Is America in Decline?

While America struggles with recession, drugs, riots, crime, joblessness, and increasing poverty, our former enemies, Germany and Japan, forge ahead, flexing newfound economic and political muscle. For decades, I foretold events happening NOW, before your eyes! I foretold the reunification of Germany, the disintegration of the Warsaw Pact, potential *alliance with Russia*, the creation of a *United States of Europe*; the rise of *Japan* to superpower status. For decades, I warned TRADE WAR was coming; that this competition would grow ever more bitter, until *political* estrangement would follow, and, eventually, *world WAR!* Were those predictions *accurate*?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Your life, and perhaps that of your parents, has been dominated for forty-seven years by the all-pervasive fear of the *Soviet Union!*

Immediately upon the end of World War II it became obvious the Soviets would not withdraw from Eastern Europe. Instead, they would use the mighty Red Army to exert complete control over all the countries they had "liberated" from Nazi Germany, including East Germany itself.

When it appeared this growing Red menace would spread to Greece, providing the Soviets with the warm water ports they had always sought, helping them to propel themselves into a world-dominating role through the projection of growing sea power, Britain sent tanks into Greece, and in 1947 the U.S. began sending aid to both Greece and Turkey to combat growing Communist hegemony.

How ironic that, less than one year after the surrender of Germany, British troops found themselves fighting Communists in Greece!

The Soviet grip on East Germany and all of Eastern Europe; Communism's advances in China and Korea—all contrived to convince American strategists that the Soviet Union sought global dominance. Though some had advocated turning Germany into a non-industrial, agrarian state, preventing her from ever reclaiming world power status, all such ideas were quickly overridden by the growing fear of Communism.

Now, it was decided to *rebuild* Germany as a "bulwark against the east," to *rebuild* Japan to perform the same function in Asia: the *containment of expanding world Communism.*

By 1947, General George C. Marshal, now Secretary of State, proposed to Congress a massive infusion of aid and American technical know-how to rebuild Germany's bombed-out factories. The Congress, stung by a growing fear of world Communism, voted to spend some twelve billion dollars of U.S. taxpayers' money to *rebuild* the nation those taxpayers had just destroyed!

The "Marshal Plan" was implemented. Bombed-out German factories were rapidly *rebuilt*, using modern American know-how and advanced technology. The famous "Berlin Airlift" was a shining example of just how much the U.S. now depended upon Germany as a faithful ally, upon Berlin as a bastion of Western power deep within East Germany. In early 1948, the Russians blockaded all land access into Berlin. Soon, beleaguered citizens faced starvation. At great cost, and significant loss of life and aircraft, U.S. forces airlifted 2,343,215 tons of food and other supplies into Berlin.

Soviet pressure on Turkey, civil war in Greece, the Soviet-inspired coup in Czechoslovakia, and the creation of Cominform all resulted in the founding of NATO to counter the growing Communist threat. Now, Germany was needed as never before.

There followed the booming years of the 1950s, and *wirtschaftwunder*, or the "economic miracle," in West Germany. All through these years, I wrote articles warning about growing German industrial and economic strength, about her eventual dominance of Europe, about her ultimate position at the helm of a ten-nation combine which would be larger and more powerful than the United States of America.

Would the same Germans we had just forced to accept unconditional surrender now march as our docile allies against a common enemy to the East? Or would they eventually, like a Frankenstein monster (and I used this very term in several articles), turn upon their mentor?

We went to war in Korea to stop Communist expansion. After years of fighting, billions spent, tens of thousands of lives lost, nothing was settled. Korea remained exactly as it was: a divided nation, with a Communist government in control of North Korea. We spent countless billions of dollars on our military organizations throughout those nearly fifty years because of our fear of Soviet expansion. The big enemy was always *the Soviets!*

thick one could scarcely move. We marveled as we watched gleeful East Germans sample their first banana or pineapple, ogle the bulging store windows with their dizzying array of consumer goods, stop to purchase a hot dog and a beer from one of the dozens of ramshackle stands that had been quickly set up along the sidewalks.

At one intersection, harried West German merchants labored, perspiring as they opened up case after case of fresh fruit, drinks of all kind, selling them as quickly as they could to the East German throngs.

The crowds were especially heavy at each *bank* or exchange store, where East Germans could stop and pick up a *guaranteed handout* of West German marks to enjoy their first shopping spree in West Berlin!

How well I remember sitting inside a charming coffee shop right at the entry to infamous "Checkpoint Charlie," the American-controlled point of access to West Berlin from East Berlin, watching a gleeful young East German youth striding toward the east clutching a pineapple in his hand!

