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Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

Have you not been really severely tried, and tested in the matter of faithful tithe paying? Surely this becomes a REAL TEST for many. There is constant temptation, when hard pressed financially, to think we cannot spare the tithe just now, and to decide to turn it in LATER!

Often the very reason some are having such a hard time, financially, is UNFAITHFULNESS in tithing. God promises a financial blessing if we are faithful stewards in handling God's money. But many rob themselves of that blessing, and then wonder why things go as they do.

God's inspired Word says ALL belongs to Him—the gold and the silver—the earth and the fulness thereof. But God tells us we may keep nine-tenths of all our increase, after paying Him the first tenth.

The tithe is not the second, the third, or the last tenth—it is the FIRST tenth of all our increase. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with FIRST-fruits of all thine increase." (Prov. 3:9). It says ALL—not part. ALL is to be tithed.

To take and use that very FIRST tenth, figuring to pay the tithe later, is exactly the same as a bank teller thinking he cannot wait until his salary (*his* part of

the bank's money) is paid him, and using part of the money in his cage, expecting to put it back when he gets his salary. We call that EMBEZZLEMENT! We send bank tellers to the penitentiary for doing that! It is STEALING!

The FIRST TENTH of our money, and all our increase is HOLY unto the Lord. It is profaning His *holy things* to use it for ourselves, even for a day—just as much as profanity profanes His holy name, and Sabbath-breaking profanes His holy day. It is STEALING—commandment breaking—SIN!

It places us utterly out of reach of God's protection from the soon-coming terrible PLAGUES! It writes us a one-way ticket straight into hell-fire—the final DEATH!

The way to avoid this temptation is to not DARE touch that first tenth!

Those who understand surely will BE AFRAID to touch it! It is sacred, holy, and a CURSE from Almighty God is placed on the one who uses it for himself or herself (Mal. 3:9).

The way to avoid this temptation is to send in the tithe more often—and always to set aside, in a separate place, that first tenth as soon as we get it—and before we spend one cent of the rest. Some of the brethren keep on hand, or carry with them, a separate purse for tithes.

In the New Testament there is not one single sentence anywhere instructing us to pay tithes to a finance committee, or a BOARD with authority (from men) to receive and disburse tithes.

Paul's teaching, both in Hebrews 7 and I Corinthians 9, shows the tithe is to be paid to God through the ministers

of Jesus Christ for the gospel work.

The tithe is HOLY. It is THE LORD'S—for HIS WORK. It should be placed where HE IS WORKING—where the Message is going out with REAL POWER to multiplied MILLIONS—where SOULS ARE BEING SAVED. Ask God for WISDOM!

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

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DAILY TV

Plans have been made to put The WORLD TOMORROW on Television DAILY—or at least five times a week. In order to create the special fund required to make this possible, we have cancelled the weekly TV series temporarily. Announcement will be made as soon as we are back on DAILY. Radio Station KUGN in Eugene, Oregon, is opening time for every night broadcasts at 7:30 p.m.

How Would Jesus Vote for PRESIDENT?

This may be the most fateful presidential election in American History. Christ's Message was concerned with the government of nations. Christians are those who follow Christ. Here's what He would do.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE PRESIDENTIAL campaign is on full blast. The issue of survival of the nation will fall squarely on the shoulders of the next president.

World war now threatens to explode in the Middle East. Frightful atomic war. War that means annihilation of civilization. America this minute is in grave danger.

"In His Steps"

In such a momentous presidential year, what would Jesus Christ do about this election if He were here as a native-born American?

Would He vote for Stevenson? Would He use His great influence to keep the Republicans at the helm in this world-crisis?

Many of you undoubtedly have read the famous book, "In His Steps," by Dr. Charles M. Sheldon. It has been one of the all-time best-sellers. It is the story of an entire congregation which set out to do, in all circumstances daily, just as Jesus would do—to "follow His steps," as we are admonished by Peter. My only criticism of the book is that its characters, like most people who think they follow Jesus, acted as they *supposed* Jesus would act instead of studying the Bible to find out how He did act.

The Apostle Paul said: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*" (Gal. 2:20). He admonished, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). *A person is not really a Christian unless he follows Christ—acts as Christ would act—unless Christ is living his life for him.*

Christ Was Interested in GOVERNMENT

Few realize it, because they do not hear it today, but the GOSPEL OF CHRIST

—the Gospel Jesus brought from God and preached, was a message about *government!*

Yes, Jesus was interested in government. His Message was about a government to RULE THE WORLD, and bring us WORLD PEACE!

But to understand it, we must take a quick, condensed flash-back of the governments of this world from its foundation until now. This is necessary for a true perspective. We are prone to view politics, government, and world events from the standpoint of this present world.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). In rulership over this earth God sent an archangel who sealed up the sum-total of perfection, wisdom, and beauty. His throne was in Eden. He was ruler over a peaceful world populated by beings superior to humans—spirit beings called angels (Ezek. 28:12-15).

But as this brilliant shining "Star of the Dawn"—Lucifer—contemplated his glory, pride lifted him up, ambition seized him, and suddenly he became dissatisfied with a rulership limited to one single planet. He became jealous of God, set his heart to rival the Eternal Creator Himself, and left this planet in a war of conquest, in which a third of his angels followed him, attempting to conquer and rule the universe (Isa. 14:12-15; Rev. 12:4).

But he was cast back down to earth in defeat, disqualified even as earth ruler, *tho not to be dethroned until a successor is both qualified and inaugurated in office.*

Just as the sins of the antediluvian world brought physical destruction to the earth by a flood; just as the fornication of Sodom and Gomorrah brought physical destruction and chaos to those

cities by fire; just as the sins of the present evil world have doomed it to physical destruction once again by fire, so the sins of the angels caused the face of the earth to suffer great violence, and it *became* chaotic, in confusion, waste and empty (Gen. 1:2).

First Chance at World Rule

Then in six days God Almighty brought order out of chaos, created the present vegetable and animal life, and created upon earth a new race, the race of human mortals. Adam was given rule over the lower species—animals. Lucifer, an archangel, had been given rule over angels. But, while man was made a little lower in status than angels, he was made in the image of God with possibilities, thru conversion, of being born of God, and *changed* into immortal spirit beings, higher in order than angels.

In the Garden of Eden was the tree of Life—symbolic of the Holy Spirit of God Himself, by which Adam could have been raised to this higher immortal and divine level.

First, Adam was given opportunity to qualify as WORLD RULER. He could have become successor to the former Lucifer, now re-named Satan (meaning Adversary, Rival, Aggressor). Adam was put to the test to determine whether he would obey God and prove able to RULE with God's Laws.

In the fateful test with Satan, Adam disobeyed God, accepted the rule of Satan over him—yielded to human pride, lust and greed. Thus he placed himself and his children under the rule of Satan. He failed to overthrow Satan. He failed to prove he could obey God and carry out GOD'S government over those God should have placed under him.

Had Adam obeyed God and proved able to defeat Satan in this test, he could

have partaken of the "Tree of LIFE"—he would have been begotten of GOD, later BORN of God, *changed* from mortal human to immortal and divine God, of the very family—the KINGDOM—of GOD! All earth's mortals, as his children, would have been under his rule. He would have become world ruler forever!

But Adam placed himself and his children UNDER THE RULE OF SATAN.

Adam was driven from the Garden of Eden *lest* he take of the tree of life, and gain immortality (Gen. 3:22). Thus he never received immortality, which is the *gift* of God by and thru His Holy Spirit.

Satan thus retained his rulership, thru invisible sway of influence, temptation, and deception, over the world.

How Our Present System Started

Just how Satan manipulated human mortals in the ways of government on earth during the first 1600 or 1700 years, there is no historic record. We know merely that with very few exceptions humans under Satan's invisible sway followed the course of human passions, the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and God destroyed all but eight souls by the Flood.

Noah and his descendants should have learned their lesson, but they didn't. Satan found in one of the great-grandsons of Noah, Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, a very able and powerful man who could be "used" politically. Thru Satan's influence, instilling great ambition thru greed and pride, this Nimrod organized the people into a system of human government, by which man ruled over man contrary to the principles established by God. Such government never could be good or bring blessings to humanity, but the Eternal purposed to permit man to learn that lesson by hard experience. We are learning it still, and haven't learned it yet.

Now notice how the present world's society became organized.

Nimrod organized the present world's first government—the city of BABYLON. Later he organized Nineveh and other cities. He instituted the system of regimentation, whereby one or a few at the top, by directing their efforts, profit from the sweat and labor of others.

Thus the BABYLONISH system of government was started. Soon there were

many cities, each ruled by a king. Then an ambitious king, swayed by Satan's philosophy, seeking more worlds to conquer, organized a portion of his manpower into a fighting force and by aggression ruled over adjoining cities. Thus nations were born, and then Empires.

This BABYLONISH principle of government, intertwined with economic manipulation, has ruled the world ever since. It has ruled under various *forms*—whether called oligarchy, monarchy, dictatorship, autocracy, democracy, communism or naziism—but it's the same old BABYLONISH PRINCIPLE under slightly different modes of administration.

And this is the origin of what we call CIVILIZATION. Its forms of administration have undergone change in the constant struggle and turmoil—in the rise and fall of empires, of cultures, of rival modes of political, economic, religious, or social administration. But its basic *principle* has remained the same—the *principle of competition and strife, based upon greed and vanity.*

Regardless of the form in which it appears here or there, it is a system based upon exploitation of the people, aggression, regimentation, delusion and deception. And the entire system is founded on the idea of huddling people together in crowded *cities.*

Since it is the system of strife and competition, each of the four phases of this civilization—political, economic, religious, and social—has striven constantly to dominate and rule. In ancient Rome the politicians ruled over the Church, Business, and Society. Then after 554 A.D., the Church ruled over the State, Business, and Society. In America, where we are supposed to rule ourselves, it has been a constant struggle for dominance between Big Business and the politicians. In Russia today a small group of godless atheistic Marxists have set up a political Dictatorship manipulated by stirring up class hatreds, inducing the laboring class to feel downtrodden enough to put in the saddle this Dictatorship pretending to rule for the benefit of this one class.

But regardless of the particular form of administration, this CIVILIZATION which holds the entire world in its or-

ganized grip today is the same old BABYLONISH SYSTEM started at the original BABYLON by Nimrod!

"Babylon" means CONFUSION. Competition and strife have produced confusion in the world. And *God is not the author of confusion* (I Cor. 14:33).

Should Christians Strive to Make This a BETTER WORLD?

Now we come to the reason for needing a true perspective.

Most churchmen today, viewing everything from the perspective of THIS WORLD TODAY, blindly assume this is God's world. They see certain forces of evil in it, and these they feel they must oppose. They see the Christian duty to be that of working to make this a better world.

That concept is a wrong viewpoint altogether.

This is *not* a world of God's making. *This is SATAN'S world!* Satan is the invisible god of this world. He is the author of its organization, its basic philosophies, its systems of government, business, society—*yes*, AND RELIGIONS!

This thing we boast of as CIVILIZATION is, in actual fact, Satan's handiwork, not God's! Strange as it may seem, that is true!

All nations—not just the heathen powers, but all nations, *including ours*, are DECEIVED, swayed, led, by Satan (Rev. 12:9; 18:3; 20:2-3). The Bible speaks of this world as "this present EVIL WORLD" (Gal. 1:4).

Did Jesus Come to Make This a BETTER WORLD?

Into such a world, in His own due time, God sent forth His own Son, born of the human virgin Mary.

WHY did Jesus come? To get into politics, to strive against the forces of evil in this world, to make this a better world?

WHAT was His Message? Certainly NOT a Gospel merely about Himself—a Gospel of merely accepting Him, and then, as part of this world, helping to make it better!

When Jesus reached the approximate age of thirty He was baptized, and anointed with the Holy Spirit as the Christ. But before He preached a word—before He could even enter upon His



Mrs. Roosevelt addresses the Democratic Convention at Chicago.

