

GERMANY in Prophecy!

Where is Germany mentioned in Biblical prophecy? Will the Germans—this time united with West Europe—again lead the world down the path of war? This second installment reveals the answers—from history and prophecy!

SYNOPSIS:

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IN PART ONE we learned that Germany is mentioned in Bible prophecy! But her identity has been hidden from the world until this end-time world crisis.

Nations are merely families grown BIG. Through migration some of these families have changed their names and lost their identities. That is what happened to the German people.

History, however, preserves the route of migration of the German peoples. This route leads us back to their original homeland—and to their national identity!

In the last installment we discovered from Roman history who the Germans are. And why the earliest German city was founded by a *king of Assyria*. The Germans migrated into Western Europe from the shores of the Black and Caspian seas. The ancient author Syllax called these shore lands "Assyria." The Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder (in *Natural History*, IV, § 12, p. 183) described the "Assyriani" as dwelling just north of the Black Sea in his time. Finally Jerome—the famous translator of the Bible into Latin—wrote, as an eyewitness, that the children of Assur (the Assyrians) were among the invading tribes that devastated the Roman Empire in the West (Letter 123, § 16).

The modern Germans are the descendants of the ancient *Assyrians*. The Germans are the Assyrians in the prophecies of *your Bible*.

Why were the Assyrians called "Germans" by the Romans? How did the Assyrians acquire the German language, when the Bible quotes the late Assyrian kings as speaking in the Semitic language?

These and other questions are answered in this second installment.

Part II

Ancient Assyria was the greatest war-making power in all history. Its soldiers

were drilled to be hard-fighting *war-men*. When the Assyrians invaded Europe, the Romans called them "Germans"—a name meaning "men of war."

And that is how the Assyrians came to be known as Germans. But that is not the only reason the modern Assyrians are called Germans today.

It's in Your Bible

Let us turn back the pages of history nearly 4000 years. The time is in the days of Abraham. The event is recorded in Genesis 14. It is the story of an invasion, by four kings of Mesopotamia and Asia Minor, of the land of Palestine. Josephus, the famous Jewish historian, describes this event in these words: "At that time, when the Assyrians had the dominion over Asia . . . the Assyrians made war upon them"—the Canaanites—"and dividing their army into four parts, fought against them. Now every part of the army had its own commander . . . then the army of the Assyrians came upon them, under their commanders, Amrephel, Arioch, Chodorlaomer, and Tidal." (*Antiquities of the Jews*, I, ix, § 1.)

These men were *Assyrian* generals, commanding an *Assyrian* army divided into four parts. Notice that the Assyrians are making war, conquering and plundering other people. But did you notice the *names* of these Assyrians? Not a single name is Hebrew. All are of foreign derivation.

The name of one of these four Assyrian commanders was Tidal. It is an *Indo-Germanic* name. It is not Semitic. Here we have evidence that even before the days of Abraham the Assyrians were speaking more than one language—and one of the languages was an *Indo-Germanic* tongue! More on this later. But now, back to King Tidal.

The name Tidal was a common throne name among the ancient Hatti or Chatti kings of Anatolia, or Asia

Minor. Since Tidal was *also* an Assyrian king or commander, that would make the Hatti or Chatti an *Assyrian tribe!* The Chatti were the ruling tribe in Anatolia (Asia Minor). They lorded it over several other nations. Notice that in Genesis 14:1 Tidal, the Hattian king, is called "king of nations."

The Hatti Were Hessian Germans!

Now what does the word *Hatti* or *Chatti* mean in the Hebrew language? Its closest derivation is the root *chath-ath*. It means "to terrorize, or break down, as in war, hence a warrior or *man of war*." The Chatti were therefore Men of War or Germans. The name Chatti is but the Hebrew form of the word *German*, the *very word* which the Romans applied to the Assyrians.