I was there, *seeing with my own eyes*, HISTORY in the making—PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED!

I *knew* this was the beginning of the collapse of all Eastern Europe, the beginning of *German reunification*, a major step toward the creation of a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE which would one day loom as a terrible *threat* to the future security of my own beloved homeland, the United States of America!

I worked on an article for a special edition of this magazine while in Berlin. It was published in January, 1990, illustrated by a cover picture of the excited crowds at the Brandenburg Gate, under the title, "New Order Coming In Germany."

In that article, I compiled and reprinted more than *fifty* separate quotations from many of my past sermons, campaigns, radio and TV broadcasts, and magazine articles. I selected several quotations from old issues of the *Plain Truth* (of which I was executive editor at the time), some written by myself, others by senior editors and writers of the magazine, a few by my father, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

This was *vindication!* This was PROOF! This was time to tell people in no uncertain terms, "We *told* you so!"

The other day, I had occasion to ask two men well up into middle age who had known my father personally what they thought *he* would have done, had he still been alive (he died in 1986 at the age of 93) when the Berlin Wall came down. They replied that he would have gone straight to Germany; that he would have looked up all those old issues of the magazine he had published; that he would have researched his sermon and broadcast notes, his booklets, and reprinted dozens of quotations to remind his readers of how he had spent over *fifty years of his life* trumpeting the witness and warning message about a coming "United States of Europe"!

How incredibly *accurate* and *detailed* these warnings were, and how *fantastically ahead of their time!*

He would have shouted, "I TOLD YOU SO!"

They were right, of course. That is exactly what he would have done. What a *shock* it was, then, to see the editorial in the *Plain Truth* in January, 1990, with it's title "No Magic Words," and a quotation about "open sesame," saying there are "no shortcuts" in Christianity—an article which totally ignored all these earth-shaking events, acted as if the writer was oblivious to their vast portent; their prophetic meaning!

As I jokingly told several audiences at the time (an earthquake had struck Southern California), the tremors they felt out in California was probably my father turning over violently in his grave! If God were to have miraculously resurrected him at that time, he would have *fired* the entire staff of his magazine!

Now, let me give you only a *few* of those same quotations I reprinted in *Twentieth Century WATCH* in January, 1990. Please notice carefully the *dates* of each, and remember what was happening in the world at that time!

Only one month after I was discharged from the Navy after having been off-shore Korea on the U.S.S. Antietam (CV-36), the *Plain Truth* magazine said, "The 10 horns [in Revelation 17:12-14]...will be...the revival of the BEAST, the Roman Empire, 'out of the bottomless pit,' by a 'United States of Europe,' or federation of 10 European nations *within the bounds of the old Roman Empire*" (p. 11, emphasis mine).

The old Roman Empire included the heartland of Europe, embodying such nations as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Romania.

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

How incredibly *accurate* and *detailed* these warnings were, and how *fantastically ahead of their time!* Now, about forty years later—seemingly to us a long time, but in the span of

Continued on page 15

Decline

Continued from page 7

history a mere moment—Eastern Europe is *independent*, the Soviet Union is *gone*, Germany is *reunited*, and is the most powerful nation of them all, challenging even the United States in a virtual *trade war!* And, to top it all, the *Pope* was instrumental in prying Poland loose from the Communist grip, and a *United States of Europe* is forming, exactly as we foretold it so many times!

If you did not receive that special issue of *Twentieth Century WATCH* for December 1989-January 1990, I urge you to write for an unabridged reprint of the main article, "New Order Coming In Germany," and read for yourself all of the more than *fifty* quotations I mentioned, proving the decades-long consistency of the witness and warning that is being shouted to our peoples over the power of radio and television, through the printed word, and in personal evangelism!

God's work has never faltered! It marches on, today!

Somehow, for some reason *HE* knows, God has brought *you* into contact with it!

Now, *how could I have known*?

The Major KEY to Prophecy

The most important single KEY to unlock the mysteries of Bible prophecy is to understand the modern *identity* of the nations mentioned most often in the Bible.

Is God *aware* of this world, *today*? Or has God gone way off in the darkest reaches of the universe somewhere, having disappeared from the near environment of earth some millions of years ago, no longer concerned, or even *aware* of developments here below?

For, if the Bible *ignores* the great nations of today; if the Bible ignores the greatest superpower the world has ever seen, the United States of America, then HOW can it be the relevant, inspired, divinely-revealed *Word of God* which deals with the "time of the end" of biblical prophecy?

