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He that hath an ear, *let him hear!*

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From The Preacher's Desk...

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“*Communist hardliners have ousted Gorbachev*”, so the news was broadcasted on the 19th August, 1991. But, after two days Mikhail Gorbachev was restored to power.

About three years ago, in studying prophecies, I predicted that Mikhail Gorbachev would be removed from his presidency by 1992 but not beyond 1993 in order that the prophecy of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 might be fulfilled. Well, Gorbachev is still in power (although for a short while), the hardliners have been removed from the top government positions, and the majority of the citizens of the U.S.S.R. want some form of democracy. What are the chances that the prophecy will be fulfilled within this generation? [*Note: This message was printed in November 1991. My prediction came to pass earlier than I had expected. On the 25th December, Mr. Gorbachev resigned as Soviet president, and the Soviet Union ceased to exist. Since then Mr. Boris Yeltsin has been the President of Russia and the prophetic stage is even more set for the fulfillment of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. It will not be long before the communist hardliners assume power again.*]

In one of the visions which God showed to Brother William Branham in June 1933, God said, “*Watch Russia, watch Russia. Keep your eye on the King of the North!*” If we look back, we could see that, prophetically, God has been preparing the U.S.S.R. In 1986, Mr. Gorbachev introduced *perestroika* (restructuring) and *glasnost* (policy of openness). It appeared then that the large *hammer and sickle* nation was beginning to turn away from communism towards some form of democracy. The populace was looking forward to a better life. However, the nation was beset by internal unrest and the economy was not getting any better. So, the communist hardliners had to topple the president. However, the coup failed. Communistic Soviet Union has now lost its grips on the populace.

Could the communistic spirit of the *hammer and sickle bear* really reject communism in favour of other forms of government? Many want to see it die. However, let's not forget that there still remains a force to reckon with — the minority of the population who wants and, if necessary, would use force to make

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the Soviet Union remain the nation that it once was. However, whether or not Russia changes its political system, as a student of prophecy, I strongly believe that Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 are clearly referring to that godless spirit and nation of Russia, and that it is a great possibility that the battle prophesied therein could be staged within this century. Perhaps the poor state of the Russian economy might spark off the need for the invasion of Israel by the Russians to take a spoil (Ezek.39:2) as there are oil and rich mineral deposits in the Dead Sea (valued at more than a quadrillion American dollars according to a report in *Chemicals Magazine*).

It is clear that the descriptions given in the prophecy in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 refer to Russia and its counterparts. Russia is the only large nation, which is north of Israel, that displays a godless spirit, that dares to defy and challenge the Lord God of Israel, Who created the Heaven and Earth, even when its astronauts were in space. For years, the arms of this Russian Bear have embraced many nations and supported them militarily to fight against the nation of Israel, which is known to be "*a chosen people of God*".

Communism in the U.S.S.R. may appear to be dead, but is it really dead? Like the spirit of **Babylonism**, it is devising new ways in order to control its people. Both of these two spirits are by nature demonic. Their main aim is to conquer and control the world. As a world power, the U.S.S.R. will meet its end just before the Gospel is given back to Israel during the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy in Daniel chapter 9.

The United States of America is a powerful nation that God has raised up to counteract the threat of communism and world instability. Under God-fearing presidents, the U.S.A. was a blessing to the people of the world in many ways. Nothing came short of God's blessings when the spirit of "Liberty Bell" brought freedom and truth to people everywhere. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was the core within the system of the government. However, the nation has deteriorated especially during the last four or five decades — a result of its rejection of the Christian values once upheld by their forefathers. And God has already judged her.

The U.S. Dollars will inevitably weaken against other major currencies. The question is when. Every time there is a disaster in the world that involves the U.S.A., the U.S. Dollar will come down. But then after a while, the Economists will prop it up again. Will the stock markets, especially that of Tokyo, take a plunge soon? I believe that both the U.S. Dollars and the Japanese Yen will fail as the Spirit of God moves to completely fulfill the Bible prophecies concerning the **BEAST** that has 7 Heads with 10 crowned Horns — a 'revival' of the world of the old Roman Empire (Rev.13:1-10; Rev.17) — the European Economic Community (or European Union) which was formed under a treaty signed in Rome in 1957. The world must now focus on this region and that of

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the Middle East. These are the regions that Bible prophecies — past, present and future — are centred.

Man begun its existence in the region of the Garden of Eden — later known as Canaan, Palestine and Israel. This is where the eyes of the whole world are focused. The first superpower to conquer this region was Egypt. The **Egyptian** Empire was the first of the 7 Heads of the BEAST that the Apostle John saw in his many visions on the Isle of Patmos. Next was the Assyrians from the north. The Egyptians gave way to the Assyrians, the land-hungry monster. The **Assyrian** Empire collapsed when its capital, Nineveh, fell to the Babylonians in 612 B.C. However, the **Babylonian** Empire did not last very long. In 539 B.C., Cyrus of Persia took over the empire with little resistance. This **Persian** Empire was larger than all its predecessors. In 331 B.C., Alexander the Great overran it, thus increasing the size of the **Grecian** Empire. When the angel told St. John that “*five are fallen*” he was referring to these five kingdoms, or empires, which the great BEAST embodied. The **Roman** Empire had literally taken over the world including the five kingdoms. That was the sixth head, the “*one is*”, in John’s time. The “*other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space*” – the seventh and the last head – was the **Papal Roman** Empire. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth heads correspond to the four beasts in Daniel’s vision which is recorded in Daniel chapter 7. Daniel only saw four world empires in his “beast” visions. Like King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of the colossus, they pointed to the future empires. However, John’s “Seven-Head and Ten-Crowned-Horn” Beast pointed to both the past and the future — its beginning and its end.