—Wide World Photo

ministry, He, like the first Adam, had to meet Satan in the greatest contest in all eternity!

It was a contest for the rulership of all the earth. Jesus Christ met and conquered Satan by the Word of God. Satan, like his ministers today, quoted Scripture, but he twisted and perverted its meaning. Christ quoted Scripture, accepted it to mean what it says, overcame Satan by *obeying* it! Jesus withstood Satan's temptations, rejected his deceptions, refused to obey him, conquered him by *obeying* GOD! Then He *commanded* Satan, "Get thee hence!"—and the devil obeyed and slunk away!

Then and there Jesus Christ *qualified* to succeed Satan as RULER OVER ALL THE EARTH! But the time had not yet come for Him to be inaugurated in office. First, He had to return to the throne of God and receive God's official authorization.

God had allotted ONE MILLENNIAL WEEK—that is, a period of seven thousand-year "days"—for the accomplishment of His divine PURPOSE in humani-

ty on this earth. That divine Purpose is the creation of righteous spiritual Sons of God. God allotted the first *six* of these thousand-year periods for Satan's labor of deceiving the human race—six thousand years in which mankind is permitted, if he chooses, to suffer from the "labor" of sin. When the first Adam failed to depose Satan, God extended the duration of Satan's dominion over the earth for six thousand years. This was necessary for the accomplishment of God's great Purpose.

Then, as "in six days God made the heaven and the earth, and the seventh day He rested and was refreshed," even so in the seventh millennium humanity is to "rest" from sin, those converted are to enter into God's spiritual rest;—and in this coming millennium Satan shall not do *any work*—that is, his work of deceiving the world!

Then Jesus will return to earth, this time in all His Power and Glory as KING of kings, and LORD of lords.

But, in God's great Plan, He has purposed that Christ shall rule by and thru

many saints then made immortal. They shall form the world-ruling kingdom—the KINGDOM OF GOD—which Kingdom shall rule over all the mortal nations on earth. Time had to be allowed for their conversion.

Jesus Preached GOVERNMENT

So, after meeting and conquering Satan, Jesus devoted three and a half years to teaching His Gospel to His Disciples.

His Gospel—the only true Gospel of Jesus Christ—is not what most people think today. Few have heard it, today!

It was, and is, a Gospel of GOOD GOVERNMENT! The word "gospel" means "Good News." And what Jesus preached—the Message He brought to mankind from God—was the GOOD NEWS of the coming GOVERNMENT OF GOD—the coming world-ruling government *which shall overthrow, blast out of existence, and rule in place of every present government on earth!*

Yes, Jesus Christ said to Pilate that

He was born to be a King! He, Himself, is coming again as WORLD KING!

And His Gospel was merely, as one might say, His *political platform* for His Kingdom. He revealed the way to enter it as one of its immortal citizens—the way of salvation. He revealed its laws.

What Jesus taught was that this present world, with its governments, its religions, its economics, its society, is *an evil world*—it is Satan's world—it is a world *in competition against*, and AT WAR AGAINST, HIS COMING KINGDOM—THE WORLD TOMORROW!

No, *Jesus did not enter into THIS WORLD'S politics!* He called His Disciples *out* of this present evil world—out of all its customs and philosophies and ways—to a life of SEPARATION from the world.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Follow Me!" And one cannot follow Him and also follow this present world! He did

not mean for Christians to go out of the world, physically. He knew they must live in it, but He taught that they should not be *of* it. In his final prayer for His disciples, Jesus said to His Father, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not *of* the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:15-16).

To His called ministers Jesus commanded: "Go ye *into*"—(not away from)—"all the world, and *preach the Gospel.*" He did not say go into the world and become part of it, striving to make it a better world. He said go into it and "preach the Gospel." And His Gospel is the Good News of a *different* world altogether—of a coming world to be ruled over entirely not by these present various world governments then reformed, but by HIS KINGDOM which shall blast forever out of existence every

government that operates today!

"AMBASSADORS for Christ"

Thus Jesus' disciples live *in* this present evil world as though they were foreigners, here merely as the guests of the nation where they reside, as AMBASSADORS for Christ and His coming Kingdom, here as representatives of HIS coming Kingdom, *not* of any of this world's governments.

As the Word of God reveals in II Cor. 5:17-20, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; . . . Now then we are *ambassadors for Christ.*"

The United States sends an ambassador to the Kremlin. He resides for the time in Moscow, Russia. The Christian in the United States is in the same relative position as the American ambassador in Russia. He is not a Communist.

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Eisenhower banners flood the floor of the Republican Convention.

—Wide World Photo



Mrs. Armstrong's Diary

Here is a **SURPRISE** for our readers. We are taking you through the Middle East, day by day, with Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong on their recent eventful trip.

—from the diary kept during their tour
by Loma D. Armstrong

New York, April 8

Dear Ones at Home:

We arrived in New York after our train ride from Longview, Texas. We encountered varied weather conditions on the trip: dust storms in Texas, Missouri, and Illinois; rains, of almost cloud-burst intensities, in Indiana and Ohio; and heavy fog in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The weekend, in New York, was very windy and today (April 8) we awakened to see several inches of snow on the ground. It is still snowing. We hope that the weather will clear soon and allow the sun to come out. We are also anticipating the safe arrival of Frank Longuskie, who takes care of the overseas mailing list. He is driving our car through from Pasadena. Frank is sailing with us, to be stationed in our London office, and is moving the entire overseas mailing list from Pasadena to the London office.

Monday, April 9

Frank arrived today tired and very wrinkled. He came directly to our hotel room to clean up. Afterward, Mr. Armstrong and he went to have the car washed and serviced for boarding onto the ship. It has to be loaded, or at least at the pier, by noon tomorrow. Our trunk has arrived and it will be in our state-room when we go aboard.

Arriving in Europe

Monday, April 16

We arrived in Southampton at 2:45 p.m. Our son Dick and George Meeker were on the dock to meet us. Dick was so glad to see us that he whirled me around until I was almost dizzy. When our car was unloaded at the dock it had three flat tires, but they held air when inflated. George Meeker drove Dick's car to London with Frank, and Dick drove our car, with us.

The drive from Southampton to London, in the bright English sunshine, was beautiful. Our drive was interrupted with a stop at a quaint little tea room for tea. We arrived in London after dark.

Dick took us first to the apartment where he and George live; then we went to our hotel. After our baths we enjoyed a good night's rest.

Tuesday, April 17

We had to completely repack our trunk and pack our suitcases as lightly as possible for our trip by airplane to Zurich, Switzerland, on our first lap to the Middle East.

Wednesday, April 18

We arrived in Zurich, Wednesday afternoon. It was a cold, rainy day—rain mixed with snow. In places the ground was white with snow.

In London, we were told that we would not need coats, and that it would be very hot over the whole area in which we would be traveling; so, before leaving London, at the airport, we gave our coats to George and Frank to take to their apartment until we returned. As a result we were damp, soggy, and shivering before we were in Zurich many minutes. Mr. Armstrong bought a Bolex movie camera for our TV pictures.

We left Zurich by train for Rome, having to sit up until midnight. When we arrived in Milano we changed trains for the remainder of the trip, Mr. Armstrong left his hat on the first train. So we arrived in Rome with him bare-headed. He remedied that soon after we arrived, however, by buying a new hat.

We were in Rome only a few hours. The nearer the time came to fly across the Mediterranean Sea the more tense I felt. I do *not* like to fly.

Our flight was in the bright sunshine and the Sea was beautiful. We flew along the Italian coast over the Bay of Naples

—near Mount Vesuvius, over the Island of Capri, across the boot of Italy, over Stromboli, then out to sea. In the middle of the Mediterranean we saw an American aircraft carrier and several cruisers.

Destination Africa!

Though trouble had quieted down between the Arab Egyptians and "Israel" for awhile, military ships were in evidence—standing by—in a number of places.

It was dark when we reached the shores of Africa. We flew over Alexandria and the Delta of the Nile.

We arrived in Cairo at 9:30 P.M., April 18, to a strange and different world. At the airport, an Arab and a negro, possibly an Ethiopian, checked our passports. Because we were Americans, we were held up until our names were checked against a list they had of spies or political undesirables.

The friendliness of the personnel at the English and at the Swiss airports was sadly missing here. We were looked upon as sympathizers of the British, who are hated in Egypt.

We were taken to our hotel in a bus driven by an Arab dressed in robes—in fact, all people, here, dress in robes. It was a long drive and so surprising. We saw block after block—mile after mile—of large, *modern* apartment buildings, four to twelve stories high.

After arriving at the Semiramis Hotel, we had baths and washed our teeth in water from the Nile (along its banks, Moses was hidden in the bulrushes when he was a baby). It flows deep and wide, just outside our window and across the street. Ex-King Farouk's yacht is anchored just below and is used as an annex to this hotel. A young lady from Long Beach, California, a school teacher,

was on our plane and has a room on the yacht.

It was 1:40 A.M. when I finally got to bed.

Friday morning, April 20

A guide from the American Express office—a young Arab named Sayed, who speaks English very well, dressed in a red robe and red fez—came to the hotel after us. He had a nice car—a Chrysler—and an Arab driver who could not speak English.

What Egypt Is Like

We drove all through the native quarters where we saw the narrow streets filled with donkeys pulling carts of hay or vegetables; donkeys being ridden by men who were like giants on them (the men were so long legged that their feet almost dragged on the streets); cars, mostly American, being driven by Arabs; and people wearing dirty, filthy, and so often ragged robes. In the midst of it all there were children and dogs. The children, too, were dirty and ragged. Our driver used the horn on the car to drive through. All other cars were doing the same. Horns honking incessantly. The drivers of the donkey carts were yelling; people chattering; dogs barking; and the *smell was awful*. The motion pictures we took could not bring back with us the sounds or the smells. Actually, no one paid any attention to the honking of the horns. We had to wind our way slowly through the whole mess. The streets were as filthy as the people.

Some of the shops are crude holes in the wall where different craftsmen are plying their trades. We saw one man carving large copper and brass trays by hand. These trays were intricate with beautiful designs—very beautifully done.

We were taken to the "City of Death." It is a place outside, or in the outskirts of the city. It is the place where the poor are buried. When we arrived, a pick-up truck was unloading a body, merely wrapped in cloth, to be put in a hole which they dig in the clay banks and afterwards close up.

There were many caves in the hillsides. We found many people living in some of these dirt caves, sitting on the ground outside their openings in the

dirty, dusty streets, even though they were in the midst of the "City of the Dead."

We were then taken to a large Mosque. We were told that it is the largest in the world. When we entered the courtyard of the Mosque, we had to don canvas slippers over our shoes. No one is allowed inside in shoes. All Arabs remove their shoes and go in either bare-footed or in socks. In the center of the courtyard is a large fountain, around which the Arabs sit and wash their hands and feet before entering the Mosque.

As we entered, we were surprised at the beauty of the place. Its only furniture was a high altar reached by an ornate stairway from which the Koran (the Arab Bible) is read. The floor was completely covered by a beautiful red carpet on which a number of Arabs were sitting or lying down. They were scattered over the large room, not in groups. We tried to take pictures inside the Mosque but the lighting was too dim.

We have never in all our lives seen so many diseased eyes. Many people are blind and deformed—especially with twisted feet. And it's no wonder; besides bad diet, I doubt if they ever take a bath. Their clothes just rot off them.

A Tourist Trap

Our guide took us into a shop which he called the "Palace of the Flowers." When we entered, it was full of perfume. The shopkeeper said that all the oils of the flowers from which the French made their expensive perfumes came from Egypt. (All the flowers were grown in Egypt, so he said.) Not knowing anything about the perfume business, I, at least, was gullible. While the shopkeeper had me smell different (?) perfumes (he put a little on the back of my hand) an Arab served us mint tea, which I did not want. The atmosphere was very oriental. At the end of the shopkeeper's spiel he tried to sell me a box with five large bottles, each a different scent, for \$95.