Does the Bible deal only with nations barely emerging from the bronze age?

No, if Bible prophecy is relevant to *our time*, then it *must* mention the United States, Britain, Germany, and other great powers. After all, many less significant nations are mentioned over and over again, like Egypt, Syria, and other countries of the Middle and near East.

When I was but a small boy, my father began studying the works of earlier writers, who themselves had in turn studied yet other historians and writers in Great Britain and elsewhere.

After extensive research, my father concluded many of these writers were *correct* in their assertion that Great Britain is *Ephraim*, and the United States (so far as its original inhabitants and Caucasian population of European ancestry was concerned), is *Manasseh*. One of his chief sources was the book called *Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright* by J. H. Allen.

There were many other books relating to the same theme, and as my father studied and researched the subject, having been a professional writer for many years, he decided to write a manuscript of his own. He has related in his autobiography how he submitted this manuscript, a very thick, several-hundred page document, to the leaders of the Church of God (Seventh Day) with whom he was working at that time. He related how they rejected the material, and how he, fully *convicted* of the truth of the materials he had found, decided he could not merely abandon what he felt was the major KEY to the understanding of biblical prophecy.

All of these writers clearly saw how Abraham was given an inviolable promise from God that he would become the "father of many nations," and that "kings" would sit on thrones down through successive generations, having come from Abraham and his immediate family; his son Isaac, and his grandson Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel.

Jacob, or *Israel*, had twelve sons who are the eponymous ancestors of the twelve tribes. Only *three* of those twelve sons, led by *Judah*, became the later "House of Judah." They were Judah, Simeon, and Levi. For centuries, they became known as "Jews," which was merely a *nickname* for Judah. But the *House of Israel*, with its capitol city of Samaria, to the north, was never "Jewish," nor ever called "the Jews."

My father found how the very first place in the Bible where the term "Jew" is used, the Jews are said to be *at war with Israel* (II Kings 16:6).

Further research led my father to understand the identity of the Germanic peoples and other northwestern European peoples in ancient history, and therefore, in biblical prophecy.

It was *this vital knowledge* which led my father to make the predictions he did as early as the first few years following World War II about the eventual reunification of Germany, the creation of a United States of Europe, and the resurrection of an end-time "Holy Roman Empire," which would be the fulfillment of the biblical Beast.

Scoffers and doubters there may be. Nevertheless, not a one of them can gainsay the *incredible accuracy* of the *decades*-long series of articles appearing in our magazines, the hundreds upon hundreds of Bible studies, sermons and lectures, the many, many booklets and correspondence lessons, nor the hundreds upon hundreds of radio and television programs in which the identity of our peoples was emphasized and re-emphasized over and over again.

It was this vital KEY which led to my own continual insistence that it would be an ultimate *United States of Europe*, NOT a Communist Soviet Union, that would emerge as the greatest threat to America's security!

Was I *wrong* when I stated before huge crowds of multiple thousands, "You will live to see the day when the United States and the Soviet Union are once again *allied* together against

common enemies"?

Was I *wrong* when I continually predicted the disintegration of the Warsaw Pact, the emergence of Eastern European nations from behind the Iron Curtain, and the consolidation of some of those same European nations into a "United States of Europe"?

No, I was *not* wrong, but the *vast majority* of would-be seers and prophets who continually predicted *Russia* would advance upon Palestine *WERE WRONG!*

Almighty God has promised, "Surely the Lord Eternal will do nothing but that He *reveal* His secret to His servant, the prophets" (Amos 3:7). I have found that to be *true*. There are *millions* of Americans, Canadians, Britains and people in many other nations around the world who *clearly remember* those decades of witness and warning—who are living witnesses to the absolute *truth* you are reading in these pages.

The Great Tribulation is the Time of "Jacob's Trouble"

Jesus Christ warned His disciples they would eventually see a time of "wars and rumors of wars," of droughts, famines, disease epidemics, earthquakes growing in intensity and frequency here and there, and that this terrible time which He called the "Great Tribulation" would usher in God's *intervention* in human affairs by shocking displays in the heavens, and the Day of the Lord.

Notice the language of Christ's prophecy: "For then shall be *great tribulation*, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: But for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24:21,22).

Now, upon *whom* will these terrible times of trouble, called the Great Tribulation, descend? Is this a time of trouble for the so-called "Third World" nations such as Haiti and Bangladesh? No! It is a time of horrible national troubles for America, Britain, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and most of the nations of Northwestern Europe!