That means that the ancient Chatti were Assyrian—or German—migrants who early settled in Asia Minor. Did these Chatti or Hatti later also migrate into Western Europe, where the Germans are today?

Indeed! The Chatti were the chief people who settled in modern Germany. Their descendants are the *Hessians* today! In fact, the Old High German spelling of Hesse was Hatti!

The land of Hatti was the *western* part of the Assyrian Empire. The ancient Assyrian Empire was divided just as the modern Germans are divided between East and West Germany and Austria. *The ancient kings of Assyria* called themselves Khatti-sars—meaning the "Kaisers of Hatti," or "Kings of Hatti." The chief people of Hatti regarded themselves as *Assyrians*.

The Assyrian kings wrote of the tribes of Hatti—the ancestors of the Hessians: "*As Assyrians I [ac]counted them*" (D. D. Luckenbill, *Ancient Records of Assyria and Babylonia*, Vol. II, §29). The ancient capital of the land of Hatti was popularly known

among the Romans as "Ninus Vetus—the old Nineveh" (*History of Art in Sardinia, Judaea, Syria and Asia Minor*, by G. Perrot and C. Chipiez, Vol. II, page 272).

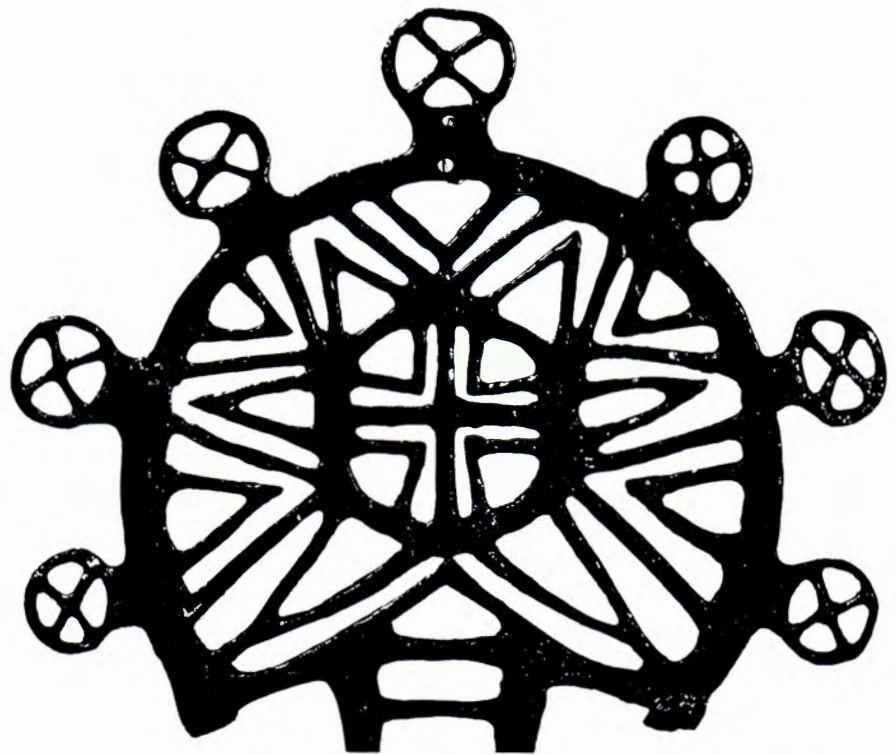
Nineveh was Assyria's capital!

The Empire of Hatti and the Empire of Assyria were the same Empire—not two empires existing five centuries apart as historians assume. Excavated records from Bible times *prove* that the great rulers of the land of Hatti were not only contemporary with the famous kings of Assyria, but were also federated with them. All ancient Greek writers agreed that Assyria and Anatolia (the land of Hatti) were allies. The chief supporters of famous Troy in Asia Minor were the Assyrians. In fact, the Trojan War was a struggle between Greeks and Assyrians for possession of Western Asia Minor.