I kept asking him if he did not have a tiny perfume bottle. So, he showed me a box slightly smaller. Finally, after

showing me five or six boxes, each a little smaller than the previous one, he came to a size that would be nice to take home as gifts to some of the college girls. So, I fell for it. The sequel comes later!

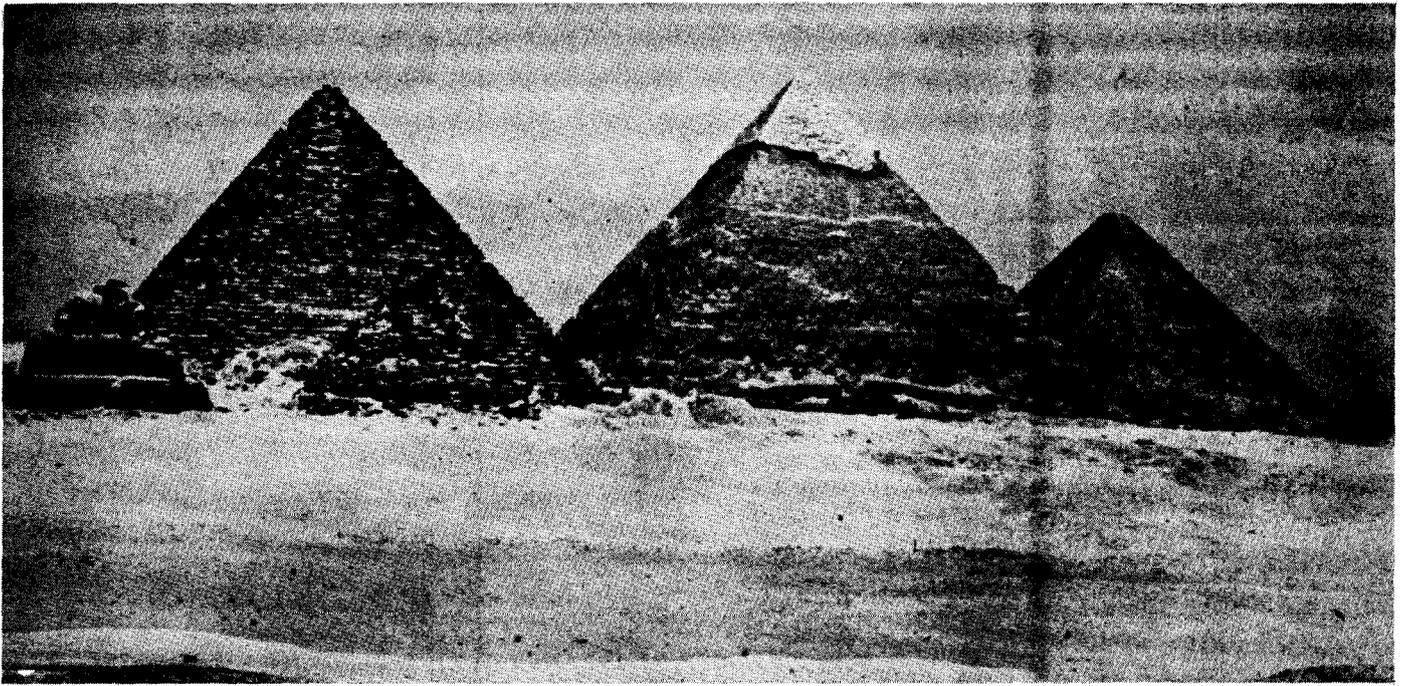
After seeing Cairo, we left in the evening by train for ancient Thebes, now called Luxor—450 miles south, up the Nile.

As the train pulled slowly through the city, we saw how the people live. There were mud or adobe apartments—just a conglomeration of rooms placed anywhere, one on top of the other. There was no plan, but they were placed as if they had been blown together by a strong wind and stuck just as they happened to light. The Arab women and children sit on the ground wherever they take the notion. It makes no difference what filth surrounds them.

After we were no longer able to see the country through which we were traveling, we went to bed in our tiny compartments only to awaken in the night choking with dust. The only way a person could breathe was by holding the sheet over the face. The dust was thick in the air.

Daylight came very early so we were able to see the country through which we were passing. A canal, beside the track, seemed to provide water for use in their homes and huts as well as for irrigation. The black-robed women were dipping the water in huge pitchers or bottles which they always carried on their heads.

We would also see people in water up to their waists and water buffalo wading. A highway ran along the opposite side of the canal, and, early as it was, early dawn, we could see many men and women walking briskly along. Some of the men rode small donkeys—with their feet almost touching the ground, while the women carried baskets or jars on their heads. Others rode camels. Children were driving goats or water buffalo. There were people scattered over the fields working with their hands in the soil. A few had crude hoes. Once in awhile we saw a donkey and camel yoked together pulling a crooked stick or a plow. Their agricultural methods were primitive. But the soil appeared rich.



—Westminster Photo

The giant pyramids of Egypt in the distance. In this picture men at the foot of the pyramids appear so small that they are invisible. Mr. Armstrong found no PROOF of a "divinely inspired message in stone" in the Giza Pyramid.

Ancient Egypt's Grandeur

We arrived in the early morning at Luxor and were taken to our hotel in an antiquated motor driven hack. There was no room for Dick so he was driven in a horse-drawn buggy.

This was Luxor, built on the site of the ancient city of Thebes, capital of the ancient Egyptian domain when Egypt was at the zenith of its splendor. Luxor, today, includes also the village of Karnak, six miles from the main village.

All the wealth of war, the booty, and the shipments of goods from other countries were once hoarded in Thebes, the capital. Today, we saw the remains, only a number of rich monuments, and supporting columns of temples and tombs. Once they were overlaid with gold, silver, alabaster, or marble; now there is nothing but time-worn stone. The temples had been connected with one another by courtyards and lobbies. Now, however, the massive columns are all that remain of the former splendor.

Our guide, an elderly and scholarly Egyptian, walked over the ruins hour after hour with us, explaining the history and the religion of the people who worshipped at the temples. It was all worship of the sun god Ra.

We were there during the Muslim fast called Ramadan. Although our guide

was in his seventies, he carried on all day through the hot sun, with no food. The fast lasts a month and no food can be eaten from sunrise until sunset; however, they can feast all night if they choose.

After a long day we sat on the large veranda of the hotel over-looking the Nile. The moon was full and the stars seemed so near and so very bright. It was a beautiful evening.

Our beds in the hotel were covered with high canopies with curtains of mosquito netting. We did not pull the netting over us when we went to bed, but we soon found it was impossible to sleep without it, after being bitten a number of times by mosquitos.

The food was terrible. I could not eat any breakfast; so, I drank some hot tea. At least the water had been boiled.

King Tut's Tomb

This morning we crossed the Nile river in a felucca or sail boat built as they used to build them thousands of years ago. A driver with an old Ford car met us on the other side and we rode over hot dusty roads to the tomb of king Tut-Ankh-Amon. His tomb was discovered in 1922. He is said to have died at the age of eighteen in 1341 B.C. His tomb was the last to be found.

The tomb is deep underground, down a tiled and decorated passage way, past a false entrance and thence to the real entrance where the inner coffin lies. In the room were images of the history of some part of his life. These images were in the tile on the walls.

The contents of the tomb filled one whole wing of the museum at Cairo. It took several years to move all the contents from the tomb. The mummy is in a museum. The wealth buried or stored in the different treasure rooms of the tomb was fantastic.

After King "Tut's" tomb, we entered the tomb of Ramases the Sixth. I did not go to the end of the passage way down into the tomb, but Dick and Mr. Armstrong did. I felt that the long climb back up was more than I wanted to try. I did, however, go into the tomb of Seti.

After our visit to those tombs we were taken to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which was carved out of a mountain side. She is said to have ruled Egypt from 1505 to 1448 B.C. She reigned like a King and the large figures or statues at her temple have been made with false beards. She claimed she was the daughter of the Sun god himself. The story of her birth and of her reign is depicted on one of the terraces of the temple ruins. There is today the theory that she was the

Queen of Sheba, who visited King Solomon. Our guide vehemently denied this, though we overheard other guides stating it as fact.

After returning to our hotel we packed our bags for our return through the night to Cairo. Once more a dusty trip.

Cairo Again

When we reached Cairo our guide who had previously taken us over the city was at the station to meet us with the same Chrysler car and chauffeur. He had planned a trip to the Pyramids and a camp out in the Sahara Desert; but, we still had the box with the five bottles of perfume intact. I had never unwrapped it because the evening after I had bought it, Dick learned that it was *not* perfume oil but perfumed water. We had been taken to a place for tourist "suckers."

Mr. Armstrong told Sayed that he wanted to go directly to the American Express office and find out about this camping trip before we were letting ourselves in for something else. Then he and Dick expressed in no uncertain terms how we felt about being taken to a crooked "perfume" dealer by a guide hired by the American Express.

Sayed was crestfallen and very apologetic and assured us he wanted only to please. He told us to give him the package and he would get our money back for us while we ate our breakfast at the hotel. He did just that, and was back before breakfast was over—with the money.

Our next visit was to the site of the ancient city of Memphis, where Moses and Aaron pleaded with the Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go. Only a few ruins which have been excavated remain now of the ancient city.

We drove from there to the Pyramids at Saqqara which, we were told, were the oldest of the Pyramids. There were also, in this area, a number of tombs over 2500 years old.

We then drove through the city of Giza, out into the Sahara desert past the Great Pyramid where we found our camp. We were quite surprised to find it really *just* our camp. We expected to find others there, but the four tents were just for us.



Part of the ruins of the Temple of Luxor at Thebes. Note Mr. Armstrong, with white hat, standing at the foot of the royal monument.

Mr. Armstrong's and my tent was quite large. It was white on the outside but very colorful on the inside with each panel of the tent a different design. The sand had been smoothed out level and covered with oriental rugs. There were two cots nicely made up with sheets and wool blankets (it is very cold on the desert at night). There were also a table, large pitcher of water, wash bowl and soap; and hung on the center pole were towels and a mirror. A large bouquet of flowers adorned the table. Dick's tent was like ours but smaller. Another large tent we found was our dining room. It also had a rug over the sand. In it was a

large table with a center piece of flowers. There was a table for serving, and chairs with cushions. A short distance away was another tent—the cooks' tent. Here was a cook, assistant cook, and a waiter.

Sayed had brought his little seven year old son, Mohammed, out to spend the day and the night. They slept out under the stars on cots.

We arrived at the camp before lunch time.

After lunch, three camels with their leaders were outside our tent. We were helped aboard and had our first camel
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The SUEZ Crisis in Prophecy!

**Will international control of Suez bring peace to the Middle East?
Mr. Armstrong has returned from Egypt. Here is his second report
—with a seldom-understood prophecy about what's going to
happen NEXT!**

by Herbert W. Armstrong

NOT SINCE World War II has the collapse of the British Commonwealth been so near! British leaders are frightened. So are the French!

Failure to maintain Western control over Suez will inevitably spell DISASTER to our North Atlantic Alliance against Russia. I revealed these facts to you in the last issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

But the time has now come to reveal a most amazing prophecy—which we have not published for the past 21 years. This amazing prophecy reveals not only what has been happening over the past centuries, but it reveals **WHEN** and **BY WHOM** the Suez Canal and the entire Middle East will be seized!

It is the most startling prophecy we have published in *The PLAIN TRUTH*!

UNVEILING the Future!

What is the **REAL SIGNIFICANCE** of this crisis over Suez? To understand it, we must study a **MARVELOUS PROPHECY**, never before understood—a prophecy that has been **CLOSED**, and **SEALED**, until now—a prophecy that foretold, two thousand five hundred years ago, this very crisis—and the war that shall finally draw in all the nations of the world!

