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More MINISTERS ORDAINED!

God's Church is leaping ahead as never before! Many vital new developments have occurred recently, including the ordination of eight new ministers, together with other local elders, deacons and deaconesses!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

HERE is some really GOOD NEWS! Jesus said, 'Herein is My Father glorified—that you bear much fruit—so shall ye be My disciples' (John 15:8).

And really great fruit is being born by Ambassador College and the Church of God!

Ordination Service

At the Sabbath day services in the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena, on June 4th, Mr. Armstrong, accompanied by other ministers at the Headquarters Church, held a wonderful ordination service—in which SEVEN NEW MINISTERS OF GOD WERE ORDAINED!

This brought to a total of eight the number of new preaching elders to be ordained in the Church of God within the last few weeks! The previous Sabbath, May 28th, Mr. Hal Baird, formerly of the Corpus Christi Church, was ordained as a preaching elder. Mr. Baird had to be ordained the Sabbath before some of the other men so he could leave to assist Mr. Raymond Cole in the churches at Eugene and Salem. Mr. Baird had to be ordained the Sabbath before some of the other men so he could leave to assist Mr. Raymond Cole in the churches at Eugene and Salem.

The Pasadena Church was deeply moved and very grateful for Mr. Baird's ordination, and for the real growth and spiritual zeal he has evidenced. Originally, he was asked to attend Ambassador College for a year or two by my brother, Mr. Richard Armstrong, who felt Mr. Baird might be qualified to become a local elder in the Corpus Christi Church after a year or two at Ambassador. However, because of Mr. Baird's unusual spiritual zeal and his really humble, meek attitude, he spent a full three years at Ambassador College—and, having accomplished much more than was really expected of him—was ordained as a full minister, with the rank of preaching elder, and sent to help pastor the Eugene and Salem churches!

The following Sabbath, June 4th, saw a very lengthy ordination service with seven more ministers of God being set apart by the laying on of hands.

Mr. Leroy Neff, formerly holding the office of a local elder in the Pasadena Headquarters Church, was the first to be ordained. Mr. Neff, who is now graduated from Ambassador College, has been fulfilling a vitally important part in God's work as head of the large mail receiving departments, which he has now mostly delegated to other responsible men under him, and also preaching in various other churches in the southern California area, and has been the pastor of a church at Long Beach.

Next ordained was Mr. John David (Tony) Hammer. "Tony," as all of his friends affectionately call him, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer of Gladewater, Texas. Tony and his competent wife Natalie are now serving as you read this article, in the new Australian office under Mr. Gerald Waterhouse. Tony has been a real inspiration to other students in the real consecration and dedication to God's work he has displayed, together with an unusually humble and yielded attitude.

Many of you brethren will recall his inspiring sermonettes at the Days
of Unleavened Bread in Gladewater.

The head of our large Letter Answering Department, Dr. Clint Zimmerman, was the next minister ordained. Dr. Zimmerman's office is one which really should require a person fully qualified to be one of God's ministers. His ministry is probably reaching far more people than that of any other "local" pastors! Dr. Zimmerman personally supervises answers for many thousands of our interested readers and listeners, including many of the co-workers and even some of you brethren. His ordination was a real thrill to the congregations of churches in Denver, Pueblo and Garden City during the past school year. Roger has been on two extensive baptizing tours in the past, and is now, as you read this, leading another baptizing tour, his third, assisted by Mr. Carn Catherwood, an advanced student at Ambassador College.

These eight men represent an additional, powerful, moving spiritual force for God's Church!

I wonder, brethren, if we realize just how much these men really mean to all of us?

It is truly a heartwarming, soul-stirring and gratifying experience to see men whose lives have been literally changed—conformed to God's will—made right side up, and who have grown enough in spiritual stature to be ordained as the ministers of the living Christ!

**Another Ordination Service**

Perhaps it has not yet been made publicly known, but there was a very gratifying ordination ceremony taking place in the Pittsburgh Church on the Sabbath prior to the Passover!

Mr. Wayne Cole, pastor of the Pittsburgh and Akron churches, ordained Mr. Robert Hoops, who had been a student at Ambassador College for four years and who graduated in 1959. Mr. Hoops was ordained as a local elder in the Pittsburgh Church. Then, on Sabbath, May 28th, additional local elders were ordained in the Headquarters Church at Pasadena, Mr. Al Dennis, formerly the head of the Transportation Department, and lately assisting in the large visiting program in the Pasadena Church, was ordained as local elder. Mr. James Kunz, who has been a member of God's true Church for many years, and formerly a pillar in the Church in Portland, Oregon and will be entering his senior year at Ambassador College this fall. Mr. Selmer Hegvold, who has been working in the cabinet making shop, and lately assisting in the visiting program in Pasadena, was also set apart as a local elder in the Pasadena Church.

Next, Mr. Sidney Hegvold, who is Selmer's brother, was ordained as a deacon in the Pasadena Church, together with Mr. James Duke and Mr. Keith Thomas of the Pasadena Church.

All three of these men have been serving in the office of a deacon for quite some time—and it was a gratifying ceremony to see their services and abilities officially recognized, and the office of deacon bestowed upon each of them.

Next ordained was a man who has set an inspiring example of personal sacrifice, and a deep dedication to the service of Christ. Mr. Roger Foster, a real spiritual leader among the student body prior to his graduation in 1959, has been assisting Mr. Burk McNair in the churches in Denver, Pueblo and Garden City during the past school year. Roger has been on two extensive baptizing tours in the past, and is now, as you read this, leading another baptizing tour, his third, assisted by Mr. Carn Catherwood, an advanced student at Ambassador College.

