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"This Is GOD Speaking...!"

(A Continuation)

The POSSESSOR OF a completely REBEL-
LIUS and UNCHANGING nature could be
LED INTO eternal OBLIVION BY IT! Remem-
ber—The desperately wicked nature of THE
MOST STUBBORN will CARRY their OWNER
ONLY INTO GREATER AND GREATER
mounting DIFFICULTIES. For God reveals to us
exactly what these greater and greater mounting
difficulties will be. Understand and be warned!

NOW in this vital section WE COME TO a
STUDY OF those having carnal natures that will
be EXTREMELY RELUCTANT to let them go
so that they may serve God. And we will see what
extremely great difficulties they must experience be-
fore they will truly seek God. They will have to
experience the ultimate in extremely unpleasant dis-
ruptions! Let us see what is to happen to them.

TERRIBLE "West-East" and "East-West" WARS Ahead

1. What is the next event which will fall, as a tor-
ment, on the most stubborn—GREAT WAR? Rev.
9, chapter. Doesn't "smoke" irritate, and do not
"scorpions" torment? Verse 3, 5.

2. What are these things that have the torment-
ing power of scorpions symbolically called, "lo-
custs"? Rev. 9:3, 5. Note in verse 5 that the torment
is not "of" a scorpion, but "as of" a scorpion. These
are not actual scorpions—but machines. Are these to
have shapes like horses (verse 7), and to have
armour of iron? Verse 9. Locust-like "horses" with
power to hurt man (verse 10). It adds to FIGHT-
ING MACHINES—now, or soon to be, in exist-
ence.

3. Who is the fighting power, having these ma-

chines, to be? Let us see. Examine Nahum 3:18, 17.
Are not the Assyrians—verse 18—the well-known
ancestors of the Germans today, referred to here as
"Locusts"? Verse 17. The Germans will be this
fighting power.

COMMENT: The term "locusts" thus identifies
both the fighting power and its principal weapon.

COMMENT: Future fighting machines, not being
in existence in the time of the prophets, they had
to speak of them symbolically—calling them here
"locusts."

4. And whom are the Germans to fight in this
coming war? Rev. 9:14, 16.

COMMENT: Communist Russia lies east of the
Euphrates River. Verse 14. And is warlike. Verses
15, 16. GERMANY AND ALLIES—"THE WEST"
—ATTACK RUSSIA AND ALLIES—"THE
EAST."

COMMENT: This attack will happen after the
United States, Britain, and the other descendants of
ancient Israel become captives of the German-domi-
nated European Union. Leaving but two world
powers—the Nazi (Fascist) and Communist—to
battle.

COMMENT: Nazi Germany and her union of al-
lies will, with fury, attack Communist Russia and
her horde of eastern satellites, *TORMENTING*
them TERRIBLY (Rev. 9:6) in the process. Espe-
cially with this type of machine—note in verse
5, the word repeated!: "TORMENTED—TOR-
MENT—TORMENT."

5. As a result of this great tormenting disruption,
will more people turn to God? Let us see. WHO
residing IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
will NOT be TORMENTED—those who HAVE
the "SEAL OF GOD"? Rev. 9:4. Is this a com-

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mand? Same verse. Is this not the *same identical seal* of God by which the 144,000 will ESCAPE the disruptions after they, by this same seal, have found safety? Rev. 7:3. It is the *same identical seal!*

COMMENT: GOD will COMMAND DIVINE PROTECTION to such dwellers in the Communist dominated countries. God is no respecter of persons. Either of Israelite descendants or those who reside in godless atheistic Russia, or any other country. SALVATION and SAFETY is OPEN TO ALL. Those bearing the seal will have surrendered themselves to completely follow God. Will have the right Spirit in their minds—symbolized by "SEALED IN their FOREHEADS" (Rev. 9:4)—SEAT OF the MIND. With this seal they may ESCAPE DISRUPTIONS FROM THAT TIME ONWARD.

(The lessons of this Correspondence Course can lead you to the knowledge of how YOU MAY BEAR this seal in the dangerous end days—now upon us!)

6. But what about the remaining group—the other half of the hard-to-convince of the world? The German-dominated European-Ten Nation "West"? The western "half" of the world. Will they be brought to God by these increasingly more severe disruptions *against them?* Let us see:

Will the East—RUSSIA AND HER ALLIES—long preparing for world war, THEN COUNTERATTACK THE WEST—GERMANY AND HER ALLIES—in this great bid FOR WORLD DOMINION? Rev. 9:14-19.

COMMENT: The Communist hordes—their countries lying *east* of the Euphrates River—will cross the Euphrates and advance *westward* and will attack the Ten Union army.

COMMENT: Note the arms of the "East." Note that out of the "mouths" of their "horse"-like mechanical man-created *destroyers* of man will come horrible fire and smoke and brimstone. Verse 17. Yes, horrible. Note that these "horses" will have hurtful devices (as had the Germans)—and, in addition, DESTROYING ARMS. WAR INTENSI-

FYING!

