





ly GAINING GROUND. They are constantly GROWING in God's KNOWLEDGE, from the BIBLE. They are constantly rooting out wrong habits, driving themselves into RIGHT habits. They are constantly growing closer to GOD through Bible study and prayer. They are constantly growing in CHARACTER, toward perfection, even though not yet perfect.

With Paul, they say: ". . . Not as though I had already attained, or were already perfect: but I FOLLOW AFTER, . . . Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this one thing I do*, FORGETTING those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS!"

But, someone may ask, what if one's life is cut off, and he dies *before* he has attained this perfection? Is he saved, or lost? The answer is that we shall never obtain absolute perfection in *this* life.

I said, earlier, that a person who is converted does receive the Holy Spirit at a *definite time—all at once!* Not the full measure Christ had—he is not at once full grown spiritually—only a spiritual babe in Christ. Yet he is then a changed, converted man—changed in mind, in attitude, in the *direction* he has set himself to strive to travel. Even though he has not yet reached perfection—even though he may have stumbled under temptation, and taken a spiritual fall—as long as, in his mind and heart, he is earnestly striving to travel GOD'S WAY, to overcome and grow spiritually—as long as God's Spirit is in him—as long as he is being LED BY the Spirit of God, he is a begotten SON of God.

If, anywhere along this life's journey, that life is cut short, such a man will be resurrected.

It is only the one who deliberately QUILTS and GIVES UP—who REJECTS God, and God's WAY, and rejects Christ as his Saviour—who turns FROM this direction of GOD'S WAY, *in his mind and heart*—in his inner INTENT—who deliberately and intentionally in his mind TURNS FROM Christ, who is lost. If, once having been converted, having received God's Spirit, and TASTED OF

the joys of GOD'S WAY, one deliberately rejects that way, makes the DECISION, not under stress of temptation, but deliberately and finally, NOT to go God's way, then God says it is IMPOSSIBLE to renew such a one to repentance. He would have to REPENT of that decision. But if he WILFULLY made it, not in a time of temptation, but calmly, deliberately, wilfully, then he just WILL NOT ever repent of it.

But anyone who FEARS he may have committed the "unpardonable sin"—is perhaps worried about it, and HOPES he

## Australia

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### What if Britain Enters the Common Market?

This question has Australian businessmen *truly worried!* Should Great Britain enter the Common Market, as she has been busily trying to do (while it looks as if she may well be kept out), Australia and New Zealand would have to pay a large part of the economic bill!

For example, Australia would have to find alternate markets for the lion's share of many of her most important exports. Presently, the British market takes 90% of Australia's canned fruit export, 75% of its butter export, 60% of its dried fruit and 50% of its sugar. Their prospects of finding alternate markets for such huge percentages of exports would not be easy! Faced with this potential effect of the Common Market—Australia has been FORCED to look hopefully toward ASIA for new and expanded outlets for its produce!

Australia is now selling vast amounts of wool to Japan, for instance. As Sir John Crawford, Australian economist, said recently, "*Japan is the major customer in Australia's improved exports to Asian and Pacific Countries!*" (Emphasis mine.) He went on to say "Japan becomes the *Britain of the Far East* as far as we are concerned!"

He anticipated, in a speech given before Sydney businessmen, an increase in trade with Communist China and said, "Americans will have to understand that the more we are pushed out of Europe or the United States, the more

*has not* committed it, and still WANTS to have God's salvation—no such has committed it—such a one MAY repent, and go right on to salvation IF HE WANTS TO!

If YOU have stumbled and fallen down, *DON'T BE DISCOURAGED!* Get up and press on ahead!

If you see a Christian do something wrong, *DON'T SIT IN JUDGMENT AND CONDEMN*—that's God's business to judge, not yours! Let's have compassion and mercy—WE don't know the inner heart of others—only GOD does!

we will be under pressure to trade in nonstrategic goods with China."

### Out of the Frying Pan Into the Fire!

But could Australia safely turn to *Asia?* Recently, when Australia was being left out of a dramatic trade alliance being planned among the anti-Communist nations of Asia, Sir Raphael Cilento said, "This represents one of the most *blistering* comments on our *lack of vision* that I have ever heard!" (Emphasis mine.)

He had just returned from a three-week visit to Japan and Southeast Asian countries—reporting how Asian leaders had told him they had stopped looking to Australia for co-operation.

They had repeatedly commented to Sir Raphael, "You have been in different history for more than a century; *history is now catching up on you but you won't know it until the axe falls.*"

In his shocking statement subsequently released to the Press, Sir Raphael made eminently clear Australia's frightening position of today. He said, "Nobody seemed to consider Australia in the picture, because their view is that Australia is tied up with Britain and America, and although our future in the next ten years is *linked with Asia* we just are not interested enough to make a contribution!"