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**New Churches in Oklahoma**

The brethren living in and around Tulsa and Oklahoma City received some good news recently—when they got a letter telling them of the new church to be established there!

Mr. David Jon Hill is presently making arrangements for the beginning services in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Mr. David Antion, recently ordained, will join him in these new churches, and will assist Mr. Hill during the summer months. Mr. Hill will then come to Ambassador College to join the faculty here, and Mr. Antion will become the pastor of the two new churches in Oklahoma. For many years, we have desperately wanted to establish churches in this heavily populated area, where many consecrated members of God's Church are residing. I am sure all the brethren in Oklahoma will really be rejoicing over this good news—and all the rest of us will be rejoicing with them!

**Baptizing Tours**

Don't forget to really pray for the baptizing tours!

In just the last few days, three baptizing teams have left Ambassador College and are now traveling in various parts of the United States, visiting and counseling hundreds of potential members of God's true Church.

Mr. Roger Foster, who was ordained on June 4th, is being assisted by Mr. Carn Catherwood, an advanced student of Ambassador College. These two men will be touring up into the northern states of the United States, and up into Canada, which is Carn’s homeland. Mr. Bill McDowell, accompanied by Mr. James Wells, our first English student, is traveling across the central states, and will be counseling and visiting people in the great midwestern United Kingdom and the United States. Mr. Foster is to be working with Mr. Catherwood in these various parts of the United States, as well as some sections of the United Kingdom. He is to be making contact with many of the churches throughout this country, and helping them to establish themselves as strong and healthy congregations of God's people.
States, and on into the east. Mr. Ronald Kelly, accompanied by Mr. Carl McNair, is traveling across the United States down into Texas and Louisiana, and will be baptizing many dozens of people in the deep south. These men will be meeting hundreds of different personalities, meeting adverse weather conditions, be in perils on the highway, perils from antagonistic, unconverted mates, and will have to drive themselves day and night, oftentimes losing meals and sleep—in order to serve God in this way.

They desperately need your PRAYERS! Keep this article with you! Don’t forget the baptizing tours!

**Helpers for the Churches**

It has been the policy in the past year or so to send advanced and older Ambassador College students to become “assistant pastors” in some of the local church areas around the United States.

This year, due to the increased burdens on the shoulders of many of our local ministers, and the growing church attendance, we have had to send an unusually large amount of men to some of the local pastorates.

Messrs. Richard Pinelli and Clarence Huse, both senior students of Ambassador College, will be assisting Mr. Carlton Smith in the large New York City Church, visiting and counseling with various of the members there during the summer months. Mr. Ronald Dart and his wife have been sent to Chicago, to assist Mr. Dean Blackwell in the Chicago, Milwaukee and El Paso, Illinois churches. Mr. Armstrong reported the astounding number of about 700 in attendance in the Chicago Church for Pentecost! Chicago is now the second largest Church of God on the face of this earth—and certainly needs a great deal of help!

Mr. Richard Plache, also a senior student at Ambassador College, and his wife are in the Seattle-Tacoma area, assisting Mr. James Friddle in the pastoring of those two large and growing churches.

Mr. Burk McNair, who was deprived of the help of Mr. Roger Foster, who is now leading a baptizing tour, will be assisted during the summer months by Mr. Frank Simpkins, an advanced student of Ambassador College. Kelly Barfield, another advanced Ambassador College student, will be assisting Mr. Bryce Clark in pastoring the St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri Churches.

As was previously mentioned, Mr. Hai Baird will be helping Mr. Cole take care of the heavy responsibilities of the churches of Salem and Eugene. Accompanying Mr. Baird for the summer is Mr. Tommy Blackwell, who is Mr. Dean Blackwell’s brother.

As you can see, God’s work is constantly surging ahead—growing—BURSTING with new energy and strength, as each local area grows in numbers, as new churches are raised up, many hundreds of new members being baptized, and the harvest becomes greater and more multiplied!

All of these men really need your prayers! These experiences of the coming summer months of helping to visit, counsel and baptize the converted ones who are being called of God, will be vitally important in forming a real part of the basic foundation of the spiritual character in these men.

**Evanglistic Campaigns in England**

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith and his wife Margie, now on board ship en route to London, England, are scheduled to hold a series of vitally important evangelistic campaigns in England this summer!

I know most of you brethren have already heard of these approaching campaigns—but we need to be constantly reminded of the all-encompassing, world-wide scope of this wonderful work of God!

Mr. Meredith will be assisted by Mr. Ernest Martin as song leader and assistant counselor, and Miss Ruth Myrick, Ambassador College’s own “piano virtuoso” as pianist. Mr. Meredith and the others arriving in England will be going to a veritable “Bee Hive” of activity. Mr. Armstrong, who will be in England during the coming summer months with Mr. Benjamin Rea, who is to be the “principal” (Dean) of Ambassador College in the United Kingdom, will be constantly busy with the overall decisions in the establishing and the management of this fabulous new British addition of Ambassador College!

Furniture is being delivered, buildings being altered, the painting and papering crews working feverishly, gardening crews busy, library books being ordered, study desks, tables and chairs being purchased, the catalog being prepared and printed, entrance examinations being made up, and all the myriad other chores necessary for the almost fantastically difficult task of establishing a whole college are being accomplished during these summer months!

Here is another major project of the work of God for this time—and certainly needs your constant attention and your earnest and prevailing prayers! Be sure not to forget the work over in England, as all of us in the United States, Australia and elsewhere may know that our English brethren are not forgetting us!

