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HYDROGEN BOMB in Prophecy!

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THE TIME has come to disclose the real *hidden* facts about the hydrogen bomb—the facts no government authority can reveal to you—*because they do not KNOW!* The UNKNOWN quantity about the terrifying hydrogen bomb is WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

After all, THAT'S what we all want to know! Will it be used? Where? By whom? And WHEN?

Who Knows the Answer?

There is only ONE who knows the answers! The Creator—He who MADE the earth, the heavens—all that is—and who now, actively, GUIDES and CONTROLS the destiny of nations and of the whole world—the God this world has ignored and forgotten—He ALONE knows these vital answers to the future—And God Almighty has REVEALED the answers in the prophecies of HIS WORD, the Holy Bible.

In the face of the recent fantastic disclosures of the unbelievable destructive POWER of the hydrogen bomb, heads of government are making every effort to calm public fears and quiet jitter—to prevent any mass hysteria. So first, let me tell you on AUTHORITY of the SUPREME Ruler, God Almighty, that OUT of all this world-chaos, this babylon of confusion, fright and fear that grips the world—this upset topsy-turvy CONDITION of the world today, shall emerge

a NEW—a PEACEFUL, a HAPPY, and a prosperous NEW World TOMORROW!

God Almighty is about to step in and INTERVENE in the misguided affairs of mankind, and bring us a NEW world of PEACE! And in the meantime, GOD ALMIGHTY offers *you*—yes, I mean YOU, reading this article this instant—complete PROTECTION AND SECURITY—*divine* protection—from whatever terrifying destructions may be brought by misguided and God-defying HUMAN leaders! I say to you—and in GOD MOST HIGH lies your ONLY sure and safe PROTECTION in this perilous time. The time has come for you to put aside every other consideration, and SEEK THE ETERNAL YOUR GOD, in the way HE TELLS YOU to seek Him—to put Him *first* in your life, and not second, or last, as most of you have been doing.

Let's not deceive ourselves. Let's not beat around the bush! This world now faces such fantastic forces of destruction that, UNLESS God Almighty was very soon going to intervene and save us from ourselves, this world would DESTROY ITSELF UTTERLY!

Men try to calm their fears and bolster up courage by reasoning that the hydrogen bomb is SO frightening that it will act as a deterrent—unless, they add, some human leader in the seat of power in a fit of madness, or thru miscalculation, sets out to conquer the world with this terrible weapon. But, as Presi-

dent Eisenhower warned, INSANITY STILL EXISTS! I warn you, also, that SAFETY lies in ALMIGHTY GOD, and not in wishful psychology!

The question, NOW, is: WILL the super-hydrogen bomb be used?—and if so, WHEN, by whom, against whom?

Did you know the ANSWERS are in the Bible?

GOD Controls World Affairs

It's about time we pause to realize that God Almighty is working out a PURPOSE here below! God Almighty CONTROLS and RULES NOT ONLY THIS EARTH BUT THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE. It served God's PURPOSE to make us free moral agents—to endow us, as He did for NO OTHER species of life we can see or know, with SOME of the very POWERS OF GOD! He endowed us with MINDS. He made us with power to KNOW and to LEARN, to THINK and to PLAN, and to EXECUTE and BUILD that which we have thought out and designed. In other words, we have been endowed with some of the creative power.

But ONLY SOME OF IT! God *limited* the human mind. He set a LIMIT on human powers—yes, THANK GOD He did THAT. And the MOST HIGH, in His governing power as SUPREME RULER, Himself decreed that mankind should be allowed certain free latitude, to use these God-endowed powers according to man's own ideas, desires, and initiative.

In other words, for a 6,000-year period God Almighty has chosen to KEEP HANDS OFF human activities—MOSTLY. But *not altogether!*

Even tho man has not been CONSCIOUS of God's over-all SUPREME authority and rule—even tho mankind has not SEEN it, or realized it, yet GOD ALMIGHTY has always determined the destiny of nations—the rise and fall of Empires—the OUTCOME, even, of WARS!

Now, IS THE SUPER-HYDROGEN BOMB GOING TO BE USED? It's about time we wake up to the fact that GOD ALMIGHTY is directing this universe—that He intervenes when it serves HIS PURPOSE that He is working out thru human experience—that The ETERNAL sees what's going on, and knows a lot more about this hydrogen bomb than any human scientist or official—and HE shall determine whether to *permit* some mad man in a seat of human authority to use it, or whether HE shall restrain and prevent such use. HE—God Almighty—is going to determine the outcome! Before I reveal to you WHETHER this imagination-defying destruction is to be unleashed against any city—or WHAT cities—and WHO or WHAT POWER will perpetrate this colossal crime of the ages, it's necessary, first, that you realize GOD'S power—GOD'S concern and interest in this world chaos of the moment.

The Warning of Prophecy

Now get your Bible. I want you to SEE these staggering facts that concern this hydrogen bomb with your own eyes. Turn first to the 40th chapter of Isaiah in the Moffatt translation. "Why, the nations are a mere drop in the bucket, no more to him than dust upon a balance! He lifts lands like a straw! . . . Before him all the nations are as nothing; to him they are but empty and inane. Then whom can you compare with God? What can you put beside him? . . . Can you not understand, cannot you see? Were you not told this from the first, have you not grasped this, since the world began?—that He sits over the round earth, so high that its inhabitants look like grasshoppers; he spreads the skies out like a curtain and stretches them like a tent; he brings nobles down to nothing, he ruins rulers of the world—scarcely planted, scarcely sown, scarcely rooted in the earth, when at a puff from him they wither, the storm sweeps them off like straws. "To whom will you compare me, then, and equal me?" asks the Majestic One." (Isa. 40:15, 17-18, 21-25.)

Yes, GOD'S power is UNLIMITED. Even the terrible power of the hydrogen bomb is infinitesimal beside the power of God.

And now ONE THING I want first of all to MAKE PLAIN! God *is* going to permit the misguided hand of man to bring MORE EVIL upon this topsy-turvy

upside-down world! But that evil will fall ONLY UPON THOSE WHO DEFY GOD—or THOSE WHO IGNORE God's *protection!* Yes, EVIL men shall be punished! But, *if you trust God*, surrender your life to Him, the Almighty promises you *protection*: "Happy the man who stays by the Most High in shelter, who lives under the shadow of Almighty God . . . You need not fear the terrors of the night, nor arrows flying in the day; you need not fear plague stalking in the dark, nor sudden death at noon; hundreds may fall beside you, thousands at your right hand, but the plague will never reach you, safe shielded by his faithfulness. You have only to look on and see how evil men are punished; but you have sheltered beside the Eternal, and made the Most High God your home." (Psalm 91:1, 5-6, Moffatt trans.)

And now I am going to bring you the sure and certain ANSWER as to whether, by whom, and against whom, the hydrogen bomb will be used. God Almighty is able to give us the FACTS, before the events happen, for the simple reason that HE CONTROLS what is to happen—God is working out His PURPOSE here below!

I want you to realize JUST HOW FAR God controls world conditions. The NATIONS of the world may get together and make PLANS for controlling world conditions—but THERE IS A HIGHER POWER WHO RULES SUPREME, WHOM THE NATIONS HAVE FORGOTTEN!

Here's what GOD HIMSELF SAYS: "The Eternal wrecks the purposes of pagans, he brings to nothing what the nations plan; but the Eternal's purpose stands for ever, and what he plans will last from age to age. . . . from where he sits, he scans all who inhabit the world; he who alone made their minds, he notes all they do. Armies do not bring victory to a king, the warrior is not rescued by sheer strength; cavalry are in vain for victory, there is no winning by the strength of that!" (Psalm 33:10-11, 14-17, Moffatt translation).

In ways that few seemed to recognize, GOD ALMIGHTY determined the outcome of World War II, by a series of *three* miraculous—or absolutely providential—events, which turned the tide of battle entirely!

Now What's GOING to Happen?

In this 6,000 year period the MOST HIGH has allotted for mankind to write the supreme lesson of eternity in HUMAN EXPERIENCE, we are now already actually INTO the CRISIS at the CLOSE of this allotted span—of THIS PRESENT WORLD!

For 6,000 years God Almighty has kept hands off from DIRECT RULING over mankind—permitting human-kind to voluntarily accept the beneficent

RULE and GOVERNMENT of God, or to reject it and set up his OWN rule according to HUMAN reasoning, vanity, greed, and corruption. For 6,000 years mankind has REJECTED the government of GOD, REBELLED against the ways and laws of God, and corrupted itself.

