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Are Christians Again to be Martyred?

JUST Imagine---if you can---a time when Christians will be **MARTYRED** within the United States---and within the very next few years!!

Imagine---if you can---laws being passed in this country, perhaps before another presidential term is completed, pronouncing the death sentence upon good and upright and sincere people for no greater crime than holding to the plain Word of God---believing, and living by, the plain, simple commands of the Bible which express God's way of true righteousness!

In this fair land where citizens so prize the principles of freedom of speech and freedom to worship God according to the dictates of free conscience, such an eventuality seems absurd---impossible!

And yet---is it? Might it happen? Is such a terrible thing prophesied in the Bible?

ANOTHER MARTYRDOM?

Let us search the Scriptures and see. Notice, first, the events of the 5th seal in the Revelation.

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

WILL The MARK OF THE BEAST be used to afflict---even to **KILL** many Christians, here in America?

Here is an amazing revelation, from Bible prophecy, of events certain to occur in the immediate future!

Notice carefully what is contained in this Seal. What John sees, in vision, is those martyrs who **WERE** slain. They are now long since dead. They were killed for the "Word of God, and for the testimony which they held." Put to death for no greater crime, than believing **THE BIBLE**, and holding fast to **THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST**, written and recorded in

the Bible (Rev. 19:10; 12:17; 1:2; II Tim. 1:8, etc.).

This actually did occur. History tells us that during the middle ages, between fifty and a hundred millions of Christians were thus put to death within the Roman Empire! The paganized great church which called herself "Christian" declared them "anathema from Christ"---heretics---which was a death sentence,---after which the **STATE** actually killed them. The church merely **CAUSED** them to be killed. The government did the actual killing!

Will such martyrdom again occur?

In John's vision, he sees these martyred saints crying out for judgment upon the power who caused them to be killed "How long, O Lord," they cry, "dost thou not **JUDGE** and avenge our blood upon them?"

They knew the Word of God, and gave their lives for it! They knew its prophecies, and that God's **JUDGMENT** ultimately will fall on that great persecuting power! These **JUDGMENTS** are the **SEVEN LAST PLAGUES**! They are to fall upon the Roman Church---the power who caused them to be killed---and upon her latter-day harlot daughter churches, the whole of which is called **BABYLON** (Rev. 17:5). This great mother church is pictured as drunken with the blood of those very martyrs. (Rev. 17:5), and the seven last plagues of the

DAY OF THE LORD are God's JUDGMENTS upon Babylon! See Rev. 14:7; 15:1 with 16:1-7 18:6; 10, 19:1-3. As this last plague falls, Christ will return to earth to reign!

But notice what is said, in this vision, to those dead martyrs crying out for God's judgments to fall! They must rest in their graves a little longer, until other Christians---NOW living---SHALL BE KILLED AS THEY WERE!

Plainly this text says the JUDGMENTS of God upon Rome---the seven last plagues of the DAY OF THE LORD---cannot fall until there has been another latter-day martyrdom! And these latter-day Christians are to be killed---how? "AS THEY WERE!"

Who will CAUSE this end-time martyrdom? The same power---Rome---with her daughter churches---those who came out of her in protest!

The MARK OF THE BEAST Enforced!

But who is the REAL AUTHOR of this martyrdom? Satan the devil!

In the 13th chapter of Revelation is pictured a hideous symbolic BEAST. A "beast" is merely a symbol representing a kingdom, which is a government, or the king who rules it (Dan. 7:17, 23, etc.) This particular "beast is the Roman Empire, revived after its original fall in 476, into the "Holy Roman Empire" which continued thru this middle-age period of martyrdom.

Beginning with the 11th verse of this 13th chapter of Revelation is pictured another symbolic "beast"---another kingdom, or government which appeared as a lamb, but actually spoke as a dragon. It appeared as, pretended to be, Christ's kingdom upon earth---a CHURCH government. But actually it was the DEVIL'S tool. This CHURCH government exercised ALL the power of the first beast, the Holy Roman Empire, verse 12. The popes ruled the state as well as the church for over 1200 years!

