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RUSSIA *and the* WAR at the Moment!

THIS War may end, in Europe, before the year is over! As this is written that becomes a startling possibility, though it is not probable.

Events, now, may happen suddenly, unexpectedly, which will rock the world! The whole complexion of the war may be changed in astounding manner, even while these lines are being set in type—before you read this number of the PLAIN TRUTH!

We do not mean that Germany is virtually defeated. Such an assumption is mere wishful—and dangerous—thinking. We do not imply an imminent military victory over Germany, ending in unconditional surrender. There has been entirely too much undue optimism over relatively minor victories.

But something, not yet clear, or evident on the surface, is going on inside Germany. Something which might suddenly, in most unexpected manner, terminate the war in Europe!

Germans May Surrender to RUSSIA

Consider a combination of circumstances.

At this moment, as this is written, a new and peculiar type of propaganda is issuing from every avenue of the German propaganda machine—inside Germany, and from neutral points in Sweden, Portugal and Turkey. The German people are being told of the frightful German losses on the Russian front—of the impossibility of stemming the tide of Russian power. The Red army is being painted as a power so vast and overwhelming that resistance against it is folly.

WHAT'S happened to HITLER? Will Germans get a separate peace with Stalin? Will Russia fight Japan?—Here's the Plain Truth about the war and world events at the moment!

(Editor's note: This article is really part of, and should be read in conjunction with the following article on page 5.)

It's strength and numbers are being magnified. WHY?

At the same time, the Germans are falling back at the Dnieper line in a manner hard to understand, especially when Germany is known to have thrown in maximum reserves for this battle. Certainly the German armies could stand up on the west banks of the Dnieper far stronger than they have been doing. They appear to be giving ground they do not need to give.

WHY?

The German armies are far stronger still than most people in America realize. They are not yet near actual military defeat.

There can be but one of two possible explanations, then, of this new propaganda being suddenly broadcast everywhere by the Germans. Either they are planning to attempt a separate peace with Russia, by surrendering to Russia on what they conceive to be Russia's terms, or they are attempting a clever ruse to lead the allies to believe they are doing this, and their military power is crumbling, when actually they are attempting to lay a trap by inviting a premature invasion across the English channel—at a time when the Russians are demanding this second front.

A second circumstance is the issuance of mysterious reports that some drastic, startling, world-rocking shake-up will occur within Germany inside two weeks.

Mussolini a Trial Balloon

Consider, now, the possible meaning of

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what happened to Mussolini, and of the Italian surrender to the allies.

On July 4th we outlined for listeners of "The WORLD TOMORROW" program an astonishing, almost incredible possibility, the first phase of which actually happened three weeks after the broadcast, when Mussolini and Fascism were kicked out of Italy.

The possible plot, as then outlined, was that the German army generals saw clearly that Germany's chance of military victory—of conquering the world—was gone; that the best the German's could hope for now was a long drawn-out war of DEFENSE, hoping to achieve a stalemate and gain some final negotiated peace short of unconditional surrender. Therefore, if they could scheme to bring about this best-hoped-for result quickly, and without further losses, why not try?

The military clique in Germany—the Reichswehr—were anti-Nazi at the beginning. They regarded Italy as a liability in the war. Why not try out their scheme on Italy, and if it worked, try it in Germany?

The scheme, then, was to maneuver to overthrow Mussolini and Fascism in Italy—replace Mussolini with an ANTI-Fascist leader, and appeal to the allies for a soft negotiated peace, or even an alliance, (we have actually given Italy a co-belligerent status) on the grounds that the Italian people are really our friends, and the real enemy, Fascism, has been kicked out.

Then if the ruse worked in Italy, it might be tried in Germany. Hitler personally lost so much prestige with the defeat at Stalingrad and in North Africa that it has freely been rumored that the army generals could take over in Germany, if indeed Hitler had not already been either deposed or reduced to a figurehead.

The "Free Germany" Manifesto

But as events developed it became evident that if the Germans attempted this ruse at all, they would attempt it on Russia, not on the allies.

Certain differences began to appear between the Russians and the allies, respecting their war and peace aims. Russia came to be known to desire a strong, friendly, but ANTI-Hitler and DE-Nazified post-war Germany. On the other hand, the United States and Britain called for unconditional surrender and a weakened, occupied post-war Germany. It's merely a matter of which is the more effective way of preserving PEACE after the war—of preventing Germany from again plunging the world into war.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill issued their "Unconditional Surrender" declaration at Casa Blanca without consulting Joseph Stalin. It was issued at a time when the Russians were loudly demanding the "second front,"—before this summer's Russian gains had gotten under way—in an effort to reassure the Russians.

But it later became apparent the Russians did not want an "unconditional surrender." The "Free Germany" manifesto

issued from Moscow certainly had Stalin's approval, or it never could have been issued at all. And it proclaimed "it is not our aim to destroy Germany," or even "to destroy all military force in Germany."

This implied that if the German army would retire to its own borders, *throw out Hitler and overthrow the Nazi regime*, they could gain a peace with Russia short of military occupation of Germany—a peace that would permit Germany to regain her strength and again become a military power. And if the army has actually taken over in Germany, reducing Hitler to a mere figurehead, then we may be sure the Germans are going to continue to retreat!

And IF the Germans are completely out of Russian territory before an allied invasion is launched in France and the lowlands, let us ask ourselves frankly *what possible reason would Russia have for continuing an offensive war against Germany?*

The Moscow Conference

The main purpose of the Moscow conferences between the foreign secretaries of the "Big Three" nations was to iron out this difference of opinion. Very possibly this meeting was merely preliminary to conferences between the real "Big Three"—Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin—and very possibly it was rushed at a time sooner than the three top leaders could get together for the very purpose of *heading off* any such premature "peace" ruse on the part of the Germans.

As this is written this preliminary conference has just closed. The United States, Great Britain, and Russia will stick with the allies in forcing the Nazis to unconditional surrender. They have agreed in this conference to "act together in all matters relating to the surrender and disarmament" of their common enemies. This is construed to mean no one of the nations will conclude a separate peace.

However, supposing the Germans try their "peace" scheme anyway? Supposing they withdraw from Russia, giving Russia everything she wants—including Latvia, Estonia, part of Poland, etc.? Supposing they throw out Hitler and Nazism? What, then, would RUSSIA do? Would she continue to sacrifice the lives of her men in fight?

Could not Russia keep her pledge made at this conference, and "stick with the allies," and "act together" with them in regard to the surrender and disarmament of Germany, just diplomatically—the Red Army merely taking up a defensive stand at the German borders, without continuing any active fighting?

And if they did so, what could we do—and *could we*, then, with *all German forces* released from the Russian front and available for the Italian and Western Europe fronts,—*could we*, then, conquer Germany? Or would we find ourselves forced into a negotiated peace along the lines agreeable to Russia? We won't have long to wait and

see the outcome, but it's something to think about in the meantime!

But to *understand* this tense, explosive situation, fraught with strangest and most unexpected possibilities, we need to understand certain facts about the Japanese situation, and the Russian position.

Japs Dispersing War Industry

Consider, first, the situation in Japan, China and Asia.

You've heard about the "tinder cities" of Japan—how Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, could be bombed and reduced to ashes in a few days.

If we *had* had bases in Russia's far-eastern Siberia eighteen months ago, with the air-force we have now, we might have knocked out Japan within six months. But, tho Stalin has cried for a second front in Europe, he has given us no help—not even the use of bases for bombing—in the war against Japan. Without Russian help there has been no direct way to get at Japan.

Meanwhile, a fact few Americans realize is that the Japanese are rapidly decentralizing their war industry. They are moving it, scattering it, into Manchukuo, North China, Korea, Shanghai, Manila and Singapore. They plan to scatter their war industry over so wide an area, and into so many places, that even if we finally get within bombing range it will be almost impossible to destroy Japanese war production. Inside another three to six months our job will be ten times harder than it would have been six months ago.

There is even talk now of moving the Japanese capitol from Tokyo to some part of the mainland!

Japan Has WON Her War!

Most Americans seem to feel we have this whole war just about won. They believe German military power is almost gone and once Germany crumbles it won't take six months to finish off Japan. Our people do not seem to realize the true FACTS.

The astounding truth so few Americans seem to realize is that *Japan has already WON her war!* Japan *already* has accomplished her objectives for this present war—all she planned or intended—for the present.

In a former number, and in broadcasts, you have been told how Japan has been planning, for 350 years, to conquer and rule the world. But Japan has not been planning to do this with one big puff. The Japs well know all such efforts have always failed.