And now, in a world DESTROYING itself in world revolution, God Almighty looks down and says this: "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground" (Jer. 25:31-33).

That could never happen until this atomic age!

In this present evil day—this LAST, or REMNANT, generation of this present evil world—God says of the descendants of His birthright nations—THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: *And I will cut off the cities of thy land*, and throw down all thy strongholds" (Micah 5:8-11).

I wonder if you realize that the 12 tribes of ancient Israel were divided into TWO nations, after the death of King Solomon! One of those nations, with the TEN tribes, retained the national name Kingdom of ISRAEL. That nation had the BIRTHRIGHT promise that they were ultimately to become the most POWERFUL single nation on earth, and also another great COMMONWEALTH of nations. That nation was not Jewish—was NEVER given the name, "Jew."

But the TWO tribes of Judah and Benjamin, with considerable of Levi, split off into a SEPARATE nation, and they were named the KINGDOM OF JUDAH. The name "Jews" is merely a nickname for the national name of THAT nation, JUDAH. Now the Jews became scattered. Today the Jewish people are scattered all over the world in most ALL nations. This prophecy of Micah does *not* refer to the Jewish people, but to

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PROPHESED TO HAPPEN to the United States and Britain!

This is the sixth installment of the most startling and eye-opening book of this generation. To know what is prophesied for our peoples, we must first learn WHERE America and Britain are mentioned in prophecy.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INSTALLMENTS

IT'S TIME the PEOPLES of this world wake up to the *real meaning* of the HYDROGEN BOMB! It's time we WAKE UP to the reassuring TRUTH that *there is a way to prevent* human annihilation!

It's foolish to hide our heads. It's folly to IGNORE what is HERE. Today we face REALITY. The hydrogen bomb is HERE! Other terrifying weapons of unprecedented mass destruction are HERE! At last the march of modern science and technologies has developed the POWER to blast human life from off this planet! In the hands of a madman at the head of any government that TOTAL cataclysm is now POSSIBLE! Today, we stare it in the face! Today, that possibility is stark REALITY!

Today we are face to face with TWO ALTERNATIVES!

Either there IS a Supreme All-Powerful GOD who will intervene SUPERNATURALLY and save humanity from itself; or else we are being plunged toward TOTAL ANNIHILATION! Today the rational, the thinking, the realistic, know there are NO OTHER ALTERNATIVES! Human nature is the same today as always. The thing that is DIFFERENT today is *this*: NEVER BEFORE IN HUMAN HISTORY HAS TOTAL HUMAN ANNIHILATION BEEN POSSIBLE!

UNLESS there is an all-powerful Supreme-Ruling GOD who will intervene, then total annihilation is inevitable! God Almighty foretold these days and this very fact in Biblical PROPHECY. Jesus Christ Himself described the condition we are fast hurtling into—a time of world trouble such as has NEVER existed before—and, thank God! never shall again! He prophesied, "Except those days should be shortened"—cut short by supernatural intervention—NO FLESH SHOULD BE SAVED ALIVE! But, He reassured us, for His own elect's sake, THOSE DAYS—of HUMAN rule and destruction—SHALL BE CUT SHORT! God Almighty WILL intervene. He WILL strip from

madmen in high places all power and authority. He WILL usher in for us a NEW world of GOD'S OWN RULE—world PEACE—the happy, joyful WORLD TOMORROW!

The most important business of YOUR LIFE right now is to know WHAT IS PROPHESED to happen to our peoples of Western Europe, the British Isles, and America! It's definitely foretold! It's as SURE as the setting of tomorrow's sun! And it's now LATER than you think!

But to know WHAT is prophesied to happen to our western world, we first have to know WHERE our peoples are mentioned—HOW we are IDENTIFIED—in Biblical PROPHECY! This is the sixth of a series of articles to REVEAL to you that ASTONISHING IDENTITY!

God's Eternal Covenant with David

In the preceding article of this series, we learned of the fantastic-sounding FACT that, as God Almighty promised, somewhere in the world today there reigns over natural-born ISRAELITES the unbroken dynasty of the ancient King DAVID! God Almighty swore by Himself to King David in Jerusalem that his dynasty—his throne—should NEVER cease, even for a single generation (II Sam. 7:13-15)—that it would endure continuously through all generations FOREVER! (Psalm 89:3-4.)

You read in Luke 1:32 that Jesus Christ was born for the very PURPOSE of sitting on that identical throne—yet He DID NOT sit on it or take it over, He said His Kingdom was not of THIS world—this AGE (John 18:36). He said that if He departed to heaven He would COME AGAIN, as the KING of kings—WORLD RULER—at *that* time taking over the throne of His father DAVID! It would be an utter impossibility for the Messiah to take over and occupy a throne which had ceased to exist! Yet there is no record in human history of the existence of that throne for over 2,500 long years! Here is the mystery of the age!

WHAT happened to that throne? WHERE is that unbroken dynasty reigning TODAY? Listen to the strange mys-

tery of our time! Listen to thrilling revelations you never knew were *in your own Bible*! Get your Bible, now, open it and follow this through with me. See these *astounding* things in your own Bible.

We learned in the previous article how a strange and fascinating commission, little recognized today, was given to the prophet Jeremiah. God set Jeremiah over NATIONS, and over KINGDOMS—as you read in the first chapter and 9-10 verses of his book, WHY? "To pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow—TO BUILD AND TO PLANT."

Jeremiah's Mysterious Movements

He was used, first, as an intermediary between the kings of Judah and Babylon in the invasion of Judah by the Chaldean armies—in "plucking up," and "overthrowing" that very throne of David from the Kingdom of JUDAH! But Jeremiah was also commissioned to BUILD and to PLANT the very throne he rooted out and overthrew in JUDAH. That throne was never again planted or built among the JEWISH people! WHERE did Jeremiah plant and rebuild it?

Jeremiah was among the captive Jews when the Kingdom of Judah was invaded by the Chaldean armies. But, by supernatural intervention, the general of the invading armies gave him expense money, and FREE PERMISSION to go where he pleased. He went to a little Jewish colony permitted to remain in the land, in the town of Mizpah, where he found the DAUGHTERS of King Zedekiah of Judah! Now this Jewish king was killed,—all his sons were killed— all the PRINCES of Judah were killed. The world has supposed that NO POSSIBLE HEIR remained alive to continue that throne of David! But the world has overlooked these young PRINCESSES. They, along with Jeremiah, his scribe, or private secretary BARUCH, and these royal princesses, were taken by this Jewish colony down to Egypt, from where they escaped, and returned to Jerusalem. And from there where did they go?

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Let us read it once again, from Isaiah
37:32,31:

"For out of Jerusalem shall go forth
a remnant, and they that escape out of
Mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of
Hosts shall do this. And the remnant
that escaped of the House of Judah shall
again take root downward, and bear fruit
upward."

The remnant with Jeremiah—including
at least one of the king's daughters—
shall take root DOWNWARD—that is, BE
PLANTED; and then shall bear fruit up-
ward—that is, BE BUILDED!

But WHERE? Where did Jeremiah go,
from Jerusalem, to plant and rebuild
the THRONE OF DAVID with these royal
princesses? WE SHALL SEE WHERE!

CHAPTER VI

The Mysterious "Breach"

WHERE did Jeremiah go with
Baruch, his secretary, and one
or more of the royal daughters
of the king?

History stops short at this point. En-
lightened students of Bible history have
long known that the Ten Tribes—
called by the name "Housc of ISRAEL"
—have been lost, and exist today among
the Gentile nations, unrecognized.

Their identity, and location, is one of
the things God has hidden from the
world. Yet, in this end-time, when
knowledge is to increase, when the
"wise" are to UNDERSTAND (Dan. 12:4,
10), we shall find the secret revealed
thru PROPHECY which could not be
understood until now.

But first, we must now consider a
mysterious "breach" that occurred in
the days of Judah, son of Jacob.

Judah was the father of twin sons.
The first born was royal seed, for thru
him the SCEPTRE promise was to be
carried down. It seems the midwife

knew twins were about to be born. It is
recorded that just before birth one of the
twins "put out his hand: and the mid-
wife took and bound upon his hand a
scarlet thread, saying, "This came out
first." But the child drew back his
hand, and the other was actually born
first. The midwife exclaimed, "How
hast thou broken forth? this breach be
upon thee: (margin, wherefore hast
thou made this breach against thee?)

Therefore his name was called Pharez,"
meaning "Breach." (Gen. 38:27-30.)

Why should this strange occurrence
be recorded in Bible history, unless this
breach was to be HEALED between the
sons or their descendants at some future
time? Yet it never occurred in their
lifetime.