7. And how MANY of the "West" WILL BE KILLED by the fire, smoke, and brimstone? Rev. 9:18. A TREMENDOUS NUMBER. But will even this cause this hard-to-convince group of the "WEST" to repent and *turn to God?* Verse 20. Note the words "REPENTED NOT"! Note the list of things that the "desperately wicked" mind of man (Jer. 17:9) causes all mankind to wallow in—verses 19 and 20.

COMMENT: NOWHERE HERE is a SEAL, which would protect, MENTIONED. Not enough of mankind here become sealed to mention it. Truly the POINT is HERE REACHED WHERE the MOST VIOLENT of DISRUPTIONS will HAVE TO OCCUR to LEAD the REMAINDER TO seek GOD.

Sores—Polluted Waters

Yes, truly the point will have been reached where only the most VIOLENT of DISRUPTIONS will be able to influence those hold-outs remaining, to seek God. What are these disruptions to be?

1. What does your Bible refer to these disruptions as being? Rev. 15:6.

COMMENT: Inasmuch as these are the last of this type of thing before Christ's millennial Utopia is fully established, they are referred to as "The Seven Last Plagues." Each of these plagues is referred to as being a vial "poured out" (Rev. 16:3, 4, etc.).

2. What are these vials to be poured out on? Rev. 16:1.

COMMENT: We see that these "vials" are to be poured out on the earth and man that inhabits it.

3. What will the first of these vials be—a disruption of the proper functioning of human flesh—are not SORES to break out on mankind? Rev. 16:2.

COMMENT: Note that the first of these seven last plagues is boils—"the sore"—which will be "poured out" (a vial) on those who worship God improperly. And that it is the same as that which fell upon the ancient Egyptian priests when they also were trying to hold ancient Israel back from making an Exodus to follow and serve God.

Yes, these future seven plagues too will be for the same purpose—for LOOSENING MAN FROM his desperately wicked SINFUL NATURE SO that he may make an Exodus—a *spiritual* Exodus this time—and FOLLOW the TRUE GOD.

4. What will be the second and third of these seven last plagues—WATER BECOMING BLOOD? Rev. 16:3, 4.

COMMENT: Everything in the sea dying? Imagine the effect of this upon man! And the rivers and springs of the earth becoming blood is far worse. Man requires water.

COMMENT: Note that the ancient Egyptians were forced to suffer thirst by rivers of blood in order to soften them so they would let Israel (man) go to serve God. They could not drink of them (Ex. 7:20, 21) and neither will man soon! His nature will also be softened in order that he may later follow God.

COMMENT: We see by such an occurrence as this that those blood descendants of ancient Israel—modern-day Israel—who are STUBBORN and will not have come out in a spiritual Exodus with the other 144,000 (Rev. 7:4), or with the later great multitude (Verse 9), may FIND THEMSELVES IN these STILL MORE UNFORTUNATE POSITIONS.

EARTH Out of Orbit—Scorching

1. FOLLOWING THIS, is the solar system to become disrupted and this EARTH to be SHAKEN OUT OF its ORBIT AROUND THE SUN? Rev. 16:8; Isa. 24:18-20. Will there not be FEARFUL NOISES in the heavens as this results? Verse 18. Note the word "noise."

2. As a RESULT of the changed orbit, will the earth come closer to the sun in its orbit around the sun?—what will be felt—a SCORCHING HEAT? Rev. 16:8. Have wicked men ever burnt one another in religious persecution and in war? Then is God unfair to administer to them the same kind of retribution? But even so, will there be some, stubborn to the ultimate, who will still not seek God and His divine aid even after all these things? Verse 9. Note the words "REPENTED NOT."

COMMENT: Those who do not repent and turn to God at this stage would seem to be DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO FORFEITING their chance of ETERNAL LIFE. Even though this is only a day of salvation.

3. What is to happen to those at the headquarters area of the beast—the HEADQUARTERS OF the great military leader of the ten group EUROPEAN UNION? Will these extremely stubborn-to-repent natured ones SUFFER TERRIBLY from PAIN? And be given a special chance to repent and turn to God? Rev. 16:10, 11. But what will the BEAST do? Note the words, "REPENTED NOT." What will be his ultimate fate?—his, together with the WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIOUS LEADER—the false prophet—with whom he is allied? Rev. 20:10.

COMMENT: ETERNAL DEATH. A GRAVE WARNING TO ALL UNREPENTANT ONES!

GLOBAL Encompassing War!

1. War is a frightfully serious and thought-provoking and soul-searching thing to man! Will the

greatest battle in all human history occur—in order to bring man to his senses, and to God? Rev. 16:14. Will not all nations of the *whole world be involved*? Verse 14. THE GREAT BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON!