**Australian Work Leaps Ahead**

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, manager of the Australian office, and pastor of the Sydney Church, was very gratified to meet Mr. Dexter Faulkner, together with his wife, Shirley, at Sydney’s Mas-
In Australian office the master tape for each broadcast—sent from Pasadena—is being dubbed for the 15 Australian stations we are on. Six broadcasts every week per station mean almost 100 copies each week of the daily program are being made by Mr. Charles Hefner.

cot Airport recently, Dexter and Shirley, both former students of Ambassador College, have been sent as a husband-wife “team” to assist Mr. Waterhouse in the many heavy responsibilities in the growing work in Australia.

They will both be serving in the large Sydney office, which has recently had to double its office space. Dexter as assistant to Mr. Frank Longuskie, who will be handling most of the responsibilities of managing the Sydney office, and Shirley, his wife, as a stenographer.

Also, as previously mentioned in this article, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer will be arriving in Australia prior to the time you receive this article. Tony, having recently been ordained, will be able to assist Mr. Waterhouse in taking some much needed baptizing tours in various other parts of Australia, and, as God leads and opens the way, perhaps establishing even other Churches in Australia in the future.

This brings the number of Ambassador College personnel now serving in the Sydney office to a total of seven! (Remember the amazing pattern of twelves Mr. Waterhouse wrote of in a recent issue of The Good News magazine?)

The Australian Plain Truth mailing list is leaping ahead, and now the Plain Truth is to be, beginning with the month of July, PRINTED IN AUSTRALIA! Mr. Waterhouse has located a large printing plant in the chief seaport and second largest commercial city in all Australia, Melbourne. The printing of The Plain Truth in our own Australian edition will cost less than the money now spent in air mailing the heavy Plain Truths in bulk shipments to the Australian office.

Almost everywhere we look—the world over—God’s work RACES AHEAD!

Report from Oregon

Here is more good news which we were unable to find room for in last month’s report by Mr. Meredith.

Mr. Raymond Cole reports additional ordinations in God’s churches in Oregon. All the churches there are growing continually—with the Eugene church being completely revitalized and now having an average attendance of about 80 members each Sabbath!

The largest church in the area, of course, is in Portland. This church has grown a great deal within the last two years and more deacons have been needed. Two men there have yielded themselves to God and qualified to become deacons in the Church of God.

On March 26, 1960, Mr. Allen Stark and Mr. Dale McDaniels were ordained

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Daniel’s “2300 Days” Prophecy Revealed at Last!

In the 8th chapter of Daniel is an amazing prophecy. Some believe it was fulfilled in 1844. Others believe it was fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes. Daniel could not understand it. Yet it stands revealed for us today!

by Herman L. Hoeh

The time has come to reveal an amazing prophecy for the latter days! You need to understand it.

This amazing prophecy has been woefully misunderstood. Most scholars and churches admit they do not understand it.

Some claim it has already been fulfilled in 1844. They believe that in that year Christ entered into “the heavenly sanctuary” to “cleanse” it. But is this doctrine true? It’s time we looked into particularly verse 26. Daniel is commanded to “shut up the vision; for it shall be for many days.”

Those who assume this prophecy was fulfilled in 1844 deny that Daniel was commanded to “shut up the vision”—to seal it up from human understanding. Yet that is what the Scripture plainly says!

Here is a vital prophecy for our time shut up from human understanding until these latter days—for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. This is what the Scripture plainly says!

A SEALED Prophecy

Open your Bibles to Daniel 8. Notice particularly verse 26. Daniel is commanded to “shut up the vision; for it shall be for many days.”

Here is a mysterious “ram.” What does this ram symbolize? Notice the explanation revealed in verse 20! “The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.” This ram symbolized the Medo-Persian Empire. It destroyed the kingdom of Babylon in 539 B.C. and ruled to 331 B.C. But this is only the beginning of the prophecy. Notice now verse 5: “And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.”

Now notice the explanation of this mysterious symbol. “And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king” (verse 21).

These symbols are revealed to Daniel so that we can understand the TIME SETTING of this end-time prophecy. The ram—the Medo-Persian Empire—existed on the world scene until 331 B.C. Then the Greco-Macedonian Empire came on the scene with its first king, Alexander the Great. In 323 B.C. Alexander died at the age of 33. Alexander’s empire was divided into four major parts—verse 22. None of these parts was as strong as the whole kingdom had been under Alexander the Great. The time setting of this prophecy already brings us to the date 323 B.C. The rest of the prophecy cannot begin before this date! Yet those who claim it was fulfilled in 1844 must begin the prophecy over a century too early.

Now notice what is to happen next on the world scene!

A Prophecy for the Latter Time!

Let us continue with verse 9: “And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.”

Look at this prophecy again. Here a “little horn” appears coming out of one of the four divisions of Alexander’s empire. This “little horn” cannot have arisen before the division of Alexander’s empire, as some claim! Notice that again! “Out of one of them came forth a little horn”!

Whatever this mysterious horn symbolizes, whatever this little horn does on the world scene, must occur after the death of Alexander the Great—after the division of his empire into four parts!

We come now to the climax of this vision. Daniel was told: “For at the time of the end shall be the vision” (verse 17). The vision of the “little horn” is for the time of the end! Read verse 23,
"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full."

But who does the "little horn" symbolize? Notice the Bible explanation:  

"A king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, ... and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace [the margin says "prosperity"] shall destroy many; but he shall be broken without hand" (verses 23-25). There is the answer!