Zarah, of the scarlet thread, had five
sons (I Chron. 2:6). Did a descendant
of Zarah finally get the throne, in a
manner healing the breach?

David, Zedekiah, Christ, all were of
the PHAREZ branch—none of Zarah.
Now consider, 1) the fact of the breach
means the transfer of the Sceptre from
the Pharez to the Zarah line. 2) such
transfer never occurred before King
Zedekiah of Judah, who was descended
from Pharez. 3) Therefore it had to oc-
cur after Zedekiah's death. 4) Since
David's line (Pharez) is to remain on
the throne thru all generations FOREVER,
it could only occur at an OVERTURN of
the throne by a marriage between a
Pharez heir to the throne and one of the
Zarah line, thus healing the breach.

History shows the descendants of Zar-
ah became wanderers, journeying to the
northwest within the confines of the
Scythian nations, their descendants join-
ing the Ten Tribes.

But meanwhile, the Pharez-David-
Zedekiah line possessed the Sceptre—
was HIGH—exalted. The Zarah line,
feeling it rightfully should possess the
Sceptre, and some day would, was low,
abased—so far as royal power was con-
cerned.

The Three Overturns

Now consider a much misunderstood
passage of prophecy:

If you will begin reading at the 18th
verse of the 21st chapter of Ezekiel, you
will see plainly that the Eternal is here
speaking of the captivity of Judah by
the king of Babylon. And, beginning
the 25th verse, He says: "And thou,
profane wicked prince of Israel (Zede-
kiah), whose day is come, when iniquity
shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord
God; Remove the diadem, and take off
the crown: (As did happen, thru the
first half of Jeremiah's commission.)
This (the crown) shall not be the same:
exalt him that is low, and abase him
that is high. I will overturn, overturn,
overturn it: and it shall be no more
until he come whose right it is; and I
will give it him."

Let us understand that clearly.

"Remove the diadem, and take off the
crown." King Zedekiah, of David's dy-
nasty, had the crown. This says it is to
be removed. It was removed. He died in
Babylon; his sons and all the nobles of
Judah were killed.

"This shall not be the same." The dia-
dem is not to cease, but a change is to

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take place—the throne is to be overturned—another is to wear the crown. God's PROMISE to David is not to go by default!

"Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high." Who is "high"? King Zedekiah of Judah. Now he is to be abased. He is to lose that crown. Judah has been "high," while Israel has been "low,"—lo, these many years without a king (Hos. 3:4). The Pharez line has been "high"—the Zarah line "low."

"I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more until he come whose right it is." What was to be overturned? The diadem, and the throne. Not once, it is to be OVERTURNED three times. Overturned by abasing Zedekiah, the House of Judah, the Pharez line, and exalting, now, the House of Israel and one of the Zarah line! The first of the three overturns was performed as the first half of Jeremiah's commission.

"And it shall be no more." Does this mean the throne—the crown—is to cease to exist? Not at all! How could it be OVERTURNED three times—that is, TRANSFERRED from one to another, if it ceased to exist? How, after these three transfers of the crown, could it be given to him—Christ—whose right it is, at His second coming, if it ceased altogether to exist? How could he who has "low" be now exalted by the crown, if that crown was to be no more? No, the meaning is, "It shall be no more overturned until the Second Coming of Christ!" And then it shall be once again overturned, and given to Him! God will not break his unalterable promise made to David! Thru every generation David shall have a descendant wearing that crown! The SECOND half of Jeremiah's commission must now be performed. That throne must be TRANSPLANTED and again BUILDED. The crown must be overturned—*transferred* to another!

But WHERE? To WHOM?

A "Riddle" and a "Parable" Tells!

The strange TRUTH of the PLANTING and the REBUILDING of David's throne is revealed in a "riddle and a parable," couched in symbolic language never understood until this latter day. Yet it stands, today, so clearly explained a little child could understand!

It fills the 17th chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy. The whole chapter should be carefully read. Notice, first, this prophetic message is addressed, NOT to Judah, the Jews, but to the House of Israel. It is a Message to give light to the lost Ten-Tribed House of ISRAEL in these latter days!

First, Ezekiel is told to speak a riddle, and then a parable. The riddle is found in verses 3 to 10. Then, beginning verse 11, the Eternal explains its meaning.

"Say now to the rebellious house,"

God says,—the "rebellious house" being Ten-Tribed ISRAEL (Ezek. 12:9), to whom Ezekiel is set a prophet (Ezek. 2:3; 3:1, etc.)—"Know ye not what these things mean? tell them . . ." and then the riddle is clearly explained. A great eagle came to Lebanon and took the highest branch of the cedar. This is explained to represent King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who came to Jerusalem, and took captive the king of Judah. The cropping off of the cedar's young twigs and carrying them to a land of traffic is explained to picture the captivity of the king's sons. "He took also of the seed of the land," means Nebuchadnezzar took also of the people, and the mighty of the land of Judah. "He set it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature," means the Jews were given a covenant whereby, altho they were ruled over by the Chaldeans, they might live in peace and grow. The other "great eagle" is explained to represent Pharaoh of Egypt.

Thus the riddle covers the FIRST half of Jeremiah's commission. Now notice what is revealed concerning the SECOND part—the PLANTING of David's throne!

It comes in the parable, verses 22-24.

"Thus saith the Lord Eternal; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar." From God's own explanation, we have learned that the cedar tree represents the nation of Judah; its highest branch is Judah's king. The riddle told us Nebuchadnezzar took the highest branch—the King. The parable now tells us *God*—not Nebuchadnezzar, but *God*, will take *of* the highest branch. Not the branch, but *OF* the branch—of Zedekiah's children. But Nebuchadnezzar took, and killed, all his SONS.

God, thru his prophet Jeremiah, is now going to take *OF* this highest branch, and "SET IT." (Verse 22.)

"I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a *tender one*, and will plant it upon a high mountain and eminent," continues the Almighty! Ah! "A tender young twig!" The twigs of this highest branch represent the children of King Zedekiah! Certainly a tender young twig, then, represents a DAUGHTER!

" . . . and will PLANT it." Could symbolic language say plainer this young Jewish Princess is to become the royal seed for PLANTING again of David's throne? Where?

" . . . upon a high mountain and eminent," says the Eternal! A "mountain" in symbol always represents a NATION.

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But Which Nation?

"In the mountain of the height of ISRAEL will I plant it," answers the Eternal! David's throne now is to be planted in ISRAEL, after being thrown down from JUDAH! Could language be PLAINER?

" . . . and it (the tender young twig—the king's daughter) shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar." Did David's throne cease with Zedekiah of Judah? Did God forget His covenant? NO! Compare this language with the passage in Isaiah 37:31-32: "The remnant that escaped of the House of Judah shall again take root downward (be planted) and BEAR FRUIT UPWARD." It was PLANTED in ISRAEL, who removed from Judah! After this Hebrew Princess is "planted" on the throne, now in ISRAEL—lost from view—that throne is to BEAR FRUIT. She is to marry, have children, and her sons are to continue David's dynasty!

" . . . and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell." (Verse 23.) "Lost" Israel, now having acquired the throne and become again a self-ruling nation, shall, in time, spread around the earth gaining dominance and power. They shall inherit the unconditional promises of the BIRTHRIGHT, according to God's covenant with Abraham!

"And all the trees of the field" (verse 24). A "tree" in this riddle and parable is likened to a nation. In other words, "All the nations of the earth."

" . . . shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree." Judah, the high tree, having the throne 130 years after Israel had been taken captive, now is brought down to the low stature of slavery.

" . . . have exalted the low tree." For 130 years Israel had been a "low tree." Now Israel is exalted, becomes again a nation with a king.

" . . . have dried up the green tree"—JUDAH, "and have made the dry tree to flourish." ISRAEL, headed by the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, who possessed the BIRTHRIGHT, now shall flourish, become prosperous in due time. "I the Lord have spoken and have done it." Yes, that BIRTHRIGHT is in ISRAEL. Tho LOST, tho supposed to be a Gentile nation, they are the people who were to grow into the promised multitude—the great nation, and the company of nations, possessing the gates of their enemy nations, becoming a colonizing people spreading around the world, being blessed with national resources and wealth. And, when they become thus powerful and nationally dominant, remember David's throne will be found transplanted among them!

But WHERE did Jeremiah, with his

royal seed for the transplanting, go to find the lost House of Israel? WHERE are they today? HOW was the "breach" healed, and how did a son of Zarah ascend the throne? Can we tell?

