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Since the 1950's, I have been proclaiming that America will one day be *stunned* by the emergence of a *new power bloc* in Europe; that America and the Soviet Union would not go to war; that a *reunited Germany* would be pivotal to a future *United States of Europe!* Now, suddenly, the walls come tumbling down in Europe; governments topple in but days; the global news media begins frantically writing about the *reunification of Germany*; and from the White House to London, urgent meetings behind the scenes discuss the destabilization of Europe, the power vacuum in East Germany, the nightmarish economic, sociological and political problems for which no immediate solutions are evident. And *everyone was SO SURPRISED!* But for me, and those of us in this work, the only surprising part was how quickly so many events in Europe occurred. That Europe is in ferment; that governments are toppling; that the two Germanys may soon be reunited, IS NOT SURPRISING AT ALL TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT *TWENTIETH CENTURY WATCH* magazine and the work on television. Here's WHY!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Berlin: November, 1989.

**T**he euphoric crowds here are reminiscent of the masses of celebrants on New Year's Eve in Pasadena, California, just before the famed Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game. For several nights now, police have closed off all vehicular traffic in the center of West Berlin. Along Charlottenstrasse and the Kurfurstendam, hundreds of thousands of excited East Berliners jam the entrances and escalators to the big department stores, through the streets where enterprising West Berliners have set up hundreds of kiosks, card tables, temporary booths, or just open-sided Volkswagen vans to sell food, drink, fresh fruit, T-shirts, cheap jewelry—*anything* that might allow them to capitalize on this massive invasion of their German cousins from across the wall. Some hot food stands are giving away food. I witnessed a West Berlin police station handing out free coffee.

I watched as hundreds awaited by a street corner kiosk set up under temporary umbrellas where sales people were hurriedly unwrapping bananas, uncrating dozens of boxes of oranges. The delighted East Berliners—many of whom had not yet been *born* when the hated wall went up—were purchasing only a few of each, or just *one* banana, and then eating their first bite with a look of wonder on their face.

My sons Mark and David watched with me at famous "Checkpoint Charlie" as a young East Berliner gleefully carried *one pineapple* in his hand. From a purely human point of view, it is difficult not to be caught up emotionally in the high drama of the euphoric excitement of millions of repressed people suddenly experiencing a taste of freedom; seeing the amazing, glittering development of West Germany in such stark contrast to their own homeland of comparative poverty. From a broader perspective, looking into the future, concerns about events yet to

occur inside eastern Europe dampen that emotion. All this euphoria will eventually become a swelling tidal wave of nationalism, and with it, increasing animosity toward America and Britain!

In the issue before last of *The International News*, I wrote a lengthy article entitled "World in Ferment," detailing the enormous outpouring of dissent against communist repression; the cries for democratic reforms and freedom from China to Estonia; from Azerbaijan to Poland; from East Germany to Soviet Armenia. The pivotal figure in all this has been Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who implemented *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (reconstruction).

Now, as nation after nation in east Europe follow the lead of Poland, and Lech Walesa's *solidarity*, it is time to ponder, *will democracy come to East Europe?*

## Government Crackdowns?

Excited masses, huge demonstrations, general strikes, emotional outcries for freedom in east Europe—these have dominated our news for months. There is much, much more to come.

But the euphoria over freedom does not suddenly *bring* freedom. National constitutions, laws, governmental institutions, economic systems—the infrastructure of a whole society—these do not change overnight. Time and again, western observers have spoken about demonstrations in East Germany or Czechoslovakia possibly getting out of hand. Some, remembering the bloodletting in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, wonder darkly about government intervention. That such will occur is extremely doubtful in the light of statements from Soviet leadership. A Soviet intellectual who was instrumental in shaping Soviet policy toward Eastern Europe, Georgy

Gorbachev has set in motion sweeping changes in many nations—so far, on the surface—for the good. The rapidity with which the old, stony-faced Supreme Soviet is losing its grip, not only on East Europe, but in the Soviet Union itself, has led many analysts in the West to speculate darkly about the coming downfall of Mr. Gorbachev. His visit with the Pope is aimed, no doubt, at preventing loss of the vitally important Ukraine, where a quarter of all Russian food is produced, and a third of its industrial output is based—and where large numbers of Ukrainian Catholics are restively talking about having their own separate state. Same for Lithuania. Also to be discussed: A possible reciprocal visit of the Pope to Moscow—if he can visit the Ukraine.