It is one of the most amazing prophecies in the Bible. It is most **SPECIFIC**, describing historical events, up to the present, in more detail than any other prophecy. It is the longest prophecy in the Bible. It is found in **DANIEL**, chapter **ELEVEN**. It describes the impending war!

The prelude is found in the 10th chapter of the Book of Daniel. The prophecy came to Daniel in the third year of the reign of Cyrus, king of the Persian Empire. (Dan. 10:1.) A "man," apparently the archangel Gabriel (ch. 9:21), appears before Daniel, to make him under-

stand what shall befall God's people in these present "*last days*." (Verse 14.)

The "King of the North" and the "King of the South"

The first verse of the 11th chapter is a continuation from the last verse of the 10th chapter. The angel says to Daniel: "Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength by his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia, And a mighty king shall stand up, and shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will." (Dan. 11:2-3).

Actually there were 12 more kings in the Persian Empire, but only the three following Cyrus were of sufficient importance to be noticed in this prophecy. They were Darius, Smerdis, and Xerxes. It was the last, or Xerxes, who was the richest of all and stirred up war with Greece.

Then King Philip of Macedonia planned a great war to conquer the Persian Empire, with an army made up mostly of Grecians. He died before the plans were completed. But his son, Alexander the Great, took over his plans, and invaded Persia. He met the Persian army at the Battle of Issus, 333 B.C. (Dan. 8:2,5-6). Then he swept down into Egypt, and then to a final crushing defeat of the Persian Empire at the Battle of Arbella, B.C. 331, after which Alexander marched on a conquest clear to India, sweeping all before him. Notice now verse 4 of our prophecy: "And when he shall stand up his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom

shall be plucked up, even for others beside those."

How marvelously—how accurately—that came to pass. We quote directly from "A Manuel of Ancient History," by Rawlinson, one of the authoritative histories: "Cut off unexpectedly in the vigor of early manhood, the thirty-third year of his age, June B.C. 323, Alexander left no inheritor, either of his power or of his projects." (Page 237). The Empire was left leaderless and in confusion, but out of this emerged, by the year 301 B.C., **FOUR DIVISIONS**, just as prophesied, by a division of the Empire into four divisions by Alexander's generals. They were:

1. Ptolemy (Soter), ruling Egypt, part of Syria, and **PALESTINE**.
2. Seleucus (Nicator), ruling Syria, Babylonia, and territory east to India.
3. Lysimachus, ruling Asia Minor.
4. Cassander, Greece and Macedonia.

Thus was the prophecy of verse 4 fulfilled to the letter.

Now notice what follows. From here the prophecy foretells the activities only of **TWO** of these four divisions, Egypt, called "King of the South," because it is south of Jerusalem; and the Syrian kingdom, the King of the North, just north of Palestine. It is because the Holy Land passed back and forth between those two divisions, and because their different wars were principally over possession of Palestine, that the prophecy is concerned with them. Here is verse 5: "And the king of the south (Egypt) shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; and his dominion shall be a great dominion." In actual history, we learn that the original Ptolemy I, called Soter, became very strong and powerful,

developing Egypt beyond the greatest dreams of Alexander. One of his princes, or generals, Seleucus Nicator, also became very strong and powerful. And, in 312 B.C., taking advantage of Ptolemy's being tied up in a war, he established himself in Syria, and assumed the diadem as king.

Fulfilled to the Letter!

Verse 6 says: "And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement (margin, "rights" or "equitable conditions," or marriage union); but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times."

At the end of fifty years, this occurred, exactly as described!

Syria's ruler, the "king of the north," at this time was Antiochus II, called "Theus." His wife was named "Laodice." And, says Rawlinson's Ancient History, page 251; "Her influence . . . engaged him in a war with Ptolemy Philadelphus (King of the south), B.C. 260, which is terminated, B.C. 252, by a marriage between Antiochus and Bernice, Ptolemy's daughter."

The prophecy says "he that begat her" shall be given up. Also that she shall not retain the power of the arm, neither shall the king of the north, whom she married, stand. All three are to come to their end. Notice how accurately this came to pass.

Says Rawlinson's History, pages 251 and 252: "On the death of Philadelphus (he that begat her), B.C. 247, Antiochus repudiated Bernice, and took back his former wife, Laodice, who, however, doubtful of his constancy, *murdered him* to secure the throne for her son Seleucus II, B.C. 246 . . . Bernice had been put to death by Laodice."

Nowhere in all the Bible is there so literal a prophecy, giving so many details of FUTURE history. And to read an ancient history of these kingdoms is simply to see unfolded, before your eyes, step by step, verse by verse, this marvelous prophecy. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT of its right application!

The Holy Land Changes Hands

Next let us notice verse 7: "But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate (margin, in his office), which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail."

"Out of a branch," or "shoot," of her ROOTS. Her parents were her roots. Hence, this must be her brother, who next should occupy the throne of king of the south and fulfill this prophecy. Now listen to this accurate fulfillment, quoted word for word from the same page of Rawlinson's History (p. 252): "Ptolemy Euregetes [the III, eldest son of Philadelphus, page 272, and therefore Bernice's brother, a branch of her roots] invaded Syria, B.C. 245, to avenge the murder of his sister Bernice . . . In the war which followed, he carried everything before him." The 8th verse of Daniel 11 says this king of the south would carry captives, and vessels of silver and gold, into Egypt, and continue to reign more years than the king of the north, who at that time was Seleucus II, and verse 9 says he shall return into Egypt. As verse 7 said he should "enter into the fortress of the king of the north," Ptolemy III did seize the fortress of Syria, Seleucia, the port of Antioch, capital of the kingdom! Then he carried back to Egypt immense booty, and 2,500 molten images and idolatrous vessels which, in B.C. 527, had been carried away from Egypt. He continued to rule until B.C. 222, while the king of the north, Seleucus II, died in B.C. 226.

When he died, his two sons took over the kingdom of the north, first Seleucus III, B.C. 226-223, who ruled only three years, and then his brother Antiochus III, called "the Great," B.C. 223-187. Both of these two sons of Seleucus II assembled immense forces to war against Egypt, avenge their father, and recover their port and fortress, Seleucia.

And this was accurately prophesied in verse 10: "But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through; and then shall he return (margin, be stirred up again) and be stirred up, even to his fortress."

"And," continues verse 11, "the king

of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand."

In fulfillment of the latter part of verse 10, Antiochus the Great, after 27 years, recovered his fortress, Seleucia, and he also conquered the territory of Syria, as far as Gaza, INCLUDING PALESTINE. But the young Egyptian king, now Ptolemy IV, (Philopator), was roused, and with an army of 20,000, inflicted severe defeat on Antiochus the Great, and fulfilling verse 12, he killed tens of thousands, and AGAIN ANNEXED PALESTINE to Egypt. But he was not strengthened, for he made a rash and speedy peace with Antiochus, and returned to dissipation, throwing away the fruits of victory. Says verse 12: "And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it."

"For," as verse 13 continues, "the king of the north shall return, and set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches." It was "after certain years," or 12 years later, B.C. 205, that Ptolemy Philopator died leaving his throne to an infant son, Ptolemy Epiphanes. Then Antiochus assembled a greater army, and won great victories. He now made a treaty allying Philip of Macedon with him, and others, against Egypt, and they wrested Phoenicia and southern Syria from the king of the south. In this they were assisted by some of the Jews. Josephus' Jewish history says many Jews helped Antiochus. But notice how accurately Almighty God had foretold this, many—hundreds—of years before it happened!

"And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of THY PEOPLE (apostate Jews) shall exalt themselves to establish the vision, but they shall fail." (Verse 14).

Read it in Your Own Bible!

To save space, the reader is asked from this point to read each verse of (Please continue on page 15)

Mrs. Armstrong's Diary

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ride. I rode on a camel called "Ginger Ale," Mr. Armstrong's was called "Christopher Columbus," and Dick's was called "California." Sayed rode a small donkey called "Moses in the Bulrushes."

The Great PYRAMID

We really enjoyed our camel ride to the great Pyramid of Giza. This Pyramid is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world and many books have been written about it. Many people believe it to be of divine origin.

We went into the Pyramid through its long low passage way to the King's Chamber. It is a marvelous building and although the King's Chamber is in the center of the huge pile of stone, it is ventilated by built-in air shafts.

I waited while Mr. Armstrong and Dick walked stooped over in the shorter low passage way to the Queen's Chamber.

We could only wonder, and *question*, the supposed origin of the Pyramid when we had seen it all inside and out. Mr. Armstrong has read many books, and studied a great mass of pamphlets and material on the theory of "a divine message in stone" in the Great Pyramid. After personal examination, he left it with many doubts regarding any inspired architectural design. Most self-designated "authorities" and "Pyramidologists" have never visited or personally inspected the Great Pyramid, but have worked out their theories and mathematical calculations in London or America. We were quite disillusioned by what we saw.

When we once more mounted our camels we rode back across the desert to our camp, where the cooks had prepared a huge dinner which none of us could eat, because of the size of the lunch they had served before we left for the Pyramids. Our guide told us that he had asked some Arab entertainers from the village to come out that evening to put on a show for us.

We saw them coming by foot across the dunes in the moon light. Then the

dining tent was made ready for the entertainment. Although it was bright and beautiful out in the moon light, the wind was cold.

There were six entertainers, all men, in their Arab robes. Four with strange musical instruments which they played with rhythm and not much music. The other two were dancers and the dances were weird imitations of animals. Finally, one danced the dance of a demon. Our guide stopped him before he danced



Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong by Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, now in Arab hands.

himself into a frenzy because he noticed that I was shocked by it.

After they left we tried to eat some of the huge meal that had been prepared for us. Then we went to our tents for a night out on the Sahara desert. The air was so clear we could hear the Koran being read over the loud speakers from the Minarets of the Mosques of Cairo.

When we awoke and had our breakfast, the car came to take us back to Cairo. We first visited the Sphinx again, then on in to Cairo.

We then went to the Museum where we saw room after room of the fabulous furniture, vases, jewelry, and other material taken from King Tut's tomb.

Conference with Sheikh Hafiz Wahba

During the afternoon, we returned to the Hotel to pick up our bags that we had checked there while we were on our trek to the desert. We found that Sheikh Hafiz Wahba had called and had left us his telephone number.

He and his wife and three daughters came later in the afternoon to see us. While Mr. Armstrong and Dick talked to the Sheikh (whom Mr. Armstrong had met in San Francisco at the first meeting of the United Nations and later in London, England), I had an interesting visit with his wife. They had lived in London while the Sheikh was the

Ambassador Extraordinary from Saudi Arabia to Britain for 25 years. His wife was very irked to have had to return to the customs of the Arabs and dress in the black robe and veil of the women of the Middle East, and to be forced to walk several paces behind her husband. She was quite well educated and her daughters had been educated in London. All were dressed in western clothes when they came to see us.

After our visit with them we went to bed early and were called at 3 A.M. to go to the airport for our flight over the Dead Sea and the Jordan River to Jerusalem, our first stop.

The airport at Jerusalem was so far

from the city that we could see nothing of it. After a 30 minute stop we flew to Amman. That was a rough flight and for the first time on the trip, I became air sick, or perhaps it was flight sick.

When we arrived at Amman airport, Dag Hammarskjold's plane was there. He was sent by the United Nations to settle, or to quiet the trouble between the Arabs and the Jews.

Now to Babylon!

We were delayed in Amman about an hour, while some repairs were made on

back to get away from the swarms of beggars. Everywhere in the Arab countries children and grown ups besiege one every few steps begging and blocking one's way, following along determined not to leave until they are given money.