We CAN! The exact, precise location is revealed in Bible prophecy! We can pick up Jeremiah's trail in actual history, besides!

Hydrogen Bomb

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the so-called LOST Ten Tribes of Israel—destined, according to God's unconditional, unbreakable PROMISE to become, part of them, a great *Commonwealth of Nations*, and part of them forming the one GREATEST, most POWERFUL SINGLE nation in OUR TIME TODAY—after the year 1800 A.D., and BEFORE the end of THIS world and the second coming of Christ!

The Day of the Lord

Now Jeremiah was inspired to foretell a great and terrible TIME OF TROUBLE to come on these nations descended from the ancient TEN TRIBES of Israel, IN OUR TIME: "For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace . . . Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him" (Jer. 30:5, 7-8).

THAT HAS NOT YET HAPPENED! But, AT the second coming of Christ, CONTRARY TO ALL HUMAN TEACHING ON THIS SUBJECT, these nations descended from the TEN Tribes of Israel are to be found in CAPTIVITY, with a YOKE around their necks. I tell you, it's time to WAKE UP to the TRUTH of this crisis situation! God Almighty has sent me to SHOUT TO YOU THIS LAST WARNING! God help you to HEED!

And now, WHAT power will place that YOKE on the nations that constitute modern ISRAEL—the Ten Tribes whose identity the world has lost? "Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate . . . I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart,

neither didst remember the latter end of it." (Isa. 47:1, 6-7.)

That latter verse is quoted directly in Revelation 18:7, where this modern DAUGHTER of the ancient Babylon is identified in the 17th and 18th chapters of Revelation.

Who Will Use It?

Who is this modern Babylon?

In Revelation 17 is pictured the symbol of a weird BEAST, ridden by a WOMAN. All Bible students, so far as I know, regardless of denomination, recognize this symbolic BEAST as the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE. This whole SYSTEM—this DAUGHTER of the ancient "Babylon" is NAMED in Revelation 17:5: "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

Now notice: "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." (Rev. 17:8.) This ancient Empire is to be RESURRECTED. It will DUMBFOUND the whole world! It will rise up yet once again by a UNION of TEN modern fascist DICTATORSHIPS in the territory of the ancient Empire: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, 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." (Rev. 17:12-14.)

So now we have the TIME of the prophecy! Just before the second coming of CHRIST! This is a power, soon to startle and stagger the WORLD, that will oppose and fight against CHRIST at His appearing!

Hydrogen Bomb to Be Used!

Now what about the HYDROGEN BOMB? Micah's prophecy which I read to you says plainly that this invading power will cut off the CITIES of Israel. Only the atom and hydrogen bombs could do that.

The prophecies of EZEKIEL is to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL, not to JUDAH. Of this time, God reveals thru Ezekiel, in chapter 6, verse 6: "In all your dwelling places THE CITIES shall be laid waste." In Ezekiel 12:20: "And THE CITIES that are inhabited shall be LAID WASTE, and the land shall be desolate, and ye shall KNOW that I am the Eternal"—which in Ezekiel always refers to the second coming of Christ. And, finally,

in this time to come, what will happen to the coming union of fascist dictators in Europe? "And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath." (Rev. 16:19).

But Christ, at His second coming, will RESCUE Israel, REMOVE the Yoke of the daughter of the ancient BABYLON, and RESTORE Israel to prosperity and power, after they have learned their lesson and turned to THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. Notice Isaiah 14:1-4 in the Moffatt translation: "For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

"And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!" . . . against this modern BABYLON that had invaded ISRAEL!

I have had space only to SKIM THE SURFACE of these momentous prophesied events in this article. But you'll find the WHOLE TRUTH of all the scores and scores of prophecies pertaining to WHAT'S PROPHESED TO HAPPEN in coming issues of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. These prophecies are STAGGERING! This is the MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION OF OUR TIME!

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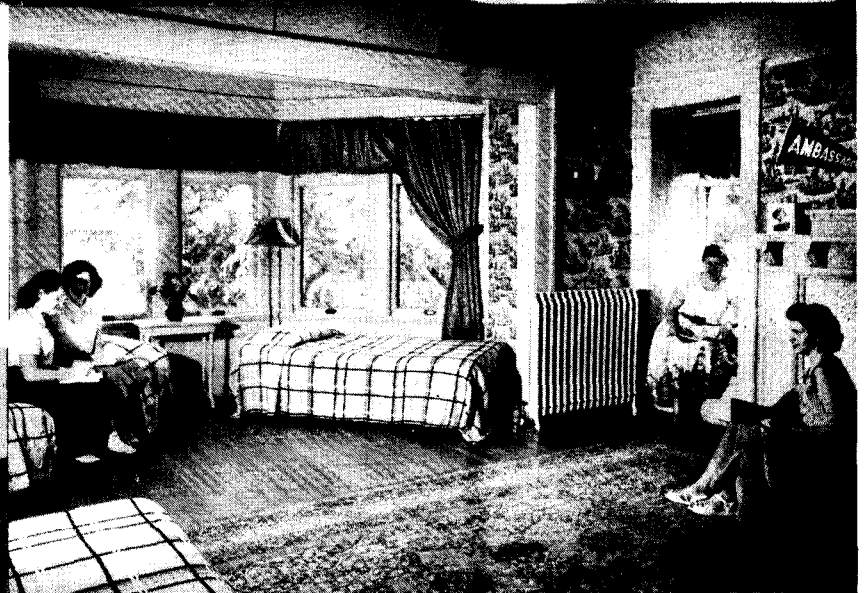
MAYFAIR

We give you here five pictures of "Mayfair," the 28-room student residence on the Ambassador College campus. On the first floor are entrance hall, the great hall, the Oak Room, the library, solarium, student dining room, faculty dining room, kitchen, and cook's room. Girls live on second floor, men on third floor, served by separate stairways. Modern edi-





torial offices of *The Plain Truth* are in basement. Upper left, Mayfair mostly secluded by trees. Upper right, great hall, and girls' stairway to second floor. Lower left, the beautifully contoured, spacious Mayfair grounds, college classroom building in distance. Right and below, two of the delightful girls' rooms on second floor.





The Graduate School of Theology, Ambassador College, in session. Left to right: Dean C. Blackwell, Herbert W. Armstrong, instructor, Richard D. Armstrong, Jack R. Elliott, Herman L. Hoeh, Raymond F. McNair, Roderick C. Meredith, Paul B. Smith, Kenneth C. Herrmann.



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Ending Your FINANCIAL Troubles

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THINK OF IT!—a happy new world where nobody has any financial troubles! Is there any *one* thing that plagues more people *today*, than this constant worry of making ends meet—of serious financial difficulties so MANY of you are getting into constantly?

Well, UNDERSTAND! There's a reason for it!

Perhaps you're under a curse! I'm not speaking of superstitions—I mean that literally. What most people simply don't know, today, about their financial problems, is that the Eternal Creator set DEFINITE LAWS in motion—invisible, yet inexorable laws, which regulate personal economic conditions as well as a lot of other important things. For that matter, the great NATIONS of the world—some of our WEALTHIER nations, possessing more developed resources than any other nations *ever* owned in world history—owe public debts SO HUGE that the next ten generations will never get them paid off!

Yes, there's a REASON for these things—and it all makes SENSE—when you come to UNDERSTAND it! I want to tell you WHY we are plagued with these troubles, and the SURE, and simple SOLUTION.

REASON for Financial Worries

In the last book of the Old Testament is a remarkable PROPHECY. It foretells the financial difficulties that beset most of our western world today. It's also a prophecy for OUR NATIONS—Northwestern Europe, Britain and America, IN THIS 20TH CENTURY!

"I will come near to you to judgment . . . Even from the days of your fathers are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them . . . YE ARE CURSED WITH A CURSE: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Mal. 3:5-9.)

But *why*? What has brought on this national curse of financial worries in nearly every home? We are the wealthiest nation on earth. We are the wealthiest nation of all history. Yet nearly every family is cursed with money troubles in the desperate struggle to make ends meet. God says *we have robbed Him!*

"But *ye* say," continues the Eternal's message to us, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" And God replies, "In TITHES and OFFERINGS!"

Now all this, I know, doesn't make much sense to the average person today. Many do not even know what tithing is. Others ask, "Wasn't tithing just for Jews of a long-dead past?" Or, "Wasn't tithing done away? Wasn't it just part of the ceremonial system introduced by the Old Covenant Law of Moses?"

