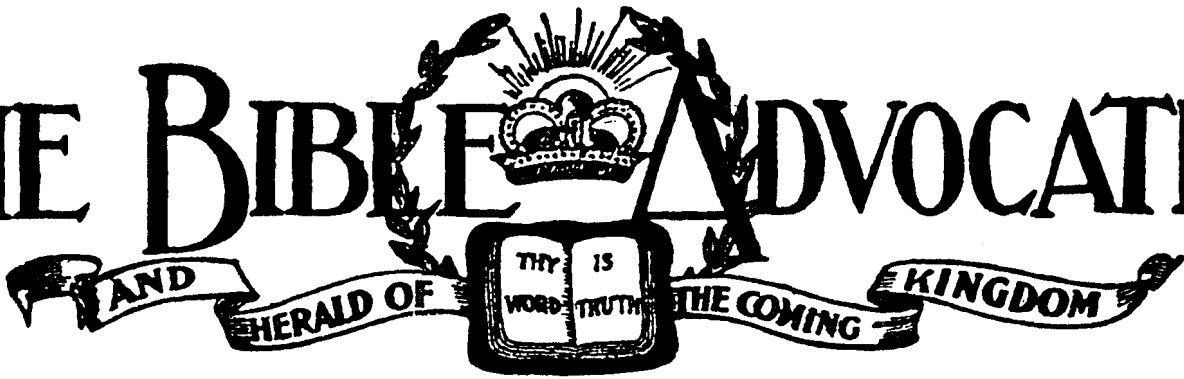


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GREAT PEACE HAVE THEY THAT LOVE THY LAW; AND NOTHING SHALL OFFEND THEM.

The "Pact of Paris" Will It End War?

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Editor's Note: This is the final installment of this series of articles on world peace. Preceding installments related how world leaders are proclaiming "Peace and safety," while leading nations prepare feverishly for war, and they dealt with the fundamental reason which will prevent Leagues, Confederacies and Pacts from ending war and revealed facts regarding Mussolini's plans, aims and purposes. The present articles discloses startling facts concerning secret treaties and alliances and sinister movements involving Russia, Germany, Turkey, the Pope, and the generally unknown "black pope," head of the secret Catholic Jeuits Society.

In the preceding installments, I stated that two new systems are being introduced into world government, both ambitious for world conquest, dominance and power. The first of the two, Fascism, was discussed in that installment.

But the other of the two new systems, wholly different from Missolini's Fascist movement, is having a more far-reaching effect upon world conditions, and promises even more terrible and serious consequences for the whole world.

That is the Soviet system of Bolshevik Russia.

All prophecies describe the final battle of Armageddon as a gathering of different nations against Jerusalem, under leadership of a Northern power, typified under the name Gog. (See Ezek. 38:2)

Nearly all students of Bible prophecy are agreed that Gog represents Russia, and Gomer (verse 6) Germany. The 5th and 6th verses indicate that Russia, in preparing for the final siege, will ally herself with Germany and other people symbolized

by "Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, and Togarmah." The prophecy says of Gog, "and many people with thee."—that is, many other nations.

And today we find all plans actually being carried out for the fulfillment of the prophecy.

For already, the two powers of Gog and Gomer—Russia and Germany—are secretly allied together! These two powers have been in secret military alliance since they signed the treaty of Rapalo, in 1922, since confirmed by the Treaty of Berlin, in April 1926.

The public at large has little realized it, but Russia and Turkey have entered similar agreements, at various times since the Treaty of Lausanne, in 1923. Following the Mosul Boundary Agreement, imposed upon Turkey by the League of Nations, **TURKEY MADE A TREATY WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF RUSIA, granting her material aid in the event of war with Great Britain!**

It is also significant that the treaty between Russia and Turkey was welcomed in Germany as "a political event of the greatest importance, all the more acceptable as it was interpreted as signifying that two contracting parties defied the League of Nations."

Turkey, we must remember, held Jerusalem and Palestine until it was taken by Great Britain in 1917. Great Britain now holds Palestine and the city of Jerusalem, over which the Battle of Armageddon is to be fought. Therefore we may look for enmity toward Great Britain as the cause of events leading up to a war for possession of Palestine.

The real attitude of Turkey is disclosed in the following official report issued in 1926: "The Turkish Government is obliged to conclude that its chief enemy is Great Britain. In 1914 it was Great Britain's fault that Turkey threw herself into the arms of Germany, and in 1925 Great Britain again

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drove Turkey to throw herself in her lot with the Soviet Union."