"*I returned to Australia with chills running up and down my spine!*"

One of the leading Australian graziers said recently that Australia stood a fine chance of being *annihilated* if invaded by the hordes of Asia. He said Australia's *only hope* of surviving isolation would be to accept *complete racial integration* with Asiatics in the near future. The





Wide World Photo

BRUNEI TOWN, Brunei, December 11—Units of the crack Commando of the British Queen's Own Highlanders land in Anduki airfield near the rebel-held oil center of Seria for another action against the rebels. Picture shows the Highlanders landing and proceeding to contact the rebels.



Wide World Photo

BRITISH TROOPS IN BRUNEI—British troops prepare at Brunei Airport for a second attack on the rebels at Seria Oil Town, Dec. 10. The rebels made a bid for power in the oil-rich, sultan-ruled British Protectorate. By the end of the week resistance by the rebels was continuing in only one or two places. Many rebels fled into the jungle.

grazier, Mr. Denzil McArthur-Onslow, of Camden Park, New South Wales, was speaking in a TV interview. He said present-day Australians would almost surely *oppose* the idea of racial integration, but added, "Australia might find in the next generation or so that she *has to accept complete racial integration to survive.*" (Emphasis mine.)

But WHY ALL THE PROBLEMS? Is Australia under some kind of *national curse?*

Is there some terrible trend under way that has deeper significance than most realize—and it's all REVEALED in BIBLE PROPHECY! Australia is mentioned, along with Britain and the United States, in prophecy! You need to understand the indictments God has placed in His Word against a heedless people to whom He has given the priceless treasures of earth!

### Australia In Prophecy

Australia is a part of ISRAEL! They are another part of the Great British "Commonwealth of Nations" and, therefore, very much a part of the *Ephraim* of your Bible! (If you have not yet read Mr. Armstrong's booklet *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy* write in for your free copy immediately!)

Australia is a Commonwealth nation. First, as a penal colony, it was a refuge for political and religious prisoners, and later it became a safe harbor and new land for thousands of immigrants from

Great Britain who were seeking freedoms as were the early colonists of the United States.

Australia is loyal to the Queen. Her people are white, English-speaking *Israelites!*

Here is just *one more* of the GREAT nations of this earth fulfilling God's promise of national inheritance to the seed of Abraham! God had said to Abraham "thou shalt be a father of *many nations!*" (Gen. 17:4). Later, God repeated this same promise to Jacob and said "thy seed (*plural*) shall be as the *dust of the earth*, and you shall spread abroad to the *west*, and to the *EAST*, and to the *north*, and to the *south*: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 28:14).

Notice—God spoke to Jacob from the point of view of physical Palestine. The *only really great area* to the EAST of Palestine to become a *permanent possession of Israel* is the *great continent of Australia!*

Yes, the seed of Abraham was prophesied to spread *around this earth!* The Australian people are a part of *Israel!*

### The Sins of Israel

Australia is launched on a vast program of national expansion. With the expansion and benefits of modern industrial ingenuity, Australia, like the other nations of Israel, is drifting into *materialism.*

God warns, "My people are destroyed

for *lack of knowledge*, because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me, seeing you have *forgotten the law of thy God*, I will also forget your children" (Hos. 4:6).

But what kind of knowledge? Certainly God is not saying the nations of Israel today are lacking in the *technological* knowledge, the *scientific* knowledge which enables them to build gigantic instruments of destruction! No—God means a totally DIFFERENT kind of knowledge! He means the knowledge of *His laws!* *Israel has forgotten the LAWS of God.*

While Australia, nationally, has not as *yet* degenerated into the same vortex of crime as has the United States, she, nevertheless, has all the elements present, *and is inviting more into her borders*, necessary for national debauchery on an unparalleled scale.

Long ago, God promised our forefathers we would inherit a *good land*, "a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of the valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil, olives, and honey; a land wherein you shall eat bread without scarceness, you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig brass" (Deut. 8:7-9). *God has fulfilled His end of the bargain!* God has given Israel the very choicest places of all this earth!

