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## WORLD WAR IS HERE—NOW!

**World War III is being fought—now! But the startling facts show the present battlefields to be ECONOMIC—not yet military! It's time you begin to realize how this imminent struggle for world conquest is destined to affect you!**

**by Garner Ted Armstrong**

**Y**OU OUGHT to be *gravely concerned*—yes, **FRIGHTENED** about the conditions in this world today. There are ominous signs of an awakening giant of monstrous power soon to rise up and **SHOCK** this lethargic world, which are **PLAINLY VISIBLE—NOW!**

*Nothing* is so vitally important to *you*, right this minute, as to **KNOW** what is going to happen in the immediate future! It will directly affect *you*.

Listen!

Correspondents and news analysts the world over are frankly *worried* about what they see taking place in Germany! The near-miraculous recovery of a nation so devastated by war has defied the imagination of the entire world.

Just a few short years ago, the German people scraped mortar from bombs-shattered bricks to rebuild their factories and their cities. Today, the ear-piercing shriek of hundreds of modern factories vibrates the entirety of West Germany with a dizzying surge of production. Black smoke belches from once-smouldering ruins suddenly become factories. Streams of automobiles pour from what once was a twisted mass of steel and rubble. Formerly huddling

around the ruins of their homes, the Germans now form a flood of humanity going to and from their factories—not for personal gain—not for the “gadgets” they can purchase—but to *rebuild Germany!*

### Germans Capturing World Markets

Krupp, the most feared name in German industry, is now emerging as the spearhead of the German drive for export markets and industrial toe holds in other countries. Alfred Krupp was Germany's number one munitions producer for Hitler.

Krupp methods get results! The reports come pouring in from all parts of the world. Huge steel mills under construction in India, Egypt and Pakistan. Krupp steel and equipment is being used. Krupp technicians are advising planners. Many countries the world over are being offered contracts. In Yugoslavia, most of the heavy industry is being rebuilt by Krupp engineers. In Egypt, Krupp is selling locomotives. In the Sudan, the Government has been convinced that Krupp should participate in railway development, irrigation and mining projects. In Argentina, Krupp is planning dam build-

ing, hydroelectric plants, railways, steel mills, development of raw material and natural resources and manufacturing of heavy machinery.

In short, Krupp is launching a far-reaching gigantic economic venture which will set the pace and form the backbone of German industrial might.

### Allied Plans After World War I

After the armistice of World War I, the allied nations solemnly agreed that through rigid trade restrictions, war reparations and careful surveillance of industry, Germany would *never again* be allowed to rise high enough to attempt world domination. As world statesmen met over the conference tables of Geneva, Switzerland, they all realized that the League of Nations *must firmly control* post-war German economy, or fail in its purpose.

*The League of Nations ended in total failure!*

The warnings went out. The American press representatives in Germany *saw* the ominous trend of German militarism—the rapid climb to prewar economic stability. They wrote books, they  
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**STUDY THIS PICTURE.** Will you be one of its terrified victims, when these super-tremendous earthquakes occur?

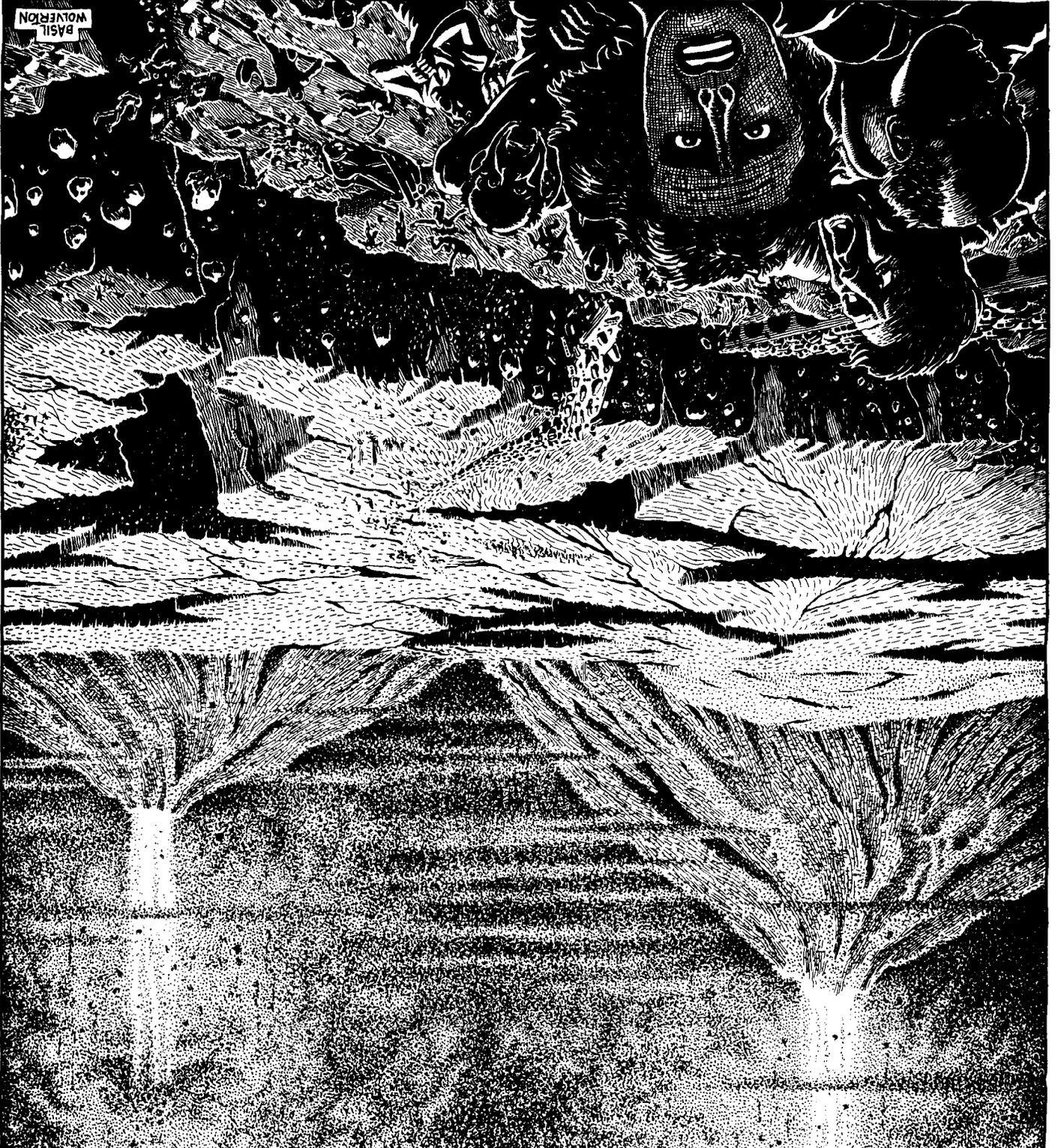
The greatest earthquakes of recent times have been terrifying and devastating. But they were as *nothing* compared to the colossal tremors to come, foretold in Revelation 6:12, 11:3, and 16:18.

At the seventh of the seven last plagues, there will be "flashes of lightning, loud noises, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as had never been since men were on the earth, SO GREAT was that earthquake" (Rev. 16:18).

The entire surface of the globe will rock and roar. In places it will crack open to engulf whole towns in yawning chasms. Many dormant volcanoes will thunder to life, gorging the atmosphere with an ashy blanket that will cast appalling gloom and darkness over all.

Now **STUDY** this picture! Notice a great highway bridge crashing down into a chasm created by a vast crack in the earth, many auto-

mobiles hurtling down into the black depths below. You see the terror-struck faces—people being flung off their feet, and falling headlong into the suddenly created crevices in the earth. Yes, this is a horror picture. But just such a picture is soon going to be **REAL**. Will you be in it, a terrified victim then, or will you merely see it now, in this picture—and turn to God in **REAL EARNEST**, rendering your heart **NOW**, and being supernaturally **PROTECTED** from the real event soon to strike? **LOOK! STUDY! HEED!** Seek God's protection with your whole heart, in unconditional surrender. If you do, then "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night . . . nor for the destruction . . . A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. **ONLY WITH THINE EYES** shalt thou behold and **SEE** the reward of the wicked. . . . There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling" (Ps. 91:5-10). Better **SEE** the ESCAPE it, yourself! **GOD HELP YOU TO HEED!**



BASIL WOLVERTON

# Yes, I KNOW these pictures are terrifying!

**. . . but they may save thousands of precious lives from the horrible fate they depict—including yours! Read WHY we are forced to publish them—and of the happy World Tomorrow just beyond! Here is the final article on the BOOK OF REVELATION. READ! THINK! HEED!!**

**by Herbert W. Armstrong**

**T**HESE pictures are revolting—horrifying!—yes, *I know!* I know that some don't like to look at them.

But LISTEN!—read carefully every word!

Better a million times over see *pictures*, and escape the reality. Whether you like it or not, YOU are going to be forced to witness in real life precisely such terrifying scenes, with *yourself* a screaming, agonizing participant, unless you are warned *in such a manner* that you WAKE UP to the stern reality of what's coming, and diligently seek the divine PROTECTION God offers!