These Hessian or Assyrian kings are even mentioned in the Bible in I Kings 10:29 and II Kings 7:6. The Hebrews called them "kings of the Hittites."

The Assyrian Hessians were called "kings of the Hittites" because the Canaanite Hittites, driven out by Joshua, migrated into Asia Minor where the Assyrians also dwelt. All historians recognize that there were at least two distinct peoples in Asia Minor who came to be known by the same name—Chatti or Hittite. The first were the Assyrians. The second were the Canaanite sons of Heth. Heth's sons received the name Hittite or Chatti because they too were warriors. Centuries later, after Alexander the Great conquered Asia, those Canaanites migrated out of Asia Minor—to Europe, and then, across the Atlantic to North America where the colonists rediscovered them as the Chatti Indians of the Central Plains. Is it a mere coincidence that the United States—a birth-right tribe of the House of Israel—should have inherited this land from Canaanite Hittites?

The Assyrian Hatti claimed to be "the Master Race." So have the modern Germans! The Hatti lorded it over other peoples who lived in Asia Minor. They were the inventors of the *double-headed eagle* which has always been a *symbol of the German Empire!* Professor A. H. Sayce states it was left to these people



After Ekrem Akurgal, *Art of the Hittites*
 Top: Ritual standard of the Hatti recovered through excavation in ancient Anatolia. Notice the swastikas. Beneath: Another Hattic ritual standard in disk form. Observe the Iron Cross in the center. The descendants of the ancient Hatti—the modern Hessians of Germany—perpetuate these same symbols.

"to invent a double-headed eagle" (page 116 of *The Hittites*).

Ancient Cilicia—Modern Silesia

Now consider another *key* to discovering Germany's place in Bible prophecy! The ancient city of Germanicopolis was located *in Cilicia*, in southeastern Asia Minor,¹ according to Ammianus Marcellinus, book 1, § 27. It belonged of old to the Hatti. Cilicia is mentioned several places in the Bible. Paul was born in Cilicia (Acts 21:39 and 22:3). Now look at a map of Europe. We find that one of the eastern *provinces of pre-World War II Germany is called SILESIA!*—spelled slightly different, but pronounced the same!

The name of Cilicia in Asia Minor was simply transplanted to Eastern Germany by the Hatti who migrated from Cilicia to Silesia, then to the Rhine. Silesia is only a modern spelling!

Other German Tribes

The Assyrians—the ancestors of most German people—are first mentioned in Genesis 10:22. In this verse you find the father or ancestor of the Assyrians is named "Asshur." The word Asshur is often translated as "Assyrian" or "Assyrians" in the Bible, because Asshur is the father of the Assyrian nation.

But the Germans today are also descended in part from Abraham, through his wife, Keturah. Most people have never known that Abraham had other sons besides Isaac and Ishmael. These other sons are listed in Genesis 25:1-4. ". . . Abraham gave (them) gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country" (Gen. 25:6). The east country included the land of Assyria. Assyria lay *east* of Palestine.

Even Josephus mentioned that one of Abraham's great-grandsons joined with the Assyrians. (*Antiquities*, book I, ch. xv § 1.) His name was Asshur, the son of Dedan, the son of Jokshan.

Jokshan was the son of Abraham. See Genesis 25:3. "And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim." From Sheba have come the Swabian Germans. From Letushim are descended the Lettish people along the Baltic. And from Asshurim have descended the Nordic North Germans.



After Ekrem Akurgal, *Art of the Hittites*
A rock carving of a double-headed eagle found in Anatolia, where the Hatti dwelt. The same symbol passed into Western Europe wherever the Germans migrated.

But the ancestor of the great majority of Germans and Austrians is Asshur, the grandson of Noah.

Most of the ancient Assyrians moved westward from the Bible lands into Europe. But one small tribe moved eastward and settled among the Persians. Historians called them the *Germanii* (Herodotus' *History*, bk. 1, § 125). The region where they settled is today called Kharmania or Carmania. The oriental Kerman rugs, recognized the world over for their fine quality, are made in this region.