Look at this prophecy again. Notice it is a prophecy for the latter days. The little horn symbolizes a king who shall arise "in the latter time of their kingdom" (verse 23). This man stands up against the Prince of princes—that is Christ at His second coming! Here is a great Gentile world ruler who stands up against Christ and is supernaturally destroyed—"without hand"—not by human hand but by divine intervention in human affairs.

The Bible interprets this "little horn" as a ruler who shall exist at the second coming of Christ! He comes on the scene when world transgression—world sin—has reached its climax (verse 23). This "little horn" is described again in Revelation 17:14. There we read that he makes war with the Lamb and the Lamb shall overcome him and his allies. This "little horn" does the same thing as the final "beast" of Revelation!

What the "Little Horn" Does

But to continue with this amazing prophecy for the latter days! "And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the stars to the ground, and it practised, and prospered" (Daniel 8:10-12).

Many have tried to interpret these mysterious symbols out of their own human reasoning. They have tried to read into the Bible meanings that are not there. Let THE BIBLE interpret the Bible! Notice the explanation in verse 24: "And his power shall be mighty." That's the explanation of the first part of verse 10: "It waxed great."

To continue: "But not by his own power." This king will not accomplish his great deeds by his own strength.

Revelation 17:17 reveals why. Ten lesser kings give their military power and strength "unto the Beast."

This little horn "shall destroy wonderfully" shall have marvelous, frightening military powers "and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people" (verse 24). Here is a persecuting power, a power which destroys God's people—the children of Israel—and persecutes the true church (Dan. 8:10, 24).

Verse 25 continues to explain verse 11, and so on.

But what about the "daily sacrifice" that is taken away and what about the "sanctuary" that is cast down? What do these symbolize? What do they mean?

Could this be true of "the heavenly sanctuary—God's Throne?"

The Surprise Answer

Before we can fully understand this prophecy we must read Daniel 8:13-14. "Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint, 'How long shall be the vision of the sanctuary?' Then I heard one saint speaking, and said unto him, 'The vision which was shut up is cast down, cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered'" (Daniel 8:10-12).

This is the mysterious part of the vision which was shut up to Daniel—which was not to be revealed until the latter days!

This is a prophecy for the latter days! Some have tried to explain this prophecy before God's time came to reveal it! One particular denomination claims that this vision of "2300 days" commenced in 457 B.C. and ended in A.D. 1844. This denomination claims that the "2300 days" represent 2300 years in fulfillment. This denomination further insists that the "sanctuary" that was cast down is the Holy of Holies in heaven itself—God's very throne! They claim that the very throne of God was "cleansed" beginning in 1844.

This denomination has assumed that the prophecy commenced fulfillment in 457 B.C. How did they arrive at this date? They certainly didn't get it from the Bible!

Notice why!

The Medo-Persian Empire ruled the world until 331 B.C. Then Alexander came on the scene. He died in 323 B.C., after which his empire was divided into four parts. Out of one of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire is to rise this little horn "in the latter days!" It is the little horn which takes away the daily sacrifice and casts down the sanctuary! Whatever the little horn is to do for "2300 days" cannot have begun until after the division of Alexander's Empire into four parts! But 457 B.C. is over a century too early! That date cannot be the commencement of the "2300 days"!

But notice further. The little horn takes away the daily sacrifice! Was the daily sacrifice taken away from 457 B.C. until 1844? Did a king for 2300 years prevent the daily sacrifice from being offered? Did a king for 2300 years cast down the sanctuary of God? Of course not! The Jews were offering the daily sacrifice almost continuously from the days of Ezra and Nehemiah until the Jews were driven out of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

The date 457 B.C. is the commencement of another prophecy altogether—the "seventy weeks" prophecy in Daniel 9:25. The year 457 B.C. marks the commencement of Daniel's prophecy of "seventy weeks" which led to the first coming of Jesus Christ! That prophecy has nothing directly to do with the prophecy recorded here in Daniel 8! The prophecy of Dan. 9 is a detailed explanation of one aspect of Daniel's first vision in chapter 7 (compare Dan. 9:21, 23 and 7:16).

The prophecy of Daniel 9 is not the explanation of the "2300 days." That prophecy was sealed from human understanding until this "time of the end." Daniel 8 proves that this prophecy of the "2300 days" could not have commenced in 457 B.C. And therefore it did not end in 1844!

NOT Heavenly Sanctuary!

This denomination claims, however, that the sanctuary was not on earth but in heaven! Of course! They could not claim it was the sanctuary on earth because during that time it was not cast down! The sanctuary on earth was not trodden underfoot—was not cast down—in the days of Christ and the Apostles as their theory requires!

Granted that the earthly sanctuary was a type of the heavenly sanctuary, God's throne. But what king has ever cast down God's throne in heaven for 2300 years? Notice the last part of verse 13. The "sanctuary" is to be "trodden underfoot"! No kingdom, no power has ever trodden underfoot God's sanctuary for 2300 years! The Bible itself proves that this amazing prophecy was not fulfilled in 1844!

The doctrines of the "Sanctuary Question" and the "Investigative Judgment" spawned by Mrs. E. G. White are utter blasphemy against God's Throne.

Anyone who believes that it was fulfilled then is deliberately throwing aside the testimony of Scripture itself. Some people would rather put the words of the self-styled "prophets" in place of the very Word of God! It's time we
opened our hearts before God and repented of following the snares of Satan. June, 1960

Scripture chapter 8. In most Bibles you will find "2300 days" is actually called in the marginal note for the word "days." Thebrew of the word "days" is "evening and morning." Notice in verse 11 that the little horn takes away the daily sacrifice. The daily sacrifice was offered in the evening and in the morning. See Lev. 6:9 and 12.

