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THE COVER: The picture shows the now European Common Market Nations' Headquarters which houses a giant computer with the capacity to retain data on every person on this planet and to provide the electronic surveillance to gather that information about each individual. The now European enterprise, a technological miracle that is called "The Beast", will soon become a world-wide monolithic octopus with its tenacles in every facet of human life for the regimentation of all nation's masses into a faceless, classless society. The antichrist will rise to world power soon, with lightning swiftness, augmented greatly by the power of "The Beast" in the Common Market Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

PRINTER'S ERROR — August-Sept. 1978 Issue (page 10, line 13) should read:

America has over 10,000,000 alcoholics, plus another 10,000,000 dependent drinkers. (instead of 10,000,000 suicides daily).

# THE CHURCH IN TROUBLED WATERS

God's prophet declares: "The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealously like a man of war; he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I (i.e. God) have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once . . . Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel (i.e., the church of old) to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. Therefore he hath poured upon him (i.e., Israel, the church of old) the fury of his anger." Isaiah 42:13-24.

Beloved, the prophetic scriptures warn of the day when God's anger is kindled against the church because of their abominations, and He will keep silent no longer. God is angry with a worldly, lukewarm Laodicean church in today's Sick Society, possessing neither power, holiness, nor the fear of God. God's severe chastening — divine judgments and persecution — will soon fall upon this end-time, world-conforming church with fury.

The prophet has declared: "The wicked walk on every side when the vilest men are exalted." Also: "Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips, and with a double heart do they speak." Psalms 12:1-2, 8. Even in the churches of today, the vilest men are exalted, and God's true saints are grieved as is the Holy Ghost. Saint of God, lift up your head, "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him." Psalms 50:3. The church is now entering into troubled waters for a purging, and into purifying fiery trials for her purification.

This is not fantasy nor from a page out of Greek mythology — this is from the Word of God, your Holy Bible! Something is happening in our world that neither statesmen, scientists, nor historians can explain. Only true men of God can explain this end-time phenomena — God is at work — working out His plan to reconcile this old rebellious world back to Himself! Something is about to happen in this beloved nation of ours that will be tragic — heartbreaking. And we need not listen to the fancy slogans of soothsaying prophets as: Something good is going to happen to you — or, It's fun to be a Christian. The time of which Jesus foretold is right at the door — terror, hunger, deprivations and heartache. "All these are the beginning of sorrows," said Jesus in Matthew 24:8 — these things are coming upon the church, beloved! It is folly, and will lead to grief and ruin for a Christian to bury his head in the sand like the ostrich and hope these troubles will go away. They will not go away - their magnitude will increase rapidly. Again: the prophet wrote of this day thusly: "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him." Psalms 50:3. God is healthy, alive and vitally interested in every facet of human existence and effort. The battle of the spheres is coming into its final stages. The showdown between God and Satan is reaching its climactic struggle! The devil's masterpiece — the monster out of the bottomless pit has ascended in preparation for this mighty confrontation. The stage is being set for the antichrist and false prophet to appear as history's mightiest drama begins to unfold. The kingdom of the antichrist will soon be formed! The World Church is arising on the darkening horizon! The Great Tribulation is close at hand! The thundering judgments of God can be heard in the near distance! The heathen has been awakened (Joel 3:12), and all nations are arming for the Battle of Armageddon — while a worldly and cold church cries, "Jesus is coming to take us out of it all." Beware! Sober up — the church is not going anywhere until it first goes into great fires of persecution by the monster out of hell. Revelation 13:7.

#### CHRIST'S CHURCH IN PROPHECY

The church is now entering a spiritual turbulence that will develop into a storm within the next four years. There is no other alternative with God — no other way to break the power of the flesh, the lust for pleasure and money, the despising of that which is clean and holy, and a general rebellion against God's Word and Laws, except the fiery trials of the rising Great Tribulation for at least  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years. The church will encounter severe persecution to purge and sanctify it — and, it will be presented without spot, blemish or wrinkle at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I understand the difference between "tribulation" and "the great tribulation." I understand the scripture about this and the many prophecies concerning Israel, and the church. I know that from Revelation chapter three until Revelation chapter 22:16, there is no mention of the church — but it does mention saints in great tribulation. Where do saints come from? Answer: the church, the body of Christ! Three Books of the Gospels don't mention the church — the new Testament books of II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, II Peter, I John, II John, and Jude don't mention the church also, but they were written to God's saints and elect who are the church, as was the entire book of Revelation. The author of the Book of Revelation, Apostle John, warned: "And it was given unto him (the anti-christ) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given unto him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Revelation 13:7.

Don't be ignorant! I Corinthians 14:38: "But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant." Don't be blind! Don't be filled with unbelief! The 7-year tribulation period we'll soon enter is not altogether a time of God's wrath, but it is a time of God's great judgments and the antichrist's chastening upon the church — except in the last few months, as revealed in Revelation 15 and 16. The signal for the wrath of God to be initially poured out upon the earth is the sounding of the seventh trumpet: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever . . . And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come . . . and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth." Revelation 11:15, 18. The church has not been appointed to wrath, but to chastening through persecution and judgment. I Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 6:16-17. Jesus said: "that his saints may be accounted worthy to escape all these things" that pertain to the day of his wrath. Luke 21:23, 36. Noah and Lot were delivered only from God's wrath. I repeat: God's wrath is revealed in Revelation 15 and 16. "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." Revelation 15:1. They will afflict all the people on the face of the whole earth.

#### A GATHERING STORM

In 1938, when Adolph Hitler was dictator of Germany and leading that nation into military aggression against the other European countries that ultimately led to World War II, Winston Churchill, war-time Prime Minister of Britain, wrote a book entitled, "The Gathering Storm." Volume I was a warning to the nations of Europe and America that Hitler's revival of Germany's war machine was the rise of a Gathering Storm of great trouble for the free nations of the world. His warning was ignored until it was almost too late — 51 million people perished in the storm that Adolph Hitler caused from 1939-1945. He is a true type of the antichrist.