Gorbachev knows he is taking a calculated risk; knows it will require every bit of support, from every possible quarter, to bring about the desired economic reforms in his beleaguered country without virtual civil war, or a new revolution. Therefore, it made little difference to him that his visit was the first ever for any Communist leader; or, for that matter, that he knew the Vatican strongly believes the Soviet leadership *had to know* what the KGB was up to when it allegedly sponsored the assassination attempt on the Pope. Network news from Rome said the Pope had been willing to “forgive and forget.”

If ever there was a visit between two heads of state that seemed tailor made for success, it was that of Wojtila and Gorbachev. Both Slavs, they could speak in a common tongue. Both from small towns; both having studied acting in their youth; both having emerged as charismatic leaders who, in their own spheres, have *made history*, and both with a great deal to gain from such a meeting, it is no wonder it occurred, for all the fact that it was absolutely historic.

Gorbachev knows how powerful a force is wielded by the Pope throughout Europe, and to a large extent in the Soviet Union itself. For centuries, Europe has been unable to separate religion from politics. Political parties have been nurtured inside the church from time immemorial. Though the Russian Orthodox Church is the official religion in the Ukraine, millions

of those who faithfully attend services there are closet Catholics.

Vladimir Pravotorov, editor in chief of *Science and Religion*, a monthly magazine, put it just right: “...we are seeing a revival of nationalist movement which use the churches to advance their causes.”

#### How Bible Prophecy Describes Religious Influence in Geopolitics Near the End Time

One of the key figures in prophecy at the time of the end—the time of the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord—is the infamous “false prophet,” who will ultimately claim to be, not just a *representative* of God, but claim to be *God!*

Notice: “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [the Day of the Lord] shall not come except there come a *falling away* first [a great apostasy—millions embracing a false religion], and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God...and then shall that Wicked [one] be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming. Even him, whose coming is after the *working of Satan* [he will have super-human power, influence, magnetism!] with all power and signs and lying wonders...” (II Thessalonians 2:2-9).

The false prophet is the “lamb-like” beast who “...spake as a dragon [Satan]. And he exerciseth all the power [economic and military] of the first beast before him [the ten-nation “beast” power], and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to *worship* the first beast [the ten-nation combine], whose deadly wound was healed.

“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast, which had

*The Plain Truth*, Nov., 1954, p. 2: “...And now, a short nine years later [after Churchill had said the Western Allies should insure all German industry capable of producing arms be eliminated], behold the spectacle of Washington and London making every possible diplomatic effort, backed by AMERICAN DOLLARS, to do TWO THINGS: Create a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, and to REARM GERMANY...there is only ONE nation that possesses the INDUSTRY, the energy, the PURPOSE, and the POWER to provide the leadership *within* the new European Empire, and that is GERMANY. And once they rise to leadership *within* a new united European Empire—once its great, preponderant MILITARY FORCE is created and united under GERMAN MILITARISM, as it inevitably would be, it would be the height of folly to suppose that they would accept any further dominance from Britain or America...”

*The Plain Truth*, Feb., 1955, p. 1: “...news analysts the world over are frankly *worried* about what they see taking place in Germany!...The allied powers are spending billions of dollars to bring about the German dream of *centuries*—a *United Europe, with Germany at its head!* That is what the Kaiser wanted! That is exactly what Hitler killed *millions* for! AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BRINGING!”

*The Plain Truth*, Nov., 1954, p. 7: “Word comes from the College of Cardinals that the possibility of the new Pope being chosen (when that becomes a necessity) from the ranks other than Italian is not too remote. The next Pope *could* be the man who will unite Europe!”

*The Plain Truth*, Feb., 1962, p. 5: “On the WORLD TOMORROW program, and in the pages of the PLAIN TRUTH, we have been shouting to a heedless world for (many) years this was going to occur...it would come as an ECONOMIC force, bringing unprecedented prosperity to Europe. But also, it is to become a political and military combine—a gigantic *third power bloc* in the

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kingdoms, and it shall stand forever!" (Daniel 2:44).

Notice! "And the ten horns [on the 'beast' of Revelation 17] which thou sawest *are ten kings* which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind [one policy; the same goal, or aim], and shall give their power [the power of a king is absolute: economic, industrial, military] and strength unto the beast.

"These shall *make war with the Lamb* [so they exist at the time of the end, just at the time of Christ's Second Coming!], and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (Revelation 17:12-14).