Notice: "And at that time [compare with Daniel 11:40-44] shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of *thy people* [Daniel's people—the Jews, and the Israelites!] and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:1-2).

Jesus Christ pointed specifically to two major events to take place in *Jerusalem* which will signal to the Jewish people in modern-day Israel, as well as all of the "lost ten tribes" of Israel, that the Great Tribulation is nigh. He said, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

"Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains...for then shall be great tribulation..." (Matthew 24:15-21).

In Luke's account of this same prophecy, Luke adds that Jesus had also said, "And when ye shall see Jerusalem *compassed with armies*, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh" (Luke 21:20).

A forerunner of this prophesied destruction of Jerusalem took place in A.D. 70, when Titus sacked the city and killed tens of thousands of Jews. But Jesus' Olivet prophecy was *dual*. It not only foretold an immediate destruction of Jerusalem, it foretold the events to take place at the *time of the end*, leading directly into the Second Coming of Christ!

Now, notice carefully what we have learned so far: The *place* is *Jerusalem*. Specifically, it is in the city of Jerusalem in a building, or perhaps even a temporary structure which is dedicated as "the holy place." Traditionally, this always meant the holy place and the "holy of holies" in the innermost part of the *temple*.

There are many who believe—and there are strong biblical indications which seem to strongly imply it—that a "third temple" is yet to be built. We have interviewed some of those who are the leaders of organizations attempting to do just that!

The apostle Paul adds further information to this intriguing prophecy by stating that the "man of sin," or the "false prophet" of Bible prophecy will actually claim to be *more* than just the "vicar" or the *representative* of Christ, but will claim to have the powers of God Himself, proclaiming that he "IS GOD"!

At the time of this blasphemous, stupendous announcement, this false prophet, who is the Antichrist, will move into that "holy place" in Jerusalem, thus bringing about the "abomination of desolation." Read the second chapter of II Thessalonians for detailed information.

Now, turn to and read Isaiah's prophecy of this same event, in which the "virgin daughter of Babylon," which is a prophetic metaphor for a *false church*, is allowed to take into *slavery* God's people Israel, and the Jews.

"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 [a false church!]: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate...sit thou silent and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

"I was wroth with my people [the Jews and the ten tribes of Israel!], I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily *laid thy yoke*. [Note this carefully!]

"And thou saidest, I shall be a lady forever [she claims to be an "eternal church"!]: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

"Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me [a *blasphemous* assertion; a great false

hurch that appropriates to itself the ery titles of God; a human leader who laims he "is GOD"!]; I shall not sit as widow [notice this is a "mother" hurch!] neither shall I know the loss f children [she has many *daughters* vho came out of her in *protest*!];

"But these two things shall come to nee in a moment in one day, the loss f children [her protesting daughters re to be destroyed!], and widowhood the "fatherland" with which she has ntered into an adulterous and unholy nion will be destroyed]: they shall ome upon thee in their perfection for he multitude of thy sorceries, and for he great abundance of thine nchantments" (Isaiah 47:1-9).

Here is a picture of "Babylon the great" of the seventeenth and eighteenth chapters of the book of Revelation; the great false church with the Antichrist, or the "false prophet," at its helm, in an unholy alliance with a powerful nation, which *destroys* God's people Israel, takes them captive, and treats them as *slaves* during the time of the Great Tribulation.

Now, notice: "And these are the words that the Eternal spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

"For thus saith the Eternal; we have heard a voice of trembling, fear, and not of peace.

"Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

"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" (Jeremiah 30:4-7).

Now, notice: "The Eternal of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

"That I will break the *Assyrian* in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall *his yoke* depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders" (Isaiah 14:24,25). This prophecy has never been fulfilled. Ancient Assyria conquered Ten-tribed Israel, removing the population into the land between the Black and Caspian seas, the land occupied today by Afghans, Kurds, and Turks.

Assyria was eclipsed by *Babylon*, and was *never conquered in Palestine*, nor destroyed in "my mountains," meaning the lands given to Israel and Judah.

Archaeological and historical evidence strongly suggests that some of the German people may be the modern descendants of the *Assyrian* nation. Notice that both Assyria (her modern descendants) and the great false church, or "lady of the kingdoms" lay a YOKE of slavery upon the modern descendants of ten-tribed *Israel.*

The Great Tribulation to come is *primarily* a time of trouble for the United States, Britain, and the democracies of Northwest Europe!

God is going to allow a powerful nation at the helm of nine other nations, ten in all, to PUNISH America and Britain...