The Gathering Storm now arising is caused by the spirit of antichrist which is present in the world and has entered into a man who will be revealed very soon. The condition for violence, and spiritual and moral decay brought about by the spirits (4 horsemen) of Revelation 6, began in 1968 as shown to me and other men of God by the Holy Ghost. The Lord revealed that these chaotic

conditions of seven years would lead to the rise of the Gathering Storm beginning in 1976 — worldwide. A storm rises gradually, gaining in magnitude of fury and darkness until destruction is total. Even now, in 1978, violence is increasing in alarming intensity — in the form of commotions, terror, and bloodshed. The moral decay of this whole present day society tells us that we have reached the beginning of the end as it was in Noah's Day! "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Genesis 6:11.

The storm warnings from the Holy Ghost by holy men of God are appearing — but few seem to take heed among the professing believers in Jesus Christ. Almost twelve years ago, the weather bureau began to warn Florida residents that a powerful and destructive hurricane was approaching the Gulf Coast of the United States out of the Caribbean Sea. In a few hours it was advancing toward the coast of Mississippi. Warnings on radio and TV directed all citizens of the coastal area in Mississippi and Alabama to evacuate and go further inland for safety. Thousands rejected the warning, announcing in Biloxi and other low coastal cities that they preferred to go to motels and hotels for parties. Signs hung everywhere — Happy Hurricane! While the revellers revelled, the storm lashed the coastline of Mississippi savagely during the night. By sunrise, the storm had passed, but in its wake were left terrible debris, ruin, and death. Hundreds of bodies of the revellers were scattered in the ruins. I saw this terrible scene some days later.

#### NOAH'S WARNING IGNORED

Many centuries ago God showed a holy man named Noah a prophetic vision and revelation — a terrible storm was gathering against his generation — God's judgments and wrath were about to fall. Our days are characterized by Jesus Christ as "Days of Noah." God required Noah to prepare an ark for the deliverance of his family from the Gathering Storm. His responsibility included preaching to and warning his generation about the rising storm. "Noah was a preacher of righteousness." II Peter 2:5. Noah was a perfect man and walked with God. Gen. 6:9. A proud and arrogant society rejected God's warning and was destroyed by the terrible violence of that storm of God's judgment just as the revellers on the Coast of Mississippi, who arrogantly ignored the warnings to them, were destroyed by the hurricane named Camille.

The prophetic scriptures reveal that over ¾ths of the earth's total population will perish in the fury of the rising Gathering Storm — culminating at Armageddon. Zachariah 13:8-9; Revelation 6:8; 8:8-11; 14:19-20.

#### THE MONSTER

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast (monster) rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon (devil) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw **one of his heads as it were wounded to death;** and his deadly wound was healed; and **all the world** wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon (devil)." Revelation 13:1-4. Now, we will

establish the identity of this monster. First, we must note his origin: "The beast (monster) that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast (monster) that was, and is not, and yet is." Revelation 17:8. The monster is out of hell or the bottomless pit — he has been on earth before — he was gone for a season, and he will return at the time of the end. That monster was the old Roman Empire with its Babylonian religion (pagan gods with god-emperors). Rome's political power was broken in 310 A.D. by Constantine, but its religious power was not broken until 1513 A.D. by Martin Luther and the Reformation. This was the wound upon one of the monster's seven heads. The heads are symbolic of the world's major religions which will unite into one religion, the world church described in Revelation 17 and symbolized by the harlot sitting upon the monster out of hell. Thus, the monster out of the sea represents an empire and an emperor a revived Roman Empire and its god-emperor, the antichrist.

The healing of one of the seven heads is now in process. Ecumenicism or a merger of all religions into one church is the hue and cry of dead Protestantism — crying for a return to Rome! A new pope of the Roman Catholic church has just been elected and seated on the papal throne as this is written. What does this mean to God's true saints and to the true church of Jesus Christ? Everything! This pope, John Paul I, will succeed in leading the Roman Catholic Church toward full membership in the World Council of churches. This group includes dead Protestant and Orthodox churches all over the world. When the World Council of Churches merges in the Roman Catholic Church, the deadly wound will be healed on the monster — he will very quickly regain his world power. God gave me a revelation recently in which I was shown that God gave Martin Luther the vision and courage to lead the Reformation — a revolt against Rome and papal supremacy. This broke the long, long night of dark ages and the light of God's true Word began to enlighten the world. The monster from hell retreated before the true Word of God, for its light exposed him for the fraudulent Bible and counterfeit Christ it presented to a spiritually darkened and superstitious world. This was the wound upon the head of the monster which broke his power. Then the Lord continued: "My son, declare this to my people — the Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, most Baptist, Christian Science, Greek and Russian Orthodox with many other Protestant church organizations will soon be swept into the Roman Catholic and world church by a mighty pincer movement of the antichrist and false prophet. Those churches have been used as a buffer zone to keep persecution and the guillotine from my true saints until the time of the end. Soon the buffer zone will be gone, then severe persecution and even martydom will come upon my saints to purge them — perpetrated by the monster out of hell." God's true saints must leave those churches of the World Council. Rev. 18:4-5.

The prophet Daniel gives even greater light on the monster out of hell. "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, **dreadful and terrible**, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." Daniel 7:7. The prophet in this great vision was shown the four world empires of the Gentiles

in man's history on earth. The first empire, Babylon, was symbolized by a lion; the second empire, Media-Persia, by a bear; the third empire, Greece, by a leopard — Daniel 7:1-7. The fourth beast, so dreadful and terrible that Daniel could not even name him, symbolizes the Old Roman empire which lasted over 1,000 years. It was the most brutal and terrifying of the four as represented by the terrible beast or monster coming up out of the sea. In verse 8, the monster also represents the kingdom of antichrist.