This thing is *real!* It's *coming*, soon, upon a heedless world!

There's a REASON for these frightening pictures. Let me tell you why we're forced to publish them.

*A Joyful Message—good news!*

First of all, God has called me to proclaim to the world *a joyful Message* — the GOOD NEWS of the WORLD TOMORROW! This whole earth at last shall lie at peace—"for ye shall go out with JOY, and be led forth with PEACE: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands"—(Isa. 55:12).

But that happy world cannot come until men learn THE WAY to peace and happiness—until man's rebellion against GOD'S WAY has been put down.

God Almighty decreed, by His Sovereign rule, that for 6,000 years mankind *must choose* right or wrong, life or death—to obey GOD and enjoy His blessings, or to rebel and reap suffering.

And for 6,000 years a loving, patient CREATOR-RULER has *made known*, and available, THE WAY to peace and joy. God sent His prophets—HIS DIVINE SON—His Apostles—His true ministers, *pleading* with a world forced to *choose*—warning this world of the inevitable result of its folly of rebellion.

But this world stoned the prophets, crucified God's Son, rejected God's Message, and substituted a counterfeit gospel that has deceived the world.

For 6,000 years mankind has refused to heed God's pleading in love, through preaching. Today man is about to DESTROY human life from off this planet. Unless the Creator RULER of the universe intervenes, no flesh would be saved alive! The time has come when: "the Eternal hath a controversy with the nations; He will PLEAD with all flesh" (Jer. 25:31)—yes, God will now soon begin to plead *in the only language* rebellious mankind will understand or heed—PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT—the terrifying PLAGUES of "the DAY OF THE ETERNAL."

You are living in FRIGHTFUL times!—and you probably don't even realize it! Weapons now are available that will destroy whole continents overnight, without warning—unless God prevents! But you have grown *used* to upset, chaotic world conditions. You've become calloused to it—indifferent—totally heedless.

Most people today are like a person in a deep sleep, dreaming a pleasant dream. When one tries to arouse him to tell him his house is on fire and he's about to be burned up, he drowsily protests:

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## Yes, I KNOW

"Don't! Don't wake me up! Go 'way—let me sleep!"

Well, listen! *Your house is on fire!* This whole world is about to blow itself to oblivion—and you with it! Yet most of you are living along from day to day in utmost complacency, blinded to the immediate DANGER—*sound asleep* to the REALITY of what's coming!

### Now—Stern Measures

God has set me to proclaim, not only the *good news* of HIS Kingdom—the happy World Tomorrow—but also to *warn the world* of what's coming.

God says plainly: "When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man . . . and set him for their watchman: *if* when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and WARN the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; . . . his blood shall be upon his own head . . . But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned;" (the people's) "blood will I require at the watchman's hand." (Ezek. 33:2-6.)

God Almighty has plainly revealed to me, by world conditions and by PROPHECY, what is coming. *I see the sword coming*—to destroy our land and our people. I see the PLAGUES of God coming, to plead with the wicked.

More than 15,000 Co-Workers have set me for their watchman. *I have to warn the people*—or have their blood required at my hand! God Almighty commands me, "CRY ALOUD, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions." (Isa. 58:1.) God doesn't say "whisper." He does not say, "preach soft and smooth things soothingly." He tells me

## RADIO LOG

### "The WORLD TOMORROW"

Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's news, with the prophecies of The WORLD TOMORROW!

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to *lift up* my voice—to CRY ALOUD!—to THUNDER forth His warning!

The time for soft, dainty, purring, soothing preaching is past!

For twenty-one years I have been shouting forth the warning over the powerful voice of radio. I have been writing it—in words—in The PLAIN TRUTH and other literature. But the world *snores on!* Mere words—whether shouted and thundered in power by my voice, or published in the most forceful, plain and clear language I could write *in print*, have not made people REALIZE what God reveals for the future.

And so now, even as God Himself is about to employ sterner measures—to speak to this world in a language it will understand at last—even so, I am forced to find a medium of expression that will, if possible, OPEN THE EYES of people—cause them to REALLY SEE what is about to ensnare them like rats in a trap! For, said Jesus, "*as a snare* shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." (Luke 21:35.)

### WHY These Pictures

This *is* a frightening matter! Twenty-one years' experience has forced me to realize that words alone—whether spoken or written—do not create in people's minds the REAL PICTURE of what's coming. People haven't really *seen* it—so they don't *really* believe it. Words alone have failed to picture in people's minds the stark REALISM God so vividly describes in prophecy.

A noted journalist once said, "One picture is worth more than ten thousand words." I know of only one artist on earth whose God-given talents and experience enable him to portray, in living REALISM, such gruesome, terrifying scenes as PROPHECY warns this world is soon to witness in agonizing *fact*.

When America's large-circulation national magazines wish to portray the most gruesome pictures, they call on Basil Wolverton to produce them. He has contributed and sold his work to more than fifty national magazines. *Life Magazine* has devoted, in different issues, whole sections to his pictures. *Pageant* has, on many occasions, published several-page sections of his work. *Time* has written him up and reproduced his work.

Basil Wolverton is one of many hundreds converted as a result of The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast. So, in this life-and-death emergency, I asked him to collaborate with me in proclaiming God's warning *in such a manner* that people will really SEE what is now coming on the world. Mr. Wolverton has given *understanding* of these sure prophecies. He has responded to my request with his whole heart. God has

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# Should Women Preach?

**Millions have been mixed up on this important principle  
—a principle more far-reaching than you have realized.  
Here is GOD'S ANSWER clearly revealed in His word.**

**by Roderick C. Meredith**

**H**ERE IS a vital subject which greatly NEEDS to be *understood* in every *home*, in every *church*, in every *nation*. Untold *misery* and *suffering* can be avoided if *God's truth* is understood and *obeyed!*

The very *fact* of women preaching reveals a *striking condition* in our modern churches of which *very few* are aware. Thousands of people of *both sexes* have a prejudicial conception of this subject. In nearly every instance, they look on it as an *isolated topic* having little or no bearing on the gospel itself—or on the very *purpose* of our human existence.

*But they fail to realize that this subject deals with the very FOUNDATION of the gospel itself*—and that its proper understanding carries an **URGENT** message to our present society.

Before this world goes crashing to its doom, it's time to **OPEN our minds** to God's *truth!*

## One Clear Answer

Where should a *Christian* look to find the *truth* on this important subject—or on *any* subject for that matter?

Should you look to *men*, to *groups of men*, to the many differing *churches of men*? Where is basic *truth* to be found?

As a *Christian*, you should know that there is only *one* source of spiritual *truth*. Jesus Christ said, "Thy **WORD** is *truth*" (John 17:17). And God's word reveals—**IF** we are *willing* to receive the truth—that the subject of women preaching is more far-reaching and more fundamental than you have probably realized. It is **VITAL** that every *Christian* man and woman understand the truth on this matter.

God's word is *clear* and *definite* in revealing the status of women in the church, in society, and in the home. From Genesis to Revelation, the same principles are *consistently* revealed by God on this topic. Here is one subject upon which there is just *no place* for disagreement *if* we are to accept God's word as *truth*.

Yet here is a matter upon which whole church denominations disagree—a matter which is causing much of the *wretchedness* and *rotteness* in our toppling modern civilization.

It's time to find the *truth!* Free your mind from blinding *prejudice*. Ask God

humbly to open your mind to *His* truth as **CLEARLY** revealed in *His* word, the Bible.

## Why Woman Was Created

After God had created the man, He said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an **HELP meet** (suitable) *for him*" (Gen. 2:18). Finding that none of the animal creation fitted this need, God created *woman* out of a part of *man*. And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called *Woman*, because she was taken out of man" (Verse 23).

Notice that the very *purpose* of woman's creation was to provide a *help* for the man. But on the first occasion when man had a severe trial and *needed help*, what happened?

Genesis 3:1-16 shows that the woman allowed the serpent, representing *Satan*, to beguile her into disobeying her Creator, God. And she thereupon caused her husband, whom she was supposed to *help*, to disobey God also and cut himself off from God's blessings.

The woman had taken the *initiative*. She had tried to *lead* the man—a thing for which she was *not* intended nor equipped—and as a *result* the whole human family was cut off from God until Christ came to *obey* God and make reconciliation.

Because she had *sinned* in doing this thing, God told the woman, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception, in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and *thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall RULE over thee*" (Gen. 3:16).

*Plain words*, these. And these are *God's* words—not human opinion. God had made the man first—in His direct *image*, as God is *always* spoken of in the *masculine* gender. God had made the man physically stronger, and with every necessary quality to be the woman's *leader*. Adam *knew* that the woman was to be his *helper*—and he her *head*.

But now that the woman had taken the initiative without consulting her husband, and had *sinned* and led him to *sin* in so doing, God made their status *doubly CLEAR*: "*thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall RULE over thee.*"

Adam had not fulfilled his God-given

*responsibility* to lead the woman in the *right way*, but had let her wrest the initiative from him. And so God told Adam, "*Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake, in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life*" (Gen. 3:17). Yes, Adam was punished "*Because,*" God said, "*thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife*"—and so had been led to *disobey* God.