Others, today, are taught, and believe, tithing was merely a form of national taxation in the civil government of the one-time nation of Israel. Still others teach that the tithe supplied the material needs of the poor, and was never put into the ministry.

O, WHAT CONFUSION today! What ignorance of the revealed laws and commands of God!

Since our WHOLE NATIONS are under a curse, *because* of a lack of understanding, as well as for disobedience to the laws of God, it's certainly about time we opened our Bibles and began to study honestly, diligently, prayerfully, exactly what the Almighty has declared on this much-perverted subject!

What Is the Tithe?

But first, before looking to the NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING to see whether or not Christians must "tithe," let me make clear just what the word "*tithe*" means.

"What, then, does God mean by that word "*tithes*"?"

It is an old English word, commonly used in England three and four hundred years ago. Today it is seldom used, except in this scriptural connection. This old expression "*tithe*" has been preserved in the Authorized, or King James translation, of the Bible—translated in 1611.

The word "*tithe*" means TENTH. A tithe of anything is the tenth part of it.

It is well known that the nation Israel, during Old Testament times, was required to tithe, that is, pay in one tenth of income. But the matter of *to whom* each Israelite paid this tenth, *which* tenth was paid, *why* and for *what purpose*, seems to confuse a great many today. And the New Testament teaching about tithing is understood only by a few.

The subject is mentioned many places in the New Testament, as well as in the Old. But first, a simple explanation of the scriptural PRINCIPLE of tithing will make it more understandable.

Let's bring the subject home to each one of us, in a plain and personal manner.

First, then, YOU or I actually own *nothing!*

"The earth is the Eternal's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (I Cor. 10:26, and Psm. 24:1.) In Job 41:11, God the Creator says: "Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is *mine*." God Almighty is CREATOR. He created the earth. He created man upon the earth. ALL BELONGS TO HIM!

It is, therefore, for HIM to say how much of what you earn you may keep and use for yourself. Your property or money actually does not belong to you—GOD is the true owner. Your income is not really yours—because ALL belongs to GOD!

We call ourselves Christian nations. We claim to BELIEVE IN GOD. Yet it seems we have lost sight of the fact that God GOVERNS all laws—that God has a definite FINANCIAL LAW! Break it, and you are under a financial CURSE—you have constant financial TROUBLES. Obey it, and you have financial PROSPERITY!

God said to ancient ISRAEL: "IF ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments . . . then I will give you rain in due season, and your land shall YIELD her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." God Almighty PROMISED that obedience to HIS LAWS would mean PROSPERITY!

Jesus Christ taught the same thing. Get your Bible. I want you to see this with your own eyes. Get your Bible NOW, and open it to Matthew 6, verses 25 and 26: "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" Then

read that 33rd verse: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

DO YOU KNOW, my friends, that if YOU COULD JUST BELIEVE Jesus Christ, you would be more prosperous—you would have fewer troubles—you would be happier—find life more WORTH WHILE? Millions of you believe ON Jesus Christ who still do NOT BELIEVE Christ. You don't BELIEVE, and PUT TO PRACTICE, the LAWS OF GOD taught all thru the Bible.

God Reserves First Tenth

Now in the BIBLE, God reveals to man that He *never* has given to man the whole of what he produces or earns. The FIRST TENTH of all you produce from the ground—of your wages, your salary, your profits, your INCOME—that FIRST TENTH remains HOLY to the Eternal, and that, He has reserved *for Himself*—*for His holy and spiritual use!*

After man has PAID TO GOD that first tenth which *belongs* only to Him—and which *never belonged to the man*—then the remaining nine-tenths, God gives to the man.

It's a good deal like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—and the first sin. The garden was beautiful beyond description. Just *one tree*, however, God reserved for Himself. That remained HIS. That, He never gave to Adam and Eve. That, they had no right to touch, or use. All the rest He gave to them. But they were not satisfied with what was theirs, ample tho it was. Filled with greed to possess *all*, they reached out and took the fruit of that forbidden tree! And that was *stealing*.

And today, the same Satan who deceived mother Eve has deceived this whole world into believing that *all* of each man's farm belongs to him—that the whole of a man's income is his! This divine and original TRUTH of ownership has been hidden from the people thru the deceptions of the god of this world! And today, nearly every man is taking and spending that *first tenth* of his income which BELONGS TO ALMIGHTY GOD!

Actually, in so doing, the individual and your whole nation is ROBBING GOD, just as surely as Adam and Eve robbed GOD when they stole the fruit of the one tree which never belonged to them!

But WHY does God retain *for Himself* the ownership of that *first tenth*—that TITHE—of your income?

Here again comes a TRUTH man would never know, and could not find out, except by God's revelation to man! *What* is man, anyway? WHY is he? Where is he going? GOD HAS A PLAN! God is working out a GREAT PURPOSE!

He reveals it in His Word—His revelation—the BIBLE.

How God Uses the Tithe

For the carrying out of His holy PURPOSE in placing mankind upon this earth, God has always had a PRIESTHOOD—a ministry, representing HIM, serving Him, carrying out His mission. Way back in the dim antiquity of patriarchal times, God's High Priest—His representative on earth—was Melchisedec.

During the natural dispensation of Israel, under the Old Covenant, the tribe of Levi constituted the ministry of God, known as the Levitical priesthood. Then later, when Jesus Christ arose from the dead, He ascended to heaven as a living HIGH PRIEST. Today He calls ministers as His true representatives in a darkened and Satan-deceived world, to carry on HIS PLAN. Today the Melchisedec Priesthood is restored in Christ.

Now it costs money to carry on the work of God. So, in order to provide for the financing of HIS MINISTRY, God has from the very beginning RETAINED for HIMSELF the *first tenth* of the income of every human being on earth. The OWNERSHIP of that first tenth of income is GOD'S.

But *how* can you pay God's tenth to Him? Since you cannot see God, or go to God's throne in heaven, God instructs you in His revealed Word to pay it to HIS REPRESENTATIVE, who, in receiving it, represents God just as a collector to whom you pay a debt represents the company to whom you owe it.

Once paid, so far as you are concerned, you have paid GOD'S tithe to GOD.

The question now is *what does GOD do with it?*

God uses it FOR HIS MINISTRY—for CARRYING ON HIS WORK!

Now the *nature* of God's ministry on earth has changed with changing dispensations. Not much is revealed as to how God's ministry was carried on back in patriarchal times. We know Melchisedec was High Priest—that He held rank equal to that of Jesus Christ, actually one of the Godhead! All we know of those days of the dim distant antiquity is that the tithes were paid to Melchisedec, a divine Being, for the service of God's ministry for that time.

But beginning with Moses a new and different dispensation was ushered in. God formed Israel as a civil nation, and also as a church (see Acts 7:38). But between Moses and Christ under the Old Covenant, God's ministry was purely *national*, for Israel alone—and purely MATERIAL, not spiritual.

As a church, or Congregation, Israel was given a constant round of physical ceremonies and rituals—animal sacri-

fices, meat and drink offerings, carnal ordinances (see Heb. 9:10)—which, NOTE IT!—were of a material, not a spiritual nature.

Consequently, the church ministry in Israel was one of ministering to *all* Israelites, and to Israelites *only*. There was no spreading of the Gospel. The ministry, rather, was largely a matter of physical labor—preparing animal sacrifices, meat and drink offerings, administering the different washings and physical ordinances and rituals. For this service, God Himself selected His ministers—the people had no choice as to who their ministers were. For this service, God took ONE WHOLE TRIBE of the twelve tribes of Israel—the Tribe of Levi. And during these years from Moses to Christ *God Himself paid His Levitical priests by turning over to them all of His Tithes*.

Today, we are the age of GRACE, the NEW Testament GOSPEL dispensation. Today, the Levitical priesthood is gone, and JESUS CHRIST is High Priest. Today all true ministers of Jesus Christ are *called* by special spiritual call from God thru His Holy Spirit—not by flesh birth—not by self-desire to become a minister—not by selection, appointment, or vote of the people.

Jesus Christ came as God's MESSENGER, bearing a Spiritual Message from God to man. That Message of His GOSPEL—the Good News of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD, a kingdom of immortals which human flesh and blood can never enter! One *must be born again!*

And today, Christ's *commission* to all His true ministers is "Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GOSPEL" . . . "Go ye, therefore, and teach ALL NATIONS." And, for our day now! "This GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the END (of the age) come." (Mat. 24:14.)

God's Ministry Today

Today the ministry is a SPIRITUAL ministry—a ministry of PROPHECY—a ministry of SALVATION—a ministry of WARNING! Today it is not physical and national, but spiritual and *individual*—it is not for a single nation, but for a witness UNTO ALL NATIONS.