For a fuller understanding, write or call for your free copy of my brochure, "Who, What is the "BEAST" of Revelation?"

### Who Are the Final Ten?

The ten nations, or kings, are not together yet. At this writing, it is difficult to say *which* nations will comprise the *ten* kings of Bible prophecy. It may be a many years-long process; it will *take time*. Following the shocking developments in eastern Europe, the EEC may *not* develop as it has been planned. The "Common Market" may become a dinosaur within months; discarded in favor of other, more lucrative trading preferences.

Because we know Britain, and some of the Scandinavian countries—perhaps much of Belgium, and at least the northern portion of France—are *Israelitish* stock, we have speculated that these people may *not* be included in the final "United States of Europe" (if that is what it is ultimately called), but that some of the Western European nations may find themselves *excluded*, or, in Britain's case, may simply withdraw, in protest, as a completely new and *different* alignment of European nations is formed. You need to WATCH developments in Europe, to be awake (I Thessalonians 5:1-8) to world events, to ponder which events are important, and which are not. If you are continuing to read *The International News* and each issue of *this magazine*, you will know WHAT AND HOW TO WATCH! Now, here is what may happen to trigger a sudden turn toward ultra-nationalism in Germany:

### Economic Setbacks?

For years, I have warned, "Any threat to newfound prosperity in West Germany could quickly change the face of West German politics." West German political parties receive subventions from major industrial firms, some of them among the giants of the global economy. In one sensational book, *Watcher Along the Rhine*, veteran Reuter's correspondent Brian Connel revealed how *many* of the heads of major German industries (some have since died) were former card-carrying members of the Nazi Party. He wrote of how serious economic reversals in West Germany could well divert these huge subventions into "less savory" quarters!

Western observers know Germany has had a history of political instability. The current situation has led to a plethora of news articles voicing the ominous possibility of "destabilization" in Europe as the two Germanys strive toward

reunification.

Few Americans know or appreciate the deep feelings of Germans whose country has lain divided for 44 long years; whose cities and towns have been the scene of war games played by NATO forces, or those of the Warsaw Pact. Few know of the bitterness of many *young* Germans who talk of abuses by American military personnel—fights and brawls in bars, robbery, rape. Few know the *behind the scenes* anti-Americanism that exists, for it is simply *not reported* in the news. But it is THERE!

And what of education? What has been the experience of millions of young East Germans as opposed to their counterparts in West Germany as they studied the causes for Germany's defeat in World War II? Do you suppose for one instant they view that period in the same way most of *you* view it?

And what of their feelings about Germany's massive loss of territory after the war? About ethnic Germans in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other countries? There is much to consider.

It will be important to WATCH, in the months ahead, the economic trends and conditions in central Europe, especially in the two Germanys! For NATO to be abandoned, and all American, French, and British troops to leave Germany, a whole new global balance of power would have been achieved.

And if Germany REUNITES, it would INSTANTLY destroy the present delicate balance of power between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, for a reunited Germany would possess the THIRD LARGEST STANDING ARMY IN THE WORLD! Make no mistake! Massive social upheavals *are coming* in Europe—in Germany.

There will be logical *causes* for massive social unrest in Germany: (1) Sudden collapse of the economy, perhaps from a global stock market collapse (blamed on the U.S.). (2) A new round of war in the Mideast and the cutoff of Europe's oil by an Arab oil embargo. (3) Hundreds of thousands of Germans from East Germany are pouring into West Germany only to find jobs occupied by large numbers of Turks, Spaniards, and other minorities. One West German I met at the wall near Brandenburg Gate told me there were mutterings already being heard about these racial minorities holding German jobs. (4) If the two Germanys decide, multilaterally, to unite, the sudden drain on West German financial resources could trigger an immediate economic crisis. As one Western observer somberly wrote, "Power is lying in the streets in East Berlin, waiting for someone to pick it up."

Whatever the cause, there will eventually be a return to *extreme nationalism* in Germany, and for a time that nationalism will seek pan-EUROPEAN expression!

### Many Express Concern About Reunification

Many governments chafe over the specter of a reunified Germany. Editor-in-Chief Mortimer Zuckerman of *The U.S. News and World Report* wrote, "...the pulse of nationalism is now beating with renewed force on both sides of the Berlin Wall as the divisions between East and West dissolve...So why not look forward to a reunited Germany? *Because it would terrify both the East and the West with unpredictable consequences*"

KNOW THAT A PROPHET HATH BEEN AMONG THEM! (Ezekiel 33:30-33).