2. Will not man's blood run in depth up to the bridle of a horse for almost 180 miles? Rev. 14:20. Is this not to occur at the gigantic battle when the armies of the WORLD GATHER at Armageddon TO FIGHT? Rev. 16:14, 16. This battle to be of all mankind of the world AGAINST their VERY OWN CREATOR—God—as they fight Christ, the Son, there? Rev. 14:14. (Note the word "sickle.") How *very* strange indeed! Man fighting his own *Creator!*

3. But this is only a part of the great picture of destruction! Read Jer. 25:30. Note especially the words "tread the grapes" which words are associated with the ARMAGEDDON-JEHOSHAPHAT GIGANTIC BATTLE. Are not ALL NATIONS TO BE INVOLVED? Verse 15. Note first the heavy *inverted* alphabet letter "P" which denotes change of subject material from the preceding material. Then note the words "*all nations*," or such similar, in verses 15, 17, 20, 26, 29, 30, 31!

4. How will CHRIST be able to fight *all* nations—will He not CARRY the FIGHT TO EACH NATION (in addition to fighting their representatives gathered at Armageddon)? Jer. 25:32. And what is to be the terrible result—great numbers of deaths among people of all nations? Verse 33.

COMMENT: Will such GREAT DESTRUCTION by the Lord of people among all nations be NECESSARY? It ABSOLUTELY *will* be necessary! Why? Recall that, with those of the United States being scattered captives, the German-dominated "West" will have attacked the Communist-dominated "East" with a *non-destructive* substance (Rev. 9:3-6, 10). Thus thinking to take—and at the same time *preserve*—the *assets* of the East for their own use, which would be lost to them if they used *destructive* weapons. The German-led West will fail in its *non-destructive* offensive and will have lost one third of her army to the "East" in the resulting Red counterattack (Rev. 9:18).

But the GERMAN-LED WEST, with all its technical *know-how*, WILL HAVE HELD IN RESERVE ITS REALLY LETHAL ALL-DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS FOR the PROPOSED GREAT KNOCKOUT BLOW against the mammoth manpower and *very* effective arms of the East. The West will gather at Armageddon for the earth-drenching-with-blood *showdown* and face the armies of the East there! Both gather for the battle which WOULD END ALL BATTLES—and—END MANKIND FROM THIS EARTH!!

CHRIST—IN the GREATEST OF MERCY—MUST STEP IN AND INTERVENE SEVERELY at this very last moment and save man from "desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9) self.

And how better than to mercifully weaken, by nation to nation world-wide punishment of man, the faith of man in his desperately wicked self. And in *self* organizations. So man may turn to God.

Man has never been really satisfied with himself. Or with what his actions bring upon himself. God allows man to get himself into the greatest of difficulties—even bordering on self-annihilation. So that MAN—HAVING COMPLETELY EXPLORED HIS OWN UNSATISFACTORY PATH—WILL sincerely, wholeheartedly, and COMPLETELY WILLINGLY turn to, SURRENDER TO, a source *outside* himself for aid—GOD! AND there, sure enough, man *will* FIND SUPERNATURAL AID FOR CHANGING his COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY SELF to a COMPLETELY SATISFYING SELF.

The point?—IT'S GOD'S METHOD OF MAKING a BID FOR MAN'S COMPLETELY WILLING COOPERATION so that man may be transformed into a Spirit being TO SERVE GOD JOYOUSLY FOR ALL ETERNITY!!

Mightiest Quake—Greatest Hail!

1. After Armageddon, is the MIGHTIEST EARTHQUAKE ever, to occur? Rev. 16:18. Why will God resort to this terrible, shocking method in the future? Will most human beings pay heed to any *milder* form? No! What does Isaiah say about the benefit of earthquakes—"mountains . . . *flow down*"—in BRINGING MAN INTO REMEMBRANCE OF GOD? Isa. 64:1-4. Especially verse 4.

2. Why should God want to bring man into remembrance of Him by earthquakes?

COMMENT: Remember that our "desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9) mind with which we are born, produces only iniquities which take us away—Isa. 64:6—from salvation. Doesn't God show that by stirring us up with earthquakes—Isaiah 64, verses 1, 3—He may make man aware that He, God, *does* exist—verse 7, first 9 words—so that man will come to Him (call on God) SO that HE, GOD, MAY REFASHION—verse 8—MAN'S MIND TO A BETTER ONE—SPIRITUALLY—verse 6—than man now has?

3. What else is to occur during this mighty earthquake? Read Rev. 16:20. Will the islands of the sea *blow up* and will new volcanic cones form in different locations? Remember that nearly all islands are dormant oceanic volcanoes! *Sky darkening ash!*

4. And what is to occur *finally*—GIGANTIC HAIL? Rev. 16:21.

COMMENT: The weight of these hailstones will be one talent—130 POUNDS. They will have a TREMENDOUS FLATTENING EFFECT as they fall.