It is easy for a man to *bog down* and let his wife "run things." Adam did—and *Satan soon took over!* Thousands of modern men are doing the same thing—particularly in America. And *crime*, almost universal *corruption* in every phase of life, *broken homes, unhappy homes, and juvenile delinquency* are abounding and growing **EVILS** which beset our society on every hand.

It's something to *think about seriously!*

In the final analysis, man will learn that when the *God-constituted system of authority* breaks down, real **TROUBLE** is in store. This pattern of authority is conspicuously violated today in the realm of the relation of men and women in society and in the home.

## Consistent Principle

The examples and teaching throughout the Old Testament reveal that the man was recognized as the head of the house, and was *always* designated and used by God to carry out any group project. The genealogy always came down from father to son. When Abraham was inspired to give prophetic blessings (Gen. 49), they were given to his *sons*, not his daughters in any case.

In other words, man was regarded as the direct representative of God over all the animate creation, and woman was recognized and *respected* as his *helper*. She derived her honor and blessings indirectly through her husband, her God-constituted *head*.

God called Moses to lead his people out of Egyptian bondage. And when it came time to institute God's physical priesthood, God chose *Aaron* and his *sons* (Exodus 29:9).

*Note this point.* In every case, God

chose *men*—not women—to be the *leaders* and *spokesmen*, or *preachers*—if you wish to apply it that way.

What a striking *contrast* to our society where women are conducting themselves in a way that would have made their great grandmothers blush! But let's get the point and not try to excuse ourselves. The *contrast* is not between us and what is termed "old-fashioned." It is between *our way* and GOD'S way as revealed in *His word*.

*God's word* is consistent in teaching that woman is to be in subjection to the man—*never* his *leader* or *spokesman*. Another point to notice is that while in both ancient and modern times the Gentile nations often had queens or women ruling over them, *at no time did God ever appoint a woman as queen or to ANY administrative office* either in the nation of Israel or in the church either in Old or New Testament times. That is *God's way!* If our own *human* idea or way is *different*, then it is *we*—not God—who should REPENT of this error and *change* our own carnal, human ways.

Are we going to *defy* our CREATOR on this point?

### Prophetesses

In both the Old and New Testament, we find that God did use some righteous women in the office of a prophetess. If we study these examples carefully, we will see that their function has often been misinterpreted and that their office carried no administrative authority, but that they were simply used of God to convey a message to one of his servants, or to other people—but *never* in the capacity of preaching or exercising authority over them.

Exodus 15:20-21 gives the account of Miriam the *prophetess* leading the women out to dance and praise God in song. But she is nowhere spoken of as having preached or having had authority of any kind over the men. And any honest Bible student knows that it would have been contrary to existing mode of conduct, and to *God's command*, for her to have done so.

### Deborah

An unusual situation in Israel which in many ways parallels our own present day DEGENERACY is described in chapters 4 and 5 of the book of Judges. To properly understand this account, we need to realize that the entire book of Judges is primarily devoted to a history of Israel's *mistakes* because: "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in *his own eyes*" (Judges 17:6; 21:25).

In Judges 4:1 we find that Ehud, Israel's present "deliverer" (Judges 3:15) had died, and the people began do-

ing *evil* in God's sight. There seems to have been no man of real *purpose* and *leadership* to guide Israel at this time, and God sold them into the hand of the king of Canaan for their *disobedience*.

At this point, we read: "And Deborah, a *prophetess*, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time" (verse 4).

Since no man had the *courage* and *leadership* to master the situation and take the *initiative*, Deborah—being a *prophetess* and knowing *God's will*—reminded Barak, "Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded . . ." And she proceeded to *remind* him—*not command him, because she had no such authority over the men*—of what God had commanded should be done.

Barak, being a *weakling* and too fearful to exercise his *God-given responsibility of leadership*, told her, "If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go" (verse 8).

Knowing full well that Barak ought to be man enough to carry out this responsibility *without having to cling to the skirts of a woman*, Deborah told him: "I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest *shall not be for thine honour*; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a *woman*" (verse 9).

Deborah herself—a righteous and God-fearing woman—had no desire at all to usurp man's responsibility for *leadership*. And her own words betray how ashamed she must have felt of her men, who were so weak that she had to "mother" them along to get them to carry out God's will. She later sang of this national *tragedy*: "The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I arose a MOTHER in Israel" (Judges 5:7).

### Like Today

This *pitiful spectacle* of men being *too weak* and *too lazy* to carry out their God-given *responsibility for leadership* is closely paralleled in *America today—right now!* And it is a growing trend in many other nations. It seems to be a part of our so-called "civilization." And it is wreaking *havoc* in our homes, our churches, our society.

*Women preachers* constitute only a small part of this general problem. The big problem is that men and women have *departed* from the *WAY of God* in their lives. They have forsaken the knowledge and practice of exercising the God-constituted *authority* He set in the *home*, in the *church*, and in *society*.

The divorce rate and the number of juvenile delinquents and criminals is constantly *growing*. And most people don't seem to know *why*.

Asked to account for the rise in juve-

nile delinquency, an expert on this subject, Police Commissioner Gibbons of Philadelphia, answered: "Throughout the country there is a general disregard for CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY. I think that goes for the *adults* and is reflected in the thinking of the *juvenile*." Yes, Commissioner Gibbons and many other men and women who are constantly dealing with this problem have been forced to realize that proper understanding and respect for authority is rapidly disappearing from our society.

In its wake, we find increasing *violence, murder, rape, corruption* in many forms.

Commenting on America's problem of growing juvenile crime, a famous, visiting British general said that he remembered that when he was a boy, father's word was *law* and disobedience was quickly rewarded by *physical chastening*. But now, in both countries, most fathers just don't seem to care, and the mother is either unwilling or unable to properly handle the situation.

Yes, men used to feel their God-given duties as *head of the house* and exercise them. But now it seems they *just don't care*.

In fact, the whole population seems to *delight* in *ridiculing* man's position as head of the house. This attitude of *contempt* for what GOD has ordained is prominently displayed in comic strips, movies, radio, and now television—all of which like to portray the husband as a big, helpless dumb brute who has to be "managed" by his intelligent, "modern" wife.

A recent newspaper report says: "The United States is moving rapidly toward the 'woman's world' with diaper-changing husbands and independent wives." Yes, the weak, spiritless American husband is fast becoming the butt of every joke. This situation may strike some as being very funny, but it is an ABOMINATION to Almighty God! The lack of a real father and HEAD in every home is leading to more broken homes, broken young lives, and *wretchedness* than you have realized.

It's time to *wake up* and get back to the *WAY of God*.

### Other Prophetesses

There are a few other *prophetesses* mentioned specifically in the Bible, and in every case they were used as Deborah was—to impart knowledge to others as to God's will. In no case did they exercise authority.

We read of Huldah the prophetess in II Chronicles 34:22-28. Here we find that the King of Judah sent to Huldah to find out what God's will was. But, upon learning, *he* made the decision as to what should be done.

In Luke 2:36-38, we read of *Anna*,

a *prophetess*, who was a widow 84 years old. She was a very righteous woman who "served God with *fastings and prayers* night and day." And so it was revealed to her that the child Jesus was the expected Messiah, and she was privileged to announce this to those who were gathered informally about Jesus and His earthly parents.

The four virgin daughters of Philip the evangelist are mentioned in Acts 21:8-9. The account says they "did prophesy," but we find an example of how this was often done in the following verses (10-12) describing Agabus, the prophet. Notice that Agabus did *not* preach to the group or have authority over them, but simply warned Paul personally, and those with him, of what God had revealed would befall him at Jerusalem.

So, although the word "prophesy" means to "forthtell for God," whether in the sense of a revelation of future happenings or of *inspired preaching*, we see that the latter function was never exercised by women prophetesses, who never held authority over the men or the congregation, but only spoke privately to convey a message from God.

### New Testament Teaching

The New Testament teaching, example, and *direct commands* on this subject are very clear.

In I Corinthians 11:3-16, the apostle Paul says (verse 3), "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the HEAD of every woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

Paul says the man "is the *image and glory* of God: but the woman is the glory of man" (verse 7). Man stands in the *direct image* and as the visible representative of God, and so should not have his head covered as a sign that he is in subjection to any visible being—he being in subjection only to the invisible God.

But the woman is to *subject* herself to the man; she was made "for the man" (verse 9). Therefore, she ought to have power—or to make the meaning clear, a *sign that she is under authority*—on her head because of the angels. If she acknowledges her subjection to the man by this outward sign, she will be granted special favor by the ministering and guardian angels, whose help the woman—as the weaker sex—is particularly in need of.

Notice that this symbol of being in subjection—this *covering* or veil spoken of—is the wearing of *long hair* by the woman. Some interpreters have falsely assumed that this covering was a veil or scarf, but this was *not* the custom of Grecian women, as they assume, and Paul clearly defines, the woman's covering as her *long hair*, which he says is a

glory to her (verse 15 of chapter 11).