They have planned it by *stages*. They have been following a definite strategy for fifty years—*always successfully!* In 1894-5, Japan attacked and defeated the gigantic Manchu Empire—catching that Chinese government unprepared, corrupt, disunited. Ten years later, 1904-5, Japan attacked and defeated Russia. Exactly ten years later, 1914-18, Japan was one of the allies against

Germany in World War I, gaining still more territory vital to her long-term PLAN. In 1931 the Japs invaded and took Manchuria. In 1937 they invaded China. And on December 7th, 1941, you'll REMEMBER, they struck their surprise blow at PEARL HARBOR!

Quickly, inside six months, the clever, wily Japs had conquered their Pacific Empire! They took the rest of China's Coast, the Philippines, Maylaya, Singapore, and Dutch East Indies. They drove us out of Wake, Guam, and began developing their vast spider-web defense system stretching a third of the way across the Pacific—a defensive web, incidentally, into which we have in one hard year managed to make only two or three small, virtually insignificant DENTS! There, again, we have magnified and attached undue importance to relatively minor victories. We seem to love to indulge in wishful thinking!

We fail to grasp HOW MUCH Japan has conquered!—how GREAT an empire she now controls! Japan enlarged her territory more than *ten times over* in just one short year. They have taken Chinese territory, British territory, Dutch territory, American territory. They now rule THREE HUNDRED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE! They started out in this present war with some ninety million.

And because we are forced to fight Hitler first, we are giving the Japs TIME to dig in—to exploit and develop these vast new resources—resources which, once developed, can make Japan the most powerful nation on earth—the world's greatest power!

The Japs would be perfectly willing to call off the war now—to stop with what they have. They have taken all they planned or intended, *for the present!* They fully believe they can, and WILL, be able to DEFEND what they have won. They say they are prepared to sacrifice TEN MILLION MEN, if necessary, to prevent us from taking it away from them,—and they ask if we are prepared to sacrifice TEN MILLION AMERICAN LIVES in order to drive them out of their "own Asiatic Co-Prosperity sphere."

They believe they can make it so tough, and so costly for us to drive them out that we shall become discouraged. They believe and hope we shall begin to figure that all we're fighting for over there, anyway, is just the interests of some of our big corporations, and to decide we'd better let JAPAN rule Asia, and remain in our back yard.

The RACE WAR of the FUTURE!

This present world war is largely a religious war. The Japs are merely carrying out their long-planned campaign to establish their little mikado on the throne of the world—to vindicate their religion based upon a conception of him as the "son of heaven"—as their GOD—who, to be God would have to demonstrate ability to conquer and rule the world.

Hitlerism, too, is largely a religious cult, in which Hitler has attempted to stamp out Christianity, exterminate the Jews, and deify himself as a god.

But this also has been partly a RACE war. Hitler has employed the "race" argument continually. The Japs justify their plan and religion by saying: "It's the destiny of our RACE." And so the "Race-War" idea has been introduced, and will become the main idea in the still bigger war of the future.

Mussolini's idea was that of inciting a people to fight for the mere glory of EMPIRE. That conception is dead and gone. The Japanese war-lords, as well as Hitler, realized they could not stir their people up to world-war on the mere appeal of empire, or of booty, or of national ambitions, or even of religion.

But the new appeal of RACE sounded scientific.

And so now the Japs have WON their war! Their plan for this present war is now to drive us completely out of Asia and the Pacific—to sacrifice more than we are willing to sacrifice in order to wear us down and cause us to give up and let them keep it. Thus they plan to force us into a final peace that will cause us to grow steadily WEAKER, shorn of our Asiatic resources, investments, and trade, while they exploit their new Empire and grow constantly STRONGER—masters over 300,000,000 people already, and potential masters over all Asia, India, and the far-Pacific!

Then they plan to EDUCATE these vast hordes of Orientals in a dastardly propaganda of RACE HATRED—train them to be soldiers, stir them up against the white man, so that ultimately in the next stage of their world-conquering plan, they may strike at us in a RACE WAR with a breathtaking force of ONE BILLION! Already Japan has put in affect a most intensive propaganda effort to educate the 300,000,000 already in her power with an insidious RACE HATRED toward us! The Japs are planning to make themselves the MASTERS of Asia—with its 450,000,000 Chinese, its 350,000,000 in India, its other hundreds of millions—and then to make the Asiatics supreme over the rest of the world.

THAT'S the Jap Plan to conquer and rule the world!

What Russia Is Doing in Siberia

And what does all this have to do with RUSSIA? And will Russia help us fight and conquer Japan?

We give you now some more startling FACTS you probably didn't know.

Before the war there were about six million people in all Siberia. But Stalin has been moving Russians wholesale across the vast expanses of Siberia to its Pacific Coast, as a war measure—and because he foresees, perhaps more shrewdly than we, Japan's ultimate plan!

Today the Siberian population, between

the Urals and the Pacific, is in excess of TWENTY MILLION!

These twenty million are trained workers, skilled farmers. In a short while large cities, an impressive war industry, has sprung up in far-eastern Siberia. Scores of landing stations have been built there. A fully trained army of thousands, fully mechanized for modern war, could be mobilized quickly.

Russia well knows her strategic position in the far-east!

The RACE for the Race-War Mastery

Now see what an amazing possibility this all leads to!

We think of China as one great united people of some 450,000,000, all loyally united under Chiang Kai Shek. But this is not the true picture at all!

When Japan invaded, China was disunited, torn by revolution, with countless bandit armies looting here and there. True Chiang Kai-Shek accomplished almost miracles, the circumstances considered.

But there also is in China a strong COMMUNIST Party! They have been rivals of Chiang Kai-Shek! For some time after the invasion of China he continued to blockade them. The Soviet Union has not been giving active help to the Chinese Reds during the last few years, but on the other hand Russia has refused to interfere against them.

And so what does all this boil down to? Simply this: It offers Russia the opportunity of entering a competition with Japan for the CONTROL OF ALL ASIA—for the leadership of the RACE-WAR of the future, which, if successful, will mean WORLD RULE!

It's a question of whether Russia, or Japan, is able to gain control of the disorganized 450 million Chinese, to organize them and become the Master of all Asia. If the Russians can maneuver to beat Japan at her own game, then they can, some day, by completely propagandising and organizing China, and India, and all the populous Oriental peoples, ultimately raise an army of ONE BILLION SOLDIERS, with which finally to conquer the world for Communism! This is possible only by putting women, as well as men, into the armed services and war production. But the Russians are the ones who started that practice, and even we are now adopting it!

Will Russia Attack Japan?

Finally, will Stalin help us fight Japan? Will he give us bases from which to bomb Japan?

Ask these questions of any Soviet official, and he will shut up like a clam.

First, be sure the Russians feel no obligation to help us whip Japan!

Second, the Russians have a nice non-aggression pact with Japan, which has been

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There has been no issue of The PLAIN
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A Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

How To PREVENT Sin

Do you realize that if it is wrong to *do*
a certain thing, it is wrong to harbour
THOUGHTS of that thing in your mind?
"All have sinned," says the scripture.
What *is* sin, anyway?

Satan ought to know—and he is the in-
visible influence who sways the course of
this world. Hollywood is considered by
many the world's mecca of sin. On the
newsstands in Hollywood may be found a
very worldly booklet, written in a very
light, "breezy," and satirical vein, titled
"How to Sin in Hollywood." It gives a very
worldly definition of sin—perhaps the defi-
nition of the very devil who devotes his
time to enticing people into it. The defini-
tion is expressive, and not far from the

truth. Here it is: "Sin is *thinking thoughts*
you ought not to be thinking about things
you ought not to be *doing* while you are
thinking those kind of *thoughts*."

God's definition is: "Sin is the trans-
gression of the law." (I John 3:4). The
law is "LOVE," as defined by the Ten
Commandments. Jesus said: "That which
cometh *out* of the man, that defileth the
man. For from within, out of the heart pro-
ceed *evil thoughts*, adulteries, fornications,
murders, thefts, covetousness (violations of
the law—the Ten Commandments)". (Mark
7:20-22).

"ALL have sinned," says the Scripture.
And what man—especially what Christian,
is there who has not time and again experi-
enced the struggle against sin described by
the Apostle Paul? "What I would, that do
I not; but what I hate, that I do...For the
good that I would I do not; but the evil
which I would not, that I do." Who is
there who has not LOST that struggle, per-
haps many times?

Of course no man, of himself, can live
above sin. "With men it *is* impossible,"
said Jesus, "but with God all things are
possible." And Paul continues (Romans 8)
to show that the only DELIVERANCE
from this "body of death" is thru Jesus
Christ, and the indwelling power of God's
Holy Spirit—"that the RIGHTEOUSNESS
of the law might be fulfilled in us, who
walk not after the flesh, but after the
Spirit . . . for as many as *are led by* the
Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Yes, but we have OUR part in it, too.
And it all centers in the MIND.