Now, the “*horn*”, “*head*” and “*beast*” refer to the man as a **ruler**, the **government**, and the **empire** (its system) respectively. They are inter-related and cannot be separated. Yet, a beast (empire) may not have a horn (ruler, king, emperor, etc.) but it certainly cannot do without a head (government) for the head controls the whole beast. A man within the head (administrative body, government) can push his way up and be a ruler, or a dictator. Thus, in this way, he controls not only the head, but the whole beast. He is, therefore, the head of the beast. The head gives the beast its attributes, that is, its *ISM*. For example, Chairman Mao Zedong was head and dictator of the modern Chinese Empire until his death in 1976. China was symbolised by the dragon. (The “*dragon*” in Revelation 13:2 has nothing to do with China.) Mao’s ideology was communism. Hence, when he imposed it upon the people, the beast – the empire – took on the attributes of communism. And because he ruled the empire, he represented the beast, its system and all.

Before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the whole world will once again turn its attention to the Biblical regions of the world. **Papal Rome** will also once again play its part within this ‘revived and revised’ Beast, just as it did in the past. This seventh head, which first came forth as a horn upon the head of the fourth

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beast in Daniel's vision (Dan.7:7-8 cf. Rev.13:1-3), did not die even though it was "*wounded unto death*" by Martin Luther in the Reformation, "*and his deadly wound was healed*" (Rev.13:3). The Second Beast, which came up out of the earth, which had two horns like a lamb and spoke as a dragon, was the U.S.A. (Rev.13:11), and it healed the wound of the First Beast when it created for that Beast an Image — the Ecumenical Movement.

Yes, Papal Rome has since been healed and the Pope is again greatly respected today. With the power of **Roman Catholicism** and the support of **Ecumenism**, he will take control of the 'revived and revised' Beast. As he had subdued other horns in the past (Dan.7:24), so will he subdue the others once again in order to ride the Beast. "*...and when he cometh, he must continue a short space*" (a period of 3½ years of the second half of Daniel's 70th Week prophecy). "*And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition*" (Rev.17:11). Truly, the Mother of Harlot Church will sit upon the Beast just as John saw it in the vision (Rev.17:3).

Truly, the Middle East is a power keg. And the only nation today that has the might and the ferocity to battle and defeat Israel is the large army to its north — "*Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal*" — the U.S.S.R. Prophetically, God is preparing this godless spirit of Gog to bring it down to the Land of Israel to do battle with His people, the Jews. The reason for this is clear: God has to sanctify His Name that the spirit of Gog had defiled, even when its astronauts were up in the heaven (Ezek.38:16,23; 39:27).

The two words "Gog" and "Magog" mentioned in Ezekiel's writing do not refer *directly* to the Reubenites (1 Chron.5:4) or the descendants of Magog, a son of Japheth (Gen.10:2). These words were also mentioned in reference to the final battle in Revelation 20:8-15. The word "Gog" denotes *that which is proud, powerful, large, huge, rebellious, and anti-God in nature*; and the word "Magog" symbolizes *the great number of the people of the same land*.

Russia is the nation in the north of Israel that fits the descriptions of Gog and Magog in the prophecies of Ezekiel.

Well then, what's news? Certainly, we are not far from the Second Advent of Christ. Chronologically, we are living on borrowed time as the Gospel Age, according to prophetic time, is far spent. Even the 70th Jubilee Sabbath is said to be within the period of this decade. Wherefore, would the world usher in the 21st Century or continue for another 25 years? Only God knows, but His Word has shown us the time and season when Christ will come and translate His Bride and take her to His Father's home.

It's later than we think!

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WOMEN'S FASHIONS

It is time to take a serious look at the adverse effects that women's fashions today have, especially, on female Christians. The new swing towards greater exposure of the woman's body and nudity is influencing girls, to adopt a free and easy attitude with respect to their bodies. Young growing children, still in their early teens, are being swept away by the emphasis on sex and nudity, and before they even know what is happening, they are in trouble — having to suffer the consequences for the rest of their lives.

“Mini-skirts”, “hot-pants” and “jeans” are three of the most popular garments being worn by women today. A couple of decades ago, even the most pitiable fallen woman would not have dared to show herself on the streets (or anywhere else in public) the way that tens of thousands of women and girls today are exposing their bodies publicly without a blush or any trace of embarrassment or shame.

It is shocking to hear comments that, in this modern society, for a young woman to be “with it” she must dress and paint herself in such a way that she is a positive temptation to men. Young Christian person, what about you? Do you primp yourself immodestly according to the fashions of the world, or do you dress yourself in a manner becoming of a believer of the Holy Word of God? Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that you are supposed to glorify God in your body, not to defile it? As a Christian, where you go, what you do, and how you dress are all important. (Read 1 Corinthians 3:16,17; 6:19,20.)

Think about it. Where is all this emphasis on sex in clothing, hairdo and facial makeup leading you? Where is it leading your friends? If you are a young Christian woman in high school, university or out in the working world, you have a great responsibility in helping to reverse the trends in your respective environment.

Our God is concerned about the proper adornment by His children and He has given us His Word to guide us in this matter. Knowing what the Bible says can settle many problems. God has clearly laid down the standards in the Bible for His redeemed people. He expects us to live a clean, decent life. Young ladies have to make up their minds as to whether to follow the teachings in the Word of God or to follow the fashions of the world. Are you going to call yourself a Christian and live like the people of the world, or are you going to be a true Christian and a faithful witness of God to the ungodly? Christian ladies belong to the Holy God. They should live and dress befitting a

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holy people. It is a tragic thing when God's people look upon the vogues of the world and then decide to follow the sinful examples. Unfortunately this is exactly what is happening. Simplicity and modesty are fast disappearing, even in Christian circles.

The problem of immodest dress and painted face among many young people today is their inability to resist the pressures prevailing in their schools and the world around them. Consequently they happily follow the fashions of the worldly crowd. Do you know that for a Christian to put on clothing which pertains to the opposite sex is an abomination to God? God made man different from woman. Moses wrote: *"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God"* (Deut.22:5). Yet, we see many Christian women wearing jeans and defending themselves by saying that *"it's a woman's jeans, designed for women."* They do not realize that they are being deceived by Satan who is catering to women's desire for equal rights. He has redesigned many things which belong to the man just for those silly women who want to be like men.

2 Peter 1:4 says, *"Whereunto are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped **the corruption that is in the world** through lust."*

Our newspapers are full of reports of women and girls being raped, beaten, and sometimes even murdered. The next time a man is brought before a court for outraging the modesty of a woman, it would be well to find out just how decently the woman was dressed, at the time the crime was committed. Some may dismiss this suggestion as irrelevant to the case. In any way, if a woman is not selling her body on the altar of lust, let her take it off the display counter.