Today, in these critical, chaotic days approaching the END OF AN AGE, the carrying on of God's true ministry is a *world-wide* mission, which must reach MILLIONS of people, and *quickly*, for the "night cometh, when no man can work."

Today Christ's true ministry is a huge undertaking. It requires, not the mere financing of the personal needs of a few ministers, but the employing of tremendous
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Source of Today's Religious Confusion

**Today's religious customs do not come from the Bible!
Here are the facts of their origin!**

by Dr. C. Paul Meredith

SYNOPSIS: The preceding articles have revealed amazing facts! An *impelling force*—Satan—working behind the scenes and *before* Christ's time, caused counterfeit religious practices to be formulated. They appeared like the genuine. They *seemed* to be Christian. Therefore they were secretly injected into the church *after* the time of the apostles.

These pagan practices have made it very difficult for each generation *after* Christ's time to discern and to follow the true ways to Salvation—the ways that *God* has commanded.

Why have old pagan religious practices, whose origins date usually from a period even before the time of Moses, such a vital INFLUENCE ON OUR LIVES *today*?

PATTERNED IN ADVANCE of Christ's Coming

The world just after the flood knew and understood that a Savior was to come (Gen. 3:15). After the death of Nimrod, the mighty leader and founder of civilization after the flood, his wife Semiramis succeeded him. *Babylon*—a word which means "confusion" (Gen. 10:8-10; 11:1-9)—was the home of this powerful family. Semiramis wanted to gain prestige so she could retain the large holdings which her husband had gained by war. She palmed one of her illegitimate sons off as the coming Savior and made herself the "Virgin Mother."

The Devil knew the *confusion* he could create by duplicating IN ADVANCE the teachings of Christ. So he inspired Semiramis to formulate a great number of clever teachings. These have an amazing similarity to the ones which Christ proclaimed when he came bringing the good news of the kingdom of God.

In each of her ideas AN EVIL TWIST IS FOUND. These twists benefited her, and they benefit the Devil to this very day! After Christ came, these pagan ideas became mixed with His own, and this has thrown the world into great religious confusion.

THE VERY FACT, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE NOW AWARE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE CONFUSING DOCTRINES COME FROM ONE SOURCE MAKES IT RELATIVELY EASY TO QUICKLY TRACE THEM DOWN AND TO FIND

WHETHER THEY CAME FROM GOD OR THE DEVIL. The Bible commands us to "Prove all things: Hold fast that which is good" (I Thes. 5:21). Soon Satan will, through *his* ministers, perform great wonders" so that, "if it were possible, they would deceive the very elect" (Rev. 13:13 and Mat. 24:24). IT WILL PAY TO KNOW THE DEVIL'S METHODS!

PART VIII

Relic Worship of Pagan Origin

IN MANY CHURCHES TODAY THE WORSHIP OF RELICS PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART. It is believed that, "Whenever a chapel is opened or a temple consecrated, it cannot be thoroughly complete without some relic . . . of he-saint or she-saint to GIVE SANCTITY to it . . . The grossest impostures have been practiced in regard to such relics . . . and their WONDER WORKING POWERS. . . ." In the realms of *Heathendom* the same worship had flourished for ages before Christian saints or martyrs had appeared in the world (*Hislop*, p. 176).

It was found in China, Greece, India and other places. Nimrod, it will be remembered, was cut in pieces. *Plutarch* (vol. ii. p. 358, A), describes the search Semiramis made for these pieces, "Isis (Semiramis) set out . . . in search of the scattered members of her husband's body . . . and one reason assigned for the different sepulchres of Osiris ("Nimrod") in Egypt is that whenever any one of his scattered limbs was discovered she buried it on the spot. Not only were these Egyptian RELICS SACRED THEMSELVES, BUT THEY CONSECRATED THE VERY GROUND IN WHICH THEY WERE ENTOMBED" (Ibid. sect. 20, vol. ii. p. 359 A).

"If the places where the relics of Osiris were buried were accounted peculiarly holy, it is easy to see how naturally this would give rise to the *pilgrimages* so frequent among the heathen." In the Middle Ages such *pilgrimages* to the tombs of saints were to wash away sin (*Hislop*, p. 180).

Nowhere in the Bible are pilgrimages commanded!

Mankind spread from the *original* Babylon to all parts of the earth to form *Babylon the Great*. It is thus easy to see where today's "Great Babylon" acquired

this practice. Such practices are entirely contrary to God's teachings. When a human being dies today, he *remains dead*. He cannot "sanctify," "work wonders," or "consecrate" anything. Even David, one of God's most beloved, is still dead (Acts 2:29). Only when Christ comes will the righteous *live again* (I Cor. 15:51; I Thes. 4:16). IT IS OBVIOUS WHERE THE FALSE IDEA THAT MAN CONTINUES TO LIVE AFTER HE IS DEAD COMES FROM!

Vain Repetition of Prayers

Jesus *commands*, "WHEN YE PRAY, USE NOT VAIN REPETITIONS AS THE HEATHEN DO: FOR THEY THINK THAT THEY SHALL BE HEARD FOR THEIR MUCH SPEAKING" (Matt. 6:7). Where does this mechanical repetition and telling of prayers upon beads come from then, if it is *not* commanded of God?

The rosary (the instrument containing beads on which prayers are counted) was used as a sacred instrument among the ancient Mexicans (*Humboldt's Mexican Researches*, vol. ii, p. 29), also among the Brahmans. Hindoo sacred books refer to it often. It was used by the heathen of ancient Tibet, China, and Greece, and *ancient* Rome. (Rome *before* the time of Christ!) The name "Rosary" itself seems to be from the Chaldee (Babylonian) 'Ro,' 'thought,' and 'Shareh,' 'director' (*Hislop*, p. 188). The very present name—Ro-sar-y—indicates that this method came from Babylon.

The Rosary allows people to *think* that they are worshipping God but to overlook the great fact that God wants above all things that prayer should be *from the heart*.

As regards the Rosary of the Sacred Heart, the "Heart" was one of the sacred symbols of Osiris (the Egyptian Tammuz or Nimrod), when he was supposedly born again as the infant divinity, and carried in the arms of his mother Isis (the Egyptian Semiramis). *Dryden's Aeneid*, Book i. 937-940, shows *why* the heart was Osiris' symbol when he was born again: Venus (a Grecian name for Semiramis), speaking to the boy-god, her son, said, "My son, *my might* . . . To thee thy much afflicted mother flies." The son was called "the *Strength*" of his mother. "Thus the boy-god came to be

regarded as the "god of the heart," or cupid or god of love.

In this Rosary of the *Sacred Heart*, therefore, it is Tammuz, the Sun-god, who is venerated—and in *our* day!

St. Valentine's Heart

CHRIST SAID: "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. He that followeth me shall . . . have the light of life" (John 8:12). Through Christ's WORDS, LIGHT was shed to the people on *how* to attain eternal life. Did Satan have counterfeits formulated to correspond to this part of Christ's character? Let us see.

Nimrod being reborn as the incarnation of the SUN (the light-bringer), the "sacred heart" was frequently represented as being *afire*. It became an emblem of the incarnate Son. "To be represented as a heart on *fire*, required also that burning lamps and lighted candles should form part of the worship of that Son." (Hislop's *The Two Babylons*, p. 191).

Burning lamps are used by the Yezides of Koordistan (Layard's *Babylon and Nineveh*, p. 81). In Babylon, it was exceedingly prevalent (*Apocrypha, Book of Baruch*). In pagan Rome wax tapers were used.

Nimrod (or Saturn), reborn as the sun incarnate or Sun-god, was set up as a substitute for "the Word" or Christ, as the *light bringer*: "On his (Saturn's) altars were placed wax-tapers lighted, because by Saturn men were reduced from darkness of error to *light of truth*" (Crabb, p. 12). IS IT NOT CLEAR WHOM PEOPLE TODAY ARE PAYING HOMAGE TO WHEN THEY ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE FLAMING HEART OF ST. VALENTINE'S DAY? THEY HONOR SATAN'S PAWN NIMROD AS THE "LIGHT OF THE WORLD!"

Hislop, p. 194, says, "The Lord Jesus Christ was ever the revealer of the Godhead, and must have been known to the patriarchs as such for" (quoting from 1 Sam. 3:21): "The Lord *appeared* again in Shiloh; for the Lord *revealed* Himself to Samuel by *the Word* of the Lord." The Word of the Lord, to be visible, must have been the personal 'Word of the Lord,' that is, *Christ*." No one has *seen* the Father (John 1:18). "The Word," who is the *spokesman* of God, is Christ.