What Did Assyrians Look Like?

What did the ancient Assyrians look like? Here is the answer: "In the Zagros hills and across the plain to the Tigris, there lived a . . . *fair-haired . . . people* akin to the Guti [the Goths] who . . . remained in what was afterwards Assyria, the neighbour land to Akkad" (page 5 of *The Sumerians*).

When the ancient Greek writers wanted to distinguish the Assyrians from the Arameans or Syrians, the Greeks called the Assyrians, "Leucosyri"—meaning "WHITES" or "BLONDS" as distinct from the *very brunette Syrians* who still live in Mesopotamia.

Why Germans Call Themselves "Deutsch"

Perhaps you have never thought of

it—but the Germans do not call themselves "German." They refer to themselves as *Deutsch*, and to their country as *Deutschland*. Why?

Let's turn back the pages of history for the answer.

The Assyrians anciently called their land *Atbur*—the Indo-Germanic form of the Semitic word *Asshur* (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, article, "Mesopotamia").

Sometimes the name *Atbur* was shortened simply to *Tyr* in the Indo-European tongue. Asshur or Tyr was worshipped as the god of war by all the ancient world. His name was placed on the *third day* of the week—called "Tuesday" in the English-speaking world. Tuesday is Asshur's day.

Tuesday is from an old Saxon word meaning "Tiw's day." Tiw was the god of war of the Germanic people of Europe. Tiw, or Tiwe, was also known by the name Tyr—that is, Asshur. Tiw is another name of Asshur! The Assyrians knew Asshur or Tyr was their ancestor. We should expect, therefore, that when they migrated to Europe they would still be known as the sons of Tyr or Tiw, that is, Asshur. And what do we find?

When the Germans appeared in Europe, they claimed Tyr or Tiw as their ancestor! But what has the name "Deutsch" to do with Tiw?

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The modern German word "Deutsch"—as educated Germans know—is derived from the old Anglo-Saxon word *Tiw*. (See any thorough book on etymology and word derivations.) Whenever a German calls himself *Deutsch*, he is saying he is *Tiw's* or *Asshur's* son—an Assyrian. And when he terms his country *Deutschland*, he is saying *Tiw's* or *Asshur's* land—Assyria!

Even ancient Hindu literature uses both the word *Asuras* and *Daiityas* to refer to the Assyrians. *Daiityas* is but a Sanskrit word for "Deutsch"—a name applied to the Assyrians over 1500 years before the birth of Christ!

What Language Did They Speak?

But what about the common assumption that the Assyrian language was Semitic, not Indo-Germanic? How is it that the Hebrew-speaking House of Israel, who were carried into Assyrian captivity, spoke an Indo-Germanic language when they arrived in Northwestern Europe?

The obvious answer is, they were forced to learn it as a result of their captivity! The common tongue of the Assyrians was not only Semitic, but Indo-Germanic! Here is the proof!

European scholars have thoroughly studied the language of the land of Hatti—the ancestors of the Hessians. They found it to be an Indo-Germanic tongue—numerous words of which were akin to Old High German! So many similarities were found that Edgar Sturtevant had to declare: "To me it seems incredible that so remarkable a situation developed in two languages independently. I feel compelled to trace the Germanic . . . to a common origin" with the language of Hatti—common tongue of the Western Assyrians (from *A Comparative Grammar*, page 240).

The language of the Hatti was the language of the West Assyrians. Scholars today, steeped in the theory of evolution, refuse to recognize that both people were one and the same—because if they did admit it, their whole system of chronology would fall like a house of cards, and their view of world history would burst like a pricked balloon.