REPENTANCE of sin means, literally,
to *change* one's *mind* in respect to sin. If
we repent, and accept Jesus Christ as Sav-
iour, the promise is we SHALL receive the
gift of the Holy Spirit... "and be renewed
in the Spirit of *your mind*" (Eph. 4: 23)—the
presence of the Holy Spirit is the RENEW-
ING of the *mind*.

How does sin actually happen? "Every
man is *tempted*, when he is drawn away of
his own lust (desire), and enticed. Then
when lust (the desire IN THE MIND)
hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and
sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth
death." (James 1:14-15).

The TEMPTATION is in the *mind*.
When you *think* about the thing that tempts
you—let your mind dwell on it—turn it
over in your mind—whether it be a desire
to GO someplace, to DO something, or to
HAVE something you know is wrong—
that *thinking about it* finally conceives—
leads to *action*—and breeds SIN. You finally
DO the thing you kept thinking about,
wanting to do. If you keep thinking about
it, after a while you'll be UNABLE to re-
sist it. That's why you've lost so many of
these struggles against sin—you kept
thinking about it, desiring it, wanting it.

The way to prevent sin is to let God's
Spirit fill the mind. "Set your affection on

things above, not on things on the earth."
(Col. 3:2).

The way to put a thing OUT of the
mind is to put an *opposite* thought IN the
mind. So often I have noticed parents of
babies strive so hard to "shush" up the baby
when it is crying in church. There's some-
thing in the baby's mind that is causing it's
crying or fretting. Just saying "Shush!" or
commanding the baby to stop fussing
doesn't usually get very good results. We
have raised four children, and long ago I
learned the trick of quieting the baby by
getting it's mind on something else. Instead
of commanding it to stop crying, attract it's
attention with some new object—get it in-
terested in playing with that object (I have
often used my fountain pen with excellent
results)—and before you know it the child
will forget all about it's crying.

Try using this same method on yourself.
But instead of material or worldly things, a
mature person should use self-discipline and
set his mind on Spiritual things. Open your
Bible. Put the study of some *spiritual* sub-
ject in your mind. Next time you are
tempted, try it. Pray over it. Ask God to
help you. See how rapidly you begin to win
the victory over temptation and sin, and
how marvelous will be your spiritual and
CHARACTER growth.

RUSSIA and the War . . .

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to their interest, and which they are not go-
ing to break unless it is to *their* advantage!

Third, you may be sure Russia will
NEVER open up any of her air-fields in
Siberia, or elsewhere, for the use of Ameri-
can bombers in the hands of the American
Air Force. They have never opened up any
of their Russian air-bases to our men on the
German front, as the British have done in
England. The Russians will accept our
planes for their men, but *only* *RUSSIAN*
forces ever use Russian bases!

Will Stalin attack Japan? That all de-
pends! Certainly not to help *us* win *our* war
against Japan. For the present Stalin will
sit tight—go on preparing in Siberia—be
ready for every eventuality—and watch de-
velopments.

But Stalin knows of Japan's plan to
become Master of the Orient, and then
conquer the world by using this vast Ori-
ental power. He's quietly but smoothly and
rapidly moving men, equipment and sup-
plies to Siberia's Pacific, just North of
Japan and China. He's building population,
cities, war industry, and preparing a big
army there. He's getting ready!

Is he preparing to run a RACE with
Japan to see *which* shall sit in the driver's
seat in the vast RACE WAR of the future?

Bible prophecy tells! And it's explained
in another article in this number.

What's Prophesied About RUSSIA!

Will Stalin Double-Cross and Invade Britain and America?

PERHAPS no prophecy has received more wide-spread interest and attention than that of Ezekiel 38 and 39. As usual there are various interpretations. Those most popularly believed and expressed are:

- 1) That the prophecy pictures "Armageddon"—with Russia the aggressor in this final "Armageddon" battle,
- 2) That Russia will conquer Germany, become the "Beast" of Revelation with Germany merely one of her satellites, and thus become the leader at "Armageddon;" or
- 3) That Russia, either alone, or by conquering or allying with Germany, will double-cross her Anglo-American allies and, during this war, invade Britain and America.

But this prophecy *does not say* what most people have supposed, and carelessly taken for granted!

What it **DOES** say, when we understand it, becomes a prophetic BOMBSHELL!

What IS "Armageddon"?

First, what is "Armageddon?" We devoted an entire article to this subject in the March-April issue. Let's review it very briefly.

The word "Armageddon," believe it or not, occurs only *once* in all the Bible.

It is in Rev. 16:13-16: "ARMAGEDDON" is the place of the "BATTLE" of that Great Day of God Almighty, which is "the Day of the Lord." This is the coming time of God's WRATH, climaxing in the seven last plagues and the Second Coming of Christ.

The Battle at Armageddon is pictured in Rev. 20:19-20 and Rev. 17:14. It is a battle in which European AXIS powers, symbolically represented as "The BEAST" and ten federated European dictatorships revive the Roman Empire, which fight against Christ and His Angels, contesting his right to rule the world.

But Ezekiel 38 speaks of a different power altogether—"GOG" in the land of "MAGOG", numerous Allies—all descendants of JAPETH, father of the yellow races. The "BEAST" power, or Roman system, is primarily descended from HAM—a different branch of the human family altogether.

The Time-Sequence of Ezekiel

Countless erroneous doctrines have come from imputing a meaning to some passage taken out of its context. To understand the

HERE'S a prophetic BOMBSHELL!... The plain truth about Russia . . . the astounding prophecy of Ezekiel 38 and 39!

time, the place, and all the facts of the prophecy of Ezekiel 38, we need to begin at the 1st chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy and read the book clear through.

When we do this, we find a TIME-SEQUENCE flowing thru the Book.

Let us skim thru it very briefly.

Notice, in the very first verse, Ezekiel was among the Jewish captives who had been taken in the captivity of Judah to the River Chebar. It was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity that this prophecy began coming to Ezekiel thru visions.

It is a PROPHECY. Ezekiel was being shown things far into the FUTURE.

Notice, the prophecy was inspired and written *after JUDAH'S captivity*—more than 131 years after the House of ISRAEL had been taken captive to Assyria. The advance-guard of the House of Israel already had begun to arrive in the British Isles before Ezekiel's vision and writing.

Yet, Ezekiel is a prophet to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL. His prophecy applies to the far future—not to the captivity of Israel which had occurred 721 B.C.—more than 130 years before he wrote. Remember that!

Notice, Ezek. 2:3, and 3:1, 4-7, Ezekiel's message, a PROPHECY for the FUTURE, is for The HOUSE OF ISRAEL, not the House of Judah.

In chapter 3, beginning verse 17, Ezekiel is set a watchman to WARN the House of Israel.

Message to Israel, Not Judah

Now notice a most significant fact—one which has gone utterly unnoticed by commentators and expositors of this prophetic Book!

In chapters four and five, the *city* of Jerusalem is viewed as the focus of Judah's life—and the sins committed therein by the leaders in JUDAH held to light. In the sixth chapter, the prophetic eye is turned to the *land*—the mountainous *land* of Palestine upon which the sins had been committed and which, therefore, must suffer punishment. The *sins* here viewed are primarily

those of JUDAH—but the *message of warning of punishment is to the House of ISRAEL!*

Notice! Beginning chapter 3: After the prophet "eats the roll"—that is, receives the prophetic warning message—he is to "go speak unto the HOUSE OF ISRAEL"—not to the Jews among whom he dwelt.

Remember he is already *among* the captives of JUDAH. But the Eternal says to him: "Go, get thee unto the House of ISRAEL." (Verse 4).

Surely we do not need to pause here to explain to readers of the PLAIN TRUTH that the twelve tribes of Israel had long before this divided into *two nations*—the ten Tribes being the House of ISRAEL, while Judah and Benjamin composed the House of JUDAH, who, *only*, were nicknamed "Jews." For the benefit of those readers who do not understand this vital distinction—a veritable "key" without which the prophecies cannot be opened to understanding—a third edition of the special booklet "The United States in Prophecy" will shortly be published, and upon special request a copy will be sent free.

There you will find this most thrilling and important truth fully explained and conclusively proved. The Jewish people of today are descended from the House of JUDAH. But the white, English-speaking people of the United States and Great Britain are the leading "birthright" tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, heads of the ten-tribed HOUSES OF ISRAEL.

Ezekiel's Message is for *our day*—and it is, therefore, a *message for America and Britain, NOW!* Ezekiel is made God's "watchman" to warn ISRAEL—which means Britain and America, TODAY!