Paul concludes this passage by saying that if anyone brings up a contrary idea, the *churches of GOD* recognize no such ideas of men. However, many of the churches of *today* have *rejected* these commands of God. Many unthinking modern women, kept in *spiritual ignorance* by their *professing* Christian ministers, now cut their hair short like a man—thereby dishonoring their human *head*, man, and their spiritual *head*, Christ, whose command they are *rejecting*.

It's time to realize that true *Christianity* means OBEEDIENCE to *God's commands!*

### Paul's Inspired Commands

The apostle Paul was inspired to give directions for exercising spiritual gifts in chapters 12, 13, and 14 of First Corinthians. He concludes these instructions in I Cor. 14:34-40 by commanding: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law" (verse 34). Here is a *direct command* from God that women are NOT to speak in church *even in exercising the spiritual gifts* of which Paul is speaking. The woman's *praying* or *prophesying* does *not* mean presiding over a group in these activities (I Cor. 11:5).

Their husbands are to *study* God's word and to be their *head*, their *leader*, in spiritual as well as physical matters. Thus, if women wish to ask questions, "let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a SHAME for women to speak in the church."

Present circumstances are *no excuse* for disobeying the commands of God. Nevertheless, how many husbands are qualified to fulfill their responsibility as spiritual *head* of the family?

The *shameful* answer is: *far too few*. But this is no reason for women *usurping* this authority. For in I Timothy 5:12, God inspired Paul to write: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." He continues (verses 13 and 14), "For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And *Adam was not deceived*, but the woman *being deceived* was in the transgression."

The woman is not to have authority over the man, for she was created to be his *helper*. And this passage and others (II Timothy 3:6) indicate that women do tend to be more easily deceived than men. They were *not intended* by God to be physical or spiritual leaders over men—and most God-fearing women realize this and would be thankful if the men would AWAKEN to their *God-given duty* to guide the family and instruct

their wives in spiritual knowledge. But—alas! how far men have fallen short of this CHRISTIAN DUTY.

### God's Way Best

Women preachers? Women leaders?

The answer is *abundantly plain* if we seek *God's way!*

This knowledge should certainly cause no "battle of the sexes," but rather bring both men and women to the sober realization of *how far we have departed from the ways and commands of God*.

If men and women everywhere will *both* acknowledge the great *error* they have made, the great SIN they have committed in transgressing the *commands of God* in this matter—and will REPENT and turn from this *wrong way*, God will forgive and abundantly pardon.

Yes, we need to restore God's system of authority in our homes, our churches, our nations. Then growing children will be properly *trained* for life by firm but loving parents. And wives—as many of them secretly realize—would have a new *respect and love* for their husbands. And with people understanding God's authority and *why*, our church life would become cleansed of all the mixture of paganism and human tradition with what is left of *real Christianity*—the kind found in *God's word*.

Society as a whole would be immeasurably benefited by a renewed respect for *constituted authority*—and the realization that authority comes down from God himself.

### God Holds Men Responsible

Women—and *women preachers*—have taken unto themselves much authority that is not rightfully theirs. But in most cases they have done so because men were *too lazy or indifferent* to carry out the responsibility as they should. And so it is a situation for which we should all *repent*.

But you will have to realize that God *at no time* has used a woman as His minister in preaching or writing His word. Any woman *usurping* this authority was so doing in direct violation of the commands of God, and so cut herself off from God and from the Holy Spirit, "whom God hath given to them that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32).

And any church or denomination which continues to REJECT this truth is not being used of God at all, for He says: "My people are *destroyed* for lack of knowledge: *because* thou hast rejected knowledge, *I will also reject thee*" (Hosea 4:6).

Jesus Christ said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4).

God's word is *consistent*. His will is *clear*.

Where do you stand?

# WHY God Permits Satan To TEMPT Us

**God calls Satan the prince—the ruler—of this world. Satan is the invisible ruler over the nations—over our entire civilization! WHY does God allow this condition to exist?**

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## SYNOPSIS:

**T**HIS IS the tenth in a series of articles revealing the hidden hand of Satanic deception which has master-minded human activities for nearly 6000 years.

Previous articles in this series, taken from Dr. Meredith's forthcoming book entitled *Satan's Great Deception*, have conclusively proved that Satan, the INVISIBLE RULER of this world, has played the outstanding part in influencing *this* world's civilization—its way of life.

Civilization commenced at the tower of Babel. Its *human* founders, Nimrod—the world's first despot (Gen. 10:8-10)—and his licentious wife, Semiramis—the self-styled "Queen of Heaven" (Jer. 44:18-19)—formed a new, a different way of life than that which God revealed at creation. That Babylonish way of life has spread through the nations and engulfed this entire world—its society, its economics, its politics, its religions! It is the way of greed, of taking, of reliance on *self* rather than reliance on God.

But Nimrod and Semiramis were *only the human tools* in the hand of a superior ruler—Satan!

Always there is one great question which arises in our minds when we understand the origin of the CONFUSION that engulfs this world. WHY DOES GOD, THE RULER OVER ALL, THE SUPREME BEING (Isaiah 40:18), ALLOW SATAN'S RULE TO CONTINUE? WHY DOES HE ALLOW SUCH A STATE OF CONFUSION TO EXIST ON EARTH BETWEEN HIS SUPREME RULE AND THAT OF SATAN?

## Who Is Satan?

Lucifer, *one of the angels* that God created (John 1:3), an angel of high rank—an archangel—had been given RULE of this earth—a *throne* in Eden (Ezek. 28:12-16). God gave him this rule! Previous articles have explained this thoroughly.

But Lucifer was not content—he wanted to be equal to GOD! He and one third of the angels ascended into the air to take God's place from Him—but they were cast back to earth for their rebel-

lion (Rev. 12:3, 4, 9). Lucifer, a created being having FREE CHOICE, WILLED to go against his Creator, God. He deliberately set out to take the place of his Master! For that rebellion, Lucifer became known as Satan, the adversary—the rebel against God.

Lucifer would not recognize his weaknesses—HE WOULD NOT LEARN TO HOLD HIS OWN WILL IN CHECK AND SUBMIT IT TO THE WILL OF GOD! Despite all of Lucifer's perfection and knowledge, he was WEAK in this, the *most important* point of all.

Notice it: God did NOT create Lucifer with perfect character, incapable of sinning. Lucifer was only "perfect in his WAYS *till . . .*"—till he exercised his will against God!

THERE IS ONE THING THAT THE CREATOR WILL ALWAYS RESERVE FOR HIMSELF—HIS THRONE, His Rule.

God created angels as His *servants* (Heb. 1:14). As servants they were meant to have authority over God's *begotten* sons. Some of the angels rebelled—they refused to administer God's authority faithfully.

When the angels proved whether or not they would be faithful servants, God began the next step in His great PLAN. Before the creation of the world God purposed to bring forth Sons whom He could trust to carry out the responsibilities of RULERSHIP *under* Him. What did He do?

Notice! God said, "LET US MAKE MAN (you and me and all other people on earth) IN OUR IMAGE" (Gen. 1:26). Almost everyone misses the *real* meaning of these words. Certainly man was made physically in the image of God—having the same kind of ears, hands, and other bodily parts. But God is composed of Spirit, whereas man is composed of matter. Man is only an image of his Maker! But this is the *least important* meaning of these SEVEN WORDS.

Around these SEVEN WORDS the whole Bible is fashioned!! Let us understand!

## The Seven Vital Words

Though God created us to resemble Him materially, His ultimate intention

is that we become like Him SPIRITUALLY—that we be composed of Spirit as He is, and, *most* important, that WE WILL THINK AS HE DOES! God is thus in the process of creating from mankind many MEMBERS IN THE FAMILY OF GOD over whom and through whom He will rule. It will be the *Kingdom of God*. This is the objective to which all other steps in God's GREAT PLAN lead!

Just as God previously created the kingdom of angels, the mineral kingdom and other kingdoms, He is now creating the Kingdom of God—His GREATEST CREATION! Those in it will be His sons, CAPABLE OF RULING WITH HIM. Isaiah summed up God's PLAN, when he wrote, "*We are the clay*, and thou (Lord) our potter" (Isa. 64:8). God says we will ultimately be fashioned to be higher and stronger than the angels: "Know ye not that we shall *judge* angels?" (I Cor. 6:3). We will be elevated so high—if we humble ourselves here and now—that we can *judge* them. We will thus be *better prepared to rule* than they.

As members of the God family, we will exercise GREAT POWER. But we must first be steeled and tempered HERE—in this life—for that responsibility. BEING A MEMBER OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD WOULD BE TOO IMPORTANT A POSITION FOR US UNLESS WE HAD MANY EXPERIENCES IN THIS LIFE TO STRENGTHEN US FOR IT.

To be elevated to the kingdom of God we must *first* learn right from wrong—that is why Satan is allowed to *deceive*! After we once learn the truth, he can't deceive us unless we deliberately yield to believe error. Thereafter we must learn to practice what is right. That is why Satan is allowed to *tempt* us—to test us!