We went to bed early and were called at 6 in the morning. After a breakfast of tea, toast, and orange juice our guide met us and we drove 65 miles by car over the roughest, dirtiest roads to the site of ancient Babylon.

A very small part of Babylon was excavated by the Germans prior to World

prophesied in the Bible. We also saw the ruins of the hanging gardens, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Miles of the ancient city is still under 15 or 20 feet of sand, soil and rubble.

It was so strange to realize we were walking over the same paved street that the prophet Daniel with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego walked over. To be in the place where Daniel had been thrown into the Lion's den and the other three into the fiery furnace and to realize that "One like unto the Son of Man" had been there too, and delivered them all from death, was awesome. All of those events seemed so real to us even though the proud old city is now in ruins.

On our way to Bagdad we passed through two of the filthiest villages on earth. Surely, none could be filthier. How any of the babies there ever grow up is a mystery to me. They are filled with vermin and filth.

We were covered with dust when we returned to our hotel and after a good bath had naps until dinner time.

Although it was only April 26th, the heat was terrible and our air-conditioned room was such a relief.

On the next day our guide took us all over the city of Bagdad. Our first trip was through the dirty streets to the Gold Mosque. None but Moslems are allowed in the mosque. Our guide, though an Arab, was a Roman Catholic, we found, and was engaged to marry a Lutheran girl. When they become married he said he would change his religion to hers.

There Are Dangers, Too

As we took movies of the open door of the mosque, a crowd began gathering around us. Their manner plainly told us we had better move from there *fast!* Our guide took us through the crowd and into a building where we climbed three flights of narrow, *very* steep stairs to the roof and had a good view of the Golden Dome. We took movies from that vantage point unmolested.

After leaving the mosque we were taken to the market, or Bazar (as they are called there). There were narrow, dirty streets packed with dirty people—all Arabs in dirty robes. There were open shops on both sides of the streets. A number of times in the crowd we were



A typical street scene in the Arab Section of Old Jerusalem.

our plane. Then we flew on to Bagdad, where we arrived in the early afternoon. For some three or four hours we flew over nothing but desolate, waste desert land. Our American Express guide met us at the airport and took us to our hotel. The hotel was a modern, air-conditioned building, opened only five months before. It is surprising to find, all over the Middle East, very new, modern apartment buildings and hotels. Our hotel was on a narrow side street just a half block off a dirty and dilapidated street, which was actually the main street of Bagdad.

I was too tired to look at Bagdad but Mr. Armstrong and Dick walked a mile or so through the main street but came

War I. We saw the Ishtar (Easter) gate with the dragons and bulls in the brick walls. There was also the Lion's den into which Daniel had been thrown. A picture, or rather a brick form of a Lion, is still on the wall (den). The inscriptions, placed on the wall by King Darius identifying this very pit as the Lion's den into which Daniel was thrown, were taken to Berlin by the Germans.

The "Processional Way" from the Ishtar gate to the ruins of Nebuchadnezzar's Palace have been excavated. The paving stones are just as they were when Daniel and the three Hebrew children were there, but the Palace is in ruins and a stork had built its nest on top of one of the ruins. The owls were there just as is

separated from our guide and from Dick. There were many square blocks of these shops—mostly filled with sandals, materials or yard goods, Arab head dress materials, or copper and brass wares. We finally came to a wider street or passage way where men and boys were pounding out pans and other vessels from copper. It was a regular bedlam, but we stayed long enough to take movies of them and their handiwork.

After we emerged from the Bazar free from vermin (and I was so sure we would not be, after being jammed in with so many people), we were taken to a beautiful new and modern building—the tombs of the Kings. Everywhere as also in this Mausoleum, an Arab will be seen chanting the Koran, and always they expect to be tipped by a visitor.

We were so surprised to see on the main street of Bagdad, men selling their wares outside the buildings. Along the curbs there were men with trousers or jackets for sale—with tape measure over their shoulder to measure the prospective customer. There were baskets of bread for sale, put upon the dirty sidewalks, covered with flies and dust.

Many of the people are diseased and blind and crippled or deformed. It is a miserable existence but they know of nothing better.

In most of the hotels in the different Arab cities, the clerks and managers were German, well dressed, and speaking English fluently. We found this to be true in all the Middle East.

We drove out of the city several miles

Looking across the Valley of Kidron toward Jerusalem. The picture is taken from the Mount of Olives.



Mrs. Armstrong and Dick in front of the Mohammedan Mosque "Dome of the Rock." This is the site of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem.

to the South-east to the great Arch of Ctesiphon, built by King Kisra of ancient Persia, long after the days of Alexander the Great. It was an *immense* arch! We also saw a part of the King's Palace. This palace of King Kisra had been excavated by the Germans. We took pictures of the storks on the ruins.

When we were returning from the Arch, we passed a tribe of gypsies—some of them riding on donkeys. One woman was nursing her baby as she walked along. All their tents and equipment were carried on donkeys.

At Bagdad we were 11 hours' sun-time from home—almost half way around the earth.

Our flight back west to Damascus

from Bagdad over the Euphrates river, and the desert, took several hours.

We saw the green trees surrounding Damascus from the air and they were a welcome sight after the wasteland of the desert.

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SUEZ CANAL in Prophecy

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the prophecy FROM YOUR OWN BIBLE, thus saving us reprinting the prophecy in full here. We give here only the facts IN HISTORY. Verses 15-16: "The glorious Land," of course, refers to Palestine, the Holy Land. Antiochus the Great besieged and took Sidon from Egypt, ruined the interests of Egypt in Palestine at the Battle of Mt. Panium, B.C. 198, and then Antiochus took possession of Palestine.

Verse 17—"upright ones,"—see margin, in Hebrew means "Equal conditions, or marriage," but the one he marries will not stand on his side. In B.C. 198, Antiochus arranged a marriage between his daughter, Cleopatra (not the Cleopatra of 31 B.C. in Egypt), and young Ptolemy Epiphanes, king of the south, by which he hoped subtly to gain complete possession of Egypt, but the plan failed. Says Rawlinson, page 254: "Coele-Syria and Palestine promised as a dowry, *but not delivered.*" Cleopatra

did not truly stand on the side of Antiochus, for it was only a trick to gain possession of Egypt. But the plan failed.

Verse 18—And so, Antiochus turned his attention in another direction and tried to conquer, 197 to 197 B.C., the islands and coasts of Asia Minor—but the Roman general, Lucius Cornelius Scipio Asiaticus, utterly defeated him at the battle of Magnesia, B.C. 190.

Verse 19—Antiochus next turned his attention to the fortresses of his own land, in east and west. But, attempting to recruit his dissipated wealth by the plunder of the Oriental Temple of Belus, in Elymais, he was killed, B.C. 187.

Verse 20—Seleucus Philopator (IV), (187-176), his son, in an effort to raise money, sent a tax collector, Heliodorus, through Palestine. But he reigned only 11 years, when Heliodorus *poisoned* him.

Verse 21—He left no heir. But his brother, a younger son of Antiochus the Great, named Epiphanes, (Antiochus IV), a contemptible reprobate, came by surprise and through flattery took the kingdom. To his aid came his assistant, Eumenes. Rawlinson's History, page 255, says: "Antiochus (Epiphanes), assisted by Eumenes, drives out Heliodorus, and obtains the throne, B.C. 176. He astonishes his subjects by an affectation of Roman manners, and good-natured profuseness (flattery)."

Antiochus Epiphanes

Verse 22—"the prince of the covenant," does not refer to Christ. This was the attempt of Antiochus to replace the Jewish high priest by another who would be subservient to him.

Verses 23-24—Although only a few were with him at first, yet by this Roman manner, by deceit and flattery, he crept into power and prospered. He also invaded Galilee and Lower Egypt. His fathers, the former kings of Syria, had favored the Jews, but, says Rawlinson's History, page 255, they "were driven to desperation by the mad project of this self-willed monarch."

Verse 25—Rawlinson's History, page 255-256, says: "Threatened with war by the ministers of Ptolemy Philometor (now king of the south), who claim Coele-Syria and Palestine as the dowry of Cleopatra, the late queen-mother,

Antiochus marches against Egypt, B.C. 171." But he was met by his nephew, Ptolemy Philometor, king of the south, with another immense army. But the Egyptian king was defeated thru the treachery of his own officers and was outwitted by Antiochus. (p. 277-278).

Verses 26-27—Says Rawlinson's History, page 278, "After his victory at Pelusium, Antiochus advanced to Memphis, and having obtained possession of the young king's person (Ptolemy Philometor, king of the south), endeavored to use him as a tool for effecting the entire reduction of the country." In B.C. 174, the uncle of the king of the south sat at a banquet. Antiochus pretended to ally himself with the young Ptolemy, against his brother, Eugegetes II, but each was trying to deceive the other.

The Abomination of Desolation

Verse 28—B.C. 168, returning from Egypt with great plunder, Antiochus set himself against the Jews, massacred many, and then returned to Antioch with golden vessels from the Temple at Jerusalem.

Verse 29—The same year, he again invaded Egypt, but with none of his former success, because Philometor, king of the south, got help from Rome, and,

Verse 30—the Roman fleet came against Antiochus, and he was forced to surrender to the terms of Popillius of the Roman fleet, and to retire from Egypt and restore Cyprus to Egypt. Returning, through Palestine, smarting under the defeat, he vented his exasperation against the Jews, and extended special favors to those Jews who would turn from their religion.

Verse 31—Then, B.C. 168, the same year, came the climax of the horror. Antiochus sent troops to the Holy Land, who desecrated the Temple and Sanctuary, and ABOLISHED THE DAILY SACRIFICE (See also Dan. 8:11,24), and (Kisieu 15, Hebrew calendar), PLACED THE ABOMINATION OF THE IMAGE OF JUPITER OLYMPUS, Roman god, in the HOLY OF HOLIES, making it DESOLATE. (Rawlinson, page 255). And so many who claim to teach the Bible try to apply the prophecy of this verse to Mohammed, in the 7th Century, A.D., building the Mosque of Omar on the site of the ancient Temple at Jerusalem! But every

verse of this prophecy, step by step, verse by verse, unfolded in actual history, just as here recounted, so there can be not the slightest shadow of doubt as to this ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE—it was the idol of Jupiter set in the Holy of Holies, B.C. 168, by Antiochus Epiphanes, king of the north.

The Prophecy Comes to Christ and the Apostles

Verse 32—Antiochus tried to END the religion of the Jews. He took away the daily sacrifice, forbade the ministrations at the Temple. He perverted by flatteries the Jews who were willing to forsake their religion.

BUT—RIGHT HERE, the prophecy CUTS OFF from the continuation of events in the history of those ancient north and south kingdoms. Up to this point, the prophecy was unfolded, step by step, in the actual history of the northern kingdom of the Selucidae, or Syria, and the southern kingdom of Egypt. But, says the "Exposition of the Bible," "all accurate details seem suddenly to STOP SHORT," with this verse.

Now let us notice verse 32 in detail, and particularly the last part:

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries:" This, Antiochus Epiphanes did do. But now notice the last part of the verse: "but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."

Those who know the history of the Jews beginning with 168 B.C., know there were, from that time, few, if any, who really KNEW THEIR GOD. They were not STRONG, spiritually, as this text means. They did not do exploits. They were of the hypocritical class that Jesus found in His day, the Scribes and Pharisees, and Sadducees. They had rejected and killed all the prophets, and God sent them no more prophets until John the Baptist, and Jesus.

So our question, now is WHEN, beginning with, and following, 168 B.C., did people begin to KNOW God, and to be spiritually STRONG, and to DO EXPLOITS in the Lord's service? And the answer is, AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST, and the days of the apostles!

Verse 33—"And they that UNDERSTAND among the people shall INSTRUCT

MANY: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, and by captivity, and by spoil *MANY DAYS*."

The Apostles Sweep the World!