What the world needs to see, when it looks at a Christian's life, is not a reflection of itself but true beauty of her character, a certain godliness of heart and *"a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price..."* (1 Pet.3:3-5).

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THE EARTHQUAKES AND TIME

[This evangelistic message, which has been revised, was first published in a local Christian magazine in May-June 1971.]

Bible Prophecy: “...*there shall be EARTHQUAKES in divers places...*”
– Mark 13:8

On February 4, 1971, there was an earth tremor in a few areas in the island of Singapore. Earthquake was a rare phenomenon in this nation. The tremor was a frightening experience for a few thousand people. But for those who live on or around the Earthquake Belts, the next earthquake could spell death for thousands of them.

THE SEVERITY OF EARTHQUAKES

Since the beginning of the history of mankind, earthquakes have claimed countless lives. In this 20th Century, earthquakes have snuffed out more lives than any other natural catastrophe known to man.

Earthquakes are becoming more and more frequent each year and with increasing severity. Some of them were known to have killed as many as 70,000 people as did the earthquake in Lima, Peru in May 31, 1970. Some 80,000 people out of the population of 13 million in the country were made homeless. Almost all the buildings in Chimbote, the second largest seaport of Peru, were demolished. The mountain city of Yungay provided evidence of the full fury of the quake. It was literally erased from the map. The death toll was great; more than 80% of the lives of its people were wiped out by the quake. The damages were estimated at three-quarter of a billion dollars. That was the worst and deadliest earthquake that ever hit Latin America.

THE ENDTIME PROPHETIC PATTERN

Jesus said that in the last days there would be earthquakes in various places. He predicted that earthquakes would become a common phenomenon of endtime happenings. It would be a signboard. (Do not doubt this, even though we have always had earthquakes.) He said, “*there will be mighty and violent earthquake...*” (Lk.21:11 Amp.N.T.). Jesus Christ said this because He knew that as TIME marched on there would be a continuation of mighty and violent EARTHQUAKES. Naturally, being the Creator of this earth (cf.Jhn.1:1-3), He understood the geological formation of the earth’s structure. It was told in His Word that He has set the bowels of the earth on fire.

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*“For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall **consume the earth** with her increase and **set on fire the foundations of the mountains**” – Deut.32:22.*

Due to this continual burning deep inside the earth, the weakened rock formations are constantly shifting their positions resulting in a higher incidence of earthquake on the top-side of the earth as TIME marches on.

THE INCREASE OF ANNIHILATIVE EARTHQUAKES

Yes, throughout the world earthquakes are increasing in frequency and severity annually. One of the most notable phenomena in the past few hundred years was the general increase in destructive earthquakes as shown by the following statistics:

16th Century...253 (2 major earthquakes)

17th Century...378 (2 major earthquakes)

18th Century...640 (5 major earthquakes)

19th Century...2119 (9 major earthquakes)

The worst earthquake disaster ever to strike this earth was in 1556, at Shensi, China, when 830,000 people lost their lives.

Man has often strived to prevent this holocaust but without success.

The 20th Century alone saw the greatest number of earthquakes rocking the earth. There were some 91,000 of them (ranging from a magnitude of 0.3 to 6.99 on the Richter Scale) and 198 major earthquakes (of 7.00 to 9.99). More than two million people have died as a result of earthquakes and their attendant floods, fire and famines. A few of the worst earthquakes to have struck the earth resulting in a serious death toll during the 20th Century are as follows:

1901 — Martinique, West Indies: city of St. Pierre was wiped out. 40,000 dead.

1908 — Messina, Sicily: the city was totally destroyed. 75,000-85,000 dead.

1920 — Kansu, China: 100,000-180,000 dead.

1923 — Japan: Yokohama was completely destroyed and almost half of Tokyo was destroyed. 90,000 persons laid dying. Damages to properties estimated at approximately \$7,200 million.

1935 — Quetta, India: 50,000 dead.

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- 1939 — Chile: 30,000 dead.
- 1939 — Northern Turkey: severe quakes destroyed city of Erzingan; about 100,000 casualties.
- 1950 — India: about 25,000 dead.
- 1960 — Agadir, Morocco: earthquakes with tidal waves and fire destroyed 80% of city. 12,000 dead.
- 1962 — Iran: most destructive earthquake in Iran's history killed more than 12,000 persons.
- 1966 — Tashkent, U.S.S.R.: 20% of buildings were destroyed. 200,000 homeless.
- 1968 — Iran: about 11,600 dead.
- 1970 — Peru: Chimbote badly destroyed with 80,000 homeless and nearly 70,000 dead.
- 1976 — Mexico: 23,000 dead.
- 1976 — North China: about 240,000 dead
- 1978 — Iran: 15,000 dead.
- 1985 — Mexico: 7,000 dead.
- 1987 — Ecuador: 300 dead; 4,000 missing.
- 1988 — Armenia of the U.S.S.R.: about 25,000 dead.
- 1990 — Northern Iran: 50,000
- 1995 — Japan: 5,500
- 1998 — Afganistan: 5,000
- 1998 — Japan: 5,000
- 1999 — Turkey: 15,000
- 2001 — India: 20,023
- 2002 — Afghanistan: 1,000

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Most of the earthquakes have been confined to two main zones. One zone runs from New Zealand up through the Philippines and Japan to Alaska then down the Pacific coast of the Americas. The other zone stretches from Morocco through Greece and Iran along the Indian side of the Himalayas and south to Java. However, the TIME has come when EARTHQUAKES can happen in any place at any time. It need not necessarily be confined to the fiery rings. A major earthquake may happen one day in Singapore and the next in Malaysia.

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Man cannot predict earthquakes. Scientists with their seismographs can detect the oncoming earthquakes, but science is powerless to completely stop the destructive movements of terrestrial convulsions.

THE CONSUMING FIRE

EARTHQUAKES are ringing out the message that God is still on His Throne. He is the Creator of the Heaven and the earth, and He is still the Ruler of His creation.