Notice chapter 4. The prophet is to place before him a tile, and trace upon it the city of Jerusalem, and lay siege against it. The sins pictured are those of Jerusalem, capital of JUDAH. But "this" (verse 3) "shall be a sign to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL." Then follows the well-known key to the "day for a year" method of reckoning prophecy.

Continue chapter 5. "For," comes the warning Message from the Eternal, "thereof SHALL a fire come forth into all the HOUSE OF ISRAEL." (Verse 4). Notice, this is to vividly portray a warning of some FUTURE destruction upon the House of ISRAEL! Not upon Judah, already conquered by Nebuchadnezzar and in the midst

of his sieges against Jerusalem. But upon ISRAEL—the ten-tribed nation who had gone into its first and original captivity one hundred thirty long years before! The warning is not of the captivity already so far back in history. It says "thereof SHALL a fire COME" upon Israel! It is a prophecy relating to a FUTURE destruction and captivity.

No such destruction and captivity has ever yet come to the House of Israel since this was written! *Therefore it is still in the future—IN OUR TIME!* And it is a warning to Britain and America—NOW!

A Captivity of Israel Yet Future!

Notice more of this grim warning!

"A third part of thee (Israel) shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds" (in captivity being removed from our own land and scattered over the world). (Verse 12).

Coming to chapter 5, the local scene of the vision shifts to the mountainous land of Palestine—but the MESSAGE is intended for AMERICA AND BRITAIN, today!

Will we heed it? God help us to wake up!

Listen! "Behold I, even I," says the Eternal God (verse 3), "will bring a sword (invasion) upon you, and I will destroy your high places . . . and I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of ISRAEL before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. In all your dwelling places *the cities shall be laid waste* (bombing) . . . and ye shall know that I am the Eternal." (Verses 5-7).

Just a small remnant shall escape and be spared (Verse 8). These are described in Luke 21:36.

Continue: "Thus saith the Eternal God; . . . Alas for all the evil abominations of (not Judah, but) the HOUSE OF ISRAEL! for they SHALL" (not *did*, in the captivity 130 years before Ezekiel wrote, but SHALL) "fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence." (Verse 11).

The TIME Is FUTURE!

This is not a popular message. You probably have never heard it before. The preachers and teachers of prophecy almost unanimously will rise up to deny this warning Message—to apply it to a different time or people. But the warning is from the Eternal God, and it is *sure!* The reader will do well to heed!

Notice the TIME!

"All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be as weak as water." (chapter 7 verse 17). Compare: "Howl ye; for the DAY OF THE LORD is at hand; . . . therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: and they shall be afraid." (Isa. 13:6-7). Plainly, the TIME is the "Day of the Lord"—yet in the *immediate future!*

Continue: "They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be re-

moved: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in *the day of the WRATH OF THE LORD.*" (Ezek. 7:19). Now compare that with Zeph. 1:14-18; "The great day of the Lord is near . . . That day is a DAY OF WRATH . . . And I (the Eternal) will bring distress upon men . . . Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's Wrath." Both are speaking of the same time . . . a time shortly ahead of us now, in this present generation!

"Wherefore," continues verse 24 (Ezek. 7), "I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: and I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease . . . DESTRUCTION cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none . . . then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest." (Verses 25-26).

Yes, when this comes, our people finally will cry out for a true prophet or minister of the Eternal God—but it will be too late! For *them* shall have come the time spoken by the prophet Amos, when there shall be a FAMINE of HEARING THE WORDS OF THE ETERNAL—(Amos 8:11)—an END of true Gospel preaching! Already the people and their paid ministers have turned their eyes and ears from God's law!

Notice chapter 11 of Ezekiel's prophecy. It is a Message addressed to the House of ISRAEL—verse 5. "I will bring the sword upon you, saith the Eternal God. And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. Ye shall fall by the sword." (Verses 8-10). WHEN? It is *future* from the time Ezekiel wrote, and it has not yet happened since then! GOD SAYS IT WILL HAPPEN!

Chapter 12, verse 11: "they SHALL remove, and go into captivity." It is yet future—and it is the House of ISRAEL! Not Judah.

When? "And they shall know I am the Eternal, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries." (Verse 15). The expression "They shall know that I am the Eternal" is used repeatedly thru the Book of Ezekiel—always referring to the time of the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, and Israel's final restoration back to the land of Palestine. Many prophecies show Israel is to be scattered in this latter-day captivity *when* Christ comes to RESTORE them back to Palestine.

People Won't Believe It!

Always the true prophets and ministers of God have stood almost alone, and opposed by the overwhelming majority in Israel. That is Israel's history of old. It is true today.

The 13th chapter shows the declarations of the popular ministry of this day in Israel—in America and Britain.

"Son of man, prophecy against the prophets of Israel. . . Woe unto the foolish

prophets, that follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the HOUSE OF ISRAEL to stand in the battle in the DAY OF THE LORD." (Verses 2-5). It is speaking of the *soon-coming* "Day of the Lord,"—not some ancient time! . . . "They have seduced my people, saying Peace; and there was no peace." (Verse 10).

Certainly the popular ministry of today is saying to the people that we shall *never* be defeated in war, *because*, say those who understand our national identity, we are the chosen people of Israel! But we were not chosen for special favors. We were chosen for a service and righteous life we have failed to perform! Every time Israel of old disobeyed God, departed from His laws and ways, and went into the pagan customs (as we have done today, actually deceiving ourselves by calling those customs "Christian!") they were invaded and conquered. *Has God changed?*

Ezekiel catalogs our sins—our customs and ways which seem right in *our* eyes but which are contrary to God's laws and an *abomination* in HIS sight. Some of them he mentions in the 8th chapter.

In chapter 22: "Thou hast despised mine holy things, and profaned my sabbaths," says the Eternal (verse 8). "Thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Eternal. . . And I will (not did, but *will*) scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee." (Verses 12, 15).

"Her priests" (prophetically speaking of modern Israel) "have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean (Lev. 11), and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them." (Verse 26). Our people today can't see where *these* things make any difference! But Ezekiel says the preachers have deceived the people, and led them astray. They have condoned all these things, until the people have lost God's pure TRUTH!

And so the prophecy continues on thru the Book. Ezekiel digresses thru eight chapters, 25 thru 32, to prophesy against a number of foreign Gentile nations who have come in direct contact with Israel. In chapter 33, the prophet returns to pleading with the House of Israel. "Turn ye, turn ye," God pleads, "from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O House of Israel?" Here, too, Ezekiel is again set a watchman to WARN Israel—AMERICA AND BRITAIN TODAY!—at the time when this prophesied foreign sword is coming! Ezekiel wrote the Message—but it remains for us to whom God has revealed it today to actually shout and proclaim it to the people. God help us

to be faithful in this solemn and grave commission!

In the 34th chapter, God tells him to prophesy against the ministers of our land. They have fed themselves, and not the flocks. They have preached what people wanted to hear (II Tim. 4:3-4) in order to get their salaries!

The Coming of Christ!

And now the Eternal inspires the prophet to come to the solution!

"Thus saith the Eternal God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. . . Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out. . . and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day (the DAY OF THE LORD—yet future). And I will. . . gather them from the countries, and bring them to their own land (Palestine), and feed them (spiritual food) upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country." (Verses 10-14).

Christ Himself—for He is the Eternal—shall come and rescue our people, not only from the coming captivity and dispersion, but from the false Babylonish teachings which have been palmed off to our people cloaked as "Christianity." He will then set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people Israel (Isa. 11:11). The spiritual blindness shall then be removed, and all Israel shall be saved! (see Romans 11:25:26). The KINGDOM OF GOD shall be established. Men shall be tired of their own ways, and seek God's ways—and His law shall go forth of Zion (Micah 4:2-3). And the nations shall find PEACE!

The 35th chapter reveals the end of the Turkish nation, to occur at this time, because of their treachery against Great Britain—all yet to be fulfilled. This ties up with the prophecy of Obadiah.

In the 36th chapter, the Eternal addresses Palestine: "Prophesy unto the mountains of Israel. . . Thus saith the Eternal God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken. . . But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. . . And I will multiply men upon you, *all the HOUSE OF ISRAEL* even ALL of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded; and I will multiply upon you man and beast." (Verses 1,4,8,10-11).

Yes, the House of Israel is pictured returning to Palestine, *not* from a condition of wealth and prosperity from Britain and America—*not* in the position of a people victorious in a great world war—but as a slave and captive people, scattered thru the nations of the world! ALL prophecies picturing this rescue and re-gathering of Israel at Christ's coming give us the same prophetic picture! Why be blinded to the truth?