To grasp the shaping of present events toward Armageddon, the reader must bear in mind that Great Britain and the United States have been the chief Christian nations—the nations which, in recent centuries, have been the real custodians of God's Word and Revelation to man—the nations which have carried that word to the uttermost corners of the earth. And it is one of these two English speaking nations, Great Britain, which holds Palestine.

Now we find the three powers, Russia, Germany and Turkey secretly united in the event of war involving any of them. It is no secret that Germany lives for a war of revenge. In 1919 German Minister of Finance, Erzberger, made this statement: "We will undertake the restoration of Russia, and in possession of such support will be ready within fifteen years (1929 to 1934) to bring France, without any difficulty, into our power. The last step toward WORLD DOMINION will be reached. The continent is ours! Afterwards will follow the last stage—the closing struggle—between the continent and overseas." The "overseas," of course implies England and the United States.

Germany, then is nursing a grudge and an ambition likely to involve war against the United States and Great Britain between 1929 and 1934. What is the attitude of Russia toward us?

In 1914 Germany went to war in an effort to establish her system of "might is right," throughout the world. She failed. Today Russia, with whom she is secretly allied, is preparing to attempt to establish her system. It is the system of anarchy! It is the system of Satan himself. It employs underground methods, secret intrigue, insidious propaganda. With these methods, Russia has been busy endeavoring to undermine the confidence of the British and American people, causing labor trouble, strikes, industrial disputes, class prejudice, racial antagonism, internal hatreds. With her system of deadly propaganda, she has been fomenting strife and rebellion in China, India and among heathen masses in Britain's control. It is well known that the recent Chinese trouble was instigated by Russian Bolshevik propaganda.

Russia is in open hostility toward the British Empire. The deliberate objective of Soviet Russia is nothing less than to root out altogether the Christian civilization, and to do this, she knows she must first remove Britain and America from her path! In an anti-religious manifesto issued in 1924, the Bolshevik, Zinovieff, said: "We will grapple with the Lord God in due season. We will vanquish Him in His highest Heaven, and whenever He seeks refuge, we will subdue Him forever." Further, Russia, through this same leader Zinovieff, and declares that Pales-

tine must be wrested from British control at all costs,

And now we begin to see the actual FACTS of current world events shaping toward the War of Armageddon! According to prophecy, that battle will involve an attack by Russia upon Jerusalem. We find Russia planning to take it, at all costs. Great Britain now controls it. Turkey hates Britain for taking it from her, and desires to gain it back. So we find that today the very powers which prophecy indicates will bring on that final battle, by a fight to gain possession of Jerusalem are allied together, regarding Great Britain, the nation which possesses it, as their common enemy, and declaring they must gain Palestine at all costs!

Why should Russia, Germany and Turkey single out Palestine for attack? Why should they desire it? Because, even though evolution were true, and there be no Christ and no second coming—no new order of things with Christ, the head and Jerusalem the world capitol,—even if things continued, as the world expects, as they are—Palestine nevertheless would be destined to become the future capitol of the world! Russia and Germany realize that the focus of world power is shifting! They foresee that the power which establishes itself in the Middle East, in or near Palestine, will be able to dominate the world, for the reason that this region is the center of the land surface of the globe. The chief means of international communication and transportation has been by water. The British Empire has won its position of world dominance by virtue of its ideal location for maritime communication. But the advent of the airplane, the future mode of transportation, discounts this advantage. The airplane will travel in a straight line, over land or sea. Under such changed conditions, Palestine will become the logical location for world dominance.

Germany and Russia foresee these changes. They are preparing to reap the advantages that will occur. They want the territory of Palestine, and must have it at all costs. To carry this dream into effect, Russia is preparing forces beyond count,—her own people, China, India—over half the population of the earth in these three countries alone,—and is ready to spend human life by millions, and to destroy whole races if necessary.

So much for the plans and aims of the Northern powers, typified as Gog and Gomer in prophecy. But prophecy also would indicate that we may look to the "Beast" power of Rome also to play a part in the closing events of the age, leading up to the Battle of Armageddon. Do we find this prophecy, too, borne out by current world events?