Verse 14 is a mistranslation in the text of the King James Version, though it is correct in the margin. The Revised Standard Version more correctly reads, "for two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings."

In other words, here is a prophecy that two thousand three hundred evening and morning sacrifices would cease to be offered. Since the daily sacrifice was offered twice a day, this prophecy is actually speaking of one thousand one hundred fifty (1150) days. In 1150 days there would be exactly two thousand three hundred sacrifices offered at evening and morning.

At the end of this 1150-day period the sanctuary is to be "cleansed" or "justified." This prophecy is yet to be fulfilled! That's why it was shut up and sealed from human understanding until our time. It was not for God's people or the world until these latter days!

Another False Idea

Some have contended that this prophecy has already been fulfilled. This is NOT TRUE! Notice why: what happened to the daily sacrifice in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes (168-165 B.C.) was only a type of what is yet to occur! The wicked deeds of Antiochus Epiphanes are recorded in Daniel 11:31. He polluted the ancient sanctuary. He took away the daily sacrifice but not for exactly 1150 days.

Daniel 11:31 is not referring to the same event described in Daniel 8. Notice especially in Daniel 11 that the latter days do not commence until verse 40. "And at the time of the end ..." That's in this generation, almost two thousand years after the days of Antiochus Epiphanes.

But Daniel 8 shows that the little horn, which takes away the daily sacrifice and casts down the sanctuary, arises in the latter days. It is to arise at the time of the end. The little horn is the last king of one of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire. He is, in fact, the last king who rules over the "Kingdom of the North"—one of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire.

The King of the North, described in Daniel 11, was originally Syria—north of Palestine. But Syria was swallowed up by Rome. The Roman system of government became the "Kingdom of the North." It has existed to our time in Europe. This amazing history is described in Daniel 11:36-41. In Daniel 11 the last King of the North is pictured as occupying "the glorious land" Palestine (verse 41). This is the same region that the "little horn" of Daniel 8 is yet to control in our day!

The Final Fulfillment

This amazing prophecy is about to be fulfilled in our day. A great crisis is yet to occur in Palestine. After nearly 19 centuries a part of the tribe of Judah—the Jews—has come back to Palestine. In their war of independence in 1948 they gained possession of the new part of Jerusalem, but the Arabs still control old Jerusalem. Not only Jerusalem, but the whole land of Palestine is divided. It is an armed camp likely to ignite at any moment!

In the near future we shall literally see the next great prophesied event for Palestine—the daily sacrifice and the sanctuary restored before our very eyes.

Then will come World War III and the occupation of Palestine and Jerusalem.

A great European Church-State union will be in control of Palestine and the whole Western World. It will prohibit the Truth. It will "cast down the truth to the ground." It will practice and prosper!

It will persecute and martyr God's Holy people. It will be allowed to tread Jerusalem underfoot and to prohibit the daily sacrifice at the sanctuary for 1150 days. It will substitute its own abominable, idolatrous rites in place of the evening and morning sacrifice. Jesus referred to this same event in Matthew 24:15. "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, STAND IN THE HOLY PLACE, (whose readeth, let him understand;) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains ... for then shall be great tribulation ..." climaxing in the second coming of Jesus Christ (verses 15-21).

The Gentiles will trample Jerusalem for 1260 days (Rev. 11). It will be the time of the two witnesses who will prophesy in the streets of Jerusalem for 1260 days, then be killed, and—just immediately before the return of Christ—be raised from the dead in the sight of the people!

God will suddenly intervene in human affairs. He will put an end to this wicked idolatrous system. "The sanctuary shall be cleansed."

We are very near the fulfillment of these amazing prophecies. It is time we wake up to world events and free ourselves from fables and traditions began more than a century ago! It's time we believe the Bible and not false teachers! It's time we asked God for wisdom and ask Him to lead us and to show us His Truth.

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as deacons in the Portland church by Mr. Raymond Cole. He reports that both of these men are sources of inspiration and help to all concerned in this church. In turn, brethren, let us dedicate our earnest and prevailing prayers for these men and all of God's servants who are yielding themselves to qualify for offices as deacons, local elders, and ministers in His Church in this most important MISSION on earth today to which God has called us all.

As we rejoice in the great blessings of this recent spring season, let us not forget the increased persecution and challenge that lie before us as we carry Christ's own MESSAGE to a God-hating, God-rejecting world. WE NEED each other's love and earnest PRAYERS!

Commencement Exercises

And, as if all these amazing developments weren't blessings enough, BY FAR the largest graduating class in the history of Ambassador College received their Bachelor Degrees in commencement exercises in the lower gardens on the college grounds June 3rd! [Editor's note: And two ministers received their M.A. in Theology—Mkrs. Garner Ted Armstrong and Ernest Martin.]

Mr. Armstrong, delivering the Commencement Address, spoke on the "culture" of the world which is always just a little "offset" from normal, a little "out of line," and contrasted this false "cultuer" with the truly NEW culture being acquired by Ambassador College students!

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Did Jesus Have Brothers and Sisters?

Millions assume that Jesus Christ had no brothers or sisters in the flesh—that Mary, His mother, was a perpetual virgin. But is this idea true?

by J. W. Robinson

When Jesus came to His own hometown synagogue to preach, He astonished the people with His teachings. In their amazement, they asked, "Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us?" (Matt. 13:54-56).

Notice it!

This scripture clearly states that Christ had four brothers, all of them being personally named. The added question, "And his sisters, are they not all with us?" implies that He had at least three sisters. If He had only two, they would have used the term, "both," instead of "all."

Some claim that these were not really brothers and sisters, only cousins. But Scripture reveals this is not true. Here is the proof.