## PART X

### Our First Parents Tested

**O**BSERVE WHAT happened to Adam and Eve. Like Satan, when he conceived the idea of arising to take God's throne (Ezek. 28:13), they also were in the garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8). Satan possessed all he surveyed

upon the earth, *but* he could not have God's throne. Adam and Eve likewise were given the right to eat of all the fruit in the garden *except* that of *one* tree—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17). This was a *command* to them from God. In a sense it represented His rule—His *throne*. So the position of Adam and Eve, when they were first put in the garden of Eden, was *very similar* to that of Lucifer before he endeavored to seize God's throne.

What happened? Adam and Eve ate of the *forbidden* tree (Gen. 3:6)—they *usurped* the prerogative of God—they *would not come under His rule*. THEY DEFIED THE CREATOR WHO WAS SEEKING TO FASHION THEM INTO RULERS UNDER HIM! By this act of insubordination they disqualified themselves from becoming the agents through which God would rule the earth. They failed to replace Satan.

They were not tempered enough to stand the test when Satan *tempted* them. Eve saw that the tree was a "tree to be *desired*" (Gen. 3:6)—she had not *learned* to overcome the "desires of the flesh" (Eph. 2:3)—which all who seek to be in the Kingdom of God must do.

Our first parents were not, of themselves, strong enough to overcome the nature God had put in them. God had not yet come to the time in His PLAN when He would give His own Holy Spirit to those whom He calls. The Holy Spirit was sent to mankind, for the first time on Pentecost, fifty days after Christ appeared to the disciples (Acts 2:4). The Holy Spirit provides us with the needed power we lack—the very power of God. With its aid we can master our impulses which are contrary to the will of God, *if* we ourselves desire to do so *strongly enough!* "By the *spirit* you put the actions of the body to death" (Rom. 8:13 Moffatt). God is letting us learn of our own *weaknesses*—our need for *dependence* upon a higher POWER than ourselves. GOD HAS MADE US SO THAT WE MUST EXERCISE OUR OWN CHOICE OF RIGHT AND WRONG—remember this. God says, "I have set before you LIFE and DEATH, blessing and cursing: therefore CHOOSE LIFE (Deut. 30:19). God is the Supreme Ruler. He sets before us life and death. We must choose to obey Him. Without the aid of God's Spirit within us, we lack the *spiritual* strength to obey the rules of life.

#### Satan's Part in God's Plan

God did not create man spiritually perfect! He created him *lowly* so he could "come up through the school of hard knocks" and be *tempered* by experiences. The Bible tells us so. "The creature (the thing created—mankind) was MADE subject to *vanity*" (Rom. 8:

20). WE ARE MADE OR CREATED BY GOD TO DESIRE VAIN THINGS—THINGS OF NO VALUE—MADE TO DESIRE THE WRONG THINGS.

Notice what else the Bible says about the nature that God put into Adam and Eve—the nature He put into you and me—the nature that *all* have at birth. "The carnal mind (the mind which is given us at birth) is *enmity against God*: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:8).

THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR GOD GIVING US SUCH PERVERSE MINDS! God exhorts us to "*put off the old man* (human nature) with (its) deeds and . . . *put on the new man* (a godly nature) which is . . . (being created) after the image of him (God) that created him!" (Col. 3:10).

WE ARE THUS TO OVERCOME OUR NATURES with which we are born. The Bible tells us, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the FIERY TRIAL which is TO TRY YOU . . . but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering" (1 Peter 4:12). Note that TRIALS are put upon us TO TRY OR STRENGTHEN US. WE LEARN TO SUBMIT OUR WILL TO THAT OF GOD'S IN FOLLOWING HIS COMMANDS THOUGH WE MAY BE TEMPTED TO DO OTHERWISE. It is for our own ultimate good.

Even Christ went through sufferings and temptations so that He could be *made* perfect by them. Paul wrote that Christ was made "perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10; Matt. 26:39).

God calls Satan the TEMPTER (Matt. 4:3)—THIS IS WHERE SATAN FITS INTO GOD'S PLAN! Satan, having a very brilliant and active, though perverted mind, suggests to us through supernatural means great numbers of *improper* actions which we would not think of. WE LEARN THE LESSONS OF LIFE MORE DEEPLY THAN IF SATAN WERE NOT HERE, FOR WE ARE PENALIZED MORE OFTEN when we heed Satan's suggestions! *We are all learning the results of disobedience to God and His laws whether we realize it or not!* God says, "We (you and I) wrestle *not against flesh and blood*, but against principalities (Satan is the *prince* of this world) and powers (*spirit beings* of the first rank), against the rulers of darkness of this world" (Eph. 6:12). If we learn to understand the issues clearly here, and fight against and resist our natures, we will not go astray when we are later put in places of *great authority!*

#### Christ Qualifies as Leader

Now we come to the greatest battle of self-mastery that has ever been fought! All the battles between mortal men are nothing compared to it. This battle was to determine whether another

who *would* obey God—who would *not* try to usurp authority—would *qualify* to replace Satan as the ruler of this earth! Unlike Adam and Eve, he would have to be one who *had learned* to surrender his own natural desires to the will of God.

Who was this? Jesus Christ!

He was human just the same as you and I (Heb. 2:14). He had our kind of flesh and blood and could be *tempted* as we are. He *could have given in* to the desires of the flesh. But He also had the Holy Spirit of God the same as those who are called today can have (Acts 2:38). He had been supernaturally begotten of God by the Holy Spirit implanted within Him from conception (Matt. 1:20).

Knowing that He would be subjected to the same kind of temptation that Adam and Eve were, Christ withdrew into the wilderness and fasted and prayed forty days and nights (Matt. 4:1, 2). HE KNEW THAT TEMPTATIONS BY SATAN REQUIRE ALL THE POWER MAN CAN MUSTER! He had the power of the Holy Spirit but He knew that He must draw even closer to God for increased power, by fasting and prayer.

Satan then appeared before Christ to disqualify Him from the possibility of ruling this earth just as he had done in the garden of Eden to God's first created human beings. Did Satan now use on Christ the same method of temptation which he had used so successfully on them? Yes! He tried to tempt Christ to commit four acts which are *forbidden by God!* In each case Christ refused and quoted to the devil the scripture which forbade His doing so (Matt. 4:3-9). CHRIST WAS OBEYING GOD—NOT SATAN! *Satan even offered Christ the kingdoms of this world THEN—if He would only disobey God. Christ could have begun His rule here then! It was a temptation. What did Christ answer?*

"God . . . *only* shalt thou serve" (verse 10). Contrast this with the way Adam and Eve and all who lived before Christ's time had withstood Satan's temptations to disobey God! God says all have sinned (Rom. 3:23).

Christ did not deny that these kingdoms were Satan's to give—He knew Satan is the prince of this world—this age (John 14:30). Adam and Eve could *not* resist the temptation of Satan to be "as gods" *then*—ruling themselves and doing what they *willed* to do. Christ knew that it was *not* GOD'S will that He rule the nations *then*. Christ knew that He must first die for the sins of others who are misled. But even when confronted with this terrible ordeal, and desiring greatly to escape it, Christ said to His Father, "Not as *I will*, but as *Thou wilt*" (Matt. 26:39). He had *complete-*

ly mastered self. Christ was "in all points tempted like as we are, *yet WITHOUT SIN!*" (Heb. 4:15). GOD HAD FOUND A MAN WHO WAS QUALIFIED TO RULE THE EARTH—one who was obedient to Him in all respects.

Later, Christ, speaking in a dual sense of His victory over Satan, said, "I beheld Satan as lightning *fall from heaven*" (Luke 10:18). Satan the prince of the power of the *air* (Eph. 2:2) had been disqualified. When the time comes in God's PLAN—*soon*—Christ will come to *claim* His rulership and will rule our earth for a thousand years (Rev. 20:4). Having *never* committed *any* sin, He will be the Ruler under the Father over all others (Rev. 17:14). He will be King of Kings.

### Satan's Invisible Organization

Because we can't see spirit beings, we are very apt to forget they even exist. It is time *we should concern ourselves with their reality!* After all, they are *more real* than we are in the sense that they existed long before we did, and *they will be here long after this earth is destroyed.* GOD SAYS THAT SOON THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR—the devil—IS GOING TO BE CAST DOWN ONTO THE EARTH.

What does *God* say conditions on our earth will be then? You had better heed, for it concerns YOU! "WOE TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH AND OF THE SEA! FOR THE DEVIL IS COME DOWN UNTO YOU, HAVING GREAT WRATH, BECAUSE HE KNOWETH HE HATH BUT A SHORT TIME" (Rev. 12:9, 12). *Satan is coming soon with great wrath to deceive the people and lead them into all sorts of violence!*

You will not be able to understand what world events are all about unless you have been studying your Bible and recognize Satan's control over this world. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE DEVIL'S DECEPTIONS FOR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THEM. The more you know of Satan's organization, the better off you will be.