We quote the following from Basil Stewart, of London, who writes under the name "Discipulus," author of several books on prophecy:

"Germany is the mischief-maker of the world, egged on by Rome. The vatican and Germany—not

withstanding that the latter country is preponderatingly Protestant—are bound together by their common hatred of Great Britain, who alone bars the road to their ambitions. . . .

The vatican was the power behind the scenes which precipitated the late war, using Germany, and Austria, the latter at that time the most popish country in Europe, as her tools to overthrow the British Empire. Her attempt failed: does it seem improbable that she will make one last supreme effort, calling to her aid every force she can enlist, until she and her allies finally succumb to that power above, whose verdict is final and decisive?

"This unholy alliance is fittingly described as 'three unclean spirits like frogs' (Rev. 16:13), who are sending forth their emissaries all over the world to foment unrest and rebellion such as Revelation clearly indicates is the precursor of Armageddon. The agents of all this agitation and unrest are clearly Bolsheviks, who are under the influence of these spirits which proceed 'out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet,'—the dragon symbolizing Satan himself, the beast the Papacy, and the nations which formerly bowed to its decrees, while the false prophet represents Mohammedanism and other Pagan and anti-Christian forces."

"The great force behind the Papacy," continues Stewart, "is the all-powerful Jesuit Society, whose policy is, and always has been, to stir up strife and rebellion wherever in so doing among Protestants they can gain a footing. Thus, in their own words (Council of Cheri, 1825), our efforts shall result in a revolution worthy of the name, which shall combine in one universal conquest all the conquests that have been made.' (Is not this exactly the aim of Moscow today?) 'Let nothing resist us. Whilst enveloped in mystery from head to foot, we ourselves remain impenetrable.' They themselves work in the dark, while agents carry out their nefarious designs. Further, they never appear openly as Jesuits, but adopt every disguise as circumstances require to gain the desired end, so their real character is hidden. The Jesuit Society was suppressed as a dangerous pest by Pope Clement XIV in 1773, but restored by Pius VII in 1814. Since then their efforts have been redoubled.

"They are also aware that, for the success of their propaganda, the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God should be overthrown. This is why, where they cannot forbid its reading, as amongst Protestants, they are the real but unrecognized authors of the attacks which, under the guise of 'criticism,' are being made against its authority and inspiration."

The existence and underground activities of this powerful secret Jesuit Society is entirely unknown to the average citizen. Yet it is the real power and

force back of the papacy. Its head is called the "Black Pope," and it is said that this "Black Pope" wields tremendous power, even over the pope himself, who greatly fears the head of this secret Jesuit Society. No one knows who this "Black Pope" is. His identity is secret, so far as the world at large is concerned. Yet he is the real power whom Bible students have cause to fear!

The exact part each of these factors—Fascist Italy, Soviet Russia, Germany, Turkey, the papacy, and the "Black Pope's" secret Jesuit Society—will play leading the world into its last and greatest war cannot be definitely seen at present. The exact sequence of events cannot be now foretold. But we do know that Bible prophecy specifically labels these powers, under the symbolical names of the "beast," (Mussolini probably being the eighth head of the beast of Revelation 17,) Gog, Gomer, Edom and the "harlot woman," as the very ones which shall plunge the world into its last struggle. And we also know that these are the identical powers which, today, threaten the safety of the world, look upon Great Britain, who holds Palestine, as their chief enemy, and have sworn to take Palestine from her at all costs! We do know that the Germans and Mussolini expect trouble by 1934, 1935, or shortly thereafter, and are preparing for it.

We do know too, that while leading nations signed the Pact of Paris, outlawing war, every one of them is today better armed and better prepared for war than at any other peace time in the history of the world. We know that science and invention has produced terrible,—almost unbelievable agencies of destruction, notably pilotless radio controlled airplanes, new poison gasses, disease germs, and perhaps still other deadly powers of death and destruction not known by the public at all. And we know human nature has not changed—we know European nations still keep aflame their traditional suspicions, envies, jealousies, hatreds and in a spirit of revenge, have old scores to settle. We know Mussolini is working out a system among forty million Italians which is making of them a tremendously powerful nation—and that he plans war by 1935. We do know Russia hates England, desires Palestine, is allied with Turkey and Germany, and is developing her insidious poisonous propaganda upon a gigantic plane. Holding in mind all these existing facts and conditions, comparing them to Bible prophecy, we may KNOW—if indeed we do not willfully blind ourselves to the truth—that the Pact of Paris will not end war—but that Bible prophecy is being unfolded today at a furious pace before our very eyes; and that the great and dreadful day of the Lord—the culminating Battle of Armageddon, is virtually upon us!