And who gave his seat and power and authority to this whole abominable system? The DRAGON (verse 2) which is Satan the Devil (Rev. 12:9 and 20:2). And so it is merely the Devil's tool!

As Satan deceives, so this CHURCH government has been a deceiving power, (Rev. 13:14). And what else?

Notice verse 16: "And he causeth all, . . . to receive a MARK in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the MARK, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

And this same power that forces the MARK OF THE BEAST upon men is the identical power that causes the MARTYRDOM of the saints! Notice the verse just before:

"And he had power to . . . cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

This Roman church denies she ever killed the martyrs! Notice how accurately God's Word condemns her! She did not actually kill them,---she merely CAUSED

them to be killed!

And so it will be again!

There has already been much agitation to bring about a re-union between Catholic and Protestant church organizations. Combined, they could wield enough influence during the turbulent, chaotic, revolution-endangered days just ahead, after the WORLD WAR is resumed, to place laws upon the statute books of our government demanding the very LIFE of all true Bible Christians who will not accept their perversions of the Holy Scripture!

The truth is, the Word of God has been turned upside down! In the popular churches of the day we hear just the OPPOSITE of the true plain words of the Bible being preached. And the marvel is that they all CLAIM these pagan teachings came out of the Bible!

These are the days the prophecies WARN of---days when they will not endure sound doctrine, but have been turned into FABLES---(II Tim. 4:1-4)---days when they will not HEAR the law of the Lord, but demand that their preachers speak deceits, and the soft and the smooth things! (Isa. 30:8-10). These are the days Jesus warned of---when MANY false prophets are deceiving the MANY, not just the few! The Devil comes as an ANGEL OF LIGHT (II Cor. 11:14), and he has many ministers, posing as the ministers of Jesus Christ, appearing AS the ministers of righteousness. (Verses 13, 15)!! Yes, in the popular churches!

GREAT TRIBULATION TIME OF THIS MARTYRDOM!

The SEALS of Revelation are interpreted by Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 24. The Revelation is that of Jesus Christ, showing to us things that must shortly come to pass.

But in the Revelation, most of the prophesied events are shown in symbols. We must find the BIBLE explanation of its symbols. It is Jesus' revelation of these end-time events of the DAY OF THE LORD, leading up to, and climaxing in, the Second Coming of Christ.

In Matthew 24 we find these same identical end-time events foretold in plain simple language. Here Jesus said there would be 1st, false Christs, then 2nd, war climaxing in the world-war, 3rd, famines, 4th, pestilences, 5th, great Tribulation, 6th, the sun and moon dark, and the stars falling from heaven. The seals picture the same identical events, in the same order!

In Matthew 24, during the world war, which Jesus said would be the BEGINNING of sorrows, He said

"Then shall they deliver YOU up to be afflicted, and shall kill you." (verse 9).

A Tribulation is an affliction. See the dictionary. "They" refers to those of the world, even tho they pose as Christians. "YOU" refers to the true Christians. Notice these are to be DELIVERED UP to be afflicted and killed. This signifies arrest, being brought before the courts, condemned to die.

At this time MANY FALSE PROPHETS

SHALL RISE." (verse 11). There have been false prophets. But now, with these religious organizations actually causing God's true children to be put to death FOR THE WORD OF GOD, and the TRUTH of Jesus, they must prosecute a vigorous campaign of propoganda to deceive the multitudes into believing these saints are actually heretics, deserving of death!

"For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should be no flesh saved: but for the ELECT'S sake those days of Great Tribulation shall be cut short! The elect of God are IN the Tribulation! It is a time of general world-wide trouble, war, chaos! Remember, once the world war is resumed it shall continue on THRU all other prophesied events up to the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST! The world war will not END until the Battle at Armageddon, at Christ's coming. And so these days of the Great tribulation are days of trouble such as never has occurred since there was a nation---days of war---days of chaos. Except God shortens them, NO FLESH should be saved!