"To identify the Sun-god with the *great revealer* of the godhead, while under the name of Mithra" (Nimrod), "he was exhibited in sculpture as a Lion; that Lion had a Bee represented between his lips which was intended to point him out as 'the Word'; for Dabar, the expression which signifies in Chaldee (Babylonian) a 'Bee,' signified also a 'Word'" (Dupuis *De l'origine des tous les cultes*, vol. iv p. 194).

THE DEVIL HAS BEEN COUNTERFEITING CHRIST ALL ALONG: HE NOT ONLY COUNTERFEITED CHRIST AS HE WOULD BE LATER, WHEN BORN AS A HUMAN BEING, BUT ALSO AS HE WAS THEN, WHILE HE WAS A SPIRIT BEING. The DECEPTION OF THIS WORLD BY THE DEVIL AS REGARDS CHRIST HAS BEEN A CONSTANT THING!

Other Deceptive Counterfeits

Church government in the Middle Ages was patterned after the *Pagan* College of Pontiffs, with its "Pontifex Maximus," which had existed in Rome from the *earliest* times. It is known to have been framed on the model of the grand original Council of Pontiffs at *ancient Babylon*, and the keys that their head emblems on his arms as the ensigns of his spiritual authority, were the symbols of two well-known pagan divinities who existed at Rome *before the apostate Church was ever founded*—Janus (the Roman name for a god *who represented Nimrod* in one of his many forms), and Cybele (Nimrod's wife, Semiramis). Each of these two divinities had a key which opened the doors to the kingdom of heaven.

Clerical celibacy, the shaving of the heads of priests, the pontifical crosier, and the mitre were all known in *ancient Babylon*.

These are other pieces of evidence as to *what* the people of *today* are actually worshipping. DOES GOD HOLD PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE TODAY FOR WORSHIPPING THIS SYSTEM JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE DECEIVED? HE HELD OUR FOREFATHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR WORSHIPPING THIS IDENTICALLY SAME SYSTEM OF MYSTERIES EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE DECEIVED! Why wouldn't he hold *us* responsible? *He says he will!* (Rev. 18:4). *We are to come out of Babylon* or *we will receive of her plagues!* The plagues will soon fall!

"Mystery of Iniquity" a Hidden System

As we have seen, the OPEN WORSHIP of the sun (or fire) and the snake (the Devil) was STOPPED when the righteous forces of Shem destroyed Nimrod, who had been the great power promoting this worship. SHEM FORBADE THE WORSHIP OF THESE SYMBOLS. When Semiramis started the *forbidden system* again, it *had to be* through a SYSTEM OF MYSTERIOUS SYMBOLS. We have seen that she deified her dead husband Nimrod, herself, and her son Tammuz. She associated them with great personages of the past, and set up a *system* whereby they might also be worshipped through symbols. Thus those who *were initiated* into the *meaning* of these symbols could *con-*

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Financial Troubles

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dous available facilities for PROCLAIMING THE WORLD-SHAKING WARNING—for PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM INTO ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS!

Today, God has PROVIDED for the financing of His powerful ministry by the same system He has used from the very beginning and thru *all* ages or dispensations.

But now, WHAT ABOUT YOU? God gives YOU not only the blessing of having your important part in HIS WORK, carrying the Gospel to the world—MORE than that, He gives you a direct FINANCIAL BLESSING.

The teaching of God's Word is: OBEY GOD'S LAWS, and you PROSPER! Back now, to our prophecy for today in Malachi. After telling us our peoples are today CURSED WITH A CURSE for robbing God, we read this: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storhouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10.)

That's GOD'S PROMISE! Why don't YOU put God to that test? Why don't YOU PROVE HIM, and see if He doesn't increase your income so that your own NINE-tenths God gives you will be so much larger than your WHOLE income now, that your FINANCIAL WORRIES WILL BE ENDED!

Tithing—a Financial Law

Tithing is a FINANCIAL law—not a spiritual law. Yet notwithstanding, the biggest blessing of all is the SPIRITUAL blessing! Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, *there* will your heart be also." That, too, is a law. If your treasure is *IN* this world's amusements, and pleasures—if your money—pardon me—GOD'S money—is being spent on yourself, and your selfish desires, even including your needs—then your whole heart and interest is in *THIS* world, and not in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus also said, "Seek ye *first* the KINGDOM OF GOD, *and*" all these *material* needs shall be added unto you. Seek GOD, and you'll PROSPER.

The way to GROW SPIRITUALLY, and to enjoy the glorious HAPPINESS of God's grace is to put God's tithe and your offerings—your treasure—into GOD'S WORK. Seek, with all your heart, the KINGDOM OF GOD—and financial troubles will vanish, your life will become happy, FULL, and ABUNDANT, with ASSURANCE of LIFE ETERNAL thru Jesus Christ our Lord!

Religious Confusion

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tinue their worship of the things which had been forbidden.

THIS MYSTERY SYSTEM BECAME THE MOST POWERFUL DECEPTIVE RELIGIOUS DEVICE THIS WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN,

as will later be proved by the Bible itself!

Nimrod had many titles as did also his wife (Wilkinson, vol. iv, p. 179). As we have seen, *one of Nimrod's names is Saturn*, which signifies the Hidden god. To those who were initiated, he was revealed; to all others, he was hidden. Why is this word "Saturn" the very KEY

that connects the idolatrous Babylon of that time with the Babylonish fountain-head of idolatry in our time?

"The name Saturn in *Chaldee* (Babylonian) is . . . Stur. This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number 666:— S=60, T=400, U=6, R=200. . . . But still further it turns out . . . *that the original name of Rome itself was*

ABC NETWORK SCHEDULE

About 100 radio stations of this major network are now carrying "The WORLD TOMORROW" program. Here is latest revised schedule. Keep this handy for reference.