The fire, which God originally set ablaze in the lower regions of the earth because of His anger towards the rebellious fallen angels and the sins of mankind, is still constantly eating away at the mountains' foundations. And it is recorded in the Bible that the TIME will come when the foundations of the mountains will be so much weakened that gigantic portions of the earth's crust will break off and slip into the seas and oceans. This is an earthquake the like of which the world has never seen since the beginning of TIME.

*"...and there was **a great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, **so mighty an earthquake**, and **so great...and the cities of the nations fell:...**And **every island fled away**, and **the mountains were not found**" – Rev.16:18-20.*

This future catastrophe will take place just prior to the Second Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. The King of kings and Lord of lords will return to this earth to establish His reign of righteousness, but He will not build upon anything that man has previously erected. So all of man's creations must come down — come tumbling down through this great mighty earthquake!

Yes, the fire that was kindled in God's anger shall consume the earth. Not only will man's creations be ruined, but every island, breaking loose from the earth's surface, will slip into the sea and flee away, and the mountains, toppling over, will not be found.

THE HERALD OF GOD'S REVELATION

My friend, can you comprehend all these? This may sound fantastic. But whatever the Bible says, it will come to pass. Not even a single prophecy of God has failed or will fail. The earthquake will take place, and is the instant herald of His Revelation — the Revelation of Jesus Christ to the Battle of Armageddon. Yet, before this **last and great earthquake** takes place, every truly Born-Again Christian who loves the One and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, and is prepared according

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to the Holy Word will be caught up in the *Rapture* (1 Thess.4:16-17). They will escape this great universal chaos, even the wrath of God which will be poured out upon the world!

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Jesus Christ has given us many signs of this endtime through His disciples. He rebuked the Pharisees and the Sadducees for not being able to discern the signs of their TIMES.

*“The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired Him that He would show them a sign from Heaven. He answered and said unto them, when it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the Signs of the **times**?”* – Matt.16:1-3.

Jesus Christ was exhorting us to discern the Signs of the TIMES. The increase in the number of EARTHQUAKES is one of those signs! And inevitably with it comes the beginning of sorrows.

*“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and **there shall be earthquakes in divers places**, and there shall be famines and troubles: **these are the beginning of sorrows**”* – Mk.13:8.

The increasing extent and intensity of earthquakes are becoming a major source of worry and widespread havoc to the people in these days of uncertainties. This is confirmed by the fact that almost every issue of the daily newspapers contains reports on earthquakes. And the number of earthquakes continues to increase!

[Note: In a night vision, about 7 years ago, I saw myself standing on the Esplanade looking out at the sea towards the east. All of a sudden, a tidal wave rushed towards the land and splashed against the embankment. I knew some catastrophe had hit the earth. A few seconds later, another wave appeared. This was a bigger one. I knew that it would hit me if I did not get out of that place immediately. As the tidal wave came, I ran in the opposite direction across a large field towards the Supreme Court building. The wave smashed onto the Esplanade and the large field. While running up the steps of this great building, towards the entrance, another even bigger wave came. I barely made it in time to the last step to grasp one of the large pillars of the building for support when the wave slammed onto me. When I woke up from this dream, the prophecy of Bro. William Branham

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concerning the sinking of California immediately struck my mind. Such an event is definitely associated with violent volcanic quakes under the ocean. Hence, *tsunamis* are inevitable. And California's "big one" has been long over due.]

THE LAST HOURS OF GRACE

We are living in the days of the beginning of sorrows — the days that are before the end of the age. These are the Last Days of civilization!

We are living in the **last hours of grace**. The Church Age of 2,000 years is almost finished. The Creator came twenty centuries ago and willingly laid down His Life on the Old Rugged Cross to redeem man from their sins. And since that TIME, countless EARTHQUAKES have claimed the lives of millions of people unawares. Many perished without Christ in their lives. And friend, "*except you repent you shall likewise perish*". Today is the day of Salvation! Unsaved friend, will you accept the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved *today*? Do it now!

What about my Christian friend? Are you a Gospel witness, as Christ was, going about doing good and warning people of the coming judgement of God? Or has your spiritual life remained stagnant? Just take a moment and think seriously... "*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great Salvation?*" (Heb.2:3).

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

The culminating clouds of Bible Prophecies are flashing one of its signs of the times — **the increase in the number of earthquakes!** Truly, EARTHQUAKES are on the Increase with TIME, and they are marching on to The Midnight Cry — on to The Battle of Armageddon!

Los Angeles will go beneath the ocean,

THUS SAITH THE LORD, it will!

- William M. Branham

CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST — WHO WILL WIN THE WAR?

[This prophetic message, which has been revised, was originally written, compiled and published in 1970.]

Bible Prophecy: *“And he spake to them a parable; BEHOLD THE FIG TREE, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of yourselves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.”*

– Luke 21:29-31

In the aftermath of Israel winning the now famous six-day war against Egypt, Jordan and Syria in June of 1967, her signing of the peace treaty with Egypt in 1979 after a war that erupted in October 1973, her bombing of an Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, and her ever increasing conflicts with the surrounding Arabian countries, many political quarters have been rife with speculations about the future of Israel. Some feel that Israel will not last very long while others believe that this small nation would survive indefinitely.

Man can only speculate, but there is only one definite source which provides accurate and precise information on future events. And that is — the Holy Word of God.

For nearly two thousand years, the nation of Israel had existed merely in the mind of the Jews. During that period Jews all over the world have carried on the traditional Passover to proclaim, *“Next year in Jerusalem!”*

Now, millions of Jews have returned to their homeland since 1948 when Israel became a nation. Even under the most trying circumstances, she has been able to survive the onslaught of the hostile Arab world. She has not only proved her ability but also her power during the world’s ‘quickest war’ in June 1967. Ever since Israel was created (in 1948), the Arabs have been lusting for the day when they could destroy her.

THE JEWS

In Biblical history, since the *Exodus* from Egypt into the Land of Canaan, God had many times tolerated the disobedience of the children of Israel but warned them, time and again, of the con-

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sequences of their disobedience towards Him. To have the Land of Canaan in their continued possession would be conditional upon their obedience to God's law. The 28th chapter of the *Book of Deuteronomy* lists the terms of God's covenant with Israel. God promised the children of Israel **blessings** for their **obedience** , and **curses** — even their dispersion — for their **disobedience** .