But God also commanded "When ye



have eaten and are full, then shall ye bless the Eternal your God for the good land which He has given thee. Beware that ye *forget not* the Eternal thy God, *in not keeping His commandments . . .* which I command thee this day: LEST when ye have eaten and art full, and have built goodly houses and dwelt therein; and when your herds and your flocks multiply . . . then thine heart be lifted up, and ye *forget* the Eternal thy God . . . and it shall be, if ye do at all forget the Eternal your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that YE SHALL SURELY PERISH!" (Deut. 8:10-19). *God means what He says!*

### God Forewarns Australia

Already, Almighty God is bringing certain blights and afflictions upon the land of Australia in solemn warning.

In Queensland, aerial bombardment of strychnine laden meat has been necessary in order to curb the frightening scourge of thousands of dingos, the Australian wild dog, responsible for the ravaging of sheep and cattle there.

God has already begun to intervene *in the weather!*

Notice! God said if we (Israel) did not OBEY Him, relying on HIM for our protection, keeping HIS laws, then He would destroy our national economies! "And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be *brass*, and the earth that is under thee shall be *iron*. The Eternal shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust, from heaven shall it come down upon thee, *until thou be destroyed!*" (Deuteronomy 28:23-24).

Australia is a great agricultural nation. The Australian people cannot eat TV sets, cars or money! They must depend, LIKE EVERY NATION—ON THE WEATHER!

*The weather in Australia is turning upside down!*

*Why is this happening?*

It is happening for a definite PURPOSE—for a particular *reason!* Almighty God is beginning to DEAL with Australia! He is now sending the very same message of Jesus Christ with great power to all heavily populated parts of that great island-continent! The Australian people are beginning to hear with their own ears the ADVANCE news

of the coming Kingdom of God!

The message is the *same*. It remains *unchanged*. God is pleading with Australia to "REPENT [or] ye shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3).

### Inviting Strangers In

Shocking though it may seem—Australia is now beginning to feverishly build the very instrument of its own future downfall! It doesn't need to happen—God doesn't *want* it to happen—but UNLESS the Australian people *repent*, IT WILL HAPPEN!

*Australia*, like all of Israel, is headed toward *captivity!*

Right now, the Australian government is feverishly inviting foreign elements into Australia, in order to stave off the thing which it fears. In talking to some individuals within the immediate area of Sydney, I find that many of the foreign influences are beginning to gain control of the shops and the businesses, encroach upon formerly large Australian estates, and obtain positions within civic and Federal governments.

*This was prophesied!*

"The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee *very high*; and ye shall come down *very low!*" (Deut. 28:43). Just as ancient Israel made the mistake of seeking to the *Gentile nations* for her protection, making pacts and treaties, instead of trusting in God—so is modern-day Israel guilty of the same sin! Australia at the present time is linked with Gentile nations as a member of SEATO, the Southeast Asian Treaty Organization. She, like other nations of Israel, is looking to *Gentile nations* for protection from her potential enemies. *This practice God condemns!*

### The Frightening Future

Here is what the future may hold for Australia!

There is a nagging fear in the back of the minds of many serious-thinking men in Australia today that Communism may well launch a concerted effort at the take-over and domination of their country.

They look with apprehension and worry at the giant power of the United States being spurned, scorned and treated with disdain and contempt everywhere! They see their strongest ally, and in a sense, their protector, the United States

of America BACKING DOWN!

Anti-Americanism is raging like wind-whipped brush fires around the world! While the news agencies proclaim the message of peace with on-the-surface visits by the chiefs of State, the real behind-the-scenes picture is one of increased distrust and hatred toward the United States, with the United States *backing down* before its antagonists around the world.

The Australian people have *seen* the way the United States has FAILED to stand up to the Communists in Indo-China, the Mideast, Hungary, and, in many instances, in acts of aggression against unarmed American airplanes or even civilian personnel. Accordingly, there is an exceedingly nagging worry in the minds of many Australians today that, if they should be faced with an imminent Communist invasion, the United States may, WHEN THE CHIPS ARE REALLY DOWN, *leave Australia to her own devices!*

There is a vague doubt in the minds of some that the United States will really STAND before Communism should any acts of armed aggression against Australia begin.

*This may well occur!* The United States is going the way of *ancient Rome*; heedless to the tremendous national dangers which it now faces, it is on a toboggan slide toward *national oblivion*. It may become totally *unable* to protect Australia! While the United States and Great Britain are faced with the prophesied revival of the "beast," a union of ten powerful nations in Europe, forming the rebuilding of the ancient Roman Empire, Australia may well be taken over by an entirely *different* enemy! Australia, trying to populate and industrialize to *stave off Communism*, may become the SLAVES OF COMMUNISTS!

And make no mistake about it—aggression is actually BEING PLANNED against Australia! One of the most stunning news releases of recent times was the article published in the *Sunday Mirror* in Sydney during the summer of 1960.