There was no real UNDERSTANDING until Jesus came and restored it. Jesus and the Apostles did INSTRUCT *MANY*. The true Gospel was carried into every inhabited nation, sweeping the world. But, Jesus was crucified, and history indicates that all the early apostles were martyred. And this continued, *MANY DAYS*, even into the Middle Ages, when between 50 and 100 million true saints were martyred for their faith.

Verse 34:—"Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help; but many shall cleave to them with flatteries (verse 35). And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, *EVEN TO THE TIME OF THE END*: because it is yet for the time appointed."

Here is described in general the whole course of God's people, from the days of Christ to the present. Compare with such passages as Rev. 12:6, 11, 13-17). And notice the vision carries on down to this present *TIME OF THE END*.

Verse 36—The king of the north—who is he, now, in these early and middle *NEW TESTAMENT* times, to which our prophecy has come? In B.C. 65, Syria was swallowed up by the Roman Empire, and became a Roman province. The Roman Emperor now controlled Palestine, and therefore the king of the north, here referred to, is, at this time, the Emperor of the Roman Empire. This verse says he should do according to his will, and he did;—exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and he did, for the Roman Emperors required all to worship them, and sacrifice to them, as a god. He was to speak *AGAINST* the true God, and he did, and persecuted all Christians. He was to prosper *UNTIL* the indignation be accomplished, at the *END* of the Gentile times, and he did, and the Roman government is still at Rome, now plotting to revive the ancient Empire in all its splendor and power!

Verse 37—His fathers had worshipped idols, but the Roman Emperors set themselves up as gods.

Verse 38—The Roman Emperors

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. *Send in your questions*. While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

WHO Are the 144,000 Mentioned in Revelation 7?

This is one of our most commonly asked questions. Open your Bible to Revelation 7:2-7. Here you will find the answer.

You have probably heard many interpretations, but they are usually in error. *MEN* are unable to interpret this prophecy. Only Jesus Christ is able to *reveal* the answer!

The first point to notice is the *TIME* of the "sealing." Beginning with the seventh chapter of Revelation we find that the Day of the Lord—the time of the terrible plagues that God shall send—is to be held up temporarily, until a certain *other* event takes place.

The apostle John saw, in vision, the plagues restrained until *when?*—"until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

The time of the sealing, according to the time sequence of this prophecy is *YET IN THE FUTURE*. It is *after* the coming great tribulation and the heav-

enly signs, but just *before* the plagues of God's judgment. *IT HAS NOT YET HAPPENED!*

Next, notice Jesus' own interpretation of the 144,000. They are 12,000 of each of the *twelve tribes of Israel!* They are to be given special protection during the Day of the Lord. And beside these 12,000 of each of the twelve tribes of Israel there are to be an innumerable multitude of all nations (Rev. 7:9-14).

And *WHAT IS SEALED IN THEIR FOREHEAD?* They are sealed *by* the Holy Spirit *in* their foreheads. If you will turn to Rev. 14:1 you will see that it is *THE FATHER'S NAME* that is written there. Jesus' very last prayer was that His Church would be kept in the Father's NAME. Today the churches go under man-made names. But the time is coming when scores of thousands from Israel and the Gentiles will be converted *after* the tribulation, and immediately prior to the Day of the Lord. They will become part of God's Church, have His NAME and be protected through the judgment of God.

honored the god of forces, or (margin) munitions, and developed the greatest war-making power the world ever knew. "And a god whom his fathers knew not, shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things." After setting themselves up as gods, prior to 476 A.D., the Emperors who followed, beginning with Justinian, 554, A.D., began to honor a god never known to their father—the head of the professing Christian Church—with gold, silver, and power. (Compare this proph-

ecy of Daniel with Rev. 17:4, 5, and 18:3, 16).

Verse 39—The Emperors did *ACKNOWLEDGE* the supremacy of the religious hierarchy and increase the Church with material glory, and caused it to rule over many.

The Prophecy Skips to the PRESENT

Now we come to the very *PRESENT CENTURY!*

Verse 40—And *at the time of the end* shall the king of the south push at him:"

WHO is today "king of the south?"

It cannot be the king of Egypt, for in 31 B.C. Egypt became a province of the Roman Empire, swallowed up by the king of the north. Today it is a Republic ruled by native Arabs. It has no king of its own.

BUT, in the reign of Ptolemy III (Euergetes,) (verse 7), B.C. 247-222, Egypt annexed part of Ethiopia, immediately south of Egypt. (Rawlinson, page 272, 273). Since that time, the Encyclopedia Britannica says, article "Ethiopia," Egypt and Ethiopia were two or three times UNDER THE SAME GOVERNMENT. Thus, the two were as one land. And the only portion of that land of the "king of the south," that remained INDEPENDENT until today is ETHIOPIA!

ETHIOPIA is Today King of the SOUTH

Ethiopia is the ONLY country in all East Africa that continued independent, and has a government and kingdom dating back to 168 B.C. and before! It was the southern part of Egypt, the southern kingdom. So it is the ONLY POSSIBLE government that could be the "king of the south."

At the time of the END—our time—this "king of the south" was to PUSH AT the "king of the north," now at Rome!

In 1895 King Menelek, of Ethiopia, sent an army of 9,000 to 10,000 men against Gen. Baratieri's Italian army.

North of Ethiopia is Eritrea, belonging to ITALY. And Southeast is Italian Somaliland.

In 1895 Gen. Baratieri tried to defend Eritrea against the Ethiopians with only 13,000 men. Because of the mountainous country, and being greatly outnumbered, the Italians were cut to pieces! They lost 4,600 whites, and 3,000 native troops, and more than 2,500 taken prisoner. This defeat was disastrous to Italian expansion in Africa.

Ever since, Italians thirsted for revenge! In 1927, Mussolini set the time, at JUST 40 YEARS from that defeat, or 1935, when he would be ready, "finally to make our voice heard, and see our rights recognized!"

1935 came. The hour struck! Mussolini attacked! Now notice verse 40:

"... and the king of the north shall

come against him *like a whirlwind*, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships, and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and PASS OVER."

A whirlwind comes IN THE AIR, sweeping all before it. Mussolini did send a great AIR FORCE into Africa! Also many modern "chariots"—trucks, tanks, etc. Also many SHIPS, loaded with soldiers. More than 100,000 sailed to Ethiopia.

And, notice it, Mussolini's forces were to pass OVER!—in the AIR! It is at this precise point in this astounding prophecy that WORLD WAR II ended. Mussolini did not finish the prophecy. There is yet another leader to arise in Europe! Notice what will next happen!

Verse 41—"He shall enter also into the GLORIOUS LAND"—PALESTINE! This is yet to be fulfilled—in all probability in less than 16 years!

When the coming revival of the Roman Empire takes PALESTINE, then the nations will be plunged into the initial phase of the great, last and final WORLD WAR! Other prophecies reveal that this revival of the Roman Empire *will conquer the United States and Great Britain!*

"And," continues verse 41, "many countries shall be overthrown, but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, (TURKEY), and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon." The coming dictator will unite many others with him—TEN IN ALL (Rev. 17:12), reviving THE ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRE.

Verse 42 says EGYPT shall not escape, proving Egypt is not now the "king of the south."

Verse 43 says the Libyans and Ethiopians shall be at his steps,—and he will then control them. Italy lost control of Libya after the war. But in the next one it will be regained.

Verse 44—But news out of the East and out of the north—RUSSIA and the Orient—shall trouble the coming European fascist-religious combine. Russia will enter the war! Today's communist intrigue is for the express purpose of GAINING PALESTINE, at any cost! That time is fast approaching.

Verse 45—The coming Roman Empire shall establish its palace, as capital of the revived Roman Empire, and its

religious headquarters AT JERUSALEM! Zechariah 14:2 says the city shall be taken! "*Yet he shall come to his end, and NONE shall help him!*" This language signifies the end of the "beast" and the "false prophet" at the HAND OF GOD! You will find this end described in Rev. 19:19-20, and Zech 14:12.

And now what is the TIME of this END, at the close of this marvelous prophecy? The next verse, Daniel 12:1, says at the time of the RESURRECTION OF THE JUST—the SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST!

This prophecy BEGINS with the kingdoms of Syria and Egypt, soon after the death of Alexander the Great—2200 years ago. But it ENDS at the time of the Resurrection and Second Coming of Christ! It is so plain, there can be no doubt of its right application!

The Nazi underground is now plotting a war that shall end AT ARMAGEDDON! It is the START of the final WORLD WAR! It is NOW being prepared UNDERCOVER! Do you really REALIZE it? IT IS STARTING NOW!

This war now secretly being prepared will only END with the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!

Are you ready for that event? It is now NEAR—EVEN AT THE DOORS! Now is the time to GET READY, for Jesus said, "*BE ye also READY!*" REPENT! BELIEVE! PRAY!

Here is GOOD NEWS! As we go to press, we have received word that the Australian Network is clearing time for The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast in all its major cities.

WHY THE PLAIN TRUTH HAS NO SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

So many ask: "How can you publish a magazine, without subscription price, and without advertising?"

The answer is simple. The GOSPEL must go to the whole world, and it must go FREE. It must not be sold like merchandise. "Freely ye have received," Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim the Gospel, "Freely GIVE." Without money and without price, is God's way. We proclaim a FREE salvation. Therefore, we cannot put a PRICE upon the PLAIN TRUTH.

We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in FAITH, upon God's promises to supply every need.

God's way is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving, not getting. God expects every true child of His to GIVE of tithes and offerings that His work may go FREE—that His true ministers may GIVE the precious Gospel to others. We simply TRUST GOD to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people to give of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to GIVE the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read The PLAIN TRUTH.

Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail HIM!

The TRUTH about Healing Revivals!

Are the sick being healed in modern healing campaigns? Here are important facts about a diabolical counterfeit that is causing the world to sneer at God's healing power!

by Raymond F. McNair

HERE IS a glaring headline that recently hit the front pages: "CANCER VICTIM, 'CURED' BY FAITH HEALER, DIES!"

The article revealed the following amazing facts: A Colorado rancher traveled 1000 miles to Fresno, California, to be "cured" of cancer by a noted revivalist. The rancher's personal physician had already admitted that medical science could do nothing for him.

While in Fresno, the rancher was pronounced "cured" as television cameras and flash cameras photographed the spectacle of "supernatural" healing. The 2000 spectators who watched the faith healer and revivalist "heal" the cancer victim *were sure* he must be healed. The revivalist had said so!

That night, after the healing "show" was over, the cancer victim suffered from intense pains despite the "healing." Shortly after the Colorado rancher returned home he DIED OF CANCER.

Why?

Are highly advertised PUBLIC healing revivals really of God? Is this the way Jesus healed the sick?

It is time you knew the TRUTH about modern "faith healers."

Behind the Scenes

Let us go back stage and examine some of the things that actually take place at some of these wildfire meetings where many mouths talk loud and long concerning divine miracles.

Perhaps while attending what was supposed to have been a "Christian" meeting, you may have witnessed people yelling and screaming, others falling over backwards; still others writhing in horrifying convulsions; some roll on the floor; others "dance in the spirit"—some try climbing trees, some bark like dogs, crow like chickens, hiss like

snakes, and flap their arms as though they were eagles ready to mount on high. Others of them jerk and thresh around as though they were imitating serpents, and some do obscene things which would not even bear repetition. This is to mention only a few of the many "capers" that take place at some of these meetings. The tragic part of it all is that most of those who do such things actually believe that it is the Holy Spirit in them causing them to do such! More than once people have lost their minds and have been committed to insane asylums after taking part in such meetings!

Is such a spirit from God? Is such a spirit the Holy Spirit, or is it Satan's COUNTERFEIT, the demoniac spirit, that makes people act like that?

Now can you honestly conceive of Jesus Christ or any of the apostles ever "cutting such capers" as those just mentioned?