*“The Lord shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee. **And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other;** and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:”* – Deut.28:36,37,64,65

Time and again the disobedient Israelites were allowed, under the permissive will of God, to be taken captive into other lands, but each time the Lord, remembering His **Everlasting Covenant** with Abraham, would bring them back to the Land of Canaan. (Palestine is its Roman name.)

*“As for me, behold, **My covenant is with thee**, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; **for a father of many nations have I made thee. and I will make thee exceeding fruitful**, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And **I will establish My covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**”* – Gen.17:4-8

This is the most indisputable and tangible evidence to substantiate the eternity of God in the establishing of a chosen people in the Promised Land.

THE SCATTERING SEED

However, when they became too rebellious, the Spirit of God could not strive with them any more and finally they were scattered for the last time all over the world. (Did they not bring this upon themselves when they rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah? Read

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Matthew 27:22,23,25). The dispersion took place in 70 A.D. when the Roman army, led by Prince Titus, captured Jerusalem after a merciless and bloody siege.

“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh...And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles (non-Jews) until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.” – Lk.21:20,24 (cf.Lev.26:32,33)

Christ’s words were fulfilled: and the Jews found themselves all over the world without a homeland. The scattering of the Jews is commonly called the **Diaspora** (Greek word for “*dispersion, scattering*”). The Land of Israel became desolate like a desert when the rain failed to fall, and Jerusalem was in the hands of the enemies.

The history of the Jews, since 70 A.D., has been one of suffering and persecution. For centuries they have paid the price for their disobedience and rejection of the Messiah. They were, and still are, being greatly despised by the people of the world.

THE IN-GATHERING SEED

It was until more than half a century ago that God, by His mercy and in keeping with His promises, brought the Israelites back to their own homeland. This happened in December 1917, towards the end of the First World War, when the British Army, under General Allenby, captured the City of Jerusalem from the Turks and liberated Palestine from the many centuries of Mohammedan oppression. The City of Jerusalem was captured without any shot being fired and without bloodshed. The secret was the presence of British airplanes flying over the City. It was the fear of these strange ‘birds’, which the Turks had never seen, that brought about the sudden surrender.

“...so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.” – Isa.31:4,5

The entry of British General Allenby in the scene triggered the chain reaction of events which placed Israel in the mainstream of Bible Prophecy right before our eyes. The name ‘Allenby’ has the euphonious union of two Arab words, “*Allah*” meaning “*God*” and “*Nebi*” meaning “*Prophet*”. So “*Allah-Nebi*”, a “*God Prophet*”. Is this a mere coincidence in Bible prophecy?

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“And I will sanctify my great name...For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land...And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it.” – Ezek.36:23,24, 34-36

And the Lord did just that! He went even further by gathering the Jews from the four corners of the earth and bringing them into their homeland. In doing so, He literally fulfilled the following prophecy:

“Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and daughters from the ends of the earth.” – Isa.43:5,6

From the East, the Jews began to return, first from Iraq and around the old Babylonian captivity, then from India, China and other Eastern Lands where there had been Jewish settlements for centuries. Thus, for the East the Lord said, “*Avi*”, “*I will bring*”. The Western Jews were slow to return compared with those from the East, for “*gather*” in the Hebrew text is “*acabtsecha*” meaning “*collect*”. The condition of the Northern Jews was different for God commanded, “*Give up*” (Hebrew “*Taini*” – “*Give Me*”) and the Jews in Poland, Russia, France, Bulgaria, and other Northern lands began to return. Returning from the South on eagle’s wings (Isaiah 40:31) especially from Yemen, the Jews were told not to keep back (original translation: “*Altichlahi*” – “*Do not restrain or hold back*”) and by 1950 Yemen was empty of her Jews. So was Ethiopia, very recently. And so the Jews are returning home at the rate of 1,000 a day from all over the world.

On their return to the homeland, the Jews began work on the land which had been lying desolate for the past eighteen and a half centuries. Immediately a great change began to take place. Through their hard intensive labour (but not without God’s help) the land was revived from its past years of desolation. Scientists said that in 1948 the jet streams overhead changed, and it began to rain in parts of Israel where it had not rained for centuries. You can read this wonderful fulfilled prophecy in Ezekiel Chapter 36.

THE RESTORATION

As Israel began to accept their destiny which was prophesied by the prophets of the Old Testament, thousands of Jews everyday began to filter “*from among the heathen*” to return to this land of their forefathers. Thirty and a half years later, on May 14, 1948, the State of Israel was declared a National Home for the Jewish People under the Balfour Declaration by the United Nations.

*“Thus said the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them unto their own land: And I will make them **one nation** in the land upon the mountain of Israel.” – Ezek.37: 21-22*

The Jews have finally returned to Israel but with some disbelief. Nevertheless, God has promised to remove the blindness from their eyes.

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born.” – Zech.12:10

THE ARAB

Now that the Promised Land is restored unto the Israelis, there has been nothing but continual strife between the descendants of Isaac (the Jews) and the descendants of Ishmael (the Arabs) in the Middle East. Both Isaac and Ishmael were descendants of Abraham. (Please remember that such abnormal outgrowth of conflicting personalities and jealous frustrations dated back to ancient Biblical days.) Through the ages there have been many clashes between them. The quickest war that was ever fought between them was the six-day war in June 1967. The Israelis emerged the victor occupying Sinai and part of Jordan. The Six-Day War has been much discussed by military and political experts for years. Although outnumbered, they could not be outfought. Within the first two days of the six violent days, the Biblical City of Jerusalem was completely in their possession after 1897 years in the hands of the Gentiles. The Old City was returned to Israel! The Jews rejoiced! The then Defence Minister, General Moshe Dayan, said: *“We have returned to our holiest of holy places, never to depart again.”* Truly, he has said it well, for Jerusalem no longer is compassed by the Gentiles or is trodden down and *“the time of the Gentiles”* has run its course.

