians of all denominations, and known as The Lord's Day Observance Society. This Society intervenes actively in any local attempt to defy the law and has taken a number of cases through the Courts. Parliament, so far, has resisted, by a very narrow majority, the first frontal assault upon existing Sabbath legislation by an attempt to repeal the Act.

Indifference Is the Real Danger

No one can foresee the outcome of the conflict; but it is already clear that the greatest ally of the would-be Sabbath destroyers is the apparent indifference of the non-churchgoing masses. The average Briton becomes impatient of any protracted controversy and in an industrial canteen recently your reporter heard one man suggest, somewhat flippantly, that he proposed to start a new society — The Society for the Suppression of the Lord's Day Observance Society. Such an attitude should be a warning to those who have to date taken no active part in the defense. Certainly no Christian can view the struggle with indifference, for this attack upon the Sabbath is an attack upon a priceless facet of our national life and a mark of our relationship with God.

Those concerned with the Anglo-Saxon-Israel identity will recall, with concern, the words addressed to our forefathers and recorded in Exodus 31: 13. "Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: *for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations.*"

In the News

It is not always the most significant news which secures headlined attention. Students of prophecy have long recognized how often it is that the news which is considered of little importance to the men who are responsible for reporting daily happenings may be of paramount significance prophetically.

Obscure items, published because they are reportable events but which lack sensational appeal, often furnish the clues which enable the student of Scriptural prophecy to fill in gaps which confirm the trend and establish the accuracy of chronology's forecast.

It will be recalled by Destiny readers that W. C. Nabors pointed out the significance of future Turkish moves in "Go Ahead Turkey" (Destiny for February, 1942) and that in "The Meaning of the News" (Destiny for February, 1944) he stated: "Turkey's number is 396 1/3, and it appears that her last call to enter is dated February 3–4, 1944 (396 1/3 days before March 4–5, 1945)."

On February 8th there was published in London a news release which seemed only important enough for recording. It secured only minor attention, and as published on this side of the Atlantic occupied a most inconspicuous position on inside pages of some daily newspapers. Yet the report was definitely significant to students of prophecy who check the chronology of events, particularly the close followers of the series of articles by W. C. Nabors.

The dispatch follows:

"The London *News-Chronicle* reported from Ankara today that negotiations between Turkey and the Allies, presumably dealing with implementation of the 1939 mutual aid pact, had broken off.

"Though friendliness and good will continued among the conferees, the dispatch said 'it would be improper any longer to disguise the fact that between ourselves and Turkish authorities there is a wide-spread divergence of opinion on a purely material plane.' "

Has Turkey side-stepped the last call to enter the war on the side of the Allies? Certainly the above break-down in negotiations is highly significant at this time.

Bible Not a Pacifist's Book

EDITOR'S NOTE. — It is sometimes valuable to change one's vantage point and to look at the present period from the viewpoint of an earlier period which contributed toward the present. At this time when pacifism and "Peace Now" movements are rearing their heads, we accordingly re-publish the following article from our issue of May, 1935.

THE BIBLE is not a pacifist's book. Yet it is often wrested by pacifists to their own ends. Especially are the words of Jesus thus misused, which is perhaps not worse than is done with the words attributed to God — for the God of the Old Testament is disposed of by pacifists as a "bloody tribal god" who really had no existence except in the cruel imaginations of a group of desert barbarians. The same barbarians, by the way, who gave us the Psalms and the Prophets and all that is good in our Law. At the very threshold of the matter, we should be on guard against a teaching which must misrepresent Jesus and abolish the God of Moses before it can go to its own work.

Jesus did indeed counsel peace. He did it in Palestine between the years 26 and 29. He counselled the people living in that land at that time. And with the best of reasons, for any other course than peace would have meant their destruction, and when they abandoned it, did mean their destruction. Palestine was full of hotheads who wished to attack the Roman Empire that had conquered them, and wrest the land of their fathers from beneath the foreign yoke. Every little while these rebellions broke out. The people regarded the rebels as patriots. Barabbas, who is called a "robber," was in reality one of those "Palestine action" patriots. That is why he was so popular that the people demanded his freedom according to the custom at the time of the feast. They had looked on Jesus also as a possible rebel leader who could add His heavenly powers to their military prowess. They longed to be free, and their longing did them credit.

But Jesus counselled them against the attempt. He knew how it would end. He preached peace *for the safety of the nation*, because any war which it could make would have to be an aggression and could only mean its final destruction. Apparently He was successful in His work for peace in His day, and many who lived at that time blessed Him for his wise counsel to the nation. He foresaw what would occur when He was taken away. As they led Him down the Via Dolorosa and the women were weeping for Him, He called out to them: "Weep not for me; weep for yourselves." He knew that rebellion would come and that it would rouse Rome to retaliation and that Jerusalem would be destroyed. And so it was, in A.D. 70, and from the very cause against which He had warned the people.

A Force for Peace

The Spirit of Jesus is undoubtedly a potent force for peace so far as military strife is concerned, among those who receive it, and when that Spirit becomes universal wars will cease. But there is not the slightest ground in all of Jesus' teachings for the pacifist conclusions which have been drawn from them. The Christ who put Himself bodily between the racketeers of the Temple and their poor victims, driving the former forth of the place with the excoriation of words and whips, was not the Christ who is represented to us today as teaching and encouraging men to stand listless while women and children are being endangered. Christ did not teach that, because He Himself was not made of that kind of stuff. Many have denied that He was God, but no one has ever denied that He was a Man.

The teachings of the Sermon on the Mount — and in this reference the mind will naturally turn first to the counsel concerning "the other cheek" — are not subject to the uses to which professional pacifists put them. They are great teachings and they are perfectly feasible and practical; they are not by any means to be set aside as being too idealistic; but to use them as a tool for propaganda to weaken a righteous people that they may be subject to the blows of an unrighteous people, is gross misuse of them. It is in this way they are being misused today.

Pacifism a Campaign

Pacifism — which is not our Christian love of peace, or our willingness to go the second mile and forego our secondary rights to achieve it — pacifism which is an organized campaign for weakness and puerility, is today *an attack in peacetime by the war-making nations against the peace-making nations.*

We need no further proof of that than the plain observation as to which countries are the scenes of pacifist activity. Is there pacifism in Germany? or Italy? or France? or Japan? or Russia? Everyone knows there is not. Yet where are the efforts of the pacifists more needed than *where wars are bred?* Are any wars bred in the United States? Are any wars bred in Great Britain? The answer of history as well as of all the forementioned five nations would be No. And yet in these latter two nations we see all the pacifist activity in the world today. And we see none of it in the countries that breed wars.

Surely this is a condition that does not come about by chance. Fortunately, we need be in no doubt upon this point: it does not come about by chance — it comes by design. The good will of the American people, especially of the American woman, has been enlisted by foreign influence for the weakening of our country. Of course, it does not wholly succeed, for there is a higher Something Else operating in the same sphere.

Would those good ministerial brethren — especially the younger ones who are so active in this propaganda — be surprised to learn that their recent efforts to prevent fleet maneuvers did not have their origin in Christ's Gospel nor in the American's belief that his navy threatens war, but in the state department of a foreign nation? Doubtless they would be surprised. Would they be surprised to learn also that the United States dropped a word to that foreign state department anent the matter?

Would our earnest clerical pacifists be surprised to learn that the recent munitions investigation, falsely so-called, had other purposes than appeared on the surface? What do they suppose would motivate the pillorying of American concerns whose great sin it was that by their skill and labor five million American boys did not face possible warfare unequipped to defend themselves but went forth so thoroughly equipped that they were invincible in compelling a peace?

Where was the crime in doing these services for the American soldier?

Certain over-publicized gentlemen would have us believe that the reason these concerns are being investigated is that they charged too much money for outfitting the American soldier! If that is true, what of the Government that paid the overcharge? Or, if that question seems impertinent, what has been done to collect the amount overpaid? These concerns have assets; the government has power; why is not a bill sent?

Future Wars

Why! the last war and its misdeed are not the point at all; the point is that in any *future war* the nation shall find itself *weakened* in the matter of supplies, since this most important element in the nation's safety shall then be in the hands of our politicians who always perform such an efficient job in such matters! There is nothing in these investigations that points to the strengthening of the nation; there is nothing that points to the securing of greater probabilities of peace; everything points to a *weakening process*. It is rather terrible to contemplate that in this Republic citizens can be held culpable because they worked night and day for years in conjunction with hundreds of thousands of free-born American citizens to equip the American soldier to defend himself. Should he have been sent out, as the Russians were, with rifles that would not fire, and ammunition that would not fit the guns? Russia was not subjected to a pacifist weakening; poor Russia was fooled by being given goods it could not use. That could not be done here or in Britain, but the same result could be attained by the prostitution of the American natural inclination to good will — at least, it could be tried.

It has come to pass in this country that when the machinations of pacifism are exposed the cry goes up that the exposure is in the interest of war. And foolish people, who know what false peace and weakness mean, often try to defend themselves from this characteristic charlatan charge. No such defense will be made here. No American is conscious of any necessity to apologize because he does not believe in the violation of his country. As for provoking war — where is the American who has ever done so, or desires to do so? What President have we ever had that has done so? When has this nation ever taken up arms except in a cause forced upon it by pressure impossible to ignore, or in behalf of beleagured weakness at its doors or among its kith and kin? American history has very little need of apology on the score of war, and the American citizen of this our day has less.

It is to be hoped that, until wars forever cease, there will be upon this earth a thrice armed people — armed by their native love for peace, armed by their ruling sense of righteousness, armed by their material power and prowess — able to stand against the sometimes rising tides of pagan aggression on the part of peoples who believe in the god of force. That there will always be such a people, we who meet together in these pages know. We know there is a people on the earth who are the selected "battle ax" (it is a Scriptural term) of Almighty God in those struggles of history in which principle is dragged down and down and down until at length it needs must be justified upon the lowest level of force. A nation that thinks of war, or plans for war, or glorifies war, or believes in war is a pagan nation. And — so we read the history of God's people in the Bible — such nations profit least by war. For there is another Nation, spread through many nations, that does not rely on war, nor desire it, nor glorify it, but which is always victorious when it must wage war. And it is against this Nation that the shafts of the pagans are hurled in battle, and their subtle pacifism in times of peace.

A peaceful people can be trusted; they are always strong, they are good neighbors; they keep the peace. A weak nation is either the ward of a stronger nation, or the bone of contention between several. Righteousness is strength, and strength is peace.

Thanks be unto God who hath made us to be both strong and peaceable and easy to be entreated. Thanks be unto our fathers who have bequeathed us a flag from which the plain people of the earth have never fled in terror. And — yes, we can say it — thanks be to the Lord of Peace that there are those among us who love peace so well that they can become for the moment blind to portions of the truth; for in their enlightenment they will not love peace the less, but will see that truth is its foundation.

The Proper Perspective

It is impossible to fake a photograph so that an expert will be unable to find some tell-tale flaw which will prove the deception. Also, no one can hide the location of the camera used in taking a photograph, for the lines of perspective will all go directly to the lens of the camera and reveal its position.

And what is true regarding photographs is also true regarding the scriptures. The higher critic has endeavored through examination of text construction to discount the purported time of writing the Books of the Bible. For instance: the first five books, attributed to Moses, have been declared by some critics to have been written at a later time. Similar claims have been made for other books of the Bible.

Unconsciously, an author, in his very writings, places himself in a geographical location — designating where he stands, just as a photograph places the location of the camera which records a given scene.

Genesis gives the account of the life of Abraham and tells of his having purchased the cave of Machpelah, which is located near Mamre in Hebron.

When the narrator who wrote the record as contained in Genesis gave the account of the death and burial of Jacob he unconsciously gave his own location also. Writing of Joseph taking the body of his father Jacob to Palestine for burial in the Cave of Machpelah, he recorded the following geographical factor:

> "And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. And they came to the threshing floor of Atad, *which is beyond Jordan.*" (Gen. 50: 9–10.)