Scholars admit that *for centuries the language of the people who inhabited Assyria was not merely Semitic*. Semitic was the late LITERARY LANGUAGE of Assyria—the language of scholars, the language of international commerce. Modern historians and archaeologists assume that the common tongue of all Assyrian people was Semitic. They have no proof. So noted an Assyriologist as Sydney Smith admitted ". . . that the documents from Asia Minor and from east of Tigris are couched in Semitic dialects spoken by men unable to pronounce all the Semitic consonants . . ." (p. xi, from *Early History of Assyria to 1000 B.C.*).

The same circumstance occurred during the Middle Ages all over Europe. The language of almost all European scholars—and even their names—until the time of the Protestant Reformation was LATIN—but Latin was *not* the common tongue of the people! Because most of the literature of Germany was in Latin during the Middle Ages does not prove that the common people spoke Latin.

Just because a few of the libraries and monuments of ancient Assyria contain records written in a Semitic tongue, that does not demonstrate that the common people spoke the same language.

Semitic by Race, NOT Language

Asshur was a son of Shem. But after the tower of Babel, when the languages of the world were confused (Genesis 11), most Assyrians no longer spoke a Semitic tongue, but rather Indo-Germanic and related tongues! The Germans, therefore, are Semitic by race, but *not* by language!

In the days of Abraham, the Germans or Assyrians formed a great confederation of states or tribes, speaking several different languages (Josephus' *Antiquities of the Jews*, book 1, ch. 9). One king of the Assyrians—whom we have already discussed—was "Tidal, king of nations" (Genesis 14:1). The name Tidal is Indo-Germanic, not Semitic. Another name was Arioch of Ellasar—the City of Asshur. He ruled Assyria from 1968-1938 B.C. The Greek

historian Ctesias preserved all the names of the successors of Arioch who ruled for the next 1122 years. He had access to the Assyrian records from the Persian Court. Almost all the names are non-Semitic. Most are Indo-Germanic. Here are some examples of the Indo-Germanic names of the early Assyrian kings: Arelios, Xerxes, Armanithos, Sphaeros, Sparthaios, Panyas, Teutamos, Teutaios, Ophrataios, etc. The endings of these names are, of course, the common Greek —s. But they illustrate how different these early kings' names are from the Semitic name of the late king Asshur-banipal, for example.

Most scholars have never been conscious of the fact that *the use of the Semitic language in Assyria was due to the rising influence of the Aramaic people* (Genesis 10:22) *in Mesopotamia*. So prominent did the Arameans become that Mesopotamia is called "Padan-Aram"—the plain of Aram—in the Bible (Genesis 28:2). These dark-complexioned *Aramaic* people still dwell there, and they still speak a Semitic tongue. We call them *Syrians* today because they once composed part of the *Assyrian* confederation of nations.

The Aramaic language influenced only the Eastern Assyria Empire—and that for hardly more than five centuries. But the bulk of the Assyrian population was already migrating out of Assyria. Some had already settled in Western Europe at the city of Trier three centuries after the Flood. Others had migrated to the shores of the Black and Caspian seas. Many went to Asia Minor even before the days of Abraham, where they were known as the Hatti. In all these areas the Assyrians were speaking non-Semitic languages. After Assyria fell, her small Semitic-speaking population was expelled from Mesopotamia into those regions where other Assyrians were already speaking Indo-Germanic tongues. The newcomers rapidly adopted the speech of those among whom they were now living. That is how Semitic ceased to be spoken among Assyrians outside Mesopotamia.

Why World Is Blind to Germany's Identity

It is Satan himself who has blinded the world to the identity of the Assyrian

ians. If it were known that the language of ancient Assyria was indeed Indo-Germanic—and that the fabled Empire of Hatti was actually the western part of the Assyrian Empire—and that the Germans are actually the descendants of the Assyrians, then Satan could no longer hide the prophecies of the Bible from the people!

Germany's identity in Bible prophecy stands revealed. Now see what prophecy says.

Prophecy Unveils Germany's Role

Today almost no one would believe that Palestine and the Arab world will be the vortex of the "Cold War" in less than 10 years.