Both Houses United in Palestine

In chapter 37, the first part pictures the "valley of dry bones." This represents, (Verse 11), the whole House of Israel—including Judah. It has a dual significance. It pictures the re-birth and resurrection of Israel *as a nation*, from captivity, dispersion and slavery. It pictures, too, the literal bodily resurrection of the individual who has long since died, after which the knowledge of the Truth—spiritual knowledge—shall be revealed, and he shall be converted, and God's Spirit shall enter within, and he shall be saved.

Beginning the 15th verse, the illustration of the two sticks shows the two Houses, or nations, Israel and Judah, being once more united, under Christ at His second coming, in the land of Palestine.

"Thus saith the Eternal God; Behold I will take the children of Israel from" (from the British Isles, and America,—from a position of wealth and affluence, recent victors in the world war? No, but) "from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be King to them all: *they shall be no more two nations*, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions. . . And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt. . . they, and their children, and their children's children forever. . . Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an EVER-LASTING COVENANT." (The NEW Covenant). (Verses 21-26).

And Now Comes Gog!

Notice, now, the story-flow—the time-sequence! The prophet has carried us thru the sins of Israel, the coming invasion and captivity and dispersion, the terrible yet-future DAY OF THE LORD, the Coming of Christ as DELIVERER, to RESTORE the fortunes of Israel. We have come to the time when both Israel and Judah shall be re-united into one nation, rescued from captivity and dispersion, and re-gathered again in PALESTINE, once again made prosperous, having learned our lesson, now living God's way, under His laws, enjoying His richest blessings, both material and spiritual!

And now we come to chapter 38! And this chapter finds Israel restored in Palestine,—the land that is brought back from the sword," (Verse 8). We find Israel now at rest, dwelling SAFELY, yet totally UNPREPARED for war—having "neither bars nor gates" (Verse 11); in the desolate places of Palestine, now inhabited, (verse 12)—yes, inhabited (same verse) by "the people that are gathered out of the nations"—and now once again restored to great material prosperity—"which have gotten cattle,

and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

Notice it!

This prophecy does not picture the British Isles and America! It pictures the land of PALESTINE. It pictures *our people* having been taken there from a dispersion and captivity and slavery, gathered out of the nations where we had been scattered, now once again rich and increased with goods!

Notice it! The TIME of this prophecy is AFTER—not before, but AFTER the Second Coming of Christ—AFTER the Great Deliverer has come and rescued our people and restored us to Palestine—AFTER Israel and Judah are re-united! Certainly the "latter years" (Verse 8).

The PLACE of this battle is not Britain or America—it is PALESTINE!

"Thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, which have been always waste (once a perpetual waste—Moffatt translation)." (Verse 8). The "mountains of Israel" is an expression used all thru the Book of Ezekiel, and always refers to the literal mountainous land of Palestine.

Our people shall have regained so much wealth that Gog and allies—Russia and numerous Gentile allies—shall come to "take a spoil" (Verse 13), "to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a GREAT spoil."

Christ's Reign Contested!

But this very fact—that this invasion will not come until *after* the Second Coming of Christ—will seem preposterous to many, at first thought.

That is because we have been accustomed to merely ASSUME things that are not true. We have blindly ASSUMED that when Christ comes, there will be no opposition. Every person and power on earth, we have thought, will simply submit meekly and instantly to Him and His power. But that is not true!

The very battle at Armageddon is a battle between the "BEAST" and Christ. The power who undoubtedly shall finally conquer and disperse Israel, *prior* to Christ's coming—the power who shall then enforce the "mark of the Beast" and martyr many saints (Mat. 24:9; Rev. 6:11)—this last coming European revival of the Roman Empire by a federation of European nations, will fight Christ. The "Beast" and "False Prophet" who heads the organized religion Christ shall abolish, shall both CONTEST Christ's right to rule.

Israel will turn to Him immediately—because Israel shall have lost all her colossal wealth and power, been reduced to slavery, scattered and dispersed thru the nations. When Christ comes He will find Israel humbled, repentant. Jeremiah says Israel and Judah together shall go, *WEEPING*, and seeking the Eternal, and asking the way

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PREDESTINATION..

Does the Bible Teach It?

AS OUR boys get more and more actively into the real fighting in this war, casualty lists, of necessity, mount. The very fact of these casualties is beginning to cause a great deal of added sorrow and grief that is entirely unnecessary—if we UNDERSTAND! Many will grieve in the belief that loved ones died "lost"—when, if they understood the truth, these probably were not lost at all!

So here is a message of hope and cheer—especially to those who have not understood this thing we call "predestination."

The Common Conception

Several years ago a man, quite worried over the subject of predestination, went to a certain minister.

"Do you believe in predestination?" he asked.

"The Bible teaches it, brother," was the minister's reply.

The minister tried hard to explain. "But that doesn't really mean," he said, "that you have nothing to do with your own salvation. It doesn't mean that it is all set—your decision and eternal fate all determined for you in advance. You are to make your own decision. But God knows all things, even in advance. And so He knows beforehand how you are going to decide."

This didn't satisfy the troubled man at all.

"If God knows beforehand how I am going to decide," he reasoned, "then it is all predetermined. If He knows in advance I am to be LOST, then that's the way I'll have to decide in the end. And since I'll lose out anyway, WHY TRY? On the other hand, if He knows now I'm going to repent and accept Christ and be saved, I'll have to do it in the end anyway, whether I try or not. Then my ultimate fate is predetermined. Isn't that what predestination means—that the ultimate fate of each one is PRE-destined—destined, or determined, IN ADVANCE? And if that's so, then we simply are not free moral agents, and we have nothing to say about it."

The poor man was more discouraged than ever.

And no wonder. Neither could convince the other, because both were arguing from a false premise—that predestination has to do with whether each individual shall be lost, or saved.

Does the Bible teach that your ultimate

IS Your ultimate fate for eternity decided for you, in advance?

No subject has baffled, perplexed and worried people more. Here, for the first time, many will read the astonishing Truth, so plain all can understand.

fate is already predestinated?

Neither the preacher nor his perplexed questioner had read carefully what the Bible does say.

What confusion we are in today—what BABYLON! Let's UNDERSTAND this!

All UNSaved Not Finally LOST

But all this perplexity and worry has arisen from another general assumption—one of the greatest errors of this time, yet almost universally taken for granted without so much as a thought to inquire into it.

That is the assumption that there are only two classes, living or dead—the SAVED, and the LOST. How many sermons have you heard based on the theory "there is no middle-ground! Either you are this minute SAVED, or you're a LOST soul!" This teaching has led to untold suffering and unnecessary grief.

Thousands are grieving over departed loved ones who had never made a profession of Christ. Perhaps over one who really lived wickedly; perhaps over one who lived a good life in the worldly sense, but still had never accepted Christ or been converted. Still others grieve because of a doubt—they are not sure whether some loved one died saved.

If this article does no more than dispel some of this needless grief, and bring a little enlightenment and COMFORT to some of our readers, it will have been worth while.

So LISTEN! Notice carefully! It's important that you UNDERSTAND!

Supposing this universal assumption were true. See where it leads us!

This teaching comes from the supposition, also generally taken for granted without question, that *this* is the one and only age and time when God is trying desperately to SAVE the world—that the mission of the Church is to save the world—that this is the ONLY day of salvation, and it

is now about over. "Probation" is about to close. Soon it will be too late.

What of the Ignorant Heathen?

We know, of course, the Bible plainly says there is but one name given under heaven among men whereby we may be saved—the name of Jesus Christ!

Over in China, India, Japan, other parts of Asia and Africa, many islands, are millions upon millions—probably at least a billion souls—who, in spite of the comparatively few missionaries sent to heathen lands, have never so much as HEARD that ONLY name! Think of it! A billion souls—half the earth's population—have never heard of Christ! They simply do not KNOW about salvation from sin—God's Plan for eternal life—have never HEARD the true Gospel!

They cannot be SAVED! And now let us ask, can we believe that a God of Love brought these souls into the world without their knowledge or consent, permitted them to live and die without ever having HEARD the precious Gospel—that God has simply consigned them to eternal punishment because they never HAD A CHANCE?

Or, do we believe that in some manner God saves them, if they live up to the best they know, WITHOUT having known and accepted Christ—without having been converted? Is there, then, some OTHER name—some OTHER way to salvation and life eternal, than through Jesus Christ our Lord? Certainly we can find no such teaching in the Bible.

Then what is the TRUTH?

Not the ONLY Day of Salvation!

The amazing, startling TRUTH is that this is NOT the age in which God is trying to save all the world! It is not the ONLY day of salvation!

Rather, we are nearing, now, the end of the six working days of the millennial week allotted to Satan!