For the threshing floor in Canaan to be *beyond the Jordan from the narrator*, the writer must have been on the east side of the river — where Moses spent the forty years with Israel in her wanderings in the wilderness. This is but one example selected from similar hundreds of instances in Scripture which prove the authenticity of the record and the time of its writing.

Bible Students With Poison Pens?

OCCASIONALLY it is necessary for DESTINY to answer slurring, lying propaganda with its invidious innuendoes. We dislike using space to do this, but are impelled to do so at this time for the benefit of those individuals who — disturbed by these attacks and lacking either sufficient information or astuteness to judge for themselves — are deceived by the subtleness of the enemies of truth.

The latest move against DESTINY and its editor is by Henry Hoke, publisher and writer of a little trade journal called *The Reporter of Direct Mail Advertising;* and had the attack been confined to that journal its limited circulation would not have warranted devoting space to answering. However, further circulation in condensed form has been given Mr. Hoke's article in the January number of *The Magazine Digest* (not to be confused with *The Reader's Digest*) where it was titled "Bible Students With Poison Pens" and pre-titled "A religious organization that preaches hatred."

We are labelled as Nazis by Mr. Hoke. This, despite the fact that our record as shown by the files of DESTINY has been consistently in opposition to all that Nazism means and to that for which it stands. As Christian Bible students, it could not be otherwise.

It is apparent that Mr. Hoke does not require evidence on which to base his charges. It is also clear that Mr. Hoke is fronting for those who fear the light of truth and who, through him, are doing precisely what was advocated should be done to anyone undertaking to speak of their machinations. So, instead of answering any of the charges made, the person making them is to be labeled a Nazi rat.[1] In following the method of his masters, Hoke declares we are "well-known for our pro-Nazi ideology." Such an accusation is only one among many *errors of fact* in his article.

Preaching hatred? Regular readers of DESTINY know that this, written of its editor and authors, is a preposterous charge and just the opposite of the constant advocacy, practice and teachings of the Christian precepts of righteousness given for our instruction by Jesus Christ. At the same time, however, it is equally well known that we are unwilling to close our eyes to evil and that our editorial policy in this regard can bring no comfort to the forces of evil. We are denouncing evil and evil acts and those responsible, individually and nationally, and will continue to do so. That is not preaching hatred; it is declaring the need of turning from evil ways and establishing individual and national righteousness.

Thirty-One Errors of Fact

Reference is made in the same article to *Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright* by Rev. J. H. Allen, published in 1902. The author of that book probably never dreamed that his clear statements either would, or could, be so twisted as has been done by Mr. Hoke. He makes Mr. Allen say what neither he (Hoke) nor anyone else can find in that book.[2] His accusations regarding the contents are deliberate lies. In writing them, he must have felt more or less secure, evidently thinking his readers would fail to check as to the accuracy of his statements.

An honest and sincere reporter, before signing his name to an article, or even a man of character writing anonymously, would first check to know the actual history of any movement that he might be factual in his reporting. Of all men, Mr. Hoke particularly should have done this because he has for a long time set himself up as an apostle of "truth in advertising." Surely, if he believes what he advocates, should it not apply to the content of articles he writes as well as to advertising descriptions of commercial products? This advocate of truth in one field is — chameleon-like — an embracer of falsehood in another, for his short article of about 2,000 words as condensed in *The Magazine Digest* contains the surprising number of *thirty-one errors of fact.* Just what would Mr. Hoke say of one writing advertising copy with such a record of errors?

Some Truths, Instead of Errors

The Anglo-Saxon Federation of America was started by me in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1928. In January, 1930, I personally (and alone) was responsible for beginning the monthly publication. It was not until three years later (September, 1933) that the work of the Federation was formally organized, and a president elected. The offices were moved from Haverhill and were in Detroit temporarily. For personal reasons, quite different from those assigned by Mr. Hoke (just how would he know, anyway?) our address again became Haverhill in 1938. But Hoke states: "The main office of the ASF was originally [not true] situated in Detroit. When publicity began to focus on the organization it was quietly moved to . . . Haverhill, Mass." What would he do if he were moving his offices; as one of his business friends who wrote him asked, "Hire a New York brass band to whoop it up?" He might, but we followed the usual business decorum in moving, announcing our new address beforehand to all those concerned.

According to Mr. Hoke, "One of the 'Committee's' first jobs was to encourage distribution of the forged *Protocols of Zion. . . .*" Mr. Hoke in this statement has violated every requirement of honorable and upright truthfulness by giving a report on a committee meeting that never was held and on action never taken. Our editorial titled "The Protocols" [3] gave the facts regarding the sale of a few copies procured from our Detroit office. The fact that Mr. Hoke was shown one or more of these few copies but confirms our suspicion of the part the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith had in the writing of Mr. Hoke's article. It also throws light on his source of misinformation and explains the type of article he has written.

In publishing General Moseley's testimony before the Dies Committee we did so with the editorial suggestion that the charges made be investigated, closing with this statement: "We are publishing this [the testimony] without comment, but with the hope that all the truth will ultimately be given to our people." [4] Is Mr. Hoke afraid to be fair and to state accurately what we did publish? Has he read this testimony? It is apparent that neither he nor his informers are interested in discussing General Moseley's testimony itself, and

[1] *The National Jewish Monthly*, p. 341, July, 1940.

[2] "Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright," 377 pages, $2.00 postpaid. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

[3] DESTINY for January, 1944.

[4] DESTINY for July, 1939.

we do not wonder. *Up to date the truth about it has never been given to the public!*

Why does Mr. Hoke fear the truth and persist in his falsification of facts, even when accurately informed? *Prior* to the publication of his article in *The Magazine Digest* Mr. Hoke received a letter from one of his own business friends who was present at my lectures in Boston (March 21–22, 1942) to which lectures he refers. He was told that his accusations against me on that occasion were totally erroneous. As a matter of fact, he was also informed of the many other errors in his unwarranted attack. No correction was made. Instead he permitted further circulation of his false accusations and, so far as we know, has not even responded to the letter from his friend.

Concerning our stand on Democracy, we refer Mr. Hoke to "The American Form of Government" (DESTINY for December, 1943). It is not we, but those who are trying to make a democracy out of our Republic who are the real enemies of the American way of life!

I am quoted in his article by a "reliable interviewer" (Mr. Hoke's appraisal of "George Pagnanelli" — the self-confessed liar, and author of "Under Cover" who called at my office — See "Uncovering 'Under Cover' "[5]). On one point "Pagnanelli" (real name: Arthur Derounian) could have been right in informing Mr. Hoke that "On his [my] desk during the interview was a copy of *Roll Call*, the sheet published by William Dudley Pelley (now in jail for sedition)." And what crime was committed by me in this? I am the recipient of much literature; several publications for which I have not subscribed come to my desk regularly. At this moment on my desk there is some atheistical literature, just arrived in the mail. How long has it been a penal offense for an American to possess and read whatever he wishes, even that which "Pagnanelli" and his friends (and they seem to be Mr. Hoke's) have condemned? They had to read this literature to condemn it. Surely, we have the same right as they to know the contents — even the contents of the Protocols!

Another error of fact has to do with the Reverend Carlton N. Jones. Despite his libel *I have never talked to him either in person or by telephone* and would not know him if I met him on the street; instead, on the occasion cited I answered Mr. Jones through the columns of the same newspaper in which he libeled me. Mr. Hoke did not see fit to publish that answer, nor will he! Mr. Jones was completely silenced, has not been heard from since.

In flagrant violation of the copyright laws, in the despicable manner of the yellow press, Mr. Hoke took excerpts from editorials and articles in DESTINY and, lifting them from their contexts, gave totally different meanings than would have been conveyed by reading the originals in their entirety. It is the method used by the smearers and is a brand of writing hardly becoming to a self-styled advocate of "truth in advertising."

Who?

Quoting "the opinion of many responsible people" the charge is made that "DESTINY is simply a front for a Fascist-minded group which wishes to aid larger groups to seize power in the postwar period." Who are these "responsible people"? Do some of them belong to the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith? We know they are disseminating such lies about us. Is it this Gestapo to whom Mr. Hoke further refers when using the expression, "These same people . . ."? While the charges are untrue, can it be they are accusing us of what they themselves are trying to do?

No honest American today engaged in presenting the unvarnished truth of the national message of the Bible is free from the scurrilous attacks such as are now being directed against us and emanating from the above source! Obviously, the truth has offended the supersensitiveness of the Jews, and thus we find ourselves among the thousands of case records prepared by them for use against those who have offended them. The Anti-Defamation League, with its set-up in practically every city in our land, is one of the most sinister organizations in the nation. Many ministers of the gospel, writers and others have been subjected to a continuous barrage of propaganda issuing from this and kindred sources. Mr. Hoke was simple-minded enough to be "taken in" and to permit himself to be used, becoming a front for the "responsible people" (?) whose campaign methods include a drive to smear DESTINY, its editor personally, and if possible cause DESTINY to cease publication. The poison of disruption? It is clear who wields poison pens and whose untruthful tongues are carrying on a deliberate campaign of misrepresentation and lies.

Why?

Just why is Jewry so incensed against us? We in no way are desirous of harming them, yet they reveal themselves as violently opposed to our work and teachings. They would, if possible, destroy our entire freedom of speech and press — using such dupes as Hoke to do a smearing job because Mr. Hoke is not a Jew and his name will carry some weight with the uninformed.

Why are they so anxious to destroy our work, and make our words ineffective? They know we are loyal to our Government and firmly behind it in the desire to bring decisive defeat to all our enemies: Germany, Japan and those who may yet attack us. Why, then, this consistent endeavor to misrepresent what we are doing, even stooping to labelling us other than we are? It is *because they cannot answer the facts we present, and they fear the truth of what the Bible teaches, for the acceptance of that truth by our nation will destroy their plans.*

Furthermore, Christian leaders *without Scriptural evidence* have proclaimed the Jews to be all Israel, while the Jews have coveted Israel's inheritance, including the land of Palestine. We have shown such claims to be erroneous, and have presented documentary evidence from the Bible to this effect, *not because we are against the Jews, but because we are for the truth.*

Who's Intolerant?

It is of interest to note that the very ones who state that we spread disunity, chaos and intolerance are themselves bigoted and intolerant. *They* are the real spreaders of disunity. We need only refer to the manifest intolerance and bigotry of the Jewish Rabbi described in "Anti-Bible Forces at Work"[6] as *one instance among many* of the Jewish attitude towards truth — an attitude definitely, openly and intensely *anti-Christian.* So intense is their opposition to our freedom of speech that the Rabbi appeared at a public hearing and *opposed the presentation of the Bible's message to a Christian audience.*

If Mr. Hoke knew the Bible, Jewry would not have been able to use him for a mouthpiece to propagate untruths. The acceptance of the message of the Book would enable men to recognize, in this evil propaganda, the existence of a subtle, sinister conspiracy to destroy — if possible — the effectiveness of our labors.

[5] DESTINY for October, 1943.

[6] DESTINY for December, 1943.

However, these forces of evil will not succeed. Temporarily they may close the eyes of those who refuse to investigate by planting in their minds a spirit of suspicion and prejudice, keeping in ignorance multitudes who would receive wonderful spiritual blessings in studying the Bible in the light of the neglected truths of its national message as published in DESTINY from month to month. That is the pity of it all, for in reality these attacks do little harm to us personally, but they do keep from our fellow-citizens and from the nation this information which America needs.

These foes of righteousness continue in the footsteps of their fathers, to whom Jesus said: "Ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye enter not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered."