Or that Germany would be at the very center of that vortex!

Today there are few *visible* signs of unrest in the Near East. A struggle is going on in the area of the vital British bastion at Aden. Should Nasser cause further trouble there, a serious crisis would face the British Commonwealth.

More important is the increasing build-up of missiles in Egypt and in Israel. But these *visible* signs do not tell the REAL story. They only reveal what *has* happened. What we need to discover are the *invisible* plans.

Right now *invisible* forces are at work in the Middle East. These forces began to come out in the open in the Iraq crisis in 1958.

But the real story goes back to World War II. In 1941, pro-Nazi Iraqi leaders were ousted by a British-engineered revolt during World War II. Iraq was barely saved from German clutches.

For 17 long years the ousted leaders had plotted secretly, underground, to return to power. The plot finally succeeded with the assassination of Iraq's pro-Western King Faisal. Immediately, the Iraqi Government extended cordial overtures to the West German Government. Now German dreams of controlling the Arab world—momentarily dashed at the end of World War II—are blossoming again.

At the precise moment that American and British troops landed in Lebanon in 1958 to quell the apparent spread of Nasserism, Germany's Chancellor Adenauer demanded that the then U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles

fly immediately to Bonn, Germany, *to give guarantees that the United States would not intervene in Iraq to quell the rebellion.* Dulles flew to Bonn and gave the guarantees!

Why this German interest in Iraq, in Egypt, in Israel, in Turkey? What's really happening UNDER COVER in the Middle East?

Captain Din revealed the answers in 1958. Ali Din was the avowed exponent of the underground forces that led to the Iraqi revolt. Here is part of his message to the Arab and the Western world, broadcast over Iraqi Radio:

"I Hate the British and Americans"

"I hate the British, Americans, and French. I have nothing to hide. I am NOT a Communist, *but a NAZI* . . . When our Arab countries are united as far as the Persian Gulf, we will unleash a war on Israel and destroy that country and kill all Jews."

Here is the invisible force lurking everywhere—*Nazism!* While we have had our eyes on the sinister spread of Communism, we have been overlooking the secret revival of Nazism within the anti-Communist Western World!

Nazism is not dead! It is alive, working secretly, underground, to wreck Western unity and to seize control of the whole Western world! It is progressing right now before our eyes, but our leaders do not seem to see it! Communists thought they could take over the Middle East. But they miscalculated. When the Communist Party was about to take over Syria, Egypt took over instead, and outlawed the Communist Party. Nasser welcomes Russian support in his plans to develop Egypt, *but he will not tolerate Communist control.* The same moves are now occurring in Algeria, where Ben Bella has outlawed the Communist Party.

Though Communism remains the West's No. 1 *visible* enemy, it is time we looked under cover to see what the Nazis and Fascists—whom the Allies thought were destroyed in World War II—are now secretly plotting underground.

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Notice an amazing prophecy about

the Middle East in Psalm 83:1-8. It is a time of war. "Hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, Thine enemies . . . have taken crafty counsel against Thy people." They have dealt treacherously with Judah and Israel—with the Jews and with America and Britain! We are God's people, Israel. The Jews are merely the tribe of Judah. But to continue:

"They have said, 'Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation.'" Isn't this exactly what the Iraqi leaders have said? "For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against Thee . . ."

What nations are these in confederation against God's people? Here is the answer of this prophecy! Here is what is yet going to take shape in the Middle East!

"Edom (Turkey), and the Ishmaelites (Saudi Arabia); Moab (part of Jordan), and the Hagarenes (part of Arabia); Gebal (this is the ancient name for Byblos in Lebanon), and Ammon (Jordan) and Amalek (part of the Turks); the Philistines (the displaced Moslems from Palestine) with the inhabitants of Tyre; ASSUR IS JOINED WITH THEM: they have helped the children of Lot."

Who is Assur? GERMANY!