Scripture plainly reveals Satan as the GOD of this world—this AGE; the prince of the power of the air; the actual spirit RULER of this present world! He is IN POWER! He offered to turn over this power to Jesus, if He would only worship Satan. Jesus actually won the RIGHT to that power—to dethrone and replace Satan in power—by resisting him in that tempta-

tion. When Christ comes to rule, Satan shall be dethroned and utterly shorn of power. But he *has* power, now!

Satan's Millennial Week

Satan retains that power *only by God's express permission!* God has, in effect, turned over ONE WEEK—a millennial week, each "day" an actual thousand years—to Satan. A day is *as* a thousand years with God, and a thousand years *as* a day. It forms a *complete* period of time.

God's principles never change. Applied to this millennial "week," God has said to Satan, in effect: "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy GOD; in it thou shalt not do any work!"

Satan's WORK is a labor of deception—of *deceiving* mankind upon earth—of turning God's TRUTH upside down—causing honest sincere people to accept a counterfeit for the genuine—deceiving people into SIN! And how successfully he has worked at his occupation for six thousand long years!

We are nearing, now, the END of the first six days of Satan's "week." And the coming SEVENTH millennial day shall be the Sabbath of the Lord our GOD! The first six days God has turned over to Satan, and given him free reign to influence and to deceive, wherever man would permit. But the coming SEVENTH millennium is GOD'S day—it shall belong to HIM. In it, Satan shall not do ANY work—he shall be chained, restrained, thrown into the symbolic "bottomless pit," (Rev. 20:1-4)—he shall not deceive a single soul! That day shall not belong to him, thank God!—it shall belong to GOD, who shall rule through CHRIST!

Jesus plainly said He is "LORD of the Sabbath." And as this millennial Sabbath dawns, Jesus shall return to earth IN PERSON—as King of kings not only, but LORD of lords! He is coming not only to reign and to rule, as King of kings. But as LORD of lords, He is coming as High Priest to SAVE!

The fact we must now see — the ASTOUNDING fact, almost unbelievable in the light of erroneous traditions, yet TRUE—is that we have been living in the age of SATAN'S DOMINION—while Satan, with God's express permission, has been RULING—and NOT in the age when God has set His hand to SAVE the world!

Not Given to Many to UNDERSTAND

Notice carefully, now! Shocking as this truth may come to many, yet it is the PLAIN TRUTH. During this time while Satan has been permitted to reign, it is simply *not given to all* to understand God's truth!

For instance, most people suppose Jesus spoke in parables in order to make His meaning clearer. But He didn't. He spoke

in parables to HIDE His real meaning—to cover it so they could *not* understand! After Jesus had spoken the parable of the sower and the seed, notice: Mark 4:10-12; Mat. 13:10-13.

Notice, Jesus plainly said that except to His disciples whom He had called, "*it is not given*" to even KNOW of the Kingdom—even to them who actually *saw* Jesus and heard Him speak in person! *They were not permitted to understand!*

That's astonishing! But there it is, in your own Bible—READ IT!

Not ALL Called NOW

But there is no injustice with God, He denies no one an opportunity of salvation. These many are simply called NOW—at *this time*—in this, Satan's age! This is simply not the TIME when God is trying to save everyone.

If He were—and of course we know Satan is trying to deceive people into loss of salvation—then Satan surely would be getting the better of the contest. But it is NOT a contest between God and Satan, at all. God alone rules in high heaven, and what Satan does he does not do in competition or in spite of God, or contrary to God's will—he does it *only by God's express permission*—and God gives that permission for an express and wise PURPOSE. Some day we shall understand!

But God denies no one a chance. There is no injustice with God. Everyone is to have his full chance. But God does things HIS WAY and in HIS TIME, and in HIS PLAN all are not being called *now*. Millions who have died *without a chance* shall be resurrected and GIVEN their full chance—and without a devil to tempt them! The space of this article does not permit a full explanation of this, but the 37th chapter of Ezekiel is one very definite revelation of this fact.

Notice, *1 Corinthians 1:24-26*: "But unto them *which are called*, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see *your calling*, brethren, how that NOT MANY wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, ARE CALLED."

Notice, "*unto them which are called!*" Some are called. All are not called, at this time—during this age of Satan's dominion! "For ye see YOUR calling, BRETHREN"—Paul is speaking only to those he calls "brethren"—those who had been called—"how that *not many*"—notice it, "NOT MANY wise men after the flesh"—and are not most people wise after the flesh today—does that not include MOST? — "*not many mighty, not many noble*" — NOT MANY of these in the world ARE CALLED!

Gospel Preached for a Witness

Did Jesus say the Gospel was to be preached to CONVERT all nations? No, only FOR A WITNESS! "And this Gospel

of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, *for a witness* unto all nations, and then shall the end come."—the end of the AGE! Then follows the NEW age when the reign of Christ shall replace that of Satan!

While, during the present age, many in number are called, yet it is but a FEW comparatively. And those who are called are called to a *calling*, and what is it? First a calling to a *changed life*—a life of overcoming sin and self. And notice what Jesus said of those *now* called, who *do* grow in grace and in knowledge, who endure unto the end, and who overcome! Notice their ultimate calling!

Rev. 2:26-27: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, *to him will I give power over the nations!* and he shall rule them with a rod of iron."

When Jesus was here on earth it was His custom, as recorded in Luke 4:16, to PREACH THE GOSPEL every Sabbath day. And when this great Millennial Sabbath dawns, Satan will be imprisoned, and Christ will come not only to rule—He shall also PREACH! The worldly Pharisees thought it wrong for Him to HEAL on the Sabbath—and the religionists of this day, mostly, seem to believe it would be wrong for Him to heal sin-sick souls during the millennial Sabbath! But He shall do it, just the same!

When MOST of Israel Shall Be Saved!

One of the most wonderful chapters in the Bible is the eleventh of Romans. Few seem to understand it—yet it's plain! Some, today, say God has rejected and utterly cast away the Jews. They suppose the Jews are Israel, whereas actually they are merely of the House of Judah, which split off from Israel in the days of Kings Rehoboam and Jeroboam. Nevertheless, Romans 11 speaks undoubtedly of ALL the tribes of Israel.

This marvelous chapter says God has *not* cast away His people Israel. But it reveals that only a *small portion* of Israel (and our white, English-speaking people are the Birthright tribes of Israel) are of the election of GRACE at *this time*.

The rest are *blinded* spiritually, and GOD blinded them—deliberately and for a purpose—not permanently, but *until* the "fullness of the Gentiles be come in,"—and then what?

"Then," we read in Romans 11:26, "ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED, as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer"—CHRIST, at His second coming—"and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." Israel is spiritually *blinded*, now, God blinded them. They are not now being called, to salvation. *They are not being given any chance, now, at all!* The wonderful opportunity that shall come to them after the fullness of the Gentiles has come in—after the Deliverer comes, and they are no longer blinded—shall not be a

SECOND CHANCE—they have never yet had ANY chance!

And, if we can but understand, this chapter dealing with national fleshly Israel refers to our own race—our American and British peoples, as well as to the Jews! It includes MOST of our American people! It includes, undoubtedly, *most* of these departed loved ones who died without having accepted Christ and becoming converted! They may have HEARD the name of Christ, but they did not understand! God never called them, during this life-time in THIS AGE! Of course they did not die automatically saved—but, on the other hand, *neither did they die LOST!*

That's the comforting TRUTH! The overwhelming majority of our American people, today, are *neither* saved nor lost—they simply have not, yet, been called!

The PURPOSE of the Christian Calling

But if God is not trying to save the whole world *now*—if most are not now called, or given opportunity for salvation—WHY does God call *any*, during this age? What's the PURPOSE of calling, some now?

That great purpose is to be trained to RULE with Christ, and to TEACH, under Him, WHEN HE COMES IN HIS KINGDOM—WHEN all Israel SHALL BE SAVED! We are being trained, prepared, fitted, thru trial and test, thru hardship, thru persecution, thru tribulation, with continual Bible study and PRAYER, growing in grace and in KNOWLEDGE, to be able, THEN, to fill the high office of a king or a priest—either to rule in the civil sense, or to preach GOD'S TRUTH when the time comes that ALL may be privileged to understand, and to be CALLED.

What a glorious mission is the true Christian LIFE!

So DON'T GRIEVE over departed ones you have felt were LOST. The chances are they were simply not now called—it was not GIVEN to them to understand—their chance had not yet come. But they shall be resurrected, the spiritual blindness removed, and, if YOU are one of the called, and if YOU are faithful and finally CHOSEN, YOU MAY BE USED THEN TO MINISTER TO THEM, AND TO LEAD THEM INTO SALVATION AND LIFE ETERNAL.