But for the sake of God's elect, these days shall be shortened! It is the time of the DEVIL'S WRATH! The time when the devil, thru these religious agencies under his deceiving influence, is persecuting, even martyring, God's elect! The devil who, in his rebellion against God and God's laws, has been able to deceive the WHOLE WORLD ---all but the very elect!

WHY SATAN IS SO FURIOUS AGAINST SO FEW

Notice, in Revelation 12:9, we read of Satan, "which deceiveth the whole world. In Revelation 17:2 and 18:3, we read that ALL NATIONS have been deceived by this great false religious system,

Satan's agent.

And in Mat. 24:24, the devil's false preachers will, "if it were possible, DECEIVE THE VERY ELECT." This is at the time of this Great Tribulation!

The VERY ELECT are the only ones Satan has been unable to deceive. If he could only deceive them also, his victory, he thinks, will be complete!

AND SO THIS HATED SMALL REMNANT WHO CAN'T BE DECEIVED

ON THE GREAT CENTRAL TRUTH THAT SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW---THIS HUMBLE SMALL NUMBER AMONG EARTH'S MILLIONS STAND IN THE WAY OF COMPLETE VICTORY FOR SATAN!

No wonder the devil is angry at these people, few in number tho they be!

In Revelation 12:12, we read: "The devil is come down unto you, having GREAT WRATH, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time!"

The six working days of his seven-thousand-year week are about up! HE KNOWS how short his time now is! He has great WRATH! And against whom?

"The dragon was wroth with the woman (true church) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST!" (verse 17).

The REMNANT church is the people of God---the elect---of this latter day. The people Satan is wroth with, and makes war against, is the little despised remnant WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, and have THE FAITH OF JESUS! And some of them will be slain---martyred---for the WORD OF GOD, and for this TESTIMONY which they hold!

Yes, Satan has deceived everyone else as to WHAT SIN IS! All the large and popular denominations, as Isaiah prophesied, (30:8-10) are saying "the law is done away." They have deceived the whole world in regard to the great central truth

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction." (II Tim. 3: 16).

WHY do we have such a babylon of differing sects and denominations? Why do not all agree as to what the Bible says? Simply because religious organizations refuse to heed this Scripture. We know most of them teach error---for they all disagree. But we know of no denomination which ever DARED publicly confess an error in its teaching, and correct that error? Therefore, whatever amount of error is mixed into the doctrines of an organized denomination is perpetuated, and effort is made to justify it and to read it into God's Word!

We are NOT a sect, a denomination, or religious organization. We are FREE to be corrected by God's Word, and to acknowledge mistakes and errors! We are human and make mistakes. By correcting them, we advance in the TRUTH!

This article is such public acknowledgment. We have learned that we misapplied one detail of the sequence of prophesied events. We applied the world war of Mat. 24:6 and Rev. 6:4 alone to the war of 1914-1918. But the "ARMISTICE" was a mere RECESS---and the war is soon to be resumed. We believe now these prophecies apply also to the COMING world war. That revised application changes things, as explained in this article.

that SIN is the transgression of God's LAW, not of man's ideas or his seared-over conscience, or denominational doctrines!

And so this little remnant, hated, despised, persecuted, are of paramount importance to Satan! He is WROTH with them. He is determined to WIPE THEM OUT--to completely STAMP OUT the truth of what constitutes SIN!

And HOW will Satan make war against these remnant Commandment-keeping Christians? He will use as his tool the large and popular religious denominations---professing Christians whom he has deceived ---those who are SO RELIGIOUS they have no use for God's Law which points out the sin in their lives!

Just as it was BABYLON---Rome---whom Satan used to martyr the saints thru the middle-ages, so it will be BABYLON--Rome and her protestant daughter organizations ---who will be used once more to enforce the Mark of the Beast, and to CAUSE those who keep the Commandments of God to be killed!