Notice! Those who *heed* God's last-days warning and witness are said to "deliver their souls." Yes, God promises *protection* to some. Yet, Christ promised possible *martyrdom* to others, even as He promised to His own beloved disciples, including Peter. The point is, those who not only *heed* the witness and warning, but who *REPENT*; who turn to Christ in broken-hearted confession of sins; who are *baptized*, and receive God's Holy Spirit, automatically *become a part of the body of Christ, the church!* They become a *part of the work of that church*, which is preaching the Gospel as a witness to all nations!

They *become* a part of the work of the watchman!

Christ said, "Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find *so doing!*" (Matthew 24:46).

What about *you*, and your loved ones? Are you one who can NOW, after these DECADES of witness and warning, *finally take heed*, and make the decisions you need to make before it is everlastingly too late? Are you one whom God is *calling* into His work; one who is to receive *salvation*, or one who will turn a deaf ear, scoff and sneer at God's warnings, and pretend these shocking world events are not REAL?

May God help you to heed! ☐

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world, that will include more population, greater man power, and possibly even greater military resources than either the United States or Russia. When this giant combine—a United States of EUROPE—finally emerges *as such* before a startled and dumbfounded world, it will last only a very short time. *It will fight against Jesus Christ at His Second Coming!*"

*The Plain Truth*, March 1962, p. 26: "Fascism in Europe is about to be reborn in respectable business attire, and the Treaty of Rome will finally be implemented to its *fullest* extent...the dream of a *Holy Roman Empire* returning to power to dominate and direct the so-called forces of Christian mankind of the Western world is not dead, but still stalks through the antechambers of every national capital of continental Western Europe...IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE LEADERS IN THE COMMON MARKET NATIONS TO RESTORE THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE *WITH ALL THAT THAT MEANS!* [Northwest Technocrat. Vol. XXV, No. 205]. United within *ancient boundaries* of the Holy Roman Empire; united by the *common spiritual bond* of universal Catholicism; united in a burgeoning and booming *industrial economy* that dominates today's world; united *geographically* in the most productive and industrial complex on earth—at least TEN NATIONS OF MODERN EUROPE WILL MARCH ONTO THE SCENE OF WORLD HISTORY AS THE GREATEST SINGLE HUMAN FORCE EVER SEEN BY MAN!

"This United Europe will form a non-aggression pact or political alignment of some sort with the Soviet East. This United Europe will then consolidate its gains..."

*The Plain Truth*, May 1962, p. 9: "With all eyes on COMMUNISM, and its threat to the peace of the world, a little-recognized new threat is rising up in Western Europe!"

*The Plain Truth*, May, 1962, p. 45: "And how about the West, which has succored and supported the Germans so long? How about NATO and the string of other pacts which bind West Germany to the West? Dr. Mende [then leader of German Free Democratic Party] doesn't say it in so many words. But what he implies is quite clear. The West can go to the devil...Germany wants (1) reunification of East and West Germany, (2) the recovery of the Eastern territories lost after the war, (3) security from being attacked from the East, and (4) *more trade!* The Germans well realize that *only the Russians can offer a united Germany.* The reunification of Germany is only possible through an agreement of some kind with Russia."

*The Plain Truth*, Nov., 1962, p. 9: "Forming...is the great power in Europe we foretold years ago—the coming United States of Europe—foretold in these pages when the...world scoffed!" *Ibid.*, p. 10: "Just as certainly as we restore Western Europe to *economic* prosperity, and then to *military* power, a successor to Hitler will emerge, gain control of this power through a 'United States of Europe,' which we [the United States government] are also encouraging, and we shall then wake up, too late, to realize we shall have restored our fascist enemy the power to destroy us!...battlefields are becoming economic, *just as we said* they would...the movement is...forming toward complete *political* solidification!"

*The Plain Truth*, Nov., 1962, p. 21: "Listen, now, to some of the most shocking news releases of recent times!

"ONLY THOSE DEAF TO THE SOUND OF HISTORY can fail to be excited by the French-German rapprochement and the steady movement toward the 'making of Europe'...Historically, political union over so great a space came only from conquest or from the spread of a common culture. Where, in modern times, Napoleon, Bizmark, Hitler and Stalin failed, reason and mutual necessity are succeeding. *A European political union would mean little if the ultimate power of deciding whether it fights—and dies—is going to rest with the Americans.*"

*Ibid.*, p. 22: "In a recent address at Harvard University, Professor Walter Hallstein, President of the European Economic Community, said...the...Market is...*highly political*. He considers it the substructure for a hoped-for *United States of Europe*. He said, 'I want to stress that...it is political, not just that it tends toward a political goal.'"