Oh, *what a GLORIOUS HOPE!* What truly GOOD NEWS, is the true Gospel of CHRIST, which most people today simply have NEVER HEARD. They are hearing a FALSE gospel today!

But Paul in Rom. 11 shows that salvation has come to the FEW, the ELECT in Israel, and to some of the GENTILES. And WHY? He explains it in Verse 31. They are blinded, NOW, that, thru OUR mercy who ARE now called, THEY may obtain mercy and salvation THEN—when Jesus comes as the great DELIVERER! How PLAIN, and how WONDERFUL!

Great Harvest of Heathen Souls

But now, how about the hundreds of millions of heathen who never heard?

Will GENTILES—heathen Gentiles—have a chance of salvation after Christ returns?—after the KINGDOM is set up to rule over ALL NATIONS?

Flesh and blood, remember, cannot inherit the KINGDOM. Only those finally *born again*—born of the Spirit—those who shall have *become* Spirit, and no longer flesh and blood (John 3:1-8) shall be *in* the Kingdom!

And they are the saints of *this time*, NOW called, changed, then, to immortality. (See 1 Cor. 15:50-54). They are those called during this dispensation who have endured unto the end, and proved overcomers. And they shall rule, and teach, the nations (Rev. 2:27 and 3:21, Daniel 7:18, 22, 27). They shall reign *on the earth*, not up in heaven (Rev. 5:10). They shall rule THE NATIONS—ordinary mortals of all races, on earth (Rev. 2:27). They shall thus rule, and teach, for one thousand years—Christ's millennial 'Sabbath.' (Rev. 20:4,6).

Those *now called*, during this time, are called to a life of TRAINING—spiritual character-training,—to fit them for positions of high responsibility in the Kingdom. The one, for example, who multiplies ten times over in spiritual character what God gives him at conversion, shall be qualified to rule ten cities. The one who overcomes, and grows in grace and knowledge only five times, shall be qualified to rule over five cities. The one who thinks he '*got saved*' merely by 'accepting Christ' and, deceived by the 'no works' teaching, did not grow or develop in his christian life at all, will have taken from him even the salvation he thought he had! See the parable of the 'pounds,' Luke 19.

But who shall these converted immortals reign over?

One glimpse into this millennial rule is found in Isaiah eleven. It portrays Christ ruling the world in RIGHTEOUSNESS. It is a time when wild animals are tamed. Babies are being born, and nursing babes and weaned babies shall be playing with wild animals and deadly snakes—now tamed and harmless. Now notice:

Isaiah 11:10,11: "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse (Christ), which shall stand for an ensign of the people; and to it (the Root—Christ) shall the Gentiles seek; . . . and it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people (Israel)."

To Christ, then ruling, shall the GENTILES seek! And then, as the returned Deliverer, shall He set His hand again the second time to RECOVER ISRAEL AND JUDAH—the time when the spiritual blindness is removed!

Notice, again: Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Eternal, and the house of the God of Jacob (the

Kingdom of God), and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths.'

And now what of those Gentiles who NEVER HEARD? Notice!

Isaiah 66:15,19: 'For behold the Eternal will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury (last plagues) . . . And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud (Gentile nations) . . . and Javan, to the isles afar off, *that have not heard my fame, neither seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.*'

The Great FALL Harvest

When Jesus, the Great DELIVERER, shall come, the dead *in Christ* (those who have been called, and who have accepted the call and been finally saved,) shall be resurrected out of their graves immortal (1 Cor. 15:50-53); and together they shall be caught up into the air to meet the coming King, with whom they shall reign.

Thus they shall be SEPARATED from all earth's mortals—mark that! The separation between mortal and immortal is made *before Christ ever touches this earth!*

They meet the King Eternal, up in the clouds. Where do they go from there? The first four verses of Zechariah reveal that *in that same day*—not a thousand years afterward—Christ's feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, from whence He ascended!

Then, upon this earth He shall take over HIS throne—the throne of His father David. (Luke 1:32) That, then, is the throne on which the saints made immortal shall sit with Him (Rev. 3:21).

And then what shall happen, during the thousand-year reign from then on?

Matthew 25:31-34: "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations (Gentiles and Israelites): and he shall SEPARATE them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you. . . Then shall He say unto them on the left hand, 'Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire.'"

Notice, all those called and saved prior to Christ's second appearing on earth had been SEPARATED from the unsaved before Christ stood upon earth—while still in the clouds of the air—before He sat upon the throne of His glory!

The SEPARATION going on after He sits upon that throne ruling over THE NATIONS, therefore, is a different, and a succeeding separation!

Here are earth's nations—earth's mortals—all nation's! And now begins a pro-

cess of SEPARATION. It is according to the decisions they make, and the actions they take. Those who turn to a life of RIGHTEOUSNESS are set on the RIGHT hand. They are converted—given IMMORTALITY—because Christ says to them: "Inherit the Kingdom!"—and mortal flesh and blood *cannot* inherit that Kingdom! (I Cor. 15:50).

Those who do evil then receive the full penalty of the law—DEATH! They are sentenced to depart into the lake of fire!

Certainly this passage pictures nothing but a process of salvation going on, *after* Christ's return, DURING His millennial "Sabbath Day."

That is the great "FALL Harvest of souls!"

The astonishing fact is that the present soul-harvest corresponds to the early Spring grain-harvest of Palestine. It is so pictured in the annual round of festivals God gave to Israel to keep His people continually in the understanding of His PLAN! This is the *preliminary* harvest of souls! This is the time of SATAN'S dominion. And out of it God is calling a people for His name, that through *our* mercy who now are called, the great majority *not* now called may, then, obtain mercy! Those now called to salvation are merely the "first-fruits" of God's salvation (Jas. 1:18). They are called, now, to prepare for the office of "king" or "priest," to become the instrumentality through which Christ will really save the world, when HIS time comes! What a glorious PLAN, and GOSPEL!

Not a SECOND Chance!

But, some will say, is not this the doctrine of a SECOND CHANCE?

Absolutely not!

One text ought to make that plain. *Hebrews* 10:26-27: "If we sin willfully, *after that we have received the knowledge of the truth*, there remaineth NO MORE SACRIFICE FOR SINS, but a CERTAIN fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation."

Those to whom it has not been *given* to understand—those *not now CALLED*—have not received the KNOWLEDGE of the Truth.

They may have heard it preached. Hundreds of thousands hear it every week through "The WORLD TOMORROW" broadcast. But most of them do not really grasp it—they do not really UNDERSTAND! Because the TRUTH is *spiritual* knowledge, and spiritual knowledge cannot be transmitted *naturally* to a mortal human mind! Spiritual truth is *revealed*! None receive it, though their ears hear the words, or their eyes read them, except as GOD opens their understanding, and by His Spirit *reveals* to them the TRUTH!

But, if one has been truly *called* of God, convicted by God's Spirit, his mind opened to the precious spiritual knowledge of the Truth, *then* if that man sins willfully, deliberately, intentionally, without re-

sistence—THAT MAN IS THROUGH! He has *had* his chance! He shall have no other, during the coming millennium!

Those who shall then be saved are those who have not, until then, been CALLED! They are those who NEVER HAD A PREVIOUS CHANCE!

In God's own time, according to His Plan, *all* shall have their *chance*! But each in his order. Those who were born and lived first receive theirs last. And those born last come in first! The illustration of the "Valley of dry bones" in *Ezekiel* 37 shows the whole House of Israel—those spiritually *blinded* who lived and died without a chance—resurrected in mortal bodies to mortal life, as before. It shows their understanding being opened — the KNOWLEDGE coming to them for the first time. Then God puts His Holy Spirit within them, and they are saved!

Those Who Died Unsaved!

And so it follows, now, that *most* of our loved ones who have died unsaved in all probability *did not die LOST*! In all probability they were not *called*, during this age. *But their call is coming later!* They shall be resurrected back to life, and *given* their fair chance! And *you*, if you are called — if God reveals this wonderful TRUTH to your mind—are having YOUR one and only chance NOW—your chance to prepare and fit yourself to be used of Christ in the loving labor of helping to save them, *then!*

Oh, what great MEANING we begin to see in the Christian life! What glorious PURPOSE! What grave responsibility! Will you make *your* calling and election SURE?

And now, in the light of this wonderful revelation of truth, we should be able to UNDERSTAND this matter of "PREDESTINATION."

What "Predestination" Is NOT

Very few understand what "predestination" is. First, consider what it is *not*. There is no teaching in the Bible that says the *decision* you are to make—your final fate of becoming either saved or LOST, is already pre-determined, and that you are DESTINED finally to arrive at that fate!

Absolutely NO TEXT anywhere in the Bible says *anyone* is predestinated to be LOST!