5. Even so, will there be men who will not turn to God? Rev. 16:21. Note the words, "BLASPHEMED GOD."

COMMENT: We see by this that there will be SOME who will live through all these very dangerous and trying times. DELAYING their COMING TO GOD as LONG AS POSSIBLE. WITH THESE CHRIST will have to DEAL IN the beginning of the MILLENNIAL UTOPIA when punishment must be executed upon them to restrain them. Psalm 149:7, 8. ALL who have remained reluctant through these disruptions and who wish TO LIVE HAPPILY forever MUST SURRENDER themselves to God's expressed will. SO that He—GOD—through the use of His *divine Power*, MAY LEAD them IN an EXODUS OUT OF their own UNHAPPY WAY and INTO SUPREME HAPPINESS.

But what advantage is it that they delay? God is just as ready to aid those *willing* to surrender to Him *now*, and will aid them *now* with the same *Power* as those who will delay until then. It is here apparent to all that it would be INCOMPARABLY BETTER for them TO carefully SEEK the TRUE GOD NOW!

Modern ISRAEL'S Fleshly EXODUS TO Land of PALESTINE

We have seen that there will be 144,000 of the modern-day descendants of ancient Israel who will be turned to God by the *captivity* which is soon to fall on the United States, Britain, and democracies of northwestern Europe (Rev. 7:1-8). *And* that other of the Israelites will come to God *later*, along with a great multitude from all nations (Rev. 7:9, 15).

But what about the EXTREMELY STUBBORN AMONG THE MODERN ISRAELITES? Those WHO will DELAY AND NOT COME TO GOD WITH EITHER the 144,000 or Great Multitude? They WILL FIND THEMSELVES very painfully and very dangerously IN ADDITIONAL DISRUPTIONS that fall *after* the other two groups have placed themselves under God's protection. These latter disruptions WILL LESSEN the HOLD OF THEIR NATURES on them SO that they may fully and completely surrender to God and WILL WILLINGLY BE LED BY GOD IN AN EXODUS from their captivity TO a BETTER EARTHLY LAND. Let us UNDERSTAND.

1. Does the Bible not show there is soon to be another Exodus of the people of ISRAEL? Jer.

23:7. From where will this Exodus be? Verse 8. To where—to their own land? Same verse. All know the Israelite land to be Palestine. They are to be led back to the land of their ancestors—Palestine.

COMMENT: The ancient Exodus occurred about 1491 B.C. The prophecy for this coming Exodus was given about 599 B.C. and history shows it is yet future. Just ahead of us now. The blood descendants of the ancient Israelites—the modern-day Israelites—will BE HELD CAPTIVES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES. Germany lies to the *north* of Palestine—the country from which God indicates *directions*. The first exodus was only a miniature of what this latter one will be. For this *latter* Exodus will involve many present-day Israelites.

2. Does Isa. 11:11 give added light on this coming Exodus? Read also Isa. 27:12, 13.

COMMENT: Assyria, remember, is the ancestor country of the modern-day Germans. The other modern-day countries mentioned here are called by the names of their ancient people who have given rise to these countries.

Christ to LEAD the Way!

1. Who will lead the present-day Israelites from their captivity back into Palestine. Let's see. Is Christ going to return to this earth? Luke 21:27. Will *everyone* see Him? Same verse and Rev. 1:7. Then they will be able to follow Him, will they not? Same verses. Doesn't Isa. 11:12 also verify that CHRIST is going TO ASSEMBLE Israel and Judah? Where from? Same verse.

2. Did the Lord go *before* the ancient Israelites in order to LEAD THEM BACK TO PALESTINE? Ex. 13:21. Will He not do the same very soon for their modern-day descendants as they too come out of captivity BY AN EXODUS FROM "this PRESENT [EGYPTIAN-LIKE] EVIL WORLD" (Gal. 1:4) TO the LAND OF PALESTINE? Isa. 52:12.

3. Did GOD PROTECT the ancient Israelites as they made their EXODUS from Egypt to Palestine? Ex. 14: 19, 24. Note the words "stood [as a protection] behind them." And "troubled [smote] the host [of the enemy]." Will He do the same for the present-day Israelites as they make their Exodus to Palestine? Isa. 52:12.

COMMENT: "Rereward" in modern English means rear-guard.

4. Doesn't Isa. 43:2 also verify that modern-day Israel will be protected from modern fiery flaming instruments of war? War to be by fire. Rev. 9:18.

5. Did not GOD EVEN DRY the bottom of the RED SEA in the ancient Exodus so that the Israelites then were able to flee from Egypt through it on *dry ground*? Ex. 14:22. Will not God AGAIN do

the same FOR their modern-day descendants when they Exodus from their captivity into Palestine also? Isa. 11:15.