THE TRIBULATION IS THE DEVIL'S WRATH

There is one prime distinction we want our readers to understand.

The Great TRIBULATION and the DAY OF THE LORD are two different, separate things. The Great Tribulation is the time of SATAN'S WRATH. The Day of the Lord is the time of GOD'S WRATH.

In the latter part of the 11th chapter of Daniel is the prophecy of the Roman ruler---Mussolini---entering with his armies into Palestine and Egypt in his campaign to rebuild the Roman Empire. (See February-March number, The PLAIN TRUTH). This is the time of Mat. 24:15 ---the time of the great Tribulation.

Then notice the 12th chapter of Daniel, a continuation of the 11th chapter:

"And at that time shall Michael (the arch-angel) stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time." (Dan. 12:1). This time of trouble is at the very end-time---just before, and leading up to, the coming of Christ, and the resurrection (verse 2).

Also this "time of trouble" is The GREAT TRIBULATION. Notice, the same description as in Matthew 24.

Dan. 12:1--"a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation."

Mat. 24:21--"Great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

The two are the same.

Now observe, "At that time shall Michael stand up." It is WHEN Michael stands up, or immediately after, that this time of trouble, the Great Tribulation, occurs. Michael's standing up has something to do with this Tribulation.

Observe that Michael stands up FOR somebody. It is FOR God's people--His elect!

Also he must stand up AGAINST some body or power, and naturally it must be the person or power who is the adversary of God's people.

Notice whom he battles against!

It is described in the 12th of Revelation:

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought AGAINST the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels, and prevailed not. . .and the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Rev. 12:7-9).

When Michael the archangel stands up FOR God's people, he stands up, with his host of angels AGAINST Satan the devil, also a former arch-angel, and Satan's demons. The devil and his demons are cast out of heaven, down to the earth. This is not his original casting down to earth, prior to Adam, when Satan first sinned. Since that time, he has still had access to the to the heavenly courts (Job 1:6-7), the his actual dominion was the earth. He is the accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10), and in the Book of Job we find him presenting himself in the heavenly courts before the Lord to accuse Job.

This heavenly war between Michael and Satan is AFTER the middle-age martyrdom when, for 1260 years, those who escaped martyrdom fled to and were preserved in the wilderness (Rev. 12:6). The TIME of this heavenly battle between those angelic and satanic hosts is this very LATER DAY!

And then, when Satan lost this battle and is cast down from accusing God's true born-again children before God's throne (verse 10), a woe is pronounced on those of earth "for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (verse 12).

The time is near the very end of his 6,000 year reign! His time is now SHORT! He knows it. He is FURIOUS. And he is wroth with the remnant people of God who HAVE THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS!

He persecutes them! He tries every way to DECEIVE them. If he can't deceive them as to the truth, he will try to cause them to become discouraged and give up. Failing in that he will throw them clear over the fence into fanaticism resulting from too much mis-guided zeal. Or he will tangle them up into church organization, getting them into politics, striving against one another, losing LOVE from their hearts and letting in envy, jealousy, resentment, bitterness!

But even so he will not be able to overthrow all, even with these pitfalls! Some will stand fast, continue to overcome sin, to GROW in grace and in knowledge, and to ENDURE unto the end! Ah! THEY are the ones against whom Satan is FURIOUS! How he hates them! And so now he starts out on his last final death-struggle battle against THEM. He influences his religious organizations---modern BABYLON---

the Roman church and her protestant daughters--to persecute them! It is reported to the writer that only in the last few weeks the pastor of a large and popular church publicly said that those who believe in keeping the Ten Commandments ought to be killed!

And so these religious organizations will use their influence to put laws on the statute books to prevent people from keeping all of the Ten Commandments! The MARK OF THE BEAST will again come to light, and be ENFORCED. It is this BABYLON religious system which enforces it! It is Satan's last stroke against those who KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD!