Remember, THIS WORLD IS RUN BY MEN WHO ARE CREATED BY GOD TO DESIRE VAIN THINGS (Rom. 8:20), AND ARE LED OF THE DEVIL TO EXERCISE THESE DESIRES. ALL ITS SYSTEMS—INCLUDING THE RELIGIOUS—ARE RUN BY THESE MEN! No wonder God says, "Whosoever . . . will be a friend of the world is the *enemy* of God" (Jas. 4:4). He warns us of the SOON COMING climactic period of TEMPTATION "which shall come upon ALL THE WORLD (*Satan's world!*) to *try* them" (Rev. 3:10).

Satan has a vast number of fallen angels under his command. At the time of his rebellion, it will be remembered that one third of the angels that God

created, followed Satan and became demons. They go about sowing rebellion among the inhabitants of the earth. Matthew 13:25 describes this. Satan is described in this parable as sowing tares. We need to resist him—we need to strengthen ourselves, to strengthen our character by *withstanding* his seductions as Christ did! (Matt. 10:28.)

Through his demons, Satan seeks to control the human leaders of the earth. Undoubtedly Hitler, Mussolini, and other power-mad dictators, who would stop at nothing, have been under Satan's sway and the sway of his demons. It was he who influenced the rulers of the various governments just after Christ's time to stamp out Christianity (Rev. 12:6). Notice the word "woman" in this verse. In scripture, the church of God is spoken of as a woman. By influencing the world's *leaders*, the devil can influence the world's masses against the people of God.

### Satan's Visible Organization

THE DEVIL USES ALL HIS EFFORTS TO OPPOSE THE CREATOR IN HIS FORMATION OF THE KINGDOM OR FAMILY OF GOD WHICH WILL REPLACE SATAN AND HIS FALLEN ANGELS AS RULERS OF OUR EARTH. He especially uses human *ministers*, whom he has deceived, for this purpose. God says these ministers appear as messengers of light (II Cor. 11:13-14). They *appear* to be God's ministers, acknowledging Christ—but are actually the ministers of Satan. Satan's visible organization takes part of the truth of the Bible and combines it with error to deceive the people who become spiritually lukewarm.

God has even turned whole series of world governments over to Satan. Unbelievable? Yes, but true. Examine Revelation, chapter 13. Notice in verse one, the great beast. This beast has been positively identified as standing for four successive world ruling empires (See June 1952 *Plain Truth* for the article, "Who is the Beast?") Verse two shows that *it is the DRAGON* (identified as *Satan* in Rev. 12:9) *who gives* this composite beast *power and authority*.

IF YOU WILL STUDY THESE BIBLE TRUTHS, YOU WILL BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON IN THIS WORLD TODAY. You need not be in darkness! You can become a child of light! (Eph. 5:8.)

Now you are beginning to understand the scope of Satan's power. His ministers and demons are everywhere and they are *active!* The tempo of his activity is increasing as the end of this age draws nearer.

But has God nothing to say about this world?

God has *not* gone off and left us to the mercy of Satan. *Satan is working*

within the *bounds* of God's PLAN.

Remember that it was *God* who created Lucifer, who, because of his own *willful* rebellion against God, became the devil. *A creator must be inherently more powerful than the thing he creates.* God is more powerful than Satan! He always was and He always will be! Note Job 1:2. This is a time long ago. God is talking to Satan about Job: "The Lord said unto Satan, behold all that he (Job) has *is in thy power ONLY UPON HIMSELF PUT NOT FORTH THY HAND.*" *Mark well that GOD TOLD SATAN WHAT HE COULD AND COULD NOT DO!* God ruled over Satan! There was NO DISPUTATION—if you read on, you will find that SATAN WENT FORTH, BUT DARED NOT GO BEYOND WHAT GOD COMMANDED IN THIS RESPECT. And, by the way, we all realize that Job turned out to be a better man after his fiery trials at Satan's hands. He was no longer self-righteous.

### How Are We to Qualify?

Christ, looking forward to OUR day, warned, "There shall arise *false* Christs, and *false* prophets, and shall show GREAT signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect!" (Matt. 24:24.) Remember that Satan is to come with great *wrath*. He is going to come to tempt and deceive YOU as most others who have lived on this earth have *never* been before. HE IS GOING TO TRY YOU FOR THE SAME PURPOSE THAT HE TRIED ADAM AND EVE—TO CAUSE YOU TO DISOBEY GOD AND THEREBY DISQUALIFY YOURSELF! Disqualify yourself from what?

Here is the *conditional* promise that Christ makes to YOU! "He that *overcometh* and keepeth my works UNTO THE END will I give *power over the nations*" (Rev. 2:26). *If you overcome your own nature and the temptations of Satan, this will be your reward! Again He repeats in the closing passages of the Bible, "He that overcometh WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME ON MY THRONE, even as I also OVERCAME, and am set down with my Father on His throne" (Rev. 3:21). YOU can sit upon a throne and rule. IT IS A CHALLENGE!*

Christ asks no more of you than He did of Himself. HE HAD TO BE AN OVERCOMER TO QUALIFY! Notice! The saints—those who qualify—shall "take away his (the devil's) dominion" and the "greatness of the kingdom *under* the whole heaven shall be given to . . . the saints of the most High" (Dan. 7:26-27). This is the very thing that God is now training you for. YOU can, if you master yourself, rule with Christ a thousand years here and then for all eternity (Rev. 20:4).

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## Yes, I KNOW

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given him great skill in portraying God's prophecies in almost living REALISM—in all their literal horror.

Never before has Basil Wolverton produced MASTERPIECES such as he has created for The PLAIN TRUTH. He has devoted far more time and zealous effort, brought out more vivid detail, in these pictures than any produced for the great popular magazines of this world. And in sending the first original sketches to us, his attached note said: "After contributing and selling to more than fifty different national magazines in past years, I'm proud to have something published in The PLAIN TRUTH. Looks as though I had all that practice and experience just for this." Yes, God *prepares* His servants, in advance, for the work to which He calls them!

So that is how these outstanding pictures came about. They have been appearing, now, for several months in The PLAIN TRUTH.

They picture the REALISM of what's coming, as mere words could never do. They have made many tens of thousands really SEE what's coming on the world. It isn't pretty. It isn't pleasant. But it's REAL—it's COMING upon an unsuspecting, heedless world.

God commands us "CRY ALOUD!—SPARE NOT!" Some people wish we would spare them from SEEING, in these pictures, what is surely *coming!* But God commands, "SPARE NOT! CRY ALOUD!" Yes, *aloud*—not a soft whis-

per. I do not talk softly, soothingly, on the air. I CRY ALOUD! I do not spare you—I tell you the TRUTH with all the power God gives me!

These pictures are not pleasing, soothing. They do not whisper weakly—they do not cover up what God reveals—they CRY ALOUD—they boldly THUNDER at you the TRUTH as God requires that His servants shout it to the whole world. They are POWERFUL pictures! They proclaim the Gospel and God's warning in tremendous POWER! They do not lull you to sleep—they rudely JOLT you with the catastrophic REALITY of what's coming! If you don't heed, your blood is on your own head! You've been warned! We have acquitted ourselves before God.

We seek not to please people. We seek only to obey GOD, and to help and to SAVE people—because we love them!

### Slumbering Los Angeles

Last night I saw an eye-opening television program. A Los Angeles newspaper man first interviewed an official in the civil defense program. This official felt his staff had made great efforts to arouse the 4 million people in this district to the imminent DANGER of an atomic or hydrogen-bomb attack on Los Angeles, and to inform them of the exact procedure to follow in event of such an attack.

The newspaper commentator showed a map of the Los Angeles area, and surrounding suburbs. He drew a circle around "Ground Zero"—the area in which everything and everybody would be vaporized or totally destroyed. Then he showed films of interviews with several citizens selected at random—mothers with children, cab drivers, working men, business men. On unexpected interview, *these people had given no thought to the danger*, knew NOTHING of protective procedures to follow if a real air-raid alarm sounded—had not discussed it, *or made any preparation for their escape!*

The general thought seemed to be: "Oh, I don't believe this is REAL. I don't think it will happen HERE."

### Panic in London

WHAT'S WRONG? Simply that the Civil Defense authorities have not succeeded in  *picturing*, in the minds of the people, so that they really SEE it, the REALITY of an atom bomb or hydrogen bomb attack. They have failed to make it VIVID enough that people BELIEVE that there is imminent DANGER! So the people slumber on!

But here's a recent foretaste. WHEN these things DO HAPPEN HERE, people will be thrown into terrified panic—TOO LATE to escape! On January 16, 1955, a freakish occurrence threw one

of the world's two largest cities into near mass panic.

On that early Sunday afternoon, women screamed in the streets of London. Thousands were mystified and frightened—people fell to their knees on the sidewalks and prayed in frantic terror. Suddenly the whole city became dark in inky blackness—*near midday!*

In the suburb of Croydon a man groping his way outside Croydon Town Hall shouted "The END OF THE WORLD has come!"

In Piccadilly Circus a newspaper seller said, "It suddenly became pitch dark, and then the place went silent. It was lonely, frightening, awful! A man pierced the silence screaming he'd gone blind. Then all of a sudden it became clear and light again."

An Air Ministry Meteorological Office spokesman said, "There has been nothing in my experience to equal it." It was caused, he said, by an accumulation of London smoke under an extremely thick layer of cloud. It lasted only ten minutes, and disappeared with the same swift suddenness with which it came.