And whatever may be the tactics of the Anti-Defamation League in the future, they will not succeed in preventing the ultimate triumph of the message we proclaim. When the truth pertaining to the Kingdom, when the identity of the House of Israel, when the legitimate heirs to Palestine [7] become fully known — then all the skillfully planned propaganda of Jewry, with its support from "Gentile fronts" (so-called), will collapse like a house of cards. Then will be revealed to mankind the evil of their program and all the trouble and bloodshed it has caused. Also the sword of evil aggression and prejudice fashioned by them to arouse the public in an endeavor to destroy our work, will react a thousandfold to destroy forever their plans for world domination and control.

Because this is an age when catchphrases and slogans take the place of thought and truth, the present low level of morality enables lies to circulate on the wings of the wind while truth falls by the way. Because multitudes love evil rather than good, evil secures rapid and wide circulation; truth must fight for recognition and seldom overcomes the effects of evil propaganda until an enlightened generation is worthy to enter the promised land.

Mr. Hoke and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith are not fighting us but rather the Bible and the message it gives. Truth will always ultimately triumph. Concerning the national message of the Book, time will prove that the presentation of these sublime truths will be no exception.

We are undisturbed by these evil attacks and feel sorry for those who are so foolish as to lend themselves for such a purpose and also for those who, believing these evil reports, refuse to investigate the truth that they may come to an understanding and acquire a knowledge of the Divine plan and purposes regarding His Kingdom.

— HOWARD B. RAND

[7] See "Who Shall Possess Palestine?" DESTINY for February, 1944.

The Aftermath of Careless Reporting

WHEN one starts a campaign of misrepresentation it is always difficult to defend an untenable position, as Mr. Henry Hoke is evidently finding out, judging from the following single-paragraph comment in his "Reporter" for December, 1943:

"WHAT ABOUT DESTINY? Frankly, we are tired of the whole mess. Ever since our article in August *Reporter* exposing Destiny Magazine and the Anglo-Saxon Federation, the mails have been full of this and that. One letter from Howard Rand to one of our friends stated that we had made 36 misstatements of facts. Another letter implied legal action because of 'copyright violation.' A 17-page letter from another Howard Rand friend tried to prove Howard Rand right . . . and everything we said is wrong. We'll stick to our guns. The Anglo-Saxon Federation and Destiny Magazine are . . . disruptive influences. In all the clamor, one conclusive point is evident. Howard Rand, the Anglo-Saxon Federation and Destiny Magazine agree that they don't like democracy. In our opinion, all other points of argument are irrelevant."

Thirty-one of the many original errors of fact were reprinted in Mr. Hoke's article in the *Magazine Digest*, some of which are pointed out in the above article. But what interests us particularly is the volume of mail Mr. Hoke admits receiving from those who evidently are DESTINY readers and who therefore know his accusations to be untrue.

We were sent a copy of the seventeen-page letter to which he refers. After reading it, we are not at all surprised that he has mental indigestion and that he is "tired of the whole mess," the result of his own foolishness in attacking something of which he knows little or nothing.

Mr. Hoke's accusations are wrong and we do not wonder that he is disturbed. He should be. His guns have all been spiked, yet he still is going to stick to his useless artillery of manufactured misrepresentations.

This is a foolish assertion and clearly reveals his inability to answer that seventeen-page letter.

We will stand on our statements (as published in DESTINY) regarding democracy *and challenge Mr. Hoke to prove our stand to be unAmerican.* If we are to be condemned for such a stand, then the men who attended the first Constitutional Convention, and who are responsible for preparing the document that became our Constitution must also be condemned as unAmerican. One thing is patent, Mr. Hoke does not know American traditions and history else he would recogniże, as we do, that our forefathers had no intention of making this nation a democracy; in fact, they denounced democracies and wrote a Constitution that constituted this the government of a great Republic.

Our recommendation is that *Mr. Hoke take time out to familiarize himself with the early history of our Republic.* Let him read the speeches made by the leaders of the Constitutional Convention and also read the Constitution of the United States of America before he tries to condemn those who quote what was said by our forefathers.

Furthermore, it is our recommendation that Mr. Hoke beg, borrow, or better still, become the owner of a Bible of his own and familiarize himself with not only the *national* message of the Book, but its instruction to the individual as well.

A much wiser man than he once said: "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? . . . The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

The Westward Trek

By G. ALTREE COLEY

"Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; THE LORD OF HOSTS is His Name: If those ordinances depart from before Me, saith the Lord, Then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever." (Jer. 31: 35–36.)

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How much of these gracious preparations for a new homeland of peace and rich prosperity was known to the sad exiles who trod the painful track from Samaria to the inhospitable mountains of Media, we do not yet know. The promise of the Appointed Place made long before to David, the prophecies of Isaiah in their own lifetime concerning the far-off isles, may have taken form as a dim hope which like a magnet ever lured them westward, following the sun.

One thing we know for certainty. These exiles carried with them the basic qualities which the Divine training had built into the racial texture by precept and discipline through the centuries. We have seen that these principles were still valid under the most tyrannical king. Later, in the school of exile and suffering, all the enervating means of luxury, — the drinking of wine to the sound of the viols while reclining on beds of ivory (Amos 6: 4–6) — having vanished into the past, these qualities would bury clearer than ever. They would be cherished and enthroned as the only residuum left of a princely heritage. The Divine Law became precious again. For Esdras records that they determined to keep the law which they had not kept in their own land.

But they lost their proud name of Israel, and with it they therefore lost, until recent times, the means of being identified as God's chosen people. This was in accordance with the Divine Will, for Israel, which means a Prince with God, or Ruling with God, was the covenant name for the servant-race, God's people. Therefore when they were cast out of the land in punishment for their idolatry and corollary sins they were discovenanted or divorced from the Lord, and were not privileged to bear His name.

Consequently while still in the land but while entering the shadow of national eclipse and exile the house of Israel begins to take another ancestral name — Isaac — in fulfillment of the ancient promise, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called." It was twice used by the prophet Amos. Now Isaac means "laughter," for which the Hebrew is *tsahak*, and this sound appears frequently in ancient history as Sakhi, Sakai and Sacae, the name of a free and brave people. The Sakai took part in the siege and sack of Nineveh, the proud capital of the Assyrian monarchs, who had conquered and enslaved so many nations, and wreaked a just retribution upon a brutal foe. Nineveh sank into a rubbish heap, as it is to this day — one of the many enemies of Israel throughout the ages which have felt to the full the truth of that promise to Abraham, "I will curse him that curseth thee."

To go further, Herodotus, called "the father of history," says that "the Persians call all Scythians Sakai." Who were the Scythians? At the beginning of the Christian era this was a name applied indiscriminately to all the peoples of northern Europe and Asia, but originally it was restricted to one race only to whom the name properly belonged. The basic form of this name is *Scuth* and this recalls the Hebrew word for tents or booths — Succoth (see Gen. 33: 17). Herodotus repeatedly calls his Scythians wanderers or nomads. This would mean that they were tent-dwellers, and cast-off Israel were "Wanderers among the nations." (Hosea 9: 17.)

But a further clue occurs. The Sakai were known to the Babylonians by the name Gimiri. So Rawlinson tells us in his edition of Herodotus. Gimiri is the same as Khumri, or the people of Khumri, who is none other than Omri, king of Israel, who made an indelible mark upon the Divine Law (Micah 6: 16). His same imperious will for innovations led him to establish his capital at Samaria, the city that was to defy the Assyrian armies besieging it for three long years. Thus to the Assyrian conquerors Israel became known as Beth-Khumri, or the House of Khumri.

It is surely not an accident that the very record of one transaction between Israel and Assyria exhibiting the use of this name is now preserved in the British Museum. It is the so-called "black obelisk," whereon the inscription appears, "The tribute of Yahua Abil Khumri, silver, gold, basins of gold," etc. The Yahua Abil Khumri is Jehu who succeeded the dynasty of Omri, for recent research has shown that Abil means a successor and not necessarily a son. As for the initial Kh, the Bible student will recognize a similar instance in Acts 7: 2, where the Haran of Gen. 11: 31 becomes Charran.

So we get the equation, Khumri = Gimiri = Saki, and thus by two lines of evidence we know that the Saki, Sakai, Sacae, or Sakhi as the name variously appears, are indeed none other than the house of Israel.

By these and kindred names we can trace their contacts through the records of other nations. The records are scanty, for many must have perished in the course of long centuries, but wherever a glimpse of them is seen they always show the same characteristics that we know of them, the physical vigor, the impatience of all rule not granted by their own consent, warlike qualities tempered with magnanimity, and fidelity to their word. They still are found graven with the marks of freedom, justice, mercy and truth. Thus of one section, the Skolotoi known to the Greeks, it was noted — "It appears extremely wonderful that nature should grant to them that which the Greeks cannot attain by long instruction from their wise men and the precepts of their philosophers, and that cultivated morals should have the disadvantage in a comparison with those unpolished barbarians."

The exile was long, the scattering was wide, for the sentence had been — "And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of earth even unto the other." (Deut. 28: 64.) Yet holding by the ineffaceable marks, aided by etymology, by place names and by ancient records and traditions, we may trace exiled Israel in many parts of the world, ever bearing the candle of freedom, and teaching oppressed peoples that tyrants can be resisted. Even in exile the promise was fulfilled — "And thou shalt be a blessing." (Gen. 12: 2.)

But the bulk of the people moved westward. According to Esdras, they went to a place named Ar-Sereth, crossing the upper waters of the Euphrates and taking a year and a half to make the trek. Herodotus speaks of a similar trek, having similar starting and finishing points, made by the Scythians, which establishes another link that they were one and the same people. They crossed south Russia, leaving evidences of their Hebrew identity in their tombs. A modern ethnologist, Prof. Ellis H. Minns, states that the ancient barrows found in south Russia are those of a Scythian race having a Median culture, which is exactly what might be expected from a people who had sojourned in Media as Israel indisputably did. Still more, they left their name as Kimmerians, developed from Gimiri, in the name Crimea. Similarly their final objective, Ar-Sereth, can be identified as the region west of the Black Sea which even to this day is traversed by the river Sereth, a tributary of the Danube.

In time they trekked again northwestward to the Baltic and into Scandinavia. Others followed up the Danube, westward. The Greeks and the Romans knew them under different names, often to their cost. Arminius was one of them and taught even Augustus Caesar to dread his prowess. Tacitus describes these people, eulogizing their love of freedom, their courage in battle, yet reports their love of peace and of their quiet farmsteads, and the high regard they paid to women. These freemen were never subject to the Roman rule. They never formed part of the Roman empire.

The historian Creasy distinctly claims these people as the ancestors of the English, and another historian, Sharon Turner, gives us the connecting links. He maintains that it is only logical to see in the Sakai the ancestors of the Saxons. "Saka-suna, or the sons of the Sakai," he says, "abbreviated into Saksun, which is the same sound as Saxon, seems a reasonable etymology of the word Saxon. . . . It is also important to remark that Ptolemy mentions a Scythian people sprung from the Sakai, by the name of Saxones."

Equally, both Irish and Scottish historians have proudly traced the name Scot to those very Skuths or Scythians we have seen to be the same as the Sakai or Saxons. The Welsh too, deriving from the ancient Britons, cherish in the name Cymry and its kin, such as Cambria, identity with an ancient past when the Kimbri or Kimmerians wrote their name in history. Both these and the Scots came to the "appointed place" centuries before the Angles and Saxons. But they were and are one race!

Later than the English came the Danes, and the Normans, who had not long before come from Norway and Denmark. Later still came other sections who had remained on the continent, the Flemings and the Huguenots, driven out by cruel persecutions from the countries they called home. But they all bore the same character-marks. They fused together into one nation because they had the same race-mind, the same basic life-values. All were stamped with the same thought-pattern, a reverence for freedom, justice, mercy and truth.