The word "brethren" is translated from the Greek word for "brother"—adelphos. This word may mean a spiritual brother, but it does not mean "cousin."

The English word "cousin" in Luke 1:36 and 58 is translated from suggenes in the original Greek. This clearly shows that the New Testament, when referring to Jesus' family, makes them brothers and not cousins.

Not Spiritual Brothers

What about the contention that these were Christ's spiritual brothers and sisters, instead of His blood brothers and sisters—His siblings. We find the answer in John 2:12. Christ went to Capernaum, accompanied by "His mother, and His brethren, and His disciples." Here we find a sharp distinction is made between His brethren and His disciples showing that they were not the same. His spiritual brethren were His disciples—those who believed His teachings. His flesh and blood brothers did not believe Him (John 7:5). This scripture certainly makes James, Joses, Simon and Judas His blood brothers.

In Mark's account of Jesus' visit to His hometown synagogue, we find the people wondering about His great wisdom. They asked, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Judas, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?" (Mark 6:3). These people, who had known Jesus from childhood, specifically stated that He was the brother of several other young people who had grown up in their midst. These people were very familiar with family relationships throughout the village. Notice that they are not called cousins, but brothers.

Christ the "Firstborn"

In Matthew 1:25 we find that Christ is called the "firstborn" son of Mary. The word "firstborn" is translated from the Greek word prototunik which means the firstborn among other children—the oldest of several children in a family. If Jesus had been Mary's only child, the Greek word monogenes, meaning "only child," would have been used in the original Greek text. Jesus was the "only begotten" human son of the Heavenly Father (John 1:18). But He was the "first born"—not an "only child"—of Mary!

Many other New Testament scriptures tell us distinctly that Jesus Christ was not the only child of His mother.

In Galatians 1:18-19, Paul mentioned having seen not only Peter, but also James the Lord's brother in Jerusalem. We know that Paul was speaking of a brother in the flesh. If he had been speaking of a spiritual brother—a brother in the faith—he certainly would have included Peter among Christ's spiritual brethren. But he did not!

Paul knew that Christ had other brothers. He stated: "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas [Peter]?" (1 Cor. 9:5). Notice that the brethren of the Lord are distinct from the twelve apostles. In Acts 1:13-14 we find that the disciples "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." Some have, in argument, referred to Matthew 12:46-50. Here Christ said, "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

They have claimed this scripture as proof that when the Bible speaks of Christ's brethren, it means spiritual brethren. They claim therefore that He may not have had any brothers in the flesh. Such an argument is without foundation. If this scripture proved that Christ had no brothers or sisters, it would also prove that He had no mother. What Christ meant in this statement is that those who obey the Father are all equally precious in His sight, regardless of blood relationship.

"My MOTHER'S Children"

As a final proof that Jesus Christ was not the only child of His mother, let us turn to Psalm 69:8, which all Bible scholars recognize as a prophecy concerning Christ. In this scripture we read, "I am become a stranger unto MY BRETHREN, and an alien unto MY MOTHER'S CHILDREN." Christ certainly was speaking of His physical mother and brethren—blood relatives—in this prophecy. Christ's spiritual mother is the Church (Rev. 12:1-5) and His spiritual brethren are His followers—those who compose the true Church today (Matt. 17:49-50, Rom. 8:16-17, 29). Christ's spiritual brethren certainly recognized Him from the beginning of His ministry (John 1:35-49). He was a stranger (an alien) to His physical brethren, however. They did not believe in Him during His ministry (John 7:2-5), although some of them were converted after His resurrection.

Anyone who earnestly believes that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God, cannot fail to see these facts. These scriptures definitely prove—absolutely—that Jesus Christ did have brothers and sisters who were the children of His mother. Their father was Joseph. Joseph was the legal, not actual, father of Jesus. This means that Jesus and His brothers and sisters had the same mother, but not the same father.

The question we now must answer (Please continue on page 12)
How to Know You Are “Called”

Here is the surprising answer to this much misunderstood problem!

by Bryce G. Clark

This subject is vital! Some brethren assume because they are not overcoming, they have not been called. Unless we can know—unless all doubts are removed—we have no assurance of withstanding the trials certain to come in this generation.

A Divine Call

All really converted Christians receive a Divine call! This is one of the plainest truths of the Bible, yet millions assume it is a matter of their own “choice.”

Notice what Jesus told His disciples: “Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them [the vast majority] it is not given . . . . Therefore speak I to them in parables [to obscure the truth] . . . lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted . . .” (Mat. 13:11-15).

Jesus here revealed that only a tiny minority [a small number of disciples] were being given real Bible understanding. Jesus said it simply is not God’s intention to convert everyone at this time!

Notice further: “No man can come to me, except the Father which has sent me draw him . . . .” (John 6:44). And again: “No man can come to me, except it were given unto him of my Father . . . .” (verse 65).

The apostle Paul said the same thing. Notice it. “For ye see your calling brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called” (I Cor. 1:26).

These are only a few of many Bible examples. But these make it plain to see that only a minority are being converted during the present age.

No wonder humanity, as a whole, feels no real need for God. Men believe themselves to be self-sufficient. They fail to recognize Bible truths! They fail to realize what is really wrong with this world, how spiritually blinded professing Christianity is, and, by contrast, just how great and glorious God is.

Understanding these things is the result of being called! True Christians—those who see things as they really are—receive a divine call!

Call is NOT Conversion!

The most difficult thing for any human being is to admit error, and then to change. The mind excuses misdeeds, justifies itself, seeks a “way out.” One of the most dangerous avenues anyone can take is the attempt to “get around” God’s truth with the excuse that “since I’m not converted, then I have not been called.” This deceptive disregarding of responsibility is an attempt to disobey God by pretending to be a bystander!