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death!" (Rev. 12:11). THIS is the end-time MARTYRDOM of saints! Once again it must occur BEFORE the judgments of God, the last plagues, fall upon BABYLON!"

This is the GREAT TRIBULATION--at a time when the whole world is a seething of chaos, despair, world war! SOME of God's people---perhaps the majority, will in some way be protected and preserved. SOME of them will have to suffer death for their precious and life-giving FAITH! But even in DEATH, these God-fearing martyrs will, thru the blood of the Lamb, administer to Satan his last, final stinging defeat! He can kill their bodies, but he cannot take from them the ETERNAL LIFE that is God's gift thru Christ Jesus!

WHAT FOLLOWS THE TRIBULATION?

But God will shorten those terrible days of Tribulation. And THEN WHAT?

"Immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven." (Mat. 24:29)

The fifth seal, in Revelation six, also pictures this end-time martyrdom-Tribulation. And under the sixth seal, (Rev. 6:12-17) the sun and the moon are to be dark, and the stars to fall. And then man will run to the mountains screaming in frantic terror, crying for the rocks to fall on them, and hide them from the face of the Lord and from his WRATH,

"FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17).

Notice also Joel 2:31. The signs in the sun, moon, and stars, are to occur BEFORE the great and terrible DAY OF THE LORD comes.

So notice carefully this order:

1st, the TRIBULATION, the time of SATAN'S wrath against God's saints.

2nd, the heavenly signs.

3rd, THE DAY OF THE LORD, the time of GOD'S WRATH!

Remember, too, that the last world war beginning PRIOR to these events as the BEGINNING of sorrows, continues on thru them all to Armageddon and the coming of Christ! But the Tribulation does not continue on. God shortens these days FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE! Then, AFTER the Tribulation shall come the heavenly signs. These also follow the ending of the TIMES OF THE

GENTILES (Luke 21:24-25). Then follows THE DAY OF THE LORD, which is GOD'S wrath against Satan's organizations and sinners!

WHICH? YOU MUST CHOOSE!!

You will find the DAY OF THE LORD described in Zeph. 1:14-18 as the day of HIS WRATH against the sins of earth!

You will also find it described in Isa. 13:6-11; Joel 1:15; 2:1-2; Amos 5:18-20; I Thes. 5, and elsewhere. It, too, is described as a time of world war--the war continuing on thru it!

It consists of 13 terrible PLAGUES sent by the supernatural power of GOD--the vials of HIS WRATH, poured out without mixture--undiluted--FULL STRENGTH! The seven LAST plagues are God's judgments upon BABYLON! They FOLLOW this end-time martyrdom of the Tribulation.

The TIME of these events is virtually now, upon us. You beyond question, will live thru them. They may begin within the year. The world war may break out again in Europe within the next thirty days. Quickly, then, these other events will follow!

YOU will be faced with a grave and serious decision! Either you will be forced to take the MARK OF THE BEAST, or else you will not be able to "buy or sell"--that is, to hold a job, conduct a business, earn a living! And you MAY face martyrdom, if you remain firm, faithful to God, and REFUSE the Mark of the Beast!

Two classes are pictured---one with the MARK OF THE BEAST, the other with THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE FAITH OF JESUS (Rev. 14:9-12).

But if you decide to accept the Mark of the Beast, in order to hold your job or your business and escape this wrath of Satan and his powerful organizations on earth---perhaps to escape death---THEN you shall be forced to SUFFER THE HORRIBLE UNSPEAKABLE, SUPERNATURAL PLAGUES AT THE HANDS OF AN ALMIGHTY GOD!

God will permit us to be TRIED.

"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried," at this time (Dan. 12:10). But if we turn to Him with ALL of our hearts, even with fasting and prayer, and with weeping, in real earnest, He promises us PROTECTION. Perhaps the big majority will escape martyrdom, and, further than the test of faith to see whether they will be firm and STAND for God's Truth, be completely protected from Satan's fury.