*The Plain Truth*, Jan., 1963, p. 5: "Daring new plans for monetary reform and economic planning are on the drawing boards. These will so inextricably mesh the economies of the Six, reports *Time*, that they will 'clear the way for the *final goal* of a POLITICALLY UNITED EUROPE.'"

*Ibid.*, p. 28, 29 "So Germany—not atheistic, communist Russia—is ultimately going to support an Arab union against the Jews and against Israel—Britain and America! This is what prophecy foretells!"

same time, the Germans are becoming increasingly bitter as vacillating allies and their own bickering democracy push reunification of their country further out of reach."

*The Plain Truth*, Dec., 1965, p. 17: "German ambitions are revealed in a new book written by...Strauss entitled *The Grand Design*...Strauss proposes a United States of Europe...and equal NUCLEAR FORCE!"

*The Plain Truth*, March, 1967, p. 15: "To the Germans this [increased trade with Communist bloc countries] is the first major step in changing the status quo of Communist Europe. By establishing trade and political ties with the Russian satellites, West Germany is weakening the Communist bloc."

*Ibid.*, p. 26: "By uniting Europe first, then the two Germanys second, the Germans will outsmart the Russians. And the Americans, to their consternation, will find themselves totally unable to control Germany any longer! The whole world will stand aghast when this finally happens!"

*The Plain Truth*, May, 1967, p. 4: "Second to building up a strong Germany, Adenauer's efforts [written upon his death] were dedicated to the establishment of a United Roman Europe—a union of Germany with those lands once within the confines of the Roman Empire."

*The Plain Truth*, Sept., 1967: "A coming United Europe is going to astound this whole world...but the new 10-nation revival of the old Roman Empire will not be a force of peace."

*The Plain Truth*, Oct., 1967: "...the memory of the unity and strength of the Roman Empire has begun to fire the imagination of Europeans. A ten-nation united Western Europe with its...influence reaching around the world is prophesied to become the vital center of world trade and political-religious affairs. Rome is destined...to play a most important role in the political and religious future of Europe and the whole world..."

*The Plain Truth*, Aug., 1968, p. 42: "The 17th chapter of Revelation plainly describes a spiritual-political union of TEN KINGS, ten military/political leaders, and a great spiritual leader. For decades...(we) have been proclaiming the eventual creation of some form of united Europe...we have proclaimed repeatedly that the ultimate unifying force would be religious."

*The Plain Truth*—21 long years ago—Sept., 1968: I wrote an article entitled, "The United States of Europe Coming Soon?" I said: "To find Europe becoming a totally integrated political power; to find Eastern European nations emerging in full industrial, economic, and eventual political union would be met with shouts of joy and exuberance in western Europe. It would mean an end to the hated wall—an end of a tense, seemingly endless Cold War...and an end to [then] Walter Ulbricht's Communist regime in East Germany."

*The Plain Truth*, Oct., 1968: I had just returned from Munich and Bonn, and interviews with head of the Christian Socialist Union of W. Germany, Franz J. Strauss. Quoting him, I wrote, on page 6: "One of our major conditions is that the desire for admission to the Common Market is not based upon the motivation to impede political integration. We want...members who are ready and prepared to join us on the way toward a political integration with the long-run goal of the United States of Europe." Later, he was quoted, "I believe the Europeans should take more responsibility for their defense..." The article pointed out how Strauss had been a fierce advocate for a united Europe with its own nuclear weapons.

*Ibid.*, p. 42: Strauss was quoted: "...I see as the only chance...that of building up a Europe—integrating the Federal Republic of Germany into that Europe and building bridges from an attractive, economically powerful, political and influential Europe which can defend herself—including a nuclear potential—to add to the power of the Europeans."

During the '70s, many, many more articles were written, but space does not permit including them all. We now come to the late 1970s, when I had been forced to begin anew, about a year after the incorporation of the Church of God, International. The *same message* continued to be published:

*Twentieth Century WATCH* magazine, 1st edition, Summer, 1979: Under cover article showing West German tank firing missile, and title, "A Monster Stirs; West German military power increasing," I wrote: "Hitler imagined a 'Thousand-year Reich' with himself...at the pinnacle of power, and dreamed of a millennial reign of 'German Supermen' over the world, as if he applied these prophecies [of a coming 'Messiah'] to *himself*. This *new* leader of a united Europe, who will probably be a German, will attempt to fulfill the very same dream, proclaiming himself a great leader over the other 10 'kings' (in today's terminology, they could be presidents, premiers, prime ministers, etc.) and so wield power over a 10-nation combine, which will be the greatest power bloc the world has ever seen."