What is wrong with this reasoning? Just this: The call in itself doesn’t convert anyone! Conversion is the result of heeding the call! Lack of conversion does not mean you have not been called.

Every human being is altogether carnal and rebellious until conversion takes place. God calls us while we are yet unconverted—while we are still rebelling! Conversion is a changing process, our becoming more like God. Unless we heed the call and decide to change our way of life, the call of itself has no power to convert—the call merely reveals what we must do in order to be converted!

The natural or fleshly mind we are born with is automatically contrary to God’s law (Rom. 8:7). All have sinned and “come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). Since we have all been a part of this world, a divine call is necessary to reveal our need to repent and come out of the world. Whether or not conversion takes place as a result of that call is our responsibility! Jesus stated that he had come to call the sinners, not the righteous (that is, the “self-righteous”) to repentance (Mat. 9:13). Repentance—with belief and baptism—is the first step we must take in heeding the call. Then, through the power of God’s Spirit, we begin the struggle against the downpull of human nature.

We must—by the supernatural power of God’s Spirit—master ourselves. We must overcome society and the influence of the Devil. We must put off the “old man” and put on the new until, at the resurrection, we become completely converted. So the call itself doesn’t convert anybody! Conversion results from heeding the call.

Notice how this is illustrated in II Tim. 4:10. Demas had the knowledge of God’s truth. He knew and worked with Paul personally. But this was not enough! He did not remain steadfast! He had not made his calling sure!

Peter warns us to give diligence “to make our calling sure” (II Pet. 1:10). If the calling of itself meant we are automatically converted, Peter would not have written this warning. We make our calling sure by yielding totally to God.

Once God decides to call an individual, He will not change His mind (Rom. 11:29). We each receive only one opportunity for salvation. If God calls us during this age, we are having our one and only opportunity. Let us not excuse ourselves by pretending we haven’t been called when we do understand the truth! We must yield ourselves to God, contrary to what we naturally prefer to do.

How does God Call?

Many misunderstand how God calls. Some feel God calls by means of an audible voice. Others feel it is done by drastic intervention such as accidents or fires. Still others—emotionally inclined—desire a “good feeling all over” to be assured of a calling. What is the truth?

How does God call?

Amazingly enough, the answer is very simple. No lengthy theological exposition is necessary—such would only complicate the clear understandable scriptures on the subject. Turn to II Thes. 2:13.

“...But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”

Did you catch it?

Many are being called—but few chosen!

Jesus Christ orally CALLS many individuals hearing the World Tomorrow program, or who read the Plain Truth magazine. Perhaps some will be called through your personal example, or witness. In each case, it is the Holy Spirit doing the calling, through human instruments!

Remember the parable of the sower. MANY will begin to receive the Word—but, through selfish interest, persecution, or just plain spiritual lethargy, will reject the call! They have not been chosen to spiritually understand the truth. They only carnally saw some points of truth.

A Fatal Mistake!

Think of it! Evangelists shout, “GIVE YOUR HEART TO THE LORD!” People hear the piteous plea—“Won’t you come?” And yet—the inspired Word of God reveals, they CANNOT unless the Father specifically
But God hath drawn them by His Spirit (John 6:44). Jesus sternly warned there will be many who will seek to enter in, and will not be able!

It is only those who have been called, and to whom the Father has chosen to reveal Himself, who can be truly converted. Paul was inspired to write, "But as it is written, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.' But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit" (I Cor. 2:9-10).

Notice—many might want to understand—but it must be specifically given them of God’s Spirit! "... for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the spirit of man which knoweth the things of God. Which things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ..." (I Cor. 2:10).

What Is “Sanctification of the Spirit”? God has not merely called, but also chosen you to salvation through sanctification (setting apart) of the Spirit. Here is how God works out the first step in bringing each individual to a full knowledge of salvation. He sanctifies—or sets each one apart—by means of the Holy Spirit! Jesus told Peter that the Spirit of the Father revealed to him that Jesus is Christ the Son of God (Mat. 16:17).

Here is the supernatural power of God working on the minds of men, revealing truth to them, prior to conversion. Jesus further illustrated this when He instructed His disciples that they would later (on the day of Pentecost) have the Spirit dwelling in them, but at that present time (prior to His ascension to heaven) the Spirit was with them (John 14:17).

It is the Spirit of God which reveals truth—which sanctifies or sets apart an individual to make him an heir of salvation.

Now back to the latter portion of II Thes. 2:13. Notice that "... belief of the truth" is the second feature of this divine call. The Spirit of God leads us to the truth, but we must believe that truth! Jesus said, "... thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The truth is the inspired Word of God—the Holy Bible! God calls us by leading our minds, by means of His Spirit, to believe the Holy Bible! But spiritual truth cannot be understood or believed without the influence of the Spirit of God (I Cor. 2:14).

Turn to Acts 13:44. "And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." And verse 48: "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord; and as many as were ordained [called] to eternal life believed." What did they believe?

The Word of God—the Holy Scriptures!

Those called to salvation believed God’s Word! There was no doubt in their minds! They knew the Scriptures meant exactly what they said! They believed the Word of God which Jesus said is truth. Their calling resulted from being set aside—sanctified—by God’s Spirit and their believing the truth!

There are many reasons today why men do not believe the truth—why the vast majority of professing Christians do not understand the Bible! Though God has allowed mankind to be deceived, yet He has given of His Spirit to a called few so that we can understand the purpose of life. It is God’s Spirit that enables us to comprehend the basic principles of understanding.