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“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be build to the Lord...” – Jer.31:38

“...This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are around about her.” – Ezek.5:5

Since then the Israelis have more than shown themselves capable of defending their Promised Land from the onslaught of the Arab world. Time and again the wealthy Arab nations seemed agreed on pitting their strengths against Israel to force her to give up the occupied territories gained in the Arab-Israelis War, but without success.

THE SOVIET

Then all of a sudden the long promised Arab counterattack shifted from the realm of fantasy to the realm of distinct possibility in this century. Ever since the Arabs lost the 1967 war the Russians concurred to this possibility. The Soviet Union has been supporting some Arab nations and Egypt with their military weapons and know-how. The 80% of Egyptian army equipment that were destroyed in the war were subsequently replaced by the Russian's. The news media reported that the Russians have now bought control of the Arab nations at a cost which exceeds 15 billion dollars and their presence is so powerful and pervasive that they dominate Egypt's military, and regulate its Economic and Industrial planning. The result is that the President of Egypt no longer controls or directs his country's military actions; he has all but lost his grip and control of the nation, for thousands of Russian technicians have operational control of the Egyptian military forces. So is her fleet right now in the Mediterranean which is still increasing with far better equipment that are second to none. *“What is more, there was a possibility that the Russians would soon try to install SAMs (Surface-to-Air Missiles) along the canal itself and extend their air umbrella to the water-way — a development that could lead to an Israeli-Russian showdown and a world-wide crisis of dangerous proportions.”* (Emphasis quoted Newsweek June 15, 1970) *“Evidently, the Soviets have decided that even with thorough training, Egyptians are not capable of operating the highly complex gadgetry of a modern air defense network. ‘An Egyptian university graduate would require two years of training in the Soviet Union before he could fit into the system,’ explains one Russian. ‘And there isn't time!’”* (Emphasis quoted Newsweek, June 1, 1970).

Perhaps that was the reason why Mrs. Golda Meir, who was then Israelis' Prime Minister, said Israel was engaged in the hardest and most serious struggle it had ever known.

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And a year later, the news media reported that the Soviet had sent a large delegation of officials to Cairo to demand a similar pact which Russia has with the Iron Curtain countries. Whatever the treaty was, she now has legal title to intervene in Egyptian affairs. And this is one step forward in her plans to dominate the Middle East as is recorded in Ezekiel Chapter 38 and 39.

But why are the Russians there and what would they gain?

In the political field, the experts believe their intentions are to reduce Western influence and to control the Suez Canal. The Russians also seem to be eyeing the Mediterranean as well as the Middle East oil and rich mineral deposits.

THE AMERICAN

What about America? As a matter of national interest, will the stars and the stripes stand idly by and see Israel defending itself against U.A.R. with Russian assistance? It is clear that the United States would not permit this. Read Ezekiel 38:13. I believe the U.S.A. will be destroyed by the nuclear might of the Russian in their intervention.

THE NEXT GREAT EVENT — THE INVASION

To the average reader of the morning newspaper, this touchy situation does not seem too important in the light of Bible Prophecy.

Regardless of what the political situation may appear to be in the U.S.S.R. and the Middle East, there is an extra-ordinary circumstance brewing that will spark off the closing of this age. This is foretold in the Bible!

My sincere desire in pointing out this situation to you is to alert you to world happenings which, in many parts of the earth, are fulfilling without fail specific prophecies exactly according to God's over-all prophetic plan. And one of those ancient prophecies is now beginning to be fulfilled before our eyes. It is **the invading of the Land of Israel** by Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

"... Thus saith the Lord God; behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal." – Ezek.38:3

Theologians and historians have debated over the actual locations of Meshech and Tubal. Were they ancient names of the districts that are now called Moscow and Tobolsk? Or, are they the area that today is Turkey and portions of northern Syria as well as northern Iraq? The "*chief prince*" in Hebrew is Rosh" or "*Bear*" which is the symbol of

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Russia. Yet, precisely “Gog” refers to that great rebellious anti-God spirit which is seeking to dominate the world. And “Magog” points to the large number of inhabitants who are under the influence of “Gog”.

Evidently God is against them because they are an anti-God race of communistic people who have for years been mocking the Living God. Russia stands for the spirit that has shaken its fist at God in the heaven when they sent their men up into space. They brought back the message to the world, “*We looked for your Christian God, but we didn't see Him.*” They came back with mockery, ridicule, and disgrace for God. Russia simply stands for atheistic godlessness and rebellion.

The Russian's presence in the Middle East helping the U.A.R. is not just a happening, but it is God's divine order for a purpose.

“You (Gog) be prepared: yes, prepare yourself; you and all your companies that assembled about you, and you be a guard and a commander for them.” – Ezek.38:7 (Amplified)

The Invasion of Israel is imminent. It could happen today; maybe tomorrow. It will certainly be the contest of all contests that the world will ever witness.

“After many days you (Gog) will be mustered; in the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from the war, the land where people were gathered from many nations upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste; its people were brought out from the nations and now dwell securely, all of them. You will advance, coming on like a storm, you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your hordes, and many peoples with you. Thus says the Lord God: On that day thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme.” – Ezek.38:8-10 (RSV)

THE DESTRUCTION

A great destruction will come upon the Russians and its hordes (Iran, Iraq, Ethiopia, Libya, Eastern Europe, S. E. Europe, Germany, Austria and other nations allied to Russia, cf. Ezek. 38:1-6) the day they come up against Israel for God's fury will be kindled. The Bible says that there will be a great earthquake in the Land of Israel that will cause the fish, birds, beasts, creeping things and all men on this earth to feel the shaking. Everything that is upright will be thrown down. There will be pestilence and bloodshed, torrential rains and hailstones, fire and brimstone. For God in His wrath will summon every kind of terror against Israel's oppressors that none of them will be left alive in

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the Land of Israel. (Read Ezekiel chapter 38 verse 18 to chapter 39 verse 2.)

*“Thus wil I **magnify** myself, and **sanctify** myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.” – Ezek.38 :23*

It will take seven years to rid Israel of the weaponry (Ezek.39:2-9) and seven months to bury the dead (Ezek.39:12) as a result of this great holocaust.