Obscene assemblies are not meetings of true brethren, fellowshiping through the Holy Spirit. The Bible very definitely tells us HOW we are to conduct ourselves in the House or Church of God. In *God's church* "all things (are to) be done *decently* and in *order*" (I Cor. 14:40). "For *God is not* the AUTHOR OF CONFUSION, but of peace, as in *all churches of the SAINTS*" (Verse 33).

Certainly in the usual kind of miracle-working meetings of *today* all things are *not done decently*, neither are they kept in *order* as they should be. In these meetings there is usually *much* CONFUSION—many people babbling, praying, muttering, screaming and shouting all at once—*contrary to Bible teaching*.

Of course, the great majority who witness such DEMONstrations actually believe they have seen a genuine healing. Many, after seeing one of these *fake*

healings, think within themselves, "This is a great miracle. This man must be of God, otherwise how could he do these things?"

The thing that quite naturally follows such a deception is for the person to say, "Well, I sure want to have a part in this great work of the Lord. I'm going to support this God-called man."

Out comes the wallet, and into the collection plate goes five, ten, or perhaps a hundred or more dollars—the *result of another* HOAX.

Yes, many have been deceived! Most have been led to believe that fake healing, counterfeit tongues speaking, and the many other Satanic COUNTERFEITS were genuine. In actuality they are such heinously inferior imitations that no *sane person* would ever want them if he really knew what he was getting.

There are many gifts of the Holy Spirit, but, remember, Satan has a cheap COUNTERFEIT for every gift of the Holy Spirit as enumerated in I Corinthians 12:4-11.

Don't forget that a counterfeit appears to be the genuine to an unskilled person. It usually takes a skilled counterfeit detector to discern the make-believe imitation.

Divine Healing For All Ages

Don't think for one second that this is to deny or in any way try to *refute divine healing*. To the contrary, it merely points out that Satan has cheap, diabolical COUNTERFEITS for all of the true gifts of the Holy Spirit. He is most anxious to pawn these off on unsuspecting souls if they will only let him.

Yes, the devil would like to give you the *counterfeit* so that you, too, will become perverted like he and his co-demons are in their miserable and re-

bellious state of *lawlessness*—so that you would be deprived of the real things that God has in store for all who love, serve and obey Him (I Cor. 2:9).

Yet occasionally you may hear of a person who claims that he, or she, went in faith to one of these "healing" meetings, and actually was healed. How, these will ask, do you account for this?

Notice, above, many have been *deceived*—to actually BELIEVE these counterfeits were genuine. A deceived person might have been perfectly sincere—might have had perfect faith IN GOD for healing. It is GOD, not any minister, who heals. Christ said it is "according to your FAITH." Even though God was not using the false minister, it could be possible that, in the ignorance of the sick person to this fact, God honored the faith of the one who was sick.

We have heard from third parties claims of such cases, but never have verified any. However such a case at best would be rare, for God works through His own ministers who OBEY Him and whom He has chosen—never through these circus performers who reject God's WAY and His LAW. Recently a graduate of Ambassador College was staying in a hotel where one of these "healing hucksters" had stayed a short time before while holding a big tent campaign in that city. There it was learned that this "evangelist" had with him a number of ex-circus performers, who could perform many tricks. One was to make a large goiter seem to appear, and then gradually in the space of one or two minutes go down and disappear. Others could appear crippled—bend and twist themselves into revolting contortions, and then suddenly straighten out their spine or limbs when the "evangelist" shouts "BE HEALED!"

Others pretend to have been deaf from birth. When the "healer" claps his hands on their ears with a violent jerk, and then says something in their ears, they jump violently as if startled at hearing a sound for the first time. Usually, however, they prove able to understand English words perfectly when the "healer" asks questions. You may have seen this on TV. One who had never heard any sound before would not understand a single word.

If you have been attending such devil infested, den-of-demons meetings, then God's solemn command to you is to ". . . come out of her (this Babylonish confusion of Churchianity), MY PEOPLE, that ye *be not partakers of her sins*, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

Healing the Forgiveness of Sins

First of all, we must understand *what healing really is!*

HEALING is the FORGIVENESS OF SINS—physical sins (Mark 2:9-11).

Sin is the transgression of LAW (1 Jo. 3:4). There are TWO types or kinds of laws, (1) spiritual and (2) physical. The *wages* or penalty of sin is DEATH (Rom. 6:23).

The penalty of breaking God's *spiritual law* is eternal death—the SECOND DEATH from which there will be no resurrection (Rev. 20:14; 21:8). The penalty of breaking God's *physical laws* is pain, suffering and the first or natural death that passes upon all mankind (Heb. 9:27).

Then how is it possible for us to be healed—to have our (physical) sins forgiven?

When Jesus Christ came to this earth and suffered and died on the cross, pouring out His very life blood, he paid the penalty for both our SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL transgressions.

Through the blood of Christ, our *spiritual* sins are forgiven; but it is through the SCOURGINGS and SUFFERINGS of Christ that our *physical* sins are pardoned.

Jesus, on our behalf, paid for our PHYSICAL as well as our SPIRITUAL transgressions. "Who his own self bare our *sins* in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: *by whose STRIPES ye were HEALED*" (I Pet. 2:24). Jesus lived a perfect life. He never once violated God's spiritual or physical laws. But He permitted Himself to be beaten and lashed with whips to pay the *penalty* of sickness and suffering which *our* physical sins have brought on us.

Who Can Forgive Sins?

To prove to the Scribes that healing was nothing less than the FORGIVENESS of *physical sins*, Christ said,

"Whether is it easier to say to the *sick* of palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may *know* that the Son of man hath power on earth to FORGIVE SINS. (He saith to the sick of the palsy) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house" (Mark 2:9-11).

After Jesus had healed another man, he commanded him, "Behold, thou art made whole: SIN NO MORE, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14). Christ knew that if this man again broke God's physical laws something worse might come upon him; therefore he gave him a solemn warning not to break the laws of God again.

Since *healing* is the FORGIVENESS OF SINS, *only God* can heal, for none but God can *forgive sins!* Neither Satan nor his false ministers can heal!

Healing—A Gift of the Holy Spirit

Healing is *one* of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God has bestowed upon mankind for our benefit. Paul asks, "Have all the gifts of healing?" (I Cor. 12:30). No, but "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then GIFTS OF HEALING . . ." (I Cor. 12:28).

It is through God's Holy Spirit that the different spiritual gifts are bestowed. "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the GIFTS OF HEALING by the same Spirit" (I Cor. 12:8-9).

Since *healing* is a *good* and *perfect gift*, divine healing power can only come from God, for "*every good gift* and *every perfect gift* is from above, and cometh down from the FATHER . . ." (James 1:17).

Therefore any man who is *not* of God (their *fruits* reveal them) but who claims to have the power of healing from God, is a *liar*; for God gives these powers to His TRUE SERVANTS ONLY.

Ministers Empowered to Heal

Christ commanded his ministers to "Go . . . into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark (Please continue on page 23))

Answers to Your Questions on FOOD

Your health is important. To help you understand the proper use of certain products, we are answering three questions which have recently been received.

by Isabell F. Hoeh

What is Pectin? Should it be Used in Jellies and Jams?

Pectin is a substance found in plant products. Without it, it would not always be possible to make jellies and jams. Pectin is one of the three essential ingredients necessary to make them.

Some fruits naturally do not contain enough pectin to cause them to jell while others may jell only after the juice has been boiled a long time so that the juice is concentrated and the percentage of pectin thus increased. Such low-pectin juices can be made to jell by mixing them with fruit juices containing a high percentage of pectin, but this naturally alters the flavor. To get around this difficulty, the pure flavorless pectin is extracted from various fruits and sold on the market in several forms. Fruit acid is often mixed with the pectin since it is also necessary to make good jelly. These pectin preparations can be bought in either powder or liquid forms.

The juices of the following fruits have a high pectin content and do not require the addition of any pectin preparation to jell properly: (However, if

too much water was used in preparing the fruit, it may require long boiling to make it jell.)

Tart apples, crab apples, cranberries, barely-ripe blackberries, currants, slip-skin grapes, gooseberries, loganberries, tart plums, and quinces.

The juice of all other fruits must either be mixed with the juice of one of these fruits or with a pectin preparation in order to make good jelly.

Can Honey be Used in Canning and Jelly-Making?

Honey can successfully be used for these purposes. However, the high temperatures used in these processes change the character of the honey flavor somewhat so that the flavor of the fruit may be impaired. This is especially noticeable in mild-flavored fruits such as peaches and pears. It is better to can the fruit without any sweetening and add the honey after the jar of fruit is opened. Warming the honey slightly before it is added to the fruit will aid in blending.

In highly-flavored canned foods such as sweet pickles, chutneys, and relishes the changed flavor of the honey is not objectionable and it may well be used.

Though honey is sweeter than sugar, the same amount of it is used as was of sugar because honey is also about 18% water.

In jelly recipes, which do call for honey, the quantity of sweetening is usually half honey and half sugar. The sugar may be raw sugar. All honey is recommended only in rhubarb jelly. Jellies made with honey require slightly longer boiling because of its water content.

For additional information on canning, preserving and cooking with honey, write to the American Honey Institute, Madison 3, Wisconsin.

Is Monosodium Glutamate a Preservative?

No. The salt, mono sodium glutamate, is extracted from *wheat protein* and *sugar beets*. It is purely a vegetable product. It is a neutral salt of glutamic acid. Protein, one of the main factors found in foods, is composed of a number of amino acids and one of these acids is glutamic acid.

When added to vegetables and meats to be cooked it is said to enhance their flavors. Whether it actually does or not is for the consumer to decide.

How Would Jesus Vote for PRESIDENT?

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He does not regard the Soviet as his government, and he knows well it is a government mortally opposed to his government. He does not serve the Soviet government, nor enter into its politics, nor devote his time in Moscow to trying to eradicate the evils he sees in their system, or to making their state a better state, or to entering into their

politics, or voting, or entering their army or fighting for their cause.

Yet, he subjects himself to all their rules and regulations that in any way concern him or his life while there. If they drive automobiles on the left side of the street, he conforms to their regulations. He does not oppose them, he is SUBJECT to them while there, endeavoring

to cause them to like him so as to better represent the interests of *his* government, the United States.

Jesus taught His disciples to render unto Caesar the things that *are* Caesar's. Specifically he was referring to payment of taxes. If the government levies taxes, pay them. The Bible teaching for the Christian is to be SUBJECT to the powers that be in this world, but, on the other hand, Christians shall *obey God* rather than man.

The true Christian will so conduct himself as to be highly regarded by the

powers of government where he lives. He will be regarded by them as a good citizen. He will appreciate the privileges, advantages, and opportunities extended. He will regard himself as the *paying guest* of the country where he resides, and he will act with due courtesy, submission to its rules and regulations insofar as they do not conflict with the commands of God, and submission to their *penalty* where they do.

But the true Christian is one who *follows Christ*, and Christ did not vote! Jesus did not try to reform Caesar. He did not try to make this a better world. Rather, He preached the doctrine of a radically different world to come—and He called His followers out of all participation in this present evil world, and to allegiance to HIS KINGDOM which is to come.

Citizenship in Heaven

But *His World* is the *World Tomorrow!* His Kingdom, He told Pilate, is *not of this world*—that is, of this AGE, this present time. This is Satan's world and Christ did not come to reform Satan, or improve Satan's handiwork, but to save His followers *from* Satan and his system.

Since God's Kingdom is not literally set up as yet, the true Christian's citizenship, in his heart, is now reserved in heaven (I Peter 1:4, Eph. 2:19).