*Twentieth Century WATCH*, Winter, 1984: Cover story pictured Berlin Wall with East German border guards; lead article, "Will Germany Reunite?" I wrote, "A West German official recently said, 'I get mad when Americans and others dismiss it [German reunification] as an impossible dream.' Said a 42-year old engineer in Munich, 'Why can't we be like others, proud of who we are, without everyone calling it New German nationalism?'" On page 29 I wrote, "There may be no such thing as the remotest dream [in 1984], in the mind of a living German, that a reunited Germany, at the head of a future United States of Europe, could ever conquer the United States of America. But, even as many Germans understand, the current world situation is *not* the last chapter, either in European history, or in American history. The future will too soon be upon us."

*Twentieth Century WATCH*, July/August, 1988: Under cover story, "Superpowers in Decline; How 'Glasnost' and 'Perestroika' presage a 'United States of Europe,'" I wrote, "Today, Eastern Europe is in ferment...for decades, I have been proclaiming the eventual creation of a *United States of Europe*—specifically, that several *Eastern European countries* would eventually come out

# What is the MARK of the BEAST?



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In the book of Revelation, God says a BEAST, having two horns like a lamb, yet speaking "as a *dragon*," will "cause all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK in their right hand, or in their foreheads..." (Revelation 13:11-16). No man refusing that MARK will be able to "buy or sell"! *What is it? Do you have it? Could it be forced upon you? Could the "mark of the beast" be somehow "secretly" placed upon you; tattooed, implanted under your skin, or secretly put into your wallet or purse in the form of some plastic credit card or identification card? You need to KNOW what is the MARK OF THE BEAST!*

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**Y**ou are living in the close of an age. Accelerated world events have rocketed our modern generation, in only a few decades; indeed, in the lifetime of many elderly persons today, from the invention of powered flight to landings on the moon! We have "progressed" from the Maxim machine gun to intercontinental ballistic missiles; from "blockbuster" two-ton bombs, capable of knocking out a whole city block of buildings, to multi-megaton nuclear warheads, capable of destroying whole cities the size of Los Angeles or Chicago!

You are living in the days prophesied by Jesus Christ of Nazareth! The greatest prophet who ever lived was Christ Himself. In His famous "Olivet" prophecy, He listed a careful, step-by-step sequence of events which must take place prior to His direct intervention, the close of this age, and the ushering in of the next age, the NEW age of the reign of Jesus Christ over all this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords—administering the government of God over all the earth! Just where are we now in terms of world events in the light of prophecy?

There is no more important book in the Bible concerning present and future events than the book of Revelation.

The "Apocalypse," as the book of Revelation was named in the Greek language, means to reveal, not conceal! God says, "Surely the Lord Eternal will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

Daniel said, "He [God] revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him...there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets..." (Daniel 2:22-28).

The secret of which Daniel spoke was the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's famous dream, in which he saw a monstrous image.

Read the entire second chapter of Daniel, to refresh your memory concerning this great event. Daniel showed that the head of gold of the great image Nebuchadnezzar has seen represented Nebuchadnezzar himself—and his Babylonian kingdom. Thus it was revealed in the interpretation of this prophecy that *king and kingdom are synonymous*.

Quickly following, Daniel revealed that the four successive world-ruling Gentile empires would consist of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greco-Macedonia, and, finally, the Roman empire.

The Roman empire was described as "...the fourth kingdom [which would 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; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay."

"And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken [weak: margin]."

Nebuchadnezzar's dream continued until he saw the great image destroyed by a symbolic stone, representing Christ.

Daniel revealed "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 forever" (Daniel 2:40-44).

Notice it is in the "days of these kings," meaning the days of the kings represented by the ten toes of the great image that the Kingdom of God will be set up on this earth! It becomes immediately obvious that Nebuchadnezzar's dream, commencing in ancient Babylon, progressed forward into the twentieth and twenty-first century—culminating in the second coming of Christ, and the setting up of the Kingdom of God on earth!

It tells us, if we ponder the meaning of this vision, coupled

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