More than that, gathered in the Isles they now took on the added marks as heirs of promise and prophecy. We shall see more of these remarkable correspondences between promise and fulfillment as we proceed, but in all centuries the English were noted for the wealth of their soil, the abundance of all necessaries of life, for their social well-being, and for the general justice of their way of life. They dwelt unmolested by invaders, as their forefathers never had in Palestine. Between the date of the Spanish Armada and the present day more than a score of planned attempts at invasion have been made. All met with defeat, the winds and the waves of God often aiding the stout defenders, in some cases deciding the event when the defenders were too few. Royally has the promise of the Almighty been fulfilled:

"I will ordain a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more as at the beginning, and since time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies." (I Chron. 17: 9–10.)

It is of this rest in the isles that the prophecy was chanted:

"How goodly are thy tents O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as trees of lign aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters, his seed shall be in many waters, and his kingdom shall be exalted, he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn, he couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion; who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee." (Num. 24: 5–9.)

Identity of names, identity of characteristics, identity of fulfilled promise and prophecy, identity of heraldry — the race entrusted with the leadership *for the service of the world* today is the race ordained to that trust from the beginning. It is the Chosen Race.

An Everlasting Throne

"Ought ye not to know that the Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?" (II Chron. 13: 5.)

"For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel." (Jer. 33: 17.)

In the long interval between the dispersion from Palestine and the gathering into the isles of the various tribes and segments of Israel, history records them as being without a king or any defined royalty. In time of war the warriors elected their leader, but never exalted him to the position of a monarch. However, there are good indications that he must be chosen always from one special family, he was a kyning, meaning not a sovereign but a member of the kin. This fact is definitely in fulfillment of the prophecy:

"The children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince. . . ." (Hosea 3: 4.)

Yet the charter to David quoted in the last chapter both from the books of II Samuel and I Chronicles, while promising a place of rest to God's people Israel at the same time promised to David an everlasting throne and a posterity to occupy it. The promise is definite and repeated:

"Also the Lord telleth thee that He will build thee an house. . . . And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever." (II Sam. 7: 11 and 16.)

This is repeated in I Chron. 17, and the double witness establishes the truth. But also a long Psalm extols this charter to David and appeals to it as the glorious witness to the unchanging faithfulness of God. Therefore God has staked His very character on His complete fulfillment of this promise.

"I will sing to the mercies of the Lord for ever:
With my mouth will I make known thy
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To all generations.
For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever;
Thy faithfulness shalt Thou establish in the very heavens.
I have made a covenant unto David My servant —
Thy seed will I establish for ever
And build up thy throne to all generations
And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders O Lord,

Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. . . .
I have found David My servant;
With My holy oil have I anointed him. . . .
I will set his hand also in the sea,
And his right hand in the rivers.
I also will make him My firstborn,
Higher than the kings of the earth.
My mercy will I keep for him for evermore
And My covenant shall stand fast with him.
His seed also will I make to endure for ever,
And his throne as the days of heaven. . . .
Once have I sworn by My holiness;
I will not lie unto David;
His seed shall endure for ever,
And his throne as the sun before Me.
It shall be established for ever as the moon,
And as the faithful witness in the sky."

It cannot be necessary to stress the inviolability of such a covenant, reiterated and confirmed with an oath by the Lord. Moreover this covenant appears again and again in the inspired Scriptures. No promise of God has been more solemnly established. Therefore, whatever the vicissitudes of Israel after the dispersion we know that the throne and posterity of David must have been preserved. But no promise entails the association of the throne with the house of Judah for ever. Therefore when Jeremiah announces, "Thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel" we must look for that house and throne in association with the ten-tribed Israel and no longer with Judah.

The story is the most absorbing romance in history. Ancient law, Divine promise, prophecy, parable, history and tradition all contribute to establish its truth. It is of profound significance to us today, for the throne of David is veritably the throne which now receives the loving allegiance of a quarter of the world's peoples. It is the one constitutional link uniting the Commonwealth of Britannic nations. And as the night of our tribulation deepens that Throne rises higher and higher in the love and esteem and allegiance of its subjects, for the nobility of its example, the inspiration of its spiritual leadership.

Yet when Jeremiah uttered the word of the Lord just quoted, it seemed on the eve of being forever destroyed. As the prophet spoke, the battering-rams of the warrior Nebuchadnezzar were crashing against the walls of the last stronghold of a small and vanquished people. A few months later Jerusalem fell, fire and sword laid it in ruins, the exquisite Temple of Jehovah with it. The king was taken and his sons were slain before his eyes. To all spectators the glory of David's house and throne had miserably perished.

Nevertheless, the king's daughters were spared. The sacred record goes on to tell how they with Jeremiah and the scribe Baruch escaping many dangers at last reached Egypt and safety for a time.

But an ancient statute of Israel Law had enacted that, failing male issue, inheritance must pass to the daughters of the house, with the further amendment that the heiress must marry only in her father's tribe (Num. 27: 1–11 and ch. 36). Consequently the elder daughter of the dethroned monarch, Zedekiah, a very young girl (since her father was only thirty-three at this time) became the heiress-apparent after the slaughter of the king's sons. It is here then that we may fit in the testimony of a concealed statement or parable of the contemporary prophet Ezekiel, who describes the removal of the topmost twig (significantly termed "Daughter," "a young twig," "a tender one") to be planted in the "mountain of the height of Israel," there to

"bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar; and under it shall dwell fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree; have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish; I the Lord have spoken it and have done it." (Ezek. 17: 22–24.)

The meaning of this parable was concealed for ages, but it stands forth clear as the day now. "Mountain" in Scripture symbology means national eminence (see Isaiah 2: 2), a great tree giving shelter to birds, the natural inhabitants of trees, indicates empire (see Dan. 12: 10–12 and 24). The tender daughter of the genealogical tree of David's line was to be transplanted to another section of Israel, there to grow through the ages into a great empire. Shall we refuse to believe this when it is sealed with the Name of Deity — "I the LORD have spoken it and have done it." God the Ever-Living, to Whom all ages are but the present, the *now*, here looks upon the age-long work as an accomplished fact. Today we are able to see and know how victoriously and beyond all human imagination this part of the plan of God has been accomplished.

For research into historical notices by the ancients, into the meaning of names, into long-cherished traditions, read in the light of the lamp of prophecy, now reveals that at different times sections of Israel began to hive off for various reasons even before Israel's advent into Palestine. Moses speaks of "him who is not with us this day." (Deut. 29: 15.) Among those known to have gone were members of the restless tribe of Dan, and Zarhites of the tribe of Judah, who in the course of time followed the westering sun and came to the green wave-washed isle we call Ireland.

It is precisely here and nowhere else in the world that a tradition has existed for ages that to this isle there once came a great prophet, having a scribe named Brug, who brought with them a fair princess, whom later the prophet married to the Heremon or chief king. Thus we may see that the tender twig was indeed planted on the mountain, the highest eminence of the Israel already settled in the Isles. Moreover, since God declares that He did it, the heiress of David's throne must have married a member of her own tribe, for the Lord would never violate His own Law. This is conclusive.

But there also appears at this time the story of a wonderful Stone, upon which the kings of Ireland were crowned. Age-old tradition relates that it was brought to Ireland by the wonderful Prophet together with his royal ward, and this Stone was ever regarded as the symbol of royal power. The Irish legend was embodied by Sir Walter Scott in the familiar lines:

"Unless the fates are faithless grown,
And prophet's voice be vain,
Wher'er is found this sacred stone
The Wanderer's Race shall reign."

The remarkable fact about this tradition is that long centuries have proved it to be exactly true. This Stone, then, was the Throne, or the symbol of the Throne, promised to David, and it is only to be expected therefore that it accompanied the heiress of David's line to the isles where Israel was appointed to gather and dwell. For a Stone has always in Israel's history been the sign and symbol of dominion. This symbolism was established as far back as the patriarch Jacob. For, as most people know, the Coronation Stone is believed to be the same stone which Jacob took for a pillow on the night when the future power and glory of his race was revealed to him in a dream. The covenant promise was explicit:

"The land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north and to the south; and in thee and in thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 28: 13–14.)

The historian Josephus paraphrases the charter thus: "I will give thee dominion of all the land, and thy pos-

terity shall fill the entire earth and sea, so far as the sun beholds them." (Jos. Ant.)

This was a marvelous promise to be given to the first wanderer of his race, fleeing from a brother's anger, but Jacob received the promise by faith, and taking the hard pillow which had heard all the words of the Lord (see Josh. 24: 27) he anointed it as a sacred witness, saying, "This stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house." A simple stone of the field! Nevertheless it symbolized all the sovereignty of the future just as the solitary Jacob was at that moment the sole representative of all his future posterity.

Later, when Jacob gave his dying blessing to his sons the Stone was entrusted to the shepherd care of the Joseph tribes, and Joshua set it in the place of rule in Shechem, in the territory of Ephraim. But when God's choice of king fell upon David the symbol of rule was later found in Jerusalem. It was upon this stone that the boy-king Josiah was crowned "as the manner was." (II Kings 11: 14.) This is sufficient to establish that the stone was used as a Coronation Stone then, as it is now. Hence, in fulfillment of the solemn oath of God to David, it was imperative that the Coronation Stone should accompany the heiress to the Throne. The account of the Stone and the royal line as preserved in Irish records has all the authority of Holy Scripture to attest its truth.

But equally true from Scripture is the fact that it was not to remain for ever in Ireland. For the prophet declares: "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more [overturned] until He comes whose right it is; and I will give it Him." (Ezek. 21: 27.) History marches with prophecy and the Stone of dominion after being overturned (better, turned aside) from Palestine to Ireland, was again removed to Scotland, and then to England, where it now remains "until He comes whose right it is." Mystic words which must be referred to again.

In passing, let it be remembered that this thought of dominion in association with a Stone was the possession of the whole race. For we find that the early English, separated by the lapse of centuries from the section of Israel already in the isles, likewise had their coronation stone. It is to be seen at this day at Kingston-on-Thames, and is declared to be the stone upon which the early English kings were crowned. In other words, Edward I did not pilfer a Scottish idea in removing the Stone of Scone to London, it was as much inherent in the English as elsewhere in the Isles. The same belief is to be found expressed in the striking of the stone on taking office, a custom still observed in England, and Jack Cade's striking London Stone as the sign that he was lord of London.

Similarly, with the Stone — in reality the Throne — the royal line passed into Scotland and thence to England, where it was united with the kingly line also sprung from David through Odin, but having shared the continental wanderings of the house of Israel which we have briefly indicated. This was the Kin, from which alone the chieftain, during the sojourn on the Continent, and the king, when settled in England, must be chosen. The Divine promise was ever made good to David, even when the record had for the time being passed out of mind.

But we now come to see the fulfillment of a clause in the Divine charter which must now be quoted:

"If his children forsake My law and walk not in My commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless, My lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him [David], nor suffer MY FAITHFULNESS to fail." (Ps. 89: 30–33.)

Hence we find that though the Line never ceased the dynasty was changed many times. And the significant point to notice is that in every case the following dynasty was connected with the preceding one by a woman. A princess of the older house always transferred the right of rule. This undoubted fact, which may be attested by any genealogical table of the royal house of Britain, is a remarkable witness to the first transfer made by the young princess, Tamar Tephi. Thus the present royal dynasty of Windsor is connected with the preceding Stuart line by the daughter of James I of England, and VI of Scotland, the Princess Elizabeth. To go further back, the marriage of Henry I with the princess Maud of Scotland, whose mother was a Saxon princess, connected the Norman line with the great line of Alfred. The Conqueror's marriage with Matilda made another link, and the historian Freeman relates an old English story that William's mother was in fact the daughter of an English princess, who in the troubles of the kingdom disparaged herself by marrying a tanner and later removed with him across the Channel to Falaise.