Why did God use these three animals and one sea monster to symbolize these great empires? Well, it is because language would fail to convey to God's people the brutality, the terror, and fierce opposition they would encounter from these political and religious systems — organized opposition to the Kingdom of God, His Word, and His saints here in the end-time!

#### CHRIST'S CHURCH FACES THE MONSTER

We in America are living in a relative calm before the storm. The question is asked, "How can the Roman Empire, if it is revived and ruled by the antichrist, be over the entire world of today, as Rome and those former empires were only Asian, European, and African in their greatest extent?" The answer lies in the fact that these great empires of history ruled over the known inhabited world of their times. The antichrist will rule over the inhabited world of today as a god-emperor. There will still be presidents, kings, prime ministers and heads of state over the nations of the world — the antichrist will be a king of kings as was Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, the first of the world empires. "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, strength, and glory," (Daniel 2:37), so said Daniel to the great pagan emperor of Babylon. In the days of the Roman Empire, there were many kings of small states, nations, and provinces who reigned under the dominion of the Caesars, who had absolute power. In the days of Jesus and the apostles, Rome, characterized by the sea monster, ruled the known civilized world. Augustus Caesar, Tiberius Caesar, Nero and others were emperors of the empire, but under their authority King Herod, King Agrippa and many others were appointed kings of the nations within the empire. So will it be in the kingdom of the beast and antichrist here in the time of the end,

The ten horns represent only the first nations who merge their power under the antichrist's control. All other nations will follow their example. Kings, presidents, and prime ministers of all nations will give their power and authority to the beast (antichrist and his system). Revelation 17:12-13; 13:7-8. However, this honeymoon between the monster out of hell and world statesmen will be short lived. Daniel 11:40-45.

#### THE MONSTER'S POLITICAL POWER

Now, continuing Daniel's vision of the sea monster, he said: "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things." Daniel 7:8. This completes his vision of the four beasts which are the composite parts of the terrible monster of Revelation 13:1. The Bible is written to God's people, and here God is showing His people what they will face in the time of

the end. The vicious monster of prophecy has been "dead" for over 350 years — but he is back again "And shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." Daniel 7:23. Again, let me repeat, this monster out of hell is a world system of the devil — religious and political, headed by the antichrist and false prophet which will unite all present day political and religious systems. This monster out of hell is the same brutal system of repression that killed Jesus and John the Baptist, the early church disciples and apostles — that suppressed God's saints with barbaric torture and death until well into the 16th Century A.D.

Soon we will witness the merger of three strong nations into a political entity. The antichrist will gain political power from this alliance within the Common Market Nations. "Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom (Rome) upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it into pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he (antichrist) shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times, and the dividing of time." Daniel 7:23-25. Here we are told that antichrist shall directly rule over ten kingdoms in the old Roman Empire after overthrowing three kings of kingdoms or nations. Also, all other nations will cooperate with the monstrous system of which antichrist is god-emperor. "And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Revelation 13:7.

One of the monster's greatest weapons used to control the world's population is FOOD! World-wide registration will be imposed on the world by the system of the beast. All will take the number of the beast rather than starve — except those who are written in the Book of Life. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." Revelation 13:16-18. The church will face this challenge and must resist it and overcome it. Rev. 15:2-4!

The system of the antichrist will control the monetary system of the world thereby extending its power to subjugate and enslave all who refuse to cooperate — a computerized system of credit cards and numbers.

The little horn of Daniel 7:8 symbolizes the antichrist — so does the little horn of Daniel 8:9.

#### HOW LONG WILL THIS MONSTER RULE?

The political system of the monster from hell will prevail, world-wide, for 42 months or for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years. "And power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Revelation 13:5. However, his dominion over Israel and his sitting in the temple of God claiming to be God will last for 2300 days — that is 6 years, 3 months, and 3 weeks. Daniel 8:13-14; II Thessalonians 2:4.

Daniel, the prophet, 90 years old at the time of this great vision, was so terribly shaken by the predatory acts of this terrible monster, he fainted (Daniel 9:27). Later, as the revelation by the Angel Gabriel continued, Daniel

implored: "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? (i.e., these terrors against God's saints.) And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever, that it shall be for a time, and times and an half; (3½ years) and when he (antichrist and the monster) shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." Daniel 12:6-7.

### THE TOTAL VISION FOR TIME OF THE END

Most preachers and teachers relate all this prophesied persecution of saints to the Jews or to some past generation — but it is not the truth! Daniel said, "I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, **make this man to understand the vision.** So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision." Daniel 8:16-17. God reveals his secrets to his prophets. Amos 3:7.

The book of Daniel was written totally and altogether for this generation, especially the church of the time of the end — Commentaries, theology books, and prophetic discourses have been written on Daniel and Revelation about the antichrist and the Beast out of hell — but it was not fully understood until now! Daniel 12:9-10. "And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Most theologians do not even recognize the purpose of the antichrist and the monster out of hell in God's plan of reconciliation! The church will be here to face the antichrist! I Corinthians 12:13; Romans 10:12; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 2:20. The New Testament is written to the church, not to Jews.

#### THE MONSTER'S RELIGIOUS POWER

The great monster will receive his greatest strength from religion which its seven heads represent. Revelation 13:1. Can you imagine the pagan and barbaric persecution to saints of God as symbolized by the slashing seven heads of the monster from hell? The world church of the antichrist system is revealed in Revelation 17, symbolized by a harlot, named Mystery, Babylon the Great, sitting upon the monster out of hell — riding to world power over God's true saints. The Apostle John in this vision said, "And I saw the woman drunken with the **blood of the saints**, and with the **blood of the martyrs of Jesus.**" Revelation 17:6. There is a world religion arising through the World Council of Churches that is going to persecute and kill true Christians in the spiritual darkness of the rising Gathering Storm. I want to warn you, Christian friend, you will not escape the rising purging fires unless you die! Don't you let soothsaying preachers lull you into a false complacency. You must be willing to die before you are ready to fly (that is, be raptured). Your professed faith and love will be tested in the fire!

The antichrist will be the god-emperor of the empire of the beast out of hell. "So that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." II Thessalonians 2:4. "And the king (antichrist) shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god . . . "

Daniel 11:36. The false prophet will be his minister who proclaims the antichrist's diety with miracles, and an image to which he gives life: "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth (false prophet); and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast (antichrist) before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Revelation 13:11-15.

The prophetic scriptures predict that God's saints will have to face the antichrist and the monster out of hell with the seven heads and ten horns. Just before God's wrath is poured out in great fury upon the monster out of hell, the Apostle John was shown a preceding wonder: "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues: for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire (a symbol of great tribulation): and them that had gotten the victory over the beast (sea monster), and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." Revelation 15:1-2. These are not Jews as most theologians teach—Israel is not converted until Jesus returns at Armageddon. Zechariah 12:7-10. The 144,000 Israelites that are sealed from all harm of the beast's kingdom are hid for 3½ years until caught up to heaven as revealed in Revelation 14:1-5, just before God's wrath falls. The sorely persecuted and martyred saints of prophecy are Jews and Gentiles — the church! During the tribulation period, that is, during the reign of the antichrist for the first three and one-half years at least, the saints are given into his hand. If the everlasting gospel is preached to all that dwell upon the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and people (Revelation 14:6-7), then the scripture certainly means the saints of all kindreds, and tongues, and nations will be overcome by the beast (Revelation 13:7; Daniel 7:21). There will be one catching away for the Jewish remnant and the church — in the latter part of the Great Tribulation period. Just be ready, saints of God — don't worry about when. The Father will send Jesus in time! "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:20-21. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

One of the great purposes of the monster and the antichrist is to purge the church — not just to bring about the conversion of Israel. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Romans 10:12. The angel said to Daniel, "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:9-10.

#### WHAT DOES THE CHURCH FACE?

Theologians may theorize and twist the scriptures to teach a soothsaying message of an easy rapture to God's saints — but it is no conjecture that Jesus, the prophets and apostles predicted that a terrible storm would arise against them in this end-time.

What is in the extreme spiritual darkness into which the church is about to enter? Answer — a monster with seven slashing heads! God's saints will face him in the dark tunnel through which we must pass which leads into the kingdom of Jesus Christ for 1000 years! God's saints must fight him and overcome him — but how? The prophetic scriptures answers: "And they overcame him (the dragon) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Revelation 12:11. Jesus prophesied: "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Matthew 10:39. "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28.

God's saints will shine brighter as lights in this spiritually darkened world as the darkness becomes gross: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is arisen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Isaiah 60:1-2. Praise God!

If we Gentiles of this church age were grafted into Israel's good olive tree through God's covenant of grace which was given to Israel, then why are we so immunized from tribulation? Romans 11:17-24. The same covenant of grace has promises of a severe repression of God's saints before we are taken out of the world in this end time. Matthew 24:8-10: "All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." This was written to the church! Jesus predicted: "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me (this is grace) ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. I look at many preachers and Christians and tell them, "The only suffering you do is because of eating too much."

The early church in Jesus' day and in the Apostles' day — even until the 16th century — had to make war with the monster out of hell. The saints of those 15 centuries were harrassed, and tortured — "they had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy); they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." This is recorded in Hebrews 11:35-38. Who inflicted this cruel, inhumane, and torturous suffering upon God's saints in the early church and until the 16th Century? The monster out of hell — and now he is back again and is regaining his full power. He was once on earth — he was gone for about 400 years — and he is back! Revelation 17:8. Look out church!

Saints of God, we are facing severe trials and purgings. The Apostle John wrote in the Book of Revelation while in severe tribulation caused by the great sea

monster: "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 1:9. He saw in his vision the tribulation that would come to God's saints in the end time for the same cause: "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a loud voice saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." Revelation 6:9-11.

#### GOD'S PROPHETS WILL CHALLENGE THE MONSTER FROM HELL

The last statement of the Old Testament is a prophecy for our day: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6. It is the spirit of Elijah which is being sent upon God's prophets. John the Baptist came in the power and spirit of Elijah. Luke 1:15-17. Jesus said that John was Elijah if we would receive it. Matthew 11:13-15.

While the church looks on, God's two great prophets will challenge the antichrist and false prophet during the first years of the Great Tribulation period of seven years. Revelation 11:3-12. They will prophecy 1,260 days. If any man tries to hurt them, fire proceedeth from their mouths and kills their enemies. They have power to shut heaven that it will not rain in the days of their prophecy. After their ministry and testimony ends, the beast (monster) that ascends out of the bottomless pit will overcome them, and kill them. Verse 7. These prophets also represent other prophets who will prophesy all over the world. God's prophets will all be martyred. Revelation 16:6. This is God's final and greatest attempt to bring the church and Israel into the Kingdom - and to reconcile the world back to himself. The harvest of the earth is gathered to Jesus Christ during the 1,260 days of this great prophesying. Revelation 14:6-7, 14-16! Prophecy reveals that at this point Christ reaps the precious fruit of the earth. James 5:7-8. Families will be united in Christ — mothers and fathers with their children reconciled — entire nations disciplined and brought into the kingdom of heaven. Malachi 4:5-6: Matthew 25:31-46!

This will be a mighty time of confrontation between the two great trinities—holy and unholy! The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost will face the unholy trinity of the dragon (devil), the beast (antichrist), and the false prophet. Christ with His raptured and glorified saints will come as the conflict reaches its greatest fury, and He will destroy the antichrist and his kingdom. Revelation 19:11-21.

### THE CURTAIN IS RISING AS HISTORY'S FINAL DRAMA UNFOLDS

God's saints are fully involved into the fulfillment of all future prophecy except the day of God's wrath. Where will the Bride of Christ be as God's judgments begin to fall — when persecution arises against God's saints — when violence and moral corruption overflows? They will be right here on this earth being purged, tried, and made white. God is going to bring His true people into a unity we have never known as the early church was: "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." Acts 4:32. God's spirit is grieved with the division, weakness, lack of love, and worldliness among His people — and He will not accept it. The church of this age will be severely purged and sorely tried by fiery trials and persecution before Jesus will have it. We must come to the unity of the faith and be purged of all spots and blemishes of the world! The monster out of the pit is arising, and God will use him to do the job of purging the church, and unifying God's saints. I Peter 1:7; 4:12-13. THIS IS A WARNING FROM THE HOLY GHOST. It is also scriptural — not a heresy or a theory!

#### A STORM IS ARISING

There are grave dangers ahead for God's people in our nation as the storm and darkness approaches. Gospel broadcasting will soon be a lost freedom along with freedom of the press. The monster from hell will suppress the printing and distribution of the Word of God. "And it (little horn or antichrist) cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered." Daniel 8:12. Natural disasters of earthquakes, storms, epidemics, floods, drouth — together with crippling strikes, violence, race riots, and lawlessness will bring curfews and restrictions in our nation enforced by federal troops. We must be led by the Holy Ghost to avoid much of this trouble by storms, terrorism, severe energy crises, and even hunger that will come upon us very soon. Psalms 33:18-19; Revelation 3:10. The Holy Ghost will be called upon to give us, God's saints, power to endure the distress, suffering, and hardships imposed upon us, especially by a severe energy crunch that is near at hand.

False prophets and false teachers will continue to produce counterfeit Christians who will rise up against God's true saints and be leaders in the persecution. Charismatics will try to assert themselves as leaders of God's Spirit-filled people. **These Charismatics are mostly counterfeit** — most are not truly converted to Jesus Christ and most are not Spirit-filled. Most of them are possessed with seducing spirits. I Timothy 4:1-3. These are enemies of a real saint of God! Watch out!

The antichrist will soon make his initial appearing as a man of peace. Beware, saints of God, "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 Thessalonians 5:3. The peace symbols are being used all over the world — a sign of the antichrist's peace — the broken cross! Of the antichrist the Prophet Daniel warns: "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes (Christ); but he shall be broken without hand." II Thessalonians 2:8; Daniel 8:25. Praise God and Amen!

### A MAID WITH A VISION

The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18. The Apostle Paul boldly related his heavenly vision to King Agrippa and his court while on trial for his life — "Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision . . ." And this great apostle, driven relentlessly by the effect of his vision, shook the Roman Empire to its foundations by a ministry of faith and power of the Holy Ghost unequaled in the history of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, how the church of the living God needs men of vision with a mighty anointing of the Spirit to fearlessly preach the Word of God and shake the foundations of Hell today. A preacher without a heaven-sent vision is just as useless as a car without gas. Most preachers today are without vision, that is, a heaven-sent vision, and have become as the Prophet Isaiah foretold — "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter." Isaiah 56:10-11. Isaiah was moved exceedingly by a great vision from the Lord (Isaiah 6) to cry out — "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Then in the vision, a seraphim put a live coal of fire from off the altar of God upon his lips, and the sins of the prophet were purged. Then the Lord cried out, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." The Spirit of God is searching for men and women of this untoward (difficult to manage) generation who can be visited by God, stirred and driven by a heaven-sent vision, to lead God's people and the church back to the Word of God and to His true Holiness — out of the wilderness and into the promised land of victory over the flesh, sin and the devil.

In Rouen, France, over 500 years ago a 19-year-old girl was chained to a post and burned to death because of a heaven-sent vision. Her death was ordered by the religious and political leaders of her day. The forty-eight men who sat as her judge, jury, and prosecutors, represented the intellectuals (in the University of Paris), the military (in the armed forces of England), and the ecclesiastical (in the church). These men condemned her to die. The intellectuals wanted her to die because, as an illiterate farm girl, she defied and questioned their book knowledge. The English military wanted her to die because she had brought defeat to their forces over and over again. And the religious leaders wanted her to die because she was not "orthodox." They particularly wanted her burned at the stake, with the hypocritical pretense that her soul might be purged if her body was burned.

Joan of Arc was born about 1412 in a small village called Doremy on the border of Lorraine, France. Her parents were farmers and she grew up as an ordinary farm girl. There were no schools for the poor in those days, so she never learned to read or write. At that time France was hopelessly divided among the feudal kings and lords, and much of the country was overrun by the English troops.

#### THE VISION

In the midst of these troublesome days, Joan of Arc had reached her thirteenth birthday, and she began to hear a voice which she claimed to be from God sent to guide her. During the next four years, voices and also visions continued to come to her, preparing her for the unprecedented work she would be called upon to do in the immediate future. Finally, she declared that an angel appeared to her in her father's orchard and gave her instructions as to what she must do in a limited time for the next few months.

Looking in the natural at this heavenly commission to liberate France, it would have appeared impossible for even an experienced general with a large army ready for immediate action to accomplish. But here was a young, ignorant peasant girl, with no knowledge of the world or of military tactics — no money, no friends, and no influence, directed of God to do the impossible! Despite all these handicaps she left home and began to present her cause. She dressed only in a homespun calico dress, had no shoes on her feet, and was unable to read or even write her name. However, she was fired up with a vision from heaven and a consuming passion for the people, and by this she overcame every obstacle and finally reached, through the uncrowned king of France, her beloved nation. In the presence of this weak and defeated king, with a determination that could not be denied, she prevailed, until he finally raised an army and sent her forth with it. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

#### THE VICTORY

In spite of all the treachery and double-crossing of many of her officers, she began to win victory after victory until even the English soldiers began to panic when she began to march in their direction. She refused to recognize the old orthodox methods of warfare. She rejected the counsel of her own military staff, declaring that she had better counsel with her heavenly advisors. And step by step every prediction came to pass. The common people hailed her as the "savior of France," but the leaders gave her grudging cooperation part of the time, and no cooperation most of the time.

She began this great adventure on February 23, 1429, when she was 17 years old, and in 15 months she had won recognition throughout all France, raised an army, and riding at the head of her troops had driven the enemy from one stronghold unto another until all of France became endued with something of the same sublime faith and enthusiasm. Twice she was wounded in battle, but always she rode ahead of her troops — inspiring them to deeds of daring against which no enemy could stand. God has promised to those who will listen to his Angel: "And I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee." Exod. 23:27.

#### **BETRAYED**

In rising to this commanding position it was necessary to overcome all the obstacles of both the Church and the State. She was questioned over and over again concerning the voices and visions. She was compelled to undergo examinations to determine her virginity. She suffered many abuses and insults but persisted until she was placed in a position where her vision could be carried out. However, her period of success was short-lived, for in May 1430 she was captured by the enemy as a result of the stampeding fear of the people in

Compeyne, whom she had come to deliver. This fear is prevalent among Christians today.

We will not go into detail concerning the many months of imprisonment, of the long, drawn out trial, of the abuse by her guards, or of the unjust accusations continually hurled at her by the most learned and by the most "spiritual" men of that day. Among the many names they called her at the trial, here are a few: a limb of Satan, sorceress, blasphemer, an invoker of demons, an apostate, sacriligious, seditious, indecent, immodest, presumptuous, guilty of bloodshed, and a seducer of innocent souls. They declared that at the age of 15 she was the inmate of a brothel; that she had become the mistress of some of her officers. They declared that she consulted demons and cast spells upon people — of using witchcraft and using her so-called visions and voices to make possible the unbridled vices of the flesh. All these accusations were later proved to be false, but her prosecutors used them to put her to a shameful and painful death. John 16:2.

All this was over 500 years ago, and what have we learned from this and other martyrdoms? We may have changed our methods of punishment, but the accusations remain the same. When inspiration outruns intellect — when political tyranny is jeopardized by prophets with a message of deliverance — and when religious orthodoxy is breached by those with a heaven-sent vision — then comes the accusation of heresy and immorality. The purpose, of course, is to destroy faith in the person of the prophet and his message. Zech. 7:11-13; II Chron. 36:15-16.

The wonder of the story does not rest alone in the faith and courage of this peasant maid of France, but the greater wonder lies in the intervention of God to bring deliverance to the poor and needy of the land — in the fact that God could not find a man in all the religious ranks who would fully listen and obey Him. Among all the bishops and ministers, all the professors of religion, God couldn't find one man to whom he could impart the message. God couldn't find a man in all the political and military system— not a statesman, not a general, not one to whom He could speak His purpose. Among all the intellectuals, among all the church leaders, not one was able to hear from heaven— so God was compelled to go among the poor and ignorant of the land and finally in His searching find a 13-year-old girl whose heart and mind were open to a message from heaven. Read God's indictment: Ezek. 22:30-31!

When they brought Joan of Arc forth to be put to death, they placed a dunce cap on her head with these words written upon it: "Heretic, relapsed, apostate, idolatress." Then she was compelled to sit on a stool while her funeral sermon was preached. Her career was cut off quickly, but her consecration to a heaven-sent cause started a mighty current that swept the enemy from her beloved land and started France back on her way of becoming one of the great nations of the world. She, with her vision and faith, broke the darkness of a long, long night, and ushered in a new way for a hopelessly divided and defeated nation. The church of our day is in a similar condition, and, oh, how we need to pray for God to raise up men whom God can visit and impart his vision to repair the breaches, and heal the divisions that are tragically weakening to all of God's people and our nation. Amos 3:7; Hab. 2:2-3.

It might be interesting to note that twenty-five years after her death, the Church and the French government, after six years of investigation, declared her

trial a miscarriage of justice, that her judges were corrupt and unjust, and that Joan of Arc was innocent of all the charges. An outraged public opened the grave of the man who was the moving figure in her prosecution and threw his corpse in the sewer.

#### GOD MARCHES ON!

So ended the story of Joan of Arc, but this story has a peculiar application to the hour in which we live. The eternal warfare continues between static religion and a God that marches on. The spirit of vision and liberation still challenges the forces of entrenched bigotry and intolerance, but the spirit of the accuser is still in the land, and men with a heaven-sent vision still walk the blood-stained way to a cross of shame — ostracized by the accusations of shriveled, pygmy souls who cannot understand how the demands of the CROSS and the demands of a Holy God for one to bear a designated cross, sets a higher standard than is contained in all the arbitrary rules and regulations of men and systems of religion.

What God did for France in that day, He is trying desperately to do for a world today — a world that is torn by dissension, distrust, intolerance, unbelief and sectarianism even as France was divided under feudal kings and lords, and trodden under foot by the enemy. And, as He used a little maid in that day to do what he could not find statesmen, generals, intellectuals, and theologians to do, even so He is speaking to the hearts of men and women in this hour — common men and women who will believe, and in believing all things become possible. Isaiah 6:8.

On a recent missionary tour, we visited a number of other lands and people — and we could see that the whole of creation is groaning for God's day of deliverance. God is moving again in the earth — moving to bring all the blessings and benefits of the overflow of the Kingdom of God — moving to restore "all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" — moving to bring this world back into harmony with Himself.

#### PROPHETS TODAY

The Apostle Paul on trial for his life testified to the court: "O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Acts 26:19. This ministry is a vital prophetic ministry with an end-time prophetic message and revelation. "And God set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets..." I Cor. 12:28. Our message is a basic message from a heavenly vision fully corroborated by the prophetic Word of God to the church. Why is it so resisted and despised? Because it exposes sin — it rebukes, reproves, corrects, and instructs in righteousness! Why do we get harrassed and rejected by most Christians? Why is it so difficult to get God's people to support this ministry and message? Because most Christians are living in the flesh and don't want to be disturbed — and, Satan fights us savagely!

As God's prophet with a heavenly vision of deliverance to God's people, I know what it is to walk a lonely path of persecution, ostracization, and false accusation. However, this message will prevail, and this prophetic ministry will become a tower of strength, a lighthouse, a guidepost, and a beacon to God's saints in the gross darkness of the Gathering Storm swiftly arising.

Beloved, God has raised up this prophetic ministry through a heavenly vision and Holy Ghost message to warn the true church of this end-time to repent, return to their first love, to fear God, to live holy, or they will suffer severe divine judgments. There is not another day. Today's church is Laodicean in character — miserable, and wretched, and blind, and poor, and naked. Let's stand together as we labor through the true love of God to reconcile the church back to the fear of God and true holiness. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

The End.

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Isa. 5:20.

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### THE RUIN OF SIN

Ezekiel 18:29-31. "Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. REPENT AND TURN YOURSELVES FROM ALL YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS: SO INIQUITY SHALL NOT BE YOUR RUIN. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye." God says, "You must destroy sin or sin will destroy you." Sin has caused more tears, broken up more homes, filled more jails, destroyed more lives, filled more prisons, insane asylums, and hospital beds — sin has dug more graves prematurely and caused more poverty and suffering than anything you can mention. Let me repeat, God says, Unless you destroy sin - SIN WILL DESTROY YOU! This is evidenced in tragedies, heartache, suffering, fear, poverty and lawlessness on every hand — and knowing this dear reader, why will you allow sin to be your ruin?

The New Testament equivalent to this Old Testament text is found in Romans 6:22-23: "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Also in John 5:14 Jesus warned, "Go, and sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." In God's Book of Wisdom, the Bible, He warns, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12. Also in verse 9, "Fools make a mock of sin." And again in verse 16, "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident." In the greatest message Jesus ever preached, He soberly warns: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:13-14.

God's warning is frank and clear enough; not confusing or distorted in the least. If you choose to continue living in sin, you automatically choose ruin, because sin invites ruin. Unless you get rid of your sin, YOUR SIN WILL GET RID OF YOU. Sin will ruin you physically; sin will ruin you financially; and sin will ruin you spiritually, sending you into judgment and hell.

First, I wish to show you the physical destruction of sin. In Deuteronomy 28:15 God says, "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee." Verse 22: "The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning . . ." Verses 27-28: "The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart." Verse 35: "The Lord shall smite thee in the knees,

and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head." Also in Deuteronomy 28:59-61: "Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee, also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed."

The cause of sickness today is the same as it was in 1451 B.C. when this scripture of warning was written. The curse of sin and its effects are as destructible upon the people of today as it was in 1451 B.C. Jesus Christ came into this world to bring a cure for sin and its effects. Acts 10:38: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him." Also Galatians 3:13; "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." Sin, sickness and disease are curses — and they came upon the human family because of rebellion and disobedience to God's Word; therefore disobedience and sin are the primary causes of disease. God said in Psalms 107:11-20, "Because they rebelled against the words of God, and condemned the counsel of the most High: Therefore he brought down their heart with labour: they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder . . . Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death . . . He sent his Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

God warns of the physical destruction of the sins of the flesh in Galatians 6:7-8: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." The word "corruption" means rotten flesh. God is warning every cigarette smoker, every dope addict, every sex pervert, every winebibber, and every glutton, that these things will bring disease and sorrow and regret. These sins and every perverted appetite can only bring heartbreak and ruin to young and old alike. In the giving of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:5, God says: "For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity (rebellion) of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me." Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Thus the only way to God's love is through the keeping of His commandments; or, we hate God. In Lamentations 5:7 God says, "Our fathers have sinned and are not; and we have borne their iniquities." Many people are suffering today because of the sins of their fathers and mothers; Sins of immorality, smoking, drinking, dope addiction and every form of debauchery. Terrible diseases come upon millions of parents who commit these sins and perversions, and consequently these diseases are transmitted to their children and children's children through heredity. Our hospitals and asylums are filled with unhappy tens of thousands with case histories that bear record of this truth. God says in Proverbs 5:11-13: "And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, and

say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me." God's warning says, "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God . . . that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee." We don't have to look for these terrible curses of disease to come upon us — but rebel against God and they will appear. To the man Jesus had healed, He also warned, "Go, and sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14.

Secondly, let us consider the financial ruin that sin can bring to a person's life. Jesus said in Luke 11:41-42: "But rather give alms (offerings) of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you. But woe unto you, Pharisees: for ve tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." God says in James 4:17: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." The Lord would have us to be enlightened on a subject that becomes such a tragic failure to so many of His people. "Ye are cursed with a curse for you have robbed me, saith the Lord." Malachi 3:9. That curse will come on every individual who robs God of the tenth (tithe) or offering which belongs to the Lord. Someone asked me once after I had preached rather persuasively on tithing, "How will the curse come?" Well, let me answer that searching question to one and all — The curse can come in the form of sickness and disease, a broken home, a fire, a storm, an accident, a wrecked automobile, a failing business, insanity, or a nervous breakdown. The Bible says that we are God's sheep, and whoever owns the sheep, owns the wool (Luke 12:32-34) but too often we use God's part of the wool for own own selfish designs and desires. Deuteronomy 8:18: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth . . ." God gives us the opportunity, the health, the mind, the sun, the rain, and the energy to obtain money and possessions: and as a partner with us in the accumulation of material things, God demands the tithe and offerings! The tithe or tenth is for the ministers of the Lord who preach the Word of God faithfully. Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house . . ." Hebrews 7:8: 'Here men that die receive your tithes: but there He receiveth them of whom it is witnessed that he liveth." Christ is the High Priest of the New Covenant that rewards titheing in this age of grace. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete (give) withal it shall be measured to you again." You just cannot afford to rob God and invite the curse to come unto you and your family - and at the same time be missing the great blessing God promises in "Prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts. If I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes . . . " Malachi 3:10-11. Giving to God is like shoveling out one door, while God uses a bigger shovel and loads us with blessings through another door. Jesus says that God gives to us with the same measure that we use to give to Him. If we use a spoon to give to God, he will use a spoon to return a blessing to us. If we use a bucket to measure in our giving to the Lord, He uses the same measure in returning to us a blessing. If we use a barrell to measure our giving, the Lord in return gives us a blessing by the same measure. I had a very unusual experience in Arkansas several years ago after preaching on the subject — "When God Laughs Last." At

the invitation to come for salvation, a young man and his wife came to the altar while under conviction, and were wonderfully saved that night. A few nights later I preached on Tithing and Giving to God and the same young man, his wife and family were there. After the service was over, the young convert approached me and asked, "What is tithes?" I explained very carefully to him that the tithe is the tenth of one's net income. He replied, "I'm a farmer, a sharecropper that raises cotton — I'd sure like to give God a tenth of what I make on my crop, but the boll weevils are destroying my cotton, and it looks as if neither God nor I will make anything." I instructed him then to take his Bible, go out into the midst of his cotton field and read Malachi 3:10-11, informing God that "you desire Him to be your partner — then rebuke the boll weevils in the name of Jesus." Well, what do you think? He looked me straight in the eyes with a big smile and said, "If you believe it will work, you come do it!" Brother, was that a challenge! I asked him where he lived and he told me. I drove down that highway the next morning looking for that new convert, and found him waiting for me, leaning on his mail box in that hot July sun. I said, "Brother, show me the boll weevils," and was I curious, because I'd never seen that pestilence before. Well, they were there by the thousands; the curse was devouring his very livelihood. Then I opened my Bible and read Malachi 3:10-11 to those pestilences and to the new brother in the Lord, "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse . . . AND PROVE ME NOW: AND I WILL REBUKE THE DEVOURER FOR YOUR SAKES, AND HE SHALL NOT DESTROY THE FRUITS OF YOUR GROUND . . . " I said. "Brother, will you let God be your partner...you know He demands at least ten percent?" He replied tearfully, "Brother Pringle, I will give God at least twenty percent!" Then we prayed, and I rebuked the boll weevils in the name of Jesus, and left. Two nights later at the revival the young brother came up to me with a big grin and said, "Brother Pringle, I thank you for praying about the boll weevils; there is not a one left in my cotton patch." Praise God! That same brother today is not a sharecropper, but God has poured him out a blessing and now he owns his farm, his combines and other equipment, a big brick home, plus money for God's work, as well as his own and his family's needs. Sin had almost broken up this young man's family and home, but just in the nick of time he was brought to the Lord, and escaped the terrible ruin that sin was bringing him into, "Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Malachi 3:9. This applies to our nation right now!

Thirdly, sin will ruin you spiritually, and send your soul to hell. Sin is like a cancer. It eats slowly but surely. The devil never says to anyone, "I want you to die a dope fiend, or with some horrible disease or injury." He says at first, "Just take a sleeping pill," or "you need a strong tranquilizer to give you some rest or peace." The devil never shows you the finished product of the brewers art — he says, "Just a beer or cocktail to be with the crowd." The devil never shows you what you will do while even partially intoxicated — that indecent gesture, that immorality, that wreck, that crime that will be committed, that untimely death. He only wants you to commit that sin, and to invite the ruin to your life that will follow. The devil doesn't say to that young man or woman, boy or girl, "I want you to die with a hacking cough and lung cancer." He says, "Just smoke one cigarette to prove to your friends that you're not a sissy." The devil doesn't say "don't give to God's work at all;" he says, "You need your money to pay your bills this week, or you need to take a vacation . . . you need the tithe more than the work of God does." The devil knows that sin and rebellion against God's Word

wil bring ruin to your life. Sin will ruin your soul. Sin will invite the judgment of God upon you. Sin will open the gates of hell to you. Sin will bring down God's wrath and fury on you, suddenly. Prov. 29:1. NOW is the time to turn from every sin in your life. Back to the text of this message in Ezekiel 18:30-32: "Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die . . . I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: Wherefore turn yourselves and live ye." Fall on your knees in repentance, now! God will have mercy on you and forgive you! "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Proverbs 28:13. Also: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3:19. Get rid of your sins NOW, or they will get rid of you!

The End.

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#### NEW YORK CITY

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m. Holiday Inn Banquet Room 440 — 57th St. W. (Manhattan)

#### HARTFORD, CONN.

Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 19-20, 7:30 p.m. New Testament Church of God 339 Blue Hill Ave.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.
Springfield Mall Shopping Center
Community Room
Entrance No. 3
Route 644 at I-95
Springfield, Va.

#### HAVRE DE GRACE, MD. AREA

Friday, Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m. Holiday Inn of Aberdeen, Md. Banquet Room I-95 at Route 22 Exit

#### MEMPHIS, TENN.

Mon. Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m. Admiral Benbow Inn Banquet Room 4720 Summer Ave. (U.S. 70)

#### JONESBORO, ARK.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1978, 7:00-9:30 p.m. Wyatt's Cafeteria Banquet Room Indian Mall — Caraway Road Between U.S. 63 and Nettleton Ave.

#### BRADENTON, FLA.

Mon. Nov. 13, 1978, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Red Carpet Inn (Banquet Room) U.S. 41 South at Bowlees Creek (1 mile North of airport)

#### JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Friday, Nov. 17, 1978 7:00-9:30 p.m. Ramada Inn Convention Center Banquet Room I-95 at University Blvd., West Southside

#### LAKELAND, FLA.

Mon. Nov. 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Holiday Inn Banquet Room Sear's Town Plaza 910 East Memorial Blvd.

#### TAMPA, FLA.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m. Admiral Benbow Inn Banquet Room 1200 North — West Shore Blvd. 1 Block North of I-275 About 3 blocks from airport