So Germany—not atheistic, commu-



Wide World Photo

Three West German army officers cross French street almost unnoticed. Thousands of West Germans are now training in France.

nist Russia—is ultimately going to support an Arab union against the Jews and against Israel—Britain and America! This is what prophecy foretells. This is God's warning to us today. The West's intervention may temporarily save certain Arab countries from Nasser, but the very countries we are now trying to rescue are yet to turn upon us!

Notice that there is no Syria or Egypt mentioned in this prophecy. Egypt and Syria shall be overthrown by a Nazi-Fascist revival in Europe. Anciently the Assyrians conquered Egypt and Syria. It is going to happen again (Isaiah 17:3 and Daniel 11:42).

Germany and World War III

But Germany is not only going to be embroiled in the hot Middle East controversy, she is going to spark World War III!

Notice the prophecies!

"O Asshur, the rod of Mine anger," declares God. Here is a prophecy concerning Germany—the descendants of Asshur today! "The staff," says God, "in their hand is Mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation (that is, Israel—America and Britain today), and . . . I will give him a charge to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets" (Isaiah 10:5-6).

Our sins are mounting to heaven itself. And God is going to punish us by the very nation whom we have tried to buy for an ally! It is God who is going to permit the revival of Germany—this time in a gigantic union of 10 European powers united with a great religious power—to punish us in World War III.

We won two major wars against Germany in one generation. But the third time God is going to punish us as we have never been punished before! The sword of war is going to strike us "the third time" (Ezekiel 21:14), and we are going to be led away captive to Assyria and to all nations (Isaiah 11:10-12).

Literally dozens of prophecies speak of this terrible calamity to befall us in the 1970's.

When our people have learned their lesson, and repented of their sins and quit breaking God's law—the Ten Com-



Wide World Photo
German armored cars parade at Mourmelon, France, for General de Gaulle and Chancellor Adenauer. Notice the French and German flags flying side-by-side less than 20 years after World War II.

mandments—and surrender their lives to their Creator, we read in Isaiah 10:12-22: "Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed His whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem"—when His people Israel and Judah have gone through trial and tribulation—"I," declares God, "will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. For he saith, 'By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: and my hand,'" continues the coming German dictator of a United States of Europe "hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped."

"Shall the axe," responds God to the coming German dictator of United Europe, "boast itself against Him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against Him that shaketh it? . . . Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, . . . burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day"—by sending

the Communist hordes of Asia upon Europe!

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob"—that is, Britain and America, today—"shall no more again stay upon (rely on) him that smote them"—we are relying on Germany and a United Europe today to keep Communist hordes from overrunning us—"but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return . . . unto the Mighty God."

Germany's Final Repentance

God sent the prophet Jonah to ancient Nineveh, the capital of ancient Assyria. The Ninevites repented. After World War II, Germany was faced with the question of national repentance. Had America and Britain repented of their sins, they could have been used as was Jonah to bring the Germans to repentance. But our people refused. We did not show the Germans God's Way. We tried to convert them to democracy—our human way. But God's way is not democracy! As we refused to perform our national mission to Germany, God will punish our people as He did Jonah!

In the meantime, God is warning

Europe of its fate *through The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast in the English, French, and German languages. "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto ALL NATIONS; and then shall the end come," declared Jesus in Matthew 24:14. Germany is to be warned of her sins. Because she will not now repent, God will use her to punish us first. Then He is going to punish her.

The entire book of Nahum—one of the so-called Minor Prophets—is devoted to the final punishment of the German-dominated Church-State union yet to arise in Europe. The setting of the prophecy is the original fall of Nineveh about 612 B.C. What happened to Nineveh, the ancient capital of Assyria, was a type of what will happen in our day! Notice that the actual setting of this prophecy is the time of God's "wrath"—the Day of the Lord (Nahum 1:2, 6). That day of God's intervention is *yet future*. It has not happened yet! This prophecy, then, is for our day!