So the sovereigns of the race were ever preserved, to serve the race right royally. Imperious and self-willed they often were, infrequently wicked and therefore rejected, yet good kings and bad all helped to build up, either with a right good will as Edward I or with a bad will as John, the growing liberty and greatness of their people. In the long centuries when a nation's most vital need was a strong administration of law and order within and a strong defense against enemies without, England's kings served the English well, and in turn were given sturdy love and respect. Later, when the growth of self-government by elected representatives transformed the function of the Throne into a higher, spiritual leadership, we have proved that the royal line is still worthy of its high place. The transition was not made without suffering, it cost blood and tears. But exactly two hundred and eighty-six years after Charles I had bent his head on the block, and the royal name had reached its lowest ebb, the beloved King George V was welcomed to his Jubilee of twenty-five years by the passionate love and acclamation of subjects numbering hundreds of millions and found in every part of the round earth. Well had the promise been fulfilled:

"His king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted."

Well might the inspired Psalmist — in the 89th Psalm — link up the supreme evidence of God's glorious, unchanging faithfulness with his charter to the Throne and House of David.

I Have Found a Ransom

"Yet doth God devise means, that His banished be not expelled from Him." (II Sam. 14: 14.)

"Deliver him from going down to the pit; *I have found a ransom.*" (Job 33: 24.)

It is time now to deal with a question which must have been occurring to the thoughtful reader. When the record of the house of Israel in Palestine came to an end, we saw them driven forth into darkness and exile for their many sins, divorced from the Divine Covenant into which they entered at Sinai, denounced by the Lord's prophets, and specifically by Hosea, through whom the Lord solemnly cast them away in the awful words — "Ye are not My people, and I will not be your God." Nevertheless, when recorded history begins again in the Isles, we find the strongest proofs of the renewed favor and blessing of God. What had occurred to change the decree?

To find the answer we must go back to the other branch of the race which we left in Palestine. The history of

Judah is familiar. We know that he continued faithful for a time, and then lapsed like his brethren into the fatal sin of idolatry, turning his back upon the Lord. Therefore the sentence of the Law fell upon him also. Jerusalem was besieged by Nebuchadnezzar, and the house of Judah was deported to Babylon, that province of the former Assyrian Empire which had risen to preeminence in its stead.

The house of Judah never was hidden from view. We know its heroes, Daniel and his companions, Ezra or Esdras, and Nehemiah; and we know that after seventy years a portion of the captives returned to their ruined city and land, but nevermore to regain full independence nor to be reigned over by any king of David's line.

Yet to this tiny, unhappy remnant a glorious mission was entrusted. For we read — "Unto them were committed the oracles of God." (Rom. 3: 2.) The oracles were, of course, the Revelation which we call the Old Testament. Consequently we of the Israel nations owe to the fidelity of Judah the preservation of the title-deeds, the charters and the promises by which we read our identity with the chosen race, and our calling to be God's national servant. Our debt to Judah is incalculable.

But to this is added a debt shared by the whole world, for the Apostle further says: ". . . of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever." (Rom. 9: 5.) For among this people of Judah in Palestine there was preserved a remnant of the line of David, now fallen into humble circumstances yet possessing the blessings given to David by the unchanging God. From that line the Blessed Virgin Mary was descended. Furthermore there was still preserved in Judah the knowledge of the one true God. In the midst of a world sunk in the worship of false gods (in reality the worship of Satan in various forms) the light of the knowledge of God gleamed in one small troubled land. Thus the environment was prepared for the incarnation of the Son of God "by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary."

For now appears in the stream of this earth's time the most important and the most stupendous event in all history, human, cosmic, and divine. Who can reflect in a few poor sentences, as in a small prism, the rainbow hues of the grace of God to man, of the love of the Father for His prodigal, the forgiveness of Jehovah for His wayward and rebellious people? Who can paint the descent of the Son of God from the light and love and glory of Heaven to this drear, cold, hostile earth, to an earth whose noble trees gave to Him, their Creator, only a manger and a cross; to a world familiar with displays of pomp, but whose only assemblage of dignities ecclesiastical and civil was gathered to see the Eternal Lover not crowned but crucified? A Milton magnificently sang the tragedy of Paradise lost, but failed and broke off in the attempt to celebrate the greater theme of Paradise regained. Only a master of music has approached the task with some adequacy by wedding the inspired Scriptures to noble sound, and the Israel peoples today have taken to their hearts Handel's "Messiah" and made it their own national festival of music in praise of the love of God in Christ.

Yet while the marvelous story should rightly overwhelm the heart it is necessary for the mind to understand something of its meaning, for the matter of sin and salvation is not a mere religious doctrine, a theme of hymns and the meditation of the devout, it is absolutely the most pressing and practical reality of our world today. The world is staggering under the impact of evil, millions of human beings are being starved, driven like cattle, enslaved and slaughtered, simply because humanity is adrift from the Will of God. Therefore the knowledge of the one and only Remedy for the world's woe should be eagerly desired by everyone who has a spark of compassion, and we know that our whole English-speaking race today is agonizing with pity for the world's suffering multitudes.

Therefore it is necessary to see that the intervening work of our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation deals with several spheres of human life which although they intersect are nevertheless distinct. The sacred Scriptures tell us of Him as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1: 29.) Thank God for that. They reiterate His saving power is extended to every individual of every race and color. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16.) Praise the Lord for that!

But these are truths familiar to every Christian. What seems to have been forgotten or overlooked in Christian teaching is the fact, though equally taught in Holy Scripture, that our Lord and Saviour in the same momentous hour in which He won salvation for everyone who will come to Him, also bore away the curse of the Law lying upon His unfaithful servant Israel and at the same time sealed with His own most precious blood a New Covenant to take the place of the Old Covenant of the Law, from which Israel had been alienated and cut off by disobedience (Gal. 3: 13; Jer. 31: 31–34; Heb. 8: 6–13).

That is to say, Christ never gave up Israel for one moment. On the cross He wrought salvation for all, for every son of Adam, but on the cross equally He specifically wrought redemption for His people Israel. For on the night on which He was betrayed He said, as He gave the sacred Cup to His own, "This is My blood of the *New Covenant*, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matt. 26: 28.) This was in definite fulfillment of the great promise made through the prophet Jeremiah at the very moment when all hope of Israel's future seemed dead. For the ten tribes had gone into exile in the northern wilds for more than a century and the miserable remnant of Judah were about to be deported to Babylon. Yet it was then that the promise was given of a glorious hope enshrined in a new and better covenant, which would eventually bring to pass all the glowing promises made to the fathers. For the New Covenant is never so called in distinction to the covenant of promise made to Abraham, but to the Covenant of the Law given through Moses, which was imposed only for a time since it was in reality only a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3: 24).

This New Covenant is twice quoted in the New Testament:

"He [Jesus] is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there should no place been found for the second. For finding fault with them He saith, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant; For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." (Heb. 8: 6–10 and 10: 17.)

It is on this ground that the seraphic Isaiah is able to sing:

"O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of Me.
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions,
And as a cloud thy sins;

Return unto Me, for I have redeemed thee.
Sing, O ye heavens, for the Lord hath done it!
Shout, ye lower parts of the earth;
Break forth into singing ye mountains,
O forest, and every tree therein;
For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel." (Isaiah 44: 21–23.)

On this ground — the ground of Christ's redeeming sacrifice for Israel — St. Paul said, "Hath God cast away His people? God forbid. God hath not cast away His people, which He foreknew." (Romans 11: 1–2.) On this ground Isaiah again could say, "In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord, thy *Redeemer*." (Isaiah 54: 8.)

On this ground, therefore, the Lord was able to act again in grace and mercy to His people Israel. Had it not been for the Redemption (that is, the buying back of a possession) effected by the cross, we, the race of Israel, would still be wanderers among the nations. All our national happiness and greatness is the result of the mysterious but mighty deed of unconquerable love in one dark day on a cross of suffering and shame. Have we as a nation and race yet gratefully acknowledged our debt? *Not yet.*

But this is true; that the moment the marvelous story of the cross was brought to Israel in the Isles, within the lifetime of the Apostles, it was welcomed and believed, both in Britain and later in Ireland. The first national church — admitted by three Church Councils — was the British national church. Ireland was so permeated with the Gospel as to become known as the Isle of Saints. From Ireland went forth missionaries to still heathen Europe, some settling and evangelizing in Italy itself. Other missionaries went from Ireland to Scotland. From another island of Saints, the Scottish Iona, the glorious story was taken to the newly settled English in Northumbria and thence spread throughout England, meeting the movement previously introduced into Kent by the missionaries sent under Augustine from Rome.

This too is true; that everywhere the Gospel was welcomed by the English. No persecutions of the faithful stain the pages of that early time as almost invariably followed the introduction of the Gospel elsewhere. Soon kings became its nursing-fathers and queens its nursing-mothers. Soon England became a beacon of light and learning. Soon missionaries were sailing from her shores to minister to still heathen Germany, and to order and regulate the disordered and darkened church in France. The Gospel was translated into the native tongue, the songs of Zion were sung in every hamlet throughout the land. In effect, as a great historian has said, "In a single century England became known to Christendom as a fountain of light, as a land of learned men, of devout and unwearied missions, of strong, rich and pious kings." Let the missionary-minded Christian ponder it today. Has China, has India, has Africa yet sent out the light in like manner after so much evangelizing effort has been spent upon them? God be praised for every evidence of Christian fruitfulness in those lands, yet the candid must acknowledge that theirs is a different story from this record of the Isles. Why the difference? Surely it is because here we find that "good ground" spoken of by our Lord, prepared by Himself through long and painful centuries, because here was a people trained by Himself to a love of truth, which recognized the truth when it was brought to them. Here was a people having the texture of character which could joyfully receive the message of Love and Mercy and in turn steadfastly endure the hardships, the dangers, in some cases the martyrdoms, which awaited the messengers of the cross. Such people were found elsewhere, and have been found in the centuries since; sections of Israel sown by the Lord throughout the world for this very service, but conspicuously they were found in the Isles exactly as Isaiah foretold:

"He [Jesus] shall not fail nor be discouraged till He have set judgment in the earth and the isles shall wait for His law." (Isaiah 42: 4.) "Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare His praise in the islands." (v. 12.)

And when Jerusalem was left a desolation, when all joy was darkened, and the mirth of the land was gone far away in Palestine then in the isles:

"They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord, they shall cry aloud from the sea. Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires [lights], even the Name of the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea. From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the Righteous." (ch. 24: 11–16.)

The very exuberance of our hymnology, the thousands of our hymns, are witness that we are Israel. No similar witness exists in any other race.

Jeremiah, the sad prophet of Israel's last desolations, likewise exults in the grace of God which should visit His people in the Isles:

"Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd doth his flock. For the Lord hath *redeemed* Jacob, and *ransomed* him from the hand of him that was stronger than he." (Jer. 31: 10–11.)

The time for the unveiling of the name and standing of Israel had not yet come, but our forefathers in the British Isles for themselves and for their children received Christ as their Savior and Lord, and thus, little though they knew it, received the one Who was the Guarantor, the Pledge, the Mediator of the New Covenant, even the Redeemer and the King of Israel, and Who could in consequence administer by degrees and in due course of time all the promises of national greatness, prosperity and prestige promised to the fathers: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Alas that this truth can be seen most clearly by turning to view the sorrowful fate of those who acted in an opposite manner and rejected the Messiah. The Gospel was announced first of all to Judah, by the Lord Himself. Even after their rejection of Him He was careful to command that the Gospel be preached by His disciples *first* in Jerusalem. But in vain. For themselves and for their children the Jews rejected the message of the New Covenant, persisting in their decision — "His blood be on us and on our children." And they missed the blessing.