And NO PLAGUE will come nigh our dwelling (Psalm 91:10).

Yes, God will permit us to be TRIED, even persecuted---for ALL who will live Godly in Christ Jesus MUST suffer persecution! (II Tim. 3:12). It is through MUCH TRIBULATION that we must enter into the Kingdom of God (Acts 14:22).

Today ALL NATIONS are deceived! Today our people are IN BABYLON! In a confusion of tongues, a tangle of sects, creeds, denominations, religious-political organizations! It's all a part of BABYLON!

And God's last warning--call to us is to COME OUT OF BABYLON! The PLAGUES will soon fall upon her! "Come OUT of her, my people!" God cries to you and to me,

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WORLD WAR may come within
Six Weeks!
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order for the sudden annexation of Danzig.
British-French preparedness and warnings
they would fight caused him to back down.

We learn from reliable sources that
Hitler is planning the second round over
Danzig for about August 20th. All plans
are being laid to climax around that date.

Mussolini has ordered General Franco
of Spain to advance by a month his visit
to Rome, so a military accord officially
lining up Spain with Italy and Germany can
be signed at the psychological moment of
this coming crisis. This, about which you
will soon be reading on the front pages of
the newspapers, will add one more of the
ten prophesied kingdoms which are to give
their power and strength (of arms) to the
"Beast." (Revelation 17:12-13).

On July 15th Hitler's ambassador to
Tokyo secured the approval of the Mikado

to plans allying the Japanese high command
100% with the Rome-Berlin axis. A definite
military treaty is soon to be signed be-
tween Japan and the axis. The German Fuer-
er plans to make the signatures public at
the precise moment the democracies start
mobilizing to aid Poland.

We have information that Mussolini,
at the same psychological moment, will
denounce the Angle-Italian accord of April,
1938. He will then make dramatic demand
for Malta, the British naval base in the
Mediterranean, and also press his demands
thunderously for Suez, Djibouti, Tunisia,
and that Gibraltar be turned over to his
Spanish ally.

Hitler then will probably attempt to
do one of two things:

1), strike with a lightning move at
this psychological hour to annex Danzig
and take over the Polish Corridor; or, if
he feels Britain and France, and possibly
a British-Russian alliance, blocks his
chances there, he may postpone again his
move toward Danzig, and, instead,

2), make a sudden, unexpected thrust
to conquer and quickly annex Rumania,
striking thru Hungary and Czecho-Slovakia.
Neither England, France, nor Russia, could
save Rumania from such a quick, unexpected
military attack.

Rumania now is lined up with the demo-
cracies. If Hitler takes it, still another
of the ten kingdoms will be added to the
soon-to-be-reborn Roman Empire!

SHORT, or a LONG WAR?

Many are asking, will this coming
world war be a quick, short war soon ended,
or will it be another long drawn out strug-
gle, lasting several years?

Mussolini and Hitler, and their mili-
tary chiefs, plan to strike so quick, sud-
denly and unexpectedly, when they do
strike, with the full force of their mighty
and superior air fleets, that the democra-
cies will be forced to an immediate terri-
fied surrender within a few days. To win,
they must win quickly, before the tremendo-
us potential power of the United States can
be developed and brought to British aid.

Many suppose the terrible new modern
instruments of war make it impossible for
the war to be prolonged over a period of
years. But we must remember that for every
new offensive weapon, equally effective
DEFENSIVE weapons are being invented and
produced. They tend to make war more hor-
rible, not necessarily to shorten its dur-
ation.

But the answer is in the Bible proph-
ecies. Once world war is resumed, it must
continue on thru the great Tribulation,
the heavenly signs, the plagues of the Day
of the Lord, and to the Second Coming of
Christ, at the last battle, at ARMAGEDDON!

The war might last three years. It
might last seven. We cannot know how long

But this you MAY KNOW! This war will
be ended by CHRIST'S RETURN! And war MAY
start within six weeks! We are just THAT
NEAR Christ's Coming! That should make
every reader stop to THINK! And to ask,
"Am I READY? Am I PRAYING and WATCHING?"