What These Principles Are

Consider these principles. They manifest the Spirit of God working upon and through the human mind.

1) Live by EVERY Word of God: First of all, Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Here is the first principle. To really understand the Bible it is necessary to live by every word of God, not just some portions or pet doctrines. Most churches accept a few Bible truths but for the most part walk in dismal error. This is because they are not willing to live by every word of God. They deliberately reject all but a relatively small portion which has no bearing on their personal lives. God gives understanding only to those who are willing to live by all of His word!

2) All Scripture Inspired: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). How can anyone really believe the Bible if he feels portions are uninspired? Yet this is exactly what many "Christians," so-called, believe today! Some regard the Old Testament purely as historical literature. Some teach Revelation to be the writings of a man convinced of hallucinations. Others say only the epistles of Paul should be accepted. What nonsense! All this doctrinal confusion is a direct result of choosing certain portions of the Bible to believe—refusing to accept all scripture as given by inspiration of God.

3) According to LAW:

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20). The significant feature of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is LAW. Yet, how men disregard and try to do away with God’s law! Every conceivable argument has been advanced in an attempt to do away with the ten commandments, the very theme of the entire Bible. It is small wonder men cannot understand God’s Word when every reference to His law is distorted, twisted, perverted, and maligned. Disobedience to God is the keynote in today’s world. But Isaiah said under inspiration that if men do not teach in accordance with God’s law and the testimony (all of God’s word) it is because there is no light in them!

4) Bible does NOT Contradict Itself: "... The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). Jesus said the scriptures make a complete chain—they do not contradict one another, yet books have been written to expose assumed Bible contradictions. But Jesus said Scripture does not contradict itself!

Every supposed contradiction is the result of either a mistranslation or a misinterpretation. Unless you approach the scriptures with this truth, you cannot hope to grasp the full meaning of God’s word. You will fool yourself into believing the Bible is full of contradictions and cannot be depended upon.

5) No Private Interpretation:

'*... No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (II Pet. 1:20). Many cannot understand scripture simply because they have not learned the Bible interprets itself! Many supposed contradictions occur because men have not learned to let the Bible interpret itself. Through diligent and earnest study, we can understand perplexing verses only in the light of other scriptures.

These simple principles serve as guides in enabling us to believe the truth. Because educational theories of men have been substituted in place of these rules, men fall utterly to comprehend the means God utilizes to call us to His truth. These principles are not discernible to the carnal mind influenced by God’s Spirit.

Called BY THE GOSPEL!

Notice carefully!

As a result of sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, "... be called you by our gospel ..." (II Thes. 2:14). Now that the mind has been properly conditioned, the active means God uses to call us is the gospel message! Men do not grasp the gospel message because they have not received the

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Australian visitors to the office see the far-flung stations which broadcast each night The WORLD TOMORROW.

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The commencement exercises were held in the beautiful outdoor garden theatre, with the Chorale and segments of the Ambassador College orchestra providing an inspiring anthem, and several hundred guests providing the largest crowd ever attending commencement exercises here.

Brethren—in sitting here writing this article—and in putting down these many, many tremendous BLESSINGS which God is just pouring forth upon those of us in His service, it seems almost impossible that so many wonderful things could have happened in such a short time! And yet, just as Jesus said, "All things are possible with God!"

God has truly "opened the windows of heaven" in pouring out the greatest blessings to ever be given any group of fallible, stumbling, mistake-ridden...
called. You must surrender your will to God, repent, and be baptized in order to receive the divine, supernatural power to obey. If you receive and understand the true gospel, if you understand God’s word to mean exactly what it says, you have been called! You will feel convicted of your sins. This conviction leads to repentance and baptism, the assurance you have HERED the call.

Conversion brings joys never before realized. Mastery over human nature, lusts, and passions is evident. The power of God affects definite changes in attitude and outlook on life. Happiness and peace of mind are experienced even in the midst of problems, troubles, and persecutions. There is a special love for the converted brethren as well as an increase in love toward all men in general. More patience on the job and with your family develops. Prayers are answered.

God’s power is manifested more and more in your life. You won’t be perfect—much overcoming is yet necessary—but you will be thanking and praising God for what He is doing in your life.

If you have heeded the call, conversion is taking place and must continue to do so unto the very end. Brethren, a deep-seated misunderstanding of these vital principles has been evidenced by some. One or two, wishing to justify themselves in their own carnal-minded rebellion have “convincing” themselves they weren’t truly converted, and, hence, are not yet held accountable and responsible for their present sins! They have “reasoned” themselves astray, “kidding” themselves God will call them again at some future time! This a DEADLY ERROR! NOTHING could be farther from the truth.

If you have progressed so far in God’s Church you’re now READING THIS ARTICLE—make no mistake about it, you have RECEIVED YOUR ONE, YOUR ONLY CALL!

Accountable According to Knowledge

God holds us accountable according to knowledge. Some have turned from God on the pretense they had not been called. Yet this acknowledgment indicates they were called but refused to heed! Christ said to whom much is given of him shall much be required (Luke 12:48). Peter said if we turn back to this world after having escaped its pollutions, the latter end will be worse than the beginning.

God has given us a priceless calling. We must not “kid” ourselves into thinking we are not accountable because of not being converted. Jesus Christ told the Pharisees that some of them were accountable because they knew the truth but refused to obey it (John 9:41). The lack of strength or desire to obey, unanswered prayer, and weakness in overcoming are not sufficient to prove we have not been called. Rather, they indicate we are not heeding the call. Brethren, let us give diligence to make our calling sure!