Nevertheless, the covenant is made with "the house of Judah" as well as with "the house of Israel" (Heb. 8: 8). And when they at last receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, they will also receive the One through Whom all the promises to the fathers are made good. For to all Israel the Scripture stands firm:

"Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers." (Rom. 15: 8.)

We must, however, clear away an objection which may be forming in the mind of the Christian reader who has studied the purely spiritual blessings effected by the cross of Christ, and who may demur that these are being overlooked in the present discussion. This is far from the truth. But these glorious blessings, which are the support and comfort and inspiration of every Christian, are already fully taught by the Church. They are surely familiar to every Christian. What is being emphasized here is the great truth which has been overlooked and ignored by the Church — the truth of God's unchanging *faithfulness* to Israel, the truth that is necessary today as the re-

quired preparation for the next step in God's work in this earth — the establishing of Christ's kingdom upon the throne of David, and the restoration of more than Eden's blessing.

Because the plan of God proposes, in addition to the blessing of life everlasting to every believer, the perfect restoration of this world that was ruined by the fall and the sin of man. To that end the sacred oracles from the beginning, in the first book, Genesis, record God's ordaining of a race to be His servants. Every Christian, no matter what his spiritual or ecclesiastical standing, who ignores this comes under the weighty censure of the New Testament Scripture:

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the *first principles of the oracles of God.*" (Heb. 5: 12.)

These first principles or elements in the historical development of the plan of God are undeniably found in the call of Abraham and the promise of a chosen race. Consequently the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews proceeds, after a solemn warning, to stress the profound significance of God's promise to Abraham, confirmed as it was with an oath. This cannot be explained away as a promise of only a spiritual posterity, for it was given *after* the life of Isaac had been spared, thence to carry on the natural line of generation. The citation of the call is then followed by the revealing of Christ as Priest and King over *Israel*, and the establishing of the New Covenant to the House of Israel and the House of Judah. *All this is racial and not spiritual reality.*

The objection of the non-Christian is directly opposite. Doubtless any such reader of these pages may demur that they deal with things too spiritual and remote from practical human life. But this is to forget the fundamental fact that human beings are in reality spiritual beings, created, as we saw, in the image of God, that is to say, having a spiritual nature. The awful wrong of this world-crisis will never begin to be set right until this is recognized. Therefore spiritual reality underlies and permeates our present life and can be demonstrated to have directed and conditioned all our history to this day.

Consequently, so far from being transcendental and removed from everyday life it is nothing but practical politics to recognize — and *act upon* — the truth that God is working out a sublime plan for blessing the whole world through His appointed and trained people Israel. Our blindness, our stubborn refusal to recognize this only prolongs our sufferings and the world's agony, but nothing can defeat the predetermined Will of Almighty God. Surely it is our wisdom and our happiness *to cease our objections* and humbly and thankfully believe *and consecrate ourselves to the service of the loving plan of God.*

The Kingdom is Not "Within You"

In a sermon a minister took as his topic, "What did the Kingdom mean to Jesus?" Quoting Jesus' words in Luke 17: 21: "The kingdom of God is within you," this minister reasoned that He taught His kingdom was within the hearts of all believers. This seems to be the accepted theological presentation of the Kingdom, but the context from which the above quotation is taken clearly shows Jesus was not addressing believers, neither did he teach such a conception of the Kingdom.

Other than this one verse there is in all Scripture no substantiating evidence for any such deduction, nor can such a position be maintained when this verse is critically examined with its context.

Jesus was being questioned by the Pharisees and it was to them He addressed the remarks, as above quoted, and not to believers. Did He then tell these Pharisees that the Kingdom of God was within *them?* Hardly! What then did He say?

The alternative marginal rendering, as given in the King James version, of the statement "within you" is *among you.*

Moffatt translates, "For the Reign of God is now in your midst." The *Emphatic Diaglott* translated directly from the Greek renders it, "For the majesty of God in the midst of you is." Turning to the *Companion Bible* we find in a footnote on this passage the following:

"Within: in the midst of, or, among, i.e., already there in the Person of the King (whose presence marks a kingdom). Greek *entos*, the same meaning as Greek *en* with the plural rendered "among" 115 times in New Testament. The same meaning as in Matt. 12: 28 and John 1: 26.

"You: you yourselves. His bitter enemies. Therefore not in their hearts; but the very opposite."

The Bible is very clear that it was the law which was to be written into the hearts of His people. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after these days, saith the Lord; I will put (give) my laws into their mind, and write them in (upon) their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." (Hebrews 8: 10.)

When Jesus said unto His disciples, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God," may it be as the mysteries of the Kingdom were withheld from the Pharisees, so also they are being withheld today from modernist leaders and teachers and all those who spiritualize the plain teachings of Scripture? Surely this is in evidence as one listens to the statements of those who persist in the misinterpretation of Luke 17: 21 in order to give support to their preconceived ideas regarding the Kingdom.

Surely the Angel who informed Mary of the fact that she was to bring forth a Son was aware of the full importance of what he was saying regarding the Kingdom? He told Mary that Jesus was to receive the Throne of His father David. Did he mean this, or did he make a statement which was untrue? If this be accepted as true, then the next pronunciation must also be accepted, "And he shall reign over the House of Jacob for ever." The House of Jacob must, therefore, be His Kingdom, for the people over whom He shall reign can be no other than the Kingdom. And of that Kingdom, the House of Jacob, the Angel declared, "There shall be no end."

This statement alone should send every earnest and honest theologian to a study of the history of the House of Jacob. The disciples knew and recognized the Kingdom and so they asked Jesus, just before His ascension, "Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

Jesus did not answer in the negative but merely informed them that the day of that restoration was to remain unknown to them for the present.

When God told Moses to speak unto the House of Jacob He addressed the people whom He was about to organize as His Kingdom upon earth, the House of Jacob over which Jesus Christ is yet to reign and rule. If this is not so, the angel lied to Mary — which would be unthinkable.

All These Signs

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THE primary purpose for the stars is for signs by which to be informed of things to come. Those who wisely study God's Word will not overlook this, especially at the end of the age when "none of the wicked shall understand, but the *wise* shall understand." (Dan. 12: 10.) Remember it was the wise men who had searched the Scriptures and knew the signs by which they were privileged to find the Holy Infant through guidance of the stars. Today, also, those who are wise are searching the Scriptures to know the signs of things to come, then watching for their fulfillment in current events.

Scarcely a week passes but that some sign appears which was foretold in the Bible as heralding *the Second Coming of Christ and the end of the age*. Yet how few know the signs and heed their solemn warning. There are many indications that this Consummation of the Ages is near, "even at the door."

Consider the signs in the heavens and what God is telling us through the stars, for it was He who directed our attention thereto:

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens, to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years." (Gen. 1: 14.)

Jesus the Bright and Morning Star

All Bible students know that it was Christ who created the earth, with all power and authority given to Him by the Father; and that He is the main theme, not only of the New Testament, but of the Old Testament as well. Jesus is also the principal subject of the Great Pyramid, that massive monument whose marvelous mathematical revelations have convinced scholars beyond peradventure of a doubt that God Himself must have been its co-builder and architect. He is the central figure in the world also, for does not secular history revolve around Jesus Christ when every date points *to* or *from* His birth?

As wonderful and convincing as are these proofs of His divinity, yet more amazing is the fact that the purpose for which He came to earth is *written in the stars!* Astronomers admit that no one knows who named the stars, but the secret is revealed by the Psalmist when he said that God himself "calleth them all by their names." (Ps. 147: 4.) That must be true, else how could one account for the entire destiny of the Son of Man — from virgin birth to crucifixion and eventual return to earth as King — being written across the heavens in the silent language of the lovely stars?

Virgo

Each of the twelve signs of the Zodiac pictures a different phase of the Master's life, beginning with Virgo (the virgin), which is the figure of a woman holding an olive branch in one hand and a sheaf of wheat in the other.

"A *virgin* shall conceive, and bring forth a son, and shall call His name Immanuel [God with us]" (Isa. 7: 14.)

How graphically this one sign alone portrays the whole story of redemption! The branch represents Jesus, the "branch" or Son of God so frequently spoken of by the prophets: "Behold, I will bring forth My servant, *the Branch.*" (Zech. 3: 8.) Being an olive branch, it indicates the peace which shall prevail only when He comes whose right it is to rule as "The Prince of Peace, of the increase of his government and PEACE there shall be no end" (Isa. 9: 7); while the sheaf of wheat foretells that He was to be "the Bread of Life."

Libra

The next sign, Libra, is depicted by a pair of balance scales, indicating that we have all been "weighed in the balance and found wanting." Scales also convey the idea of purchase, since He came to buy or redeem unregenerate man. The Arabic name for this constellation is Al Subena, meaning "price of the conflict." The names of other stars in this group are translated "the purchase" and "the price which covers," etc. In the face of such an impressive message from the heavenlies, how could anyone doubt that we indeed are all "found wanting," hence in pawn to Satan? Jesus alone is able to pay "the price which covers"!

Scorpio-Saggitarius

Next comes Scorpio, symbolized in the heavens by a huge scorpion with his tail lifted and ready to strike. How realistically this pictures the deadly nature of sin! "The sting of sin is death." (I Cor. 15: 56.) But man is not left to battle with this hideous reptile alone, for immediately following comes Saggitarius, the archer, with bow bent and arrow pointing directly at this sinister creature. The head, breast and arms of the figure represent the human nature of Jesus, and the goat body His sacrificial atonement (Lev. 16: 22); the whole indicating Jesus' complete power and mastery over sin and death.

"He took unto him the seed of Abraham [became flesh], that thru death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil." (Heb. 2: 5.)

Leo, the Lion

And so on all through the signs are unfolded in amazing analogy the events and purpose of the life of Christ, finally reaching the climax in the last sign of Leo, the lion (*King* of beasts), which symbolizes the glorious triumph of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, who is to return in power and great glory to reign on earth as King of kings.

Following are some of the literal translations of additional names of stars and constellations: "the pierced one," "purchase" or "redemption," "lamb," "the cross," "who saves or delivers," "sin offering," "the desired or longed for," "one who cometh," "who separates (wheat from tares)," "he who cometh to rule," "who shall have dominion," "the crown," "he shall be exalted," "coming forth as light."

Satan is not forgotten either. As the villain in this flaming story of the stars, he is included under such significant names as "dragon," "deceiver," "reptile," "the subtle one," "the fraudful" and "the enemy." DESTINY for December, 1942, presented a complete story of the Zodiac, with illustrations, which is most instructive and inspirational.

The Heavenly Message

Could it be mere blind chance that such meaningful names were given to the stars that a perfect picture of the Messiah is painted in the heavens? Could it be only coincidence that the prophets and the stars tell the same

story, using *identical terms?* No, even the most skeptical doubter could not intelligently fall back on his old alibi: "coincidence." This astounding correlation between the stars and the Scriptures can be accounted for only by the fact that *it was God Himself Who wrote both messages!*

So we find that God is speaking through His Written Word, the Bible; through the Great Pyramid, known as the Bible in Stone; and through the magnificent pictorial revelation in the heavens. Through all these mediums He is trying to make His blind and wilful children understand the wonderful plan of redemption through His living Word, Jesus Christ. But most of us are too busy with the trivial things of life to heed this blessed message.

Signs in the Heavens

". . . and great signs shall there be from heaven." (Luke 21: 11.)

When the Son of God came to earth, in complete fulfillment of that which the prophets and the stars had foretold, He too described the signs by which those who are "wise" would understand when His second coming and the end of the age would be near. "Whoso readeth [the Bible] let him understand." (Matt. 24: 15.)

"For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake, *those days shall be shortened.*" (Matt. 24: 21, 22.)

