

Zechariah 14:4-9). He is now a Prince of the kings of the earth (Revelation 1:5), but when the seventh angel sounds (Revelation 11:15), the voices in heaven will proclaim "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Then is when the next world dictator comes into power, and Christ will be that Dictator. The people of God will come into their own, and these other kingdoms will have to make way for them. "...They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4).

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:19-21).

Accept Him as your Saviour now and obey His Word. Be ready to welcome Him when He comes to be Ruler and Dictator of all the world.

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Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever...." This prophecy concerned Jesus of Nazareth Who shall return and establish His kingdom. There shall be no end of peace during His reign, and He shall reign from the city of Jerusalem, "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

All this corresponds with Matthew 25:31-34: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Please note that this kingdom was prepared for His people from the foundation of the earth. Now, where was that kingdom located, and why had they not possessed it from the time of its foundation? We find that in the beginning God created the earth and the firmament about it, and then gave man dominion over all the earth (Genesis 1:26). But man lost the dominion over these things because of sin through Adam; for through sin came death, and death has reigned (Romans 5:17). Christ

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The Next World Dictator

AFTER WORLD TROUBLE—WHAT NEXT?

How would you like to see the world emerge from this time of trouble with a powerful, just and righteous dictator ruling over the entire population of this earth? Well, it is possible that we shall see this turn of events, for it is absolutely certain that He will make His appearance in the near future—believe it or not.

Other events of world importance have been foretold in the Bible, and the coming of a different kind of world dictator is predicted by the same Word of truth. In 2 Peter 1:19 we read, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy: whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." It is well, then, that we consider the prophecies that are written for our time and be advised on the situation that confronts us. We do not need to be in darkness concerning the events which are coming in the dark days of the immediate future.

Four Empires

In Daniel two we read of four great empires that were to rule the earth: the Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian, and the Roman empires. This prophecy was

came to redeem man from death and to restore the dominion which Adam lost. For this reason Christ died that they who believe in Him might have life through His resurrection from the dead, for He arose from the dead, becoming Victor over death and hell. Christ did not give life everlasting to the people while here, but through faith we know He will come soon to reward every man according as his works shall be, whether of life everlasting or of death through disobedience (Revelation 22:12). This dominion shall be restored when Jesus comes with all His holy angels with Him—when He says, "Come, thou blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

The Redeemed To Reign with Christ

In Daniel 7:27 we read: "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." Here we find that God's people will have dominion, and that all people shall serve Him and obey Him. That condition does not now exist, nor has it ever existed since sin came into the earth; but the time will come when these things shall be. Christ will take the throne and rule till He has put down all enemies, the last one to be death. Then cometh the end, when He shall deliver up the Kingdom unto the Father and become subject to Him even as we are (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). The reign of Christ begins when He comes the second time (Matthew 25:31;

written during the reign of the Babylonian Empire and before the other three came to play their dramatic part on the world's stage. The latter three came on as scheduled in one act after the other. The fourth act of this drama is about to close with the scene picturing the divided condition of the Roman Empire, and we are about ready for the curtain to drop on this fourth act. Let us look at our program and get a brief resume of the last scene in this fourth act. Open to Daniel two, verse 40: "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron..." "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided..." (V. 41). "And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay" (V. 43).

The careful observer will perceive that the Roman Empire did break up into fragments as illustrated by the toes of the image. We also realize that the kingdoms, or kings—rulers of these fragments, have mingled themselves with the seed of men—intermarried. We also see some fragments now under the rule of dictators, showing the strength of the iron, and yet some of them are purported democracies, ruled by the common people. Here we have the miry clay, or common people, in power, but these dictators and democracies will not mix. They have little in common relative to governmental policies and practices. These things we see as the prophet said they would happen, and for that reason we believe that the next act will happen just

ments, and they become as the chaff of a threshingfloor, and a wind carries them away. Now wind is the prophetic symbol of war; for proof see Jeremiah 25:31-33. Then, this stone that smites the image becomes a burdensome stone, insomuch that it breaks them to pieces, and they are destroyed by war. We will see war destroy the governments preparatory to the setting up of this everlasting kingdom.

Could it be that we might identify this stone? Do you suppose that the ancient city of Jerusalem could become the seat of this new and wonderful government? Listen to Zechariah.

Christ To Be the King

In Zechariah 14 we find that the day of the Lord shall come, and He will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and then He will go forth and fight against those nations as when He fought in the days of battle. "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley..." (V. 4). Reading on: "...and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee... And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem... And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one..."

Here we find that the Lord comes during a time of trouble. Jerusalem becomes a burdensome stone to the nations: they come up against it; the stone smites the image

as shown on the program... and it is well that we look to see what we may expect.

The Kingdom of Christ

The same chapter of Daniel, verse 44, tells us: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Now it appears that we are approaching the fifth and last act to be staged, for this next world empire is to last forever. If this be true, we must know something more about it, for it is no small matter to have all these kingdoms, or governments, broken up and destroyed and another world empire set up. This process of breaking up and destruction is described in verses 34 and 35 of the same chapter.

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

Please notice that this stone is cut out without hands—it is the work of God. Also note that it smites the image on the feet which are made of the iron and the clay. That brings it down to the present time for the stone to hit. It breaks up these govern-

on the feet; the kingdoms are broken to pieces, and they are carried away by war, and the stone grows to be a great mountain (government) and fills the whole earth.

Let us compare this with Isaiah 2:1-4: "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains; and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

From the foregoing scripture we learn that conditions of peace shall accompany this new government, and that the capital city shall be Jerusalem. We also learn that the Lord shall judge the people. May I presume to inquire if these conditions have as yet prevailed upon the earth? Certainly not. Then we must expect a change in leadership and a condition different from that which now exists. We also get information concerning this world dictator, who shall arise, from Isaiah 9:6, 7: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful,