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Surprise Atomic Blitz Planned to Knock Out Russia

FEW know that a "flash war" to end Russian aggression in a single overnight blow has been blueprinted by a few young atomic bomb enthusiasts among under-ranking air force officers.

The U.S. government, of course, promptly rejected the Plan. But the Plan has been published, and it works both ways. Have its authors unwittingly planned the suicide of our nation?

Could HITLER still be alive, awaiting the opportune moment to seize this very Plan to exterminate us?

Here is a startling prophecy!

THIS nation this moment is in mortal danger!

For months the Russians have kept us in daily fear of war. All authorities, military and diplomatic, in the United States, in Britain and in France, are agreed that war with Russia is inevitable, sooner or later.

Apparently it is not to come this year. September is the month for starting wars in Europe. The Russians would face greater obstacles than any other power in starting a war in late fall or winter. But every year it is delayed brings Russia closer to production of the atomic bomb. Delay may not be in our favor—unless delay might avert the war. Delay cannot avert war, but it can avert war with Russia.

We Have Three Choices

Three courses are open to the United States in dealing with the Russian threat.

And, paradoxically, the only one which can prevent war with Russia without at the same time creating an even deadlier enemy is the one course we cannot, and never will, pursue.

That course is the most drastic, the most breath-taking, ever conceived. It

would be decisive. It would be final. It has been considered in Washington—and rejected.

It has been worked out in detail. A few atomic-minded under-officers in the Air Force have blueprinted and presented the astounding Plan that would end the Russian threat once and for all.

"Flash-War" Proposed

The plan was put forth, cautiously and unofficially, of course, in an article which appeared recently in the *Quarterly Review* of the Air University of the U. S. Air Force, submitted by Col. Dale O. Smith. Of course the article did not name Russia as the enemy specified, but that is understood.

Col. Smith's concepts and suggestions were startling, even to the Army and Navy. His air-blitz plan is based on the atomic bomb. Technical facts and figures are presented in the article to show that one single flying mission of 300 large bombers loaded with atomic bombs could, without warning in a single night, damage an enemy as much as the entire United States Air Forces were able to do in two long years of sustained operations in the last war.

Think of it! Just three such quick surprise attacks in as many nights could produce as much havoc and destruction as six years of continuous, sustained, full-scale bombing such as we inflicted during the last year of World War II.

Victory in one blow, or at most in a brief series of blows struck before the enemy could spring to action, is the astonishing plan outlined in this article.

"This," wrote Col. Smith, "will result in a general disintegration of all industry which will, in turn, prevent reconstruction. Oil, transportation, power, vital end products, and weapon factories, if destroyed concurrently, would leave a nation in such a devastated state as to preclude repair."

It would mean almost instant, unexpected DEATH TO A NATION.

Would Produce National Starvation

Col. Smith wrote: "If all the critical industrial systems could be destroyed in one blow, so that recuperation were impossible within any foreseeable time, there seems little question but that a nation would die just as surely as a man will die if a bullet pierces his heart and his circulatory system is stopped.

Food and fuel would cease flowing.
IN A MATTER OF DAYS STARVATION WOULD SET IN AT EVERY URBAN AREA. . . . Without homes or fuel people would perish from exposure."

There is the astounding pattern for World War III—a plan formulated in every detail—presented, *not* by what Communist fifth-columnists would have the prejudiced believe are "war-mongering capitalists" but by an under-officer of the Air Force.

Of course the whole idea was immediately turned down by the military high command and by the government.

In the first place, the United States never *would* become an aggressor and strike the first blow in a war, even for defensive purposes, and in the second place we *could not*, even if we would. Our very Constitution renders it impossible.

Yet, in a manner to be explained below, the plan is *diabolically prophetic!*

Our Second Alternative

The second course open to the United States is the extreme opposite—appeasement. We could please Stalin and Henry Wallace by terminating the Marshall Plan, abandoning central and western Europe, returning to isolationism. This might *postpone* trouble, but it would lead to certain disaster. Western Europe would relapse into chaos and the Russians would occupy the whole of Europe in less than a year.

Then the Soviet would be in complete possession of the geopolitical "world island," and geopolitical scientists know that then they could take their own sweet time about conquering the rest of the world—we could not resist them. Cut off, as we would be then, from commercial intercourse with Europe and Asia, our great economic power would be fast dissipated, many sources of raw materials closed to us, we would find ourselves being rapidly weakened to the level of a minor power. Britain would soon be helpless and fall prey to the Russian bear. The Russians would move to take over the Orient, would soon develop the most gigantic industrial power ever conceived in the world, and in a few years would have atomic bombs in production.

Then Moscow would coldly give us our choice of surrendering or being blown to bits. Our fate would be sealed.

What We Will Do and Where It Will Lead

The course we are taking, and will continue to take, is the middle course of continuing to "stand up to Russia."

But what very few dream of is *what*

must inevitably follow, and where it is destined to lead us!

Inevitably the United States must soon adopt the policy now urged by General Carl Spaatz. He insists *we must now ARM western Europe!*

We are already committed, thru the Marshall Plan, to underwrite the economic recovery of western Europe. But this, the general argues, creates a new danger. Just as soon as the industries and economic activity of western Europe is restored the Soviet will be tempted to make a quick military move to take it over. Soon the western European nations will be made prosperous enough, thru American dollars, to tempt Russia but too weak to resist her.

Only by now using additional billions of dollars to rearm western Europe, thus creating a balance of power, says General Spaatz, can we insure the peace of Europe and the world. Only thus are the present billions poured into the Marshall Plan safe from Russian acquisition.

We See One Enemy at a Time

On paper this sounds nice, but there are two things wrong with it.

When nations become heavily armed the arms are always used. War follows inevitably. But, of course, as the general points out, the Russians soon will overrun those nations if we do not arm them. There's no hope of peace either way.

In the second place he, like all Americans, appears unable to see but *one enemy at a time!* That is a great national weakness.

The American and British governments seemed unable to recognize that Hitler was an enemy until it was too late to stop him. When Hitler had plunged the world into war, Washington and London were unable to see that Stalin was our enemy, too. What a golden opportunity, when Hitler attacked Russia, to let our TWO greatest enemies destroy each other! But our leaders seem unable to see more than one enemy at a time. So they hastened to the aid of enemy Stalin, to the tune of billions of dollars in "Lend-Lease," instituted a propaganda campaign of fawning on Stalin and opening wide our gates to the entrance of his diabolical fifth-column Communists. And, at cost of billions of our wealth and resources, we plummeted the Soviet enemy from a position of weakness into one of the two greatest powers on earth! Yes, WE made the Russians the great world power that now is able arrogantly to threaten us!

And what do we see now? We still see *only one enemy*, this time Russia. So now we concentrate on resisting

Russian aggression, and, in so doing, gullibly *plan again to build up, with American resources, enemy number two!*

Just as certainly as we restore western Europe to economic prosperity, and then to military power, a successor to Hitler will emerge, gain control of this power thru a "United States of Europe," which we also are encouraging, and we shall then wake up, too late, to realize **WE SHALL HAVE RESTORED OUR FASCIST ENEMY TO POWER TO DESTROY US!**

God have mercy on this blinded, gullible, blundering nation!

Could Hitler Be Alive?

Could it be possible that Adolf Hitler himself is still alive and in hiding, awaiting this very development and the opportune moment to strike awe into all central and western Europe by claiming to have been resurrected from the dead to seize this power and employ our own atomic-blast plan to destroy us?

We shipped to Japan ton after ton of scrap iron and metals which they beat into weapons of war to use against us.

We helped rehabilitate Germany so Hitler could rise to strike us.

We dissipated our resources to expand Russia into a power great enough to threaten to conquer the world. We put Stalin in position to threaten us now.

And now we are creating, *by draining our own resources*, a NEW EUROPE which can fall into Fascist control and be used to destroy us!

And how diabolically prophetic!

What Is Prophesied!

For that identical thing is prophesied!

Only by UNDERSTANDING Biblical prophecy, which *so few* really do, can one grasp the real significance and meaning of the unprecedented world events of today!

The *key* to all prophecies is our identity as twentieth-century ISRAEL. The Jews are from the nation "Judah" but America and Britain are the head birth-right tribes of the House of ISRAEL. See our special booklet, "United States in Prophecy," mailed free upon request (as soon as another edition is printed).

Listen to the prophecy of enemy nations draining us of our national resources. How accurately this is being fulfilled! "Ephraim" (Great Britain, as associated with the U. S.) "allows himself to be mixed up with foreigners; Ephraim has become a cake turned as it was baked. *Foreigners eat away his strength*, unknown to him." (Hos. 7:8-9). How true!

Speaking of OUR NATIONS, TO—
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Will RUSSIA Invade AMERICA?

HERE'S a prophetic bombshell! . . . the plain truth about the astounding prophecy of Ezekiel 38 and 39!

EVER since mid-March we have hovered on the brink of war with Russia.

United States military chiefs have warned that war might come in a few days or a few weeks.

Many who claim to be authorities on prophecy have been busy assuring people such a war is prophesied in Ezekiel 38.

The United States, Great Britain, and the democracies of northwestern Europe are actually modern ISRAEL—descended from the so-called lost Ten Tribes. Therefore, they conclude, Ezekiel 38 foretells an invasion of the North American continent from Russia.

But this is *not* what the prophecy says.

What Ezekiel 38 *does* foretell is truly astounding. Let's understand it.

The Time-Sequence of the Prophecy

Ezekiel's message is for *our day*—a prophetic warning for America and Britain, *now!*

To understand the time, the place, and all the facts of the prophecy of Ezekiel 38, we need to begin at the 1st chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy and read the book clear through.

When we do this, we find a TIME-SEQUENCE flowing thru the Book.

Let us skim thru it very briefly.

Notice, in the very first verse, Ezekiel was among the Jewish captives who had been taken in the captivity of Judah to the River Chebar. It was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity that this prophecy began coming to Ezekiel thru visions.

It is a PROPHECY. Ezekiel was being shown things far into the FUTURE.

Notice, the prophecy was inspired and written *after JUDAH'S captivity*—more than 131 years after the House of ISRAEL had been taken captive to Assyria. The advance-guard of the House of Israel already had begun to arrive in the British Isles before Ezekiel's vision and writing.

Yet, Ezekiel is a prophet to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL. His prophecy applies to the far future—*not* to the captivity of Israel which had occurred more than 130 years before he wrote. Remember that!

Notice, Ezek. 2:3, and 3:1, 4-7, Ezekiel's message, a PROPHECY for the FUTURE, is for the HOUSE OF ISRAEL, not the House of Judah.

In chapter 3, beginning verse 17,

Ezekiel is set a watchman to WARN the House of Israel.

Message to Israel, Not Judah

Notice! Beginning chapter 3: After the prophet "eats the roll"—that is, receives the prophetic warning message—he is to "go speak unto the HOUSE OF ISRAEL"—not to the Jews among whom he dwelt.

Remember he is already *among* the captives of JUDAH. But the Eternal says to him: "Go, get thee unto the House of ISRAEL." (Verse 4).

Surely we do not need to pause here to explain to readers of the PLAIN TRUTH that the twelve tribes of Israel had long before this divided into *two nations*—the ten Tribes being the House of ISRAEL, while Judah and Benjamin composed the House of JUDAH, who, *only*, were nicknamed "Jews." For the benefit of those readers who do not understand this vital distinction—a veritable "key" without which the prophecies cannot be opened to understanding—another edition of the special booklet "The United States in Prophecy" will shortly be published, and upon special request a copy will be sent free.

The Jewish people of today are descended from the House of JUDAH. But the white, English-speaking people of the United States and Great Britain are the leading "birthright" tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, heads of the ten-tribed HOUSES OF ISRAEL.

Ezekiel's Message is for *our day*—and it is, therefore, a *message for America and Britain, NOW!*

Notice chapter 4. The prophet is to place before him a tile, and trace upon it the city of Jerusalem, and lay siege against it. The sins pictured are those of Jerusalem, capital of JUDAH. But "this" (verse 3) "*shall be a sign to the HOUSE of ISRAEL.*" Then follows the well-known key to the "day for a year" method of reckoning prophecy.

Continue chapter 5. "For," comes the warning Message from the Eternal, "thereof SHALL a fire come forth into all the HOUSE OF ISRAEL." (Verse 4). Notice, this is to vividly portray a warning of some FUTURE destruction upon the House of ISRAEL! Not upon Judah, already conquered by Nebuchadnezzar and in the midst of his sieges against Jerusalem. But upon ISRAEL—the ten-tribed nation who

had gone into its first and original captivity one hundred thirty long years before! The warning is not of the captivity already so far back in history. It says "thereof SHALL a fire COME" upon Israel! It is a prophecy relating to a FUTURE destruction and captivity.

No such destruction and captivity has ever *yet* come to the House of Israel since this was written! *Therefore it is still in the future—IN OUR TIME!* And it is a warning to Britain and America—NOW!

A Captivity of Israel Yet Future!

Notice more of this grim warning!

A third part of thee (America-Britain) shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds" (in captivity being removed from our own land and scattered over the world). (Verse 12).

Coming to chapter 5, the local scene of the vision shifts to the mountainous land of Palestine—but the MESSAGE is intended for AMERICA AND BRITAIN, today!

Will we heed it? God help us to wake up!

Listen! "Behold I, even I," says the Eternal God (verse 3), "will bring a sword (invasion) upon you, and I will destroy your high places . . . and I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of ISRAEL before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. In all your dwelling places *the cities shall be laid waste* (atomic-bombing) . . . and ye shall know that I am the Eternal." (Verses 5-7).

Just a small remnant shall escape and be spared (Verse 8). These are described in Luke 21:36.

Continue: "Thus saith the Eternal God; . . . Alas for all the evil abominations of (not Judah, but) the HOUSE OF ISRAEL! for they SHALL" (not *did*, in the captivity 130 years before Ezekiel wrote, but SHALL) "fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence." (Verse 11).

The TIME Is FUTURE!

This is not a popular message. You probably have never heard it before. The preachers and teachers of prophecy almost unanimously will rise up to deny

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Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

EVERY little while I am amazed at the misunderstanding of so many people, especially about becoming a Christian.

I am thinking now of one who said recently: "I'll tell you why my husband and I have not been converted. As I understand it, we'd have to go forward in a meeting before a lot of people, kneel at the altar, and have a *feeling* of deep emotion, pray before a lot of people, and shed a lot of tears. And I just don't know how to work up that feeling, and I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to shed tears or pray aloud before others."

Truly we are the victims of pagan teachings, doctrines, rituals, and customs, which have wormed their way into a so-called Christianity and adopted Christian-sounding names! Let's contend earnestly for the FAITH ONCE DELIVERED—as faithfully recorded in the Bible—not as practiced in various sects or denominations of MEN!

Where did Jesus give such instruction? Where did He set us such an example by doing it Himself? Where did He have His disciples "get converted" by such a formula? Where do you find it in the New Testament? Where's the teaching for it? Where did the Apostle Paul practise it or have others do it?

It is not a matter of FEELING! It is not a matter of stirring up one's EMOTIONS. It is a matter of HEART—deep down in your HEART, do you realize you have thought, spoken, and lived contrary to God's law and Bible teaching—that you are a sinner? Deep down in your heart do you WANT to

repent of it, forsake it, turn to GOD, and to HIS WAY OF LIFE? If so, it is a matter of REPENTANCE, and of BELIEVING! Do you BELIEVE Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? Do you accept Him as your personal Saviour? Do you BELIEVE God's Word which says that upon true heart-felt repentance and faith He *is* your personal Saviour—that He paid the penalty of your sins for you—that you *are* thus released from them—that you are thru Him reconciled to God—that God will, according to His PROMISE, give you His HOLY SPIRIT to guide and lead you, strengthen you, save you? GOD PROMISES IT IN THE BIBLE! Do you BELIEVE IT? Then read again the Heart to Heart Talk in the October number, go into a private room *alone* with God, shut the door, get down on your knees, and *give* YOURSELF to Him! It is not a matter of how you feel. It is a matter of *really* MEANING *it*, in dead earnest, down deep in your heart—and of *really* BELIEVING—believing in GOD, in CHRIST, and in what God has PROMISED in the Bible! It means the start of a NEW and DIFFERENT LIFE—a life lived according to EVERY WORD OF GOD—in the BIBLE! It means you GIVE yourself to Him, to let Him CHANGE you—change your thoughts, your habits, your ways, your LIFE—and

fill you with His love, His faith, His obedience, His understanding, His power!

Then, of course, you must be baptised—BURIED with Him by baptism. If you *do* take this step, give yourself to Christ and thus become His. I would be glad to have you write me, especially about baptism. I will try to send you something to help you.

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this warning Message—to apply it to a different time or people. But the warning is from the Eternal God, *and it is sure!* The reader will do well to heed!

Notice the TIME!

"All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be as weak as water." (chapter 7 verse 17). Compare: "Howl ye; for the DAY OF THE LORD is at hand; . . . therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: and they shall be afraid." (Isa. 13:6-7). Plainly, the TIME is the "*Day of the Lord*"—yet *in the immediate future!*

Continue: "They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the WRATH OF THE LORD." (Ezek. 7:19). Now compare that with Zeph. 1:14-18: "The great day of the Lord is near . . . That day is a DAY OF WRATH . . . And I (the Eternal) will bring distress upon men . . . Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's Wrath." Both are speaking of the same time . . . a time shortly ahead of us now, in this present generation!

"Wherefore," continues verse 24 (Ezek. 7), "I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: and I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease . . . DESTRUCTION cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none . . . then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest." (Verses 25-26).

Yes, when this comes, our people finally will cry out for a true prophet or minister of the Eternal God—but it will be too late! For *then* shall have come the time spoken by the prophet Amos, when there shall be a FAMINE of HEARING THE WORDS OF THE ETERNAL—(Amos 8:11)—an END of true Gospel preaching! Already the people and their paid ministers have

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turned their eyes and ears from God's law!

Notice chapter 11 of Ezekiel's prophecy. It is a Message addressed to the House of ISRAEL—verse 5. "I will bring the sword upon you, saith the Eternal God. And I will bring you out of the midst thereof and *deliver you into the hands of strangers*, and will execute judgments among you. Ye shall fall by the sword." (Verses 8-10). WHEN? It is *future* from the time Ezekiel wrote, and it has not yet happened since then! **GOD SAYS IT WILL HAPPEN!**

Chapter 12, verse 11: "they SHALL remove, and *go into captivity*." It is yet future—and it is the House of ISRAEL! Not Judah.

When? "And they shall know I am the Eternal, *when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries*." (Verse 15). The expression "They shall know that I am the Eternal" is used repeatedly thru the Book of Ezekiel—always referring to the time of the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, and Israel's final restoration back to the land of Palestine. Many prophecies show Israel is to be scattered in this latter-day captivity *when* Christ comes to RESTORE them back to Palestine.

People Won't Believe It!

Always the true prophets and ministers of God have stood almost alone, and opposed by the overwhelming majority in Israel. That is Israel's history of old. It is true today.

The 13th chapter shows the declarations of the popular ministry of this day in Israel—in America and Britain.

"Son of man, prophecy against the prophets of Israel. . . . Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the HOUSE OF ISRAEL to stand in the battle *in the DAY OF THE LORD*." (Verses 2-5). It is speaking of the *soon-coming* "Day of the Lord,"—not some ancient time! . . . "They have seduced my people, saying Peace; and there was no peace." (Verse 10).

Certainly the popular ministry of today is saying to the people that we shall *never* be defeated in war, *because*, say those who understand our national identity, we are the chosen people of Israel! But we were not chosen for special favors. We were chosen for a service and righteous life we have failed to perform! Every time Israel of old disobeyed God, departed from His laws and ways, and went into the pagan cus-

toms (as we have done today, actually deceiving ourselves by *calling* those customs "Christian!") they were invaded and conquered. *Has God changed?*

Ezekiel catalogs our sins—our customs and ways which seem right in *our* eyes but which are contrary to God's laws and an *abomination* in *HIS* sight. Some of them he mentions in the 8th chapter.

In chapter 22: "Thou hast despised mine holy things, and profaned my sabbaths," says the Eternal (verse 8). "Thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Eternal. . . . And I will (not did, but *will*) scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee." (Verses 12, 15).

"Her priests" (prophetically speaking of modern Israel) "have violated my law, and has profaned mine holy things; they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean (Lev. 11), and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them." (Verse 26). Our people today can't see where *these* things make any difference! But Ezekiel says the preachers have deceived the people, and led them astray. They have condoned all these things, until the people have lost God's pure TRUTH!

And so the prophecy continues on thru the Book. Ezekiel digresses thru eight chapters, 25 thru 32, to prophesy against a number of foreign Gentile nations who have come in direct contact with Israel. In chapter 33, the prophet returns to pleading with the House of Israel. "Turn ye, turn ye," God pleads, "from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O House of Israel?" Here, too, Ezekiel is again set a watchman to WARN Israel — AMERICA AND BRITAIN TODAY!—at the time when this prophesied foreign sword is coming! Ezekiel wrote the Message—but it remains for us to whom God has revealed it today to actually shout and proclaim it to the people. God help us to be faithful in this solemn and grave commission!

In the 34th chapter, God tells him to prophecy against the ministers of our land. They have fed themselves, and not the flocks. They have preached what people wanted to hear (II Tim. 4:3-4) in order to get their salaries!

The Coming of Christ!

And now the Eternal inspires the prophet to come to the solution!

"Thus saith the Eternal God: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will

require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. . . . Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out. . . . and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day (the DAY OF THE LORD—yet future). And I will. . . . gather them from the countries, and bring them to their own land (Palestine), and feed them (spiritual food) upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country." (Verses 10-14).

Christ Himself—for He is the Eternal—shall come and rescue our people, not only from the coming captivity and dispersion, but from the false Babylonish teachings which have been palmed off to our people cloaked as "Christianity." He will then set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people Israel (Isa. 11:11). The spiritual blindness shall then be removed, and all Israel shall be saved! (see Romans 11:25:26). The KINGDOM OF GOD shall be established. Men shall be tired of their *own* ways, and seek God's ways—and *His law* shall go forth of Zion (Micah 4:2-3). And the nations shall find PEACE!

The 35th chapter reveals the end of the Turkish nation, to occur at this time, because of their treachery against Great Britain—all yet to be fulfilled. This ties up with the prophecy of Obadiah.

In the 36th chapter, the Eternal addresses Palestine: "Prophecy unto the mountains of Israel. . . . Thus saith the Eternal God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken. . . . But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. . . . And I will multiply men upon you, *all the HOUSE OF ISRAEL* even ALL of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: and I will multiply upon you man and beast." (Verses 1,4,8,10-11).

Yes, the House of Israel is pictured returning to Palestine, *not* from a condition of wealth and prosperity from Britain and America—*not* in the position of a people victorious in a great world war—but as a slave and captive people, scattered thru the nations of the world! ALL prophecies picturing this rescue and re-gathering of Israel at Christ's coming give us the same prophetic picture! Why be blinded to the truth?

Both Houses United in Palestine

In chapter 37, the first part pictures the "valley of dry bones." This repre-

sents (Verse 11), the whole House of Israel—including Judah. It has a dual significance. It pictures the re-birth and resurrection of Israel *as a nation*, from captivity, dispersion and slavery. It pictures, too, the literal bodily resurrection of the individual who has long since died, after which the knowledge of the Truth—spiritual knowledge—shall be revealed, and he shall be converted, and God's Spirit shall enter within, and he shall be saved.

Beginning the 15th verse, the illustration of the two sticks shows the two Houses, or nations, Israel and Judah, being once more united, under Christ at His second coming, in the land of Palestine.

"Thus saith the Eternal God; Behold I will take the children of Israel from" (from the British Isles, and America—from a position of wealth and affluence, recent victors in the world war? No, but) "from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be King to them all: *they shall be no more two nations*, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with *any* of their transgressions . . . And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt . . . they, and their children, and their children's children forever. . . . Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an EVER-LASTING COVENANT." (The NEW Covenant). (Verses 21-26).

And Now Comes Gog!

Notice, now, the story-flow—the time-sequence! The prophet has carried us thru the sins of Israel, the coming invasion and captivity and dispersion, the terrible yet-future DAY OF THE LORD, the Coming of Christ as DELIVERER to RESTORE the fortunes of Israel. We have come to the time when both Israel and Judah shall be re-united into one nation, rescued from captivity and dispersion, and re-gathered again in PALESTINE, once again made prosperous, having learned our lesson, now living God's way, under His laws, enjoying His richest blessings, both material and spiritual!

And now we come to chapter 38! And this chapter finds Israel restored in Palestine—"the land that is brought back from the sword," (Verse 8). We find Israel now at rest, dwelling SAFELY, yet totally UNPREPARED for war

—having "neither bars nor gates" (Verse 11); in the desolate places of Palestine, now inhabited, (verse 12)—yes, inhabited (same verse) by "the people that are gathered out of the nations"—and now once again restored to great material prosperity—"which have gotten cattle, and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

Notice it!

This prophecy does not picture the British Isles and America! It pictures the land of PALESTINE. It pictures *our people* having been taken there from a dispersion and captivity and slavery, gathered out of the nations where we had been scattered, now once again rich and increased with goods!

Notice it! The TIME of this prophecy is AFTER—not before, but AFTER the Second Coming of Christ—AFTER the Great Deliverer has come and rescued our people and restored us to Palestine—AFTER Israel and Judah are re-united! Certainly the "latter years" (Verse 8).

The PLACE of this battle is not Britain or America—it is PALESTINE!

"Thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, which have been always waste (once a perpetual waste—Moffatt translation)." (Verse 8). The "mountains of Israel" is an expression used all thru the Book of Ezekiel, and always refers to the literal mountainous *land of Palestine*.

Our people shall have regained so much wealth that Gog and allies—Russia and numerous Gentile allies—shall come to "take a spoil" (Verse 13), "to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a GREAT spoil."

Christ's Reign Contested!

But this very fact—that this invasion will not come until *after* the Second Coming of Christ—will seem preposterous to many, at first thought.

That is because we have been accustomed to merely ASSUME things that are not true. We have blindly ASSUMED that when Christ comes, there will be no opposition. Every person and power on earth, we have thought, will simply submit meekly and instantly to Him and His power. But that is not true!

The very battle at Armageddon is a battle between the "BEAST" and Christ. The power who undoubtedly shall finally conquer and disperse Israel, *prior* to Christ's coming—the power who shall then enforce the "mark of the Beast" and martyr many saints (Mat. 24:9; Rev. 6:11)—this last coming European

revival of the Roman Empire by a federation of European nations, will fight Christ. The "Beast" and "False Prophet" who heads the organized religion Christ shall abolish, shall both CONTEST Christ's right to rule.

Israel will turn to Him immediately—because Israel shall have lost all her colossal wealth and power, been reduced to slavery, scattered and dispersed thru the nations. When Christ comes He will find Israel humbled, repentant. Jeremiah says Israel and Judah together shall go, WEEPING, and seeking the Eternal, and asking the way to salvation. (Jer. 50:4-6). Ezekiel says they shall "loathe themselves" for all the evils they have committed (20:42-44).

But the Gentile nations who have schemed to conquer and rule the world—they shall not submit until forced to. The European Axis power shall be subdued and conquered at Armageddon. But Russia, and the populous Oriental nations who know not God or Christ, shall still have to be brought to submission!

"Gog" Is Russia

It is conclusively proved as *all* students of prophecy know, that "Gog" in the land of "Magog" is RUSSIA. "Meshech" is Moscow. "Tubal" is Tobolsk. The margin says "Prince of Rosh" which is Russia.

Notice the allies who come with Russia in this future battle. You will find "Gomer," "Togarmah," "Magog," "Mesheh," "Tubal," identified in Genesis 10 as the sons of JAPETH, father of the yellow races. Ethiopia and Libya (or Phut) are descended from Ham. Any Bible map will show that the descendants of Japeth migrated north and northeast into the territories occupied today by Russia, and the Oriental races.

Therefore, this prophecy of Ezekiel 38 shows that it is RUSSIA, not Japan, who shall finally succeed in marshalling all the yellow races into a gigantic invasion upon OUR people.

Russia is a Communist nation. Communism is atheism—it fights God! When God rules the world, thru Christ—with His chosen people restored to great wealth in Palestine, the very CENTER of the land surface of the earth (verse 13, Moffatt translation), Russia shall finally rise up with the most overwhelming armies ever assembled by man!

The mighty air-force of Russia in that day will make those of the last war look puny. "Thou shalt ascend," the Eternal says of Russia, "and come like a storm (in the air), thou shalt be like a cloud TO COVER THE

LAND." (Verse 9). There shall be so many planes then that they will hide the sun off the ground below, like a huge dark shadow!

The END of World Conquest

This will be the final effort of rebellious, God-resisting man to conquer the world in the lust for power and material wealth.

Our people Israel shall not be armed or prepared. "When my people Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? asks the Eternal. "And thou shalt come from thy place *out of the north* parts (Russia is due north of Palestine), thou, and many people (allies) with thee . . . a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be *in the latter days*, and I will bring thee against *my land*, that the heathen may know me (note the purpose), when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes." (Verses 14-16).

But our people shall not *have* to fight in that battle. We shall have learned by then that God fights our battles for us!

"And it shall come to pass at that time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel (Palestine), saith the Eternal God, that MY FURY shall come up in my face." (Verse 18). "So that . . . all the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at MY PRESENCE." (Verse 20). It is AFTER Christ's coming! Note it!

"I will summon an utter panic against him (Gog), says the Lord the Eternal, till every man in his host shall draw the sword against his fellow: I will punish him with pestilence and bloodshed, I will rain on him and his hordes and all the nations in his train an overpowering flood, with hailstones, fire, and brimstone. I will let ALL THE NATIONS see MY MIGHT AND DREAD DIVINITY—to teach them that I am the Eternal!" (Verses 21-23, Moffatt).

Notice, these heathen nations do not see and recognize the dread DIVINITY, the MIGHT, and POWER of the Eternal Christ, even after He has returned. He has to TEACH them that HE is the ETERNAL!

The 39th chapter shows in more detail the RESULT of this great battle, in which Christ, with supernatural power, causes five-sixth of these heathen armies to be slain in this battle.

Notice, again, the time: "Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the *whole* House of Israel (Israel and Judah), and will be jealous for my holy name; . . . when I have brought them again from the

people, and *gathered them out of their ENEMIES' LANDS*, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; then shall they KNOW that I AM THE ETERNAL!" (Ch. 39:25-28).

Notice again! At Christ's Second Coming, He shall gather Israel—our British and American people—*out of our enemies' lands*, not out of our own land of wealth and power, North America and the British Isles!

But then we shall be thoroughly chastened. We shall have learned our lesson. We shall live by GOD'S rules, and obey His Law. "For I have poured out My SPIRIT upon the House of Israel, saith the Eternal God." (Verse 29).

And then, beginning chapter 40, the remainder of the Book of Ezekiel reveals the ideal THEOCRACY—God's NEW ORDER of divine government upon earth—the permanent forms and institutions which shall express the ideal relation between God and man!

In the meantime, our job is to WARN America and Britain of what lies ahead! To shout the warning to come out of BABYLON (Rev. 18:4)—that those who heed may find God *now*—may come under His divine protection (Psalm 91), and by a true Spirit-filled life obedient to GOD'S WAYS and laws, be prepared to become a ruler or a teacher in Christ's soon-coming glorious Kingdom!

Surprise Atomic Blitz

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DAY (modern Israel), Jesus Christ Himself foretold: "These be the days of divine vengeance, in fulfillment of all that is written in scripture . . . for sore anguish will come upon the land and wrath upon this people; they (America-Britain) will fall by the edge of the sword, they will be carried prisoners to all nations, and Jerusalem will be under the heel of the Gentiles." (Luke 21:22-24).

Listen to Ezekiel's prophecy of God's sentence upon the U. S.—Great Britain because of our increasing sins: "I" says the Eternal, "will inflict punishment upon you, and scatter all your survivors to the winds. By my life!—it is the sentence of the Lord the Eternal— . . . I am going to cut you down, I will have neither mercy nor pity; a third of your folk shall die within your walls of pestilence and famine (starvation and disease), a third shall fall by the sword (war) around your walls, and a third I will scatter to the four winds. . . . Money has been their ruin and their sin; they prided themselves upon the

beauty of their silver and their gold" (wealthiest nations of earth's history, and we have misused this great power). . . . "So I will bring in the worst of the pagans to take possession of their houses, and I will put an end to the strength on which the land prided itself, and let their sanctuaries (churches) be profaned." (Ezek. 5:10-12; 7:20, 24). For explanation of Ezekiel's prophecies, see article page 3.

Again, "In all your dwelling places THE CITIES SHALL BE LAID WASTE." "And the CITIES that are inhabited SHALL BE LAID WASTE." (Ezek. 6:6; 12:20). "Is ISRAEL (America-Britain) a servant? Is he a home-born slave? Why is he spoiled? The young lions roared upon him, and yelled, and they made his land waste: *his cities are burned without an inhabitant.*" (Jer. 2:14-15). Only atomic bombing can completely destroy cities, by BURNING, leaving them without an inhabitant!

Who Will Thus Attack Us?

But WHO is the power to attack us with atomic bombs, destroy our cities, kill a third of our people? Many suppose it is Russia. IT IS NOT!

Speaking of the coming resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE—the coming "United States of Europe" which will fall into Nazi-Fascist power—the DAUGHTER of the ancient Babylon, God says:

"Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon . . . I was wroth with my people (Israel—America-Britain), I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient has thou very heavily laid *thy yoke*. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady forever." (Isa. 47:1-7). Notice, this is not the ancient Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar taking JUDAH captive 600 years before Christ. This is the DAUGHTER of that Babylon. The entire Gentile succession of kingdoms is pictured in Daniel 2 and 7, and Rev. 13 and 17. That Babylon was succeeded by the Persian Empire, Greece, the Roman Empire, and its nine successive revivals since its fall in 476 A.D. And now the 10th and last resurrection of the Roman Empire—the last phase of this political-economic-religious system called "Babylon"—the DAUGHTER of the ancient Babylon, is getting ready to rise in Europe. Compare verse 7, above, with Rev. 18:7, where this same scripture is directly quoted and applied to the coming Roman Catholic Fascist-Nazi Europe! Then read Rev. 17 for the prophecy of this Roman revival in Europe today.

And notice, this European power

now beginning to rise, is to lay heavily on our nations HER YOKE! Jeremiah 30 explains that. It is the time of JACOB'S (America-Britain's) TROUBLE, which we shall get *into*, and then be delivered OUT OF by Christ at His Second Coming! This prophecy shows our deliverance: "For on this Day, says the Lord of hosts, I will break the YOKE from their necks and snap their thongs; they shall serve foreigners no more, but serve their God, the Eternal, and their Davidic king, whom I will raise up (in resurrection from dead at Christ's coming) for them." (Jer. 30:8-9).

Ezekiel explains what will happen when our people have been knocked out by the very atomic-blast we ourselves have planned and patterned, and the remaining third of our population which survives shall be carried as captives and slaves to Europe: "And they that escape of you shall REMEMBER ME," says God, "among the nations whither they shall be carried captives . . . and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. And they shall know that I am the Eternal, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them." (Ezek. 6:9-10.)

The surviving third of our people, in captivity and slavery, will finally HEED THIS WARNING WHICH OUR NATION WILL NOT HEED NOW, will REPENT, and cry out to God for mercy, and seek Him. Then they shall find Him and HE will send Christ, in His second Coming, to RESCUE them—to BREAK BABYLON'S YOKE—and to take them

to Palestine where they soon will become far more prosperous than we are today. GOD'S PUNISHMENT WILL TEACH OUR PEOPLE THEIR LESSON!

Notice, a THIRD of our people are to die of the war. Experts tell us all our major cities can be blasted out of existence in one night by atomic bombs, and this very atomic flash-blast would kill one third of our population!

Notice also, a third are to die of starvation and disease. Did you notice this is exactly what Col. Smith says would happen if his atomic-blast plan were carried out?

Some time before "Pearl Harbor" an under-officer of the U. S. Navy worked out a plan, published in detail, by which Pearl Harbor could be destroyed in a surprise bombing. The Japs took that plan, thought out by an American officer and published, and USED IT AGAINST US.

Now an under-officer of the Air Force tells enemies exactly how to destroy our nation with a surprise atomic invasion. AND PROPHECY SAYS AN ENEMY WILL RISE IN EUROPE AND USE THIS VERY PLAN TO DESTROY US!

This is the most solemn hour of our national existence. Do you know WHY we were permitted to come out victorious in World War II, and to have this period of harried partial peace just now? THE SOLE REASON THE ALMIGHTY IS GIVING US THIS PRESENT RECESS IS TO PERMIT THIS VERY WARNING, TOGETHER WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF

HIS COMING KINGDOM, TO BE BOLDLY AND FEARLESSLY PROCLAIMED TO OUR NATIONS AND TO THE WORLD!

God help us to HEED! There is but ONE way to escape, and that is for this nation to REPENT, to ABOUT FACE in its way of living, to TURN TO ITS GOD, and to RELY UPON HIM. If the nation refuses, THIS NATION IS TO BE DESTROYED IN A VERY FEW YEARS! If the nation turns a deaf ear, the *individual* who will heed and seek the Eternal GOD with his whole heart, giving *himself* to God and to Christ, shall find divine protection in this terrible ordeal to come. God help you to heed, NOW!

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