COMMENT: WHEN PEOPLE TURN TO GOD and begin following Him and His ways, HE LOVINGLY AIDS AND PROTECTS THEM TO the UTMOST!

6. With what *attitude* will these *stubborn* of the modern-day Israelites then be led by God? These stubborn whose natures would not let them submit to become God's servants when the 144,000 did. Nor again, after later much greater disruptions, had it let them submit so they could Exodus to God along with the innumerable multitude. Yes, just what *will* their attitude be after having been held captive in the Germanic-Assyrian dominated "western" world *Babylonish system* and after having suffered the great number of disruptions soon to fall on this earth? And already now beginning. (Revelation 18:2, 4.)

Will we find these people—people from the United States, Britain, and the democracies of northwestern Europe—remaining just as stubborn as they have always been? Not seeking the *true* God and the *true* way ordained by God for salvation, as shown in His living word—the Bible?

OR—will these greatest disruptions have *loosened* the hold of the desperately wicked natures (Jer. 17:9) of even these? So that even they will be able to break away from their own desperately wicked-nature-inspired *false* code for salvation (Jer. 23:2) and seek truly the Lord and *His* way to salvation as revealed in *your* Bible?

WILL these Israelites COME TO GOD then, now not far in the future, WITH *WEeping*? Jer. 50:4. And great *supplication*? Jer. 31:9.

COMMENT: To *supplicate* means—"to entreat; beg humbly for; to seek by earnest prayer; to petition humbly; to petition with earnestness and submission; to implore, to beseech." SUPPLICATE FOR TRUE KNOWLEDGE TO THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE!

Yes, MAN is REALLY GOING TO BE in EARNEST ABOUT his religion and SALVATION IN those DAYS JUST AHEAD.

COMMENT: It is evident that the coming disruptions *will* loosen the hold of man's desperately wicked nature upon man. And that after these, man will be much more "ripe" for an Exodus to God.

EXODUS of STUBBORN of ALL NATIONS To GOD!

Yes, Christ will come and will lead the descendants of ancient Israel in an Exodus out of their captivity to a "promised land" of "milk and honey"—

Palestine—which is to become the magnificent seat of Christ's world government.

The ACT OF CHRIST in LEADING—WITH GREAT MIRACLES—the formerly stubborn of the present-day ISRAELITES in a FLESHLY EXODUS OUT OF CAPTIVITY and INTO THIS WONDERFUL LAND WILL FOCUS the ATTENTION of ALL MANKIND—these *very stubborn*—ON WHAT CHRIST PURPOSES to DO WITH EACH OF THEM SPIRITUALLY DURING THEIR SHORT HUMAN LIFE IN the MILLENNIAL PERIOD. SHOW them HE HAS come with the miraculous POWER TO LEAD THEM ON a SPIRITUAL EXODUS completely out FROM their TERRIBLY SINFUL SELVES INTO the eternal surrendered and TRANSFORMED into SPIRIT STATE of serving God joyously for all eternity. PROVIDING THEY CHOOSE TO HAVE IT SO DONE.

And remember this wonderful thing—for you have God's sure word for it: For, as it is written, "Since the beginning of the world MEN have NOT HEARD, NOR PERCEIVED BY the EAR, NEITHER hath the EYE SEEN, O God, beside thee, WHAT He [GOD!] HATH PREPARED FOR HIM [man] THAT waiteth for Him [LOOK TO GOD]." Isaiah 64:4.

Wonderful and MARVELOUS THINGS are AHEAD for those who love and trust God!!

THE GREAT MAJORITY of these *stubborn* ones, who have gone through all the great disruptions WILL—THROUGH CONTACT WITH the amazing and fascinating marvels of the MILLENNIAL UTOPIA and the marvelous teachings of God—then FINALLY BEGIN TO SEE the UNQUESTIONABLE ADVANTAGES OF SURRENDERING TO CHRIST AND the WAYS OF GOD and be saved. Let's see.

1. In this Millennial kingdom, will not those of the GENTILES who were slow or stubborn in turning TO God earnestly SEEK true salvation TRANSFORMATION KNOWLEDGE of Christ? Isa. 11:10. Will not man's FUTURE relative REST as transformed servants of God be GLORIOUS? Same verse. MANKIND WILL ENJOY IT!

COMMENT: Christ—the Branch, descended from David, the rod or coming ruler of the Israelites who, in turn, came from Jesse. So they will seek true transformation knowledge from *Christ!*

2. Will not Christ, the Holy One, also be with those of the modern-day descendants of ancient ISRAEL who have been stubborn in turning to God, so that HE may TEACH them TRANSFORMATION KNOWLEDGE? Isa. 12:1, 6.

COMMENT: Both chapters Isaiah 11 and 12 concern conditions in the Millennium.