Is this a dark gloomy outlook?

It is not for those who fear the Lord and are willing to turn to Him and His word for counsel, help and guidance.

Does God's Word offer us any hope of escape?

God's Word is FULL OF HOPE! It gives us the way of escape. It outlines the only plan of preparedness which shall prove at all effective. We cannot, in the space of this article, even begin to cover the texts of admonition and counsel for those who are willing to receive it in these last and terrible days. We shall have space to discuss only one such passage—the 5th chapter of 1 Thessalonians.

This chapter is a warning to the people of our day and our generation.

The DAY OF THE LORD—the Day of the Battle of Armageddon—the Day of the approaching World War—"so cometh as a thief in the night." A thief comes when least expected—"at such an hour as ye think not." Certainly that description fits this day. This is an hour when people "think not." This is a day when they are saying, "Oh, you can't make ME believe we are going to have another war!"

"For when they shall say "Peace and safety," continues the passage, "then SUDDEN DESTRUCTION cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child,"—that is, suddenly, without warning, when least expected, "AND THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE." Who shall not escape? Those who shout "peace and safety." Those who hide their eyes from the truth. Those who do not know, and will not hear, the plan of protection provided by the Lord.

Today they are proclaiming "peace and safety." The Bible says—and as we have seen, actual developments in Europe bear out—that SUDDEN DESTRUCTION is coming! SUDDEN destruction.

THEY—who are ignorant of the Lord's warning, and plan of protection—THEY shall not escape! But what about us. who will heed the words of the Lord shall WE escape?

"But YE, brethren," says God's message to such people, "are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." No. we know it is coming. We expect it. We are watching for it, preparing for it. We shall not be caught off guard.

"We are not of the night, nor of darkness, (ignorance of the impending day of judgment.) Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." This is the advice of God's Word to all who desire real protection! "Let us, who are of the day, be sober, PUTTING on the BREASTPLATE OF FAITH AND LOVE; AND FOR AN HELMET, THE HOPE OF SALVATION."

"Breastplates!" "Helmets!" This sounds like armaments—like plans of preparedness! And indeed, so it is. God's Word teaches preparedness, as earnestly as any munition manufacturer could preach it. But God's Word preaches the preparedness, NOT of guns, swords and poison gasses, but of FAITH, LOVE and SALVATION!

"For God hath not appointed US to wrath," continues this passage, "but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." The Lord has not appointed those who put on HIS plan of preparedness to wrath—to destruction—to harm, even, in the coming conflict. He promises, in these words, to protect us,—to spare us.

"Wherefore COMFORT yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." The outlook is not to be dark and gloomy for us. We are prepared. We know we shall be spared, and unharmed. We are to comfort ourselves. The smoke of this terrible battle will soon clear, and then at last, permanent, everlasting PEACE!

Here is further instruction for our preparedness program.

"See that none render evil for evil unto any man." That must it seem to me, be interpreted as a command not to take up arms in event of war—for armed defense is rendering evil for evil! "but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men.

"Rejoice evermore.

"Pray without ceasing!

"In every thing give thanks

"Quench not the Spirit." Receive, and live in the Holy Spirit.

"Abstain from all appearance of evil."

And, if we do these things—if we take on this armament and this preparedness—what then?

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you. and who also will do it." Will do what? PRESERVE our whole spirit and soul and body, through all the impending cataclysm, unto the coming of the Lord! There is your PROMISE of protection from God's Word. And He says His Word is SURE—it shall stand fast forever and ever. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but His Word shall NEVER pass away.

What a guarantee!

It is yours if you will accept it.

The terms are FAITH, LOVE and SALVATION! Salvation means being—putting on a new spirit—the Spirit of God, which He promises to give—an entirely new and changed NATURE!

The world proclaims "PEACE and SAFETY!" Stern facts and prophecy both warn us that SUDDEN DESTRUCTION, instead, is swiftly coming.

The day is at hand. The very signing of this Peace Pact is the sign of its imminency! The Pact of Paris should scream its warning to everyone willing to hear the truth. Real peace and safety lies in a full and complete surrender to God Almighty, and accepting the preparedness of FAITH, LOVE and SALVATION.

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