A British historian, diplomat and correspondent, George Bilainkin, had just returned from a tour throughout Asia. Japan and China, he said, were engaged in staggering revolutions that would



overrun the sprawling continent "down under" almost overnight.

He said, "This Asian invasion is just a natural form of evolution . . . as inevitable as the march of Hitler."

Notice this! He also predicted Japan would soon be buying from CHINA INSTEAD OF AMERICA! (Be sure to read the article on JAPAN in this issue!) "Later, but swiftly," he said, "must come their union—nearly 750 million angry, bitter people. In five or six years the Japanese and their millions will find homes and prosperous work in the Asian continent of Australia."

What an age! A world priding itself on its "civilization" has NOT yet labored out of the dark ages of sheer inhuman bestiality! Listen to these words—the EXACT words spoken over short-wave radio, claiming to be Radio Makassar, broadcasting the death sentences of Indonesians working for the Dutch in West New Guinea and later on ALL THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE! "So you 10 million Australian people, you would like to see the Dutch keep us from our West Irian. Remember, Australia, you have only 10 million people, Indonesia has 80 million people, and behind us are 500 million Chinese, and the Russians. They are all our friends. One day, after we take West Irian and all New Guinea, we will come to Australia. Then we will deal with you small 10 million people with hypodermic injections for all. Then you Australians will be no more."

What was this? Just the words of an excitable, irresponsible radio announcer, who allowed his private emotions to "run away" with him?

Or was it the sentiment of MILLIONS, spoken by one man?

It's time to WAKE UP, Australia—it's time to HEED!

Australia is being weighed in the balance, and is being found wanting! But there is a way out for YOU! God says those who are really YIELDED—whose lives have been given as a living sacrifice—who are truly converted, need not fear this terrible time of world chaos which is just ahead. Rather, God promises He will "keep thee from the hour of trial, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

May God help you to heed!

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

# Short Questions

## FROM OUR READERS

Your two articles on "Germany in Prophecy" in the December and January issues were fascinating. But could you provide me some authoritative quote that illustrates that the name Deutsch—which Germans call themselves—really comes from the name Tiw or Tuysco, the old Germanic name of Asshur, the father of the Assyrians? If this fact is true then certainly the Germans are Assyrians by descent.

There was not sufficient space in the last issue to answer this question in full. But here is the information the reader wishes.

Early in 1605 an important publication appeared in England entitled *Restitution of Decayed Intelligence: in An-*

*tiquities*. The author, R. Verstegan, had this to say about the origin of the name of the German people:

"Tuysco, the most ancient and peculiar god of all the Germans . . . Of this Tuisco, the first and chiefest man of many among the Germans, AND AFTER WHOM THEY DO CALL THEMSELVES *Tuytsben*, that is, *duytsbes* or *duytsb* people, I have already spoken."

Tuysco—often spelled for short as Tiw—or Tyr were the German names of Asshur, ancestor of the Assyrians. And the only modern nation to bear his name, to call themselves and their land after him, are the German people. By their own admission they are Assyrians!

## WILL THERE BE A Secret Rapture?

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by them in white apparel (angels); which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you *into heaven*, shall so come IN LIKE MANNER as you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11).

Many do not grasp the significance of this prophecy of God—given by angels. But, the clear statement was that Jesus' ultimate return to this earth would be in exactly *the same manner* in which He left. Jesus Christ went straight up into the atmosphere of this earth and disappeared into the clouds as He made His ascent into heaven. Jesus Christ is going to return in precisely the same way—straight down out of the clouds of the air to the solid ground of this earth. Jesus is *not* going to pause in mid-air to rapture His saints and then return to heaven. If this were so, these angels *lied*.

There is simply *no room* for a secret rapture in any of these scriptures.

### Returns to the Mount of Olives

The prophet Zechariah also prophesied of this *same day*. He writes, "Behold the *day of the Lord* cometh (the exact same day and time spoken of in I Thessalonians and in the book of Revelation) . . . and his feet shall stand IN THAT DAY upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east . . ." (Zech. 14:1,4).

Yes, Jesus Christ will return to this earth *exactly* as He left it! He will return visibly—in the midst of the time of great trouble and tribulation upon the earth such as has never been since the beginning of time nor shall ever be again (Matt. 24:21). He will resurrect the dead in Christ and at the same time transform the living who have obeyed Jesus Christ, and they *together* shall be "caught up" (not raptured) to meet the returning Christ in the air as He descends upon the Mount of Olives. IN THAT VERY DAY and at that exact time Jesus Christ will set His feet upon