But doesn't the Bible say anything about predestination? Certainly. But *it does not say what people seem to think!* People seem to *think* it says we are predestinated to be either saved or lost. Some to be saved—others to be lost.

Let us read the only texts in the Bible speaking about "predestination." And see if you can find anything in any of them about anyone being predestinated to be LOST. The difficulty is that people have assumed and taken for granted what is not true.

There are just FOUR places where the

word "predestinated" occurs in the Authorized version.

Romans 8:28-30: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, he also did PREDESTINATE to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did PREDESTINATE, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified."

Ephesians 1:4-5, 11-12: "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: having PREDESTINATED us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will . . . in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being PREDESTINATED according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: that we should be to the praise of His glory, who *first* trusted in Christ."

Notice, none of the places in the Bible where predestination is mentioned says anything about anyone being predestinated to be LOST—predestinated to reject Christ. No one is predestinated to make a certain decision—to accept or reject Christ—to be saved or lost. But some have been predestinated to be *called* to salvation, NOW!

WHEN We Were Called

Of those called NOW, in this age, notice WHEN we were called!

II Timothy 1:9: "God, who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus *before the world began*."

And, as in *Ephesians* I, quoted above, notice carefully what it SAYS:

God chose us in Him, *when?* "Before the foundation of the world!"

"Having PREDESTINATED us"—what for? To be LOST? No, "unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ."

"Being PREDESTINATED according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." Were any predestinated, then, to be LOST? Is it GOD'S WILL that *any* be lost? He says it is not! Then can't we see that "predestination" has nothing to do with WHETHER we shall be lost or saved—with our decision—with our ultimate fate?

Notice carefully, now!

"Being PREDESTINATED . . . that we should be to the praise of His glory, who *FIRST* trusted in Christ!" Those predestinated are the FIRST to trust in Christ—merely the first preliminary soul-harvest!

And now do you begin to see the glorious truth—that predestination has nothing to do with your making a decision, or your fate—it has only to do with the TIME of

your calling—whether you are called NOW, in this age, or later!

Notice it in the passage in Romans 8:28-30:

"For whom He did foreknow." How GREAT is God! If you are one now called, God "foreknew" you—Knew you thousands of years before you were born! And "whom He did foreknow, He also did PREDESTINATE"—to be lost? No, "to be conformed to the image of His Son, that HE might be the *firstborn* among many brethren. Moreover, whom He did PREDESTINATE, them He also CALLED." Not will call in the future—called, now, in *this* age.

There it is! Note it!

"Whom He did predestinate, them He also CALLED!"

Predestination has to do with BEING CALLED. Not with being saved or lost. Those now being called, in this age, were foreknown, and PRE-destinated to be called now—to be the FIRST to put their hope in Christ. All others have their call later!

God does not decide for you, in advance, whether you shall be saved or lost. He DID decide far in advance which ones He would call in this FIRST calling, to be a priest or a king in His Kingdom—to have part in the saving of OTHERS!

How WONDERFUL are God's ways, when He opens our understanding to reveal them to us!

Let us make *our* calling and final election SURE! Let us not grieve over departed loved ones who probably were not called, in this life. God is able to raise them up again. They will come up in the Great White Throne Judgment. And in that judgment, the BOOK OF LIFE shall be opened, and many shall then find it. Judgment, now, is upon the true Church of God—those now called (I Pet. 4:17). And WE are later to JUDGE THE WORLD!

The overwhelming majority on earth today are neither saved nor lost. Their chance has not yet come. This is not their time. But it is coming as certainly as God's Word is TRUE!

This is NOT the age when Christ is desperately contesting Satan as to whether all humanity shall be saved or lost. If it were, as most seem to believe, a controversy for souls now, between Christ and Satan, then Satan surely is winning the contest, and a one-sided contest it is!

But Satan is not more powerful than God! We near, now, the close of the sixth working day of Satan's week. Soon will come "the Sabbath of THE LORD THY GOD." Satan shall be chained. Christ shall rule,—AND PREACH, and SAVE!

What's Prophesied About Russia . . .

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to salvation. (Jer. 50:4-6). Ezekiel says they shall "loathe themselves" for all the evils they have committed (20:42-44).

But the Gentile nations who have schemed to conquer and rule the world—

they shall not submit until forced to. The European Axis power shall be subdued and conquered at Armageddon. But Russia, and the populous Oriental nations who know not God or Christ, shall still have to be brought to submission!

"Gog" Is Russia

It is conclusively proved, as *all* students of prophecy know, that "Gog" in the land of "Magog" is RUSSIA. "Meshech" is Moscow. "Tubal" is Tobolsk. The margin says "Prince of Rosh" which is Russia.

Notice the allies who come with Russia in this future battle. You will find "Gomer," "Togarmah," "Magog," "Meshah," "Tubal," identified in Genesis 10 as the sons of JAPETH, father of the yellow races. Ethiopia and Libya (or Phut) are descended from Ham. Any Bible map will show that the descendants of Japeth migrated north and northeast into the territories occupied today by Russia, and the Oriental races.

Therefore, this prophecy of Ezekiel 38 shows that it is RUSSIA, not Japan, who shall finally succeed in marshalling all the yellow races into a gigantic invasion upon OUR people—but Russia shall never attack us now!

Russia shall never invade the United States or the British Isles. There need be no fear of Russia double-crossing and invading us now. Russia will not ally with Germany—unless, *after* the Germans are defeated at Armageddon, they later line up as one of the allies of Russia.

Russia is a Communist nation. Communism is atheism—it fights God! When God rules the world, thru Christ—with His chosen people restored to great wealth in Palestine, the very CENTER of the land surface of the earth (verse 13, Moffatt translation), Russia shall finally rise up with the most overwhelming armies ever assembled by man!

The mighty air-force of Russia in that day will make those of this war look puny. "Thou shalt ascend," the Eternal says of Russia. "and come like a storm (in the air), thou shalt be like a cloud TO COVER THE LAND." (Verse 9). There shall be so many planes then that they will hide the sun off the ground below, like a huge dark shadow!

The END of World Conquest

This will be the final effort of rebellious, God-resisting man to conquer the world in the lust for power and material wealth.

Our people Israel shall not be armed or prepared. "When my people Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? asks the Eternal. "And thou shalt come from thy place *out of the north* parts (Russia is due north of Palestine), thou, and many people (allies) with thee . . . a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me (note the purpose), when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes." (Verses 14-16).

But our people shall not *have* to fight in that battle. We shall have learned by then that God fights our battles for us!

"And it shall come to pass at that time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel (Palestine), saith the Eternal God, that MY FURY shall come up in my face." (Verse 18). "So that . . . all the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at MY PRESENCE." (Verse 20.) It is AFTER Christ's coming! Note it!

"I will summon an utter panic against him (Gog), says the Lord the Eternal, till every man in his host shall draw the sword against his fellow: I will punish him with pestilence and blood-shed, I will rain on him and his hordes and all the nations in his train an overpowering flood, with hail-stones, fire, and brimstone. I will let ALL THE NATIONS see MY MIGHT AND DREAD DIVINITY—to teach them that I am the Eternal!" (Verses 21-23, Moffatt).

Notice, these heathen nations do not see and recognize the dread DIVINITY, the MIGHT, and POWER of the Eternal Christ, even after He has returned. He has to TEACH them that HE is the ETERNAL!

The 39th chapter shows in more detail the RESULT of this great battle, in which Christ, with supernatural power, causes five-sixth of these heathen armies to be slain in this battle.

Notice, again, the time: "Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the *whole* House of Israel (Israel and Judah), and will be jealous for my holy name; . . . when I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their ENEMIES' LANDS, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; then shall they KNOW that I AM THE ETERNAL!" (Ch. 39:25-28).

Notice again! At Christ's Second Coming, He shall gather Israel—our British and American people—*out . . . of our enemies' lands*, not out of our own land of wealth and power, North America and the British Isles!

But then we shall be thoroughly chastened. We shall have learned our lesson. We shall live by GOD'S rules, and obey His Law. "For I have poured out My SPIRIT upon the House of Israel, saith the Eternal God." (Verse 29).

And then, beginning chapter 40, the remainder of the Book of Ezekiel reveals the ideal THEOCRACY—God's NEW ORDER of divine government upon earth—the permanent forms and institutions which shall express the ideal relation between God and man!

In the meantime, our job is to WARN America and Britain of what lies ahead! To shout the warning to come out of BABYLON (Rev. 18:4)—that those who heed may find God now,—may come under His divine protection (Psalm 91), and by a true Spirit-filled life obedient to GOD'S WAYS and laws, be prepared to become a ruler or a teacher in Christ's soon-coming glorious Kingdom!