This was only a brief, freakish experience—merely a SCARE. It was as NOTHING compared to what is SOON TO COME. It actually harmed no one. But it caused near panic. It threw sudden fright and terror into the minds of millions. Perhaps it was a mild, brief, fore-running WARNING of the REAL TERROR to come, sent by God on Ephraim's capital!

And what will *you* do, when the *real thing* bursts forth in all its fury? The answer is plain. UNLESS you will take warning and find God's offered PROTECTION, *now*, before it is too late, you will scream in terror—you will then shout frantic PRAYERS—but all TOO LATE! You'll be caught like a rat in a trap.

REMEMBER—Jesus said, "*as a snare* shall it come on all!" When a rat or a gopher is caught in a snare, the trap is already sprung. There is no escape. It's then TOO LATE!

Jesus warned "WATCH ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to STAND before the Son of man"—at His Second Coming! (Luke 21:36.) That warning is also a divine *promise* of supernatural PROTECTION—if you seek it *before* the trap is sprung!

### You CAN Escape!

In His Message to His true Church of this time, which is yielding itself to be His instrument for shouting this very warning, and carrying Christ's GOSPEL to the world, Jesus said: "Because thou hast *kept* the WORD of my patience, I

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THIS FIRE PLAGUE is soon coming on a world that defies God. Yet even in this frightful PUNISHMENT, God is merely PLEADING with people to forsake their own evil ways that have inflicted suffering on themselves. God will not force any man's will. YOU must make your own decision.

Here you see the fourth of the seven last plagues. Heat will increase till the very sky will seem to burst into flame. Read it, in Rev. 16:8-9. The sun will actually SCORCH men with fire. Could anything be more painful—more indescribably horrifying? Those flames will fall to the earth in catastrophic showers of fire. Screaming, terrified millions will frantically seek to escape being burned alive.

Yet, if you won't really repent and turn to God now—or, if after the devastation, slavery and suffering of the Great Tribulation you will not even then forsake YOUR WAYS, and surrender to a loving God when you behold His awe-inspiring and terrifying SIGNS in the sun, moon, stars, and when you are shaken by earthquakes—then, when THIS plague actually scorches you with fire, you will only CURSE the very name of your Creator and Saviour—though He will be PLEADING with you to turn to the RIGHT, and HAPPY ways even then. This startling picture is pleading with you, now, in the strongest language God allows at this time. God grant you may realize this is really coming!—so you may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE it!

will also keep thee from the hour of trial (Great Tribulation—DAY of the Lord), which shall come upon all the world." (Rev. 3:10.) But those that are lukewarm, careless, indifferent, Christ says He will spew out of His mouth. (Rev. 3:16.)

Those spiritually alert, close to God, who are watching and praying always—His *true* Church—pictured in Revelation 12, shall be taken on a FLIGHT to a place of divine protection. "And to the woman (true Church) *were given* two wings of a great eagle, that she might *fly* into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time (3½ years), from the face of the serpent." (Rev. 12:14.) There are many other prophecies, and promises, of divine PROTECTION for those who HEED this warning *now*, before it's too late.

LISTEN! God has *revealed* to me what is coming. He has made me really SEE, in all its HORROR, the frightful ANGUISH of the catastrophic events coming now upon the whole world. God has made it REAL to me. And then I see YOU people—and all the world—heedless, not realizing that this is surely COMING—and about to find yourselves exactly as Basil Wolverton has pictured YOU in these gruesome horror-pictures, unless you WAKE UP to the REALITY of this thing, and seek God's protection NOW, while you may.

Then I look over the world, and I find a single other minister of God THUNDERING forth the warning!

"WHY?" I ask myself—"Oh, WHY?"

This is stark, terrifying REALITY! *It's coming!* It's later than you think! And soon it will be TOO LATE!

I feel exactly as the prophet Jeremiah felt, when God revealed to him the destruction soon coming on the land of Judea, because of the sins of the Jews of his day. The Chaldean armies of King Nebuchadnezzar were about to march on Jerusalem. Jeremiah SAW it—realistically. But the people were SOUND ASLEEP. It made Jeremiah sick at his stomach.

"My bowels, my bowels!" Jeremiah cried, clasping his hands tightly around his abdomen. "I am pained at my very heart! My heart is beating wildly. *I cannot keep silent!*" (Jer. 4:19.)

Yes, I know how Jeremiah felt!

DO YOU THINK I CAN KEEP SILENT, TODAY? God has revealed to me *your danger!* I can also see your lethargy. And I look over this doomed world, and I can find no other man SHOUTING THIS WARNING OF GOD! God has commanded me, "CRY ALOUD!" He has set me as His watchman. More than 15,000 Co-Workers have set me as their watchman—their spokesman in thundering forth this warning worldwide!

DO YOU THINK I CAN KEEP STILL?

For over 21 years I have shouted myself hoarse trying to *warn* you people. But I have seen that words alone do not make you SEE it—have not AROUSED you from deep slumber!

THAT'S why I called in nationally-famous artist Basil Wolverton! *That's* why I asked him to collaborate with me in making this SO PLAIN you must SEE what's coming on the world! Basil Wolverton is my own "son in the Lord." He is now PREACHING THE GOSPEL with his skilled artistry—with pictures that are worth more than ten thousand words!

Some few have written me gripes and criticisms. Some few have not wanted to SEE such realistic pictures of WHAT'S COMING IN REAL LIFE! Some few have threatened to stop reading THE PLAIN TRUTH, unless I stop publishing such realistic pictures! Some don't want their children to see such pictures!

Yes, I KNOW these pictures are terrifying—revolting!

THAT'S WHY WE ARE PUBLISHING THEM! Better *show* your children what's coming—better WAKE THEM UP—and teach them how to SEEK GOD and His divine protection. Better explain to them that these horrible conditions NEED NOT ever strike them—that they MAY be taken on a flight to a place of SAFETY, where they need never SEE such terrifying scenes in real life.

Finally, let's *be* realistic! I know that regardless of HOW PLAIN I can make it, most people will never take the warning seriously. Heartbreaking as the realization is, it just simply isn't in my power to save ALL of you. That knowledge makes me heartsick!

But I know also that, if by God's grace, thru HIS power, I can make this REAL enough, I can be the means of saving *some* of you. And your lives are VERY PRECIOUS! Every single one that is saved is worth all the effort—all the criticism from those who want soft and smooth things and deceits—all the persecution.

YOUR life is *very precious*. It's a potential CHILD OF GOD! I hope to see you, and *know* you, and LOVE you, in the KINGDOM OF GOD! Yes, YOUR life is very precious to ME! I'm going to try to WAKE YOU UP to reality, if I can. Criticize and condemn me, if you will! God helping me, I can do no other than to MAKE THIS WARNING PLAIN! It's motivated by a spirit of LOVE! God help YOU to wake up and HEED!

## WORLD WAR IS HERE

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published articles, they broadcast over the radio. The Americans and British were too busy being "hopeful" to listen!

You know the result. World War II struck a world filled with wishful thinkers who were totally unprepared for war. Once again, the powerful German war machine wreaked havoc over the world. Through widespread economic interests, Germany had gained a position of power never before attained in the history of the world. But for a series of *three direct miracles* from the Almighty God—*Germany would have won World War II!*

The plan mapped out by the German General Staff after World War I was diabolical in its logical simplicity. Accumulate foreign cash abroad, create vast markets for German manufactured items, and conduct an intensive "sympathy" campaign aimed at "humane" Americans and British. The "rigid" control over Germany's industry dwindled to a feeble protest and final silence. After all, the victors could afford to be lenient.

### Twice Within One Generation

Twice within only one generation we were swept into war, aimed at stopping German aggression. After achieving the military victory, we immediately *threw it away* by using our former enemy as a "bulwark against the East." If ever a gigantic hypocritical plan was executed on such a scale with such complete success, it was when Nazi Germany rearmed behind the blinding fear of Communism shared by the Western powers.

After the first World War, the United States literally stood Germany on her feet with huge loans and the many little generosityes which the condescending victors felt they could well afford. The hopefuls who formed this policy while kidding themselves into a hazy realm of make-believe saw the whole thing blow up in their faces when the Nazis announced they had signed a pact with Moscow on August 24, 1939. *Eight days later Germany bombed Warsaw, Poland!*

In vain were hundreds of books and articles published before World War II. The efforts of newsmen, foreign correspondents and diplomats abroad to WARN this nation ended in failure. The people wouldn't listen. The urgent cries of warning to a sleepy, self-satisfied nation of would-be isolationists were fruitless. And yet, in reading these very books, it becomes difficult to realize *those words were written so long ago!*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Be sure to notify us immediately of any change in your address.

Today, the picture is the same! The same "sympathy" campaign is being used, the same plan of conditioning the world through solid economic rehabilitation has been formulated, and is being executed. HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF—and we're too fast asleep in our ostrich-like unconcern to realize it!