3. Some of mankind will be extremely stubborn in turning from their violent ways and surrendering to God. For will Christ HAVE TO RESTRAIN SOME of the MORE STUBBORN OF MAN EVEN AT THAT ADVANCED TIME? Psa. 149:7, 8.

4. BUT what, AT LAST, will desperately wicked minded man—EVEN the MOST STUBBORN—do in the Millennial period? Isa. 2:2, 3.

COMMENT: These WILL then WISH TO HEAR and UNDERSTAND and act on what they have long refused to hear.

SUMMARY

What is the *value* to us of the knowledge we have just learned in this Lesson 8?

LET US now TAKE a QUICK REVIEW OF the things we have just learned—of the chaotic times we now find ourselves in at the end of this age. And of the PROGRESSIVELY GREATER DISRUPTIONS MAN is going TO FIND HIMSELF IN JUST AHEAD. AND WITH THIS PICTURE in mind, let us DETERMINE the ACTION WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID THEM.

The WORLD is NOW ALREADY WELL INTO "the BEGINNING OF SORROWS." Mat. 24:8 of verses 5-8. Already we are experiencing much sorrow. And this is only the *beginning*. FALSE MINISTERS—acknowledging Christ, but deceiving the many to damnation by teaching a *false* way to salvation (verse 5). WARS (V. 6), FAMINE (V. 7), PESTILENCE (V. 7). Terrible things!

The great numbers of FALSE MINISTERS, prophesied for this time, CAN BE AVOIDED. The STUDY OF THIS COURSE will ASSURE you of THAT. Along with your reading of the *free* Plain Truth magazine, the *free* booklets, and listening to the world-wide World Tomorrow radio broadcast.

WAR, FAMINE, AND PESTILENCE effects (consult booklet—"Key to the Book of Revelation," page 11) are to affect all nations—they are TO TAKE a HUGE DEATH TOLL of human life—ONE FOURTH OF THE EARTH'S PEOPLE!! (Rev. 6:8). *One will need God's certain protection through these!*

Also there is to occur a TERRIFIC LOSS of HUMAN LIFE IN the ISRAELITE COUNTRIES—the United States, Britain, and the democracies of northwestern Europe—as they go into captivity to the European union. One third plus one third—TWO THIRDS to die at least, and more (Ezek. 5:12). Two thirds to DIE *within* their present borders, AND the REMAINDER to go INTO HAZARDOUS CAPTIVITY. *How wonderful it*

would be to have God's protection from these!!

And these are only the *beginning* of what is just ahead! And as certain as you are alive, will affect you. Yes, you *personally!*

Next, we have found, is to occur **GREAT RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION**. Yes, great—and *severe*. God promises YOU CAN AVOID this *IF YOU* are FOUND *TRULY OBEYING THE BIBLE*. God says, "BECAUSE THOU HAST KEPT the [Bible] WORD . . . I also WILL KEEP THEE FROM the hour of [SEVERE, TORTURING] temptation [to forsake God's word, the Bible, for man's teachings] which shall come upon *all the world*" (Rev. 3:10). Not to be truly keeping God's word is soon to be very disastrous!

Then will come THE VERY DANGEROUS, SPECTACULAR SIGNS IN the HEAVENS. And the 144,000 WILL TURN, in a spiritual Exodus, TO GOD and BE PROTECTED by Him FROM THAT TIME FORWARD (Rev. 7:3, 4). *BUT LOOK AT the TROUBLES EVEN THESE COULD HAVE AVOIDED BY TURNING TO GOD BEFORE THESE latter day DISRUPTIONS STARTED!*

Following this immediately, GREAT CATASTROPHES are to happen all over the world to man's close surroundings—to EARTH, SEA, TREES, RIVERS. The RESULT—a GREAT MULTITUDE (Rev. 7:9) of mankind will be FIGURATIVELY "LED OUT" IN the same SURRENDERED TYPE OF SPIRITUAL EXODUS TO GOD as the 144,000. THESE, TOO, WILL BEAR GOD'S SEAL OF PROTECTION, and be transformed into spirit beings at Christ's coming. *BUT THESE* will have had to go THROUGH MORE DISRUPTIONS THAN the GROUP THAT TURNED TO GOD EARLIER. *NOTHING GAINED BY WAITING—BUT* on the contrary, *ONLY MORE TROUBLES*.