We are living in the final hour when this experience can take place in a matter of days.

The world and the Middle East cry, *“Peace! Peace!”* Yet, the Bible says, *“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape”* (I Thess.5:3).

THE CROSSROAD OF ETERNITY

Today, we are living at the Crossroad of Eternity for a great number of prophecies pertaining to events prior to the Second Coming of Christ have been fulfilled. Wars, earthquakes, famines, pestilences, anarchy, apostasy are some of the signs. These peculiar signs are guideposts. They tell us to be careful, to be watchful and to be prepared. But the greater sign to watch very closely is the Jews who are God’s Timepiece for the Soon Return of Jesus Christ. They hold the Key to Bible Prophecy of the Endtime, the Key to the Closing of this Age. Yes, we must be watchful, we must be prepared and our hearts must be right with God **now!**

LAST GENERATION

In His discourse on the Mount of Olives (Matt.24; Lk.21) Jesus spoke of many signs of the endtime. He spoke of the parable of the fig-tree and other trees, indicating the future establishment of Israel as a nation and other new nations as the kingdom of nations. Then He said, in verse 34, *“Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.”* Now, just what does He mean by *“this generation”* within which all that He had spoken of must be fulfilled?

The word *“generation”* is *“genea”* in Greek. It means *“an age — the period or the persons”*. Hence, the verse indicates that the generation of those born on May 14, 1948 could not all die without all those signs that Jesus spoke of be fulfilled. Therefore, in this sense, the period of a generation would be about 70 to 80 years (cf. Psm.90:10).

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However, if “*this generation*” should reflect the average Biblical generation, then how much time is involved?

Well, in seeking for some sort of an answer that is in line with the above reckoning, Matthew 1:17 gives some hints. There were fourteen generations each from Abraham to David, from David to the Carrying away of Israel into Babylon, and from the Carrying away of Israel into Babylon to the Birth of Jesus Christ. All in all there were 42 generations which covered a period of approximately 2,000 to 2,058 years. (Historians hold different views on the exact number of years due to the use of different calendars in history.) Taking this as a guide, a Bible generation should approximately be a period of 46 to 49 years. (Bible students have generally accepted that there are 40 years in a generation by reason of the number of years that the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness. Dictionaries define a generation as a period of 30 to 33 years, the average age when a man marries and have a son.) So, if the fig tree in Jesus’ parable, in Matthew 24 and Luke 21, is really referring to the rebuilding of the Nation of Israel which would be fulfilled, along with all those other signs, within a span of one generation, then 1948 is reckoned as the beginning of the period. But would Christ only return to “*this generation*” a few years before it runs its course when most of “*this ‘genea’ of people*” have passed away and the remaining few are but old men and old women? I do not think so. I emphasize this only as something to think about, because May 14, 1948 has been marked as a day which sparked off the fulfillment of a chain of Bible Prophecies and signs pointing to the Coming of the Blessed One — the King of kings!

YOUR DESTINY

Christian friends, let us rejoice, for these are the greatest days in history! These are the days the prophet of old had longed to see but did not have the privilege. You and I have this privilege. So, let us take advantage of every opportunity to herald the ‘Good News’ so that more people will have the opportunity of knowing God’s message for the lost and dying world. We have been given this privilege of helping mankind prepare for an eternal destiny!

Let us continue to be alert to the events which are happening around the world. Many things which are unfolding before our eyes, through the news media, are actually the fulfillment of ancient Scriptures which have laid dormant in the pages of the Holy Book for centuries. The world awaits cataclysmic, earth-shaking developments, which will prove beyond a shadow of doubt, that man has now advanced to the stage of prophetic finality.

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“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.” – Phil.3:13,14,15

May God help us to face the facts of life and be always prepared and ready for the Second Coming of the Lord.

My Non-Christian friends, what about you? Is your heart right with God? God has this warning for you: *“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth”* (Eccle.12:1). And *“boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth”* (Prov.27:1). Get right with God now. Don’t perish in your sins. Jesus died on the cross for your sins. Accept Him as your own personal Saviour now and He will forgive and cleanse you of all your sins.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” – John 5:24

ETERNITY

The distant thunders of Bible Prophecy fulfillment are rumbling out the call: **“Behold He Cometh!”** And TIME MARCHES ON TO ETERNITY. Truly, the Nation of Israel and the TIME go marching on to the “Midnight Cry”.

THE LORD’S DEATH

Read Luke 22:19:

Volitional — “He took bread...”

Violent — “...broke it...”

Vicarious — “...for you.”

The violence is seen in the physical sufferings.

Five types of wounds:

[1] Contused (beaten) — “struck Him” (Luke 22:64)

[2] Penetrated — “thorns upon His head” (Matthew 27:29)

[3] Lacerated — “scourged Him” (John 19:1)

[4] Perpetrated — “crucify Him” (i.e. “nailed Him” Luke 23:21)

[5] Incised — “spear pierced His side” (John 19:34)

These are the sum total of all the physical wounds the body can take.

THE ARK AND TIME

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Bible Prophecy: *“But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ARK and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”*

– Matthew 24:37-39

THE EVIDENCE OF THE FLOOD

For untold centuries, mankind had sought to discover the large boat which Mister Noah sailed on the great flood that covered the earth in his generation. At the same time, many were sceptical of the Biblical fact that there was a Mister Noah who built a huge **Ark** which provided safety for him and his family during a great flood, caused by a torrential rain lasting forty days and forty nights, that covered the surface of this earth.

However, the scepticism of man, especially of this wicked Noahic generation, was turned to nought — some 20 years ago. For Science, Archaeology and History, working alongside one another, have brought to light the evidence that the Noahic flood did take place some 4,500 years ago just as the Bible has recorded.

THE ARK IN THE NEWS

But what happened to Mister Noah’s Ark? Where is it?

Well, let’s just say IT’S IN THE NEWS.