World War *may* come within six weeks!

A Brief Summary of the European Situation

IF This were Europe, you would see going thru your town or city many special trains, crowded with reservists enroute to military maneuvers. Would that make you stop and THINK?

In Europe all nations are preparing their largest peacetime military maneuvers which will bring their armies to full war strength before Fall!

Even the smaller nations of South-eastern Europe---Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Greece, Turkey, are now mobilizing more than 2,000,000 men. They are hastening frontier fortifications at frantic speed. Armament factories are on 24-hour schedules.

Germany has a standing army of one million men, and the number of reservists being assembled for August maneuvers is being kept strictly secret.

Italian army war games are now in progress near the French frontier.

Britain is preparing gigantic maneuvers of navy, army, and air force, and British newspapers are assuring their readers that Great Britain is now ready for any emergency.

HITLER IN TIGHT SPOT

Many different opinions and speculations are emanating from the world's capitals. Some statesmen and correspondents feel certain there will be war in less than six weeks. Others are equally certain there will be no war at all this Fall. Perhaps the best informed authorities believe there is a 50-50 chance of war in six weeks, and this is reported to be the opinion of Administration officials at Washington.

Certain it is that Hitler is in a tight spot. Which way will he jump?

Certain definite facts stand out.

1). Those returning from Germany report appalling shortage of food, and even bare necessities of life. Even at fashionable German resorts, vegetables as common as potatoes are rationed, and there is no coffee at all! The German people, held under the lash of such an economic condition, are growing into a state of dissatisfaction and unrest. And such discontent is the very breeding ground of revolution! If Hitler now remains silent and inactive, merely marking time, revolution will come in due time and he will be overthrown. The first law of a dictator is that he must continually keep performing sensational exploits. He must ACT, and he must keep acting! Some say he does not dare go to war now, due to this economic stress and condition of the German morale. But he

also dares not remain inactive!

2). Hitler could plunge the world

into war, thus uniting his people in the common cause to avoid a revolution. But if war comes it is practically certain that the German military and naval high command would wield the real POWER in Germany, and Hitler would find his personal authority secondary to theirs. And he would never be permitted to gain it back.

3). It appears, therefore, that Hitler's only chance to save his own personal dictatorship is to keep on winning bloodless conquests of more and more territory by BLUFFING, yet averting actual war. Thus he can keep the German people whipped into line, keeping national patriotism at a high pitch of fervor, and keeping the hope before their eyes that soon these NEW acquisitions will furnish Germans with the raw materials, the resources, and the trade to alleviate their economic suffering.

4). This, then, brings us to the question, "Can Britain and France be bluffed any longer?" Will they PERMIT Hitler to make another move of aggression without WAR? And the answer is about 99 to 1 that they will not! Last September at Munich Hitler possessed such a superior air fleet he could have bombed London and Paris, which would then have been helpless before his attack, throwing their populations into such frantic consternation they would have demanded that their governments surrender to Hitler within a few days. But since then the British and French have been building planes at frantic speed. They have created gigantic and scientific air defenses. Today it is a different story. The democracies today are READY! The British public is now aroused, and ready to fight if necessary. So it is almost certain that any act of conquest on Hitler's part would lead to instant WAR! He probably has made his last bloodless acquisition.

These facts make war inevitable, and at least a 50-50 possibility for this Fall. Hitler probably will not dare wait till Spring to act. He must do SOMETHING, now! What will he do?

CRISIS WITHIN FOUR WEEKS

Without doubt Europe will come to another tense crisis within the next two to four weeks. Once again the whole world will be thrown into a state of nervous jitters. Will it be WAR, or another delay?

In Hitler's plan his next step has been to annex Danzig and the Polish corridor. But the last crisis, his first move for Danzig was won by the democracies, on Sunday July 2, when Hitler canceled his