Then to come will be the TWO GIGANTIC WORLD BATTLES—first (with modern-day Israel out of it, in captivity) WEST attack UPON EAST. Then EAST COUNTERATTACK against WEST. Those composing these two groups are the MARKEDLY SLOW ones in TURNING TO GOD—they have REFRAINED from it for THIS LONG. They, we know, are going TO TORTURE EACH OTHER IN two EXTREMELY painful and GRUELLING WARS (Rev. 9:6 and 17-19). With HIGH FATALITY (Verse 18). *AGAIN NOTHING GAINED BY WAITING UNTIL THIS STAGE TO BE LED ON an EXODUS BY GOD. ONLY GREATER AND GREATER TROUBLES* would be experienced! *SOME* of the much harder to convince group will COME OUT AT THIS POINT THOUGH

(Verse 4. NOTE THE WORD "SEAL"). *BUT NOTHING* is SAID OF the POSITIONS GOD WILL GIVE to THESE, as was said of the positions of those who come out *earlier* (Rev. 7:3, 15) and with *less* disruptions upon their evil natures. (Many scriptures show that the easier one is to turn to God—the SOONER he YIELDS himself to God, THE GREATER his FUTURE OFFICE tends to be.)

AND FINALLY, we know the condition THE EXTREMELY STUBBORN in turning to God are going to FIND themselves in!—IN THE MOST AWESOME AND FRIGHTFUL SITUATION OF ALL! SORES on men. The WATERS of the earth becoming BLOOD. SCORCHING HEAT. GREAT PAIN. PARTIAL DARKNESS. Preparation for the MOST MAMMOTH WAR OF ALL WARS—and *the* war. The world's GREATEST EARTHQUAKE. HAIL of 130 POUND hailstones. *Not a pretty picture at all!* No more comment is needed on this group!

No one would like to live unprotected through all these situations! Situations which God, through His sure word of prophecy, makes known to all who will heed, are to mark the end of this *present* age.

NOR NEED ONE LIVE THROUGH ALL these TERRIBLE EVENTS, NOW JUST AHEAD, WITHOUT the PROTECTION OF GOD. The beginnings of which impacts we are more and more feeling the jarring effects of each day now—in earth, sky, water, and human relations! The events just studied are certain to occur, and soon—in this grand smash climax of this present age end, now upon us. Yes. But *individually*, EACH of us CAN HAVE GOD'S DIVINE PROTECTION FROM THEM!!

Avoid Evils To Befall— Make Your EXODUS NOW

ALL those WHO NOW NEGLECT OR DISBELIEVE GOD'S WORD—the Bible—WILL FIND THEMSELVES IN the CATAclysmic DISRUPTIONS JUST AHEAD. Among these will be the 144,000, the great multitude, and those of the "East" mentioned as coming to God when the West attacks the East. Each of these three groups, we see, WILL ESCAPE the disruptions *IN PROPORTION* TO the SWIFTNESS WITH WHICH they TURN TO SEEK GOD and HIS WAYS. Yes, God does promise divine protection to such as these who will be *slow* in turning to Him. These who go through many harrowing experiences in the future before doing so.

But what about those who completely SURRENDER to God NOW? NOW BEFORE the

DISRUPTIONS have yet PROGRESSED TO GREAT VIOLENCE. Those who have given themselves over DILIGENTLY to the STUDY of God's *truly* revealed word! And thereby GROW in GRACE and KNOWLEDGE? GOD PROMISES THESE INCOMPARABLY *much* GREATER DIVINE PROTECTION for the future than He promises to *anyone* else! *EVEN TO* the ESCAPING of *ALL* these things shortly to come to pass and so still be standing alive and unharmed at the time of Christ's arrival!

For GOD WARNS (Luke 21:35) that "AS A SNARE shall it [*WORLD DISRUPTION!*] COME ON *all* them that dwell on the face of the *WHOLE EARTH.*" Then, at once, GOD PROMISES a way of *ESCAPE!!*

For God commands, "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* [remain standing alive and unharmed] before the Son of man [Christ, at His soon coming]" Luke 21:36.

To "be accounted *worthy* to escape"? (verse 36). That we be accounted by God to be "*worthy* to escape all these things"? What does God mean we should *do* to be accounted *worthy*? God gives the answer! God commands, "WATCH . . ."! Verse 36. Watch—be alert to—these *inciting to action* end EVENTS now being reported daily by newspaper and radio. These events which should STIMULATE ONE TO PREPARE NOW TO AVOID the dire things to come which these clearly forecast.

God also, we see, commands, ". . . PRAY" (verse 36). Pray for *what*? Pray to GOD CONSTANTLY that He will OPEN YOUR EYES TO an *UNDERSTANDING* of these THINGS REVEALED IN THIS COURSE. *SPIRITUAL THINGS* are *SPIRITUALLY* DISCERNED. You need God's *spiritual* aid to help you. SO YOU MAY TRULY SURRENDER YOURSELF TO BE OBEDIENT TO GOD AS A *SERVANT AHEAD* OF THE DISRUPTIONS. Be *OBEYING HIS WORD* (the Bible)—even *before* the disruptions fall. STRIVING to obey it as implicitly as you later would very Christ Himself!! AIDED BY the TREMENDOUS POWER which GOD GIVES TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUCH a SURRENDERED and PURPOSEFUL GOAL. THEN, AS the *SERVANT OF GOD*, YOU WILL *ALREADY—before* these great disruptions fall in their greatest severity—HAVE MADE the GREAT DECISION OF your LIFE. And, in so doing, GOD WILL HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH the SEAL OF SURRENDERED SERVANT IN YOUR forehead, in your MIND, WHICH GIVES PROTECTION.