EASTERN				KCMO			
WFBR	Baltimore, Md.	1300 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	WIL	St. Louis, Mo.	1430 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
WKBW	Buffalo, N.Y.	1520 kcs.	8:00- 8:30 pm	KWTO	Springfield, Mo.	560 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
WABC	New York, N.Y.	770 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am	KFOR	Lincoln, Neb.	1240 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm
WVET	Rochester, N.Y.	1280 kcs.	1:30- 2:00 pm	KOIL	Omaha, Neb.	1290 kcs.	10:30-11:00 am
WIKK	Erie, Penn.	1330 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am	KFGO	Fargo, N.D.	790 kcs.	6:30- 7:00 pm
WHGB	Harrisburg, Penn.	1400 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KLPM	Minot, N.D.	1390 kcs.	4:00- 4:30 pm
WLAN	Lancaster, Penn.	1390 kcs.	7:00- 7:30 pm	KSDN	Aberdeen, S.D.	930 kcs.	1:00- 1:30 pm
WCAE	Pittsburgh, Penn.	1250 kcs.	4:00- 4:30 pm	KSOO	Sioux Falls, S.D.	1140 kcs.	12:00-12:30 pm
WFVA	Fredericksburg, Va.	1230 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	WKTY	LaCrosse, Wis.	580 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon
WRNL	Richmond, Va.	910 kcs.	7:30- 8:00 pm	WCAN	Milwaukee, Wis.	1250 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon
WMEV	Marion, Va.	1010 kcs.	4:30- 5:00 pm				
WKNA	Charleston, W. Va.	950 kcs.	1:30- 2:00 pm	SOUTH			
NEW ENGLAND				WSGN	Birmingham, Ala.	610 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm
WELI	New Haven, Conn.	960 kcs.	6:15- 6:45 pm	KLRA	Little Rock, Ark.	1250 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm
WHOB	Gardner, Mass.	1340 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	WKLO	Louisville, Ky.	1080 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm
WORC	Worcester, Mass.	1310 kcs.	3:00- 3:30 pm	KRMG	Tulsa, Okla.	740 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
WABI	Bangor, Me.	910 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	MOUNTAIN			
WTSV	Claremont, N.H.	1230 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KCLF	Clifton, Ariz.	1400 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WLNH	Laconia, N.H.	1350 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KCNA	Tucson, Ariz.	580 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
WTSL	Lebanon, N.H.	1400 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KVOD	Denver, Colo.	630 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WMUR	Manchester, N.H.	610 kcs.	10:30-11:00 am	KGHF	Pueblo, Colo.	1350 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WPJB	Providence, R.I.	1420 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KGEM	Boise, Idaho	1140 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WTSA	Brattleboro, Vt.	1450 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KBIO	Burley, Idaho	1230 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
SOUTH ATLANTIC				KOPR	Butte, Mont.	550 kcs.	12:00-12:30 pm
WMJF	Daytona Beach, Fla.	1450 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KMON	Great Falls, Mont.	560 kcs.	7:00- 7:30 am
WGGG	Gainesville, Fla.	1230 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KTRC	Santa Fe, N.M.	1400 kcs.	10:30-11:00 am
WPDQ	Jacksonville, Fla.	600 kcs.	7:00- 7:30 pm	KVOC	Casper, Wyo.	1230 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WQAM	Miami, Fla.	560 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KFBC	Cheyenne, Wyo.	710 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WWPG	Palm Beach, Fla.	1340 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KRAL	Rawlins, Wyo.	1240 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WTNT	Tallahassee, Fla.	1450 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	PACIFIC COAST			
WSUN	Tampa, Fla.	620 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KPMC	Bakersfield, Calif.	1560 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WGST	Atlanta, Ga.	920 kcs.	7:30- 8:00 pm	KROP	Brawley, Calif.	1300 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
WGAC	Augusta, Ga.	580 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KARM	Fresno, Calif.	1430 kcs.	4:00- 4:30 pm
WGIG	Brunswick, Ga.	1440 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KABC	Los Angeles, Calif.	790 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WAYS	Charlotte, N.C.	610 kcs.	7:00- 7:30 pm	KTIP	Porterville, Calif.	1450 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WNAO	Raleigh, N.C.	850 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KITO	San Bernardino, Calif.	1290 kcs.	12:00-12:30 pm
MIDDLE WEST				KCBQ	San Diego, Calif.	1170 kcs.	12:00-12:30 pm
WJBC	Bloomington, Ill.	1230 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KGO	San Francisco, Calif.	810 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WAIT	Chicago, Ill.	820 kcs.	1:00- 1:30 pm	KASH	Eugene, Ore.	1600 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WENR	Chicago, Ill.	890 kcs.	12:00-12:30 pm	KFLW	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1450 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WJPS	Evansville, Ind.	1330 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KWRC	Pendleton, Ore.	1240 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
WGL	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	1250 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KJUN	Redmond, Ore.	1240 kcs.	9:00- 9:30 am
KSO	Des Moines, Ia.	1460 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KVOS	Bellingham, Wash.	1230 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
KLIL	Estherville, Ia.	1340 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KPKW	Pasco, Wash.	1340 kcs.	4:00- 4:30 pm
KXEL	Waterloo, Ia.	1540 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KGA	Spokane, Wash.	1510 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
WREN	Topeka, Kans.	1250 kcs.	8:30- 9:00 pm	KTEL	Walla Walla, Wash.	1490 kcs.	10:00-10:30 am
WBCM	Bay City, Mich.	1440 kcs.	3:00- 3:30 pm	ALASKA AND HAWAII			
WXYZ	Detroit, Mich.	1270 kcs.	12:30- 1:00 pm	KENI	Anchorage	550 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
KATE	Albert Lea, Minn.	1450 kcs.	2:00- 2:30 pm	KFAR	Fairbanks	660 kcs.	9:30-10:00 am
KTOE	Mankato, Minn.	1420 kcs.	5:15- 5:45 pm	KJNO	Juneau	630 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
KDMA	Montevideo, Minn.	1450 kcs.	11:30-12:00 noon	KABI	Ketchikan	580 kcs.	11:00-11:30 am
				KULA	Honolulu	690 kcs.	2:30- 3:00 pm

Saturnia, 'the city of Saturn.' This is vouched alike by Ovid, by Pliny, and by Aurelius Victor." *Thus ancient Rome was branded with the number 666* (Rev. 13:18). "Virgil . . . showed that *Latinos*, to whom the Romans or Latin race traced back their lineage, was represented with a *glory* around his head, to show that he was a '*child of the Sun*'—a symbol of devil worship (*Hislop*, pp. 269-270).

Note in particular that NIMROD, THE HEAD OF THE PAGAN SUN-SERPENT WORSHIP, WHO WAS FALSELY REPRESENTED AS THE VERY SON OF GOD, BORE THE NUMBER 666! This same number continues to be branded on the present-day Babylonish system, whose symbols hide the actual worship of the devil. How do we know? Because a world-wide religious leader who represents this system will brand himself with this number by his very actions!—by acting as Nimrod did—setting himself in the place of Christ, the Son of God!

It is prophesied that Christ will come and smite the nations and rule them (Isa. 9:6; Rev. 19:15). From His capital, Jerusalem, the law will go forth (Isa. 2:1-4). But what is also prophesied to happen *just before* Christ will establish his rule in Jerusalem?

God says, "I will bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem" (Joel 3:1). Literal Jerusalem is soon to go into captivity to a coming union of fascist dictators in Europe. The *religious head* of this coming union will "Plant the tabernacle of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain" in Palestine (Dan. 11:45).

He will place *his* headquarters of worship in the land which prophecy shows Christ intends to use as His own headquarters and place of worship. Furthermore, this human religious head will "Exalt himself above all that is called God . . . so that he as God sitteth in the

temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (II Thes. 2:4).

Christ, THE SON OF GOD, is to come to Jerusalem to establish the worship of God on the earth, but here will be a mortal man who will come to this same place to spread the Babylonish worship on the earth. This man will thus attempt *to usurp the authority of Christ* . . . he will actually try to be the *only* "Representative of the Son of God," which translated into Latin is "Filius vicarius Dei." It adds up to 666: i=1, l=50, v=5, c=100, d=500. The letters f, a, r, s, and e have no numerical value. THIS MAN WILL PLACE UPON HIMSELF THE SAME NUMBER THAT NIMROD, THE ORIGINATOR OF THE WORLD'S FALSE RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, CARRIED. NIMROD, AS THE "SON OF GOD," WAS REPRESENTED AS BEING CHRIST!

Here is *proof* that the *system* of Mysterious Iniquity, whose head will brand himself with the number 666, is the *same hidden system* that has existed from the flood and *for the only purpose of perverting God's teachings*. It is no wonder that Christ's gospel was "infiltrated" and twisted. The wonder would have been if this had not occurred!

In summarizing, recall that mysterious or *hidden* symbols are used. These *symbols exist today*, such as the Christmas tree, the Easter egg, the hot cross bun—there are *many* others.

Also, just as symbolic as the Christmas tree and other material symbols, are the *periods of time* set apart by Satan for the worship of *other* than the *true* GOD—Christmas, Easter, Lent—and many other symbolical periods which are *binding* from people today the *real* "gods" they are worshipping! SATAN HAS ALWAYS TAUGHT ANOTHER GOSPEL—A WRONG AND IMPOSSIBLE WAY OF ATTAINING IMMORTALITY—YOU CAN'T WORSHIP THE SYMBOLS OF SATAN'S GODS AND ACHIEVE ETERNAL LIFE.

Even to the initiated this worship was mysterious or *hidden* until explained. The individual (Satan) who is at the head is mysterious or *hidden*. God has given his system the name "Babylon," which means "Confusion" (Rev. 14:5). No wonder the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with confusing doctrines (Rev. 14:2).

Satan *hid* in the form of a serpent; Adam *hid* in the garden after he had sinned; Nimrod was *hidden* in the Chaldean Mysteries. The Devil is now the (*hidden*) god of this world (II Cor. 4:4) and is deceiving the *whole* earth (Rev. 12:9)! THE WORLD TODAY THINKS IT IS WORSHIPPING GOD, BUT HE SAYS IT IS DECEIVED!

We have now seen that there were *pagan religious practices* in the time of Christ and the apostles which *closely resembled* the doctrines they practiced and preached. We have studied these pagan customs and found that they originated from a *common* source—the old Babylonian Mysteries of Semiramis, and that they have found their way into religious practices of our day. *They mask the way to salvation which Christ taught. THIS BABYLONISH SYSTEM MASQUERADING AS CHRISTIAN CONTROLS THE WORSHIP OF THE WORLD TODAY!*

We now know the information conveyed by the "*number*"—666—of the Babylonish system of Revelation 13:18. But what about the "*mark of the beast*" which is mentioned in this same chapter in verse 17? What light does paganism throw upon this? Has this "*mark*" anything to do with our salvation today? Has this anything to do with another of Satan's counterfeits? We shall learn of this in the forthcoming issue of the PLAIN TRUTH. WATCH FOR IT! *Fortunate* will be the *few* who find their way out of this *morass of confusion* and STAND READY to be transformed at Christ's soon coming!

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