The earth is not the only scene of unprecedented events; the heavens are demonstrating abnormal activity that is *breaking the natural law of star movements* . . . the heavens are confirming Biblical prophecies that the down-grade movement to civilization's collapse demands the soon appearing of the Prince of Peace. . . . The Astronomer Royal of England, who always predicted years ahead the time of the tides, has observed that the *moon is out of gear*, and it has accordingly been necessary to recalculate the table *for the first time in history!*

Not only in the moon, but in our daily lives also we can perceive how quickly time flies by, a lifetime of experience may be compressed within a few weeks or months, and those who read God's Word feel that indeed the time is very short until "the good man of the house" is to return.

Sun and Moon Darkened

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light." (Matt. 24: 29.)

In May, 1780, the sun was darkened, and no one could explain why. Herschel, the great astronomer, said, "The dark day in North America was one of those wonderful phenomena of nature which science is at a loss to explain. It was not caused by an eclipse of the sun, but was *supernatural*. . . . The darkness of the following evening was probably as dense as ever had been observed since God first gave birth to light. . . . A sheet of white paper, held within a few inches of the eyes, was as invisible as the blackest velvet, and this darkness . . . was as supernatural as that of the previous day."

". . . and the stars shall fall from heaven." (Matt. 24: 29.)

On November 13, 1833, there was the greatest display of celestial fireworks that has ever been known. It covered all of the United States, and no exhibition so terribly grand and sublime was ever before beheld by man, as that of the firmament descending in fiery torrents. Frederick Douglass in "My Bondage and My Freedom" reports, "I witnessed this gorgeous spectacle, and was struck with awe. The air seemed filled with bright descending messengers from the sky, and suggested that it might be the harbinger of the coming of the Son of God." A single star appeared at His first coming; could not these myriads of stars be the herald of His second coming in power and glory with all His angels?

Jesus said that it would be *after* the tribulation of those days that the sun and moon would be darkened and the stars would fall from heaven. Consequently many have thought that these unusual celestial manifestations (which are remembered by many today who received first-hand accounts from their grandparents), were but the forerunners of the actual signs. But careful study of the New Testament discloses that tribulation is always spoken of in connection with *believers*, and not of the world. We know that from the beginning of the Church until about 1780 to 1833 was indeed a period of "great tribulation" for Christians, when thousands of martyrs were slain and burned at the stake, so the above would seem to be the *definite and supernatural signs foretold by Jesus Himself*, as presaging His return to earth!

"The time of trouble," on the other hand, seems to refer to the seven last plagues which are to come on all the world at the end-time just prior to Armageddon and the appearing of Christ, and are not therefore synonymous with the tribulation of the saints. So we find that three signs spoken of by Jesus have already taken place about a century ago, and we shall now consider additional ones that have appeared in the heavens in recent years, and which are the *last signs mentioned by the Master before His reappearing!*

As in Days Before the Flood

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matt. 24: 37–39.)

In the early part of 1940 there was such an unusual conjunction of stars lined up in the western skies that LIFE MAGAZINE published pictures of it in their issue of February 26, 1940, and astronomers stated that such an unique conjunction had never appeared before so far as they knew. In *The Monthly Evening Star Map*, Dr. Edward G. Davis, president of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City, calculated that the last time a similar conjunction of these planets (Mars, Saturn, Venus, Jupiter and Mercury) had taken place was in the year 2349 B.C., *which was five years before the Flood!*

Adding five years to the time when this conjunction appeared in modern times brings us to 1945, which according to Pyramid prophecy is a year in which some great event of cataclysmic proportions is plainly indicated. Since Jesus said that just prior to His coming the times would be similar to those in the days of Noah before the flood, and since the *same star sign* which portended that event has *already appeared in our skies*, and since the whole world is forgetting God and concentrating only on "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage" as never before, is it not logical to assume that some event of tremendous import will take place — especially since the year 1945 brings us opposite the very center of the Open Tomb in the Great Pyramid? What the nature of the event will be, nor the exact time, no man knoweth, but how necessary it is to have our lamps trimmed and burning, "for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

The Sign of the Son of Man

"And then shall appear the *sign* of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn [if they have not accepted Him], and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matt. 24:30.)

Rabbi Abernal, the great Jewish commentator, says that the birth of Moses was foretold by a sign which was seen by Pharaoh's wise men, who informed him that a son would be born who would throw off the Egyptian yoke and exalt the despised Israelites above every nation on earth. When Pharaoh heard this he sent forth the edict that all male children of the Israelites should be destroyed. The sign that appeared was the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter. Astronomers tell us that this same conjunction appeared three times in the sign of Pisces before the birth of Jesus, all in a period of about seven months. Strange to say, in 1940 and 1941 the *same conjunction of the same planets* appeared three times within the same period in our modern skies! This time they appeared in the sign of Aries, the Ram (symbolic of the Lamb of God) instead of Pisces the fish, which ushered in the Piscean age of two thousand years which had to do largely with water. Since there is no record of similar conjunctions of these stars having appeared at any other time, their presence in the sign of the Ram seems fraught with vital significance and portentous meaning for those who read and are "wise"!

New Pole Star

Still more significant is another amazing fact. The Pole Star changes every few thousand years. In about 75 years our New Pole Star is scheduled, under ordinary circumstances, to be found in the constellation of Cepheus, which is the figure of a king seated in power in highest heaven. Among the names for this figure are "King" and "One who cometh to rule." The name of the bright star in the shoulder of Cepheus is called Al Deremin, which means "the quickly returning One," while another star is called Al Phirk — "Redeemer!" However, because of the quickening pace of the star movements the time of this change is being rapidly shortened. One can only say with Peter, seeing that all these things seem due to appear very soon, "what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness." (II Pet. 3: 11.)

Recent Signs in the Heavens

W. W. Mack in *The Gospel in the Stars* gives the following astronomical record: "In 1917 there were seven total eclipses of the sun, and three of the moon. Seven is a perfect Bible number and stands for completeness; three stands for divinity. Seven plus three equals ten, and ten stands for a whole in the Bible. As the sun was veiling her face for the seventh time in 1917, General Allenby walked into Jerusalem."

Over Norway in 1935 appeared a huge serpent in the sky with head pointing toward the earth, and so brilliant was the light from this figure that it shone with great effect inside houses. It lasted about half an hour, and no astronomer has yet been able to account for it. A complete description of it appeared in *Stavanger Aftenblad* for March 26, 1935. And in the fall of that same year there appeared in the skies over Texas, near Dallas, a flaming sword — "a narrow, bright shaft of light, absolutely stationary and vertical, an exact replica of a sword," according to one Texas editor who saw it.

In September, 1941, the *International News Service* flashed an item concerning a most unusual aurora display. "The exciting display of aurora borealis, or northern lights, seen by millions of people throughout the eastern states, was more than a rare cosmic spectacle — *it was a challenge to science!*" It also spoke of "tremendously excited particles in the sun." The writer ended by connecting this highly unusual display with future events, little realizing, no doubt, how world-shaking such events really would be: "Accurate studies of our relationship with cosmic agencies may enable us to forecast many events of the future which now we are unable to anticipate."

Waters Turn to Blood

"And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became *blood*." (Rev. 16: 4.) Newspaper headlines in Italy some years ago reported: "Rains Blood in Italy," and went on to elucidate that for over an hour blood-red rain had fallen. Italian scientists could not explain this strange miracle. And in the January 2, 1934, issue of the *Toronto Daily Star* appeared the following startling news item: "The strange spectacle of crimson-colored water flowing over the Niagara Falls, brought hundreds of sight-seers today. The water changed color during the night. At dawn, instead of the usual sea-green hue, the water was a *deep red*. The rocks at the bottom of the Falls also took on the red color. It looked as though the Falls had been transformed into a curtain of red velvet. It is believed to be *the first time in history that the falls have flowed crimson!*"

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Thus on every hand are signs in fulfillment of the Master's own words, sent by a loving heavenly Father to warn His heedless and headstrong children. Blind indeed are His servants who fail to note such eloquent warnings to prepare for the time when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's and of the holy angels. (Luke 9: 26.)

When we read that even the reflected glory of God on the face of Moses when he returned from the mountain top was so great "they were afraid to come nigh him" (Ex. 34: 30); and the radiance of just one angel at the empty tomb was so powerful that "the keepers did shake and become as dead men" (Luke 28: 14); and the countenance of Jesus, when seen by John in a vision (Rev. 1: 16, 17) was so dynamic that he "fell at His feet as dead," what must be the celestial brilliance when He comes in His full glory, and that of His Father, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels! No wonder those who have denied His Name and spurned His gift of atonement will cry to the mountains and rocks: "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6: 16, 17.)

No wonder Jesus admonished us to "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man!" (Luke 21: 36.)

Yet it will be supreme joy to those who have loved Him and obeyed His commandments, for then shall true believers "be changed in a twinkling of an eye" (I Cor. 15: 52) and shall sing a new song, "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God *by thy blood* out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests; *and we shall reign on the earth.*" (Rev. 5: 9, 10.)

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LETTERS

EDITOR'S NOTE. — Readers of *Bible Students With Poison Pens?* and *The Aftermath of Careless Reporting* on pages 91 and 93 of this issue may be interested to know the writer of the 17-page letter mentioned by Mr. Henry Hoke in his swan song in the last issue of the *Reporter*. The writer was longtime DESTINY subscriber Henry Porter, well-known Boston businessman, and a Bible student for more than fifty years. DESTINY space does not permit publishing the 17-page letter *sent to Mr. Hoke before the release of his article in The Magazine Digest;* however, readers who have read that attack on DESTINY will be interested in reading the following letter to

MR. HENRY HOKE,
Editor, "The Reporter,"
17 East 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Henry:

Because of stress of business I delayed reading your December *Reporter* until a few days ago. I then discovered your brief comment regarding your previous lengthy blasts against DESTINY and the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America. Three of your statements interested me, as follows:

"*Frankly we are tired of the whole mess.*" The "mess" is your own making. You brought various false charges against DESTINY, the A.S.F. and Mr. Rand which no fair minded man would think of doing. The grossness of your false statements are magnified by the fact that you profess to be a champion of Truth in advertising, and matter sent through the mails. Some day your better self will assert itself and you will be utterly ashamed of your attempted character assassination. None of us who believe the Truth of Anglo-Israel are disturbed by your senseless attack, not even a little bit.

"*We'll stick to our guns.*" It is an old saying that if one will stick to a lie long enough, he'll finally believe it himself, even though no one else does. Hitler is "sticking" to his "guns" — but they spew out nothing but attempted defense of lying, blustering, crazy notions — which are now reacting upon himself like a boomerang; your "guns," in due time, will react likewise.

"*The A.S.F. and* DESTINY *agree that they don't like democracy. In our opinion all other points of argument are irrelevant.*" Maybe! But probably you are not familiar with what the founders of our nation, and the framers of our God-given Constitution had to say about "democracy" as compared with a "Republic," which they so wisely chose. Do you like the "democracy" they pretend to have in Russia, which only a few years ago resulted in their infamous Ogpu slaughtering some thirty millions of its citizens, about which most people now seem to have forgotten? If you only knew your Bible and realized the form of righteous government which God has decreed for and will, ere long, cause to be installed in all Israel lands — you would be awaiting it, as I am, with prayerful eagerness. None of the crime-inspiring political graft with all its ugly laterals which has cursed this greatest-of-all countries, — a national shame that fosters practically every type of crime and depravity. Some day, under the rule of God this shame will be removed. "Righteousness exalteth a nation! but sin is a reproach to any people." Get out your Bible, or borrow one, and turn to II Chron. 7: 14. Read it! *Think it over!*

In calling upon a friend the other day he asked me if I had seen the January issue of *Magazine Digest*. I said, "No." He produced his copy and turned to your article therein. Of course I read it and it sounded very familiar! Just a condensed re-hash of your splurge in the August, 1943, *Reporter*. What spite will do to a man! What a "heroic" part a man can imagine himself playing when he, like Cervantes' grotesque "hero," goes charging into windmills!