Now notice Zechariah 10:11. Here is another prophecy against Assyria. This prophecy was written almost a century *after* the original fall of Assyria. It has never been fulfilled since. Yet God declared it would happen: "The pride of Assyria SHALL BE BROUGHT DOWN." Compare this with Isaiah 14:24-27. This could not happen *unless there were an Assyria today*—a nation so powerful as finally to be able to carry our people captive in world war (Zech. 10:10).

These prophecies are to happen "in that day"—the climactic time of the end, when God intervenes in human affairs (Isaiah 30:31 and 31:8).

When the nations learn their lesson—learn that war does not pay, then, "In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptians into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, 'Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance'" (Isaiah 19:23-25).

Yes, that wonderful day of peace is coming. No more war, no more interna-

tional friction!

But before that time there are mighty big lessons to learn, and much suffering to be endured. Human beings, it seems, will learn no other way! But for those who do repent now, who do seek God's

protection—no matter in what nation they live—God promises: "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Revelation 3:10).

REAL HELL FIRE!

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FIRE!" (Jude 7.)

These cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah suffered from the vengeance of eternal fire—are these cities still burning and yet not being consumed?

Of course not!

"Eternal fire" means a fire whose results are *permanent* or everlasting. Sodom and Gomorrhah have *never been rebuilt!*

The fires which burned Sodom and Gomorrhah went out of themselves. Clearly there is no question as to the plain meaning of God's Word. All who will insist on rebelling against Him unrepentantly will be burned to a crisp in a very REAL HELL FIRE!

God Is Love—Justice!

The primary reason so many men and organizations of men have a *false* conception of "hell" is that they view the doctrine of hell just as an *isolated* doctrine. They FAIL TO LOOK AT THE OVER-ALL PURPOSE OF GOD in putting man on this earth, of offering him the gift of eternal life for obedience, or of everlasting punishment (not punishing) for disobedience.

God created man in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26). In the Garden of Eden, He told man the way that would lead to *eternal life*. Then He told man that doing the *wrong* thing—eating of the fruit of the tree which God had forbidden—would lead to *death* (Gen. 2:17). But Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44), told the woman, "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4).

Man has been believing that *lie*—of being born with *immortality* within himself—ever since!

God's purpose is to develop holy, righteous character in man which would make man fit for *eternal life*. God gave ancient Israel His commandments, "that it might be well with them, and with

their children for ever" (Deut. 5:29).

God's decrees are always for man's *good*. They are not designed as arbitrary decrees which God has set in order to have some excuse for plunging men into flames of fire! Where do men get such ideas about God? Certainly not from the Bible!

God created man in His own image in order that man might be brought to the place where God could entrust him with the precious *gift of eternal life*. Notice that God offered Adam and Eve *life* on one hand, and *death* on the other.

If man would rebel against God and make it impossible for God to entrust him with eternal life—knowing that he would ABUSE that LIFE—then the KINDEST THING that God could do would be TO LET MAN DIE. Then, stubborn, sinning man would be unable to bring any further misery on himself or others by his *wrong* ways. He would just *cease to exist*, and thus would not interfere with the happiness of others who were found worthy of eternal life.

This is *exactly* what God said would happen to Adam and Eve if they disobeyed! The reward of *eternal life* for obedience—and of death—ETERNAL DEATH—for disobedience is stressed all through *your Bible*.

Only this is consistent with the Scriptures, and with God's plan and purpose—and His character of supreme *love!* Yet God will not, because of His infinite *love*, take away anyone's life because of ignorance or weakness, but because they *wilfully* and *knowingly* refuse to obey their Creator.

The warning of a hell fire should be a FEARFUL WARNING to those who know God's truth and still *refuse* to obey it! It should bring a somber realization that unless we *surrender* to God's will and His way of love, and refuse to let *anything* turn us aside, God will *take away* forever the life He has given us!