Christians are called to be separate from the world (II Cor. 6:17), and all its affiliations, whether social, political, economic or religious. They are not to live by the philosophies, customs and ways of this world, but by EVERY WORD OF GOD (Luke 4:4). Jesus taught us *not* to live by traditions of the present society and civilization, but by God's laws (Mark 7:7-9), and He taught here that those who disobey this teaching **WORSHIP HIM IN VAIN**. Yes, thousands call themselves Christians, think they are converted, believe in Christ, worship Him, but *worship Him in vain*, following the course of this world and its customs and ways, instead of the commandments of God! (Mark 7:7-9.) Read it!

Jesus said for the Christian to seek *first* the KINGDOM OF GOD (Mat. 6:33), and He also said we cannot give allegiance to and serve *two* kingdoms (verse 24).

How and When Christians Are to Help Run Government

In the prophecy of Daniel 7, and especially in verses 17-18, and 21-22, and 27, we find revealed how and when Christians are to take part in the running of the government.

In this prophecy Daniel is shown the empires of this world from his day until the Kingdom of God. First was the Chaldean Empire, to be followed by the Persian, the Grecian, the Roman. There is now to be one more resurrection of the Roman Empire—a United States of Europe now forming.

But finally, at Christ's *second* coming, "the saints of the Most High shall take the Kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."

These present governments are to run their course "UNTIL the . . . *time came* that the saints possessed the kingdom." That time has not yet come. Until then Christians are to obey God and be subject to the powers that be.

When Jesus comes again, it is proclaimed: "The kingdoms of this world *are become* the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and HE shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). Then it is, as Jesus has said, "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, *to him will I give power over the nations:* and he shall rule them" (Rev. 2:26-27). The smashing of the present governments of the world is pictured in Daniel 2:34-35, 44.

Then Satan shall be shorn of power to rule the world (Rev. 20:1-4). His qualified successor, Christ, shall then be inaugurated in office. *Then* begins the Sabbath Millennium of Christ's reign—when He shall set His hand again to *save* Israel and the world.

WHY the World's Greatest Church "Is Fallen"

In the prophecy of Revelation 17 is pictured the greatest church in this world—a *professing* Christian church, ruling over many nations, but she is called in Bible language "the great whore"—a most ugly name!

But you will notice, verse 5, she is shown to be a MOTHER church. She has many daughters, who, even tho they have come out of her in "protest" nam-

ing themselves from the word "protest," nevertheless are labeled by God's prophecy as "harlots."

And what caused the fall from grace of these great, popular churches—who have DECEIVED ALL OCCIDENTAL NATIONS? (Verse 2 and 18:3). What *was* her fornication?

Notice it—verse 2: "With whom *the kings of the earth* have committed fornication." The "Beast" on which she sits represents the GOVERNMENTS OF THIS WORLD.

The true CHURCH is the affianced Bride of CHRIST. She is to be married to Christ in a Spiritual Marriage AT HIS SECOND COMING! (Rev. 19:7.) Then the true "CHURCH of God" will become the "KINGDOM of God," to rule the earth. But Jesus said, "My Kingdom is *not of this world*." He taught His disciples to keep themselves unspotted from the world—to separate from it.

But this great counterfeit Church, instead of becoming "engaged" to the true Christ, and keeping herself true to Him as coming world ruler, formed an illicit union with the *governments of this world*—entered into this world's politics—sought to DOMINATE this world's governments, took an active part in its affairs! Thus she committed spiritual "fornication"—illicit union *prior* to marriage.

The Roman church united Church and State, actually ruled over the state, which is Satan's kingdom, for more than a thousand years! The popular churches of Christendom nearly all take active, vigorous part in this world's affairs and its politics. Most churches will now be instructing their members HOW TO VOTE in this presidential election. They are part and parcel of THIS WORLD, and they serve only THE GOD OF THIS WORLD, Satan the devil. *They are deceived!* They do not even know they are doing wrong—they ARE DECEIVED!

This entire system—religion taking part in politics—is labeled "BABYLON" (Rev. 17:5).

"But," some who follow 'Anglo-Israel' teaching will object, "we Americans are ISRAEL. Since we are nationally the race of ISRAEL, ought we not to take active part in our nation's affairs?"

We are ISRAEL, yes—but Israel today

is not living under God's divine form of government, which is THEOCRACY, but under a *form* of the BABYLONISH SYSTEM.

The governments which have constituted the various stages of the Roman Empire which is "Babylon" have called their particular form of this system "Fascism." We call ours the "republican" form, or, erroneously, "Democracy." But it is a MAN-MADE form of administration of the BABYLONISH SYSTEM.

ISRAEL—the United States, Britain, the "Democracies" of northwestern Europe—modern Israel IS IN BABYLON TODAY, just as prophecy states (Jer. 50:1,4-6, 8, Isa. 48:1,12-20, etc.). It is because of this—*because our sins are in-*

creasing—because we have made alliances with heathen powers instead of relying upon our God—that the Eternal warns us our nations are soon to be invaded and conquered, in order to bring our people back to God (Isa. 47:1-6; Jer. 30:7-16,24; Micah 5:8-11; Ezek. 3:1,4-7,17, 5:12-14; 6:11-14, etc.).

Yes, ISRAEL IS IN A "BABYLONISH" SYSTEM today, and GOD CALLS US OUT! (Rev. 18:4, Jer. 50:8; 51:6-9.)

What, then, would Jesus do in this time of presidential election? He would WARN our people Israel: "COME OUT of her (Babylon), my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and *that ye receive not of her plagues!*" The plagues of God are soon to fall upon BABYLON

and all who choose to remain a part of "Babylon." JESUS CALLS YOU OUT!

What would Jesus do? HE WOULD BE TOO BUSY PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS OWN COMING WORLD-RULING KINGDOM, and the way of salvation, to take any part whatsoever in the politics of this present evil world, or in any man-made form of government that is DOOMED very soon to be destroyed and replaced by the Theocratic government of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Our mission is, as Ambassadors of Christ—as advance emissaries of HIS KINGDOM—to WARN Israel of her plight and present danger, to proclaim to all nations the Good News of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Healing Revivals?

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16:15) . . . And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; . . . they shall *lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover*" (verses 17, 18).

In the book of James, Christians are commanded, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith *shall save the sick*, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14-15).

God heals through His *true ministers*. That is His conditional PROMISE:

First, according to I John 5:14, "If we ask any thing according to *His will*, he heareth us." Secondly, "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, and *do those things that are PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT*" (I John 3:22). Are we to wonder that some so-called ministers never receive answers to their prayers!

False Ministers Prophesied

Christ said, "*Take heed that no man DECEIVE YOU*. For MANY shall come in my name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Mt. 24:4).

We are told that "such are *false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ*. And no marvel; (says the apostle Paul)

for SATAN HIMSELF IS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also be transformed AS THE MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; whose end shall be according to their *works*" (II Cor. 11:13-15).

Notice, that these ministers *come in Christ's name*, and are transformed as the ministers of righteousness—but they are great *deceivers!*

Satan's Ministers Perform Miracles

We have now seen, according to Scripture, that Satan's ministers, who come as ministers of righteousness, *cannot perform divine miracles*. The next question is, "Can they, through the power of the devil, do *any* miracles?"

The answer is an emphatic YES!

Demons, who are fallen angels or wicked spirits, unceasingly strive to deceive and lead astray the human race. The devil and his ministers certainly do have *miraculous* powers, but not *divine* powers!

These demons often work through the false ministers. They have power to perform signs and lying wonders to deceive gullible mankind. "And I saw three *unclean spirits* . . . For they are the SPIRITS of DEVILS (or demons), *working miracles*" (Rev. 16:13-14).

False Ministers Claim Gift of Healing

There are many preachers—ministers whom the Bible plainly shows to be the instruments of the devil—who *profess* to have divine healing powers from

God. They, too, *claim* to be Christ's ministers even though they *fight the law of God*, and teach diametrically opposite to the cardinal points of the Bible.

Such ministers are *not of God!* They are not faithfully teaching God's Word and His laws as revealed in the Bible! Then *how* is it POSSIBLE that God HEARS and ANSWERS *their prayers?* Do they really have power from God to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, and perform other *divine* miracles?

NO!

They are not ministers of Christ, and *do not* have power *from Him* to do the least miracle!

Some ministers who might not know or teach the *full truth* at the start of their ministry have *apparently* received many answers to their prayers. Some have healed the sick and cast out demons.

It seems, however, the very instant such a minister is presented with a new point of *truth* from God's Word, but will not *accept* and *obey* it, that from that very moment God departs from him just as God departed from King Saul after he refused to *obey* God's commands. If we reject knowledge, God will also reject us (Hosea 4:6).

Let us remember, then, that a minister may be true to what he knows at the beginning of his ministry. But if he refuses to "grow in grace and knowledge" and to *obey God's laws* whenever revealed, God will *reject* that minister.

But do not many who bear the FRUITS

of *the devil* claim to heal? Yes!

That is precisely what *they* will also tell Jesus Christ on the Judgment Day, but will **He** believe them? No!

What Will Christ Say?

Christ said, "MANY will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have CAST OUT DEVILS? and in thy name done many wonderful WORKS? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, YE THAT WORK

INIQUITY" (Matthew 7:22-23).

What is iniquity? It is wicked doing. Healing the sick is certainly not iniquity, but here we are told that some will claim to heal—to do good in this way—but that Christ will tell them that they had done INIQUITY!

Notice, that these false ministers CLAIM to work miracles, but didn't really do good—did not really heal—they worked *iniquity!* To them Christ says, "DEPART FROM ME, ye that work INIQUITY."

If a so-called minister *fights* the law of God, then the Bible brands such a minister as a preacher of unrighteousness—as a minister of the devil. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is NO LIGHT (truth) in them" (Isa. 8:20). "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they (the *false ministers*) have MADE VOID THY LAW" (Psa. 119:126). That's just what Satan's false preachers of our day are doing!

If we know of any man who claims to have power to perform miracles, but who refuses to believe and faithfully teach *obedience to God and His LAWS*, then we know that such a man is not of God—that he doesn't have any miraculous powers from the *true* God. If he has any *apparent* power, it must come from another source. That source must be *Satan* the devil!

But how can one really *know* whether those *claiming* to have divine healing powers from God can really heal—whether they are really of God? Yes, just how can we know?

Jesus gives the answer in Matthew 7:15-20. ". . . You shall KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS . . . Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit . . . Wherefore by THEIR FRUITS ye shall know them."

False ministers may have very smooth, buttered tongues with which to deceive the unstable; but if you really know the *Word of God* as you should, you will not be deceived (Math. 24:24). You will KNOW by their *fruits*—not by their *words*—that such are not the ministers of Jesus Christ. You need to *study* your Bible to always be sure.

It sometimes takes a bit of patient waiting to see what kind of fruit a man

is going to bear. Each minister must be *tested* and *weighed* in the balances of the Word of God to see if the *fruits* of his life are good fruits or if he is just trying to impress you with his spirituality by high-toned, religious sounding words.

Let's look at *facts*. Is the "fruit" the *product*, the *result* of today's "churchianity" really good?

WHY do so many ministers condone divorce and remarriage which Jesus called adultery (Mr. 10:1-12)? Do the "fruits" of such churches and ministers prove that they really belong to Christ?

We must "PROVE ALL THINGS; (and) hold fast that which is good" (I Thess. 5:21).

In Conclusion

To summarize, Satan has *his ministers*—many of them—and they can and do perform many great signs, and lying, counterfeit miracles and wonders. But there is no Bible example of them ever healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons, or performing any *divine* miracles.

If Satan and his ministers could heal, then how could we ever *know* whether God or the devil had healed us? God has not left us in doubt! Satan and his ministers *cannot* perform these DIVINE miracles though they have performed through trickery *many* IMITATIONS.

Only God through His TRUE ministers can heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, and perform DIVINE MIRACLES.

Study your Bible and *pray unceasingly* that you may *prove* by the "fruits" whether or not a minister is totally yielded in *faith* and *obedience* as a servant of the true God and through whom He *will* work.

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