You remember what Disraeli once said about Gladstone? "He is inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity." I wonder if you haven't gotten yourself into that frame of mind about this A.S.F. and DESTINY subject!

But you have improved — a little! In your August *Reporter* article you said, referring to the book, "Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright" which I sent you, "the Jewish people as we know them today were the offspring of an illegitimate relation between Abraham and the handmaiden of Sarah who begot Isaac." If you will refer to my letter of October 4th, last, you will note that I called your attention to your ignorance of the Bible, and of what Bishop Allen said in his book. I challenged you to show any such statement, direct or implied, in this book. I said you apparently didn't even know the difference between Ishmael and the Jews. Your ignorance, or deliberate mis-quotation, is still profound, because you have adopted the word "Ishmael" in your *Magazine Digest* article, and made him the illegitimate progenitor of the Jews! You'll have to try again! Don't ever tell that to an Arab, Henry, or he may try to "knock your block off."

Those statements of yours in the *Magazine Digest* are the veriest rubbish. You had better get out again "Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright," turn to page 25 and *read* it *slowly* once more. Perhaps you will eventually "get" what it really does say. Then if you keep on reading (not as you did before when you certified, "I read it carefully") you will realize what a fool you made of yourself in the things you claim the book says — when it neither says nor intimates any such things whatsoever.

As you are an intelligent man I have wondered whether you did not deliberately falsify what the book says so you would have justification for the use of such words as "hate," "bastard," etc. I'm going to be charitable, as a friend, and credit it to ignorance of what you read — or gross carelessness.

I do not have to waste space to refute your other false statements in the *Magazine Digest* article. My previous letter is enough. If you still persist in your erroneous assertions — so be it! But Henry Hoke whom I always look up to as a man of probity and a real champion of Truth, will descend in my mind to a man whose statements need serious questioning.

Your article in *The Reporter* and its condensation in the *Magazine Digest* reminds me of a recent book by a Jewish Rabbi author, published in New York, and containing many hundreds of pages printed in both Hebrew and English. I spent three long evenings with it making written notes of a few of its very many cold-blooded, vicious statements. Here are some of them:

Christianity is a cursed movement.
The New Testament of Christianity is in its very foundation a lie.
Jesus is the idol of Christianity.
Jesus is the lord of devils.
Jesus is the Serpent, the Satan.
Jesus is the false prophet.
John stole most of the passages of his "Revelation."
Jesus of Nazareth, denying that he was born of a corporeal father, introduced his own mother as a harlot.
And introduced himself as a bastard.
On account of Jesus other bastards also had to suffer. Etc., etc., etc.

And this in free America, which gave these people asylum and welcome because of its Christian background!

Henry, do you believe the above publicly printed statements in this book to be true — or false?

These statements are the kind that were thrown at Jesus Christ during His ministry on earth, at the Apostle Paul wherever he went, and at others of Christianity's founding fathers. But the Gospel of Salvation for mankind triumphed over all the lies and defamations.

Your *Reporter* and *Magazine Digest* articles are a reasonable parallel to the foregoing — as charged by you against a scholarly, devout and patriotic Christian gentleman, the work of the Anglo-Saxon Federation and DESTINY.

I have faith that down in your heart you aim to be square — so I'm thinking in all brotherly kindness that some day remorse will come to you and you will write me a "thank you" for being so frank with you.

In all friendship,
HENRY P. PORTER

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DESTINY has just received copies of the following two letters; one from a soldier to his parents, the other in answer thereto. Names are withheld, but the letters published because the soldier's letter shows the effect of evil propaganda, and because the straight truth — spoken plainly in response — cites these attacks on DESTINY for what they are: *smearing campaigns authored and fostered by the enemies of truth.* — ED.

Dear Mom and Dad:

I wonder if you listen to Walter Winchell? I have been and he has said so much about the book "Under Cover" that I decided to read it. I have just finished it. This is the book that some people have tried to keep Army men from reading. I am astounded at what it contains and I believe it. I want you to read it for one reason. You belong to the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America. DESTINY is their official magazine and I'm sure you and your friends should be interested in the information disclosed in this book. Walter Winchell wants to hear from anyone who can prove any statement in the book *false*. I have traveled quite a distance, Mom, and I've seen what's in this country. Something is wrong on the home front. You will understand a little more if you'll read this book. It will set you thinking. Please read it. I am particularly interested because you take DESTINY and you are influenced by its words. You are a very religious person, Mom, and I thank God for you. But there are people in this world who will even pretend to be religious in order to mislead you. I'm sure that these friends of yours are good people, but if you will investigate where the leaders are you will be amazed. After reading this book and seeing facts I must know that you are not a part of it. Unless it can be proved these things are false I don't want to hear of your associating with DESTINY any longer. You should be anxious to see the evidence presented against Howard B. Rand, who is National Commissioner of the "Anglo-Saxon Federation of America." I am not asking you to go against religion but I am asking you to be careful. I have watched the developments at home lately and it's time somebody wakes up.

All my love,

P.S. You must listen to me about DESTINY and read that book "Under Cover." Unless you can prove to me "Under Cover" is false I don't want to see any traces of DESTINY when I come home.

My dear ———:

Your mother and her friends have known for months about the vicious attack on Mr. Rand and DESTINY, and I am sending you a page from DESTINY containing Mr. Rand's answer to this attack. It was published in October.

I was surprised to learn that a boy of your intelligence and with your background could be so completely "taken in" by the words of an unknown author and a notoriously sensational and Jewish radio commentator. It is hard to believe that you could allow such men to upset you and cause you to doubt the sound judgment of your Christian mother.

We realize that many instruments of Satan are masquerading in the garb of religion. Perhaps it is unfortunate there is no priority placed on the preaching of the Word.

But you, ———, seem to have overlooked the fact that subversive forces in America are at present parading under the banner of patriotism. I am not familiar with the other publications mentioned in "Under Cover." No doubt some of the accusations are true. But I personally believe that this book was published with the sole purpose of trying to discredit DESTINY and to lower the morale of our fighting men. Though our own leaders at present may be blind to the truth of the teachings of DESTINY, our enemies are fully aware of the importance of this message. I believe that the author of "Under Cover" and the cheap tabloid reporter who acts as his press agent are employed by powerful subversive forces.

I was not surprised that such an attack was made on Mr. Rand, but only marvel that it did not come sooner and believe that we can expect others.

Since you listen to Winchell perhaps you can tell me of one incident when he has revealed to his listeners that he has discovered damaging evidence of under-cover work of the Communists? I have talked to many people and have found no one who has heard him "rave" against Communism, yet you and I know the "Reds" are very busy digging at the foundations of our government.

I have known Mr. Rand and his wife for twelve years. I know of no more sincere and spirit-filled Christians than they. You could not find a man in America who knows the Bible as thoroughly as Mr. Rand. The accusations made against him in "Under Cover" are as false as if they were written about your own father.

The articles in DESTINY are based on the Word of God. I have checked on them for years. These articles seek to warn America that our greatest troubles lie ahead; that God Almighty has a plan for this suffering world, and it is His New Order, or the Kingdom of God, that shall be established throughout the world. If you read DESTINY you would know that never again would our precious boys be called upon to offer their lives on the fields of battle. Nor would you have any fears for the future of our nation. But before God's plan becomes effective there are certain things required of America and Britain. These things DESTINY seeks to show to our leaders.

At a later date I shall write and tell you of some of our fighting men who read and believe in the message published in DESTINY; meanwhile, I hope you will show this letter to other boys who have read "Under Cover," and I pray that God will guide you into the Truth.

Faithfully yours,

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As a soldier, I want you to know that — speaking in behalf of Dad and myself — we feel fortunate indeed to have run across the magazine called DESTINY. Having heard Howard B. Rand in Detroit years ago, he for one is strictly "on the beam," as is one other in particular, W. C. Nabors.

CORPORAL (Serviceman's name withheld)
U. S. Army Air Forces

LETTERS

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DESTINY is certainly the best magazine in publication today; I had been praying for something that would dig down below the surface and give us the truth, and I wonder why it took so long to find it. I saw it advertised in *Christian Herald*, or I might have still missed it. As I read the October and November numbers explaining who the lost tribes of Israel are, the whole vision spread out before me as clear and plain as ABC.

MARGARET FERGUSON
Wheatridge, Colorado

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We have found DESTINY the most worth while and most deeply helpful magazine we have ever taken.

REV. WILLIAM J. MARSHALL
Idaho Springs, Colorado

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Each new DESTINY is eagerly awaited and then read in the short minutes of a fast schedule, then the re-reading and study is finished up later. It is certainly the message for the soldier though most of them don't know it.

AVIATION CADET (Name withheld)
Yale, New Haven, Connecticut

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It has been my privilege since July 1940 to have been a subscriber and reader, or rather I should say student of your magazine DESTINY. I don't consider it a monthly magazine, as I find the messages contained in it each month are as readable or as re-readable when I go over the back numbers as when I read the current issues. Let me extend to you the great appreciation I feel for the great work you are doing.

G. W. MYERS
Topeka, Kansas

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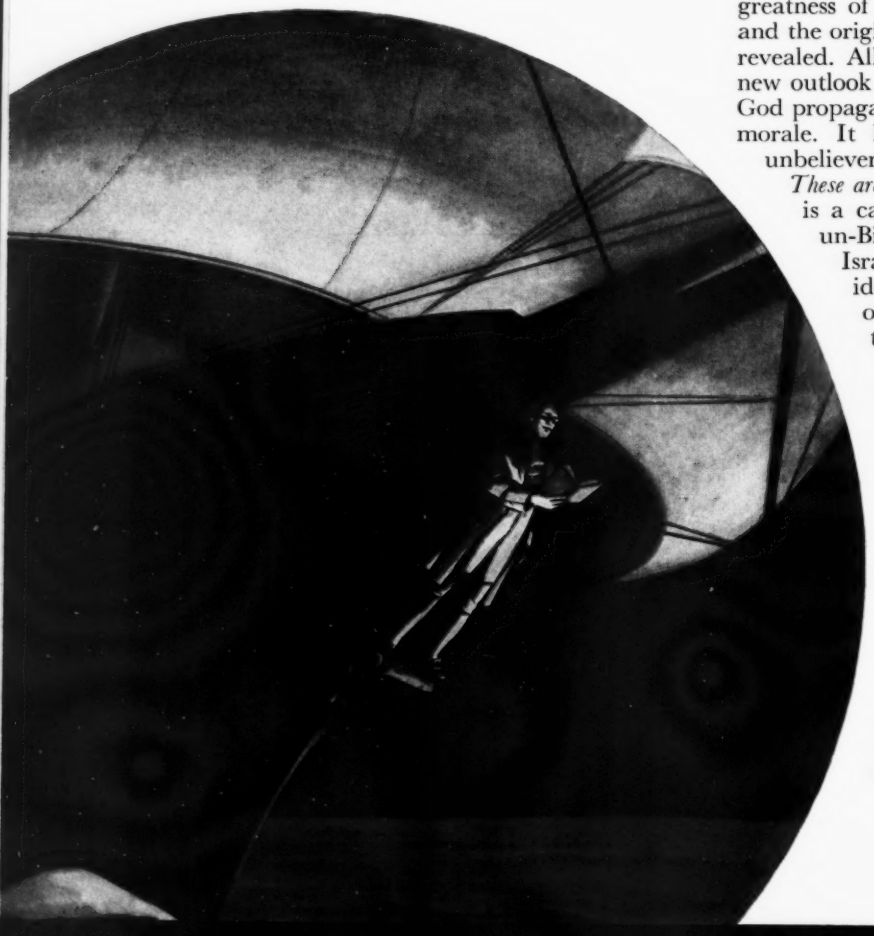
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