You will *already* have the seal of safety which

the 144,000 and great multitude only receive much later, and by having experienced much disruptions. And so indeed, even *before* the disruptions reach great lethal violence, YOU WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN "ACCOUNTED *WORTHY TO STAND* [remaining alive and UNHARMED] BEFORE the Son of man [CHRIST, AT HIS SOON COMING]" Luke 21:36!!

God even promises those who readily turn to Him *now—now before* the great disruptions are far advanced, that they may be accounted not only as servants, but as very pillars of strength in His temple (Rev. 3:12). Those WHO TURN TO GOD now—STUDYING and FITTING THEMSELVES for the times ahead—CAN HAVE the GREATEST PROTECTION AND HONOR!

Time is VERY SHORT

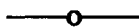
Yes, time is very short! And becoming shorter! For GOD GIVES US—we THE VERY *LAST GENERATION AT* the END of THIS AGE—a *SPECIAL WARNING* BECAUSE our TIME is *SO SHORT*: "SEEK ye the LORD WHILE HE [*STILL*] MAY BE FOUND, call upon Him WHILE He is [*STILL*] NEAR" (Is. 55:6). FOR God clearly warns, "Behold the DAYS COME, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a *FAMINE* of bread, nor thirst for water, but OF *HEARING* of the *WORDS OF the LORD*: And they [this *can* be you] SHALL WANDER from SEA TO SEA, and from north even to the east, they [it *could* be you] SHALL RUN TO AND FRO TO *SEEK* the word of the Lord, AND shall *NOT* FIND it" (Amos 8:11, 12). The KNOWLEDGE of the *true* way to SALVATION will SOON NO LONGER be AVAILABLE. "The NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK" (John 9:4) in the spreading of the knowledge of the one and only *true* way to salvation. True saving knowledge will not be available then. TAKE HEED!

MAKE the MOST OF your OPPORTUNITY NOW. Study your Bible diligently with the aid of the **Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course**. Read the *free Plain Truth Magazine*. Study the *free booklets*. Listen to the world-wide **World Tomorrow radio broadcast**. These will show you *the* way to avoid the things shortly to come to pass. JOLTING DISRUPTIONS are JUST AHEAD!

And, ABOVE ALL thing, *avoid now* the **vast assemblage of false ministers** of this age end—listed by God on an *equal* level (Mat. 24:5) with wars, famines, and pestilence (Verses 6, 7) as being one of the four top terrible things which one should also seek to avoid. To violate this warning COULD WRECK your SALVATION.

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FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW



DO YOU LACK BACK ISSUES?

Due to accident or loss, or to going astray in the mail, some of you may lack a lesson or so that was sent to you. Some have written in asking for missing lessons. These we promptly supplied. We urge you to get your notebook -- right now before you forget it -- and check each lesson number in the upper right hand corner to be sure you have the complete course.

IF ANY LESSONS are MISSING, WRITE US IMMEDIATELY FOR REPLACEMENT ISSUES. These lessons are valuable to you! You cannot afford to miss a single one!

Should You Loan Your Lessons? No.

A word of warning! We definitely do not encourage loaning lessons. There is NO SURER WAY FOR YOU TO LOSE A LESSON! Besides, Jesus CHRIST FORBIDS you to do it indiscriminately! Notice! "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you" (Matt. 7:6).

These LESSONS are YOUR PEARLS! God, who made the human mind, is saying that most people -- until they are really called by God -- are going to appreciate this truth no more than dogs or swine would appreciate beautiful pearls!

IF any of your FRIENDS are TRULY INTERESTED in studying God's Word, ENCOURAGE them TO WRITE FOR this COURSE FOR THEMSELVES. If they are really interested, they will do it! It is free, and we will be more than happy to send them Lesson 1 and follow with the complete course of lessons as they progress.

Remember that each lesson is written to follow in sequence. There is a progression of thought from lesson to lesson -- toward stronger and stronger "meat." WOULD YOU CHOKE a newborn baby BY STARTING ONE OUT ON "heavy" beefsteak? No! Yet many of you are trying to do just that by suddenly giving HARD TO BE taken and DIGESTED SPIRITUAL "FOOD" to the very ones you would like most to see converted and entered into eternal life. NO, this must not be done. God, through His ministers, has directed the way in which this course has been published -- leading step-by-step, from doctrine to doctrine, on gradually but surely, to expanding saving knowledge!

God be with you and aid you -- in your studies, in your Christian life and, above all, in your efforts to obey Him and to surrender yourself to Him!

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