According to the many newspaper reports in America and Canada, since 1969, a six-man team of Scientists and Explorers had planned and was spending millions of dollars in digging into a glacier on Mount Ararat in northeast Turkey near the Russian border, where they believed the Biblical Ark was buried (cf. Gen. 8:4). The director of field operations, Harry Crawford, in a news conference stated that his party would attempt to remove from an ice pack above 13,500 feet elevation on the 17,000 foot mountain a “dark object” that cast a ship-like shadow when surface snow was melted. However, this “dark

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object” was not something new, for reports of the presence of a large vessel high on Mount Ararat had persisted for centuries.

In 1840, a team of avalanche workers reported that they had sighted the prow of a ship jutting out from an ice pack. Crawford said that not only did commercial pilots report that they had sighted a ship-like shadow in the ice near the top of the mountain, but that he and another explorer also did see a similar object from a cliff above the site. He estimated the object to be 450 feet long. (Note: The length of Noah’s Ark measured 300 cubits which is equivalent to approximately 450 feet, if the cubits mentioned in Genesis 6:15 is “sacred.”) Could that be the remains of Noah’s Ark? James M. Lee, one of the team member, said: *“Something is under the ice on Mount Ararat, where it has no logical business to be. If it is not the ark, what is it?”* It would also be interesting to note that Explorer Marco Polo had mentioned of an ark near the summit of Mount Ararat in 1300 A.D. during one of his famous journeys.

The expedition team was then studying ways to melt the 100 feet by 450 feet glacier and was then expecting to recover the find by the middle of 1971. Wood were found on both sides of the ice pack. The wood were tooled out and the pieces sent for examination. Ralph E. Crawford, president of SEARCH FOUNDATION, INC., using methods which measured the rate of decay of radio-active carbon in the wood, concluded that the pieces of hand-tooled wood were between 4,000 to 5,000 years old. (However, a few other highly respected laboratories disputed this claim.) Other scientific studies supported Crawford’s finding. Yet, Robert Faylor, another member of the team, declared: *“I can’t explain how wood of that size and age could get to that height. Whatever is there, is going to be of great archaeological interest.”*

Unfortunately, the search for Noah’s Ark was halted when a killer quake struck Mt. Ararat in eastern Turkey on November 24, 1976 killing 5,000 people. Since then, the Turkish government has banned foreigners from going to the mountain. Some reports said that the shaking might have exposed the Ark for the world to see. But the reason given for the ban was the tense political situation in that region, for the Soviet border was just to the north and the Iranian border to the south.

Explorers have not given up their desires to search for the Ark on Mt. Ararat. Several of them have been seeking permission from the Turkish government to make another expedition.

Since the late 1990s, a group of researchers have been focusing on using the latest remote sensing technology to search for the remains of Noah’s Ark and other sites of interest.

AS IT WAS...SO SHALL IT BE ALSO!

And TIME marches on, but what has the ARK got to do with it?

Much! Not only does the search for the Ark enlighten the Christians, and others in the world today, who believe this historical fact that the “ship” of Mister Noah did exist, it also gives a prophetic view and warning of this endtime days.

*“And God saw that the **wickedness** of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...the **earth** also was **corrupt** before God, and the earth was filled with **violence**.”* – Gen.6:5,11

That was approximately 1,600 years after Adam. Then, God decreed a **flood** for the **degenerated** and **rebellious** sin-filled souls of men and women. And He also decreed an Ark for Mister Noah and his family — for the Bible says “Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the Lord” (Gen.6:8).

For centuries that tremendous historical event (which is also of prophetic significance) has stood out in the Word of God as a warning and reminder to mankind to prepare themselves for the soon return of Jesus Christ. “*And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man*” (Lk.17:26).

Yes, truly we can see that the conditions of the present day world are very similar to that of the time of Noah, prior to the flood of judgement. In the time of Noah, the world was filled with all kinds of sins — violence, wickedness, lewdness, sexual perversion, covetousness, idolatry, selfishness, pride, blasphemy, unholiness — so is the world today! You name it, the world has it!

It is generally believed that God gave the people in the time of Noah a hundred and twenty years to repent but this mini-skirted generation of ours would not last another generation. “*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness...*” (Acts 17:30-31).

THE JUDGEMENT MUST COME!

Is it a mere coincidence that the search of the lost Ark has to take place right in the midst of this Noahic generation? Why would some explorers be so dead set against destroying all evidence of the Ark? Or could it be that God is playing the TIME to cause this prophecy to be

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fulfilled to the very words of Luke 17:26 — *“And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man?”* During his time, Noah built the Ark and finished it before the flood came. And now man is searching for the Ark which may possibly be found before the judgement comes. But the **judgement** must come!

THE DESTRUCTION OF FIRE

Perhaps, God will allow the lost Ark to be found so that He can use it as a tangible evidence of His Truth against an unbelieving world. What exciting news will it be when the Ark would be heralded throughout the four corners of the earth as a warning to all men of a repetition soon of such a judgement, not with water but with fire, *“whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men”* (2 Pet.3:6,7) — and it will happen after the sabbatical millennium.

THE SAFETY ARK

Today while man is enthusiastically searching for the Ark of old, piloted by Captain Noah, yet many have not come to the knowledge that the Merciful Creator of Life has provided another Ark not made with hands, but which is far better than the former — the Safety Ark of Jesus Christ.

Mankind is now seeing a repeat of Noah's days which will be followed by Christ's Second Advent and God's fearful judgement. What, then, are you doing? When the time is due, and the door of God's Safety Ark, whose Captain is Jesus, is closed, would you be sailing with Him towards a Heavenly life? Where will you be, then, when God begins to judge the world?

And you, Christian friend, what about you? What are you doing before God pours forth His wrath upon this wicked “No Way Out” generation? Is your life a witness of the Gospel, and are you ready at the same time to answer *“Aye, aye, Sir!”* to Captain Jesus' call to set sail? Are you labouring, as you ought to labour, to bring into the Safety Ark men, women, boys and girls of every race, as Brother Noah did to the animals that must be saved? Or, are you just plainly playing ‘Christian’ with a Sunday Religion? Saint Noah laboured everyday before the Flood, so must you!

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THE MIDNIGHT CRY!

The culminating clouds of fulfillment of Bible prophecies are rolling on the horizon of these last few hours of the last days to bring the civilizations of this wicked world to a climactic close. Truly, the ARK and the TIME are marching on to the "Midnight Cry".