### Wide-Open Back Door

The German Government made tremendous political and economic gains in many South American countries before World War I. After the first World War, the backbone of the amazing economic revival was centered in South America. Germany had colonial organizations, consulates, businessmen and trade representatives and her own school systems there. Germany also had long-term contracts with South American industry. Germany gained firm economic and social footing throughout Central and South America, with special emphasis placed on Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Venezuela and Colombia. The plan was, of course, aimed at eventually undermining the United States. By hiding behind the fear of Communism, the Nazi sympathizers and German nationalists worked with little difficulty in this hemisphere.

The United States has been able to see only one enemy at a time! Communism IS a dangerous enemy of all freedom loving people, and threatens to engulf the free world with her disastrous doctrines bred of poverty and hate. But, *Communism is not the ONLY enemy!*

### Military Defeat Only Temporary

Having lost the initial effort to complete their plans, the German militarists have merely had to retrench, and intensify their efforts. *Those efforts are paying off!*

The German General Staff has always regarded military defeat only as a temporary phase of war! WHEN will we learn our lesson? WHEN WILL WE WAKE UP?

The German comeback is not a matter of temporary trend! It is a carefully planned and cleverly executed move toward world domination! When German leaders saw clearly the approaching defeat of Germany toward the close of World War II, they advanced the same propaganda toward the West that had been used so successfully before. Germany would serve as a bulwark against the East!

Washington policy shapers fell for the bait hook, line and sinker. It had been assumed that the Germans would repent of their past deeds and cooperate with the U.S. The conquering powers gullibly assumed the Germans to be thoroughly tired of war, and eagerly awaiting "democratic" government. The

REAL voice of Germany says something entirely different!

The Germans know well enough that the U.S.A. is now so deeply committed to her European defense pledge that she will readily sacrifice billions of dollars to strengthen and make possible a rearmed Germany, which would dominate Europe. The following is quoted from a circular letter issued by the German Geo-political Center in Madrid:

"The Americans fondly hope that we will one day repay with our blood all the benefits we received from them. They want us to sign a pact whereby we, as mercenaries and vassals, shall back American power politics. . . . However long we may continue to milk the Americans of millions of dollars, there must come the inevitable moment when we shall . . . make it crystal clear . . . that we are not willing to join the fight against Russia for American interests . . ."

"The Americans have lost the peace, the cold war and their entire future, but they are not as yet aware of it."

AND YET, *American and British planners sit in a bug-eyed stare of crazed anticipation over bright visions of future German divisions marching to the whims of the West!*

### Germany to Be Reckoned With

Germany of today is a far cry from the humbled, beaten people standing in dazed bewilderment amid their ruined cities in 1945. Germany of today is once more a power to be reckoned with in the world. No longer do the allied powers enforce their wills on Germany. They make requests—which are not always fulfilled. Just recently, the I. G. Farben chemical industries announced they were accepting former war criminals to serve on their board. No protest has been made, even though provisions against such action were included in occupational regulations.

Adolf Galland, former lieutenant general in Hitler's Luftwaffe, who shot down the incredible number of 104 allied planes during World War II, has returned to Germany as the possible future air force chief. Galland was convicted as a war criminal. After serving two years in prison, he went to Argentina as an adviser to the Argentine air force.

The allied powers are spending billions of dollars to bring about the German dream of centuries—a United Europe, with Germany at its head.

That is what the Kaiser wanted! *That is what Hitler killed millions for!* AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BRINGING!

Take warning—before it's too late!

You probably don't LIKE to be warned! But nevertheless the warning

is being given! It's time to WAKE UP and REALIZE the plain facts about world conditions—or else complacently sit in the total darkness of unconcern and deny your own integrity! Hiding your eyes from world conditions and believing that by "not talking about it" you can somehow make it non-existent *will not work!* THE FACTS STAND FIRM!

### What to Do About It

The idiocy of denying the shocking things being revealed in *your daily newspapers*, your news magazines and news reports is more than mere personal isolationism. It is the national disease of lethargy, of total unconcern for the future—but, most of all, it is BECAUSE THIS NATION HAS FORGOTTEN GOD!

There is a cause for war! Wars don't just "happen." All the teeming masses of miserable human beings frantically searching for an answer can never find it—without the revelation of God! Yes, there is a CAUSE for war! (James 4:1-2). War is the penalty for sin. God has revealed that He determines the outcome of wars, that He is the supreme RULER of the entire universe! "There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by his great strength," says God to vain nations amassing physical might and power (Psalms 33:16). God says that it is HE who "maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth" (Psalms 46:9).

But man *does not want* the way of God, the way which would lead to peace and happiness. Man, in his headlong plunge for satisfaction and personal gain, has only been reaping the consequences of his own actions. Being unwilling to submit to the rule and way of God, man has attempted to rule himself. What you see around you is the pitiful last remains of a God-defying system of Babylonish confusion!

God has revealed that our people will be horribly PUNISHED for their great wickedness and sin. God, in His mercy, has provided a way of escape from the threatening disaster which hangs over His people. Those who REPENT of their sins, who are broken-hearted over having defied the living God and broken His unchangeable, immutable LAWS, may find a way of escape! *You need to be sure of YOUR protection!* The time for speculation and doubt is past. The most important thing in your life right now is finding HOW you can escape what God has revealed is surely going to come on this nation. Subsequent articles appearing in *The PLAIN TRUTH Magazine* will give you the startling FACTS of world conditions, of the prophecies showing the outcome of today's confused age, and, most important, the way you may escape!

## Why God Permits Satan to TEMPT

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But you must give *evidence* to God NOW that you will not fall for the devil's temptation to seize God's holy time, His sabbaths, or His tithe which He has declared to be His own. You thereby USURP His authority. DON'T BE LIKE ADAM AND EVE. God has allowed you *many* things. Don't try to seize *everything*! If you do, *you will not qualify any more than they did!*

It will *not* be easy! Paul describes to us the mental anguish he had to go through in qualifying, "I know that in me—that is, in my flesh—dwelleth no good thing: for TO WILL is present in me but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would do I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do . . . Who will deliver me? . . . I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 7:18, 19, 24, 25). God's SPIRIT placed in you through Christ, will AID you!

### Trials Create Gods Out of Men

If *you* strive to overcome Satan's temptations and your own evil desires—strive to be an overcomer—God has promised to make you immortal, and to make you a ruler. But what else has He promised? SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT!! He promises that for all these efforts of yours in overcoming temptation, He will see to it that when you are finally actually "born of God" and have your Spirit body instead of this fleshly body you now have, YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO SIN! I John 3:9 says "Whosoever is *born* of God doth not commit sin; for His seed (God's Holy Spirit) REMAINETH in him AND HE CANNOT SIN"! YOUR TRAINING IN EXERCIS-

ING YOUR WILL AGAINST SELF AND THE DEVIL WILL HAVE AIDED IN BRINGING THIS CONDITION ABOUT. For YOUR *efforts in doing all YOU can to obey Him now, He will see that His SPIRIT REMAINS FOREVER IN YOU SO YOU CAN'T SIN! NOW WE CAN BEGIN TO REALIZE THAT SATAN HAS FITTED INTO GOD'S PURPOSE AFTER ALL! God will have developed FIT rulers for our earth! HE WILL HAVE FASHIONED HIS HIGHEST CREATION—THE THING HE BEGAN WHEN HE CREATED ADAM AND EVE AS MORTAL BEINGS! His highest creations—Gods in the kingdom of God—will be really capable of ruling a better way—GOD'S way, and NEVER WILL THEY REBEL AGAINST GOD AS SATAN DOES. Always it has been difficult for man to grasp the great height to which God is elevating man! When Jesus said*

that men were to become Gods, they said He blasphemed (John 10:34-36). But Jesus knew the *truth!*

And what will God do with Satan when he is of no more use to Him in His PLAN? Remember that we have seen that God has always been *more powerful* than Satan. God tells you what He will do with the deceiver, "The devil that deceiveth them (the nations) was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone . . . and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Rev. 20:10).

What will the overcomers, who rule with Christ for a thousand years, do, when at the end of that period the earth is dissolved? (II Peter 3:10.) God has revealed this also to us! "We are His workmanship . . . CREATED UNTO GOOD WORKS" (Eph. 2:10). We know that both the devil and Christ are playing a part in our spiritual creation *now*. But even the *rulership* exercised by the overcomers—God's saints—as Spiritual beings, over *mortal* people will be only a stepping stone to even *higher RULERSHIP!* Listen! Here is what the overcomers will do when this earth has burned up, and the new heaven and earth (Rev. 21:1) has taken its place. "The throne of God and of the Lamb (Christ) shall be in it: and His *servants* (we are the *servants* of Christ for He bought us with His blood—II Peter 2:1) shall serve Him . . . and they (the OVERCOMERS) shall *reign forever and ever!*" (Rev. 22:3-5.)

Yes! THE OVERCOMERS ARE GOING TO RULE UNDER GOD AND CHRIST FOREVER AND EVER!! Isn't this *gloriously great future* worth all the trials and tribulations which are placed upon us to test and strengthen our wills so that we may be able to *properly* carry on this marvelous work? *You can turn Satan's temptations into assets* of CHARACTER if you will OPPOSE him NOW!

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