Notice Jeremiah's prophecy: "For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Eternal of hosts, that I will break *his yolk* from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

"But they shall serve the Eternal their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them" (Jeremiah 30:8,9).

What is the *time setting* of this important prophecy? Exactly as in the case of the description of the archangel to Daniel, it is the time just prior to the *resurrection!* That means it is at the very time of the end, just before the intervention of God and the Second Coming of Christ!

In each of these cases, Matthew 24, Luke 21, Revelation 17 and 18, Daniel 12, Isaiah 14 and 47, and Jeremiah 30, the Bible is dealing with the subject of the Great Tribulation.

The Tribulation is to come upon *Israel*, God's *elect!* God is going to allow a powerful nation at the helm of nine other nations, ten in all, to PUNISH America and Britain, as well a the other members of the so-called "lost ten tribes" for their personal and national lawlessness and sin!

Notice: "O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

"I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

"Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

"For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?

"Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?

"As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

"Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

"Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

"For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:

"And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

"Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that

shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood.

"Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

"And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

"And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.

"And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

"The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God" (Isaiah 10:5-21).

This prophecy of the release of Israelitish captives *from Assyrian* control to return to their homeland has NEVER OCCURRED in history. It is for the *future*.

My father believed, and many other scholars corroborated this belief by intensive research, that the Germanic peoples of Central Europe are the modern-day descendants of the ancient Assyrians, many of whom wandered *together with the Israelites* from their former location between the Black and Caspian seas through the Crimean, down to the mouth of the Danube, and along the Danube River and other important waterways into Central and Northwestern Europe.

Adolf Hitler was a *type* of the future super-*dictator* who will rule over a united Europe!

Hitler and Mussolini put together what Mussolini called the "Holy Roman Empire." Together, they swallowed up nearly all of Europe, and it was only after the loss of some *seventy million human lives* that fascism and Nazism was defeated!

During those dark days of the early part of World War II, my father *thought* that *if* the Germans and Japanese linked up in India and the Middle East; if Germany took all of Egypt and with it the strategic Suez Canal; if Germany moved into and occupied *Palestine*, then America would *lose* the war, and we would be IN the Great Tribulation!

To his credit, when he saw the war begin to turn the other way, he said, "Then this is *not* the last round of world war; it is only the *second round*, and there will come a THIRD world war!"

He began saying he believed leading Nazis would escape, or disappear "underground." He believed Nazism was not dead, but that, eventually, Germany would rise to a position of great POWER once again. He believed Germany would become reunified, and that eventually it would *dominate Europe*.

Adolf Hitler was a *type* of the future super-*dictator* who will rule over a united Europe!

He believed Germany would eventually be the *leading* nation of a ten-nation combine in Central Europe which would fulfill the prophecy of the BEAST of the book of Revelation.

From the beginning of my television ministry, back in 1955, and my radio ministry in 1957, I have continued to proclaim the consistent witness and warning to the peoples of the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia; to Europe, and all over the world about the impending national calamities to befall our peoples.

For *decades*, I have warned that Germany would reunite, that Germany would begin to *dominate Europe*, that a "United States of Europe" would be formed, that it would include nations in *Eastern Europe*.

I have continually warned that our former enemies would become powerfully resurgent, would rise to *super power* status, while the United States would find itself *in serious decline!*

You and I are now living in *that time*.

The deep economic malaise of much of the modern industrial world will eventually result in another "Great Depression," out of which will emerge toppling governments, the rise of despots and dictators!

The governments of today are *not* the governments that will be at the helm of millions upon millions of these peoples when the Tribulation begins!

We are now entering a time of monumental governmental instability, a time of dramatic and rapid *change*, a time of turmoil, riots, revolution, and the violent overthrow of government!

We will enter very soon now a time of renewed *militarism* not only throughout Eastern and Central Europe, but also in *Japan!*

WHEN these things begin to happen, then the prophesied GREAT TRIBULATION is at the very doors!

Again I say, as I have said for over thirty-seven years, WATCH!

Jesus told His disciples about the coming Tribulation—the destruction of Jerusalem and the "abomination of desolation. Then, He warned, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to *escape* all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

We believe God has commissioned us to do the *work of the watchman* (Ezekiel 33); to shout out over the electronic media, in print, in personal evangelism, the witness and warning God wants to go to our peoples before it is everlastingly too late!

Perhaps it is time you should wonder where you are hearing the TRUTH of God; whether YOU are being called to have a PART in the work of God to warn our people! ❑